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H1N1 flu vaccines arrive at University

Observer Staff Report

The University has received a limited supply of the newly-developed H1N1 vaccine and will distribute the vaccine Friday to people determined to be at the highest risk, Director of Internal Communications Gail Mancini said.

Mancini said University Health Services has about 500 doses of the vaccine for students, faculty and staff, which will be first given to pregnant women, people under the age of 25 who have chronic health problems as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Some of the health problems outlined include cancer, asthma and diabetes.

The vaccine will be distributed Friday in Stepan Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As more of the vaccine becomes available, Health Services will expand the groups eligible to receive the vaccine.

The Observer reported Wednesday that there have been 659 presumed cases of the H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as swine flu, at Notre Dame since August.

More information can be found at the University Health Services Web site.

Bengal Bouts film highlights Missions

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

This weekend's premiere of "Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut" will reveal not only a few months' work of a dedicated few, but also nearly 80 years' work of a passionate many.

The 75-minute film, to be shown on tonight at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, tells the story of the boxing club Bengal Bouts and its relationship with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Mark Weber, a 2009 graduate, former boxing club president and captain and producer of the film, hopes the it will not only educate, but also remind audiences of the significant connection between the club and the developing country.

"Our goal is to transform the connection [with Bangladesh] from sending them an annual check to an actual relationship," Weber said. "It went from an abstract mission to something we could see and touch. This

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Photo courtesy of Mark Weber
Mark Weber, producer of "Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut," poses with Bengali children during a trip to Bangladesh in May 2008.

Cab companies: Over-charging is illegal

Most trips with two or more people within a three-mile radius of campus are three dollars



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer
Cabs wait to pick up students at Main Circle. Cab companies say price gouging is illegal.

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Students may be powerless to stop the pain of rising tuition costs or the falling temperatures, but they can do something to prevent cab drivers from illegally increasing their fares on the weekends, according to Modern Cab Company manager Jean Ntakirutimana.

"I've heard students tell me that the driver has charged them five dollars to go from Main Circle to downtown," said Kerry Clear, president of Blue

Ribbon Taxi. "That is kind of silly."

If students think they have been charged more than the company's rate — which is considered price gouging and made illegal by city ordinances — they can report the cab driver to his or her company, Ntakirutimana said.

"If it happens, it may be with drivers who may seem to be greedy. [Students] can look outside of the car and look up the cab number and report the driver immediately to the cab company, so we can take care of the sit-

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Getting the 'ring by spring'

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

While some students might be debating who to take to their SYR, others are thinking of their relationships in terms of lifelong commitment.

Several undergraduates have recently taken the plunge and gotten engaged. Many of these students are learning how to balance being a student and engaged while others are still adjusting to the idea of being someone's fiancé.

Seniors Elysia Kramer and Andrew Crecelius got engaged

last month on campus.

"I live in Zahm and she lives in Cavanaugh," Crecelius said. "I proposed to her in between the two dorms because I figured it was a place that we could come back to later in our lives."

Notre Dame senior Colleen Minta and her fiancé Holy Cross College senior Patrick Mac Carthaigh also were engaged at the end of October. Mac Carthaigh, who proposed by Saint Mary's Lake, said proposing at Notre Dame was important.

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Library petition to be submitted

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

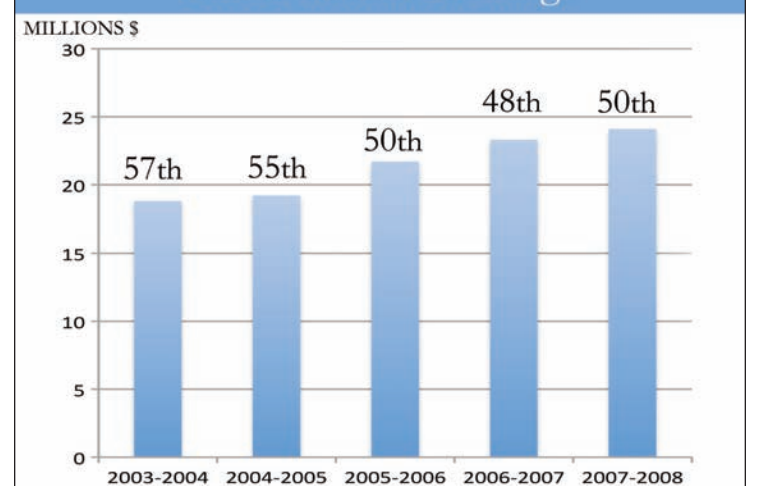
The petition for library reform that garnered more than 1,200 student signatures is expected to be ready for submission by next week, said graduate student David Morris, who began the petition.

The petition called for an increase in both the number of collections and in professional staff, as well as the renovation of the entire building, Morris said.

The petition will be submitted to University President Fr. John Jenkins and other prominent leaders of the University when

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Notre Dame Library Expenditures And National Rankings



JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

INSIDE COLUMN

Bored with the lakes

Notre Dame is full of runners — a fact made even more apparent as the November weather has not deterred the joggers from running outside in Nike running tights and Under Armor.

But during a recent conversation, a friend who runs almost every day said she does not feel safe running off campus. This surprised me because campus is not large, and I am curious about how many runners at Notre Dame feel the same way as my friend.

As much I as love the two-mile, figure eight run around the two lakes, the repetitiveness is dizzying after awhile, and this short route gets boring quickly during a long run. My other usual running routes on campus have become routine as well.

So I generally do the bulk of my runs off campus because it offers a greater variety of routes, instead of running past Carroll Hall, Moreau Seminary and the beach on St. Joe Lake over and over again.

And I always feel safe doing this. Of course, I would never venture off-campus on a run by myself after dark, and I would recommend looking at a map if the neighborhoods around campus are unfamiliar.

But aside from the occasional, terrifyingly-large dog in someone's yard, I never feel uneasy running through the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

In fact, I have come to prefer running off-campus. I run past some beautiful houses and through some beautiful neighborhoods. Getting away from campus, even if just for a five-mile run, is refreshing.

My current favorite route — and I encourage any runners out there to try it — is about 4.5 to five miles, depending on the starting point on campus.

I head from Breen Phillips Hall to Main Circle and continue south down Notre Dame Ave. from there. I run about two miles on Notre Dame Ave., through the Northeast Neighborhood and near downtown South Bend.

When I hit Wayne St., I head west toward Howard Park, and then pick up the East Race trail at Howard Park. I then take the East Race path north back to Notre Dame.

The trail ends near St. Joseph High School, right by the University.

For any runner bored with the lake paths, I highly recommend using the East Race trail along the St. Joseph River. Pick up the trail on Angela Blvd. and go south into downtown South Bend and then turn around and run back.

Or run downtown and pick it up the path near Niles Ave. and Colfax Ave. to go north back to campus.

Maybe I am completely off-base in assuming most Notre Dame runners stick to campus routes, but if I am not, try running off campus (safely of course).

Add some variety to a daily jog and learn your way around South Bend neighborhoods at the same time.

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Madeline Buckley

News Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE WEEKEND HANGOUT?



Alex Riney

*junior
Alumni*

"Off campus at a friend's house."



Chris Wynkoop

*junior
Fisher*

"Chem lab."



Katie Mayka

*sophomore
Breen-Phillips*

"Legends!"



Gail Cech

*senior
Walsh*

"The football games."



Joe O'Brien

*senior
Fisher*

"Since my weekend starts Thursday, The Feve."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Students enjoy the clear weather and play a game of pick-up football on the quad Thursday.

IN BRIEF

The men's basketball team will play Quincy tomorrow in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavillion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available by calling 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will host its Alumni Reunion Concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. with several hundred of its alumni at the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The film "Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut" will be shown tomorrow at the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The film examines the Bengal Bouts boxing club and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh. Tickets are \$3 for students and are available at performingarts.nd.edu.

A science lecture series entitled, "The Physics of Angels and Demons: Notre Dame at the Large Hadron Collider," will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. The lecture, given by Mike Hildreth, Associate Professor of Physics, will take place in the Jordan Hall of Science, room 101.

The Notre Dame Folk Choir will perform at 9 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the 16th Annual Concert for the Missions to benefit the missionary work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

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

OFFBEAT

SUV nearly slams into elephant on highway

OKLAHOMA CITY — It's not unusual to see a deer or a cow crossing Oklahoma's rural highways. But an elephant? A couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had escaped from a nearby circus late Wednesday.

"Didn't have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road," driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. "At the very last second I said 'elephant!'"

Carpenter, 68, said he swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up side-

swiping the 29-year-old female elephant on U.S. 81 in Enid, about 80 miles north of Oklahoma City.

Man fined for 911 call over McDonald's order

ALOHA, Ore. — A 20-year-old man who called 911 to get his fast-food order straightened out has been told to pay a \$300 fine. Washington County, Ore., sheriff's deputies said Raibin Raof Osman called the emergency line to complain that a McDonald's in Aloha had left out a box of orange juice from his drive-through order. A restaurant employee later

called 911 to report that Osman and others who were with him were blocking the lane, knocking on restaurant windows and intimidating employees.

Deputies tried to explain to Osman that refereeing such disputes is not what they do. They said he insisted he had the legal right to call police. He was taken to jail.

The Oregonian said Osman pleaded guilty recently to improper use of 911 and has been ordered to pay the fine.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 46	HIGH 50 LOW 44	HIGH 61 LOW 48	HIGH 62 LOW 47	HIGH 59 LOW 49	HIGH 53 LOW 37

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CORRECTIONS

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Badin Hall displays student art in annual show

Signature event will run through Nov. 19; prizes for best art awarded for first, second and third place

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Badin Hall's annual signature event offers something unique, Academic Commissioner Melissa Guinan said.

The Badin Art Show, which showcases the work of student and local artists, opened Thursday.

"It's a different type of signature event, and it appeals to a different kind of audience," Guinan said. "You get people who wouldn't come to other events, like dances."

Guinan said the event, organized by Badin's Academic Commission members, has always been a big success.

"It's our fall signature event," Guinan said. "It's been going on for at least the past four or five years."

While most of Badin attended the opening, most of the participants in the art show aren't from Badin, Guinan said.

"Only six girls out of the 30 or more participants are from Badin," Guinan said.

The participants are from all over campus, and include several art students from Saint Mary's College and some local residents, Guinan said. The number of participants also rose this year.

"We have art students and non-art students," Guinan said. "We have lots of different mediums and styles."

These include some first-time

mediums and unique works, including music recordings and a choreographed dance, Guinan said.

Meg Keegan, a junior, said she decided to participate after noticing the call for entries on her dorm's Stall Notes.

"I'm an Environmental Sciences major," Keegan said. "I like art on the side. [The Badin Art Show] is a great way to get to know other artists. I didn't know this kind of stuff happened."

Sophomores Zach Stackhouse and Jamie Baffa entered a collaborative painting into the contest.

"We took up the opportunity when it became available," Stackhouse said.

"This is the first time we've participated in this sort of event on campus," Baffa said. "We needed an artistic outlet, even though we're bad at art."

"It's one of my favorite parts about Notre Dame — the presence of art on campus," Stackhouse said.

Erin Hallagan, a sophomore and member of Badin's Academic Commission, said she is looking forward to seeing all the artwork.

"[The Academic Commission] gets to hang all the artwork and position the lighting," Hallagan said. "That's my favorite part. I like being able to look at the art in a private setting and getting to see what looks good where."

Hallagan also said she enjoys



MEGAN SMITH/The Observer

Junior Claire Brosnihan contemplates works of art displayed at the Badin art show. The show will run through Nov. 19 in Badin Hall's social space.

seeing the descriptions under the artists' names.

"I like seeing why the artist chose to do it," she said.

Prizes were awarded for first, second and third places. Saint Mary's junior Eileen Laskowski won first place with a drawing titled "Nervous Habits."

"It was a pleasant surprise," Laskowski, an art major, said. "This year I started to get serious [about art competitions].

This is the first step. I'm seeing how my work compares to others my age."

Laskowski participated in last year's Badin Art Show.

"Last year I took a course here at Notre Dame," Laskowski said. "The drawing professor mentioned it. This year, I knew one of the coordinators. I just finished this piece. I decided to put it in."

Second place went to fifth year senior Matthew Degnan for his

digital photograph, "The Forgotten." Third place went to freshman Audrey Hayes for her oil painting, "Girl With an iPod." Also third place was sophomore Waylon Chen for his wire sculpture "Widemouth Bass."

The show, which will run through Nov. 19 in Badin's social space, is free to attend.

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SMC Right to Life Club launches campaign

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The five life-sized silhouettes of pregnant women around Saint Mary's campus are not part of a display sponsored by the art department; they are part of a month-long campaign by the College's Right to Life Club to advocate support on campus for pregnant women.

The Right to Life Club made the cardboard cutouts after getting the idea from the Students for Life of America Web site. The cutouts are meant to be a visual reminder for students on campus to ask the question 'Are we supporting them enough?' Anne Maguire, the club's vice president, said.

Another concrete sign of support for their peers who are currently or may become pregnant is a list of students' names that pledged their support to their fellow students.

"Think if you were a pregnant student walking around campus," said Maguire. "If students feel that they are welcome on campus among their peers, it can make all the difference."

The club's goal for the month is to spread the knowledge that support is needed for pregnant women on campus.

Maguire said she believes this topic is especially pertinent to Saint Mary's as it is an all-women's college.

"Being Pro-life is a women's issue, since abortion hurts women so much,"

she said. "Not that the baby isn't important — it is. But the women are sometimes forgotten."

The message of support for pregnant women is geared toward students, although the College does not have specific outreach programs to students who are or have been pregnant, Maguire said.

"There is nothing advertised on campus for anywhere a pregnant woman can go for advice and support," Maguire said. "But there has to be a need for it. We are all Belles, and we support one another. That's what Saint Mary's is about. We have to feel the need to help the women on campus. It just makes sense."

"Letting them know where they can go for help in the community or having places on campus is important," Maguire said. "We need to think about providing support on campus through like the health center."

The goal is to have someone in academic affairs, in the health center, and in the counseling center that can offer these students the support they need, Maguire said.

A table of information for local and national programs that do offer support to women who are currently or have been pregnant will be set up each Thursday during November in the Student Center. The list of names showing students' support for pregnant women will also be at the table for those students who wish to sign it.



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

This display is part of the Saint Mary's College Right to Life Club's campaign for support for pregnant women. The signs will be displayed around campus throughout the month.

Not all of the feedback has been positive.

"We have had both positive and negative responses," Maguire said. "But both are good. As long as people notice, and they think about it and it challenges them, we know it's been a success."

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Alumna elected to Penn. Supreme Court

Special to The Observer

Superior Court Judge Joan Orié Melvin of Pittsburgh, a 1978 University of Notre Dame alumna, was elected Nov. 3 (Tuesday) to a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Melvin, a Republican, defeated her superior court colleague, Democrat Jack

Panella, with 53 percent of the vote.

A native of Pittsburgh, Melvin majored in economics at Notre Dame, where she lived in Lyons Hall, and earned a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1981.

A judge for more than 24 years, Orié Melvin first served in the Pittsburgh

Municipal Courts, where she created the first domestic violence court in Pennsylvania. She was appointed to the Allegheny County bench in 1990 and seven years later became the first female Republican elected to the state Superior Court, where she has heard more than 8,000 cases.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nicaragua hit by Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida ripped into Nicaragua's Atlantic coast Thursday, destroying homes, damaging schools and downing bridges before losing steam and becoming a tropical storm.

Ida, clocking 75 mph (125 kph) winds, struck land around sunrise in Tasbapauni, about 60 miles northeast of Bluefields, said meteorologist Dennis Felten of the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

About 80 percent of homes were destroyed in nearby Karawala, a fishing village of about 100 flimsy, wooden shacks near the mouth of the Rio Grande de Matagalpa, Nicaragua's National Civil Defense director, Mario Perez, said.

U.N. advises Gaza investigation

The U.N. General Assembly urged Israel and the Palestinians Thursday to investigate alleged war crimes during last winter's conflict in Gaza and raised the possibility of Security Council action if they don't.

The 192-member world body approved an Arab-drafted resolution by a vote of 114-18, with 44 abstentions and 16 countries not voting.

Supporters insisted there must be accountability — especially from Israel — for the alleged violations of international law during the Gaza conflict in which 13 Israelis and almost 1,400 Palestinians were killed, including many civilians.

NATIONAL NEWS

Calif. market for medical marijuana

The medical marijuana dispensary in this California wine country town is in a former auto dealership, and has more registered patients than the town has residents. Los Angeles has more pot shops than Starbucks and almost as many as public schools.

The surge in medical marijuana in California has left many communities scrambling to regulate the free-for-all, while others are trying to ban the drug altogether. The issue took on greater urgency after the Obama administration announced looser federal marijuana guidelines last month.

Some local governments are looking to take an approach similar to Sebastopol, where officials welcome the business as a strong source of tax revenue during the recession.

Democrats advance climate bill

Senate Democrats sidestepped a Republican boycott Thursday, pushing a U.S. climate bill out of committee in an early step on a long and contentious road to passage.

At least five other committees still must weigh-in on the measure, but the partisan antics early on threatened to cast a pall over the bill — one of President Barack Obama's top priorities. While the measure makes its way to the Senate floor, nations are preparing to meet in Copenhagen, Denmark next month to hammer out a new international treaty to slow climate change.

In June, the House narrowly passed its version of the bill, which must be reconciled with whatever measure the Senate approves.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. swine flu death toll rises

Nine Indiana residents died last week from swine flu, a surge that has nearly doubled the state's swine flu fatalities to 19 since June, state health officials said Thursday.

During a weekly conference call with reporters, officials also said 13.1 percent of the people who sought treatment last week at Indiana doctor's offices had flu-like symptoms. That's the highest percentage seen in the 20 years that the state has been monitoring flu prevalence through a network of doctors.

The previous high of 10.9 percent occurred during the 1998-1999 season, when the flu strain did not match the type of vaccine available then.

Shooter opens fire at Fort Hood

Tragic attack at army base under investigation after gunman kills 12, wounds 30

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A soldier opened fire at a U.S. Army base in Fort Hood, Texas on Thursday, unleashing a stream of gunfire that left 12 people dead and 31 wounded. Authorities killed the gunman, and apprehended two other soldiers suspected in what appears to be the worst mass shooting at a U.S. military base.

The shooting began around 1:30 p.m., Lt. Gen. Bob Cone said at a news conference. He said all the casualties took place at the base's Soldier Readiness Center, where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening.

"It's a terrible tragedy. It's stunning," Cone said.

A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Malik Nadal Hasan. The official said Hasan, believed to be in his late 30s, was killed after opening fire at the base. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

The official says investigators are trying to determine if Hasan was his birth name, or if he changed his name and converted to Islam at some point in his life.

Cone said the soldier used two handguns in the attack. It was not clear if the gunman had stopped to reload.

A graduation ceremony for soldiers who finished college courses while deployed was going on in an auditorium at the Readiness Center at the time of the shooting, said Sgt. Rebekah Lampam, a Fort Hood spokeswoman.

Greg Schanep, U.S. Rep. John Carter's regional director in Texas, was representing Carter at the graduation, said John Stone, a spokesman for Carter, whose district includes the Army post.



Police forces and soldiers block the main entrance of the Army base at Fort Hood, Texas, after Thursday's shooting.

Schanep was at the ceremony when a soldier who had been shot in the back came running toward him and alerted him of the shooting, Stone said. The soldier told Schanep not to go in the direction of the shooter, he said. Stone said he believes Schanep was in the theater.

The base was locked down after the shootings. The wounded were dispersed among hospitals in central Texas, Cone said.

The shootings on the Texas military base stirred memories of other recent mass shootings in the United States, including 13 dead at a New York immigrant center in March, 10 killed during a gunman's rampage across Alabama in March and 32 killed in

the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Around the country, some bases stepped up security precautions, but no others were locked down.

"The bottom line for us is that we are increasing security at our gates because the threat hasn't yet been defined, and we're reminding our Marines to be vigilant in their areas of responsibility," said Capt. Rob Dolan, public affairs officer for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

In Washington, President Barack Obama called the shooting "a horrific outburst of violence." He said it's a tragedy to lose a soldier overseas and even more horrifying when they

come under fire at an Army base on American soil.

"We will make sure that we get answers to every single question about this horrible incident," the commander in chief said. "We are going to stay on this."

Covering 339 square miles, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the United States. Home to about 52,000 troops as of earlier this year, the sprawling base is located halfway between Austin and Waco.

About a mile from Fort Hood's east gate, Cynthia Thomas, director of Under the Hood Cafe, a local coffee shop and nonprofit military support center, has been calling soldiers and friends on the post to make sure they're OK.

KENYA

ICC plans to investigate Kenya violence

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said Thursday that Kenya's postelection violence that killed more than 1,000 people was a crime against humanity and pledged to initiate proceedings that could result in top officials facing trial.

Luis Moreno Ocampo said he told President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga that he will ask the Netherlands-based ICC judges to allow him to formally open an investigation into the violence that followed a contentious presidential election.

The fighting erupted along tribal lines amid accusations by the opposi-

tion that Kibaki's ruling party rigged presidential elections. Odinga was his rival and the violence ended when they agreed to a power-sharing arrangement.

Kenyans whose loved ones were butchered during the spasm of violence that lasted from December 2007 to February 2008 have doubted that those responsible would ever face justice in Kenya, where the courts are seen as weak and susceptible to corruption.

Harun Mwangi Macharia, whose 3-year-old daughter died when the church her family sought shelter in was torched by Kalenjin warriors, was gratified that there might now be tri-

als. "So that it is a lesson for future generations, they should be prosecuted without mercy," Macharia said of the culprits, adding that if they are not prosecuted, violence will be "inevitable" during Kenya's next nationwide vote in 2012. Macharia's wife saved five of their six children from the church inferno and suffered third-degree burns.

More than 600,000 people were displaced, over 40,000 buildings were burnt and more than 3,000 women were raped, many allegedly by the police, in Kenya's worst violence since winning independence from Britain in 1963.

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will give [audiences] a more personal understanding."

Weber also hopes the film will encourage audiences to take action in the global fight on poverty.

"This is a story so unique and inspiring we hope to encourage people to go out and do good in the world," he said. "We hope to empower the people [of Bangladesh] to also be their own agents of change."

William Donaruma, a Notre Dame film professor who also produced the documentary, said he also hopes to give audiences not only a glimpse of what the Missions do but also an appreciation of the country itself.

"We want them [audiences] to have a better understanding of where and what Bangladesh is," Donaruma said. "We want to show that the money [generated from Bengal Bouts] is helping people. This will be an entertaining ride but also informative."

Weber said the Mission works from the bottom up to make Bangladesh a self-sustainable country through both education and the training of Bengali leaders.

"That is the difference between aid and development," he said. "The key word here is empowerment."

He said the missionaries in Bangladesh aim to "work themselves out of the job," and help Bengali leaders help their own country.

Weber, who majored in the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) and Film, said the idea for the film took root during his sophomore year in 2007, when he stayed on campus for fall break. During the week, he said, he met with Holy Cross priests to discuss their missions in Bangladesh.

"We've been doing this [Bengal Bouts] for 80 years," Weber recalled thinking. "No students have been over there. It's time to go."

The project gained momentum that January.

"We formed a team that's passionate and talented," Weber said.

That May, funded by a joint effort of Bengal Bouts alumni and the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a group of five boxers, along with Donaruma and cinematographer John Klein, traveled to Bangladesh for two weeks to witness the progress of the missions and undertake much of the documentation for the film. The five, which included Weber, Pat Ryan, Leo Rubinkowski, Patrick Martin and Tomas Castillo, were the first students in the history of the program to travel to Bangladesh, Weber said.

As representatives of a Catholic university, the group was admittedly wary about their reception into the country, as Bangladesh is predominantly Muslim.

But the group was pleasant-



Photo courtesy of Mark Weber

Former boxing club captain Pat Ryan poses during a 2008 trip to Bangladesh. The film "Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut" premieres tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m.

ly surprised upon arrival.

"We were welcomed with open arms," Weber said.

The group stayed with Holy Cross Missions in the various cities they visited, from the capital city Dhaka to other smaller ones like Jalchatra and Pargacha.

There, he said, they witnessed the fruit of the missions' years of labor — from the many schools to trained Bengali leaders.

"We did research over there to get an idea of what we wanted for the film," Donaruma said.

The group encountered many technical challenges in the impoverished country.

Much of the time, he said, there was no electricity. Weber also said the team struggled to transport the heavy equipment, which had to be removed from the crowded van when crossing bridges.

Once back in the United States, production of the film began as the team began looking through the documentation of the poverty they witnessed.

"The most difficult part about the post-production is finding the story," Weber said.

After the production began, he said, another challenge was picking through the footage and also adding a musical score, which was composed by Gene Ort.

Weber returned to Bangladesh the following year to research his thesis, titled "Education: Life Blood of Sustainable Development."

Weber said the Congregation of the Holy Cross first went to Bangladesh (then the Bengal region of India) in 1853. A main goal was, as it continues

to be today, education. This includes not only opening new schools, Weber said, but also working to fund scholarships for students, initiate meal programs and pay for teacher salaries.

Boxing, Weber said, was begun at Notre Dame in the 1920s by famed football coach Knute Rockne as a spring training regiment for his players. Later in 1931 Rockne teamed with boxing coach Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano to hold a series of bouts and donate the donations to Holy Cross Missions

in Bangladesh. The tournament was soon dubbed Bengal Bouts.

Each year, Donaruma said, Bengal Bouts generates between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

"That goes a long way in a place like Bangladesh," he said.

This year, Donaruma said, marks the \$1 million mark for the boxing club.

The weekend's premiere and its surrounding events were planned and organized largely by boxing alum Ryan as well as Weber's mother,

Karen.

Bengal Bouts alumni, Weber said, will attend a private screening of the film tonight as well as a reception, have a reserved section of the stadium at Saturday's football game against Navy and get recognized on the field at halftime.

"The core principles of Bengal Bouts don't graduate," Weber said. "The passion in alumni can be directed back to the Missions."

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IN BRIEF

Tyson Foods charged in labor suit

A federal court has ruled that Tyson Foods Inc. violated federal labor standards for not paying production line employees for the time it takes them to put on and remove protective and sanitary gear.

The company was ordered to pay \$250,000 in damages, according to the ruling Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. The U.S. Department of Labor, which originally filed the suit seeking \$5.8 million in back wages, made the announcement Thursday.

The jury found the company didn't fairly compensate workers but rejected government claims that Tyson failed to keep accurate records for the time that employees worked.

The U.S. Department of Labor said in a statement it first began investigating the situation at the poultry and beef producer in 2000. The government said the company did not pay some 3,000 production line employees at its plant in Blountsville, Ala., for the work time in question from 2000 to the present.

BofA predicts credit difficulties

Bank of America Corp. on Thursday reiterated that the current credit environment will remain difficult into next year, as unemployment is likely to continue to rise.

Brian Moynihan, head of the bank's consumer and small business banking units, told investors at the BancAnalysts Association of Boston Conference that Bank of America is starting to see some stabilization in the credit card business, but challenges remain.

The Charlotte, N.C.-based bank has about 53 million consumer and small business customers, making it vulnerable to delinquencies and defaults, yet also ready to thrive when the economy recovers.

"This is going to be hard work in the next several quarters in the credit card business," Moynihan said. "It's going to be a substantial number of quarters until we see charge-offs return to levels which we are more comfortable with."

Net charge-offs is the amount of debt it does not expect to be repaid.

Wall Street surges on jobs data

Positive forecast for Cisco boosts Dow Jones industrials; good news propels market

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bright forecast from Cisco Systems and upbeat economic news sent stocks soaring Thursday and propelled the Dow Jones industrials back above 10,000. The rally, coming a day before the government's October employment report, showed that investors are regaining their optimism about an economic recovery.

The Dow bolted up 203 points, or 2 percent, while the Nasdaq composite index, led by Cisco's outlook, rose nearly 2.5 percent. The market's move continued a streak of volatility that began last month, but this latest surge was powered not by a single event, but by a wave of good news:

— Cisco Systems Inc. boosted hopes for the technology industry after the largest maker of computer-networking gear forecast revenue growth for the first time in a year. The forecasts of CEO John Chambers carry big weight on Wall Street and his announcement that the company would begin hiring workers injected a jittery market with confidence.

— The government said the number of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment benefits fell to 512,000 last week, the lowest level since January and fewer than economists had forecast. Initial claims are considered a gauge of the pace of layoffs.

— Worker productivity jumped by the most in six years, rising 9.5 percent in the July-September quarter. The government figures drove hopes that lower costs would boost corporate profits. The report also illustrated, though, that many employers remain reluctant to hire.

— Retailers had higher sales for the second straight month in October after more than a year of sliding. The retail industry posted a 2.1 percent sales gain for October, according to an



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. Positive news pushed the Dow Jones industrials above 10,000 Thursday.

International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs tally. Investors are looking for any sign that consumers are willing to spend more as the holiday shopping season approaches.

The reports gave investors a shot of optimism about the government's monthly report on employment Friday, which will steer trading because of the ties between joblessness and consumer spending. Analysts say spending must increase for the economy to have a sustained recovery. Economists project that the unemployment rate rose to 9.9 percent in October.

"The news coming in has been for the most part better than expected," said Mike Boyle, senior vice president

and portfolio manager at Advisors Asset Management.

The Dow rose 203.82, or 2.1 percent, to 10,005.96, its first close above 10,000 since Oct. 22, and 86 points below its high of the year. It was the sixth time in 2009 that all 30 stocks in the index rose and it was the biggest advance since a gain of 257 points on July 15, when computer chip maker Intel Corp. said business was improving.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.13, or 1.9 percent, to 1,066.63, its fourth straight gain.

The Nasdaq rose 49.80, or 2.4 percent, to 2,105.32, its biggest gain since a 2.5 percent spike on July 23.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 18.03, or 3.2 percent, to

581.15.

Five stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.9 billion shares compared with 5.6 billion Wednesday.

Bond prices were mixed. The benchmark 10-year Treasury note slipped but its yield remained flat at 3.53 percent from late Wednesday.

Uneven economic news in recent weeks has made it difficult for investors to get a sense of where the economy is headed, leading to choppy trading. The Federal Reserve pointed to hopeful signs about the economy Wednesday but also said it would keep interest rates low for "an extended period" to help stimulate growth.

Starbucks customer spending improves

Associated Press

CHICAGO — More people are visiting Starbucks Corp. coffee shops this year than last, and they're spending more money when they do, an executive said Thursday.

But it was the company's hefty cost-cutting that boosted its profit in its fiscal fourth quarter. It had fewer stores than a year earlier, and its revenue fell slightly.

Chief Financial Officer Troy Alstead said the average amount customers spent in each visit to Starbucks rose in the period. And he said sales at shops open at least a year, which dipped 1 percent, were better than the third quarter and the fourth quarter last year.

"We are seeing consumers coming

in and spending and we're seeing the improvement across all parts of our day," he told The Associated Press. "We're very encouraged by what we saw in the second half of the (fiscal) year. It gives us some encouragement for the quarter coming up."

Starbucks expects its sales to rise next fiscal year. It says its sales in stores open at least a year, considered a key restaurant and retail measure, also will rise after two years of declines. The company plans to open about 300 new locations, about one-third in the United States.

It also boosted its profit forecast, saying its earnings per share excluding one-time items would climb between 15 percent and 20 percent for the next full fiscal year. It previ-

ously expected earnings per share to grow 13 percent to 18 percent.

This year was hard: The company cut costs, laid off workers and reinvented much of the food sold in its shops. It shut roughly 800 locations and tweaked prices for some drinks.

"There's no one at Starbucks doing a victory lap," CEO Howard Schultz said during a conference call with investors.

The gourmet coffee chain earned \$150 million, or 20 cents per share, during the three-month period that ended in late September. Excluding one-time items, that amounted to 24 cents per share. Last year, it earned \$5.4 million, or a penny per share.

But the Seattle company's revenue dipped almost 4 percent to \$2.42 billion.

SMC professor examines women in mathematics

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

Saint Mary's College commemorated women in the mathematic field in the third installment of a three-part lecture series, which took place in Spes Unica Hall.

Mathematics professor Sister Miriam Cooney delivered the third lecture, titled "Issues In Math Education." Cooney's main focus was addressing the social issues in mathematics that involve women, citing how women in the past had to deal with choosing between their marriage or career.

"It's not like that anymore," Cooney said. "Now it's marriage and career."

Cooney offered research provided by women prominent in the fields of mathematics or science.

Elizabeth Fennema, Jane Martin and Elizabeth Tidball are some of the women she discussed.

Cooney referenced Fennema's discovery of the internal convictions of students. Women are believed to have a lack of confidence in the mathematical field and need to know where it is useful in their lives. They nur-

ture the idea that women are not as good in math than men and do not practice the mathematical attribution style, in which men attribute their success to talent whereas women do not.

"I was kind of surprised about these issues," sophomore Taylor Chamberlain said. "I never really thought about it before, but once I started thinking about it and applying it to myself, I realized it's very much true."

Another startling issue Cooney addressed was the need for women attending universities or colleges to learn from other women in teaching positions of their chosen field of interest.

"Women should be able to see ... other women teaching in their department," Cooney said.

Cooney suggested students inquiring for more information should go to the math center or read the array of books on the table in the Mathematics' office.

"It brings about confidence in women, knowing that what you're working towards is something that is achievable," Chamberlain said. "The visible evidence definitely helps."

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"Women should be able to see...other women teaching in their department."

Sister Miriam Cooney
mathematics professor

Engaged

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"Her dad went to Notre Dame and her mom went to Saint Mary's," Mac Carthaigh said. "I thought it would be special to propose to her here and make it a memorable moment."

While some students choose to propose on campus, others have met their future spouse at some atypical campus events.

Notre Dame senior Mike Brickl and Saint Mary's senior Kelsey Robertson met each other their freshmen year at Domerfest.

"We are probably the first people that this has ever happened to," Brickl said.

Because of the stereotype surrounding Saint Mary's students and marriage, Robertson said she often receives questions about her relationship.

"I didn't go to Saint Mary's to find a husband at Notre Dame," she said. "But a lot of Saint Mary's girls look at mine and Mike's relationship and get hopeful because we're an example of the myth not really being a myth."

All three couples say that being engaged does affect people's perception of them once there is a ring involved but that the fact still remains that they are students and have to go to school.

"Some of my friends gush

over the fact that I'm engaged but I don't think there's really that much of a difference,"

Minta said. "We're not going to get married until a year or so after graduation so there's no wedding to plan."

Crecelius and Kramer said they are excited to be engaged but they are putting school ahead of wedding plans.

"I haven't had a lot of time to enjoy being engaged," Kramer said. "I'm happy but I need to focus on school."

"The engagement doesn't have homework," Crecelius added.

Being engaged students for more than a year has changed social interactions for the Brickl and Robertson.

"On-campus interactions are very different," Brickl said. "People treat us differently as a couple than they do as individuals."

While many people in the Notre Dame community feel that there is a strong "ring by spring" attitude that students feel as they get closer to graduation, Minta said she felt there was no pressure on her and Mac Carthaigh, who have been together for more than three years, to get engaged.

"For us, it was more about being ready for the next official step rather than a set date; it was never about getting a ring before graduation because we knew we were going to be together," Minta said.

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Colleen Minta
senior

Mac Carthaigh agreed, saying although he and Minta had dis-

cussed marriage before, their engagement is more about dedication.

"I felt ready for an official commitment," he said. "I never thought about 'when' we'd get engaged."

Brickl and Robertson said they see the "ring by spring" outlook more now that they are seniors quickly approaching graduation.

"There are some people that I do think will end up together," Robertson said. "But there are others that are thinking that there is a clock ticking."

The pair, who got engaged in June 2008, will get married the Lady of Loretto Church at Saint Mary's this June. Robertson said there was no question that they would get married in the Notre Dame community, which was an integral part of their relationship.

"This is our place," she said. "This is where we met, fell in love and where our whole relationship developed. There is nowhere else that is as special or as sacred to us."

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- 6:00 pm** Pep Rally: Rally on the Green. Speakers: Evan Sharpley, Robert Hughes, Harrison Smith and Coach Rob Ianello
- 7:00 pm** Irish Green Closes

Saturday, November 7

- 8:00 am** Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
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- 12:20 pm** Visit from the ND Cheerleaders
- 12:30 pm** Notre Dame Glee Club Performance (until 1:00 pm)
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- 1:30 pm** Irish Green Closes
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Cabs

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uation," she said. "There is a phone number on the doors of the vehicle and also a cab number."

Manager for Irish Cab Barry Marcucci said the rate is \$3 for people traveling within a three-mile radius of campus. But the total payment to the driver must be at least six dollars, effectively setting the minimum number of passengers at two to qualify for this rate. And while the driver may negotiate a lower price, he or she cannot attempt to charge more than three dollars per person.

This policy is used by many of the local cab services, according to Ntakirutimana and Clear.

Blue Ribbon Taxi actively tries to prevent its drivers from price gouging, Clear said. However, he cautioned that students should be aware that the \$3 rate only applies if everyone in their group is riding to the same destination.

"We go over price gouging

on a regular basis," Clear said. "Students have to understand that three dollars each is if they are all going to the same spot. If they all want to get dropped off at different locations, we're going to have to do something different."

The struggling economy has hurt Modern Cab Company's business, according to Ntakirutimana, who said students account for about 30 percent of the company's customers.

Clear has also seen an overall decrease in demand, but he mentioned another

cause — students are going out less and now only make up about 40 percent of Blue Ribbon Taxi's business.

"It used to be a lot," Clear said of the percentage of business coming from students. "But students have stopped partying as much. I think maybe students, maybe the University has put the

squeeze on them or what, but there definitely isn't as much partying as there was two years ago."

Despite the dip in business and the inevitable pressure to maintain revenues, Clear said he hasn't gotten any reports about his drivers price gouging.

"I haven't gotten any complaints of overcharging for one thing," he said. "And for another thing, I try to hire drivers that are conscientious people."

Clear also said even if students cannot find the sought-after two dollar cab, the benefits provided to them justify the expense, especially considering the amount many will spend once they reach their destination.

"Students complain a lot of times when they have to pay three dollars," he said. "One thing to consider is I bet they're spending a lot more than three dollars at the bars."

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"I've heard students tell me that the driver has charged them five dollars to go from Main Circle to downtown."

**Jean Ntakirutimana
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the organizers of the petition approve a corresponding memorandum, he said.

Morris said the memorandum will provide more details for what the petition asks and answer common questions.

"Our effort, admittedly, has been met with a lot of controversy and a lot of people have had questions about it," he said. "It details the decline of our book acquisitions, the massive shortage of staff that we have, and puts it in a comparative frame work so that we can see how Notre Dame's library compares among dozens of universities," Morris said.

The memorandum also anticipates arguments against library reform, he said.

"They say that there isn't enough money. They say it's not necessary," Morris said. "They say that trying to compare Notre Dame to Harvard and Yale and the Ivy league schools is somehow wrong or inappropriate."

"We can't use the recession or the fact that there are hard times right now as an excuse because if you look at the numbers, the recession has actually bolstered Notre Dame's position."

Notre Dame went into the recession as 10th among private universities in endowments and now ranks seventh, he said.

Morris also countered the idea that improving the

Library means Notre Dame wants to become an Ivy League school.

"Notre Dame should never strive to be another university, we should be ourselves. But the point is we do have to look at other universities for what we want to do," Morris said.

"If you ask the average person on the street or for that matter, most academics, what are the best universities in the world?" he said. "You think of Harvard, you think of Yale, you think of Oxbridge and Cambridge across the Atlantic."

"What do they all have in common? They have very large libraries and their academic life is centered around them," Morris said.

As a graduate student, Morris said he most likely will not be around as a student to see the effects of the petition if it is accepted, because the improvements will take time.

Yet Morris has worked on creating a petition to improve the library for months.

"I love Notre Dame. I'm a Domer. I want Notre Dame to be thought of in the same breath as Princeton and Yale and Stanford," he said. "And right now there is no possible way that is going to happen so long as we have the 57th largest library in the country."

Morris hopes to submit the petition, the memorandum, a full list of signatures and a brief statistical breakdown of those who signed it next week.

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Tylenol case expert to speak at Notre Dame

Special to The Observer

In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after taking Tylenol pain-relief capsules that had been laced with potassium cyanide. The crime, still unsolved, eventually led to large-scale reforms in the way food and drug products are packaged and sold in the United States.

For Johnson & Johnson, the drug's manufacturer, the "Tylenol crisis" resulted in a new level of corporate crisis management; namely, how does a company show its concern for public safety, while at the same time, survive as a business in the face of controversy and fear?

John R. Mullen, a 1953 University of Notre Dame graduate and the vice president for corporate affairs who was instrumentally involved in Johnson & Johnson's response, will speak at Notre Dame about the experience. His talk, "Leadership in a Corporate Crisis: Johnson & Johnson and Tylenol," will take place Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

"The Tylenol case is one of the most-cited business ethical leadership and crisis management teaching cases in business ethics education," said Jessica McManus Warnell, management assistant professional specialist at the

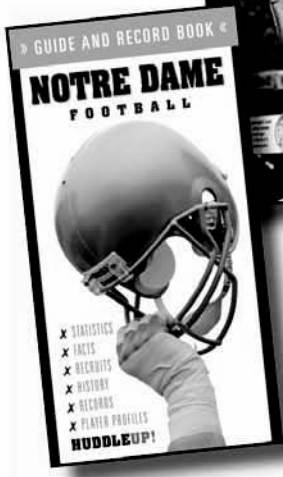
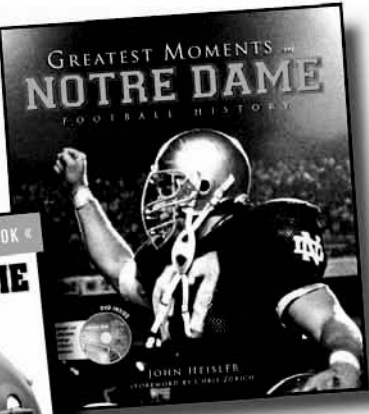
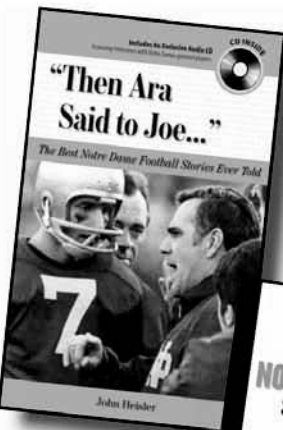
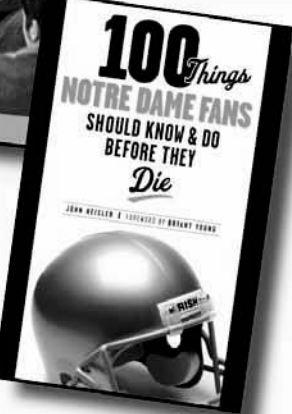
Mendoza College. "It exemplifies values-based leadership and decision-making rooted firmly in corporate policy and culture, as evidenced by the J & J credo statement of values, one of the first 'ethics mission statements' in business."

The event, sponsored by the Notre Dame Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, is free and open to the public. All Notre Dame undergraduate business ethics students will attend the talk to supplement their in-class exploration of the case.

Mullen joined Johnson & Johnson's Law Department in 1960, thereafter serving in a number of positions, including assistant counsel, assistant secretary and vice president of personnel. He then became vice president of corporate relations, and finished his career with Johnson & Johnson in 1997 as vice president of corporate affairs.

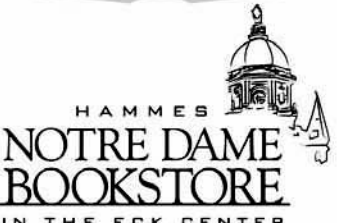
Mullen's Notre Dame appointments include vice president of the National Alumni Board, member and former chairman of the Mendoza College of Business Advisory Council, member of the International Advisory Council, member of the Ad Hoc Public Relations Council, and chairman of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Advisory Council.

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Baby found alive in box under bed

Associated Press

CHIPLEY, Fla. — Investigators spent five days searching a rural area of dense vines and marshes for a missing infant, only to find her lying quietly in a 2-foot by 3-foot cedar box that had been shoved under her baby sitter's bed.

Clothing was packed around it to muffle any sounds and baking soda placed inside to mask the stench of dirty diapers.

Authorities said the baby's mother, Chrystina Lynn Mercer, gave the infant to baby sitter Susan Elizabeth Baker early Saturday, then reported her missing about 10 hours later. About 100 law enforcement agents and others spent days scouring around the baby's home in a remote, makeshift community of dirt roads, tin-roof shacks and old mobile homes. Searchers also dug through trash cans and bins.

All along, the baby was under the bed.

Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock choked up Thursday as he described how 7-month-old Shannon Dedrick was stashed in the box for 12 straight hours before investigators discovered her late Wednesday. They believe she had been in the closed box on and off for several days.

"She was way back under the bed," he said. "But she was not crying."

Baker had written a letter to Gov. Charlie Crist's office in August, pleading for help for the baby and claiming her father shook her and both parents did drugs in front of her. She asked Mercer a week ago if she could have permanent custody, Haddock said. Officials do not believe Shannon's father, who is Baker's stepbrother, was

involved in the disappearance.

Haddock said Shannon apparently had been fed and cared for while she was with Baker, who lived about 12 miles from Mercer. He said Baker became a suspect several days ago but never told them where the baby was, even as they interviewed her.

Shannon appeared healthy, much to the relief of investigators.

"Once we got the hospital, five or six of us called our wives to let them know that we found the child and a lot grown men were shedding tears," Haddock said.

Mercer's mother, Candis Boyer, attended Thursday's news conference and said afterward that she was there to show support for her daughter and granddaughter. "I love my daughter very deeply," she said briefly before leaving the news conference. At a court hearing later, family members were escorted by sheriff's deputies and didn't talk to reporters.

Mercer was charged with interference of child custody, desertion of a child and several other charges. Charges against Baker included neglect of a child with aggravated circumstances and interference of child custody.

Bond was set at \$150,000 for Baker and \$75,000 for Mercer. In separate hearings, the women shuffled in wearing leg chains and their hands bound with plastic restraints.

The judge told Mercer she couldn't have contact with her daughter, who was in state custody, if she posts bond. Both women said they understood the charges against them and their arraignments were scheduled for Dec. 14.

Baker's husband, James Arthur Baker, was arrested Wednesday night but released.

He is still under investigation, Haddock said.

Shannon's parents told investigators they last saw her when they went to bed around 3 a.m. Saturday and investigators thought she had vanished sometime between then and 8 a.m.

"Statistically speaking this should not have ever happened, that we found this child alive, especially after so many days," said Haddock, who cradled Shannon in his arms as he spoke to reporters earlier Thursday. "Time was against us."

According to court documents, child welfare officials began looking into allegations Shannon was being abused less than two weeks after she was born.

Investigators frequently went to the infant's home from August to late September and reported that both parents used marijuana and kept a messy home. But they said Shannon seemed to be cared for and in September, a physician determined she was healthy.

Susan Baker was involved in another missing child case in South Carolina more than two decades ago. She had been a baby sitter for James Baker and his now ex-wife before she married him, a family member said.

Susan Baker told authorities her stepson, 3-year-old Paul Leonard Baker, disappeared from the family's Beaufort, S.C., home on March 5, 1987, while she napped.

A massive manhunt turned up nothing. She and her husband, James Baker, were extradited to South Carolina in 2000 and charged with assault and battery in Paul's disappearance, according to police reports provided by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. But a grand jury never indicted them and the child was never found.

Children's show set to open to public



The set of the popular children's television series *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* was rebuilt and will be open to the public Saturday.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For just this weekend, a neighborhood in this city that has lain dormant in boxes and under plastic coverings for nearly a decade, is coming back to life.

Everyone important will be there in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe: Daniel Striped Tiger, X the Owl, Henrietta Pussycat and even Mr. McFeely in the flesh.

The set is being rebuilt and opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, giving generations of Americans who grew up with Fred Rogers and his mother's hand-knit cardigans — as well as their children who watch his reruns — a real-life look at one of TV's most famous neighborhoods.

"It's really an iconic part of Pittsburgh," says David Newell, aka Mr. McFeely.

The weekend marks the renaming of the WQED studio, where the show was taped, after Fred Rogers. The show, now in its 41st year, is the longest-running show on public television, according to Maria Pisano, WQED's marketing associate.

Newell and Pisano have been fielding e-mails packed with memories from people across the country and the world.

One woman from Chicago remembers visiting the set with her father as a child. Now, she plans to make the 460-mile trip to Pittsburgh this weekend with her 5-year-old son so he can have the same memory.

An American now living in

Sweden wrote to Pisano to express her disappointment in missing the event. The public television station in Erie, Pa. wrote to say it is sending a bus load of members to visit the studio. A Milwaukee resident sent an e-mail just to share her memories, Pisano said.

"People are very emotionally connected to the show and their memories," Pisano said. "It's really amazing to see the impact."

It's unclear when, or if, WQED will have the opportunity to again rebuild the set in the studio where the show was filmed, since its high-definition facilities are used by clients. It was only possible to open it up to the public for one weekend, Newell said.

Replicas of parts of the set exist in some places, such as Idlewild Park in Ligonier, Pa., where a trolley takes children through the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh that has a play area based on the set.

King Friday's castle and the tree where Henrietta and X the Owl lived are on display at WQED year-round. But Lady Elaine's Museum Go-Round has been in storage since taping of the show ended in 2001, as has the tower and the rest of the colorful set.

Not only is Mister Rogers himself conspicuously absent — Fred Rogers died of cancer in 2003 at age 74 — so is the timeless trolley that has dinged along the tracks for 40 years. It's preserved in plexiglass at the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, Pa.

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BRITAIN

Prime minister to defend war



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is expected to defend his country's commitment to Afghanistan in a speech Friday.

Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is to defend his government's commitment to Afghanistan in a major speech Friday, saying the war is essential to his country's security, according to excerpts released in advance by his office.

The speech comes after the deaths of seven British soldiers in the past week, including five who were shot and killed by an Afghan police officer they were training. Despite increasing doubt over the country's involvement in the war in Afghanistan, Brown links military action there to safety on Britain's streets.

"We will not be deterred, dissuaded or diverted from taking whatever measures are necessary to protect our security," Brown is to say, according to the excerpts.

"When the main terrorist threat facing Britain emanates from Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

when, although the sustained pressure in Pakistan, combined with military action in Afghanistan, is having a suppressive effect on al-Qaida, we know that they continue to train and plot attacks on Britain from the region — we cannot, must not and will not walk away."

Britain currently has about 9,000 troops in the country, the majority in the restive southern Helmand province. The force is the second-largest foreign one in the country after the United States, and Brown recently announced an increase of about 500 soldiers.

Since the start of hostilities in October 2001, 230 British soldiers have died in Afghanistan — more than 90 of them this year alone.

In the speech, Brown is to pay tribute to the military, comparing its efforts to those of soldiers in other wars.

"Just as in the past we learned of the bravery and sacrifice of British soldiers in the First and

Second World Wars; in their fight to protect freedom both in our nation and the world; so our children will learn of the heroism of today's men and women fighting in Afghanistan — protecting our nation and the rest of the world from the threat of global terrorism," an excerpt says.

Brown repeated his calls for an inclusive Afghan government, saying recently re-elected President Hamid Karzai's international support depends on what he achieves in key areas.

"He needs a contract with the Afghan people; a contract against which Afghans, as well as the international community, can judge his success," Brown is to say. "International support depends on the scale of his ambition and the degree of his achievement in five key areas: security, governance, reconciliation, economic development, and engagement with Afghanistan's neighbors."

WEST BANK

Palestinian president declines to run again

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — By announcing he doesn't want another term in office, embattled Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pushed the Mideast peace effort into unknown territory Thursday, opening the way to a succession battle that could play into the hands of his rival, the militant Hamas.

But it also could boost the prospects of a popular candidate who reportedly wants to run for the presidency from his Israeli prison cell.

Abbas blamed his decision on the stalemate in peace talks, but the wording of his televised speech raised speculation that it was not final and could be a tactic for pushing Israel and the U.S. toward a larger compromise.

He said only that it was "desire not to run in the upcoming elections" which are set for January but could be delayed, extending his current term indefinitely.

Abbas took over after the death of Yasser Arafat in 2004, and Western leaders have come to see him as a symbol of moderation. Although criticized as indecisive and associated with the corruption-tainted old guard of his Fatah party, he has given free rein to his prime minister, Salam Fayyad, to reform the West Bank's economy and boost its police, which has resulted in a limited economic upturn.

But the stalemate with Israel overshadows all, and Fatah activists say the party is in a panic, fearing a fragmented slate of candidates that would hand victory to Hamas.

Late last month, Abbas told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that he would not run, but recanted after President Barack Obama called him and expressed his commitment to Mideast peacemaking, Abbas' aides said. A senior Palestinian official told The Associated Press that Abbas informed other Fatah leaders of his latest decision several days ago but didn't tell Obama.

Insiders say he was disheartened by Washington's refusal to press Israel harder for a freeze on West Bank settlement construction, and that this week's visit by Clinton, when she appeared to side with Israel over the settlement issue, was the last straw.

Abbas has insisted that he won't resume negotiations until Israel stops all construction.

If he were to concede on that issue, Fatah could lose the election. If that happened, the international community would have no one to deal with but Hamas, which denies Israel's right to exist and rejects the two-state solution endorsed by Fatah.

The most attractive candidate to replace 74-year-old Abbas would likely be Marwan Barghouti, 49, who was jailed for life in 2002 for his involvement in fatal Palestinian attacks.

Activists say Barghouti, the top West Bank Fatah official until his arrest, is determined to run from prison. The charismatic Palestinian was once a favorite of Israeli peace activists but turned increasingly militant. His refusal to recognize the Israeli court's right to try him, and his defiant gestures and smiles for the cameras, heightened his popularity among Palestinians.

He ran for president from his cell in 2004 but withdrew under pressure from Fatah leaders. This time, associates say, he is determined to stay in the contest.

Barghouti's incarceration could work both for and against him. It might be difficult for him to campaign from a jail cell, but his nomination could force his release. Also, imprisonment has shielded him from blame for the absence of a peace accord with Israel, a shattered West Bank economy and Hamas in power in Gaza.

Yossi Sarid, an Israeli former lawmaker identified with the peace movement, said Israel and the U.S. humiliated Abbas, leading to his decision. "This means that we are probably entering a terrible period where the extremists will run the show," Sarid said.


In case Abbas steps down, Fatah insiders are promoting Nasser al-Qidwa, 50, as a candidate. He has served as the Palestinian representative at the U.N., is not linked with the corruption that bedevils the party, and has the additional benefit of being Arafat's nephew.

Another potential candidate is Mohammed Dahlan, 48, a one-time Fatah strongman in Gaza. He was recently elected to the top Fatah policy-making body, but he is blamed by many for losing Gaza to Hamas, and is tainted by allegations of corruption.

Hamas spokesman Taher Nunu said he didn't believe Abbas really meant to step down. "His speech wasn't for the Palestinians alone," he said. "It was for the United States and the international community, so they will give him more support in the elections."

After Abbas' speech, Clinton praised his leadership in working toward the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Speaking to reporters in Washington, she ignored a question about whether she would urge Abbas to stay on and saying only that she would go on working with him to advance peace.



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A useful resource for students

Going off campus to head downtown can be costly, and sometimes less than safe, especially when alcohol is involved. Student government and the Office of Student Affairs have teamed up with local transport authority Transpo to offer a safer, more convenient form of transportation for both off- and on-campus students.

The new bus service — which will begin at Library Circle and wind its way through student neighborhoods and downtown South Bend before returning to campus some 36 minutes later — is one of the main initiatives of the Schmidt-Weber administration.

There are several advantages to this initiative; foremost among them is safety. Students who live close to the stops will no longer have to worry about cab fares or designated drivers, or worse relying on the least intoxicated person to drive them home.

Even though there are benefits to taking the bus, there are still some concerns students should keep in mind. If you have to walk three or four blocks from one of the stops to get to your apartment or house, that puts you at risk — law enforcement consistently tells students not to walk long distances at night.

Although at this point the route is tentative and cannot possibly hit all student housing, it's a good start. At this point, it will cover places that the Transpo sees as well lit and safe.

The weekend route will cost \$25,000, of which \$11,000 will be

put up by the University through the Office of Student Affairs. Their move to help finance the project shows the University taking a step in the right direction in making student living off and on campus safer.

Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said the Office would continue to help fund the service as long as student government can hold up their end of the financing and as long as the bus is used by enough students.

All that being said, student government should be commended for their efforts. They've committed \$14,000 to support the new route and worked closely with Transpo and University administrators to implement the idea. In doing this, they are offering students a convenient and safe way to travel off campus on late

weekend nights.

Chip Lewis, chairman of the Board of Directors for Transpo, said he was impressed with how the student government handled the situation and he is offering the service for exactly the price it costs the company to run it — a sign that the community is willing to do its part to foster a better relationship with the University and its students.

Student government should be commended for following through on one of their main initiatives, one which should be a positive development for many students.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Love thee Notre Dame

The recent realization that I only have the privilege of serving as your Fighting Irish Leprechaun for two more home games inside Notre Dame Stadium has me in a panic. Before I have the honor of taking my final steps on that hallowed field, I would like to thank you and share with all of you the most important lesson that I have taken away from my experience here at Notre Dame.

Rocket was right when he told us that "some legendary stuff" was about to take place inside our stadium as our Fighting Irish took on Southern Cal. On that day I came out of our tunnel ready to be all that I could be for Notre Dame, our student section came out in full force wearing green and chanting "Here come the Irish" and our team came ready to fight like the true champions they are steadily becoming.

As we fought back within yards of tying the game, the overwhelming emotion of it all washed over me and I shed quite a few tears. They were not tears of sadness, but of amazement and joy as I stood in awe of the power of that moment. When the game ended I was stung with sadness and my tears continued, not out of disappointment, but because of pride.

I have never been more proud to be a student at Notre Dame than I was as I stood facing the student section with tears streaking down my face while we all sang the Alma Mater together. I felt the power of the Notre Dame Spirit at

that moment, and I hope that you all get to feel that same way about something at some point in your lives.

Enjoy every moment that you spend as a fan of the greatest tradition in all of sports. Soak it all in and let yourself get swept away by the Notre Dame Spirit. So many times we forget what it is like to truly live in the moment. The most important lesson that I have taken away from my position is that living in the moment with love and gratitude in your heart will feed you with an energy and a perspective that you may not have known you were capable of achieving.

When it is all said and done, I hope that I have shared that lesson with as many members of our Notre Dame Family as possible.

We have something special here at Notre Dame that can't be replicated anywhere else in the world. I want to thank all my fellow students, all of our fans, all of the alumni who still feel that spirit and our entire Notre Dame family for contributing to it.

Love thee Notre Dame,
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Daniel Colt Collins
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion."

Thomas Paine
U.S. political philosopher

A Notre Dame short story

You can write Part Six!

Part 4 by Cory Hartmann

The 7th Annual 'Council of Elrond of Middle Earth and Other Mythical, Magical Beings in Realms Not of Thine' Meeting stared in a mixture of bewilderment and disbelief as a stark raving madman had just inexplicably tore through the brick wall of Party Room #3 in the back of the local Toys-R-Us of Humptulips, Washington (south on Highway 101). Cosmetically enhanced ears perked up their angular tips behind felt Robin Hood hats as their bow strings grew taut, the soft swoosh of metal against leather whispered as imitation rapiers were drawn, and calloused hands nervously clutched expertly selected pokéballs. Their trepidation vanished from their pockmarked faces as the realization sunk in that after years of abuse and mockery, their vindication had finally arrived. The huge taste of repeated defeat hung sour on their collective tongue, and they were anxious to test the strength of their arms — magnificent specimens conditioned with years of lifting countless cans of Mountain Dew from the depths of the floor up to the heights of their mouth. Nerds no longer, these were action deprived warriors thirsting for validation. "YOU — SHALL — NOT — PASS!" screeched Aragorn Ketchum McCloud of Tattooine, and the first volley was launched.

Part 5 by Felicia Aguirre

He snapped out of his memory just in time to answer the first question. A short, bald man with yellow teeth leaned forward in his seat, strumming his fingers against the podium in front of him.

"Do you know why you are here, Frederick M. Stevens?" he asked, and his hairy eyebrows bunched inquisitively on his forehead. Frederick took a deep breath and stared at the floor, deep in thought. Those days of working at the Toys-R-Us in Humptulips were long ago, and Frederick vaguely remembered how the events unfolded. He recalled Larry Seretty diving on the floor over the display of Easy-Bake ovens screaming, "Do a barrel roll!" Michael Piles slid down aisle eight on a Razor Scooter, and knocked Mark Evans to the floor.

The whole scenario ended in one giant fit of giggles, as the madman made his escape. Blinking back tears of laughter, Frederick saw the madman grab a grey stone out of the pet rock collection and run out of the store. The stone was not particularly unique. In fact, Frederick thought Larry had stolen it from the parking lot outside, and placed it in the bin as a joke.

They may know that he had committed the crime, but they had no way of anticipating that he had met a previous victim. If only he had taken the madman seriously.

Want to write the next paragraph to the story? Submit your paragraph to NDLFshortstory@gmail.com before 4 p.m. Sunday. Limit of 200 words. Title it Part

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The BCS system encourages cheating

Human nature dictates that the more select and coveted a prize, the greater the impetus to control the process that awards a trophy. No truer statement need be said but for the granddaddy of all the punkishly rigid and controlling processes than that of the national collegiate football championship. The so-called "Bowl Championship Series" is a fiefdom presented with an earthshaking clarion call, but in reality only focuses on one important bowl venue each season. It is neither an actual series, nor an impartial championship journey. Rather, the BCS is a manipulated, subjective process controlled by an oligarchy of interests who assiduously limit the competition to a mere two teams. As a result, the current BCS model is the quintessential study that showcases a sure-fire way to encourage ongoing manipulation and cheating by those who participate in as well as those who control the process.

Not meaning to appear churlish, this columnist last January outlined a more inclusive and fair process to determine the champion on the field by placing the top-four ranked teams in a two-week, three-bowl process. My "Two, Three, Four Championship" process is sensible,



Gary Caruso

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 Comments*

reduces cheating and manipulation, adds a new type of playoff excitement to college football without upsetting conference play or team schedules, and most importantly, allows the top-four ranked teams to settle the championship on the field. Furthermore, it involves two more bowls each year that will host the semifinal rounds. Each aspect of the 2-3-4 process is a yang balanced with a positive yin. This quick and clean "playoff" would match the top four teams on New Year's Day with the surviving two teams playing a week to 10 days later for the championship.

The beauty of the 2-3-4 comes on two fronts — more teams participate, and fewer outside influences determine those teams. It is not out of pique to note that thus far this season more than one Southeastern Conference head football coach has publicly complained that SEC officiating seems to favor the currently top-ranked University of Florida Gators. While each opponent of the number-one and number-two ranked teams dreams of an upset each week, several recalcitrant BCS power centers clutch onto their restrictive self-serving oligarchy of greed. Sportswriters, conference officials (both administrative and those on the field with zebra-striped shirts), bowl committees, university administrators, athletic departments, booster clubs and corporate sponsors each own a piece of that ultimate moment of giddy in January. Reducing the influence of these special interests allows an undefeated

Boise State from past years or possibly an undefeated Iowa this season to prove (or disprove) on the field the voting pollsters' self-proclaimed and usually regionally limited sage sports knowledge.

On the flip side, how disconcerting must it be for a team to lose one game and be ranked number three in the nation at year's end? No other sport depends on "acknowledging" an undefeated team before it may participate on one hand, or that "special" one-loss team on the other, before crowning its champion as much as the BCS. Yet as it currently stands, both the conscience and unconscious can act with bias to promote a particular team or conference. Schedules are massaged to include as many home games as possible against just the right nonconference opponents to boost late-season BCS rankings. Sportswriters and pollsters can boost a regional team while trashing a truly national powerhouse in an effort to skew rankings. Referees can brag that they work for the conference with the national champion and that they have in fact "worked" that team's games. Coaches attract better recruits. University administrators and athletic departments can stack their golden coin bowl payouts next to their trophies. But ultimately, sanguine boosters with visions of future trophies dancing in their heads can venerate their current teams and enjoy some personal satisfaction while extrapolating future team glory.

No doubt, the Nay-Sayers will bludgeon a new concept and concoct more doozy replies reminiscent of those who opposed my first 2-3-4 description last January — the most unique complaint lamented that fans would incur financial hardships and uncertain travel reservations to follow their teams to a second bowl appearance. That reasoning ignores the successful following of rabid NFL fans during that playoff system. Such personal chutzpah about attending two bowls makes as much sense as saying Gator fans are currently limited to attend either the SEC championship game or a bowl game.

The BCS stranglehold this season, like most others past, will ignore at least one team that should have been given the chance to prove its metal on the gridiron. How long the BCS oligarchy reigns is anyone's guess — at least until third and fourth-ranked teams unite for change. We wait until then while the BCS pushes up its two favorite teams and the rest of us are left to push up daisies.

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MYTHICAL

MISCELLANEOUS

By MATT BROWN
Scene Writer

In a match that pitted the lizard that destroyed Tokyo against the most terrifying hunter in the universe, Godzilla shrugged off Predator on his way to victory.

The match was so ferocious that this reporter feels that he could not do it justice. Luckily, a transcript of the play-by-play was discovered, and it has been reprinted here, with the match described by the one man who could correctly relate the glory of the battle — Harry Carey.

Harry: Hello and welcome to today's match. Today we are in for one heck of a ride. We have Godzilla, king of the reptiles, versus none other than the one, the only Predator. With me in the booth is Bob Costas and personally I can't wait to see these guys in action today. Can you Bob?

Bob: Well Harry I certainly can't. It's going to be a clear-cut case of brains versus brawn in a close match that I think could go either way.

Harry: I hate to interrupt you Bob, but Godzilla has entered the arena and my, what a sight he is! Standing 10 stories tall and weighing in at 55,000 tons, he makes an imposing figure standing tall in the center of the field. And here is Predator, no doubt a fierce competitor who does not know the word "quit." This dreadlocked beast is dangerous enough to strike fear in even the Governator himself. The Predator has begun to circle the field sizing up his enemy, looking for any weaknesses to be found.

Bob: This is true to form. Predator has not been seen to make an error in judgment throughout this tournament. Statistically, he is one of the safest players out there, rarely taking anything beyond a carefully calculated risk. This controlled offense makes him a huge threat.

Harry: I don't know if preparation will be enough to take down Godzilla in this match. Looking at this beast, it's hard to believe that anything less than a strategic air attack could take him down.

Oh wait, the Predator is closing in! Charging across the field with reckless abandon, firing energy bolts as he goes, he has found his way under the gargantuan lizard! The Predator has pulled out his blades and it appears he is swiping at Godzilla's Achilles tendon, a daring strategy that might just pay off. I gotta admire the guts in that guy, it takes some sort of steel to run directly at that behemoth.

Oh wait Godzilla has raised his foot! It appears the Predator has been crushed! No! He's up again, just shaken from the fall. He's climbing on top of the foot, he's scaling the side, making his way to the head using his knives as climbing picks — what has gotten into this guy?! He's out of his mind. With an earth-shattering roar Godzilla shakes himself and the Predator has lost his grip! He's flying through the air and oh my, still shooting at Godzilla as he falls! Gotta love that in a player. Tracking the diminutive hunter through the air, Godzilla lets loose a laser bolt from his mouth and wait ... wait... I don't see the Predator. Could it be? YES!!!! GODZILLA HAS DONE IT!!!

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FOLKLORE

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Everyone said it couldn't be done but seventh seed Sasquatch has made it to the finals of the folklore bracket. Not only has the Sasquatch vanquished such foes as the grotesque Genie, the lovable Leprechaun and the magical Mermaid, but he has also done it in style.

His opponent, the number one seed Paul Bunyan, seemed unstoppable and un-phased by the parade of monstrosities Sasquatch had stomped all over. To arrive at this mythical position, Mr. Bunyan made mush out of Jack Frost, ignored the Boogey man, scoffed at the Gremlin and found himself with an opportunity to become the premier mythical creature of this year's matchups.

Prior to the match Paul Bunyan remained confused as to "why so many creatures had such distaste for him, which so frequently resulted in violence." He appeared to still not quite understand the concept of these mythical matchups.

The Sasquatch on the other hand seemed quite prepared and mentioned to our crew how he hoped his "mystique, capability to vanish and blurry appearance would prove successful in the end." After

all, Paul Bunyan was only "human." He went on to clarify this statement saying, "only human and incredibly enormous and carrying an axe of ridiculous magnitude."

The match-up began as one would expect with the clever Sasquatch leaving deceitful footprints all over the forest floor and waiting in anticipation for Bunyan to be fooled. Bunyan instead chose to wash his face in the lake and trim his beard with an axe, a risky endeavor by the lumberjack.

The confused Sasquatch almost chose this moment to emerge from the safety of the woods but thought that this was just a trick the deceptively ignorant Bunyan had employed. Bunyan remained unaware of any such competition and moved on to wash his flannel shirt as well as his lumberjack shoes.

The unnerved Sasquatch once again snuck a peek at the enormous enigma that was Paul Bunyan but no reaction or confirmation of the situation took place. Sasquatch had planned an entire defensive game plan but could not find a way to coax Bunyan into battle.

The Sasquatch went so far as to make grunting noises and kick the giant but his ears were too high

and his jeans too thick. In what was proving to be a mythical mismatch, the Sasquatch could not even get enough of Paul Bunyan's attention to get crushed.

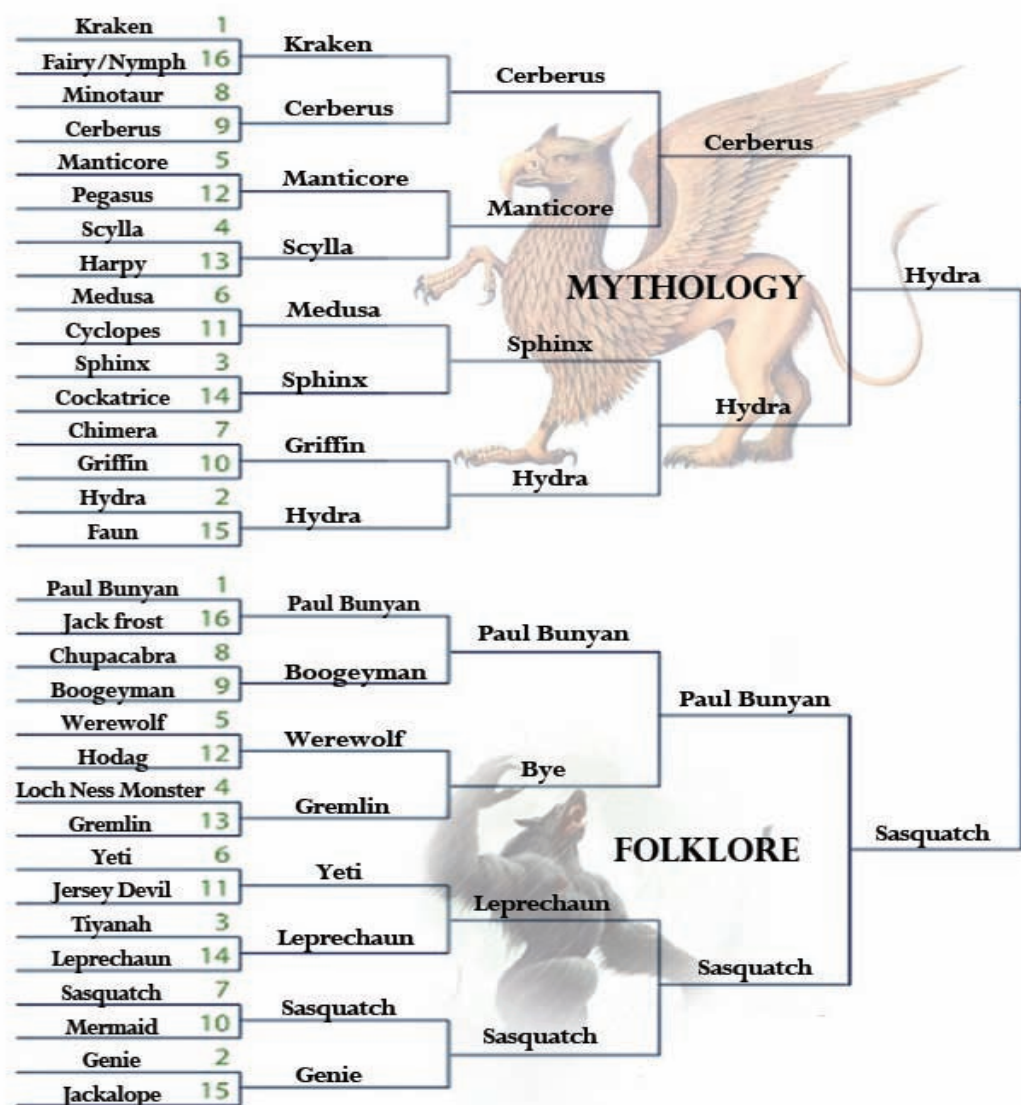
In a last ditch effort to get recognized, the Sasquatch lifted Bunyan's axe with all of his strength and flailed the dangerous device at the lumberjack. The scream that emerged when the axe was lodged in the giant's arm was one the Sasquatch would never forget, or really ever have a chance to remember as he was quickly stomped out like a burgeoning wildfire by Bunyan's enormous bare heel.

"I never enjoy the crunching sound," insisted Bunyan defending his innocence in what he called a terrible mistake.

He apologized for the accident and as for his own recovery, insisted that "I am a lumberjack and I'm still OK, and I plan on returning to sleeping all night and working all day."

Hopefully he will also get excited and finally figure out the match-up system when he goes against the winner of the Mythical bracket as the number one seed and representative of the Folklore bracket.

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MATCH-UPS



MYTHOLOGY

By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

All good stories come to an end. Unfortunately, Cerberus's maniac run to the Elite Eight was cut short by the hydra, who ended this heartwarming Cinderella story with strength, tenacity and just a small bit of immortality.

The tournament so far has been a flurry of action ranging from violent massacres to mysterious, shadowy battles hardly known to the eyes of man. The mythology bracket has seen some of the fiercest fights but at the final meeting of these beasts of antiquity, only two remained standing: the Hydra and Cerberus.

Cerberus proved himself a severely underrated competitor. While it seems near impossible to underestimate the guardian of the gates of the underworld, Cerberus' appetite for live meat and a mane of serpents only garnered him a ninth seed.

After a first round battle with the Minotaur, Cerberus faced one of the toughest creatures ever to be spoken of: the kraken. It seemed there was little hope for the beast of the underworld, but with some crafty movement

and brute force, he dragged his opponent out of the water and the battle ended swiftly from there.

With momentum behind him, he rolled over the manticore and landed in combat with the hydra.

Jesus once said, "When someone has been given much, much will be required in return" (Luke 12:48). Few have been given more than the hydra, who was not only given nine heads — one of which is immortal — but also the ability to regenerate two in the place of each one lost. This two seed, understandably, stomped his way through his opponents and proved to be a top tier monster. Down in Vegas, odds heavily favored the hydra.

High noon in the arena marked commencement of the fight. As the respected warriors approached one another, it was clear that both would be in for a tough fight. In this battle of oh-so-many-heads, the size, speed and intelligence of each contender were near equal. Teeth and claws sliced the bodies of both competitors. The grassy knoll upon which they fought was quickly caked in blood.

Because Cerberus' main offen-

sive weapon was a lock-jawed bite, he was never able to fully decapitate the hydra. Working his advantage over the wounded fiend, three of the heads were rendered comatose. Cerberus, the more mobile of the two, came at the miscreant from every direction. As the red, blood-slickened terrain slowed his agility, the hydra slow took control of the fight.

Once the great dog was in the hydra's deadly maw, five of the hydra's heads rent flesh from bone, leaving a sight only Michael Vick would enjoy.

Hades, Cerberus' keeper and trainer, watched in shock as his pet was pureed. A single tear rolled down the cheek of the lord of the underworld, leaving a barren patch of ground where it landed. The long walk back to the land of the dead would be lonely for this former master.

The hydra, finally defeating a worthy opponent, roared in victory. The media feared getting too close, lest being disfigured by spraying acid blood; it was assumed the hellion was looking forward to facing Paul Bunyan in the Final Four.

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LITERARY

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Using brute force, swift flying and craftiness, the Dragon was able to overcome the powerfully magical but arrogant Merlin on his way to the Final Four.

"He underestimated my abilities," the Dragon said after the match. "He thought he could just waltz into the arena and use his hocus pocus to take me down. He was dead wrong."

Merlin began the match in the forest, trying to neutralize the flying ability of the Dragon. The Dragon, having seen this before, began patiently burning the forest down with his fire breath.

"The forest took stamina," the Dragon said. "Merlin thought I would get impatient. Once again, he underestimated me."

In fact, Merlin was the one who became impatient, and growing tired of waiting, exited the forest to face the Dragon head-on. The Dragon instantly rose to the skies, as he had so often done throughout the tournament.

Merlin began launching spells into the air, trying to knock the dragon back down to the earth, but the Dragon was simply too quick. He dodged the shots with ease, biding his time once again. His patience, coupled with Merlin's arrogance and frustration, soon paid off.

"I knew that if one of his spells made contact with me, I wouldn't have much chance," the Dragon said. "It was even kind of lucky that I was able to dodge them all."

The Dragon then took offensive measures, swooping down occasionally and driving Merlin closer and closer to the water's edge, unbeknownst to the unprepared wizard. When he drove him close enough, the Dragon struck.

Dodging another of Merlin's barrage of spells, the Dragon landed and blasted a stream of fiery breath towards Merlin before he could generate another spell. Merlin had to react instinctively, jumping backwards into the water.

Catching him off guard, Merlin tried to steady himself on his new terrain, but this was just the opportunity that the Dragon needed. He snapped at Merlin's staff, breaking it and destroying Merlin's only source of power.

"After I broke his staff, I had only one thought on my mind," the Dragon said. "Lunch."

In a gruesome display of annoyance on the part of the Dragon, he ripped the unarmed wizard limb from limb before devouring him completely.

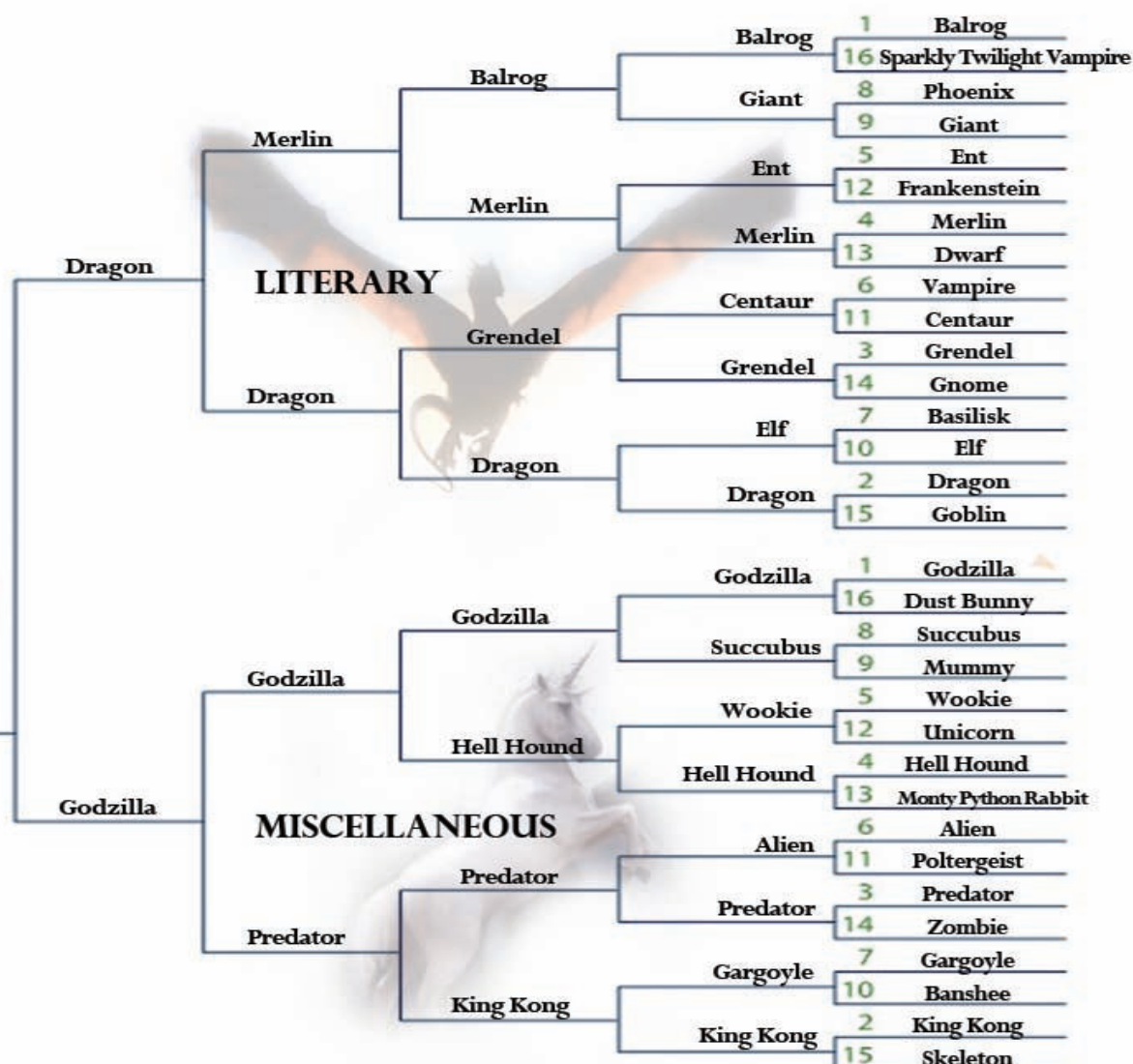
"I think he got what he deserved," the Dragon said. "He has been arrogant throughout the tournament, and he believed that he could outsmart me just as he outsmarted his other, non-human opponents. Dragons resent the belief that we have less intelligence than those miniscule humans, even those with magic. If he was so smart, he would have known that."

Merlin was unable to comment after the match.

The Dragon is set to face Godzilla in his Final Four matchup, a clash of two oversized lizards with a ferocity that can only be described as cold-blooded and calculating. The Dragon said he understood not to underestimate his opponent.

"Merlin didn't believe I had the intelligence to defeat him," the Dragon said. "I won't make the same mistake. I have to be on my guard. He destroyed Tokyo, for God's sake."

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MLB

Lincecum facing pot charge

Associated Press

SEATTLE — San Francisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges following a traffic stop in his home state.

Washington State Patrol spokesman Steve Schatzel said Thursday that the 2008 Cy Young Award winner and former University of Washington star was pulled over for speeding on Interstate 5 in the town of Hazel Dell, about four miles north of the Oregon border, on Oct. 30.

An officer approached Lincecum's 2006 Mercedes and smelled marijuana as the pitcher rolled down his window. Schatzel said Lincecum immediately complied with a request to hand over the drug and a marijuana pipe from the car's center console.

The amount measured was 3.3 grams. Schatzel said police consider that a small amount for personal use, well below the maximum of 40 grams before possession is

classified differently and carries a more severe penalty.

The arrest was first reported by The Columbian in Vancouver, Wash.

"It was about the size of a thumb, the whole thumb," Schatzel said of the volume of marijuana Lincecum handed over.

Lincecum was fined a total of \$622 for driving at 74 mph in a 60 mph zone, and for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanors.

The 25-year-old All-Star starter entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney on Monday, according to records in Clark County District Court. A hearing that had been scheduled for Friday morning was canceled, pending a pretrial conference between Lincecum's attorney and a county prosecutor on Nov. 23.

Lincecum is currently scheduled to appear before a judge on Dec. 22.

The Giants said they were aware of the situation but did

not immediately have a comment.

The native of the Seattle suburb of Bellevue went 15-7 with a 2.48 ERA in 32 starts and 225 1-3 innings in 2009, his third season in the major leagues. He is 40-17 with a 2.90 ERA in his career, and could be getting a huge, multimillion raise from salary arbitration this offseason.

Teammates consider the smallish right-hander a quirky perfectionist. They also consider him the "Franchise," the nickname they gave him when he broke into the big leagues only a year out of college. Others see his boyish face, shaggy dark hair, his diminutive frame — and his dominance — and call him "The Freak."

San Francisco chose him 10th overall in the 2006 draft out of Washington, and he instantly became the organization's top pitching prospect since Hall of Famer Juan Marichal signed with the New York Giants as an amateur free agent in 1957.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Anti-doping tribunal suspends Wickmayer

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — U.S. Open semifinalist Yanina Wickmayer was suspended for one year by a Belgian anti-doping tribunal Thursday, accused of failing to report her whereabouts to drug-testing officials three times.

The Flemish regional tribunal called the punishment "reasonable." Tribunal spokesman Koen Uman said the suspension takes immediate effect, but Wickmayer can appeal the decision.

The 18th-ranked Belgian has denied any wrongdoing and said on her Web site she planned to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. She is playing in a tournament in Bali this week.

Another Belgian tennis player, 2002 Wimbledon semifinalist Xavier Malisse, also was suspended by the tribunal for breaking the whereabouts rule.

Wickmayer's suspension

came as a surprise, because a prosecutor recommended she receive only a warning for missing three tests over 18 months. The tribunal said Wickmayer's failure to live up to anti-doping rules required a suspension.

Wickmayer said last month she has had trouble with her password in the computerized system overseen by the World Anti-Doping Agency. She also said registered mail at her home could not be signed off on because she was traveling to WTA tournaments.

She has insisted she never missed an anti-doping test and her samples were always negative.

Wickmayer has enjoyed a breakthrough year, including her run to the semifinals at the U.S. Open after never before moving past the second round at a Grand Slam tournament. She won her first two tour titles at Estoril in May and at Linz last month.

TRACK AND FIELD

Track chief suspended over Semenya debacle

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The South African track chief who lied about his role in runner Caster Semenya's gender tests was suspended Thursday.

Athletics South Africa president Leonard Chuene and the rest of the track body's 12-member board were suspended pending investigations into their handling of Semenya's case, the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee said in a statement.

The committee appointed one of its members, Ray Mali, as ASA's administrator. He is expected to call an urgent meeting to elect an interim board.

The Olympic committee also said its officials were considering action against international track officials for their "disregard of Ms. Semenya's rights to privacy." The statement did not elaborate.

Earlier Thursday, ASA said in a statement it wished to "publicly and unconditionally apologize to Caster Semenya and her

family, the president of South Africa as well as to all South Africans for the handling of her gender verification processes and the subsequent aftermath."

That statement referred to recent criticism of ASA from the governing African National Congress.

Semenya won the 800-meter world championships in August after the International Association of Athletics Federations said it had ordered gender tests.

Chuene later said he lied about his knowledge of the tests to protect Semenya's privacy. Despite calls for his resignation, he received a vote of confidence from the ASA.

The 18-year-old Semenya, a student at the University of Pretoria, has made only a few public appearances since returning from the World Championships in Berlin.

Last month, she and other South Africans who earned medals at the world championships were honored at a dinner organized by the ANC's Youth League.

NFL

Jury convicts in Collier shooting

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A jury convicted an ex-con Thursday of attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of former Jacksonville Jaguars offensive lineman Richard Collier in 2008.

The six-person jury deliberated two hours and 45 minutes before returning its verdict against Tyrone Hartsfield, 33, at the end of a nine-day trial.

Hartsfield faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced in December. He still faces a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, but it's not clear if prosecutors will pursue it.

Hartsfield was visibly shaken by the verdict and his sister went into hysterics and had to be led from the courtroom.

After the verdict, Hartsfield surprised his attorneys and the judge when he asked to make a statement.

"I feel like I didn't receive a fair trial," he said, adding his case should have been moved to another city.

He also complained that his trial was held amid the

Florida-Georgia football game and in the home of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Collier watched much of the closing arguments while seated in his wheelchair in the courtroom gallery. He was shot six times as he waited in his car outside a Jacksonville apartment building. Collier was paralyzed from the waist down and his left leg was amputated.

After the verdict, Collier said he felt the jury made the right decision.

"Stuff like this has to end," he said. "I can't smile because this is sickening to me?"

Collier said he was able to endure because of his faith and his family.

"My life is good," he said. In closing arguments, Assistant State Attorney Bernie de la Rionda reminded the jury of the attack on Collier.

"Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, is a day that Richard Collier will never forget. How could he? He's got a constant reminder every time he tries to move," de la Rionda said.

Thursday was Collier's first appearance at the trial since he testified on the opening

day. Both he and his teammate, Kenny Pettway, testified they did not see anything when a gunman fired six shots into Collier's Escalade.

Ann Finnell, one of Hartsfield's attorneys, said she believes Hartsfield is innocent and she plans to appeal.

"My opinion is they have the wrong man and Mr. Hartsfield didn't do this," she said after the verdict.

In closing arguments, she argued that the entire case against her client was built on circumstantial evidence.

But after the verdict, de la Rionda said he believed that was one of the keys to victory.

"When you put all the things together, circumstantial evidence is even better than direct evidence because it gets at the truth," he said.

Hartsfield had the motive and opportunity to shoot Collier, de la Rionda said in closing arguments, explaining that Hartsfield was seeking revenge after he was knocked out in a fight with Collier in April at a night club. The prosecutor said Hartsfield followed Collier's car from a club and then sneaked up and shot him.

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NCAA Men's Soccer NSCAA Division I Rankings

team	previous
1 Akron	1
2 North Carolina	3
3 UC Santa Barbara	4
4 Wake Forest	2
5 Louisville	5
6 Maryland	6
7 Virginia	10
8 Connecticut	8
9 Monmouth	14
10 UCLA	7
11 Duke	16
12 Harvard	15
13 South Florida	9
14 Tulsa	18
15 Charlotte	11
16 San Diego	RV
17 Northwestern	12
18 North Carolina St.	13
19 Stanford	21
20 UC Irvine	19
21 UNC Wilmington	23
22 Missouri State	25
23 Dayton	NR
24 Butler	17
25 Penn State	RV

NCAA Women's Golf NGCA Division I Coaches Poll

team	previous
1 Arizona State	1
2 Pepperdine	13
3 Auburn	8
4 LSU	11
5 Georgia	14
6 Southern California	2
7 UCLA	3
8 Florida	NR
9 Denver	5
10 Alabama	7
11 Oklahoma State	4
12 Wake Forest	6
13 Purdue	12
14 Virginia	9
15 Duke	10
16 California	19
17 Michigan State	20
18 South Carolina	NR
19 Florida State	NR
20 New Mexico	25
21 Chattanooga	NR
22 North Carolina	15
23 Tennessee	18
24 Ohio State	NR
25 Arizona	17

NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Division I Coaches Poll

team	points
1 Penn State	1490
2 Texas	1450
3 Hawaii	1378
4 Washington	1297
5 Illinois	1174
6 Stanford	1174
7 UCLA	1105
8 Iowa State	1079
9 Florida	1006
10 Nebraska	975

NCAA FOOTBALL



Oklahoma State wide receivers Jeremy Broadway, left, and Dez Bryant celebrate with the fans following the Cowboys' 39-3 victory over Sam Houston State in 2008. Bryant will not play again this season for lying to an NCAA investigator.

NCAA rejects Bryant's final appeal

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The NCAA has rejected a final appeal to reinstate Dez Bryant, and Oklahoma State (No. 19 BCS, No. 18 AP) probably has seen the last of its All-America receiver.

The NCAA rejected Oklahoma State's appeal to reinstate Bryant on Thursday, meaning he won't be back this season. The junior is considered a top NFL prospect and few expect him to return for another season in Stillwater.

Bryant sat out the past five games for Oklahoma State (6-2, 3-1 Big 12) after the school ruled him ineligible for lying to an NCAA investigator looking into

Bryant's offseason meeting with former NFL player Deion Sanders.

The NCAA decided last week that Bryant should be suspended until next September, and OSU appealed to the NCAA's Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. That group announced Thursday that it had rejected Bryant's appeal in a two-paragraph statement that included no explanation.

The NCAA indicated in its initial decision that it was showing leniency toward Bryant, because it could have taken his eligibility away entirely.

Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season

while also scoring twice on punt returns. He was the only one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award left in school this year.

In a letter to the NCAA that accompanied his request for reinstatement, Bryant had asked to be allowed to play again this season and that his "punishment is not so bad that I do not get to play football again at OSU."

"We're obviously disappointed for Dez. As a team, we'll move forward from here," Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said in a statement.

Gundy had allowed Bryant to skip some team activities, including practice, because Bryant found it difficult emotionally to be

around the team while ineligible. He was in Dallas for an interview last week when the NCAA's initial decision came out.

"He's been in and out and around and in touch," offensive coordinator Gunter Brewer said this week. "It's just been a struggle mentally and it's just been a tough time for everybody."

"He's still working out and doing some things and somewhat on his own and somewhat with us," Brewer added.

While Bryant was away, Brewer said, he had been "really trying to get with his family and make some decisions for him for the long haul."

IN BRIEF

FSU's Bowden to pick defensive coordinator

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bobby Bowden sounds like he plans to coach next year at Florida State and says he'll choose the successor to longtime defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews.

In response to a question on Wednesday's Atlantic Coast Conference football coaches teleconference, Bowden said he would give his designated successor, offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher, a lot of input in the selection, but that he would make the final decision.

Andrews announced his intention Tuesday to retire after 26 seasons at Florida State.

Bowden, who turns 80 Sunday, is on a year-to-year deal at Florida State with a final option for the 2010 season since the school has promised \$5 million to Fisher if he is not the head coach by January 2011.

Former NBA referee Donaghy released from jail

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was a free man Wednesday after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal.

Pat Berdan, a consultant working with Donaghy, said he was released from Hernando County Jail in Florida. Donaghy had been jailed there since August after officials said he violated travel restrictions while living at a halfway house in the Tampa area.

A New York judge sentenced the ex-referee in July 2008 after Donaghy said he took thousands of dollars from a professional gambler in exchange for inside tips on games—including games he worked.

The 42-year-old pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce in the tips-for-payoffs scheme.

NOW calls for Raiders coach Cable to be suspended

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The National Organization for Women called on the Oakland Raiders to suspend coach Tom Cable while the team investigates allegations he has a history of violent behavior toward women.

NOW president Terry O'Neill praised the Raiders in a statement for undertaking a "serious evaluation" of charges made by Cable's first wife, Sandy Cable, and former girlfriend, Marie Lutz, that the coach physically abused them at various times during their relationships.

But she said that Cable should be suspended while that investigation proceeds. The Raiders had no comment.

"This is the National Football League. Boys and girls around the country, as well as many women, look to the leaders of the NFL as our role models," O'Neill said in a phone interview.

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NBA

Lieberman breaks another gender barrier

Associated Press

DALLAS — The first woman to play pro basketball with guys is also the first hired to coach them.

Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman was introduced Thursday as the head coach of the Dallas Mavericks' affiliate in the NBA Development League, which will tip off next November.

The D-League team is partially owned by Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations. Hiring Lieberman was his idea, and he's confident young men won't have a problem taking orders from a woman — at least, not this woman.

"She's got the skins, the experience — she knows what she's doing — so I certainly hope that we're well beyond those issues," Nelson said. "Besides, if you can't respect authority, no matter what form or color it comes in, I don't want you on my team."

Lieberman has been a basketball pioneer since she was 17 and made the U.S. Olympic team for the first women's tournament, at the 1976 Montreal Games. She starred at Old Dominion and in various women's pro leagues, then in 1986 played for the Springfield Fame of the United States Basketball League. When the WNBA started, she

returned as a player, and later was a coach and general manager. She returned briefly as a player in July 2008, at age 50.

Kobe Bryant later told her that he and his daughters were watching during her latest comeback. He also asked, "Why would you put your reputation on the line like that?" She told him she did it because she had no fear — and that's exactly why she's taking on this challenge.

"I feel like I'm the right person for the job," she said. "I know how these guys feel. I played in the minor leagues. I'm ultimately connected to that part of development in a player's life."

She's also proud to break another gender barrier, one she hopes "could be the last barrier."

"I kind of look at President Obama," she said. "Everybody knows it's historical because he's a man of color. But at the end of the day, regardless of his race, creed, color or gender, he has to be president. Everybody knows I'm a woman, but at the end of the day, regardless of my race, creed, color or gender, I have to win basketball games."

"In 1986, my goal was not to be a girl playing in a men's league, it was to be a player in a men's league," she added. "In 2010, I don't want to be a woman who is coaching men,

I want to be a coach who is coaching."

NBA commissioner David Stern, a strong supporter of the development league and women's basketball, called the hiring "great news for all."

"This is wonderful for the NBA D-League," Stern said. "A basketball pioneer and Hall of Famer continues her journey."

While the hiring is the most notable in D-League history, it's no publicity stunt.

Lieberman has lived in the Dallas area for 28 years and happens to live about 3 miles from the new D-League team's gym in Frisco, a north suburb. She's run summer camps for girls and boys since 1983, so long that she's now teaching the children of some former pupils.

Her involvement on every level of basketball, along with the obvious marketing benefit, is part of why Nelson calls the hiring "a no-brainer."

"What she's done on a grass-roots level for basketball around here is second-to-none, and her experience can rival anybody's in basketball, from Olympics to professional to being in the Hall of Fame," Nelson said. "That, and the D-League is all about dreaming coming true, providing opportunities."

Staying close to home is especially important to



Detroit Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline, regarded as one of the most skilled players ever, instructs her team in 2008.

Lieberman because her son, T.J., is 15 and she wants to keep watching him play basketball.

"When I told him I was going to do this, he was so excited," she said. "That was so different from when I came back last summer. He was like, 'Ma, come on.' But then the night I played, kids were blowing up his cell phone and he's like, 'Dude! I'm here with her! We're making history!'"

The Mavericks will loan several players from their roster to the Frisco club and obvi-

ously will have input on other signings. Lieberman said she would like to watch Mavs coach Rick Carlisle so she can run the same drills and use similar technical terms to make the transition between the teams easier on all the players.

Longtime NBA coach Del Harris will be the team's general manager. Former slam dunk champion Spud Webb, who is from the area, will be president of basketball operations. The team has yet to be officially named.

NHL

Blue Jackets in financial trouble

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Columbus may have trouble holding on to the NHL's Blue Jackets because the club has been losing \$12 million a year in central Ohio, according to a report released Thursday by a business group.

The report commissioned by the Columbus Chamber offers a variety of options for strengthening the hockey team's financial position, such as new taxes or fees or selling shares to other investors or the general public.

Other suggestions include allowing the team to renegotiate its lease for Nationwide Arena or trying to attract a second major tenant, such as a basketball team.

"It is important that our community retain this team," said Dave Blom, chairman of the Columbus Chamber board. "The Columbus Blue Jackets impact our regional economy, support thousands of jobs and bring millions of dollars in tax revenue that contribute to our quality of life."

In the decade following 1998, the year after investors began the move to bring the team to Columbus, the city's downtown Arena District has attracted various retail, restaurants and other businesses, increasing property values by 267 percent and employing thousands, the report says.

Columbus Blue Jackets

President Mike Priest said that the team's current economic model has "significant disadvantages" and that it plans to work with public and private groups to find a solution.

Priest said the Blue Jackets, now in their ninth season, have built and maintained fan and corporate participation that has supported the team.

"Public partnership in arenas and stadiums has been a critical element to ensuring healthy, competitive sports franchises in markets across the country, including Cleveland and Cincinnati in Ohio, and our priority continues to be to secure long-term financial viability in this great city," he said.

Options in the report, produced by Stephen Buser, a finance professor from the business college at Ohio State University, include plans to continue the current private ownership, opt for alternate private ownership or public-private partnerships.

He says in the report the Blue Jackets are at a disadvantage to other NHL teams for reasons including that the team must pay \$5 million a year to use the arena, incur costs of managing the arena year round and have no access to parking revenue or payments for arena naming rights.

The \$150 million arena was financed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. It is one of the few NHL facilities in the country that is privately owned — largely because

county voters wanted it that way. They have rejected arena tax issues three times between 1986 and 1997.


The team's owners unsuccessfully asked that the current state budget include a tax increase on beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes in Franklin County to raise \$65 million to underwrite a county takeover of the arena.

The state Department of Development has been involved in discussions with Nationwide, the Blue Jackets, and city and county officials, department spokesman Bob Grevey said Thursday. While nothing specific is on the table, the state recognizes the importance of keeping the team in Columbus, he said.

Local voters have repeatedly rejected public financing of the center, and the tax increase was opposed by members of the beer and wine industry, including brewing giant Anheuser-Busch, which operates one of its 12 U.S. breweries in the city.

The Blue Jackets qualified for the first time last year for the NHL Western Conference playoffs, losing in the first round to the Detroit Red Wings.

The team came to town nine years ago through significant private funding — much of it from the late John H. McConnell of steel finishing company Worthington Industries. McConnell died last year, leaving his son John P. McConnell at the helm of the business.



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FENCING

Irish send best to USFA Juniors

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following back-to-back second-place finishes in the NCAA Championships, the Irish begin this season looking to grab that elusive title. Led by sophomore epeeist Courtney Hurley and sophomore Olympian Gerek Meinhardt, Notre Dame will send its best to compete in the USFA NAC Juniors today in Kansas City, Mo.

"We have a different team now," coach Janusz Bednarski said. "One third of the fencers are new, so we are trying to find out from the individual competition in the fall and we will know their strength. There was big enthusiasm brought by the new kids coming here."

Despite being one of the youngest teams in collegiate fencing, the Irish finished the regular season first overall before falling to Penn State in the finals in March. The Irish will compete in a number of individual competitions in the fall to build up player rankings before the start of inter-collegiate competition in the winter.

"From my experience, the team is very strong," Bednarski said. "It has a blend of very good top international fencers like Meinhardt and a lot of young kids who are competing to be starters. Gerek is considered by me the top in men's foil in

the country."

Meinhardt, the youngest male Olympian in Beijing, understands the challenges attached to his nametag.

"I have to focus hard against every competitor," Meinhardt said. "Because I'm at the top, people want to bring me down."

But Meinhardt is just a small piece of a very talented core of young Irish fencers on the men's side, including sophomore Enzo Castellani and junior Avery Zuck.

On the women's side, Hurley and her older sister, senior Kelley Hurley, will play an instrumental role in leading a squad balanced in talent and experience. Courtney is coming off a sensational performance last weekend in the Junior World Cup event held in Montreal, bringing home the gold medal.

"She was first on the continent in the world cup competition, which gave her a lot of points to the international standing," Bednarski said. "It's a good sign to win a big world cup event, and she won last year, so she keeps the level."

Led by the only Notre Dame coach to win multiple national titles in fewer than five seasons, this year's squad promises to give Irish fans plenty to look forward to as the season progresses.

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MLB

Matsui named World Series MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui took a meaty cut, watched the ball fly and winced when it hooked a foot foul.

That's about all that went wrong for him.

Matsui put the world in World Series MVP, earning the award by homering, doubling, singling and driving in six runs Wednesday night as the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 to claim their 27th championship.

Matsui became the first Japanese-born player to win the award that started in 1955. He hit .615 (8 for 13) with three home runs and eight RBIs. His performance in Game 6 matched the record for RBIs in a Series game. No one, however, had done it in a clincher.

"It's awesome," Matsui said through a translator. "Unbelievable. I'm surprised myself."

Standing on a podium in shallow center field, Matsui waved his new championship hat and shook hands with commissioner Bud Selig. Matsui won three titles in Japan and was eager to celebrate his first in the Bronx.

"I guess it's hard to make a comparison. When I was in Japan, that was the ultimate goal. Being here, winning the World Series, becoming world champions, that's what you strive for here."

"You could say that I guess this is the best moment of my life right now," he said. "It's been a long road and very difficult journey."



Yankees DH Hideki Matsui holds up the MVP trophy after Game 6 of the World Series Wednesday.

Matsui's two-run drive off Pedro Martinez in the second inning put the Yankees ahead for good. Nicknamed "Godzilla" back home, Matsui sent a shot to right field that banged off an advertisement on the facing of the second deck — fittingly, it was a sign for the Japanese company Komatsu, which makes mining and construction equipment.

After his hard foul, Matsui added a two-run single in the third and lined a two-run double off the right-center field wall in the fifth. The giant videoboard in center field showed fans holding Japanese signs and while the sellout crowd roared, he stood placidly at second base.

Fans cheered when Matsui's feat, matching Bobby Richardson's 1960 mark for RBIs in any Series game, was posted on the scoreboard.

Matsui drew a standing ovation when he came to bat in the seventh, and chants of "MVP! MVP!" bounced around the ballpark.

"He hit everything we threw up there," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Praised Yankees captain Derek Jeter: "Man, he looked like he wanted it bad, didn't he?"

"Matsui is one of my favorite players, one of my favorite teammates. He comes ready to play every day. He's a professional hitter," he said.

Watching Game 6 on TV in Tokyo, Masanori Murakami echoed that sentiment. He was the first Japanese player in the majors, in 1964 with San Francisco, and fully appreciated the magnitude of Matsui's honor.

"Ichiro Suzuki has had many accomplishments, but they've all been in the regular season. As the first Japanese to win an MVP in the World Series, this is a great accomplishment for Matsui and will have a huge impact," Murakami said.

"New York is a tough place to play, so this is a great achievement for him given all he has been through with injuries and missing time," he said.

Yankees outfielder Nick Swisher hollered Matsui's name during the clubhouse party.

"Matsui," Swisher yelled. "They're partying in Tokyo tonight, I know that. Man, what a great job Matsui did for us, been coming up clutch for us in situations all year long. He deserved that MVP trophy. There's no doubt about it."

An outfielder by trade, Matsui hasn't played the field since June 15, 2008, because of bad knees. He hit .274 this year with 28 homers and 90 RBIs, and wasn't much of a force in the AL playoffs against Minnesota and the Los Angeles Angels.

That changed against the defending champion Phillies.

Now strictly a DH and pinch-hitter because of his knees, Matsui accomplished a lot in a hurry. His 13 at-bats tied Baltimore's Rick Dempsey in 1983 for the fewest by a Series MVP (non-pitchers only, naturally), according to STATS LLC.

Matsui became the first player to win the award as a full-time DH in the Series. Toronto DH Paul Molitor played in the field when the Blue Jays won the 1993 title.

Matsui's eight RBIs were the most in a World Series since Reggie Jackson had the same total in 1977 and 1978.

"Just wonderful," Jackson said. "He struggles to play the field now. Great, great player. Represents his country well. He's a gentleman. He's a class act. Great player and to put on a performance like that in what may be his last time in Yankee Stadium, you just tip your cap and enjoy it."

Matsui left Japan and signed with the Yankees in 2003. At 35, his greatest achievement might've come in his final game in pinstripes.

This year wrapped up Matsui's \$52 million, four-year contract. It remains to be seen what the aging Yankees will do with him. Whatever happens, he certainly left his mark.

"I hope so. I hope it works out that way," he said. "I love New York, I love the Yankees."

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Teams travel to West Lafayette

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish women's and men's squads will be looking for important dual meet victories as both teams travel to take on Purdue today in West Lafayette.

"It is our first meet on the road this season, and a big challenge," men's coach Tim Welsh said. "We will want to evaluate where we are in handling big challenges on the road after this meet, and since all of our major championships are on the road also, we want to become a great racing team on the road."

After their only loss of the season so far against Michigan, the Irish men's swimming and diving teams are looking to the Boilermakers for a win to re-establish their reputation against Big-10 opponents, as they will also face Michigan State, Ohio State and Northwestern before the season's conclusion.

"This is one of the tougher meets we have this season," freshman breaststroker Chris Johnson said. "It'll give us a good indication of how the rest of our season might pan out."

Competition will be stiff in the diving area for today's meet, as Boilermaker and

Olympian diver David Boudia will make an Irish victory challenging in both the one-meter and three-meter diving competitions.

Since the beginning of team practices about two months ago, practices have gotten increasingly more intense and have certainly not changed this week in preparation for a hopeful win against Purdue.

"Our practices have been hard, challenging, and event specific since Fall Break all in the effort to help our team members improve," Welsh said. "At this point in the season, improvement from week to week is the name of the game for us."

The women's team is still searching for their first dual meet victory of the season. So far, they have had two tough losses to Michigan, but have proven they own the ability to put points on the board as their winning times showed at the Dennis Stark Relays.

"The girls are pretty hungry to compete," women's coach Brian Barnes said. "I believe this to be a very balanced team in regard to all four stroke events and relays."

The Purdue women's team is undefeated so far this season, claiming first place at the Indiana Intercollegiate meet and a win over Miami

University.

"Purdue is a strong team, but we have beaten them every year since I've been at Notre Dame," senior captain Megan Farrell said. "Our advantage when we face Purdue is that we have a lot of depth in the majority of the events we will race in."

The Irish have hopes of benefiting greatly due to the different format of the advent, which could be a strong advantage.

"This meet is a 16-event format featuring 200 distances rather than just 100s," Farrell said. "We tend to be stronger in middle distance events on the whole so this is to our advantage."

Though it is merely the beginning of the season for the women's team, an early dual-meet victory against one of the toughest opponents they will see all season will be a great confidence boost.

"This meet will be a good way for us to gauge our progress so far this season and will give us some insight as to how our training has been preparing us for race day."

The meet begins at 5:30 p.m. today at West Lafayette's Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish finish fall slate in Virginia

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will round out its fall practice schedule when it travels to compete in the William and Mary Invitational this weekend in Williamsburg, Va.

They will face Maryland, the College of Charleston and William & Mary.

"Kyle Spencer is new at Maryland and is going to make a difference there," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "W&M has added several new foreign players to their roster."

The Irish are coming off of a great showing throughout much of the fall season, including sophomore Casey Watt's run to the finals of the ITA Regionals in October.

Bayliss noted that Watt's performance made his presence known on more of a national stage and has the potential to become an elite college player.

"Casey had a significant breakthrough at the ITA Regionals," Bayliss said. "Reaching the finals in a field that included some of the better players in the country is a terrific achievement. Beating Justin Kronauge [Ohio State] is quite an accomplishment, as he had been the No. 1 player in the US in the juniors several years ago. His win over Marek Michalika [Wisconsin] is significant because [Michalika] beat Brett Helgeson twice last year. He clearly is becoming more aggressive and getting to the net more than a year ago. He always had the heart and

wheels of a champion, but he now is getting some new weapons which allow him options he previously lacked."

While the Irish got a stellar performance out of Watt, they are still looking for some new doubles combinations to help secure the doubles point more often and will try out some new combinations this weekend.

Junior Dan Stahl will also get to see some action at No. 1 singles this weekend as the Irish continue to search for Helgeson's replacement.

Sophomore Niall Fitzgerald will make his only appearance of the fall season.

"Blas Moros and Michael Moore have been very impressive this fall and I am anxious to see them in this field. Blas has added to his serve and Michael is becoming more comfortable coming forward to finish points," Bayliss said. "Both can be impact freshmen this year. Sam Keeton had a great weekend in Boston in early October. We think he can continue his growth now that he is coming in to the net more because he really controls play well off the ground."

Bayliss said junior David Anderson's back has improved, as has junior Matt Johnson's groin injury.

The Irish will take the rest of the semester off before hosting William and Mary to open their season at the Eck Tennis Pavilion January 22.

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GOLF

Watney leads WGC in Shanghai

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — So much for that notion that American golfers don't travel well.

The first World Golf Championship in Asia opened Thursday to a leaderboard filled with Stars & Stripes, led by wide-eyed Nick Watney and his 8-under 64 that tied the course record at the HSBC Champions and including, as always, Tiger Woods.

Watney got more excitement than he expected when he went to Shanghai's metropolis in a cab that weaved through six lanes of cars on a three-lane highway. He felt far more safe at Sheshan International Golf Club, where he kept it down the middle and close to the flag. Watney made an accidental eagle and ran off four straight birdies while building a two-shot lead.

"It was just one of those days where everything was feeling really good, so I wasn't too jumpy," Watney said.

Ryan Moore wasn't about to pass up a trip to China when he qualified by winning his first PGA Tour event in August. With a new equipment deal in place, he shot a 6-under 66 to join Shane Lowry of Ireland and Martin Kaymer of Germany, who is second in the Race to Dubai and facing a big week at this \$7 million event.

Woods was the star attraction again, although it is was demanding as ever.

Standing composed over his opening tee shot, he flinched all the way through his swing and let the 3-wood drop at impact upon hearing the shutter of so many cameras, inside and outside the ropes.

"The guy in the grandstand basically did almost a photo sequence," Woods said. The shot was so short, buried in deep rough right of the fairway, that caddie Steve Williams had to walk 40 yards to find the yardage on a sprinkler.

It was a frenzy for the opening hour, with marshals barking at the gallery not to take pictures, and Thongchai Jaidee's caddie having to walk up to a grassy hill and escort one photographer to the side of the ropes so his player could hit the shot.

Ultra sensitive when it comes to cameras, Woods handled this day better than most and chalked it up to a maturing golf crowd in China. More frustrating was not knowing where his ball was going throughout a gorgeous afternoon. Still, Woods took care of the par 5s and made enough putts to get around in 67.

"It wasn't my best ball-striking round today for sure, but I made some putts, which was nice, and just managed my game well," he said.

Woods was joined by Anthony Kim, who spent most of Tuesday in Hong Kong trying to get his visa situation sorted out, Paul Casey and Lin Wentang of Taiwan, giving some local flavor to Asia's biggest tournament.

Casey had reason to be thrilled with his start, no matter how many shots he feels as though he squandered. It was the first time he kept score over 18 holes since Sunday at Turnberry in the British Open. He had missed three months with a rib injury, returning last week in the World Match Play Championship.

"I don't quite have the power there yet," Casey said. "But there is a way to get around that power, and I'm doing it quite well right now."

Matt Kuchar and Pat Perez were among those at 68, while Phil Mickelson, Jason Dufner and Brian Gay checked in at 69. Of the top 20 on the leaderboard through the opening round, nine were Americans.

There were concerns that Americans would stay away from this World Golf Championship, being halfway around the world at the end of a busy year and not counting as an official event on the PGA Tour.

Even so, 13 of them made the trip and all but two broke par. Jerry Kelly was smiling at the way he ground out a 71 while using new grooves in his irons to get ready for next year.

"Got my first shank out of the way," Kelly said with a laugh.

On the first of two trips to China this month, Watney made an immediate impression.

He birdied his first two holes from inside 10 feet, then hit a hybrid where he wasn't aiming on the par-5 14th. He was playing away from the flag — and the water guarding the right side — pushed it slightly and was relieved to see it settle 30 feet behind the hole. He made the putt for eagle and turned in 31, then fired off four straight birdies.

"The greens are so good that if you hit a putt on line, it's definitely going to go in," Watney said. "So I was putting very well. Just tried to give myself as many chances as possible, and I was able to make a few."

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MLB

Yankees musing offseason options

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The sign men were out bright and early at the Yankees minor league complex, sticking vinyl strips with a fresh, white “27” over the “26” that had been up on the board for nine, long years to mark the team’s total of World Series titles.

Wind caused a few problems at the Himes complex in Tampa, Fla., but eventually the numbers were posted along with a new “2009” in what had been an open blue space below “2000.”

“It’s a ton of joy,” manager Joe Girardi said on WFAN radio later in the day. “There’s a sense of relief because you know that you could rest your mind a little bit for a while.”

Turmoil and turnover ceased in Yankeeeland, at least for the moment. A 7-3 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night had brought the title back to the Bronx, etching the names of Alex Rodriguez, Hideki Matsui, Johnny Damon, CC Sabathia and others into the team’s long list of champions.

“Every World Series victory is special, but this one is especially sweet coming in the first year in

our new home,” owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. “This group will become legendary — similar to the 26 world championship teams that preceded them.”

Even though the clubhouse was still wet with champagne Thursday and the triumphant parade through the Canyon of Heroes was a day away, attention already was turning to the future.

Girardi said he was likely to switch from uniform No. 27 to No. 28 next year, signifying the next quest.

But which players will the Yankees add for their title defense? Are the likes of John Lackey and Matt Holliday in the mix?

“Basically, you have got to get after it,” general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday. “It pretty much comes pretty quick. I’ll be in Chicago with the other GMs on Monday. Two trades already have taken place.”

Matsui, the World Series MVP, is eligible for free agency as is Andy Pettitte, who beat the Phillies in Games 3 and 6. So is Johnny Damon.

Matsui, limited to designated hitter because of bad knees,

wants to return. So does Damon, bothered by leg and back pain.

The 37-year-old Pettitte needs time to decide whether to retire or return for a 16th major league season and try for a sixth World Series ring.

“I have to talk with my family,” he said.

There may not be room for Damon, who turned 36 Thursday, and the 35-year-old Matsui, especially if the Yankees land Holliday, the top available free-agent slugger on the market. Damon and Holliday both are represented by the same agent, Scott Boras.

“They could play Matt Holliday in right field, too,” Boras said. “He has a strong arm. They have needs for two outfielders.”

Nick Swisher, who took over in right after Xavier Nady got hurt, hit just .128 with two RBIs in the postseason after batting .249 with 29 homers and 82 RBIs during the regular season. But the St. Louis Cardinals, who acquired Holliday from Oakland in July, are expected to try to resign the 29-year-old.

“Certainly St. Louis has an interest in Matt,” Boras said. “Matt had a very enjoyable time there.”

The Yankees figure to be after pitching, too, and Lackey figures to be the top available free-agent starting pitcher. New York’s used just three starting pitchers throughout the postseason — Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Pettitte — deciding not to take a chance on starting Joba Chamberlain or Chad Gaudin. New York became the first Series champion with just three postseason starters since the 1991 Minnesota Twins.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish hit the road for Big East games

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to bring its win streak to an even dozen this weekend as it travels to Marquette and Syracuse for its last conference road games of the season.

The Irish (16-4, 10-0 Big East) have coasted through the conference so far this season and are its only undefeated team.

“When you’re playing well and winning, the confidence continues to build,” coach Debbie Brown said. “It makes practice more fun. It’s definitely a positive thing.”

The streak could work against the Irish, too. Because of their accomplishments, the players will enter both opposing arenas with targets on their backs.

“I think all the teams work really hard to beat us and there’s a lot of incentive,” Brown said. “It’s a big thing for them in a year where we’re playing well and we’re undefeated. We expect that both teams are going to play really, really well against us.”

Both teams have an extra motivation to come out strong — the Big East tournament is just two weeks away, and neither has yet clinched a spot. The Orange (18-9, 7-4) are currently sixth in the conference while the Golden Eagles

(15-11, 4-7) are 10th. The top eight teams make the tournament, and three slots are already filled. Notre Dame has secured a spot, as have Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

The Orange had been up with the leaders of the conference until Oct. 24, when a loss to Marquette ended their six-game winning streak. They have since lost four straight games. All four of those losses came on the road, and Syracuse has yet to lose a game in their home arena.

“With both of these teams this weekend, especially Syracuse, it’s important for them to win in order to make the tournament,” Brown said. “To keep the season alive they have to win.”

However, Brown said the Irish will do everything they can to keep that from happening. The Irish have played every player in more than one conference game this season and make frequent use of the bench. But that might not be the case this weekend.

“Marquette and Syracuse are playing at a pretty high level right now and we don’t want to do anything that will disrupt the rhythm of the team,” Brown said. “We feel confident in a lot of the players but right now we need to put our best foot forward and that may mean playing our starters more.”

Brown said the team has been focusing on the fundamentals to prepare for Marquette and Syracuse.

“Both of them have a couple good players that will be a challenge,” she said. “We’ve worked on our defense, blocking and defending different shots. The serving and passing, the basics of the sport, are going to be really important to us. Our passing has been really good so that should help us.”

The Irish will face the Golden Eagles Friday at 8 p.m. and will then travel to Syracuse to take on the Orange at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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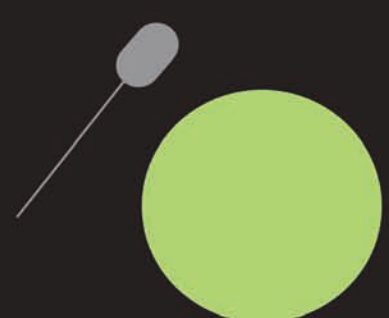
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish host USF in Big East Tourney quarterfinal

By **MICHAEL BLASCO**
Sports Writer

For a team that's managed to scrape together only two winning streaks all season, there is no better time for the Irish to start a third.

A week after beating No. 8 Connecticut, Notre Dame (10-7-1, 8-3-0 Big East) will host No. 13 South Florida (12-3-2, 6-3-2 Big East) Sunday at 1 p.m. in a quarterfinal match of the Big East tournament at Alumni Stadium. The game will be a rematch of the 2008 Big East semifinals in Tampa Bay, where the Bulls defeated the Irish 2-1.

"I really think [South Florida] will be a tough test," ninth-year coach Bobby Clark said. "We will need to have the same focus as we had last

weekend against Connecticut. It is important that we concentrate on what we bring to the table and not our opponent. If we do that, we will be in good shape."

The No. 3-seed Bulls and the No. 2-seed Irish also squared off earlier this season in a closely contested 2-1 South Florida victory in Tampa Bay. Despite heavily out-shooting the Bulls, Notre Dame could not overcome losing senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn to injury only minutes into the match in the sweltering Florida heat.

"It was a match where we were playing without both [sophomore defender] Aaron Maund and [freshman defender] Dillon Powers who were away in Egypt with the US Under-20 team for the World Cup," Clark said. "Losing

Aaron was a double blow having earlier lost [senior defender] Cory Rellas."

While defensive injuries prevented the Irish from keeping a steady starting eleven, the Notre Dame defensive has come into its own since its early struggles.

"I feel that our defense has settled down since then," Clark said. "Hopefully, it will provide a more stable base than back in September. I am sure that South Florida will also have grown, but we have now found our feet as a team and are beginning to hit our best form of the season."

The Bulls are coming into Alumni Stadium after a 2-1 victory over Marquette in the opening round of the Big East Tournament Wednesday night. After staking out a 2-0 lead with goals in the 16th and

77th minutes, South Florida cruised to an easy victory over Golden Eagles, who were kept off the board until the 84th minute.

While the Irish offense should keep the Bulls on their heels throughout the match, it will be the Notre Dame defense and goalkeeping that will decide the game.

Still unresolved is the Irish goalkeeping situation during the tournament. Senior Andrew Quinn has a 3-4-1 record with a 1.23 goals against average, while fellow senior Philip Tuttle carries a 7-3-0 record with four shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average.

"Both lads have played well this year, and once we see fitness later in the week, we will make a decision," Clark said. "We are very lucky that we

have two first class keepers, and Will Walsh, our other keeper, is not too shabby either."

Still, Clark acknowledged that wins or losses will result from the actions of more than just one player, and that, if Notre Dame hopes to mount a deep run in the Big East tournament, the Irish will have to play a complete game.

"To go far in tournaments, we need to have good team defense," Clark said. "This is the springboard for success. If we defend well as a team, then we will be in good shape to transition into attack. I feel this team knows their strengths, and if we work as a tight unit, then we have the players to go far."

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With only three combined starts between the five entering the season, acquiring experience for them is another important goal for Brey and the Irish.

"I look at the five guys playing with Harangody and Jackson, and it's almost new territory for them," Brey said. "They're all playing new roles and so a lot of my attention has been on those five, trying to get them confident. It's also a little bit with Harangody and Jackson, adjusting to five new guys. They've played their roles with a similar nucleus for a long time so I think there's an adjustment period there for those guys too."

Of the five, Peoples and Nash received the most playing time

last season, averaging just over 14 and 11 minutes, respectively. Both played in at least 34 of Notre Dame's 35 games last season, but averaged just three points apiece, something that will need to improve for the Irish to be successful.

"Nash has more of a role, and for Peoples, to start a game, that's kind of new territory for him," Brey said. "Those guys have been good trying to figure out how to play together, and we're trying to help them with that. Last year, when we started practice, we were kind of a finished product, and we were good. (This year) we're going to change a lot, and we have a chance to do some things. And that's where we're different, and they need to be patient, and I have to remember to be patient as I watch them and try to figure it out."

The Irish are coming off of a 70-59 exhibition victory over Lewis University, a game in which they trailed with 15 minutes to go in the second half. Harangody led the Irish with 33 points and nine rebounds, and Hansbrough, a transfer making his first start in an Irish uniform, chipped in 12 for Notre Dame.

"We played too fast," Brey said. "That's the biggest thing offensively. We want to play fast, but we never down-shifted. It was just some of that excitement, but we just have to play a little slower. And even our two seniors played 100 miles an hour, so that's something I'd like to do better on Friday."

The Irish tip off against Quincy tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the new Purcell Pavilion the Joyce Center.

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believes that the 2009 edition of the Red Storm could pose challenges for the Irish with their experience and strong defensive play.

"They've got a roster that's pretty senior dominated, so they've got experience, and they haven't given up much defensively this year," Waldrum said. "It's gonna be diffi-

cult."

St. John's finds themselves in the semifinals after a thrilling 1-0 double overtime victory over a good Georgetown team in the quarterfinals. The stout Red Storm defense is anchored by sophomore goalie Kristen Russell, who has played every minute of the 2009 season, allowing just 0.56 goals per game and recording nine shutouts.

On offense, the Red Storm are led by senior forward/midfielders C.J. Ludemann, who leads the team with 11 points, and Kaitlin Hass, who leads the team with four goals.

Although Waldrum said each team carries momentum into the game, he believes that St. John's may come out aggressive early on as they fight for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Both teams are going in with momentum and St. John's is trying to get into the NCAA Tournament, and to do that they want to win the conference tournament," Waldrum said.

The winner of the semifinal match between Notre Dame and St. John's will face the winner of the other semifinal match between Marquette and West Virginia Sunday for the Big East crown.

While Notre Dame has yet to face Marquette this year, the Irish posted a 3-2 overtime win on the road against West Virginia on Oct. 2.

"Both teams are very good but they're completely different," Waldrum said. "West Virginia plays more like us. They're big on the passing game and try to move the ball around. Marquette is a high-pressure team and puts numbers around the ball. They try to pressure you."

Because the Irish have faced the Mountaineers already this year and are familiar with their style of play, Waldrum said they may present a more favorable matchup for Notre Dame than Marquette. However, he respects the fact that both teams can present a challenging match for the Irish.

"We match up a lot of ways better with a West Virginia team than with Marquette, but having said that, we had to go to overtime to beat West Virginia on the road, and they're both quality teams and present difficult matchups," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame continues its quest for its 11th Big East title today at 7:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Frilling, Irish cap fall tournament schedule

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Notre Dame began the weekend in style as sophomore Kristy Frilling won her opening round match in the ITA National Indoor Championships Thursday. The Irish will also send a doubles pairing to Kalamazoo, Mich., for the Western Michigan Invitational beginning today.

Frilling had to wait until mid-week to learn she had qualified for the Indoor Championships after the 20th-ranked singles player in the country lost to top-ranked Maria Mosolova, 6-1, 6-3, in the finals of the Midwest Regional Singles Championships.

Frilling opened the National Championships in number one form, beating No. 26 Mari Andersson of California in three sets.

Louderback said he believes Frilling could win the tournament outright, as made evident by her first round victory.

"She has a shot at winning. Everyone out there is good so it'll be a tough tournament, but Kristy is good indoors and has been playing well," Louderback said. "She had a good regional so we are looking for her to do well out there."

Frilling will next face eighth-seeded Venise Chan of Washington today at 10:30 a.m.

While Frilling takes on Chan, an impromptu doubles pairing of senior Kali Krisik and junior Kristen Rafael will open play at the Western Michigan Invitational. The fall schedule is not solely for returning to competition Louderback said, looking forward to the spring season.

"We do [look at the results from the fall] when we begin looking at positions they'll play in the spring," he said.

Frilling, Krisik and Rafael will have a chance to help their spring positions this weekend as the three wrap up Notre Dame's fall schedule.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

McGlinn challenges PW in first round of playoffs

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Sports Writers

In a match-up between the top-seeded team and the eighth-seeded team, Pasquerilla West (6-0) will look to continue its path toward perfection in a first round game against McGlinn (3-3-1).

While the Purple Weasels dominated all season, McGlinn barely scratched its way into the playoffs with a thrilling, last-minute win over Lewis.

"We know we have the upper hand," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "But in the playoffs, teams give it everything we have. We expect McGlinn to come out ready."

The Shamrocks nearly fell to Lewis, who was playing spoiler, in their final regular season game, which was essentially a playoff game for McGlinn. However, the Shamrocks have proven they belong in the postseason tournament, and do not plan of making an early exit.

The Purple Weasels realize the urgency of the situation as well, and will take the defending champion Shamrocks seriously.

"We are going to treat every play, every snap, like it is the last play of the season," Curley said. "We know they are a challenge."

With the heightened intensity of the playoff game this week, one can expect that both teams will be practicing harder and focusing more in preparation.

"Practice feels a little different," Curley said. "We are all a little bit more focused."

The games should also be much more exciting. With both teams coming in with nothing-to-lose attitude, look for both teams to step up the intensity on every play. Defenses will be covering tighter, receivers will be sprinting faster, and quarterbacks and running backs will be even more locked-in than usual.

The Purple Weasels and the Shamrocks will meet at LaBar Field Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pangborn vs. Farley

After beginning the season as one of the top teams, Farley's second half was a bit disappointing, with a loss and two ties. Pangborn (4-2) will look to hand the Finest (3-1-2) its second and final loss in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

"We had a good season," Farley sophomore defensive back Katie Smith said. "We would have liked to finish on a better note but hopefully we'll come back with a win in the playoffs."

The Finest's biggest asset this year has been its resilient defense, neutralizing opponents' passing games with their defensive backs'

superior ability to reel in interceptions, largely led by Smith. Their roster also has the advantage of depth; key plays are not limited to just a few main contributors.

"Our talent is pretty spread out through the team, anyone can come up with big plays when we need them to," Smith said.

Farley will need a strong defensive performance to stifle the Pangborn offense. The Phoxes have had success with a balanced approach. Junior quarterback Gabby Tate has proven herself to be versatile at the position, equally skilled at running the ball as she is at unleashing a devastating aerial attack with the support of her receivers.

Whatever they have in store for Sunday, Pangborn is a driven team that is looking ahead toward championship glory.

"We've been working towards the stadium from day one. Our team has meshed together really well so we're glad we get to play more games together," sophomore captain Julie Cooney said.

Whoever comes out on top Sunday will play the winner of Pasquerilla West and McGlinn next week.

Pangborn and Farley will kickoff at 1 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Pasquerilla East vs. Walsh

Sunday's playoff match-up between Pasquerilla East (3-2-1) and Walsh (5-1) will showcase two of the best quarterbacks in the league.

The Pyros' senior quarterback Tara Pillai hopes to bring the team their first play-off victory since 2002. On the other side of the field, the Wild Women will rely on talented junior quarterback Amy Langnecker to generate big plays.

Walsh's senior captain Molly McCarthy said that Langnecker's primary targets will be senior Sierra Smith and junior Lindsay Schanzer, both of whom outperformed many defenses they faced this season. Senior defensive end Kim Bugos and junior linebacker Carolyn Leary will lead the Wild Women's defense against an aggressive Pasquerilla East squad.

McCarthy emphasized the high level of dedication and spirit among the Wild Women as they get ready to take on the Pyros.

"We're working hard to make sure we're prepared," she said. "Our team is pretty diverse in terms of age, so we've got a good combo of fresh enthusiasm and talent from our new girls and know-how, grit and desire from our older girls."

Not only has Walsh outperformed all but one of the teams they faced on the field this season, but McCarthy argues that the character of the team far surpasses any other.

"For such a small dorm, I think it's very telling when



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Farley quarterback Lauren Miller winds up to throw a pass during the Finest's 13-13 tie with McGlinn on Oct. 4. The Finest will matchup against Pangborn in Sunday's first round of the playoffs.

you see around 30-40 girls show up for each game," she said.

Pasquerilla West's Pillai said her team has the willpower to win.

"We are all very excited about [playing in the playoffs], but we know that it is not enough to make the playoffs - we want to win some games too," Pillai said. "We don't want this to be our last game."

Pillai said victories will be made possible by a solid team effort. This effort will be lead by senior linebacker Liz Ruiz and senior safety Anne Horst on the defensive side of the ball. On offense, Pillai will look to her favorite receivers, freshman Erica Chenard and sophomore Kristin Mannion.

The meeting between Langnecker and Pillai, the Pyros and the Wildwomen, is Sunday at 3 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Howard vs. Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh (3-3) looks to spoil undefeated Howard's title chances in the first round of playoffs Sunday.

The Chaos are led by an experienced group of seniors and the sophomore quarterback to wide receiver connection of Rebecca Cink and Brittini Alexander, respectively.

"Rebecca has been able to scramble and run really well," Alexander said. "She's also made really good decisions with the ball all year long."

In order for Cavanaugh to have a shot against Howard, Alexander and Cink must come up big. The Chaos have noticed a trend during the regular season: as the offense goes, so goes the team.

"The offense has executed

well this season in our three wins," Cink said. "When we've struggled, it has been in rainy weather that has been difficult to pass the ball in. If we get a couple scores early, we should be fine."

Those early scores will be tough to come by against the Howard defense. The Ducks (6-0) have made their mark playing stingy defense pressuring opponents into turnovers and mistakes while an opportunistic offense looks to cash in.

"We're going to look for our defense to put pressure on their quarterback and force turnovers, which our offense

will hopefully capitalize on," Ducks junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

Bishop emphasized the Ducks will not be content with just a perfect regular season. In order to make a deep playoff run, Howard must continue to improve.

"We have put in plenty of time in practice to be sharp for the playoffs," Bishop said. "We want Sunday's game to be a statement that we're for real."

This season's unblemished run is the first in Howard history.

Howard looks to make a strong statement, and continue a perfect season, against Cavanaugh Sunday. Gametime is 4 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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ate ligament (ACL) and meniscus, putting him out of commission for the season. Though he could not play, Sullivan assumed the role of defensive backs coach and has played a large role in the defense's success.

"Everything starts with the defensive backs. They come ready to play and we all like to hit hard."

Reid Mahoney
Otters linebacker

"[Sullivan's injury] was a pretty big hit for the secondary," senior cornerback Jeremy Bruck said. "After that, we rallied together and things turned out okay."

Bruck also said Sullivan's coaching was a large reason why the secondary still performed so well.

"Even though he was injured,

he really stepped up," Bruck said. "He's the reason we are where we are today."

Even the rest of the defense credits the secondary as the spur of the defense's success.

"Everything starts with the defensive backs," junior linebacker Reid Mahoney said.

"They come ready to play and we all like to hit hard."

With the secondary playing at such a high level, the Otters focus on stopping the run and forcing the opposing team to pass against what coach Joe

Westerhaus called a very disciplined secondary.

Sorin does not rely on any special tactics or strategy, but rather pure athleticism, Bruck said.

"Our call 100 percent of the time is 'make plays,'" he said.

Other key aspects to the Otter defense's success have been communication, heart and an underdog mentality. The latter two often evoke comparisons to Dr. Seuss stories.

"I'd compare it to Horton Hears a Who!," Bruck said. "Siegfried is the big Horton, and we're like, who cares?"

Mahoney said he sees more of a holiday theme to the Otter defense.

"Our defense is like The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," Mahoney said. "Our opponents have hearts twice as small as us."

With the success this defensive unit has had, they are no longer the underdog, as evidenced by the Otters' second seed — and the players seem to know it.

"Sorin defense hates Christmas," said Mahoney, adjusting his metaphor accordingly. "We're ready for Sunday."

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back several years and to one driving factor: their former rectress. Sister Sue Bruno was at the heart and soul of everything Purple Weasel football. As this year's senior co-captain Cynthia Curley said, there has perhaps never been a bigger Interhall football fan than Sister Sue.

"I think it's safe to say she was the driving force of our team," Curley said. "She was crazy about our football."

Sister Sue went to every Pasquerilla West football game without exception. But while most rector's and rectress' demeanor at interhall games tends to be reserved, Sister Sue wasn't afraid to let her enthusiasm show.

"She had a cowbell at every single game, and would stand on the sidelines banging it repeatedly," senior co-captain Alyssa Moya said.

Sister Sue's support for the football team wasn't limited to the field; her love for Weasel football extended into the dorm as well.

"She refused to Res-Life or fine any PW football players," Curley said. "She did all she could to keep us from getting

in any sort of trouble."

Sister Sue left Notre Dame after the 2008 school year, but her legacy has lived on. This year, the Weasels are 6-0 and captured the top seed in their division heading into the playoffs, and as the captains said, this might be the best Weasel team to date.

"In the past, we've had some really talented players, but we always had some weak spots," Curley said. "This year we have the most even spread out athleticism I've ever seen. Our defense has been untouchable and our offense, when it gets going, is almost machine-like."

The girls have also grown particularly close off the field. They regularly have team dinners and get-togethers to hang out, talk football strategy, and get any disorientation out of the way before their game.

"The team camaraderie is by far the best since we've been here," Curley said. "Unity-wise, we are there."

The girls will start their quest for championship number three when they face McGlinn (3-2-1) Sunday at 1 p.m. Among other things, the Weasels will be looking to consolidate the notion that they are, as Curley described, truly a "dynasty"

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Alyssa Moya
Weasels co-captain

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likely to see action this weekend.

"Odds are we'll try and work two of the guys in," Jackson said. "But I can't say that for sure."

In a big picture sense, Jackson said that he has historically been a "one goalie coach" throughout his career. He added, however, that he would give both players a chance to prove themselves.

"I need somebody to step up and say, 'This is my job,'" Jackson said. "I haven't seen that happen 100 percent yet. It's probably going to be a couple more games before I get

that sense that somebody is making that statement."

Traveling to Fairbanks always adds another wrinkle to this series. The team left campus around 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning and didn't arrive until about 1 a.m. Alaskan time.

"It's tough to travel up there," Thang said. "They've got that aspect."

Another unique feature of playing in Fairbanks is the fact that the Nanooks play on a wider Olympic-size ice sheet. They are one of only two teams in the CCHA, along with Northern Michigan, to do so. Jackson said he told his team to focus on the center of the ice and play "between the [faceoff] dots."

"It actually can be more

detrimental to offense because what happens is you get lost on that extra ice," he said.

Both games are scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m. AKT (11:05 p.m. EST).

Note:

♦ Jackson said that junior defenseman Teddy Ruth, who suffered a leg injury prior to the season, had started skating and hoped to practice next week.

"We're hoping that he practices next week," Jackson said. "There's a chance he plays next weekend against Northern [Michigan]. He'll definitely play the weekend after that."

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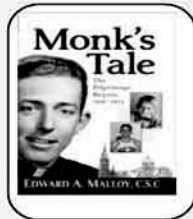
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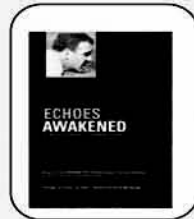
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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Vermin, Juggerknotts chase elusive playoff win

By ANDREW OWENS, CHRIS ALLEN, MEGAN FINNERAN and BARRICK BOLLMAN
Sports Writers

Carroll and Knott meet in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, and both will be playing for one of the biggest wins in recent dorm history.

Neither the Vermin (2-0-2) nor the Juggerknotts (3-0-1) have lost this season, but it has been years since either won in the playoffs.

Carroll junior captain Nick Ruof said the Vermin relish the chance to be victorious in the postseason.

"It's extremely important to Carroll Hall," he said. "We're playing for pride. We won't be happy campers out in the middle of nowhere if we lose."

The Vermin defense has anchored the team all season long and they hope for the unit to continue to play hard-nosed defense Sunday.

"The defense has been extremely important to our team," Ruof said. "Defense wins championships, and that's what we want to do."

Ruof also acknowledged that the Juggerknotts will provide the Vermin a unique challenge and that Carroll will have to play a complete game to win.

"The key to beating Knott is playing good football, converting on all our possessions and not making mistakes," he said.

Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said Knott has relied on youth to earn its first playoff berth in his career.

"We have a lot of young energy that has contributed to the strong season we have had," he said. "We are confident in our players."

Although the Juggerknotts are seeded above Carroll, the third seed against the sixth seed, Fitzgerald said the team will take nothing for granted.

"We need to keep playing how we have been playing all season," Fitzgerald said. "We want to play our game and if we do that we like our chances. At practice this week we've been going over plays and making sure we know our assignments."

Carroll and Knott come from different divisions, so the two teams are not familiar with each other.

"It will be a little different than our other games," Fitzgerald said. "When we play teams in our league we know what types of plays they run and how their defense looks. We don't know a lot about Carroll."

The Vermin and Juggerknotts will play Sunday at 1 p.m. at

Riehle Field with the winner advancing to play either Sorin or Siegfried.

Stanford vs. St. Edward's

Two years removed from its last Interhall championship, Stanford (4-0) knows what it takes to succeed in the postseason. When the Griffins face St. Edward's (2-2) Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, they will try to prove it.

"We have a lot of players left from the team that won two years ago," senior captain Chris Gill said. "The players from last year's team made the playoffs also. We all know what to expect. Being the top seed, we know [St. Edward's would] love nothing more than to come out and beat us."

Stanford will come out with the balanced attack that has placed them at the top of the bracket, led by junior quarterback Tony Rizzo. The defense, which stifled opponents all season, will try to stop an unpredictable St. Ed's attack, but the Griffins are prepared.

"We're ready for anything," Gill said. "We just have to come out and play the way we've been playing and get out to an early lead. Our defense will have to watch out for trick plays."

As the top seed playing a team that squeaked into the playoffs, Stanford might be tempted to overlook the Gentlemen, but Gill knows from experience how dangerous this match-up can be.

"My freshman year we were the eight seed and went out and beat the one seed," Gill said. "It's Interhall football so anybody can beat anybody. We have to play like they are the best team we will face all season."

St. Edward's knows it faces a challenge in playing the top-seeded Griffins, but is not intimidated.

"We haven't really seen them, being in a different division, so all our information is hearsay and rumor," St. Edward's coach Cameron Hogue said. "It comes down to executing our game plan. We're going to play our game and make Stanford adjust to us."

Hogue also dismissed the David vs. Goliath connotations that being a low seed playing the higher seed would conjure up.

"Being the lowest seed doesn't add motivation for us," Hogue said. "It's still Interhall football and all it takes is two big plays to win the game."

The top-seeded Griffins will take on the Gentlemen Sunday at Riehle Field at 1 p.m.

Sorin vs. Siegfried

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Knott wide receiver Terry Howell evades an O'Neill defender during a game Sept. 21. The Juggerknotts will meet the Vermin of Carroll in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

One of the best defenses in league history will look to knock the defending champions out of the playoffs in the first round Sunday when Sorin (3-0-1) meets 2008 champion Siegfried (2-1-1).

With single elimination dictating who continues to the next round, this game begins the first of three very important weeks. Only one team will advance to the next step on the path to the Stadium.

Sorin has consistently looked to sophomore Matt Pepe to make key catches and put points on the board, along with freshman Ryan Robinson, senior Rob Gallic and numerous other men who have worked to make the Otters' offense a strong one.

But the biggest reason for Sorin's undefeated season lies not in its offense, but in its stalwart defense, led by junior lineman Matt Gamber.

In four games, the Otters have repeatedly stopped teams from converting on fourth down with blocks and interceptions. They have yet to allow a single point to any team in its four games.

"Coming in as a freshman, it's pretty exciting to have a team do so well," freshman Killian Frailey said. "It's nice when a team can come together like this and work hard to stop our opponents."

While Siegfried does not have a flawless record in its title defense, its offense has proven itself time and time again, scor-

ing at least one touchdown every game thus far. The Ramblers mainly look to junior quarterback Matt Meinert to make things happen, moving the ball through both the passing and running game.

Defensively, they have only given up a total of 16 points, thanks in large part to players like junior defensive lineman Dan Scime.

"We're all really excited that it's the playoffs now and we want to keep the championship trophy in Siegfried," freshman David Whitmore said.

Sorin and Siegfried will play at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field.

Morrissey vs. Dillon

In one of the most evenly matched games of the first round, Dillon (3-1) will play Morrissey (3-1) in a match-up of a strong defense against a versatile offense.

Dillon has been a dominating force throughout the season, blowing out O'Neill, Keenan and Keough. In each contest, the Big Red held their opponents scoreless while scoring multiple touchdowns. Their only loss came at the hands of undefeated and untied Stanford 12-7. The key to their success has been a solid defense, giving up only seven points all season.

"Games are won and lost in the trenches," junior captain Jordan Smith said. "We have played well on the offensive and defensive line all year."

Morrissey hasn't been as dominant throughout the entire season. After blowing out an over-matched Alumni team in the beginning of the year and easily dispatching still-forming Duncan, Morrissey beat defending champion and perennial powerhouse Siegfried 9-7. However, in their last game of the season, the Manorites suffered a defeat to Knott Hall, hamstrung by mental lapses.

After the mental mistakes cost them the game against the Juggerknotts, Morrissey's goal in the playoffs is to win and have a very simple plan to accomplish that objective.

"We want to score points ... touchdowns preferably," senior captain Phil Yuhás said. "On defense, we need to reap some souls and not let the other guys in the end zone."

Both teams recognize the importance of the playoffs, which is the goal of every team at the start of the season.

"The playoffs are the real season," Yuhás said. "Special things happen in the playoffs that don't happen in the season."

The two teams will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field with a semifinal berth at stake.

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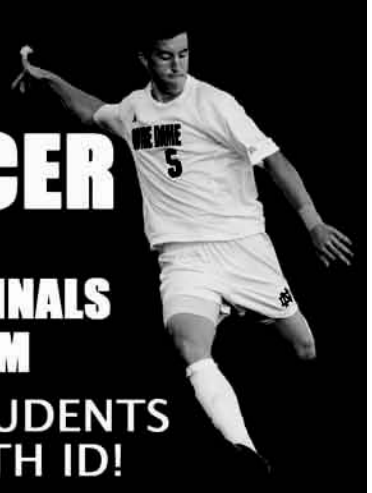
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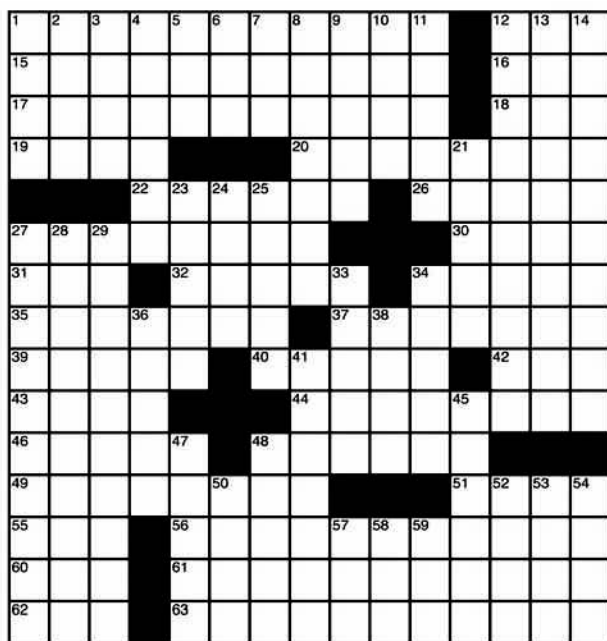
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- Across**
- 1 Rabble-roused
 - 12 Luckman of Chicago Bears fame
 - 15 Tape deck convenience
 - 16 Boyhood nickname in "The Phantom Menace"
 - 17 Its clock was featured in the 1945 film "The Clock"
 - 18 Perps' preferences
 - 19 "Help!" e.g.
 - 20 Overcrowded digs
 - 22 Ones maturing quickly, for short
 - 26 Recipient of a record 12 Best Director nominations
 - 27 Best-selling children's author who became a baronet
 - 30 Further
 - 31 Delta competitor: Abbr.
 - 32 Get together
 - 34 Sticks one's nose in
 - 35 Diagnosis facilitator
 - 37 Where people do stretches
 - 39 Wine option
 - 40 First name in 2000 headlines
 - 42 Japanese market inits.
 - 43 Cry of accomplishment
 - 44 Tacit
 - 46 Cry made with great effort
 - 48 Mine shaft drill
 - 49 Multiple Emmy winner for "Nick News"
 - 51 "Return of the Jedi" dancing girl
 - 55 Come together
 - 56 Shuffling goal
- Down**
- 1 Sadie Hawkins Day creator
 - 2 "The Valley of Horses" novelist, 1982
 - 3 Magazine founder Eric
 - 4 "Tempest," for one
 - 5 First responders' destinations, briefly
 - 6 Comerica Park team, on scoreboards
 - 7 "Nip/Tuck" character Moore
 - 8 Quiets
 - 9 Is a real burden to
 - 10 A couple of words after the race
 - 11 People may ask you to do this
 - 12 Actress Katharine Ross's actor-husband
 - 13 "You could look at it this way ..."
 - 14 Upset
 - 21 Shrek's voicer
 - 23 Petal-like poinsettia part
 - 24 Bygone radio "friend"
 - 25 NPR host Hansen
 - 60 Rimbaud's "Saison en Enfer"
 - 61 Dress style that appears to lengthen the body
 - 62 Thumbs-down
 - 63 Modern retelling of the Faust legend



- Puzzle by Brad Wilber
- 27 Be too hasty
 - 28 1941 Jimmy Dorsey chart-topper
 - 29 It leads nowhere
 - 33 Moral fiber
 - 34 Ship to the New World
 - 36 Chardonnay alternative
 - 38 Imitate Don Corleone
 - 41 Seduced
 - 45 Preventer of northern exposure
 - 47 Was off base
 - 48 Prime-time time
 - 50 Bart Starr's alma mater, briefly
 - 52 Tongue-lolling comics character
 - 53 Majesty lead-in
 - 54 Entertainment partner?
 - 57 Kid ____ (old bandleader)
 - 58 "Drop ____ line"
 - 59 Be undefeated against, in sports lingo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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HOROSCOPE

FRIDAYS WITH FRAN 2.0

Aries: A pre-emptive Thanksgiving diet can't hurt.

Taurus: Whatever happened to predictability? The milkman, the paperboy, the evening TV? Verdict: Well, Stephanie just got out of rehab...

Gemini: Something about telling our future soldiers to "suck it" seems inappropriate. Follow your heart in this matter. Verdict: GO IRISH GO

Cancer: Christmas is less than fifty days away. Now would be the proper time to put Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" on an iTunes loop.

Leo: Your no-shave November is successful so far — whether you intended it or not.

Virgo: Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner? Genetic jackpot. Sorry, you and your lover will never be that attractive.

Libra: 140 years ago today, the first official inter-collegiate football game was played. It was Rutgers vs. Princeton. Fail.

Scorpio: Get in loser we're going shopping. Verdict: University Park Mall

Sagittarius: DART times are up. Yours sucks.

Capricorn: Text your predictions of Navy game to (402) 250-7719!

Aquarius: New Transpo line around off-campus hot spots? HELLOOOOO party bus!!

Pisces: Give John the card swiper at South a big ginormous hug when you see him tonight... Verdict: 5 stars!!!

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The Real Cost of a Notre Dame Education			
Cost of Attendance 2009-2010:		Other Fees That Might Be Incurred:	
Tuition and Fees:	\$38,480	Replace Stolen Property:	\$2,543
Room and Board:	10,370	Blarney Stone tithes:	10% of income
Books and Supplies:	950	Reslife fine(s):	\$300
Personal Expenses:	1000	Bar money:	\$45/week
Transportation (may vary):	500		
Total Cost of Attendance:	\$51,300	Spending 4 Years in South Bend:	Priceless?

JUMBLE

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 VOARP
 ADJEGG
 INSECK

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

Answer: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABHOR ORBIT DAMASK MISFIT
 Answer: Trouble in a joint can mean this — ARTHRITIS

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame makes trek to Alaska for two-game set

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish travel 3,500 miles to Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend for a two-game CCHA series against the Nanooks in the second weekend of conference play.

"It's nice to get away from home," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson joked. "But not this far away."

One of the biggest goals for the No. 9 Irish (4-3-1, 1-0-1 CCHA) this weekend will be to finally light the lamp during even strength play. Of the five goals the Irish scored against Ohio State last weekend, four were on the power play and one was an empty-netter.

"It's kind of evolved now where we've got guys pressing," Jackson said. "We've got guys where they don't score, they tighten up on the sticks, and all

of a sudden they're trying to do too much or shooting the puck from bad angles."

Senior captain Ryan Thang echoed Jackson, saying that the team's even strength woes were more about mentality than anything else.

"It's just a matter of time," Thang said. "[We've] just got to stay positive."

This weekend may not be the best set of circumstances for the Irish to break their slump,

though, as Alaska (5-0-1, 2-0-0 CCHA) has only given up an average of 1.2 goals per game this season.

"It's going to be tough," Thang said. "Alaska's playing great."

Part of the Nanooks' success defensively can be attributed to sophomore goalie Scott Greenham, who has given up only seven goals on the season with a .949 save percentage.

The situation in the Notre

Dame goal is slightly murkier, however. Junior Brad Phillips, the presumed starter coming into the season, has started five games for the Irish with a 2.18 goals against average. Freshman Mike Johnson, though, has looked impressive in his two starts, with only one goal allowed and a .982 save percentage.

Jackson said that both were

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Playoffs?!

Stout Otter defense ready for Ramblers

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

If the old adage "Defense wins championships" is true, Sorin's first round playoff game against Siegfried should be nothing more than a speed bump on the road to a championship in a few weeks. The Otters (3-0-1) enter the playoffs undefeated thanks to their stellar defense, which has yet to allow a point this season.

Before the season, it seemed that Sorin had the potential to shut down opposing offenses, returning the majority of a defense that had been impressive in 2008, with only a few key losses to graduation — holes that would be filled by freshmen and transfers. However, the Otters suffered a tough blow when sophomore strong safety Bobby Sullivan went down because of a torn anterior cruci-



Sorin junior linebacker Reid Mahoney, left, and junior defensive lineman Matt Gamber contain a Zahm ballcarrier during the Otters' 20-0 victory on Sept. 27.

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Purple Weasels in hunt for perfect season

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

One doesn't often equate a weasel with dominance. However, over the last six years, there seems no other word more appropriate to describe the Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West's Interhall football program.

The team will begin its quest to reach its seventh consecutive semifinal and win its third championship in the last six years Sunday.

If there is a dynasty in girl's interhall flag football, it is the Weasels. The team won back-to-back championships in 2005 and 2006. And now, after two straight seasons of heartbreaking playoff losses, they look to complete a perfect season with a third title.

The origin of this Purple Weasel dominance dates

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish face Red Storm in semis

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 47 Notre Dame finds itself in a familiar position this weekend as they head to Storrs, Conn., to play St. John's in the Big East semifinals. By the end of their east coast road trip, the Irish hope to return home with their 11th Big East title.

The Irish, who are making their 14th appearance in 15 years in the conference semifinals, find themselves facing a Red Storm team that has not advanced this far in the conference tournament since 1994.

Notre Dame hasn't faced St. John's since the 2007 season. Coach Randy Waldrum said he



Junior midfielder Erica Iantorno keeps the ball away from a Louisville defender during the Irish's 1-0 victory Sept. 27.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish host Quincy in final exhibition game

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

At the start of a season with many questions still unanswered, coach Mike Brey is still looking to fill in the pieces of his lineup around star seniors Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody. Tonight's exhibition game against Quincy University is simply the next step in that process.

"I think when you've been coaching a while you cycle into more of a teaching mode with a new group, and I certainly like it," Brey said. "It's energizing. There are new things to talk about every day, as somebody

does something and you say 'Wow, I didn't know he could do that. Maybe we should tweak things.' I'm still trying to figure out our identity a little bit and we're still going to be trying to do that, but it's a fun atmosphere to work in."

Since the start of practice, Brey has looked to five upper-classman to fill in the spots around Harangody and Jackson — seniors Jonathan Peoples and Ben Hansbrough, along with juniors Tyrone Nash, Carlton Scott and Tim Abromaitis — each of whom will need to prove himself to earn his role on the squad.

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