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Thin line between debate and advocacy

Do election politics have a place in the classroom?

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first installment of a series examining the place of politics in the classroom.

This semester, many courses at Notre Dame, in many different disciplines, share one topic of discussion — the 2008 presidential election.

The Democratic and Republican national conventions dominated the media for the first two weeks of the semester and became grounds for discussion in the academic setting. The election will continue its presence in the classroom even after Election

Day.

In a classroom setting, there's a thin line between academic discussion of certain platforms and outright advocacy for a certain partisan belief. The political views of professors may influence the readings they assign, the manner in which they teach their courses, and the direction of discussion in the class. While professors have certain freedoms, too much emphasis on strong political beliefs may make students, who might not share in those beliefs, uncomfortable in class.

A question arises, then, that could cause debate in its own right: Should political discussion

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Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama speaks with Republican presidential candidate John McCain at a Sept. 11 memorial observance at Ground Zero Thursday in New York City.

Rain soaks campuses, sets record

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

No official provisions have been made for the construction of an ark, but the rain-fall flooding Notre Dame campus has been of record proportions.

According to the National Weather Service, South Bend was drenched by a record 6.58 inches of rain on Saturday, breaking the previous mark of 4.69 inches for a single day, set 40 years ago.

Early in the afternoon, Saint Mary's Lake overflowed, sending its waters across the intersection of Holy Cross Drive and St. Mary's road and becoming one with St. Joe's Lake. The turn was soon barricaded.

The waterway gained force as it flowed across the grassy stretch overlooked by Columba Hall. Fish from St. Mary's Lake were swept up by the current and struggled to return upstream, maneuvering tree trunks in the process.

A river, albeit nine inches deep, formed behind the statue of Father Sorin on God Quad. The reflecting pool in front of the library overflowed. Miniature ponds have sprung up and made sidewalk travel, if not treacherous, troublesome.

The most prominent of

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Students celebrate win over UM

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Many students said they couldn't have been happier with Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Saturday, especially after many analysts predicted an Irish loss.

"We got our respect back," said sophomore Emily Hutchens, referencing Irish linebacker Maurice Crum's speech during the pep rally Friday.

After suffering through a 3-9 campaign last year and watching the team only beat San Diego State by eight last week, many students were happy to see the Irish take a commanding 21-point lead in the first

quarter.

"The first quarter was the best quarter of football I've seen from the Irish in a while," freshman Joey Horan said.

Freshman Reggie Henke agreed, adding he could see the fan's excitement bubbling over after the game.

"Afterwards there were people sliding around in the mud and you could tell the fans couldn't have been more happy," he said. "We've only been here a month and to experience a win over Michigan was awesome."

Just before halftime, it started to rain, but most fans remained to watch the game.

"It was great. Everyone was in a good mood overall, and I think the rain contributed to

that," senior Michael Wodarczyk said.

Horan said he was happy to stand in the rain to watch the Irish victory despite a cold.

"I was sick, and the rain didn't help, but it was still great," he said.

As a senior, Wodarczyk said he was happy to see the team defeat its rivals during his last season as a member of the student body.

"It was a really fun game with a lot of big plays, especially considering last year's season and the rough game last week," he said.

However, while he was certainly happy with the win, sophomore Scott McIntosh said

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Howard installs new CFL light bulbs

CFL's use 75% less energy than incandescents

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Howard Hall will take the first steps to becoming a greener dorm by putting a Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) in every room in the hall, Environmental Commissioner Lauren Henderson said.

General Electric donated 130 energy smart CFL light bulbs to the dorm, Henderson said.

According to General Electric, their CFL bulbs last up to 10 times longer than a

normal incandescent light bulb and they use up to 75 percent less energy than normal bulbs, Henderson said.

"We are really excited about taking on new initiatives this year," she said.

Henderson said she was partly inspired to use CFL bulbs by Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth." In the book, Gore states that if every U.S. household changed one light bulb to a CFL bulb, it would save enough energy to reduce pollution as much as removing one million cars

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Howard Hall Environmental Commissioner Lauren Henderson installs a Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb.

Saint Mary's recruiting foreigners

College welcomes 5 international first years

By MANDI STIRONE
Assistant News Editor

This year's first year class has five international students, an increase from last year's class, which had one international student, said Vice President for Enrollment Management Dan Meyer.

That makes this year's class of international students a "substantial increase," he said.

In addition, five of the 460 first-year students are United States citizens who were educated overseas, Meyer said.

The international students come from China, Myanmar, Guatemala, Iraq and Vietnam, Meyer said, and the students who are U.S. citizens were educated in Bolivia, Kuwait, Korea, Italy and Switzerland.

Two of the international students had difficult times getting to the United States, he said.

The student from Iraq was "actually a refugee or displaced student," Meyer said. Before coming to school she was living in a refugee camp, he said.

The Burmese student "came over after the devastation over there," he said.

"We didn't even think she'd get out of the country," Meyer said.

The increase in international students is part of College President Dr. Carol Ann Mooney's Strategic Plan for Saint Mary's, called "The Path to Leadership 2012," in which she hopes to increase international enrollment

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INSIDE COLUMN

Facebook
face-lift

Facebook got an update. Personally, I like it. To be honest, there's little I could do about it if I hated it. And actually, I jumped on the bandwagon a few weeks ago when they began the "trial period" before the final switch occurred.

Aaron Steiner

News Writer

But of course, glancing at my News Feed over the weekend, in between the "GOOO IRISH! wooooOO! IRISH 2-0!" and weather-related status updates, there are quite a few "so-and-so hates the new facebook" or "so-and-so wants the old Facebook back." People are resisting the change and want the old way back.

Like every good non-issue that somebody wants to protest, there are already multiple Facebook groups about it. Seriously, I think I've only ever joined one or two Facebook protests, and I don't ever remember hearing that the group achieved it's "five million members in one week!!" goal, or that they had any effect whatsoever. Something tells me the guy who believes you can get millions of people to sign up to your petition in a few days probably isn't able to organize actual change.

But I understand the complaints. It's natural to resist change when the current setup seems to be working fine. Maybe the 'old Facebook' worked for you. But it wasn't perfect.

The biggest problem the new version fixes is the application-obsessed user's profile page. The new version cleans up the profile page, moving the clutter to various tabs. You may find it inconvenient to use, but believe me, the real inconvenience was searching for five minutes just to find your wall. By that point, I'm likely to have given up looking. You probably missed the chance to get my message just so you could show me your 62 bumper stickers, your favorite drinks, your record Jetman score, who thinks you're a hottie, your Zombie type, your Shakespeare quote of the week, and the dumb graffiti about inside jokes I don't understand.

Now I can find your wall in a few seconds. That alone is worth the change.

Plus, the menus are cleaned up and condensed. The News Feed gives me more information faster and is supposedly "more relevant." On the face, these should all be good changes, and in action, they are.

Ultimately, there's little you can do. Users were outraged when the News Feed was introduced, but aside from tweaking the settings a little bit, they didn't do much about it. People adjusted. I bet you'd be outraged today if your News Feed disappeared.

The same goes for the most recent face-lift. Most people are thrown a curveball by the change, a few hundred thousand will protest, but the change will stay. Perhaps they'll take some suggestions and tweak things. Maybe they'll lose a few thousand or even million users, but it won't even make a dent in the 100 million user base. Give it a few days, and the outrage will subside.

And I would bet that a few months from now, it'd be going back to the old version that would make you really outraged.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How wet were you at Saturday's game?



Caroline Green

sophomore
McGlinn

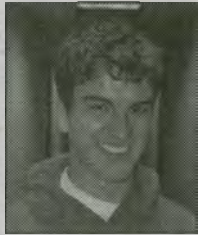
"Really wet,
just how I like
it."



Julie Romano

sophomore
Breën Philips

"Not that wet, I
was layered."



Michael Ryan

freshman
O'Neill

"Super-dee-
duper wet."



Matt Fanous

senior
O'Neill

"Mother nature
made me plenty
wet."



Kelly Kraus

freshman
McGlinn

"I'm still
dripping."



Pat Sturm

sophomore
O'Neill

"I wasn't the
wet one,
ponchos are a
good thing."



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Michael Floyd tries to catch a pass during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Dog saves owners life by calling 911

PHOENIX — "Man's best friend" doesn't go far enough for Buddy — a German shepherd who remembered his training and saved his owner's life by calling 911 when the man had a seizure.

And it's not the first time Buddy has been there for owner Joe Stalnaker, a police officer said Sunday.

On a recording of the 911 call Wednesday, Buddy is heard whimpering and barking after the dispatcher answers and repeatedly asks if the caller needs help.

"Hello, this is 911. Hello ... Can you hear me? Is there somebody there you can give the phone to," says the dispatcher, Chris Trott.

Police were sent to Stalnaker's home, and after about three minutes Buddy is heard barking loudly when the officers arrived.

Pilfered Primate returned a little battered

EAST MACHIAS, Maine — An 8-foot-tall mechanical gorilla is back home at an eastern Maine flea market-style store two weeks after it was stolen and later dumped in a cornfield in Vermont.

A pickup truck carrying the somewhat battered and torn gorilla arrived Saturday afternoon at Sandy's Sales a day after being picked up at a Vermont police barracks.

Owners Sandy and Lowell Miller were delighted to see the gorilla dubbed "Seemore," which was stolen from outside their store over Labor Day weekend. But they agreed the gorilla needs some tender loving care for its injuries: a head severed from its body, holes and rips in its face, and a broken arm.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Mendoza College of Business will be hosting a Berges Lecture: "Values and Decision Making" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday in Jordan Auditorium.

A live video interview with Philip Roth, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award Winning Author will take place in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The interview will celebrate the release of his novel "Indignation" and be conducted by author Benjamin Taylor.

There will be a lecture entitled "How We Can End the Genocide in Sudan" given by John Prendergast in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium, on Thursday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available prior to the lecture. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the Center for Social Concerns. This event is free and open to the public.

In "The Wonderbread Years," Pat Hazell finds humor in the experience of growing up in America. This event will be Thurs., Fri., and Sat. at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Decio Mainstage Theatre. Tickets are \$40, \$32 faculty/staff, \$30 seniors, and \$15 students and can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

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

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SMEAC opens Free Store

Store sells used, donated, and recycled items to promote green campus

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

If students at Saint Mary's are looking for any gently-used clothing, shower caddies or binders, they can now get them for free at the Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition's (SMEAC) Free Store.

SMEAC has been planning the Free Store since Dr. Louise Weber, a professor of biology and environmental studies at Warren Wilson College, spoke at Saint Mary's during the spring semester last year.

Warren Wilson is "an almost 100 percent green college," SMEAC public relations coordinator Jamie Thordsen said. "[Weber] gave us many tips on how we could take steps towards becoming a greener campus and one happened to be the free store."

The Free Store is a way to get people to reuse usable items and also allows them to donate items they don't need instead of throwing them away, she said.

SMEAC gathered many of the items in the store as students were moving out of the dorms at the end of last year.

"A lot of it [came out of the trash]," Thordsen said. "The clothes were donated, but there were binders full of paper that people threw away last year, not even in the recycling."

Members spoke with Carrie Call, the director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, about finding a room to house the store at the beginning of this year and were given Room 3 in the basement of LeMans Hall, which is in front of the vending machines.

The store opened for business yesterday with the first hour being open to SMEAC members only.

"This is only for the grand opening," Thordsen said. "It's our way of saying thanks to our club members for their support and encouraging them to be active in our club this year."

The SMEAC hour also provided organizers with a dry run, allowing them to see how the store will run.

"It gave us enough time to change any unnecessary procedures or establish new ones as we [saw] necessary," Thordsen said.

Students who visit the store are allowed to take anything they need as long as they check out the items with the SMEAC

member working in the store. The student doesn't have to make a donation to be able to take things, but donations are welcome whenever the store is open.

"We're going to have to go heavy on promoting donation because we've been cleared out [today]."

Monica Aguirre
Vice President
SMEAC

"We're going to have to go heavy on promoting donating because we've been cleared out [today]," SMEAC vice president Monica Aguirre said. "The store is going to need donations in order to keep running."

Both officers said there were a lot of students who stopped by the store to see what it had to offer.

"I'm really surprised with the turnout," Aguirre said.

Junior Kate Doornbos was one of the students who stopped by; she picked up a blonde wig that someone left in the dorms last year that she said she'd find a use for around Halloween.

"[I think the Free Store] is a really great idea," she said. "I plan on coming back."

The Free Store will be open twice a week starting this Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. and Sundays from 12-2 p.m.

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he would like to see a more efficient attack from an Irish running game, which averaged only 3.2 yards per carry.

"I was impressed, but I'd like to see more consistency in the running game," he said. "Although the offensive line has played spectacularly so far."

Sophomore Chris Schiraldi said he was even impressed by the halftime show, which fea-

tured the Michigan band playing some songs by once popular boy bands such as *NSYNC.

"I think they had some really good song choices," he said.

Though neither team is currently ranked, McIntosh said he was happy to see Notre Dame beat Michigan.

"It doesn't matter that we're both not ranked, a win against Michigan is still a big deal," he said. "This game is college football."

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to "three to four percent of student enrollment," he said.

The College hopes to continue increasing its number of international students through the aggressive recruitment policies that have been implemented, he said.

Most of the international recruitment is done online and by e-mail, Meyer said, but there is now more of an aggressive follow up.

After the College finds an "international lead," they are "making sure that we follow up on two or three occasions after that," Meyer said.

One approach is to seek out international high school students who are part of exchange or study abroad programs in the United States, he said.

He gave the example of a Japanese student who was studying at Clay High School in South

Bend, but is now back in Japan.

"When she was here, we had the chance to talk to her," he said. "Her application will be coming in for the fall of 2009."

In addition, Saint Mary's is working with the Department of Defense and the Department of State, Meyer said.

The Department of Defense oversees schools on military bases and the Department of State "runs similar schools in various locations where the United States has embassies," he said.

"[Saint Mary's] made a conscientious decision to reach out to them," Meyer said.

The increase from last year to this year is a trend that the College would like to continue, he said.

"We want to continue to expand this and see if we can get to the point where we're enrolling 10-15 first years that are international," Meyer said.

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play an integral role in the classroom?

The easy answer, University Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said, is yes. But that yes comes with certain caveats, both for professors and students.

Academic freedom

Professors in all fields of study have certain obligations to uphold with their students, outlined in a University document called the Academic Articles, Jacobs said.

The most relevant part of this document, in terms of political discussion in the classroom, he said, has to do with academic freedom that, like every other freedom, comes with expectations.

"I think there are certain responsibilities that faculty have in the practice of academic freedom, to be respectful of others and to understand the boundaries of their expertise or their particular discipline," he said.

Article III, section 2, titled "Academic Freedom and

Associated Responsibilities," says principles of academic freedom include the "freedom to teach and to learn according to one's obligation, vision, and training" and "respectful allowance for the exercise of these freedoms by others."

A third principle calls for the "avoidance of using the University to advance personal opinion or commercial interest."

These three principles are crucial in any discussion regarding political debate at an academic level, Jacobs said.

"There should never be an issue of advocacy – a professor should not be an advocate of a particular position politically," he said.

Individuals at the University, faculty and students alike, have an opinion on a political topic. A question for professors, however, is "to what extent in the profession of being a professor do you reveal that," Jacobs said.

In terms of relevance to the subject matter, Jacobs provided the example of a mathematician expressing an opinion around a political subject.

"That would be inappropriate," he said.

There are many courses across the University, however, where

political debate would be appropriate, "where policies decided on either the national or international, global level would be absolutely at the heart of what the course is all about," Jacobs said.

Individuals in the classroom should express their ideas and opinions in those cases, but in a respectful manner "that in the end would make us all better informed citizens," he said, and political debates, where appropriate, should remain present in the academic setting.

"We want students to be actively engaged citizens, to be citizens of the political process. And so to say that those kinds of discussions or debates are barred from the classroom would be doing something damaging, I think, to an educational institution," Jacobs said.

Debate at an academic level is one thing, he said, but advocacy for a particular side is improper.

"It would be naive to say, that when any of us speak, what we say does not reflect our personal beliefs," Jacobs said. "Faculty members are not there to advocate for a position, but to help students understand how reasonable debate in a political sphere takes place."

Where is the line?

The line between political advocacy and debating a certain position at an academic level is a hard one to draw, Political Science Department Chairperson Michael Zuckert said.

"It's hard to draw the line between political science – political analysis – and political advocacy because what's involved in political analysis is the judgment of the adequacy or inadequacy of various political proposals," he said. "And that may or may not end up favoring particular positions."

The evaluation of a political position, an integral part of the study of political science, is different than the evaluation of a work of art, Zuckert said, because it may seem appropriate for a teacher of art to make a distinction between better or worse.

"It's not as controversial," he said.

However, controversies related to politics are unavoidable, due to the nature of the discussion of differing opinions regarding a position, he said.

In the field of political science, he said, there is sometimes an "aspiration to be completely value free."

"But I don't think that generally works out or is what [political science] should do or be," Zuckert said.

Professors should keep in mind the power differential between their position and the position of students in the classroom when deciding the amount they integrate their own beliefs into their curriculum, he said, and their "ability to make people feel uncomfortable."

Drawing the line, though difficult, is a mark of good teaching, Zuckert said, and different professors may take different strategies in presenting political opinion in the classroom setting.

"You can't just draw this line in a firm way – but I think there are ways of presentation which are more sensitive to the classroom situation," he said. "However, sometimes, in moments of heated partisan debate, it can be easy for people to forget where they are and what they're doing."

The next part of this series will present professors' strategies of presenting politics in their courses relating to the 2008 election.

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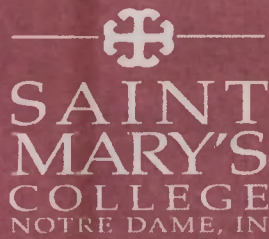
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protesters' revolt kills 15, injures 55

LA PAZ, Bolivia — President Evo Morales struggled to assert control over a badly fractured Bolivia on Sunday as protesters set fire to a town hall and blockaded highways in opposition-controlled provinces, impeding gasoline and food distribution.

At least 30 people have been killed in the poor Andean nation this week, Interior Minister Alfredo Rada said. All the deaths occurred in Pando province, where Morales declared martial law on Friday, dispatching troops and accusing government foes of killing his supporters.

Pando's security chief, Alberto Murakami, told The Associated Press by telephone that 15 people had died and 55 were injured.

Pope preaches love will prevail

LOURDES, France — People must cling to hope even in dire circumstances like injustice and torture, Pope Benedict XVI told the faithful at Sunday Mass in Lourdes, which has become a shrine for desperate causes and hope against all odds.

"The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us," Benedict told at least 100,000 pilgrims gathered for Mass on a rain-soaked field.

Some knelt on cardboard boxes or plastic bags to protect themselves from the damp conditions, while others watched from wheelchairs.

About 6 million people, many of them sick and suffering, visit the French town in the foothills of the Pyrenees each year to drink from and bathe in its cool spring. Many Roman Catholics believe the water has healing powers, and the Church has officially recognized 67 miracle cures here.

Benedict was in Lourdes to mark the 150th anniversary of visions of the Virgin Mary to a 14-year-old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. She was later named a saint.

NATIONAL NEWS

Curfew issued in devastated city

GALVESTON, Texas — Houston officials have issued a weeklong curfew for the city devastated by Hurricane Ike.

Officials announced that a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew would begin Sunday night and last until Saturday. Most of the city has lost electricity, streets are littered with debris, and police are worried about the safety of residents.

Police say residents should not be on the streets during the curfew unless it's an emergency.

Ike slammed the southeast Texas coast on Saturday, trapping many people in homes who had stayed behind. Hundreds have had to be rescued and crews are still canvassing neighborhoods inundated by Ike's storm surge.

Evacuees wait to return home

SAN ANTONIO — Hurricane Ike's deadly surge has kept thousands of evacuees holed up in cramped quarters — shelters, RVs, even a warehouse — as they face the prospect of returning to flood-ravaged neighborhoods left without electricity.

Others huddled in motels in the hopes that they had enough money to stay until it was safe to return — that is, if they had homes to return to.

More than 1.2 million people fled the Texas coast during Ike's approach, but officials estimated as many as 140,000 defied evacuation orders and stayed to ride out the enormous Category 2 storm.

LOCAL NEWS

Three killed from midwest storms

MUNSTER, Ind. — A father and son drowned in northwest Indiana while trying to rescue children from a flooded ditch as heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Ike forced hundreds of evacuations across the Midwest on Sunday.

The two men were killed while helping kids escape a ditch in Chesterton, about 35 miles southeast of Chicago, Fire Chief Warren Highwood said. None of the children were injured. One death was also reported in Arkansas, where a 29-year-old man was killed when a tree fell on a

Rescuers save 2,000 following Ike

Texas victims found within destruction after search and salvage operations

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Rescuers said Sunday they had saved nearly 2,000 people from the waterlogged streets and splintered houses left behind by Hurricane Ike. Glass-strewn Houston was placed under a weeklong curfew, and millions of people in the storm's path remained in the dark.

As the floodwaters began to recede from the first hurricane to make a direct hit on a major U.S. city since Katrina, authorities planned to go door-to-door into the night to reach an untold number of people across the Texas coast who rode out the storm and were still in their homes, many without power or supplies.

Many of those who did make it to safety boarded buses without knowing where they would end up, and without knowing when they could return to what was left of their homes, if anything.

"I don't know what I'll be coming back to. I have nothing," said Arma Eaglin, 52, who was waiting for a bus to a shelter in San Antonio after leaving her home and wading through chest-deep water with nothing but her clothes. "I'm confused. I don't know what to do."

The hurricane also battered the heart of the U.S. oil industry: Federal officials said Ike destroyed a number of production platforms, though it was too soon to know how seriously it would affect oil and gas prices.

Ike was downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved into the nation's mid-section and left more harm in its wake. Roads were closed in Kentucky because of high winds. As far north as Chicago, dozens of people in a suburb had to be evacuated by boat. Two million people were without power in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The death toll from the storm rose to 13. Three were in the hard-hit barrier island city of Galveston, Texas, including one body found in



U.S. Airforce Senior Airman Brandon Smith searches for victims in Galveston, Tex., Sunday after the landfall of Hurricane Ike. AP

a vehicle submerged in floodwater at the airport. Many deaths, however, were outside of Texas as the storm slogged north.

Ike's 110 mph winds and battering waves left Galveston without electricity, gas and basic communications — and officials estimated it may not be restored for a month.

"We want our citizens to stay where they are," a weary Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said. "Do not come back to Galveston. You cannot live here right now."

Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, was reduced to near-paralysis in some places. Power was on in downtown office towers Sunday afternoon, and Texas Medical Center, the world's

largest medical complex, was unscathed and remained open. Both places have underground power lines.

Its two airports — including George Bush Intercontinental, one of the busiest in the United States — were set to reopen Monday with limited service, but schools were closed until further notice, and the business district was shuttered.

Five people were arrested at a pawn shop north of Houston and charged with burglary in what Harris County Sheriff's spokesman Capt. John Martin described as looting, but there was no widespread spike in crime.

Authorities said Sunday afternoon that 1,984 people had been rescued, including 394 by air. In addition to peo-

ple who were literally plucked to safety, the figure includes people who were met by crews as they waded through floodwaters trying to get to dry ground.

Still others chose to remain in their homes along the Texas coast even after the danger of the storm had passed. There was no immediate count Sunday of how many people remained in their homes, or how many were in danger. The Red Cross reported 42,000 people were at state and Red Cross shelters Saturday night.

The search-and-rescue effort was the largest in Texas history, including more than 50 helicopters, 1,500 searchers and teams from federal, state and local agencies.

THAILAND

Thailand calls for a compromise

Associated Press

BANGKOK — The Thai government ended a state of emergency imposed in the capital to control a violent political crisis, saying on Sunday it had only served to scare away tourists crucial to the country's economy.

Emergency rule was imposed by the government on Sept. 2 after a night of violent clashes between anti-government supporters and opponents left one man dead and dozens injured.

Images of the mayhem were broadcast around the world, prompting travel advi-

sories from several countries.

Calm was quickly restored and business and daily life continued as normal in the Thai capital. The army refused to exercise its authority under the decree to oust tens of thousands of protesters from the prime minister's compound, where they have been camped in tents since Aug. 26.

Acting Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat urged all sides in the deepening political standoff to compromise and help restore the country's image.

"If we continue the state of emergency it could damage the country's economy,"

Somchai said after meeting with the army chief and other senior security officials.

The stock market has fallen about 25 percent since anti-government protesters started their campaign with street demonstrations in May.

"We should bring back the smile to the country once again, as we are called 'The Land of Smiles.' We have to restore outsiders' confidence, especially tourists, that we are a peaceful country and have no more conflict," Somchai said. "I am confident that all parties concerned will soften their stance and come to a compromise."

Howard

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from U.S. roads, she said. "We are trying to do what he said on a smaller scale," Henderson said.

The effort started last year when Howard Hall decided to create an environment committee with an environmental commissioner heading it within the dorm, Henderson said.

As the commissioner, Henderson decided to contact General Electric over the summer about donating their CFL bulbs, she said.

"I was able to get them through the Vice President of Ecomagination, a division of the Green Initiatives for General Electric," Henderson said. "I just contacted her by e-mail and let her know what was going on with Howard and asked if it would be possible if we could get a donation of the bulbs," she said.

At first, the vice president, Lorraine Bolsinger, said the bulbs were sold out all over the country, but later they became available, Henderson said.

"We are very lucky to have them," she said.

The bulbs will be handed out to the residents in Howard at the dorm's hall council meeting Tuesday, Henderson said.

"There are 160 people in Howard including staff and we will give out one per room," Henderson said.

Although the bulbs cannot be used in the overhead lights in the room, they can be put in the freestanding lamps and desk lamps the girls have in their rooms, she said.

The leftover bulbs will be given to housekeeping so they can replace them when other lights burn out, Henderson said.

"It's important to remember that doing something like this might seem insignificant, but it's the little changes that add up," she said.

Installing CFL bulbs in the dorm is only the first step in Howard's initiative to become a greener dorm, Henderson said. The Environment Committee is in the planning stages for several other projects, she said.

One project focuses on altering the water bottle usage in the dorm, Henderson said. She has been researching a water bottle made by a company called Watergeeks Laboratories, hoping to provide them for students, she said.

"My room drinks an awful lot of water bottles because we don't want to drink the tap water," she said. "We are thinking of getting water bottles for the dorm that have built in purifiers so we can fill up the bottles straight from the tap and reduce the plastic waste in our dorm," she said.

Other projects in the works are altering the recycling methods for the dorm and offering environmental-friendly cosmetics and toiletries, Henderson said.

These projects have excited other Howard residents about becoming involved in making Howard a greener dorm.

Freshman Shannon

McNaught said she is happy to see so much environmental awareness on campus.

"I took an environmental science class in high school and got involved in a lot of environmental action there," she said. "I was really excited to see something in Howard pertaining to the same idea."

Virginia Benz, another freshman, said she is excited to join the environment committee and compete in the upcoming energy competition in which every

dorm attempts to be the "greenest" dorm on campus.

"I am excited to see if we can win [the competition]. I think we have a good chance," she said.

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**Lauren Henderson
Environmental Commissioner
Howard Hall**

Rain

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these is "Lake Dillon," located in front of the dorm on South Quad.

A group of men from Sorin Hall made an afternoon visit to "Lake Dillon" for a little adventure.

One threw a football to the middle of the lake, while the others took turns sprinting in and making diving catches.

"Nothing beats a face full of mud, a mouth full of

"Nothing beats a face full of mud, a mouth full of water, and a touchdown catch. This is where heroes are made, this is where legends live, this is the middle of South Quad."

**Kale Frank
Sophomore**

water, and a touchdown catch. This is where heroes are made, this is where legends live, this is the middle of South Quad," sophomore Kale Frank said.

An NDSP officer eventually halted the group's activity.

Students from the Houston area, which has been hit hard by Hurricane Ike, compared campus conditions to their hometowns.

Junior Ryan Dworaczyk

said, "It's better than Houston. We're underwater right now."

Freshman Natalie Lester has experienced Hurricane Ike's effects twofold.

"I'm from Houston, so we got hit there, and now here," she said.

Many students found ways to adjust to the rainfall, cancelling plans and choosing to stay inside and study.

"I had plans of going to play basketball," said freshman Caleb Atwood. "Not now."

Sophomore Nicole Ruiz from Pasquerilla East has been forced to cope with the rainfall.

"Yesterday, I was working at a concession stand and the rain was the most horrible thing ever," she said.

She added, "I haven't had to change my plans much, but I have had to change my clothes."

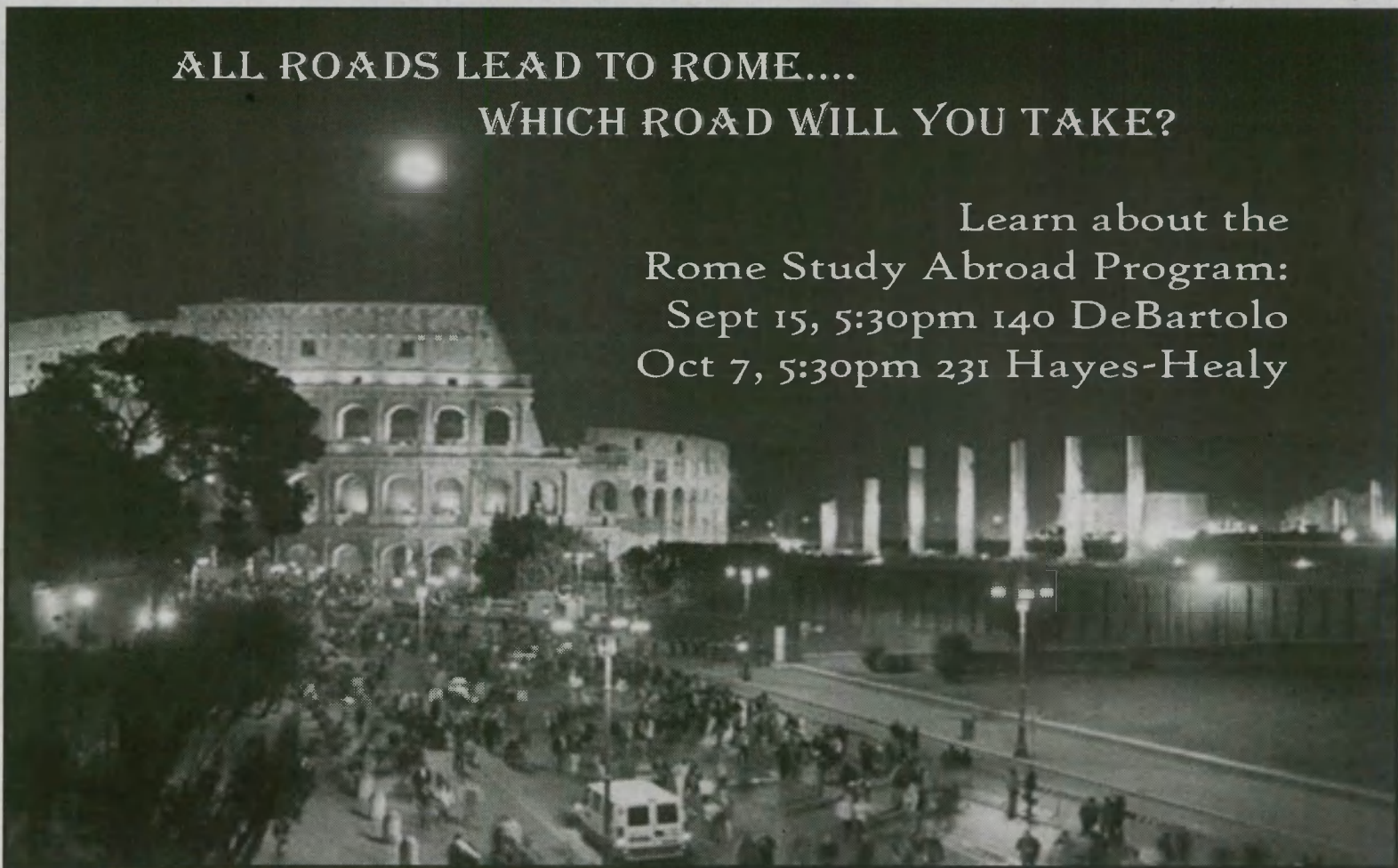
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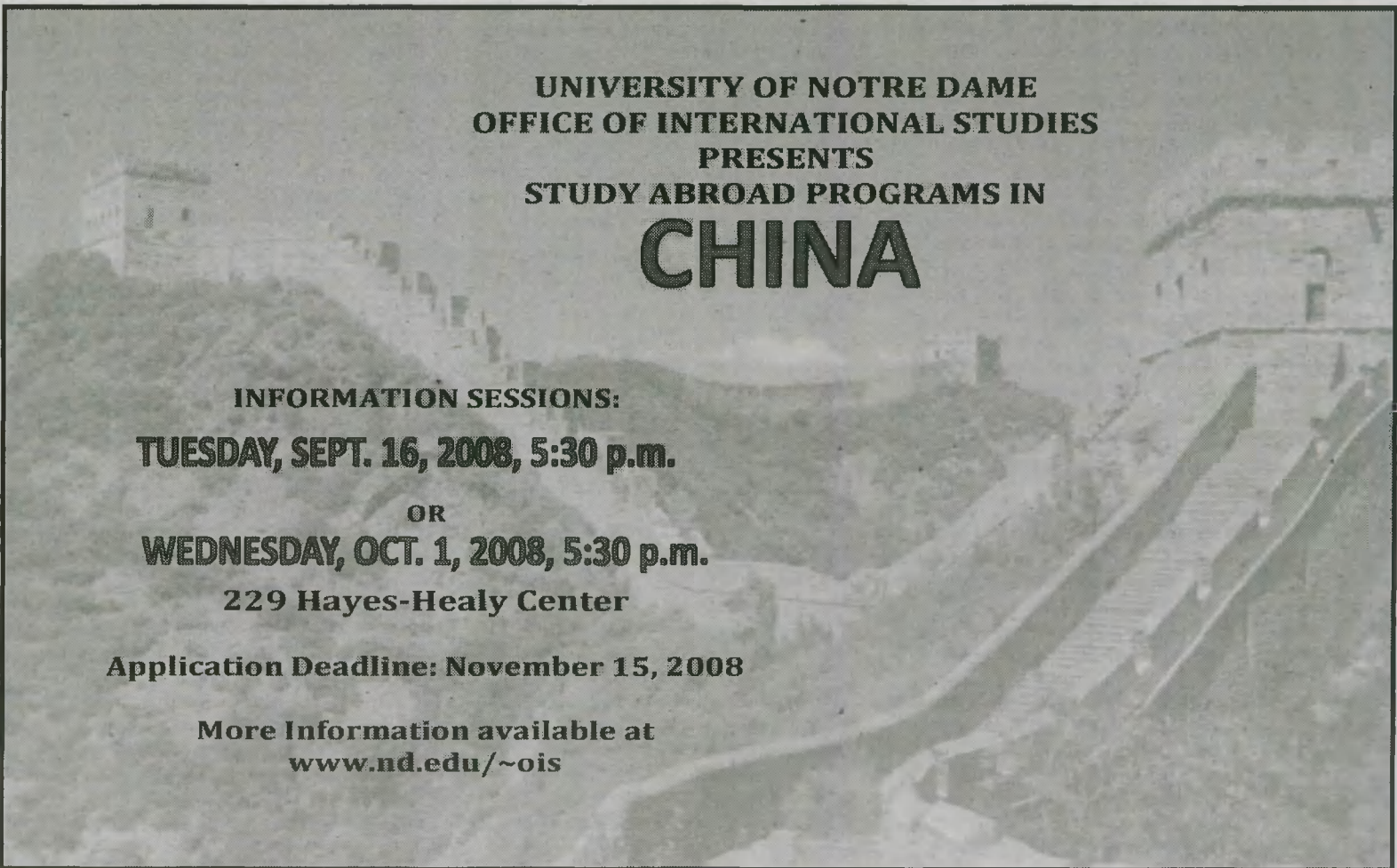
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AMEX	1,905.75	+28.52
NASDAQ	2,261.27	+3.05
NYSE	8,091.84	+80.59
S&P 500	1,251.70	+2.65
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,214.76	+112.26
FTSE 100 (London)	5,416.70	+98.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
AMER INTL GROUP INC (AIG)	-30.83	-5.41	12.14
LEHMAN BROS HLD (LEH)	-13.51	-0.57	3.65
WASHINGTON MUTUAL (WM)	-3.53	-0.10	2.73
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.46	+0.58	126.09

Treasuries

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30-YEAR BOND	+2.66	+0.1120	4.3260
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.46	+0.0710	2.9560

Commodities

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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+19.00	764.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.60	86.30

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IN BRIEF

Government may face difficult choice

WASHINGTON — Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says the government may face a difficult choice as it tries to help arrange a rescue of Lehman Brothers without using public money.

The field of possible buyers for the investment firm seems to be narrowing and discussions are continuing. The Bush administration is seeking to avoid a Bear Stearns-like bailout.

Greenspan says if the effort falters, officials may have to decide whether to allow Lehman to be liquidated or whether to have the government support the firm.

Greenspan says he is not making any recommendations because he doesn't know enough about Lehman's financial situation or the repercussions of any solution.

He says there could be more big financial companies in trouble in the future. He says that doesn't have to be a problem, depending how each situation is handled, and he says the government should not try to protect every struggling institution.

Lehman Brothers continues to crumble

SAN FRANCISCO — The mortgage meltdown is like a financial hurricane, then think of Lehman Brothers as a casualty that waited too long to cry for help.

By the time that Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. sent out its distress signal, the U.S. government had become reluctant to lend a helping hand as it did other recent bailouts that could cost taxpayers tens of billions of dollars.

And without some government protection, other banks still trying to cope with their own risky real estate investments weren't inclined to come to Lehman's rescue.

Finally, investors and lenders have become leery of throwing more money into the seemingly bottomless pit of losses piling up as the home values securing mortgages across the United States continue to crumble.

"The first losses in a crisis are usually easier to take," said Daniel Alpert, managing director of Westwood Capital LLC. "It's the last losses that become debilitating because the well starts to run dry. There just isn't a lot of cushion left."

Banks back up troubled companies

Up to 100 billion dollars in funds found to lend to failing businesses

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the outlook for Lehman Brothers dimmed Sunday, U.S. and foreign banks were pressed to create a plan aimed at inoculating the global financial system against the investment bank's failure, a top investment banking official said.

Banks were in tense talks to create a pool of money worth up to \$100 billion to lend troubled financial companies, the official said on condition of anonymity because the discussions were ongoing. And officials at the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve were expected to announce they are prepared to be more generous in the Fed's emergency lending program for commercial and investment banks.

The plan comes as top government officials and Wall Street executives held marathon, but so far fruitless, meetings to save Lehman Brothers, and amid signs that the 158-year-old investment bank might be forced to seek bankruptcy protection and liquidate. The company's shares have plunged 95 percent in the past year over worries that it does not have enough money to cover losses from its massive real estate holdings.

The official also said the Treasury Department and the Fed were pushing Bank of America Corp. to buy Merrill Lynch & Co. On Friday, Merrill Lynch's shares fell as investors fretted it might be the next investment bank to come under pressure from its portfolio of risky mortgage-backed securities.

Expectations that the 158-year-old Lehman would survive dimmed Sunday afternoon after Barclays PLC withdrew its bid to buy the investment bank. Barclays and Bank of America were considered front-runners to buy Lehman, which is foundering under the weight of \$60 billion in soured real



Standing in New York City, Lehman Brothers main headquarters faced crisis as the company faced its demise.

estate holdings.

The Lehman talks originally were aimed at selling the investment bank in whole or in part. The deal was tripping on the potential buyers' insistence that they receive the same kind of help that Bear Stearns Cos. got last March when JPMorgan Chase & Co. bought the securities firm with a \$29 billion Fed-backed loan.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has said the government will not help close a Lehman deal, and it was clear late Sunday he was not budging.

Lehman declined to comment on the talks.

If no deal were reached, it raised the specter of a bankruptcy and liquidation of the investment bank, which in turn could have a tumultuous effect on world markets. Late Sunday, Dow Jones industrial average futures were down 276 points, or 2.4 percent, at 11,182.

Traders and bankers across Wall Street came into the office Sunday to prepare their departments for what is expected to be a brutal day in the market. JPMorgan employees who work trading desks were asked to come in at 7 a.m. EDT, way before the market's 9:30 a.m. open.

An employee at Lehman

Brothers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said employees were briefed of the situation earlier Sunday afternoon via conference call. Lehman executives did not explicitly say the company was filing for bankruptcy protection, but essentially confirmed the bank was planning to liquidate its assets.

There were other signs that Lehman was moving closer to a bankruptcy filing, with several reports that it has hired Weil, Gotshal & Manges, the law firm that handled the collapse of investment firm Drexel Burnham Lambert in 1990.

Gas prices jump due to hurricane

HOUSTON — Pump prices jumped above \$5 per gallon in some parts of the country Sunday as Hurricane Ike, which caused less destruction than feared, left refineries and pipelines idled and destroyed at least 10 offshore platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Far beyond areas struck directly by high winds and flooding, Ike left behind it a bizarre pattern of prices at gas pumps, with disparities of more than \$1 a gallon in some states, and even on some blocks.

"We're on the other side of the looking glass," said Claire Raines, who lives near Knoxville, Tenn. "I just passed three gas stations with prices that ran from about \$3.50 to close to \$5 within walking distance."

Average prices exceeded \$4 per gallon in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan,

South Carolina, Hawaii and Alaska, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express.

States fed directly by refineries along the Gulf Coast were particularly hard hit and supply may be sporadic for the next few weeks with refineries shut down, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst with the Oil Price Information Service.

A station in Knoxville, Tenn., was asking \$5.19 for a gallon of regular gas. In Nashville, about 180 miles away, gas was going for \$3.50.

Whatever pain is being felt at U.S. gas pumps will likely be a very brief phenomenon, analysts say. The dour drumbeat of the global economy has the vast majority of traders believing the world has lost its appetite for high-priced crude and gasoline.

The pain was immediate, however,

for 22-year-old college student Isiah James. He bought four gallons of gas at \$3.99 near the Columbus, Ohio, suburb of Worthington.

"You've got to work harder," he said.

Hurricane Ike appears to have destroyed a number of production platforms and damaged some of the pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, federal officials said Sunday.

Fly-overs revealed that at least 10 production platforms were destroyed by the storm, said Lars Herbst, regional director for the U.S. Minerals Management Service.

"It's too early to say if it's close to Katrina- and Rita-type damage," Herbst said.

The MMS says Hurricane Katrina destroyed 44 platforms three years ago, and soon after Hurricane Rita destroyed 64.

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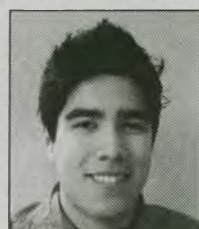
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The vanishing intellectual

Along with the Tasmanian Tiger, the Lindbergh baby and the Soviet Union, the intellectual might someday be regarded as one of the great disappearances of the twentieth century. The term "intellectual" — a learned man or woman whose life is dedicated to informed discussion in order to influence public opinion — first came into popular usage with the Dreyfus affair in the 1890s. They defended the common good, appealed to human rights, national sentiment, justice, humanity and so on — the self-appointed public moralists of literate societies that placed a premium on free speech and, ostensibly, principled debate.

In the world of universities, there are still some last flickers of public engagement, but you would be hard-pressed to find them. Whether due to the scarcity of academic jobs, the publish-or-perish mentality, the intense specialization of each discipline or some combination of these and other factors, academics have too much to risk — tenure and other professional considerations — to venture outside of their own small patch of academic turf. It's certainly not the case that academics aren't smart, thoughtful, passionate or engaging, just that the academic environment provides too many disincentives from doing anything other than focusing on lab reports, lectures and the next article or book.

For their part, universities typically justify their existence and quality based on their stated commitments to academic excellence (whatever that means), small class sizes, selective admissions and skills development.



Darryl Campbell

Speak Up, Please

Once again, there is too much to risk — donations, quality applicants, faculty satisfaction and prestige — to do more than store, increase and pass on knowledge. After all, universities make it clear that their mission is education and any attempt to apply that education to political, social or cultural issues is extracurricular. It's not a bad thing by any means. But the closest thing most university-goers will ever experience to real political engagement in the classroom will be a "witty" political wisecrack that connects the topic du jour to some current event or public figure. And in every case, it is an ironic (probably unintentionally so) acknowledgment of the inconceivably vast distance between the academic world and the world of public discourse — about as wide, it turns out, as the distance between knowing facts and real understanding.

As uncomfortable as these observations may be (and they are observations, not criticisms), it seems to be not an isolated problem, but rather a malaise that runs deeper than the groves of academe. Here's an example that's probably familiar to most graduate students, or for that matter humanities majors in general. When I decided to begin my Ph.D. program here in history, one of my college roommates, who is now working for Microsoft, couldn't possibly fathom why for two reasons: First, because the pay was comparatively lower than what someone of my age would be making working in the public sector; and second, because in his mind I was going to waste my life doing something as irrelevant as history. This scene, as you can imagine, has played out and continues to play out with anyone working in the sort of job that involves poor compensation and dedication to an ideal, whether it's academia, the arts, an NGO or the like.

The point, simply, is that money, not ideas, seems to be the driving force in most people's lives nowadays. In fact,

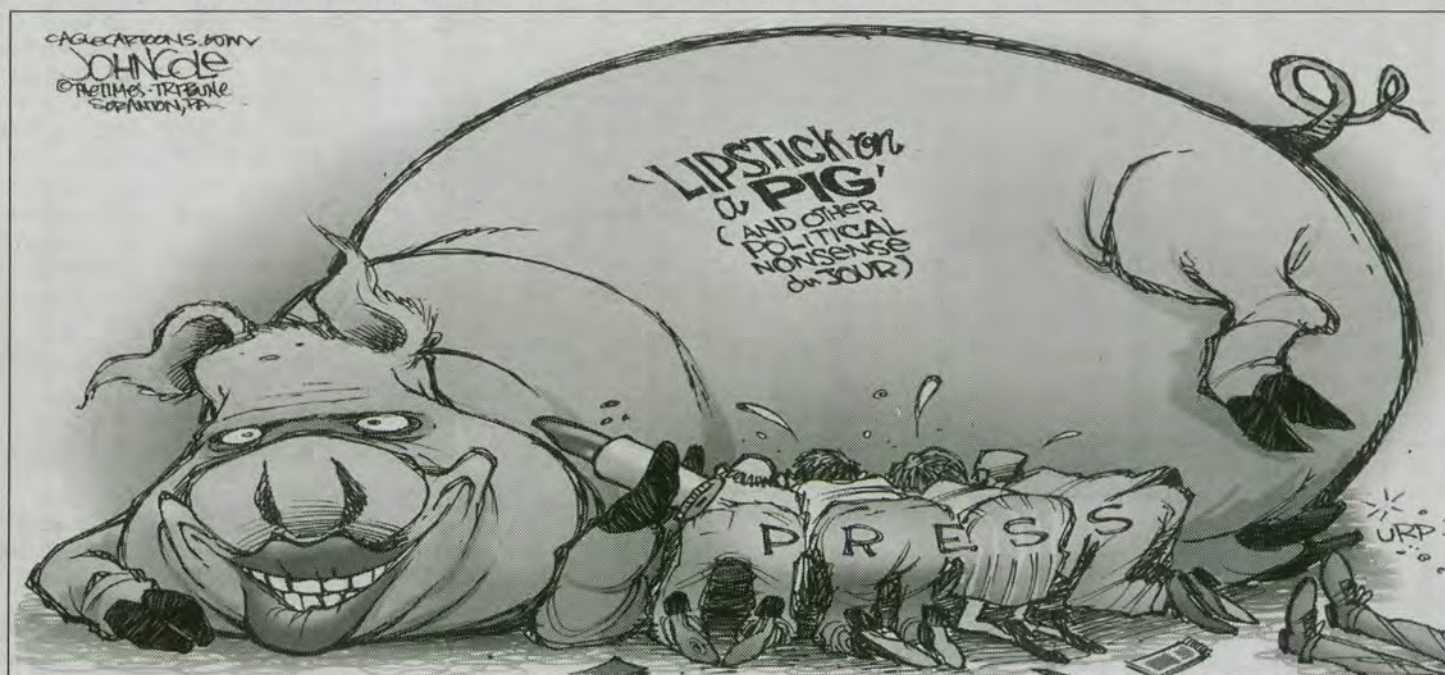
people probably act on emotion rather than reason most of the time, too. It takes less effort to be moved by emotion and economics, and it's much harder with ideas. A glance at political debate, at the news or at pop culture should be proof enough that we think of ourselves and our lives mostly in economic terms — How much is a college degree worth? How much do I need to retire comfortably? — and that we are moved by emotions foremost. We let ourselves be blinded to principles and ideas just because it's easier to declare upfront that all ideas are equally valid and not have to think about them altogether, and let ourselves be moved by our passions or whether we like the proponents or opponents of one or another argument. And, in another probably unintentional irony, we forget that the result of all this talk of relativism, tolerance and political correctness — none of which are necessarily bad — has in the end turned into anti-rationalism, anti-intellectualism and the demolition of the value of ideas and principles. Trained not to think, what else do we have to fall back on except acquisition and emotion?

So at a time when it seems that public intellectuals can contribute to public dialogue more than ever, none are forthcoming. The university, it seems to me, has all the elements to nurture and protect not only engagement among its faculty, but encourage thoughtful, critical, principled reflection on the great problems of our time, inside and out of the classroom. That it falls short of doing both surely is doing nothing to combat the failing public confidence in the value of ideas and in higher education.

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"See simplicity in the complicated.
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Lao-Tzu
founder of Taoism

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad game day behavior a disgrace to football tradition

A rare visit to a Notre Dame football game a week ago with a fellow alum revealed to both of us the degeneration of what was once a festival we could celebrate without endangering our souls. Standing outside the Stadium, we witnessed a student clad only in shorts with this lewd message on his back: "Suck this." and a golden arrow pointing downward. He was in a frenzied state accompanied by more than a half dozen Notre Dame girls scantily clad, their bodies painted green and gold. The student was dancing around and engaging older alumni with their families, lifting his arms up saying: "Come on, let's get it up." As the alumni fans walked by they nervously greeted

him and joined him in his revelry.

Unfortunately this behavior was not an isolated incident that day. It grieved me to see the Notre Dame football tradition being prostituted by a spirit of lewdness and revelry. My thought is: Enjoy Notre Dame football, celebrate but do not become frenzied, drink but do not get drunk, clown if you like but do not be lewd. Let's not lose Heaven over earthly festivals.

Gus Zuehlke
alum
Class of 1980
Sept. 13

Favre not such a golden boy

In response to Jay Fitzpatrick's article about Brett Favre ("I just love football," Sept. 11), I'd like to say that Favre is perhaps one of the most overrated athletes of our time. Mr. Fitzpatrick's article essentially sums up the typical football analyst's opinion about Brett Favre:

1. Favre is a "gunslinger." This title is simply an attempt at justification for Favre's tendency to throw way too many interceptions (he has the all-time interception record).

2. Favre is an "old-fashioned country boy." Why is this relevant? Are we somehow supposed to appreciate an athlete from the deep south more than an inner-city athlete? Emmitt Smith — a better running back than Favre is a quarterback — grew up in the projects. Not once was he described as an "old-fashioned inner city kid."

3. Favre "just loves to play the game." I doubt he enjoys it much more than the average NFL player. Yes, he shows emotion. But consider this: In the final game of the 2002 season with five minutes left in the game, Favre intentionally called an incorrect play to his offensive line. He ran the opposite way of his linemen, leaving him unblocked and prime to be sacked by Giants defensive end Michael Strahan. Why did Favre do this? To make sure his buddy Strahan achieved the single-season sack record (the sack he "earned" by tackling Favre gave him the record). Favre tainted the game by lying to his teammates just so his friend got a record. I'm sure he enjoys playing football, but "fixing" a record seems a bit unethical (also, Favre's own tight-end, Bubba Franks, confirmed that Favre lied in the huddle about the play).

Brett Favre had a good career. But let's keep it in perspective.

Ryan McFarlane
junior
Sorin Hall
Sept. 12

Raytheon's money is blood money

In response to Matt Florian's Sept. 11 Letter to the Editor ("Notre Dame presence essential in CIA, Raytheon"), he may have a point when he said that Notre Dame graduates should pursue jobs in the CIA in order to change it, but he has no case whatsoever in claiming that Notre Dame students should pursue a career with Raytheon, a weapons manufacturer. Although it is doubtful that one would have the power to "think twice" when making a tough decision in the CIA, an organization that has little room for moral problems and places emphasis on obedience to orders with little respect for human rights, it is ludicrous to suggest that taking a job with a weapons manufacturer would change it in any way. Raytheon would continue to manufacture its bombs and other weapons for its own benefit and its investors' at the expense of countless innocent people. It would be like taking a job at Starbucks when you are morally opposed to coffee. Although Raytheon may use the euphemism "technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets," let's not deceive ourselves: They are making things that will kill other people, and any Notre Dame student who takes a job with them is intrinsically part of that mission.

In addition, Notre Dame should not accept the blood money given to sponsor its Class of 2009 Senior Kick-off Event by Raytheon. I am ashamed that this Catholic university has done so, despite the pope's condemnation of torture and the arms trade. Notre Dame does not allow Planned Parenthood at its Career Fair, so why should it allow Raytheon and the CIA — Are all not responsible for the deaths of innocent people?

"That weapons of war are bought and sold almost as if they were simply another commodity like appliances or industrial machinery is a serious moral disorder in today's world. ... Jobs at home cannot justify exporting the means of war abroad," U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1995 "Sowing Weapons of War"

Claire Brosnihan
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Sept. 11

U-WIRE

No fix for declining dollar

When I walked up to the currency exchange counter in Lima, Peru, and was told that 100 American dollars translated to no more than 270 Peruvian nuevo soles, my jaw dropped. I had been in Peru the previous summer, and the 2007 exchange rate would have given me at least 320 soles. Now I was 50 soles short? The difference could have bought me at least two cases of beer! As a frequent jet-setter and an economics student, shouldn't common sense have prepared me for the dropping value of the dollar? Nope.

The current economic conditions have caused the American dollar to plummet against most currencies in the world, like the euro, yen and — to my surprise — the Peruvian nuevo sol. While students studying abroad have definitely felt this change in their wallets, the slumping dollar is an indicator of even greater economic woes in the United States.

All over the nation, a rise in the standard cost of living, coupled with stagnant wages, are major causes for concern. With food prices steadily rising and gas still a heavy burden, many fear inflation and unemployment might get out of control. CNN reported that in Hawai'i alone, food prices were up 5.5 percent last year and inflation hit 4.8 percent.

As I realized upon my return to Hawaii, these economic woes are starting to become more and more prominent. There I was at the supermarket, waiting to pay \$6 for a gallon of milk and about \$5 for a loaf of bread. Everyday necessities

are draining consumers' wallets, leaving them scratching their heads and wondering when the sun will shine once again on the economy.

The sad news is that it probably won't be any time soon. There are still many black rainy clouds coming in. Many economists forecast a recession; others insist that we are already experiencing one. In fact, the current economic situation is one of the most — if not the most — important issues in the upcoming election. Presidential candidates are devising plans and escape routes to try to "fix" the economy. Tax cuts here, rebates there and — voila! Problem solved.

But while these programs are great, the economy cannot be fixed overnight. Stock markets and consumer and investor confidence cannot be restored so easily. To top it off, the mess caused by the subprime mortgage industry and the housing market have left many financial institutions in crisis. Contrary to what the public wants to hear, it could be years before the economy is stable once more.

So what should we do in the meantime? One idea is to start saving in euros, yen or hell, even nuevo soles. Because with this kind of uncertainty, who knows how far the dollar will drop before rising again?

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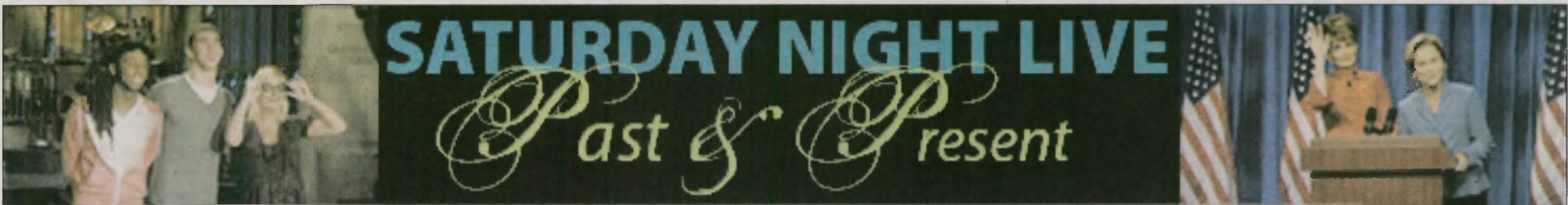
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SNL SEASON PREMIERE FAILS TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

"Saturday Night Live's" season premiere this past weekend began on a strong note with a humorous opening bit, "A Non-Partisan Message from Governor Palin and Senator Clinton," a message that sexism is inappropriately playing a role in the presidential campaign. Tina Fey cameos as Sarah Palin, who is portrayed as inexperienced, while Clinton, played by Amy Poehler, is depicted as a "supporter" of Obama. The sketch referenced Palin's apparent confusion over the Bush Doctrine in her first major interview on ABC when Poehler mentioned the doctrine and Fey stated, "I don't know what that is."

Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps hosted the show and stated in his opening monologue that hosting SNL was "seriously like the ninth greatest moment of my life" after winning eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics. William Shatner also made a surprising cameo during the monologue, attempting to throw in an endorsement of "Priceline."

The show went downhill from there,

with a predictable sketch titled "Quiz Bowl," a question-and-answer game show between public school Richmond High team and Amish home school Jasper Family team, depicting the home-schooled team as ill-informed and extremely religious.

A commercial for Jar Gloves also disappointed with a ridiculous and exhaustive chain of events, stating that problems opening jars leads to injuries, suspicion and eventually trial and prison.

Lil Wayne performed as musical guest, first playing "Got Money" and later, the crowd-pleasing "Lollipop." The music overshadowed the vocals to some extent, but otherwise, the rapper lived up to expectations. During "Lollipop," Wayne unexpectedly pulled out a guitar at the end of the song and played a few chords.

"Weekend Update" was spattered with weak political jokes and stabs at Governor Palin, including the introduction of a new guest named Alaska Pete, played by Will Forte. Nicholas Fehn, the recurring guest political comedian, also appeared to the audience's disappointment, as his incomplete sentences and thoughts were not funny the first time and certainly are not funny now.

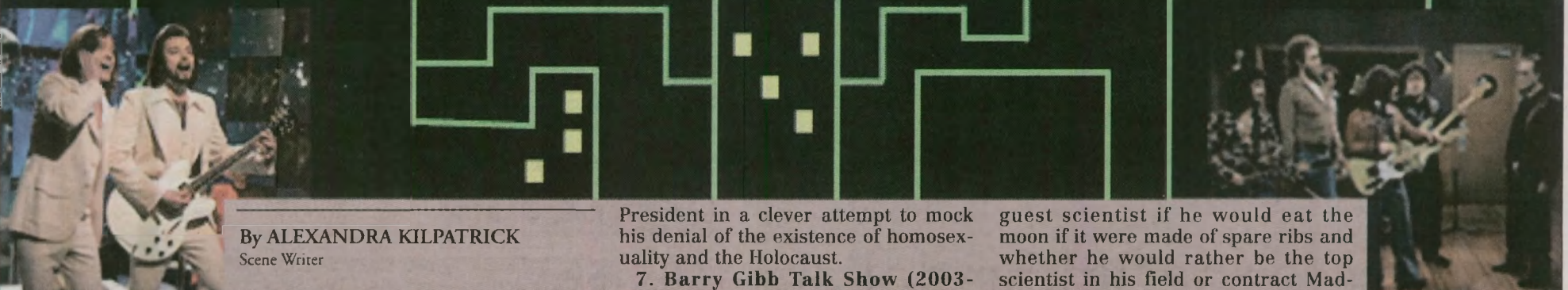
Andy Samberg played a frazzled Cathy from the "Cathy" comic strip as another new guest.

"The Charles Barkley Show" could have been very funny after last season's Sundance Channel Iconoclasts with Charles Barkley and Björk. However, the sketch relied on clichéd jokes, like guest world-record runner Usain Bolt apparently being so fast that he came and went in a second.

A final commercial, "The Michael Phelps Diet," nearly saved the show. To help people trying to lose weight, Phelps recounts his typical 12,000-calorie-a-day diet, stating "it works wonders for me" with a subtitle "based on 4000 laps of swim practice at world-record pace." Jared Fogle from Subway made a cameo, and the diet was hilariously promoted but described as "almost certainly fatal."

All in all, the show did not live up to expectations. The new season hurt from the departure of Maya Rudolph, and far too many sketches tried too hard to lure laughs instead of going for the political wittiness the show could be delivering.

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"Saturday Night Live" has had a slew of memorable moments in its history. The quotable sketches have often worked their way into the pop-culture lexicon of America. When did the cowbell become cool? When Bruce Dickinson said it was. Here, we count down the top 10 most memorable moments in the past 20 years of "SNL" history.

10. Five-Timers Club (1990-present): Ever since Tom Hanks referenced the exclusive club while hosting SNL for the fifth time, it has been known as home to some of the most notable celebrities and musical guests, including Steve Martin, Tom Petty and Drew Barrymore.

9. Lazy Sunday (2005): Chris Parnell and Andy Samberg appear in this two-and-a-half minute digital short, rapping about their exciting afternoon trip to see "The Chronicles of Narnia" movie and teaching us that "Mr. Pibb plus Red Vines equals crazy delicious" and "Google maps is the best!"

8. Iran So Far (2007): Following Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's speech at Columbia University last fall, Andy Samberg, along with Maroon 5's Adam Levine, serenades the Iranian

President in a clever attempt to mock his denial of the existence of homosexuality and the Holocaust.

7. Barry Gibb Talk Show (2003-2006): This talk show stars Jimmy Fallon and Justin Timberlake as Bee Gees Barry and Robin Gibb. While Robin Gibb is portrayed as mostly silent with occasional bland answers, Barry Gibb tends to verbally attack the guest politicians in a humorous falsetto, prompting an amusing call and response with Robin.

6. Brian Fellows' "Safari Planet" (1999-2003): This recurring talk show features Tracy Morgan as Brian Fellows, a man with a sixth-grade education and no license in zoology, asking nonsensical questions of wildlife center and zoo representatives, such as "Why do seals like to go clubbing?"

5. Celebrity Jeopardy with Sean Connery, Burt Reynolds, and Jerry Lewis (1996): This Celebrity Jeopardy parodies categories like "Potent Potables" and "'S' Words," misread by the contestants as "swords." The contestants' incompetence becomes more apparent as the show progresses, prompting the final clue: "This body of water gives Salt Lake City its name."

4. Harry Caray's "Space: The Infinite Frontier" (1997): Will Ferrell portrays the Cubs announcer as an astronomy talk show host, who asks a

guest scientist if he would eat the moon if it were made of spare ribs and whether he would rather be the top scientist in his field or contract Mad-Cow Disease.

3. "The Hanukkah Song" (1994): Adam Sandler writes this song about Hanukkah "for all those nice little Jewish kids who don't get to hear any Chanukah songs" and teaches us much about who in the celebrity world is Jewish and who is not.

2. Wayne's World with Aerosmith and Tom Hanks (1990): In this classic sketch, Wayne Campbell and his best friend, Garth, play the "Wayne's World" theme song with Aerosmith on their TV talk show, broadcast from the basement of Wayne's parent's house. Tom Hanks plays Garth's cousin Barry, who is an Aerosmith roadie.

1. More Cowbells (2000): Parodied at the Sept. 6 Notre Dame half-time show, producer Bruce Dickinson requests "a little more cowbell" from a sweaty Will Ferrell during the recording of Blue Öyster Cult's "(Don't Fear) The Reaper." Dickinson sums up the cowbell's importance with the classic line, "Guess what? I've got a fever and the only prescription — is more cowbell!"

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Crank UM up

Notre Dame makes statement with 35-17 win over Michigan

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

When it rains it, it pours.

On a wet and sloppy field, Notre Dame capitalized on six Michigan turnovers to beat the Wolverines 35-17 on Saturday. Michigan led in every offensive category, but four fumbles and two interceptions put the Wolverines behind on the scoreboard.

The Irish scored two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the game to take a commanding lead they didn't relinquish.

The first came after Wolverine running back Brandon Minor dropped a swing pass behind the line of scrimmage on the fifth play of the game. Sophomore linebacker Brian Smith came up with the ball at the Michigan 11-yard line, and the Irish scored less than a minute later on a 2-yard run by sophomore Robert Hughes.

"When a team allows you to put points on the board, you most definitely have to put points on the board," Hughes said. "That's how you win games."

The ensuing kickoff was dropped by Michigan's Michael Shaw. Senior Mike Anello recovered the fumble on the Wolverine 15-yard line. Once again, the Irish turned a Michigan turnover into a touchdown when sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Duval Kamara.

"All over the locker room and all over our meeting last night, this morning, and before we came out, was turnovers were going to determine the outcome of the game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "You're not going to turn it over four times like we did last week and walk out the winner. Fortunately, we won the turnover ratio rather significantly."

With 5:06 remaining in the first quarter, Michigan turned the ball over on downs. After a pass interference call put Notre Dame in Michigan territory, Clausen pump faked and threw the ball 48 yards downfield, where sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate was waiting. Tate ran it in for his second touchdown on the sea-

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Irish coach

son. After kicker Brandon Walker's PAT, the Irish were up 21-0.

The play was the longest completion of Clausen's career until the second quarter, when he found Tate on an underneath route and the young receiver broke two tackles and ran for a 60-yard gain. That play was part of an 87-yard drive for the Irish that ended with Hughes in the end zone for the second time in the game.

Hughes carried a total of 19 times for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

Clausen finished the game 10-for-21 passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Weis noticed a difference in his quarterback's ability to deal

with defensive pressure. Coming into Saturday's game, the Michigan defense led the NCAA with nine sacks in its first two games. However, it was unable to record one against the Irish.

"[Clausen] is running, growing up, throwing the ball away instead of doing something stupid," Weis said.

Avoiding turnovers was the key to a win for the Irish on Saturday. They were able to limit their own while cashing in on the Wolverines' mistakes.

Several of Michigan's turnovers came when the Wolverines were close to scoring. Senior safety David Bruton intercepted a pass by Michigan quarterback Nick Sheridan on

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Robert Hughes
Irish running back

the Irish 5-yard line in the fourth quarter. Bruton also forced a fumble on the Notre Dame 2-yard line in the third quarter.

"Instead of going seven for us, it's seven for them," Michigan

coach Rich Rodriguez said.

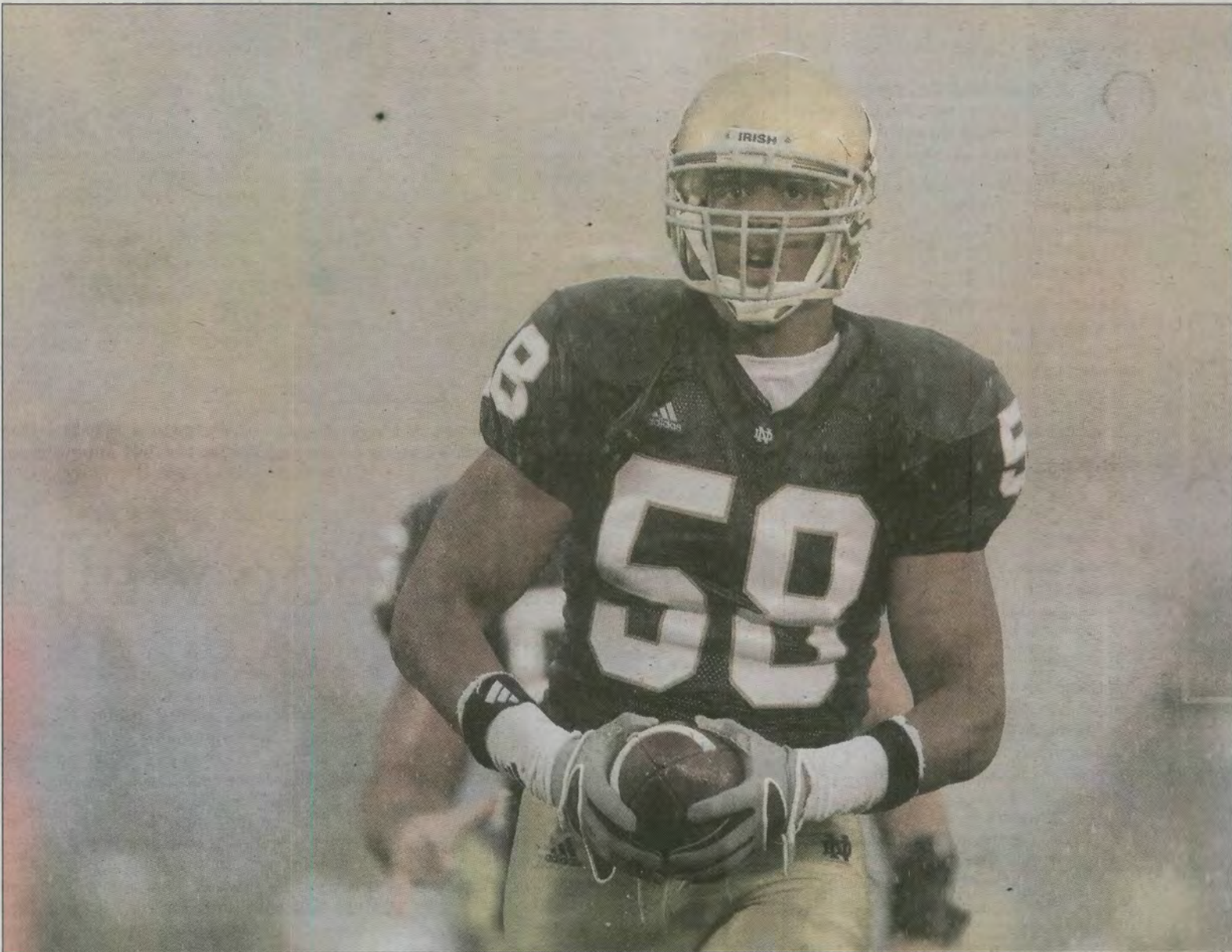
Bruton is making a habit of grabbing turnovers on the goal line. He also helped force a fumble on the 1-yard line against San Diego State in Notre Dame's opener.

"You do whatever you can to keep them from scoring," Bruton said.

He also had 10 solo tackles and five assists in the game.

Weis said that he knew going in that his team would need to play a "complementary game" to get the win.

Irish sophomore Brian Smith races towards the end zone after recovering Michigan quarterback Steven Threet's fourth quarter fumble. Smith's return put Notre Dame ahead 35-17 with 14:50 left in the game and was one of six Wolverine turnovers on Saturday.



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"We made big plays on special teams, we made big plays on offense, and we made big plays on defense," he said. "All three units have to step in and do their jobs and make some plays."

Michigan's offense relied almost exclusively on freshmen Sam McGuffie and Martavious Odoms. McGuffie ran around and through the Irish front seven, finishing the day with 25 carries for 131 yards. He also made four receptions for 47 yards and a touchdown. Odoms had six receptions for 56 yards.

Notre Dame's win moves the series record to 20-15-1 in favor of Michigan and it ends a two-year spell of Wolverine blowouts.

"For our team, and for our students, and for our alums, and for our fans, today was a big win," Weis said.

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player of the game

David Bruton

Bruton led the team with 15 total tackles, one for a loss. He also forced a fumble and intercepted a pass on the goal line.

stat of the game

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Michigan turnovers, including four lost fumbles and two interceptions.

play of the game

Golden Tate's 48-yard touchdown reception

Clausen's home-run pass gave the Irish a 21-0 lead with five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

quote of the game

"MCL/ACL, how do you like that? I feel like an athlete for the first time in my life."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen threw two more touchdown passes and did a good job of avoiding big losses. But the rain held him to 10-of-21 and he threw two interceptions.
- A-** **running backs:** Hughes hit pay dirt twice and Aldridge ran hard in his season debut. The Irish were able to move the ball and, more importantly, hold on to it in the slippery conditions.
- A-** **receivers:** Tate showed off his speed in another solid game and Kamara looked more comfortable this time around. Floyd also picked up some yardage with pass interference calls.
- A** **offensive line:** For the second week in a row the men in the trenches didn't give up a single sack. They handled the Wolverine line and gave the backs enough room to get the job done.
- C** **defensive line:** McGuffie torched the Irish for 131 yards on the ground. The line held their own but could not get too much pressure on Threet in the passing game.
- B** **linebackers:** Brian Smith recovered two fumbles and took one 35 yards into the endzone. Crum played well despite an injury, but McGuffie was able to cut into the second level several times.
- A-** **defensive backs:** Bruton played lights out for the second week in a row and McCarthy was second behind him with 10 tackles. Gray grabbed his first career pick.
- C+** **special teams:** A fumble recovery sparked the team, but kickoffs were weak and Michigan's punter racked up 13 yards on a successful fake.
- A** **coaching:** The team looked more prepared than any game last year and they were fired up to play. Weis fought through injury and the rest of his staff stepped in without missing a beat.
- 3.22** **overall:** Notre Dame looked impressive from start to finish. The jump from week one to week two was a clear improvement for the Irish.

adding up the numbers

- 300** Wins in Notre Dame Stadium. The first came on Oct. 4, 1930 when the Irish beat Southern Methodist 20-14.
- 80** Return yards for David Bruton and Gary Gray who both had long runs following interceptions in the second half.
- 13** Rushing yards for Michigan punter Zoltan Mesko. He was the team's second leading rusher.
- 3** Times in the past four seasons under Weis that Notre Dame has started 2-0.
- 9** Different receivers that Jimmy Clausen has connected with so far this season. Tate is his favorite target with 10 catches thus far.
- 2** Times that Weis opted to keep the offense on the field on 4th down in the second half despite a comfortable lead and being in field goal range.
- 24** Tackles in two games for Irish safety Kyle McCarthy. He had 10 against the Wolverines.
- 127** Receiving yards for Irish sophomore Golden Tate. Tate had catches of 60 and 48 yards in the game.



Sophomore running back James Aldridge dives over Michigan safety Brandon Harrison on a run near the goal line on Saturday. Aldridge had 31 yards on nine carries in his first appearance of the season on Saturday.

Details bode well for Irish

For perspective, a little comparison.

Points Notre Dame scored in the first two games of last year: 13.

This year: 56.

Rushing yards for Notre Dame in the first two games of last year: negative eight. This year: 218.

Sacks Notre Dame allowed through the first two games of last year: 15. This year: none.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen said the improved protection made a "huge" difference this season and was quick to show his appreciation.

"I told the offensive linemen in the locker room, I said, 'Pick a place you want to go to dinner. I'm buying this week,' he said after the game. 'I'm giving them a bonus.'"

A bonus they, as well as the rest of the Irish, deserve.

The win over Michigan said with actions what Irish coach Charlie Weis has been preaching with words — fears about last season are through. Any thoughts of a repeat of last year's season can be debunked. This team is different, the attitude upbeat, the offense able, the defense tough.

But before we proclaim all ties to 2007 severed, some qualifications exist. Notre Dame played poorly against an injured San Diego State team and won on the strength of one good quarter of football. It also beat a Michigan team that fumbled seven times and is in its first year running a spread offense.

The question to ask now is: Can the Irish maintain this early success? Why Notre Dame beat Michigan is obvious, but to find why it has the opportunity to continue to win, to erase any lingering doubt from last season, you have to delve a little deeper.

Just before the end of the first quarter, Clausen threw a swing pass to Robert Hughes for a loss of three yards. It was a lousy play. Hughes was in double coverage and Clausen was under pressure. But what's telling about the play is what Clausen didn't do.

Michael Floyd lined up on the right side with David Grimes in the slot. After the snap, Clausen looked to Floyd, whose route took him downfield, but Floyd was covered. He turned and checked Grimes, who ran over the middle, but the defense had Grimes covered as well. Finally, he looked left, to Hughes, and completed the pass.

Clausen went through his reads and looked off his receivers, something he had trouble with against San Diego State. He didn't stare

down one receiver or try to force the ball into coverage. He understood his progressions and avoided mistakes.

Two plays later, Clausen's head followed Floyd all the way down the right sideline. It also followed his pass as it was intercepted. Oops.

But that's where Notre Dame is right now. One aspect of the team doesn't dominate. Clausen can throw

interceptions, but he knows the defense has his back. The defense can allow Wolverines running back Sam McGuffie to run all over the field, but it knows the offense will score points. The offense may fail to move the ball, but no matter, because David Bruton and Mike Anello have punt coverage locked

down.

"We made some big plays on special teams and offense and defense, and I think at this stage of our program I think it's important that we play a complementary football game," Weis said. "As long as we show up every week and get some plays out of all three elements, I think that gives us a chance."

Another example of Notre Dame's advances this season: the running game. Michigan allowed 1.1 yards per carry in the first two games of the season, and in the second-half downpour there was no secret Notre Dame would run. Yet Hughes rushed for 79 yards on 19 carries, averaging 4.2 yards per carry, and two touchdowns.

"[Notre Dame] did a nice job blocking," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said.

The running game led to the success of the play-action pass, a third reason Notre Dame can shake off last season. Two plays in a row in the first quarter, Clausen play-faked and threw downfield. The first, to Floyd, was incomplete, but the secondary bit on the play fake; only a pass interference prevented a catch. On the next play, the secondary was fooled on the play-action again, but this time they weren't so lucky. Clausen hit Golden Tate over the middle, 21-0 Irish.

Two games don't define a season, nor can they reveal every strength and weakness the team has. But there was hope hidden in the mud Saturday, and should the Irish continue to display that hope, they're back, and they're good.

"The rest of the world can do whatever they want to, looking at 2007, but this team is moving forward," Clausen said.

In a race to outrun the stigma of last season, it looks like 2007 is out of sight.

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Takeaways the key to big victory

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

There's a new fad sweeping the Notre Dame football team. Mike Anello's doing it. David Bruton's doing it. Brian Smith's doing it. No, it's not "Crank me up." It's called forcing turnovers.

And that fad reached a fever pitch Saturday, when Michigan turned the ball over six times in its rain-drenched 35-17 loss to Notre Dame.

"It's what we preach," Bruton said. "We always talk about stripping the ball, especially in the wet conditions. It's an opportunity to get the ball out."

But Notre Dame didn't need help from the rain to get its first few turnovers. Smith grabbed his first fumble of the game early in the first quarter when Michigan running back Brandon Minor dropped a swing pass. Smith dove on the ball, which was thrown behind the quarterback, on the Michigan 11-yard line to give the Irish great field position.

"I didn't know if it was a fumble or not," Smith said. "If it's a swing pass, there's a chance that it's still alive."

That fumble led to a 2-yard touchdown run by Robert Hughes. Michigan fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Anello picked it up for Notre Dame, leading to a touchdown reception for wide receiver Duval Kamara.

"I'm obviously disappointed in our execution, we certainly didn't help ourselves early," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said. "Turnovers will hurt you at anytime but the ones that are really discouraging are the unforced errors."

But in forcing their third turnover, the Irish continued a trend from last week's game against San Diego — causing a turnover inside the defensive red zone.

Down 28-17 in the third quarter, Michigan was driving down the field in the pouring rain and seemed poised to cut Notre Dame's lead to four before Bruton forced a fumble on the Notre Dame 4-yard line. The slippery ball slid around the field for a few seconds before defensive back Sergio Brown scooped it up.

In Notre Dame's first win against San Diego State, Bruton combined with safety Kyle McCarthy to force Aztecs running back Brandon Sullivan to fumble on Notre Dame's 1-yardline. The Irish were down



Irish cornerback Gary Gray leaves some Wolverines in the dust on his fourth quarter interception return. It was the first pick of his collegiate career.

six at the time, and the touchdown saving play gave the Irish a much-needed boost on their way to a 21-13 victory.

"The red zone, we claimed that as our red zone," Bruton said. "We just have to step up and make plays."

But Bruton wasn't done making plays in the red zone on Saturday.

In the fourth quarter, he intercepted Michigan quarterback Nick Sheridan at the Notre Dame 5-yard line and returned it 39 yards before being horse-collared to the ground by Wolverines offensive lineman David Molk.

"Yeah, I got horse-collared by an offen-

sive lineman," Bruton said to laughter after the game. "But don't forget, I played the whole game. I was tired."

But before Bruton's pick, Brian Smith grabbed his second fumble off a mishandled snap from Wolverines quarterback Steven Threet and took it 35-yards for a touchdown.

For good measure, cornerback Gary Gray added a late interception to get in on the party.

"Coach Weis put an emphasis before the game that this game was going to be a game of turnovers and field position..." Smith said. "And as a defense we want to set the bar that we want to get at least three or more and score."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	21	7	0	7	35
Michigan	7	10	0	0	17

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan 0
Robert Hughes 2-yard run with 11:52 remaining. PAT good (Walker)
Drive: 3 plays, 11 yards, 0:50 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Michigan 0
Duval Kamara 10-yard catch from Clausen with 11:00 remaining. PAT good (Walker)
Drive: 3 plays, 14 yards, 0:52 elapsed

Notre Dame 21, Michigan 0
Golden Tate 48-yard catch from Clausen with 4:51 remaining. PAT good (Walker)
Drive: 1 play, 63 yards, 0:15 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Michigan 7
Sam McGuffie 40-yard catch from Threet with 1:56 remaining. PAT Good (Lopata)
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:55 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, Michigan 10
K.C. Lopata 23-yard field goal with 11:53 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards, 3:21 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan 10
Robert Hughes 1-yard run with 8:47 remaining. PAT good (Walker)
Drive: 6 plays, 87 yards, 3:06 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan 17
Kevin Grady 7-yard run with 5:41 remaining. PAT good (Lopata)
Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards, 3:06 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 35, Michigan 17
Brian Smith 35-yard fumble recovery with 14:50 remaining. PAT good (Walker)

statistics

total yards

UM	388
ND	260

rushing yards

UM	159
ND	113

passing yards

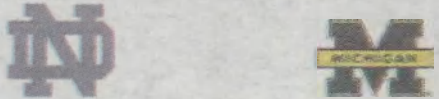
UM	229
ND	147

return yards

UM	59
ND	64

time of possession

UM	32:12
ND	27:48



passing			
Clausen	10-21-2	Threet Sheridan	16-23-0 3-5-2
rushing			
Hughes	19-79	McGuffie	25-131
Aldridge	9-31	Mesko	1-13
receiving			
Tate	4-127	Odoms	6-56
West	2-10	McGuffie	4-47
Kamara	1-10	Mathews	4-46
Grimes	1-3	Stonum	3-35
tackling			
Bruton	15	Trent	9
McCarthy	10	Brown	8
Crum	5	Thompson	7

Charlie follows in Brady's footsteps

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Irish coach Charlie Weis suffered a torn MCL and ACL during the second quarter of Saturday's game. Junior linebacker John Ryan blindsided the coach after he was knocked out of bounds by a Michigan blocker.

Weis wore a brace in the second half and said that he would forego surgery at this point in order to stay on track with his coaching duties.

"I'll show up as a coach, but I'll be gone for the year as a player. Tommy Brady's got nothing on me," Weis said while joking with reporters at the post game press conference.

Weis then added: "I feel like an athlete for the first time in my life."

Weis said that he will hold off on surgery for the foreseeable future so that he does not miss any time at work.

Lou's in town

The 1988 National

Championship team was in town this weekend to honor coach Lou Holtz, who had a statue dedicated to him Saturday morning. Their inspiration, Weis said, ended Friday night after the pep rally, where the '88 squad was honored and Holtz spoke.

"We used them yesterday," Weis said. "Today was ours. Today, it was not Lou, it was not the '88 team, it was those guys in that locker room, stepping up trying to earn respect."

Firing out of the gates

Notre Dame's 21 points in the first quarter Saturday is the most the Irish have scored in the first quarter since their 38-3 victory over Washington in 2004. It also ties the record for most points in a quarter against Michigan. The mark was first set in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 28-20 comeback victory in 2004.

Knock on wood

For the second game in a row, the Irish offensive line

did not give up a sack after giving up an NCAA-worst 4.8 sacks per game in 2007. At the post-game press conference, when asked to comment on the turnaround, Weis began knocking on his wooden podium and said, "Let's leave it at that."

Going deep

Golden Tate's 60-yard reception in the second quarter was the longest offensive play for the Irish since former tight end John Carlson made a 62-yard reception against Michigan State in 2006.

The 300 Club

This weekend's win was the 300th victory at Notre Dame Stadium for the Irish. The stadium first opened in 1930 and the Irish won their first ever home game on Oct. 4 of that year in a 20-14 game against Souther Methodist University

Floyd on the field

Freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd started and saw most of the snaps at

receiver for the Irish in his second game at Notre Dame. Floyd played in place of David Grimes. "What got [Floyd] on the field so much was David's back," Weis said. "Michael's behind him and the last couple days of the week David's back tightened up."

Floyd had two catches for 10 yards in the game but also drew a pair of pass interference class that put the Irish in good field position.

Three-headed monster

The Notre Dame backfield continued to rotate with Robert Hughes, James Aldridge and Armando Allen all receiving carries. Hughes led the way with 19, but Aldridge who did not see any action against San Diego State also had nine carries. Allen was the main back in week one but only picked up four yards on two carries against a stout Michigan defense.

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Rain Dance

Players and fans joined together in the pouring rain Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium to celebrate a victory for the 300th time in the building. After two years of embarrassing losses to the Wolverines, Charlie Weis and his gang came ready from the get-go. Defense and special teams set things up early on and Notre Dame never looked back. Clausen stayed safe behind a solid wall of offensive linemen as he found Golden Tate and Duval Kamara for big plays in the end zone. Expectations were low following a questionable victory over San Diego State, but the Irish exceeded even Lou Holtz's lofty prediction — who was on hand to witness the win. Holtz and his 1988 National Championship team looked on as a new era of Irish players moved to 2-0 in 2008.

-Dan Murphy



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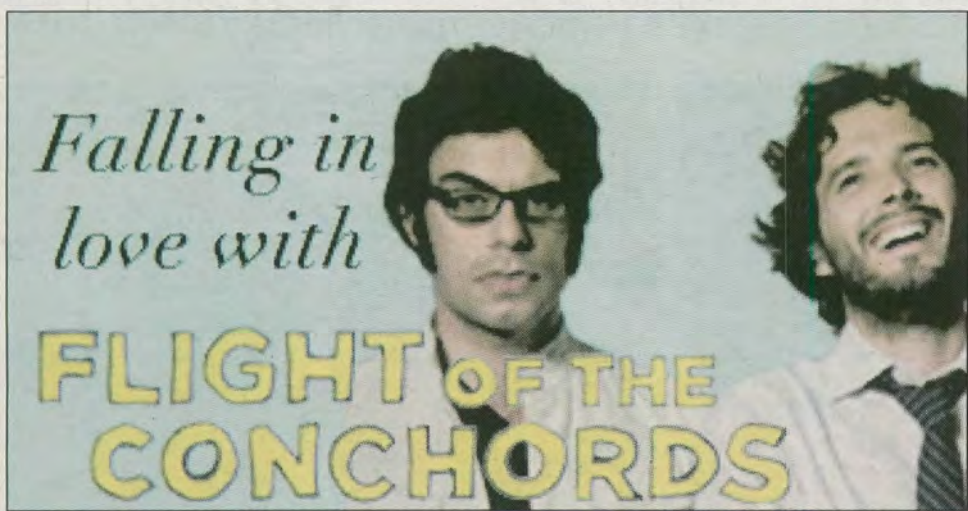


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Clockwise from top left: Michael Floyd jumps on one of Saturday's many fumbles. Senior Pat Kuntz celebrates near the student section. Duval Kamara hauls in his first touchdown of the season. David Bruton runs through a tackle during his interception return. Robert Hughes sheds tacklers as he scoots to a Notre Dame first down.



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I recently realized that it's been over a year since "Flight of the Conchords" first aired on HBO. In my mind, June 17, 2007, will go down as an historic day in the canon of American television, a day when "New Zealand's fourth most popular guitar-based digi-bongo a cappella-rap-funk-comedy folk duo" first hit Stateside airwaves.



Analise Lipari

They are ridiculous, quirky and wonderful, and I love them. Oh, and you should, too.

It's unlikely that these 15 months have passed without you, dear reader, at least being semi-aware of songs like "Business Time" or "Jenny." Plus, the beauty of college often lies in the obscure, pseudo-intellectual, relatively indie things we enjoy on a daily basis. With its cable status, obscure background and wordy lyric style, the show's underground status with college kids has quickly grown since it first aired.

Scene Editor

The tragedy is that the second (and potentially final, if recent interviews with the band are to be believed) season isn't due to air until 2009. Le sigh.

Before their move to the United States, Brett McKenzie and Jemaine Clement had an eponymous BBC Radio series in 2005. These six episodes, with titles like "Dan & the Panda" and "Neil Finn Saves The Day!" were the precursors to the duo's future TV fame. In their earliest days, the duo played in the Melbourne Comedy festival, the Edinburgh Fringe, and the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in 2005.

To those of you who are new to "Flight of the Conchords," I've itemized a few of my favorites among their musical library. To those of you who are already fans, let's watch season one on DVD sometime. Well, if that's what you're into.

"Hiphopotamus vs. Rhymenoceros:" Bret and Jemaine take on hip-hop with

this little ditty, an exchange between the pair's rap personas — well, at least their rap personas for that particular episode — with sweet rhymes like "They call me the hiphopotamus/ 'Cause I got flows that glow like phosphorous/ Poppin' off the top of this esophagus."

"Leggy Blonde:" Murray (Rhys Darby), the somewhat self-important manager of "Flight of the Conchords" who runs the band during his menial day job, gets his day in the spotlight with this ode to the leggy blonde in his office. Note the lyric poeticism of lines like, "Leggy leggy leggy leggy/ leggy leggy leggy/ blondey blondey blondey blondey/ blondey blondey blondey blondey."

"If You're Into It:" Bret's invitation to Coco (Tony winner Sutton Foster) to join him in a variety of romantic activities: "It could be a dream come true/ Providing that's what you're into." Jemaine provides some key vocal commentary.

"Foux du Fafa:" Scholars of French might debate the academic merits of lyrics that translate to "Where is the pool?" but viewers can only sing along to the song's addictive chorus.

"Bret, You've Got it Goin On:" Here, Jemaine poses an innocent and universal question of life: "Why can't a heterosexual guy/ Tell another heterosexual guy that his booty is fly?"

"Albi the Racist Dragon:" Albi, the main character in a fake cartoon that stirs Bret and Jemaine's inner children, is, in fact, quite racist.

"Sellotape:" Love, according to the duo, is like a roll of tape; "it's real good for making two things one." On the other side of the roll of tape, love sometimes "breaks off before you were done." It's all about the tape of love — "the sticky stuff."

Thank Samwise Gamgee that these New Zealanders are in our lives and on our TV screens.

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Bret (Bret McKenzie) and Jemaine (Jemaine Clement) enjoy some Chinese in New York City on their HBO comedy series, "Flight of the Conchords."

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MLB

A-Rod hits grand slam to propel Yankees past Rays

Maddux allows two hits in seven, Dodgers still fall after Tulowitzki's game-winning home run in 10th

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter didn't waste any time after he homered in the fifth inning Sunday. He quickly traded a bat and a ball for a reminder of the day he tied Lou Gehrig for the most hits at Yankee Stadium.

"It's definitely special," he said.

Jeter collected three hits for the third straight game, Alex Rodriguez belted a grand slam and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-4 to win the weekend series against the AL East leaders.

The Rays went 3-6 on their 10-day trip to Toronto, Boston and New York and will carry a one-game lead into their three-game series against the second-place Red Sox beginning Monday night in Florida.

"It's never good to lose a series," manager Joe Maddon said. "It was obviously a tough road trip ... not easy at all. The Yankees are one team that we haven't played well against this year."

Jason Giambi hit a two-run homer for New York, still clinging to faint playoff hopes during its final homestand at its long-time ballpark.

Mariano Rivera entered with two on in the ninth and struck out Erick Aybar for his 35th save in 36 opportunities. The All-Star closer also moved into a tie with Lee Smith for second on the career list with 478 saves.

"I'd rather have the team, our team, tied for first place," Rivera said.

Fernando Perez, who went to nearby Columbia University, hit a three-run drive for Tampa Bay, which started the trip with a 3?-game lead in the East.

Of-injured Yankees pitcher Carl Pavano (3-1) allowed three earned runs and five hits before he was booed off the mound in the sixth inning following a visit by the trainer and manager Joe Girardi.

Pavano was pitching to Eric Hinske with one out and a runner on first when he got the mound visit. After a short discussion, the right-hander walked off as the sellout crowd, familiar with his injury history, showered him with boos.

"I'm at a spot right now where I'm starting to wake up muscles I haven't used in a while," said Pavano, who left with a stiff left hip and expected to be OK for his next start. "Every time I go out there, there's more innings than the last time and more pitches than the last time so I mean these are things I'm going to have to

work through."

Pavano has started only 24 games for the Yankees since signing a four-year, \$39.95 million contract before the 2005 season.

"He did not want to come out," said Girardi, who opted for the safe route on a muggy day in the Bronx. "He told me he was fine."

David Price, the top overall pick in the 2007 draft, made his major league debut for Tampa Bay and threw 5 1-3 impressive innings in relief of struggling starter Edwin Jackson. The 6-foot-6 left-hander allowed two runs and three hits, spending much of the outing in the upper 90s.

"It was fun," he said. "This one here was obviously special. I settled down pretty good, started breathing better. That first inning was pretty rough."

Price retired six straight before Jeter led off the fifth with his 11th homer, giving him 1,269 hits at the House that Ruth Built. The sellout crowd of 54,279 roared as the captain rounded the bases after his opposite-field drive to right, and cheered even louder when he came out of the dugout for a curtain call.

The fans continued to chant the shortstop's name as Giambi batted against Price, who struck out four and walked none.

Jeter had a chance to break the record in the seventh but grounded into a double play. He'll likely get another opportunity Monday night when New York opens a four-game series against the Chicago White Sox.

"They always say records are meant to be broken but this one, with the stadium closing here in a week, you know at least I know I tied for it," he said.

The Yankees, almost certain to miss the playoffs for the first time since 1993, are nine games behind wild card-leading Boston.

The Rays loaded the bases after Pavano departed, and Damaso Marte walked Akinori Iwamura to make it 7-4. Jason Bartlett followed with a sinking liner but Brett Gardner made a terrific tumbling catch to end the inning.

Gardner also made a diving catch to rob Gabe Gross of a hit in the eighth.

Jackson (11-11) never looked comfortable and dropped to 0-3 in his past three starts. He allowed New York's first three batters to reach before Rodriguez hit a 3-1 pitch into the bleachers in right-center for his 17th career grand slam.



Tampa Bay pitcher David Price delivers a pitch against the Yankees in the fifth inning of their 1-0 win in New York on Sunday. Price gave up two runs on three hits in his major league debut.

"I got some balls up," Jackson said. "They took advantage of it. It just wasn't my day."

Rodriguez reached 100 RBIs for the 11th straight season with his 34th homer of the year. It also gave him at least 100 runs in 13 consecutive seasons.

Jeter reached on a perfectly placed bunt single and Giambi finished a 12-pitch at-bat with a walk to set up A-Rod's first grand slam since Sept. 25, 2007, at Tampa Bay.

Rockies 1, Dodgers 0

Even with Greg Maddux turning in one of his best outings in a decade, the Dodgers' surge toward the NL West title hit a speed bump.

Troy Tulowitzki singled home the winning run with one out in the 10th to help the Colorado Rockies end the Los Angeles Dodgers' four-game winning streak with a win on Sunday.

The Dodgers, who had won 12 of 13, began the day with a 4 1/2-game lead over Arizona in the NL West.

The win spoiled a terrific outing by Maddux. Maddux gave up two hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter in seven shutout innings.

"Who ever thought that it would be a good day to pitch at Coors Field?" Maddux said.

Maddux retired the first 13 batters and had a perfect game until Atkins singled through the hole at short with one out in the

fifth. He threw 40 pitches through the first five innings and faced one batter over the minimum through six innings.

Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said it was tough watching Maddux shut down his team.

"When you're going through it, it's like you're sitting in the dentist's chair," he said. "It seems like he's throwing half a baseball out there. He can do things with the ball that are very, very special."

Maddux didn't stick around for the ending, which came against reliever Hong-Chih Kuo (5-3). The Rockies loaded the bases on singles by Matt Holliday, Garrett Atkins and Ryan Spilborghs, and Tulowitzki lined an 0-2 pitch down the right-field line to end Colorado's seven-game losing streak.

"I wasn't looking for anything in particular, I just wanted to put the ball in play," Tulowitzki said. "I liked my chances if I put the ball in play."

Manny Corpas (3-3) pitched the top of the 10th to get the win.

It was the first time in the 14-year history of Coors Field that a game was scoreless after nine innings.

"It's a very uncomfortable ballpark to try and relax," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "I look up today and there are all kinds of goose eggs up there."

Maddux was dominating

despite not hitting more than 86 on the radar gun.

"You never know what pitch is coming," Tulowitzki said. "There are so many pitches in the back of your mind, and then he rarely misses his spots."

Maddux was denied a win because Aaron Cook was nearly as dominant. The Rockies starter allowed eight hits over eight innings, struck out two and walked none. His most troublesome inning was the second when he allowed three hits and the Dodgers had runners on first and second with two outs. Cook worked out of the jam by getting Maddux to ground out to second.

It was the deepest Cook has pitched in a game since July 25, but he failed to notch his 17th win, which would have tied the franchise's single-season win total.

"I felt pretty comfortable out there," Cook said. "I felt like I wasn't trying to do too much, mechanically just trying to stay within myself."

From the third through the seventh inning, Cook was as tough as Maddux. He allowed two singles in that stretch, but both runners were wiped out by double plays, and he faced the minimum number of batters.

"Cookie threw a good game, man," Maddux said. "He had his stuff going. Got a couple of double plays when he needed it. He made big pitches."

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	USC	1,596	1
2	Oklahoma	1,485	3
3	Georgia	1,437	2
4	Florida	1,414	4
5	Missouri	1,389	6
6	LSU	1,274	7
7	Texas	1,140	8
8	Wisconsin	1,076	10
9	Alabama	982	11
10	Auburn	958	9
11	Texas Tech	904	12
12	South Florida	801	19
13	Ohio State	800	5
14	Brigham Young	788	18
15	East Carolina	781	14
16	Penn State	779	17
17	Oregon	679	16
18	Wake Forest	482	20
19	Kansas	445	13
20	Utah	428	22
21	West Virginia	179	25
22	Illinois	163	24
23	Clemson	160	NR
24	Florida State	146	NR
25	Fresno State	121	21

NCAA Football USA Today Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	USC	1,518	1
2	Oklahoma	1,423	3
3	Georgia	1,393	2
4	Florida	1,355	4
5	Missouri	1,294	6
6	LSU	1,233	7
7	Texas	1,128	8
8	Wisconsin	1,027	10
9	Auburn	955	9
10	Texas Tech	887	12
11	Brigham Young	846	15
12	Oregon	783	14
13	Alabama	771	16
14	Ohio State	736	5
15	Penn State	724	17
16	South Florida	685	18
17	East Carolina	588	19
18	Wake Forest	498	20
19	Kansas	416	11
20	Utah	400	22
21	Clemson	233	23
22	West Virginia	159	24
23	Illinois	127	NR
24	Arizona State	113	13
25	Florida State	110	

MIAA Women's Volleyball Conference Standings

	Team	MIAA Record
		W-L
1	Alma	4-0
2	Hope	3-0
3	Adrian	2-0
4	Calvin	2-0
5	Albion	2-2
6	SAINT MARY'S	1-2
7	Kalamazoo	1-3
8	Trine	0-4
9	Olivet	0-4

NFL



Raiders rookie running back Darren McFadden dives into the endzone for his first career touchdown in Oakland's 23-8 win over Kansas City on Sunday. McFadden was the No. 4 overall pick in April's NFL Draft.

McFadden scores first career TD in win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Lane Kiffin does get fired by the Oakland Raiders, he might want to apply for employment in Kansas City.

Amid escalating reports that Kiffin was in trouble with owner Al Davis and could be dismissed almost any time, the Raiders rushed for 300 yards Sunday and handed their harried young coach a 23-8 victory over the mistake-prone Chiefs. Kiffin has only five wins in 18 games with the Silver and Black, but two have been at Kansas City's expense.

"I don't worry about things I can't control.

That's not my decision whether I'll be here," said the 33-year-old Kiffin. "I'm going to prepare my staff for the game next week."

Rookie Darren McFadden rushed for 164 yards to help give the Raiders a happy ending to a tumultuous week that started with a 41-14 blowout loss to Denver on Monday night. There had also been a public spat between Lane and defensive coordinator Rob Ryan and Kiffin's comment that Davis "doesn't keep people very long."

Also with something to celebrate was kicker Sebastian Janikowski, whose three field goals including a team-record

56-yarder.

"Lane's going to be Lane, Rob's going to be Rob and Al's going to be Al at the end of the day," said Oakland cornerback DeAngelo Hall. "We don't have any control over what happens up there. We just come out and try to play ball."

The young defense of the Chiefs gave up the third-highest total in the history of the franchise. Michael Bush, with 90 yards rushing, personally beat the 55 yards the Chiefs had as a team.

In using three quarterbacks, the Chiefs had only 65 net yards at halftime.

After Tyler Thigpen's 2-

yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez and 2-point conversion made it 16-8 with 4:04 left, the Chiefs recovered Bush's fumble. But Kirk Morrison intercepted Thigpen's pass and with 51 seconds left, Bush scored on a 32-yard run to put out of reach one of the worst games the Chiefs have played at home in years.

The only sour note for Oakland was the injury in the first half to running back Justin Fargas. He went out with a groin injury early in the first half, but that gave McFadden, the overall No. 4 draft pick last April, a chance to find his rhythm.

IN BRIEF

Biffle opens Sprint Cup Chase with New Hampshire win

LOUDON, N.H. — Greg Biffle began the Chase for the championship as a long shot.

Winless for almost a year and seeded a distant ninth in the 12-driver field, few considered him a serious contender. But "The Biff" never counted himself out, believing a strong run Sunday in the opener at New Hampshire Motor Speedway would put him in position to race for the Sprint Cup title.

Biffle used a self-described "textbook pass" on Jimmie Johnson with 12 laps to go to snap a 33-race winless streak and vault all the way to third in the Chase standings. He trails co-leaders Johnson and Carl Edwards, his teammate at Roush Fenway Racing, by just 30 points.

Johnson finished second and said he knew Biffle would make a run on him after David Ragan and Carpentier brought out a pair of cautions with less than 20 laps to go.

Seahawks lose backup QB and WR in warmups

SEATTLE — Seneca Wallace was scratched by the Seahawks against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, the fifth injury to a Seattle wide receiver already this season.

The team announced just before Sunday's kickoff that Wallace would miss its home opener because of a new calf injury. The dynamic backup quarterback was set to have a big role at receiver after practicing there the last two weeks. He ran pass patterns during pregame warmups. That's apparently when he got hurt.

Courtney Taylor, Logan Payne and Michael Bumpus — an undrafted rookie from Washington State signed from the practice squad on Saturday — started the game in a three wide receiver formation. Then on the second series, Payne left after getting hit on the knee by Dashon Goldson during a reception.

Jeter home run breaks Yankee Stadium hit record

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter hit a solo homer in the fifth inning Sunday, tying Lou Gehrig for the most career hits at Yankee Stadium.

Jeter connected against Tampa Bay's David Price for his 1,269th hit at the ballpark, which is in its final season.

The crowd roared as the New York captain rounded the bases after his opposite-field drive to right, and cheered even louder when he came out of the dugout for a curtain call.

The fans continued to chant the shortstop's name as Jason Giambi batted against Price, a highly touted prospect making his major league debut.

New York is playing its last home-stand at Yankee Stadium before moving into a new park across the street for next season.

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NFL

Eagles at Cowboys
8:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB

White Sox at Yankees
7:05 p.m., CSN

MLB

Zambrano hurls no-hitter for Cubs

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Zambrano pitched the first no-hitter for the Chicago Cubs in 36 years, returning from a recent bout of rotator cuff soreness to shut down the Houston Astros 5-0 Sunday night in a game relocated because of Hurricane Ike.

Zambrano stopped a Houston team that had not played since Thursday. The storm forced baseball to move two games from Texas to Miller Park, home of the Brewers, and the Astros flew hours before they took the field.

Zambrano, known for his emotional displays on the mound, kept himself in control until striking out Darin Erstad to finish off his first start since Sept. 2.

The big right-hander dropped to his knees and pointed to the sky with both hands after getting Erstad to swing and miss. Zambrano (14-5) was immediately mobbed on the mound by his teammates.

The crowd of 23,441 — mostly Cubs fans — erupted in a wild ovation after chanting "Let's go Z!" throughout the final inning.

Zambrano struck out a season-high 10 and walked one in the Cubs' first no-hitter since Milt Pappas pitched one against San Diego in 1972.

This was the second no-hitter in the majors this season — Boston's Jon Lester did it against Kansas City at Fenway Park on May 19.

The Astros only once came close to a hit. David Newhan lined a drive that first baseman Derrek Lee jumped to catch to end the fifth inning.

Zambrano helped himself, too, by charging off the mound and across the first-base line to catch Hunter Pence's foul pop for the second out in the eighth.

Zambrano began the ninth by getting Humberto Quintero to ground out on one pitch — it was his 100th of the game. After pinch-hitter Jose Castillo also grounded out, Erstad chased a full-count pitch low-and-away for Zambrano's first shutout since 2004.

With his jersey untucked, Zambrano paraded triumphantly through a series of interviews in front of the Cubs dugout, then waved to the still-cheering crowd as he walked down the steps.

Coming into the game, Cubs manager Lou Piniella said he wanted to limit the 27-year-old Venezuelan ace to 100 pitches in his return to the rotation — and Zambrano managed to come close, even while pulling off the no-hitter. Zambrano threw 110 pitches, 73 for strikes.

The win could be yet another sign of good things to come for the NL Central-leading Cubs, whose fans have gotten used to doing more crying than cheering in September during 100 years' worth of World Series frustration.

The Cubs took a 7½-game lead in the NL Central over the fading Brewers, who were swept in a day-night doubleheader by the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Astros fell two games back of the Brewers and Phillies, who are tied in the wild-card race. Houston had won six in a row and 14 of 15.

Zambrano didn't allow a baserunner until he walked

Michael Bourn in the fourth inning.

He allowed only one more baserunner the rest of the night, hitting Pence in the back with two outs in the fifth.

Zambrano also made an offensive contribution in the Cubs' four-run third inning, singling and then chugging home from first on Lee's double. The Cubs chased Randy Wolf (10-12) in the third, his shortest outing of the season.

It was the first complete game for Zambrano since June 16, 2007, at home against the Padres. He hadn't thrown a shutout since April 7, 2004, a two-hitter at home against the Rockies.

Alfonso Soriano led off the game with a home run, his 28th of the year.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Four Belles finish in top twenty

McClowry finishes 12th, team garners fourth place overall

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Four Belles runners finished in the top-20 of Friday's 111-person, 11-team Bradley University Open in Peoria, Ill., sending St. Mary's to a fourth place team finish with a score of 93.

Junior Megan McClowry paced the Belles effort with a 12th place finish with a time of 20:37.

Freshman Adrienne Rodriguez (15th place, 21:05), sophomore Catie Salyer (17th, 21:10), freshman Joanne Almond (20th, 21:19) and senior captain Caitlin Brodmerkel (30th, 21:37) rounded out the scoring for Saint Mary's.

"Everyone is stepping up," Belles coach Jackie Bauters

said. "We have a great group that is working hard to push each other beyond their comfort zone. I don't know that any one is taking charge, rather the team is realizing their roles and their potential."

Freshman Hanna Vicary (32nd, 21:44), sophomore Clare McVey (39th, 22:04), senior Becca Mason (43rd, 22:09), senior Alicen Miller (52nd, 22:30) and senior Caitlin Stevenson (60th, 22:53) all finished in the top-60 and broke the 23-minute mark.

"So far I believe [the girls] are handling the balance of being a student-athlete well," Bauters said. "I believe the team and myself really try to create a supportive, positive environment for everyone to succeed in. While the first

week was a little bit of a jolt back to reality, they have all continued to be 100 percent on their game at practice and from everything I hear, also in the classroom."

Illinois-Wesleyan won the meet in dominant fashion, with each of its five scorers finishing in the top-11 for a team score of 36. Monmouth College (87 points) and Lewis University (90) also finished ahead of Saint Mary's.

Lewis's Kathryn Hague took home the individual title with a time of 19:07, and Monmouth's Mary Kate Beyer finished second in 19:22.

The Belles will head to Grand Rapids, Mich., on Sept. 20 to run in the Calvin Invitational.

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MLB

Bannister gets first win in three months

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Brian Bannister finally got a win as his Kansas City teammates kept piling up hits and runs.

Bannister won for the first time in nearly three months and Ryan Shealy homered twice and drove in five runs as the Royals totaled 17 hits to defeat the Cleveland Indians 13-3 Sunday.

Bannister (8-15) gave up four hits and three runs in the first inning, then settled down and won for the first time in 14 starts to snap his nine-game losing streak. He had not won since beating Colorado in an interleague game June 23. His last win over an AL club was June 1, a 6-1 triumph in Cleveland.

"Over the last couple of months, it seems like my confidence has been tested every time out," Bannister said. "I felt that today in the first inning, but it was nice that the offense exploded and took some of the pressure off my shoulders."

The right-hander improved to 3-1 with a 1.91 ERA in five career starts against the Indians after allowing three runs and six hits over six innings. He had been pounded for 10 hits and seven runs over 3 2-3 innings by Minnesota in his previous start Tuesday and had a 7.79 ERA during his losing streak.

"It will be much more fun going into my next start with this under my belt," Bannister said. "The offense stuck it to them and didn't shut it down. It was fun to watch."

Shealy had his second career multihomer game, giving him four homers and nine RBIs since being recalled from Triple-A Omaha on Tuesday. The five RBIs tied a career high.

"I'm getting pitches to hit and even the balls I'm not hitting hard are finding holes," Shealy said. "I'm going to try to ride this out."

Jose Guillen drove in three runs while David DeJesus and Alberto Callaspo had two RBIs apiece as Kansas City hit .366 (59-for-161) in the four-game series, winning the final three.

"Hopefully, it's one of those things that we can keep going," Royals manager Trey Hillman said.

DeJesus put Kansas City ahead 5-3 with a two-out, two-run single off Edward Mujica (2-2) in the fourth. Guillen followed with a two-run double off Juan Rincon.

Grady Sizemore doubled off Bannister to lead off Cleveland's first inning. Jhonny Peralta and Ryan Garko had RBI singles around a sacrifice fly by Victor Martinez for a 3-0 lead.

The Royals tied it at 3 in the third off Indians starter Jeremy Sowers. Shealy hit a solo homer in the second. In the third, Callaspo had an RBI double and scored on Shealy's two-out bloop single to right.

Sowers retired the side on eight pitches in the first, then needed 67 pitches to get through the next two innings.

"When you throw that many pitches in a couple innings, I didn't see it getting any better," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "It's a little far-fetched to think he's going to go out and find it."

Sowers gave up three runs and five hits over three innings, his shortest outing in 14 starts since June 30, a three-inning stint in a loss to the Chicago White Sox.

"I wasn't terrible, but I was leaving the ball up," Sowers said. "I think some of it could be a testament to their hitters. They were seeing the ball good the whole series and you run into teams like that sometimes."

The left-hander was coming off his best performance of the season when he yielded only four hits and one run over eight innings in a win Tuesday night in Baltimore.

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NFL

Brady-less Patriots beat Favre's Jets



Patriots quarterback Matt Cassel audibles at the line during New England's 19-10 win over the Jets Sunday.

Associated Press

ST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Life without Tom Brady might not be so bad for New England after all.

Matt Cassel was efficient running the offense in his first NFL start, taking over for the injured quarterback and leading the Patriots over Brett Favre and the New York Jets 19-10 on Sunday.

"I thought Matt did a good job," coach Bill Belichick said. "It wasn't perfect. We had some rough spots. He did a good job of making good decisions. He didn't put us in any bad situations and made some good positive plays. I thought he managed the game well."

Cassel, who hadn't started at any level since his senior year of high school, was 16-of-23 for 165 yards, Sammy Morris ran for a touchdown and Stephen Gostkowski kicked four field goals.

"At the end of the day, you've got to have more points than the other team and that's what we did, so I'm satisfied," Cassel said. "I didn't have too many butterflies going out. I've been in the system for four years, so I'm confident I know I can run it."

The Jets, slight favorites going in, and Patriots receiver Randy Moss said New England was still the team to beat even without Brady, who was lost for the season last Sunday when he injured his left knee against Kansas City.

The Patriots (2-0) then showed why, ruining the Jets' home opener and Favre's first regular-season home start for New York.

"We knew we had to play our best football to win," Favre said, "and we weren't able to do that."

New England won its 21st straight regular-season game, and beat the Jets for the eighth straight time at the Meadowlands.

"To come in here, to this hostile environment, and win when everyone picked you to lose, is great," safety Rodney Harrison said. "With all the stuff we had to go through and endure last week with Tom, this is a great victory."

Favre went 18-of-26 for 181 yards and a TD for the Jets (1-1), but the Patriots took advantage of a big mistake by the veteran.

With the Jets facing a third-and-22 from their 11, Favre ran out of the pocket to his left and flung a pass to Chansi Stuckey for 28 yards. Three plays later, though, Favre made a poor decision, hanging a pass intended for Chris Baker that was easily

picked off by Brandon Meriweather. It was Favre's first interception with the Jets.

"I just underthrew it," Favre said. "I saw the guy and maybe I got a little greedy. ... I made a bad throw. I'd like to tell you something different."

On third-and-9 from the 30, Cassel threw a screen to Kevin Faulk, who got a few blocks and got down to the 8. Three plays later, Morris leaped over the pile for a 1-yard touchdown to make it 13-3.

"A lot of it is comfort level," said Cassel, who backed up Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at Southern California. "I don't have as much experience as Tom, of course, but I think I was OK managing the game."

Gostkowski added a 28-yard field goal with 17 seconds left in the third quarter.

Favre led the Jets back into it, connecting with Stuckey for a 2-yard touchdown with 10:18 left, but Gostkowski kicked a 27-yard field goal to make it 19-10 as the Patriots ticked 5 minutes off the clock.

"We cut it to six and it was a chance for us to give them the ball back right away and give them a chance to go score, but we couldn't get it done," safety Kerry Rhodes said. "In those situations, you've got to make those kinds of plays."

The Jets went three-and-out on their next possession, and the Patriots ran out the clock to seal it.

"They kept it simple," Rhodes said. "They didn't want (Cassel) to lose the game, so they did a lot of screens and safe passes. They tried to keep it safe for him."

The Jets had their opening 11-play drive end with Jay Feely, filling in for the injured Mike Nugent, missing a 31-yard attempt. Cassel then led the Patriots on a 12-play drive, capped by Gostkowski's 21-yard field goal.

Gostkowski's 37-yarder gave the Patriots a 6-0 lead.

The Jets wasted an impressive drive that featured a vintage play by Favre. The veteran quarterback scrambled on third-and-9 from their 21, stepped up and threw across his body, finding Coles down the right sideline for 54 yards. A zigzagging 11-yard run by Leon Washington got the ball to the 3, but the Jets gave the ball to Jones three times for 1, 1 and minus-2 yards. They had to settle for a 21-yard field goal by Feely.

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16 before finding their footing and claiming the third set 25-19. Notre Dame appeared to have some momentum, pushing the fourth set to an 18-18 tie. The Mustangs rallied, though, and ended any hope of an Irish comeback, taking the fourth set 25-21 to earn a 3-1 win.

"I thought we started tentatively and then played pretty well at the end of the match," Brown said. "But, again, I just think the tentativeness definitely cost us in that match."

Senior middle blocker Justine Stremick made her season debut against Cal Poly after missing the first six matches recovering from offseason surgery. Stremick posted eight blocks and three kills in only three sets for the Irish.

"It was great to have Justine back," Brown said. "Even though she's not 100 percent, she has been cleared by the doctor, and I think she gave us a huge lift coming off the

bench."

Going up against Cal (6-1), the Irish played perhaps their best match of the season, pushing the No. 4 team in the country to five sets. In a match that saw 28 ties and 15 lead changes, Stremick and sophomore Kellie Sciacca paced the Irish with four blocks apiece. Sciacca also led the Irish with 14 kills in the match.

In the fifth and decisive set, the Golden Bears jumped out to a 7-1 lead. The Irish rallied, though, to tie the set 10-10. The teams traded points and a Beth Wildermuth ace made the score 14-14. Notre Dame couldn't finish the job, though, and Cal earned the final two points to close out the set and the match.

"It was disappointing to come up short and not get that win because we did play them very well," Brown said. "There were far more positives to that match than negatives, but certainly we were disappointed we didn't come up with the win."

In the final matchup of the tournament, against Minnesota (8-1), the Irish never seemed to

get in a rhythm, falling in three sets, 25-19, 25-14, 25-21. Notre Dame almost recovered in the final set, pushing the match to a 20-20 stalemate, but the Golden Gophers rallied to claim the match.

"As a team we all struggled," Brown said. "Especially today, with blocking, only having one block in the entire match."

Despite the three losses, Sciacca was named to the all-tournament team. Against Minnesota, the sophomore tallied a team-high nine kills and a .350 hitting percentage. On the season, Sciacca is second on the team with 80 kills. She also leads the team with a .273 hitting percentage on the year.

"I think she did well," Brown said. "She is a very, very strong offensive player for us and we do rely on her to carry a lot of the offensive load."

The Irish return home next weekend to host the Golden Dome Invitational with Liberty, UC Irvine and Western Michigan.

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Mustangs

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star here, there's no question about it," Waldrum said. "But she hasn't even found her place here completely yet."

Notre Dame dominated every aspect of the contest, taking 14 corner kicks to SMU's one and not allowing a shot for the entire first half. The first shot for the Texans was a harmless effort that was saved by Irish goalie Kelsey Lysander when the result of the game was no longer in doubt.

"We've really been trying to

minimize the shot total and scoring chances of our opponents ..." Waldrum said. "Tonight I was really pleased with our ability to do that. We didn't give them any opportunities until we made some [substitutions]."

Waldrum praised junior Haley Ford and sophomore Stephanie Sohn as defenders who played a big part in the shutout.

Junior midfielder Courtney Rosen opened the scoring 19:59 into the contest when she sent a rebound into the back of the net with her left foot. Freshman Molly Campbell, who did not even start for the loaded Irish,


notched her first career goal to give Notre Dame a two-goal lead at the end of the first half.

Henderson's first goal followed a cross from Hanks, who raised her arms in celebration after reaching the 60-60 milestone.

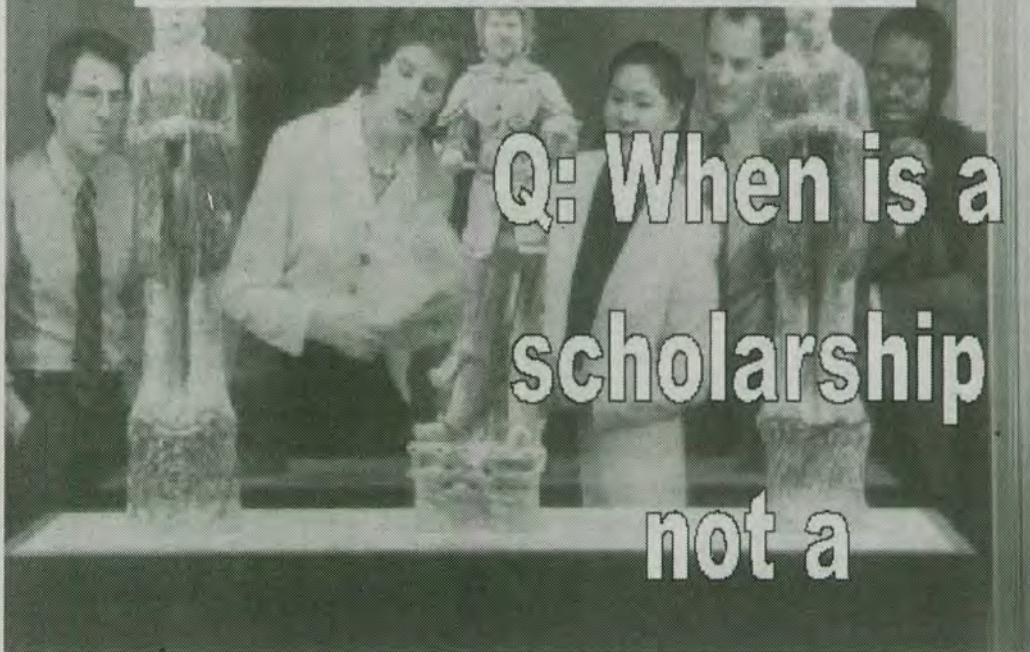
Junior midfielder Amanda Clark put an exclamation point on the Irish win with a chip into the right corner of the net from 45 yards away.

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NFL

49ers upset Seahawks with late field goal

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Times appear to be changing in the NFC West.

Joe Nedney shook off a missed field goal as time expired in regulation and kicked a 40-yarder 4:40 into overtime Sunday, sending the San Francisco 49ers past the Seattle Seahawks 33-30.

The loss left the four-time defending division champions 0-2 for the first time since 2002.

San Francisco (1-1) overcame eight sacks of J.T. O'Sullivan to beat the Seahawks for just the third time in 11 games, in the first overtime game of the 19-game series between the two teams.

O'Sullivan was 20-for-31 for 321 yards and one touchdown in the second start of his six-year career. Seattle's Patrick Kerney and rookie top pick Lawrence Jackson sacked him two times each, but the journeyman passer kept coming back.

The 49ers got the ball to start overtime. On third-and-7 from the San Francisco 23, O'Sullivan found Isaac Bruce over the much shorter Josh Wilson for 33 yards. Bruce caught four passes for 153 yards, his most since 2004, one week after O'Sullivan never even threw his way in a loss to Arizona.

O'Sullivan then threw a quick jump pass for 5 yards to Arnaz Battle on third-and-3. That set up Nedney for redemption.

San Francisco nearly won it when O'Sullivan frantically escaped a ninth sack and found Frank Gore for an improvised 17-yard completion. They set up Nedney for a 41-yard kick, but he missed wide right by a few feet, forcing overtime.

The Seahawks turned over the

ball three times, two on deflected interceptions of Matt Hasselbeck. Patrick Willis returned one of those 86 yards for a touchdown. Hasselbeck, missing his top six receivers after two more injuries Sunday, was 18-for-36 for 189 yards — the second consecutive substandard game for the three-time Pro Bowler.

After Olindo Mare kicked his third field goal, from 32 yards, to put Seattle ahead 30-27 with 7:41 left, O'Sullivan drove the Niners deep into Seahawks territory. San Francisco settled for a 28-yard field goal by Nedney that tied it with 2:42 left.

Julius Jones, whom the Seahawks turned to largely out of necessity when they sustained more injuries at wide receiver, started his first game for them with Maurice Morris hurt. He led a 15-play drive that ended with T.J. Duckett's first touchdown with Seattle, from 1 yard to tie it at 27.

Jones had 127 yards on 16 carries, his biggest rushing day since Dec. 24, 2005, for Dallas at Carolina. It was first 100-yard rushing day since Dec. 10, 2006, for the Cowboys against New Orleans.

The 49ers rallied from a 17-6 hole late in the first half to take a 27-20 lead in the third quarter.

They tied it when Hasselbeck's pass to Billy McMullen, signed Wednesday and playing his first game since 2006, banged off him and cornerback Walt Harris near the 5. The deflection floated to Willis at the 14, and the 2007 Defensive Rookie of the Year weaved 86 yards with his first career interception and touchdown.

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NFL

Gutsy call helps Broncos shock SD

Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos were on such a lucky streak, why not roll the dice?

Showing ultimate confidence in his offense and maybe an equal dollop of distrust in his defense, Mike Shanahan went for the 2-point conversion with 29 seconds left and Jay Cutler hit rookie Eddie Royal over the middle to give the Denver Broncos a 39-38 win over San Diego on Sunday.

"Sometimes you have to go with your gut," Shanahan said. "I just felt like it was a chance for us to put them away. I didn't want to count on the coin flip. I wanted to do it then, and obviously it worked out."

It was the third successful 2-point attempt from a team going for the win instead of a tie in the waning seconds of a game since the 2-point conversion was added in 1994, and the first since Tampa Bay beat Washington 36-35 on Mike Allstott's run on Nov. 13, 2005.

The Chargers (0-2) were both stunned and steamed at their second straight loss in the waning seconds.

The Broncos (2-0) had the ball because an errant whistle had erased Cutler's lost fumble two plays earlier.

Trailing 38-31, the Broncos reached the 1 but on second-and-

goal, Cutler reared back to throw and the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into linebacker Tim Dobbins' arms.

"Fumble, I think," acknowledged Cutler, who blamed the slick, new ball.

Referee Ed Hochuli blew his whistle when the ball came out, ruling it an incomplete pass. A review showed that it should have been ruled a fumble. Instant replay rules, however, don't allow the opponent to gain possession in such situations.

"All we can do to fix it is put the ball at the spot that it hit the ground, which is why we moved it back to the 10-yard line and the down counts and it becomes third down," Hochuli said afterward.

That explanation wasn't good enough for Chargers coach Norv Turner.

"On the last play, it was clearly a fumble," Turner fumed. "Ed came over, the official, and said he blew it. And that's not acceptable to me. This is a high-level performance game and that's not acceptable to have a game decided on that play."

The call the Broncos wanted to talk about wasn't the referee's but their coach's.

"You don't play this game to tie," fullback Michael Pittman said. "You play this game to win."



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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Into the history books

Senior forward Kerri Hanks earns 60th career assist to become sixth player ever with 60 goals, 60 assists

By **FRAN TOLAN**
Associate Sports Editor

Freshman forward Melissa Henderson scored twice in No. 2 Notre Dame's 5-0 home win over SMU Friday, but it was senior Kerri Hanks' night.

Hanks notched her 60th career assist when her cross into the box found Henderson, who put it home in the 54th minute to make Hanks just the sixth player in NCAA history to have 60 goals and 60 assists in a career.

"We're so proud of everything Kerri has been able to accomplish in her career and what she's meant to our program," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said to und.com. "Her initials are all over the school and NCAA record books, and we were absolutely ecstatic that she was able to hit this milestone in front of our home fans."

Hanks joins two Irish players — Jenny Streiffer (70 goals, 71 assists from 1996-99) and Cindy Daws (61 goals, 67 assists from 1993-96) — in the

exclusive 60-60 club.

"It was good that [Hanks] got the assist and got it off her back," Waldrum said. "I'm sure now she'll be aiming for 70-70 ... It also says a lot that the assist that put Kerri over the top went to Melissa Henderson, who has a really bright future in her own right."

Henderson's second goal may not have been as historic as her first, but it wasn't any less impressive. Just six minutes after her first tally, Henderson sent a rocket off the crossbar and into the goal to seal a game that highlighted the depth on the Irish roster.

"The two goals didn't have anything to do with me," a humble Henderson said. "Both times my teammates made great plays and I was just in the right place at the right time."

Waldrum, however, didn't hesitate to praise one of his program's rising stars.

"She had a great night tonight and she's going to be a

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks dribbles toward the net with two SMU defenders in pursuit during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over the Mustangs Friday.

SMC SOCCER

Previously winless Belles run table to win tournament

By **MIKE GOTIMER**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's entered this weekend's Sal Vaccaro Tournament at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., without a win.

The Belles (1-3-1) left as tournament champions after a 2-0 victory over Mount Mercy College Saturday and a 1-1 (4-3) shootout thriller over host North

Central Sunday to take home the title.

The Belles got on the board first Saturday when senior co-captain Lauren Hinton found the back of the net in the 24th minute. Freshman Julie Hamilton increased the Saint Mary's lead to 2-0 goal 10 minutes into the second half.

Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy played the entire game, and her two saves helped earn Saint Mary's its first win of the sea-

son. The win was the coach Ryan Crabbe's first win as the Belles coach.

And the win put Saint Mary's in the title game of the tournament for the second consecutive year.

The Belles scored first in the rainy game against the host Cardinals on a free kick as junior co-captain Bridget Ronayne scored her first goal of the season. Saint Mary's took a 1-0 lead into halftime, but North

Central tied the game 1-1 on a free kick of their own in the 65th minute.

For a moment, it appeared as if the Belles would take a 2-1 lead in the second half, but what would have been the game-winning goal was disallowed.

The 1-1 tie forced overtime, and neither team got a shot off in the first overtime. In the second overtime and the shootout, Duffy took over and recorded

three of her seven saves in the two periods.

With a 4-3 lead, Duffy made a save on North Central's final shot of the shootout that clinched the Belles' second consecutive tournament title.

The Belles return to the field for their home opener on Wednesday against Hope College in a non-conference

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ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

ND loses to 3 top-25 teams

By **SAM WERNER**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went toe-to-toe with three top-25 teams in as many days at the Diet Coke Classic in Minneapolis, but the Irish (3-6) came up short against No. 16 Cal Poly, No. 4 Cal and No. 11 Minnesota.

"We do believe that we can play with anybody in the country," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "The problem we're facing right now is that we're just entirely too inconsistent and a little too error-prone."

Against Cal Poly (5-2), the Irish started off sluggishly, dropping the first two sets 25-20, 25-



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Junior Megan Fesi, left, and sophomore Kellie Sciacca go for the block during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Nevada Aug. 30.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish tied for eighth after one round in S.C.

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame opened its season with a 9-over-par team score of 297, good for an eighth place tie after one round at the Cougar Classic in Hanahan, S.C., at the Yeamans Hall Golf Club.

Senior Lisa Maunu and freshman Becca Huffer led the Irish by each carding a one-over 73, placing them in a tie for 16th place as individuals.

Georgia's Mallory Hetzel and Virginia's Whitney Neuhauser each shot four-under 68s to take the first-round lead. Georgia and Virginia top the team leaderboards as well after even-par 189's.

Junior Annie Brophy, along with Maunu and Huffer, scored three birdies on the day, placing her in 39th-place with a three-over 75.

Junior Kristin Wetzel shot a four-over 76, good for 53rd, and sophomore So-Hyun Park's eight-over 80 placed her in 87th to round out Notre Dame's round-one competitors.

The event's 22-team field includes five top-25 teams. Four other teams, including the Irish, received votes in the Golf World/NGCA preseason Coaches' Poll.

The second round begins today at 7:40 a.m., and the third and final round will begin Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.