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Students, prof react to health care bill



Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., left, shakes hands with Committee member Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

By ADRIANA PRATT
News Writer

The House of Representatives passed a health care bill Saturday night, but when it reaches the Senate, the bill will likely take a long time to be resolved, said David Campbell, professor of political science.

"I don't think there's any chance the Senate will pass this bill in its current form. There will definitely be changes made," Campbell, who specializes in American politics and public policy, said. "We're not anywhere

close to settling this."

The bill passed with a vote of 220-215 with the support of only one Republican, U.S. Rep. Joe Cao, R-La.

Campbell said the policies surrounding health care will change slowly.

"What [this bill] represents is a classic example of the way policy changes in the United States," Campbell said. "This is an incremental bill. It's not a fundamental reworking health care."

Congressman Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., of the 2nd District, which includes South Bend,

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Journalists discuss state of media

Abramson and Shribman explore challenges in the newspaper industry

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Journalism's current challenge isn't saving print newspapers. The challenge is maintaining high standards in emerging new media forms, visiting journalists said Monday.

Jill Abramson, managing editor for news at The New York Times, and Executive Editor for The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette David Shribman spoke about the future of journalism in a discussion sponsored by the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy in McKenna Hall.

"I hope the printed product lasts a long time. I think it has virtue and value," Shribman said. "But we can do so much more in journalism now. There's such a richer atmosphere and so many opportunities."

Abramson said the Internet has changed the business. Working as a journalist in the late 1980s and early 90s, she said newspapers were "fat and happy."

"I don't think we quite appreciated in real time the great tumult and change the profession was about to go through," she said. "It has not been necessarily all negative, but certainly more challenging."

The New York Times online reaches a new base of readers and captures about 20 million unique readers every month.

"The opportunity to reach this much larger audience is quite thrilling, and in terms of quality journalism, it provides opportu-



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Jill Abramson and David Shribman discuss the future of jour-

nties to tell stories in completely different and exciting ways," Abramson said.

But the problem facing many newspapers is that quality reporting is expensive, Abramson told The Observer in an interview.

"I think the thread is just finding a secure business model that can sustain the work to produce quality journalism. It can be very expensive," she said. "The Times has an investigative journalism unit in which reporters spend weeks and months and occasionally more than year get-

ting an important story."

Abramson said The New York Times spends about \$4 million maintaining secure bureaus in Iraq and Afghanistan — a price many papers can't afford to pay.

Shribman said new, Web-based media offers opportunities to tell stories in a different way. The challenge is paying for it.

He said The Post-Gazette has been experimenting with different business models to pay for the paper's production, namely offering a portion of their Web

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Both campuses give H1N1 shots

Vaccines being administered to those at highest risk of contracting flu

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and
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News Writers

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College have received a limited number of the H1N1 vaccine for the students, faculty and staff determined to be at high risk for contracting the virus.

The St. Joseph County Health Department gave Notre Dame about 500 doses of the vaccine Thursday. Director of Health Services Ann Kleva said. University Health Services distributed about 200 of the doses Friday.

Kleva said the first batch of vaccines was reserved for the groups at highest risk of con-

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Notre Dame	500
Saint Mary's	200

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ND club to hold charity denim sale

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

The newly formed Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) club at Notre Dame is sponsoring its first annual Charity Denim fundraiser Tuesday to aid in providing health care to a Honduran orphanage.

FOTO is a U.S.-based organization that includes regional branches around the country and university clubs. The organization is committed to financially supporting the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean, but the Notre Dame chapter of

FOTO is focusing its efforts on supporting one of nine NPH orphanages in Honduras and, more specifically, the Holy Family Surgery Center in Honduras.

The event — which will take place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom — will bring more than 700 pairs of last season's designer jeans to students to purchase at 40 to 60 percent off the original prices, courtesy of Charity Denim.

Brand names available include Seven for All Mankind, Joe's Jeans, Hudson Jeans, True Religion and others.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A matter of perspective

As students, we have a lot to complain about. We have to wake up in the morning, sometimes as early as 8 a.m., walk up to 15 minutes to class, and then sit there and think. Not only that, but from November to March, we have to make that walk in cold weather. Then we leave class, go back to our tiny rooms, and are forced to do more work or suffer the consequences of subpar grades. Then, when we get a break on the weekends, we are forced to watch a football team that can't even win us a national championship. What's worse, du Lac won't allow us to forget about that sorrow without the fear of being brought in front of the disciplinary committee.



Eric Prister

Sports Production Editor

Graduation doesn't make it any better. We actually have to spend our senior year doing work in order to graduate. We're forced to listen to the president of the United States speak at our commencement. Then finally, once we escape this place, we can't even find a job, because the economy is so bad.

Now wait a minute. Let's take a step back. Because maybe, just maybe, life isn't as bad as it seems.

We wake up in the morning, more than likely sometime after 9 a.m., and for some, after noon. We roll out of bed and walk to a dining hall which prepares all of our meals for us. We go to class and all we have to do is think (and not even that sometimes), without any physical strain. We come back to our rooms and can do nearly anything that we want with our time. We can sleep for another three hours, we can watch hours upon hours of SportsCenter or simply stare at our computers without anyone telling us not to. And we can stay up all night for no good reason if we feel like it.

True, life could be better. But life could be a whole lot worse too. I'm not saying that we should all abandon the life that we have and give ourselves to a life much harder than the one that we have, at least for now. And I'm not saying that we're spoiled and that we shouldn't have the things that we do. We all deserve to be here. But sometimes, we need to just take a step back and get a different view of things. We have it very good here, despite some things that aren't entirely ideal. I understand the stress that everyone feels. And I understand the frustration that we all feel when work, or rules, or losses get in the way of our enjoyment or happiness. But life is very good, so we should enjoy it all — the work along with the convenience and fun.

It really is all a matter of perspective.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU MISS FROM HOME?



Gunnar Dennis

freshman Siegfried

"My family."



Maureen Parsons

freshman LeMans

"My twin brother."



Jeremiah Herman

senior Dillon

"My mom, she makes the best chili."



Joe Wawrzynski

freshman Fisher

"My dog, Mr. Cat."



Margaret Jumonville

junior Breen-Philips

"My family."



Jordan Cowart

freshman Knott

"My cousin, for sure."

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



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Mark Santrach, a freshman architecture student, works on a painting for class on the grass in front of Crowley Hall Monday.

OFFBEAT

Chewing gum thefts on the rise in Connecticut towns

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — Police in several Connecticut towns said they're dealing with a sticky situation — chewing gum thefts. According to authorities, the number of people caught stealing chewing gum has noticeably increased recently. They believe the chewy contraband is ending up on the black market, where it's harder to trace than some other stolen goods.

In one of the largest recent cases, a 21-year-old Stratford man was

charged with shoplifting about \$800 worth of Orbit chewing gum from stores in Stratford, Bridgeport and Fairfield.

In West Hartford, police have investigated four gum theft complaints since June, including one in which a 21-year-old Enfield man was charged with stealing \$175 in gum from a local supermarket.

Man finds 60 birds on property, has had enough

MANNINGTON, W.Va. — It's not quite Alfred

Hitchcock's "The Birds," but former Mannington Mayor Frank White says he's had enough of the winged creatures for a long time. White said his neighbor, City Councilman Jeff Michael,

has been providing a regular smorgasbord for birds, with seed, bread and even French fries.

As a result, White said there are up to 60 birds at a time on his property. He said most of the birds are pigeons, which he calls a nuisance.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture titled "Leadership in a Corporate Crisis: Johnson & Johnson and Tylenol" will be held in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture will begin at 8 a.m. today.

"Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography" will be on display in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. today.

The H1N1 vaccine will be available for highest risk patients today in the Stephan Center. The vaccines will begin to be distributed at noon. Please bring a current Notre Dame identification card.

The Lunchtime Workshop Series will be held at 12:30 p.m. today in Madeleva Hall. This week the lecture will be titled "Ok, I've read, What Am I Supposed To Do Now?"

The "Multiscale Simulation of Liquids Under Confinement" lecture will be held today in 138 DeBartolo Hall at 3:30 p.m. today.

"Compañeros del Destino: Transborder Social Lives, Huapango Arribeño and the Discouraging of Citizenship" will be held today at 4 p.m. in 210-214 McKenna Hall today.

A play titled "Unveiled" will feature playwright Rohina Malik. The play will be held at 7 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall today.

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

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 9 issue of The Observer, the article "Strong Bodies Fight" misidentified Professor William Donaruma, associate professional specialist in the department of Film, Television and Theater, as the editor of the film. Donaruma is the director, co-producer and co-editor of the film. Also, in the same issue, it was said that Amanda Clark scored in the first half and Erica Iantorno scored the winning goal in the title game vs. Marquette, but the goals were scored by Lauren Fowlkes and Amanda Clark. The Observer regrets these errors.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 36	HIGH 44 LOW 36	HIGH 55 LOW 35	HIGH 55 LOW 35	HIGH 55 LOW 37	HIGH 54 LOW 42

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA agrees to sponsor club

Three Communicative Disorder Club members to attend convention with funding

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) approved its first sponsorship of the year at its meeting Monday night.

The Communicative Disorders Club made a presentation to the SGA board requesting a sponsorship for three of their members to represent Saint Mary's and the club at the National American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in New Orleans. The association is the organization through which all speech pathologists and audiologists must be certified.

Communicative Disorders Club president Kendra Fallet said. The Communicative Disorders Club attends the convention annually in order to network with other professionals in their field and to keep up on the latest cutting-edge research in speech pathology and audiology.

The Saint Mary's club does a lot of work in the South Bend Community at the Logan Center and the research they bring back

from the convention helps them provide the community with the latest techniques in the field, Fallet said.

Saint Mary's is one of the few undergraduate institutions represented at the convention, which sets them apart.

"It speaks highly of Saint Mary's and the importance we place on being on the cutting edge of our field," Fallet said.

SGA approved the Communicative Disorders Club's sponsorship request and the

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Kendra Fallet
Communicative Disorders club president

club will receive \$1,500 to cover their convention registration fees, airfare and hotel fees.

An SGA goal for sponsorships this year is to write checks directly to the sources

and not to the club themselves. They would like to also avoid reimbursements. However, due to time crunches at the beginning of the year reimbursements cannot always be avoided

and SGA is taking the situations on an individual basis until they iron out all the issues.

"When we're getting our feet off the ground there are some things we still need to work through."

Jenny Hoffman
Student Government Association president

"When we're getting our feet off the ground there are some things we still need to work through," SGA president Jenny Hoffman explained.

The SGA executive board settled on club allotment amounts at their meeting Monday morning and clubs have been notified on how much they will be receiving, along with explanations behind what they were awarded and sponsorship and appeal forms.

In an effort to be transparent, next Monday there will be an open SGA meeting where any club can come and appeal their allotment and SGA will look at the allotment again and render a decision.

The SGA board hopes that now, after their new procedures have been put into place, sponsorships and club allotments will run more smoothly in years to come.

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Fall conference theme based on Pope's words

Special to The Observer

During his visit to the United States in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI said that "the preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good, and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate."

Pope Benedict's remarks have been chosen by the University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture as the theme for its 10th annual fall conference, "The Summons of Freedom: Virtue, Sacrifice, and the Common Good."

The conference, to be held Nov. 12 to 14 (Thursday to Saturday) in McKenna Hall, will bring together scholars from Catholic, other Christian and secular institutions to discuss the state of the family from the perspectives of philosophy, theology and religious studies, law, history, the social sciences, literature and the arts.

"The theme of last year's conference was 'Family: Searching for Fairest Love,'" said Elizabeth Kirk, associate director of the center. "As we planned our 2009 conference, we thought it important to

expand the discussion of family life outward to include the social, political and spiritual common goods in which the common good of the family is nested. The Holy Father's remarks make clear certain connections of utmost importance not only to us Americans, but also to anyone trying to sort through the enormous moral and political complexities of our dizzyingly globalized world. We decided to focus the conference on the virtues as those moral and intellectual habits that allow us to achieve, solidify and defend the network of common goods in which we human beings realize our happiness."

The conference will feature two keynote lectures, both given in the McKenna Hall auditorium.

Rev. John J. Raphael, S.S.J., a 1989 Notre Dame alumnus and principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, will give a lecture on "Building a Bridge over Troubled Waters: Inviting African Americans into the Pro-Life Movement," at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 (Thursday).

Thomas Hibbs, Distinguished Professor of Ethics & Culture and Dean of the Honors College at Baylor University, will speak on "Divorce as Fracture of the Common Good: Ingmar Bergman and Confession" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 (Friday).

5 teams, individuals compete in regionals

Special to The Observer

Five individuals and five teams of high school students have been selected to compete Friday and Saturday (Nov. 13 and 14) at the University of Notre Dame in the regional round of the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, the nation's premier science research competition for high school students.

The New Jersey-based non-profit Siemens Foundation created the competition to enhance science and mathematics education in America. It is open to individuals and teams of high school students who develop independent research projects in the physical or biological sciences or mathematics. Competitions in six regions across the United States are being held throughout November. Regional scholarship winners advance to the national competition Dec. 3 to 7 in New York City for a top individual prize of \$100,000. Members of the top winning team will share a \$100,000 scholarship.

The Siemens Foundation has partnered with six of America's leading research universities to assist in judging and hosting the regional competitions throughout the fall: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Georgia Institute of Technology (Nov. 6 and 7), the University of Texas and Notre Dame (Nov. 13 and

14), and the California Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University (Nov. 20 and 21).

The Notre Dame regional finalists will present their independent research projects to a panel of judges composed of Notre Dame faculty. The individual regional winner will receive an award of \$3,000; members of the winning team will share a prize of \$6,000. All regional individual and team runners-up will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships.

The public can view student posters at 5:30 p.m. Friday (Nov. 13) in the study lounge of the Jordan Hall of Science.

The competition keynote address will be delivered by Carolyn Porco, a planetary scientist and the leader of the imaging science team on the Cassini mission presently in orbit around Saturn. In late 1999, she was selected by the London Sunday Times as one of 18 scientific leaders of the 21st century. She is director of the Cassini Imaging Central Laboratory for Operations (CICLOPS) within the Space Science Institute. CICLOPS is the center of operations for the imaging experiment on Cassini and the place where images are processed for release to the public.

Porco's address, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 14) in the Sargento Auditorium of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Philosophy Politics and Economics Minor

Information Meeting

First year Students Welcome

7pm

Thursday November 10

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tracting H1N1, commonly referred to as swine flu, such as pregnant women, caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age, health care personnel and people under 25 with other health problems.

The leftover 300 doses of the vaccine will be distributed at Notre Dame Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Stepan Center.

Director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's Catherine DeCleene said the College received 200 doses of the vaccine Thursday and administered all of its supply to faculty and students determined to be at high risk Friday.

Saint Mary's is hoping to receive more of the vaccine later in the week, DeCleene said.

"If you can get the vaccine, get it," she said. "I'm a vaccine believer."

According to DeCleene, the College currently has no confirmed cases of H1N1.

Kleva said Notre Dame is also expecting to receive more of the vaccine when Health Services administers the remaining 300 doses.

The vaccines distributed

Tuesday will still be reserved for the highest risk groups, but Kleva said if the University receives more of the vaccine later in the week, the doses could possibly be made available to all students, faculty and staff under 25 without underlying health conditions.

"We're hoping that maybe by end of the week, we will have even more doses of the vaccine so we can keep expanding it to include more and more people," she said. "But we want to get all the high risk students and faculty first."

Between Aug. 2 and Nov. 2, Health Services treated 659 presumed cases of the H1N1 virus. Kleva said it is difficult to predict whether the vaccines will contribute to a decrease in the number of cases on campus.

"I've heard from the state Board of Health that the cases in this area have been peaking, so we're anticipating that the cases on campus will drop in the near future" she said. "But of course this is a college campus and people will go home and possibly be exposed there."

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Denim

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Anthropologie tops will also be sold at discounted prices.

This is the first Charity Denim event at Notre Dame, but Saint Mary's College has employed Charity Denim to support its annual Dance Marathon for the past three years.

"No one at Notre Dame really knew about the Charity Denim event at Saint Mary's because it wasn't publicized that well," Saint Mary's senior and FOTO vice-president Tricia Daly said. "I called Charity Denim about having them come to Notre Dame, and they were really excited about bringing the event here."

Charity Denim is a nonprofit organization that buys and sells last season's designer jeans at discounted prices. They allot some profit from each pair of jeans sold directly to FOTO.

Daly also said Charity Denim provides the jeans, dressing rooms, mirrors, music and payment processing machines as long as FOTO publicizes and obtains a space for the event.

At the end of the event, Charity Denim will write a check to FOTO so the club will immediately know how much money they raised.

"FOTO will make about eight to 10 dollars per pair of jeans sold," Daly said. "Our goal is to raise over \$1,000, and we ultimately want to see how many surgeries we can provide for children in the orphanage."

Funds raised at the event will go directly to the Holy Family Surgery Center in Honduras. The center — founded by Daly's parents Peter and Lulu Daly —

is located on-site at an NPH orphanage and it is committed to providing inexpensive surgeries to orphans who normally would not receive medical care for minor injuries.

"Health care in Honduras is still in its developing stages, so we want to do anything we can do to provide healthcare for children," Daly said. "The system is so congested that orphans are put on the back burner and don't have opportunities to receive health care."

The Holy Family Surgery Center can provide a single surgery for just \$150, whereas the same surgery could cost thousands of dollars in the U.S. Thus, several surgeries will be provided if FOTO reaches its fundraising goal during the Charity Denim event, Daly said.

Daly and her brother Michael, a junior, started FOTO at Notre Dame this year to help expand their parents' efforts in Honduras that began 18 years ago. Daly said they wanted to continue the rich service tradition estab-

lished by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The club hopes to hold annual Charity Denim events in the future.

"We're really looking forward to the event because it's a fun way to raise money for a good cause, and we're hoping to draw a large crowd," Daly said. "Our motto for the event is 'Do good, look good.'"

The club will charge a \$1 entrance fee for the event, and tickets will be sold for a raffle of a free pair of jeans. Charity Denim will provide men's sizes 28 to 38 and women's sizes 23 to 32, and there is a return policy on all purchases.

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site for a price. The content that has always been accessible for free still is, he said, but users can subscribe to additional material.

"There isn't a huge demand for people to pay for content that has been previously free," Shribman said of charging for articles on the Web. "But there are people willing to pay to support us and receive premium content."

This model has seen some "steady growth," Shribman told The Observer.

But while online journalism has changed the business, both journalist said the standards remain high.

Abramson said one of the most difficult ethical decisions she has made at The Times involved publishing a story about a secret governmental counter-terrorism program. She said the Bush administration asked the editors to exclude the story from

news reports because of security reasons.

"We took this very seriously and anguished over it for a quite a long period of time," she told The Observer. "As reporters found out more about the program, it was clear it was legally extremely dubious so we felt at a certain point if a secret illegal

program was being waged in America, people had the right to know about it."

Shribman said the Post-Gazette makes decisions about whether to print certain stories or names on a case by case basis, carefully weighing newsworthiness and ethics.

"You sometimes are under enormous professional pressure to print something and under different but just as enormous personal pressure as a human being," he said.

Shribman and Abramson said ethical standards and reporting skills apply in all aspects of journalism.

Abramson said years ago, the debate about the future of journalism involved pitting blogs against mainstream

media. But she said debate is mostly put to rest, as blogs fill a different niche in the media.

She said The New York Times has blogs discussing different, specific interests.

"Blogs could be like the cartoons and columns of this era," Shribman said.

And Abramson said even newer media forms like Twitter have played a role in news reporting.

"When the plane went into the Hudson River, the first reports came via Twitter," she told The Observer. "There is a genuine news value to Twitter."

Abramson said journalists have to be ready to adapt to the changing landscape of journalism.

"I've come to the conclusion that there's no genius out there with the answer to the business model problem right now, and how to sustain quality journalism," she said. "We can't hide in a foxhole and say we aren't going to get our hands dirty with this question."

While the business of journalism is changing though, Shribman said the basic skills remain the same.

"It's a lifetime of learning, a lifetime of being curious and a lifetime of satisfying that curiosity," he said.

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voted in favor of the bill.

"It is a bill that makes health care more affordable for families and small businesses. Additionally, no federal funds or taxpayer funds can be used for abortion," Donnelly told The Observer Monday. "The bill also reduces the deficit by \$110 billion over the next 10 years."

Erika Hagstrom, president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said she believes the exclusion of federal funding for abortion was one of the factors that helped the bill pass in the House.

Former president of the College Republicans Ed Yap agreed that the legislation restricting federal funding for abortion helped the bill pass.

"The one pro I see right now is that it doesn't fund abortion with tax payer dollars, but that's the only pro I see," Yap said. "This bill will dramatically increase costs and further increase inefficiency."

Christopher Rhodenbaugh, co-president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, said the Senate version of the bill might approach the abortion issue differently than the House but he said he thinks abortion is not the only life issue to protect, he said.

"The health care debate in

the House was focused on abortion as the life issue, but with more than 38,000 people dying this year without health insurance, the real life issue is whether or not America can figure out a system in which everyone can be insured," he said. "The government needs to step in when the free market doesn't meet the needs of the population."

Rhodenbaugh said he approved of the bill's inclusion of the public option, a government-run health insurance program.

The inclusion of a public option with an opt-out plan, which would allow states to individually decline participation in the public option, will be a source of debate in the Senate, he said.

"The creation of the public option is essential to lowering costs because you need more competition in the system ... I wish that [the bill] wouldn't require an opt-out plan to pass in the Senate because I think that people need a viable alternative to private insurance if insurance is ever going to really reduce their prices," Rhodenbaugh said.

Yap said he believes the House's bill will increase the deficit because of the funding necessary for many of the programs.

"The sort of tax increases that will be necessary to fund this program will negatively impact Americans when they can least afford it," he said.

Rhodenbaugh said the Democrats' health care plan would ensure health insurance for students no longer on their parents' plan and uncovered by their employers.

Hagstrom said she would like to see health reform passed, but not in the way the House's bill proposed.

"I definitely do think [the health care system] is a broken system. I don't think the way to fix it, though, is to increase the size of the government," she said.

Health care should not be a for-profit business, Rhodenbaugh said.

"I fully support the House health care bill as is and I wish it could pass through the Senate as is," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nobel-winning Russian physicist dies

MOSCOW — Vitaly Ginzburg, a Nobel Prize-winning Russian physicist and one of the fathers of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, has died in Moscow. He was 93.

Ginzburg died late Sunday of cardiac arrest, the Russian Academy of Sciences said Monday.

Ginzburg won the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics with two other scientists for their contribution to theories on superconductivity, the ability of some materials to conduct electricity without resistance.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Ginzburg was a key member of the group working under Igor Tamm that developed the Soviet hydrogen bomb. Ginzburg wrote that he and Andrei Sakharov — considered the father of the Soviet H-bomb — formulated the two ideas that made it possible to build the thermonuclear device.

Thousands celebrate fall of Berlin wall

BERLIN — Ulrich Sauff and his wife stared at the mammoth domino pieces marking the path where the Berlin Wall once stood and reminisced about life in the barrier's shadow.

"It was like a prison," said Mr. Sauff, 73, who lived on the Western side of the wall. "For us 'Wessis,' the few kilometers from our old home to our new home (in the East) was unthinkable."

The Sauffs were among those who gathered Monday to celebrate 20 years of unity, marking the day the wall came down. Thousands cheered as 1,000 colorfully decorated dominoes along a mile-long route were toppled to symbolize both the moment the wall came crashing down and the resulting fall of communist countries in Eastern Europe.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gov. calls for gay marriage action

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. David Paterson on Monday urged lawmakers to legalize same-sex marriage in New York, calling it "an issue that touches on the very core of our citizenship."

His request raises the hopes of gay advocates who suffered a major defeat in Maine when voters repealed that state's same-sex-marriage law last week.

In New York City, Christine Quinn, the openly gay council speaker, quickly weighed in by offering an impassioned plea for the state Senate to pass a bill legalizing same-sex marriage.

In a rare midyear address to a joint session of the Legislature, the Democrat singled out his gay marriage proposal in a lengthy agenda for Tuesday's extraordinary session that will mostly be devoted to addressing the state's \$3.2 billion budget deficit.

Supreme Court reinstates death penalty

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The U.S. Supreme Court has reinstated the death penalty against an Ohio man who killed and mutilated a man he met in a gay bar in 1985, rejecting a claim that his lawyers erred during the sentencing phase of his trial.

Attorneys for Robert Van Hook had argued that the lawyers who represented him during the sentencing phase of his trial failed to do an effective job. In its ruling Monday, the high court reversed a ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Van Hook killed David Self in Self's apartment in Cincinnati before robbing him and fleeing to Florida, where he was arrested and later confessed.

LOCAL NEWS

UPS exec. accused of rape kills self

ATLANTA — A vice president for shipping giant UPS who was accused of raping a 21-year-old Indiana University student over homecoming weekend has committed suicide in Georgia, police said Monday.

Mark Samoline, who had been with UPS for 15 years and was involved in providing transportation consulting services to clients of the company's supply chain unit, was found dead in a hotel room Friday in Norcross, an Atlanta suburb.

The 50-year-old placed a plastic bag over his head and ingested helium that he pumped into the bag from a tank, said Officer Brian Kelly, a Gwinnett County Police Department spokesman.

BRAZIL

Short dress expulsion reversed

University decides not to expel college student for her "immodest" fashion choice

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — A Brazilian woman whose short, pink dress caused a near riot at a private college and led to her expulsion will be allowed to return to class.

The private Bandeirante University backed down Monday on its decision to expel 20-year-old Geisy Arruda following a flood of negative reaction in a nation where skimpy attire is common. Videos of students ridiculing her and making cat-calls Oct. 22 made her an Internet sensation.

Just hours after the Brazilian government sought an explanation from the university, its dean released a note saying he was reversing the school's decision to expel Arruda.

The Education Ministry had given the university 10 days to clarify its reasoning for kicking out Arruda, who had to put on a professor's white coat and was escorted away by police amid a hail of insults and curses from other students.

A video of the incident was posted on YouTube and quickly made headlines across Brazil. The university's decision to expel the student Sunday prompted complaints from the national student union and the country's minister in charge of women's policy, among others.

Sao Paulo state prosecutors had said they would investigate what led to the university's decision to expel Arruda, and the student later told reporters through her lawyer that she was going to sue the teaching institution in hopes she could finish the semester there.

The dean's note gave no reasons for why the decision was being overturned.

Arruda and her lawyer could not be reached immediately for comment on the school's reversal.

Although Brazil is known for revealing clothing — especially in beach cities,



Student Geisy Arruda poses at her home in Sao Paulo Sunday wearing the same dress that she was expelled for wearing on campus at Bandeirante University.

where many bikinis are referred to locally as "dental floss" — most college students dress more modestly on campus, commonly in jeans and T-shirts.

The university published newspaper advertisements Sunday saying it expelled Arruda for disrespecting "ethical principles, academic dignity and morality."

The ads also alleged Arruda acted in a provocative manner incompatible with the university environment.

University lawyer Decio Lencioni told Globo TV that the institution was only following its rules.

"The problem is not her clothes; it's her behavior, her attitude," he said.

Lencioni and the university said Arruda even raised her dress and stopped to pose for photos the night she wore the short dress on campus. He said she also chose the longest way to get to class to attract the attention of more students.

In Sunday's ads, titled "Educational Responsibility," the college said it had previously warned Arruda to change her behavior and decided to expel her after talking to students, staff and Arruda herself.

Arruda, who was studying tourism, said she was disheartened by the decision.

"It's a great injustice," she told Globo TV. "I always dressed in a way that makes me feel good and that does-

n't offend anybody. I was always like that and was never recriminated by anybody."

Civil police in the city of Sao Bernardo do Campo, where the university is located, said they will investigate the students accused of heckling Arruda. The university said it would temporarily suspend some of them.

Brazil's national student union, the Brazilian BAR Association, and several other institutions condemned Arruda's expulsion. Brazil's minister for women's policy, Nilcea Freire, told the official Agencia Brasil news service Sunday that the decision showed "intolerance and discrimination."

CHINA

China executes nine over July ethnic riots

Associated Press

BEIJING — Nine Uighurs have been executed for taking part in ethnic rioting that left nearly 200 people dead in July, the first suspects put to death in the unrest, Chinese state media reported Monday.

The nine were put to death recently after a final review of the verdicts by the Supreme People's Court as required by law, the official China News Service said, but gave no specific date or other details.

They had been convicted of murder and other crimes committed during the riots in the western city of Urumqi in China's worst ethnic violence in decades.

The timing of the executions was not

especially fast for China, where politically sensitive cases are often decided in weeks.

Hundreds of people were rounded up in the wake of the riots, in which Uighurs attacked members of China's Han ethnic majority on July 5, only to face retaliatory attacks two days later. Uighurs are a Turkic Muslim ethnic group linguistically and culturally distinct from the Han and many resent Beijing's heavy-handed rule in Xinjiang, their traditional homeland.

China blames the rioting on overseas-based groups agitating for broader rights for Uighurs in Xinjiang. Four months after the violence, Xinjiang remains smothered in heavy security,

with Internet access cut and international direct dialing calls blocked.

The news service said another 20 people were indicted on Monday on charges related to the deaths of 18 people and other crimes committed during the riots. All but two of the prisoners listed in the report had Uighur sounding names, with the others appearing to be Han.

Overseas Uighur activist Dilxat Raxit condemned the executions as motivated by politics and the need to appease Urumqi's angry Han residents, who marched in the thousands through the city in September to demand trials of those responsible for the July violence and the perpetrators of a bizarre series of hypodermic needle attacks.

DNA, ballistics link suspect to shooting

Associated Press

SEATTLE — DNA and ballistics tests link a suspect shot by detectives last week to the Halloween slaying of a Seattle police officer as well as an attempted hit on law enforcement nine days earlier, investigators said Monday.

Seattle Assistant Chief Jim Pugel said DNA belonging to 41-year-old Christopher Monfort was found on an American-flag-style bandanna on the ground where Officer Timothy Brenton was shot and killed and officer-trainee Britt Sweeney was wounded, and the .223 rifle used in the attack was found in Monfort's apartment.

In addition, investigators found Monfort's DNA on a small flag found at a city maintenance yard where four police vehicles were firebombed on Oct. 22, Pugel said.

That attack is now being described as an attempted assassination: A fire in a mobile command post was set first, apparently to attract officers, and after they arrived, the cruisers exploded. Two officers who responded almost parked next to the cruisers that exploded, but instead drove to a different part of the maintenance yard looking for the culprit.

"They would have been killed or seriously maimed," Pugel said. "He meant to kill someone then."

A public defender working on Monfort's case, Julie Lawry, did not immediately return a call or email seeking comment. She told The Seattle Times she had thus far not been allowed to see Monfort, who remains in Harborview Medical Center after being shot by police during his arrest Friday.

Monfort was taken out of intensive care Monday afternoon. He is in satisfactory condition and can respond to questions, hospital spokeswoman

Susan Gregg-Hanson said.

Brenton and Sweeney were shot as they sat in their cruiser on Halloween night in Seattle's Leschi neighborhood, discussing a traffic stop they had just made. Sweeney was able to return fire and hit the suspect's vehicle as it drove away, Pugel said.

Investigators began to focus on Monfort after receiving a tip from a neighbor of his at a Tukwila apartment complex. Monfort had been acting strangely since the shooting, the neighbor reported, and he had placed a tarp over his old Datsun — a car that matched the one police were looking for.

When detectives tried to question Monfort on Friday, he drew a handgun and clicked the trigger — but nothing happened, Pugel said.

Monfort took off running, and detectives briefly lost him before seeing him again at the top of a stairway near his apartment. They shot him when he raised his gun again, Pugel said.

No motive for the shooting has emerged. Based on conversations with neighbors, police believe Monfort had recently been fired from his job as a security guard, but they aren't sure where he worked. He had previously studied law enforcement and justice at Highline Community College and the University of Washington. Monfort had previously expressed concern about police brutality, Pugel said.

Police released photos Monday of the .223 rifle as well as bombs found in Monfort's apartment. The bombs consisted of small propane tanks duct-taped together, with nails and other shrapnel protruding. The fuse to one such bomb rested on the heating element of his kitchen stove in one photo; it would have exploded if he had turned the burner on, Pugel said.

Man confesses to murder

Roeder makes no apologies for slaying of U.S. abortion provider

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kansas — Defiant and unapologetic, a man accused of shooting a Kansas abortion provider confessed to the slaying Monday, telling The Associated Press that he killed the doctor to protect unborn children.

Scott Roeder, 51, of Kansas City, Missouri, spoke to the AP in a telephone call from jail, saying he plans to argue at his trial that he was justified in shooting Dr. George Tiller.

"Because of the fact pre-born children's lives were in imminent danger this was the action I chose. ... I want to make sure that the focus is, of course, obviously on the pre-born children and the necessity to defend them," Roeder said.

"Defending innocent life — that is what prompted me. I mean, it is pretty simple," he said.

Roeder is charged with one count of first-degree murder in Tiller's death and two counts of aggravated assault for allegedly threatening two ushers who tried to stop him during the May 31 melee in the foyer of the doctor's Wichita church. Roeder has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go to trial in January.

Tiller family attorney Lee Thompson and groups that support abortion rights decried Roeder as a terrorist who used violence to achieve his political agenda.

"It is precisely this unrepentant domestic terrorism — and those who fund it — that must be stopped or else we

will see more clinic violence and people will be killed," the president of the National Organization for Women, Terry O'Neill, said in a statement.

Thompson has said allowing Roeder to use a so-called necessity defense would "invite chaos and be tantamount to anarchy." Courts have prevented others accused of killing abortion providers from using the same argument.

"It is my view legally that it is an absurdity and simply reflects he is doing nothing more than trying to get publicity," Thompson said Monday.

Troy Newman, president of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, said Roeder's statements do not reflect the sentiments of most people who oppose abortion.

"The pro-life standard has always been to protect the dignity of human life, all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death," Newman said.

In his more than 30-minute interview with the AP, Roeder did not apologize for the slaying.

"No, I don't have any regrets because I have been told so far at least four women have changed their minds, that I know of, and have chosen to have the baby," Roeder said. "So even if one changed her mind it would be worth it. No, I don't have any regrets."

Asked if he would do it over again, Roeder replied: "We all have a sense of duty and obligation to protect innocent life.

If anybody is in a situation where they can, I think it is their obligation."

Tiller, 67, had been the target of relentless protests for most of the 36 years that he performed abortions at his Wichita clinic, where he practiced as one of the few providers of late-term abortions in the U.S. He was shot in both arms in 1993 and his clinic was bombed in 1986.

Roeder's confession came on the same day several strident abortion opponents released their "Defensive Action Statement 3rd Edition" that proclaims any force that can be used to defend the life of a "born child is legitimate to defend the life of an unborn child." The statement's 21 signers demand Roeder's jurors be allowed to consider the "question of when life begins" in deciding whether lethal force was justified.

Among the signers are Eric Rudolph, James Kopp and Shelley Shannon — all serving prison time for targeting abortion providers.

One signer, New Jersey anti-abortion activist Joe Provone, said Kopp, Rudolph and Roeder are "worthy of admiration, gratitude and respect."

"Not everyone possesses their courage or ability as we are all endowed by our God with different gifts and talents," Provone wrote in an e-mail to AP. "Please rest assured I will continue to protest the killing of the unborn in the way I deem appropriate given my own self-appraisal."

Big rig plummets off Calif. bridge

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — An accident-plagued stretch of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge saw its first fatality Monday when the driver of a speeding big rig lost control and the truck plummeted 200 feet from the span, authorities said.

The truck hauling a full load of pears was traveling about 50 mph — 10 mph over the speed limit — when the driver lost control on a westbound S-curve, California Highway Patrol Sgt. Trent Cross said.

The rig hit a rail and went over the side, landing on Yerba Buena Island.

"The driver was going way too fast," Cross said.

The name of the trucker killed in the crash was not released.

Authorities said the speed coupled with the shifting load propelled the truck over the side of the bridge.

Lanes were closed following the pre-dawn crash, backing

up traffic during the morning commute.

The California Department of Transportation plans to replace roadway markers Monday night that were damaged during the crash, spokesman Bart Ney said.

The agency also plans to add reflective paint to the railing that motorists can see as they go through the curve, he said.

There have been about 40 crashes on the S-curve since it opened Sept. 8. The speed limit drops from 50 mph to 40 mph along that stretch of the bridge, but drivers are advised to slow down even more to 35 mph through the curve.

The S-curve is a temporary detour until construction on a new, seismically safe eastern span of the bridge is completed.

Cross said speed was responsible for most of the crashes that have taken place on the curve, including an overturned big-rig on Oct. 14 that tied up traffic for hours.

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IN BRIEF

Camel eyes co. to help smokers quit

RICHMOND, Va. — Reynolds American Inc., maker of Camel cigarettes and Grizzly smokeless tobacco, is in talks to buy a Swedish company that helps people stop smoking, a tobacco expert who said he was briefed by people close to the talks told The Associated Press Monday.

The second-largest U.S. tobacco company is eyeing Nicovum AB, which sells cigarette replacement products in gum, pouch and spray form outside the U.S., according to David Sweanor, a Canadian law professor and tobacco expert.

The deal, which could be worth \$44.5 million, could be imminent, he said.

Sweanor said Reynolds' interest in Nicovum may be focused on offering smoking alternatives rather than products meant to help people stop using nicotine and tobacco.

"The market's coming to understand that nicotine products exist on a very broad continuum of risk, and cigarettes are at the far risky end of that, and it's possible to have far less hazardous products that would probably meet the needs for a very significant number of smokers," Sweanor said.

Supreme Court questions patent cases

WASHINGTON — Should techniques for training horses be eligible for a patent? What about a system for choosing a jury or fail-proof method for speed dating?

Supreme Court justices raised the questions Monday as they struggled to decide what types of inventions should qualify for patent protection.

In a case that has put software and bioscience companies on edge, the justices debated whether processes or methods of doing business should be eligible for protection. The dispute has raised serious questions about whether software programs, medical procedures, financial transactions and other nontangible inventions should be able to obtain patents like those granted to physical devices. And it left the high court grappling with the line between abstract processes and concrete applications.

Monday's oral arguments made clear that the justices are skeptical that the business method at the center of the case before them — a process of hedging weather-related risk in energy prices — deserves a patent.

Innocent framed for child porn

Through new virus, pedophiles use other people's remote PCs to visit heinous sites

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Of all the sinister things that Internet viruses do, this might be the worst: They can make someone an unsuspecting collector of child pornography.

Heinous pictures and videos can be deposited on computers by viruses — the malicious programs better known for swiping your credit card numbers. In this twist, it's your reputation that's stolen.

Pedophiles can exploit virus-infected PCs to remotely store and view their stash without fear they'll get caught. Pranksters or someone trying to frame you can tap viruses to make it appear that you surf illegal Web sites.

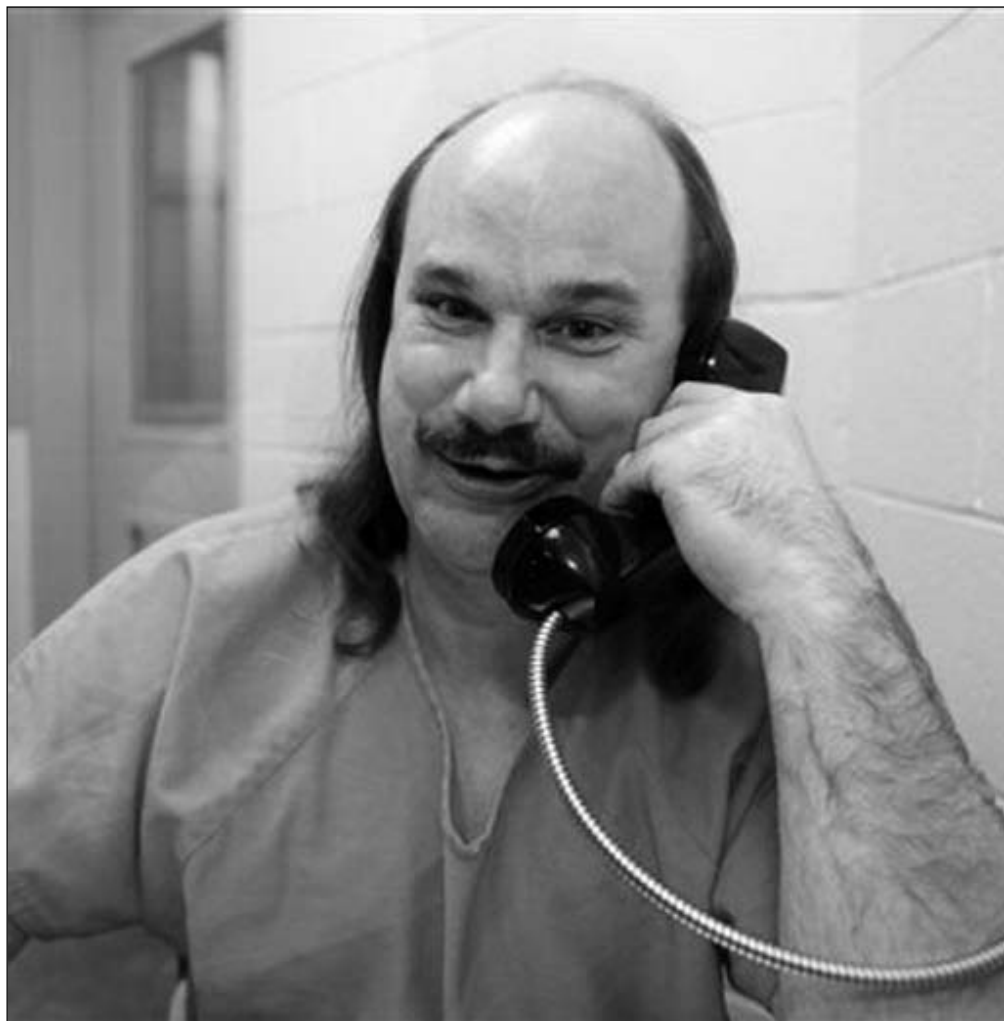
Whatever the motivation, you get child porn on your computer — and might not realize it until police knock at your door.

An Associated Press investigation found cases in which innocent people have been branded as pedophiles after their co-workers or loved ones stumbled upon child porn placed on a PC through a virus. It can cost victims hundreds of thousands of dollars to prove their innocence.

Their situations are complicated by the fact that actual pedophiles often blame viruses — a defense rightfully viewed with skepticism by law enforcement.

"It's an example of the old 'dog ate my homework' excuse," says Phil Malone, director of the Cyberlaw Clinic at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society. "The problem is, sometimes the dog does eat your homework."

The AP's investigation included interviewing people who had been found with child porn on their computers. The AP reviewed court records and spoke to prosecutors,



Nathaniel "Ned" Solon talks on the phone-intercom at the Logan County Detention Center in Colorado. Solon admits he downloads video games and adult porn, but not child porn.

police and computer examiners.

One case involved Michael Fiola, a former investigator with the Massachusetts agency that oversees workers' compensation.

In 2007, Fiola's bosses became suspicious after the Internet bill for his state-issued laptop showed that he used 4 1/2 times more data than his colleagues. A technician found child porn in the PC folder that stores images viewed online.

Fiola was fired and charged with possession of child pornography, which carries up to five years in prison. He endured death threats, his car tires were slashed and he was shunned by friends.

Fiola and his wife fought the case, spending \$250,000 on legal fees. They liquidated their savings, took a second mortgage and sold their car.

An inspection for his defense revealed the laptop was severely infected. It was programmed to visit as many as 40 child porn sites per minute — an inhuman feat. While Fiola and his wife were out to dinner one night, someone logged on to the computer and porn flowed in for an hour and a half.

Prosecutors performed another test and confirmed the defense findings. The charge was dropped — 11 months after it was filed.

The Fiolas say they have health problems from the

stress of the case. They say they've talked to dozens of lawyers but can't get one to sue the state, because of a cap on the amount they can recover.

"It ruined my life, my wife's life and my family's life," he says.

The Massachusetts attorney general's office, which charged Fiola, declined interview requests.

At any moment, about 20 million of the estimated 1 billion Internet-connected PCs worldwide are infected with viruses that could give hackers full control, according to security software maker F-Secure Corp. Computers often get infected when people open e-mail attachments from unknown sources or visit a malicious Web page.

Google buys ad startup for \$750 million

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. is buying mobile advertising network AdMob for \$750 million, underscoring the Internet search leader's determination to ensure its marketing machine reaches the growing number of people surfing the Web on phones.

The all-stock deal announced Monday also represents the latest sign that Google's leaders are feeling better about the economy's direction, encouraging them to spend more freely after clamping down through much of this year.

Once it closes within the next few months, the AdMob acquisition would become Google's most expensive purchase since it bought online

ad service DoubleClick for \$3.2 billion in March 2008.

It took a year to close the DoubleClick deal, far longer than Google anticipated, as U.S. antitrust regulators took time before deciding the DoubleClick combination wouldn't stifle competition in the online ad market. Google expressed confidence that antitrust regulators won't need as long to vet the AdMob deal because there are still several other mobile ad networks from which to choose.

AdMob shares at least one similarity with DoubleClick: AdMob's system specializes in delivering more visual messages, known as display advertising. Google makes most of its money from text-based ads connected to search requests, but has

been trying to become a bigger player in display ads — a format that tends to be favored by big-spending companies trying to promote their brands.

With the increasing sophistication of handheld computing devices such as Apple Inc.'s iPhone and Motorola Inc.'s just-released Droid, millions of people are regularly connecting to their favorite Internet services when they are away from their home or office computers.

The trend is opening new opportunities for advertisers to peddle their wares.

Research firm eMarketer Inc. expects U.S. mobile advertising to approach \$1.6 billion by 2013, up from an estimated \$416 million this year.

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Eucharistic adoration at Notre Dame

St. Thomas Aquinas defines peace, in one aspect, as the "tranquility of order." However you define it, we are not doing too well in achieving peace in domestic and international as well as cultural matters. Maybe we are missing something. Let me suggest a practice that can help.

When John Paul II instituted Eucharistic adoration at St. Peter's Basilica in 1981, he said, "The best ... way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through ... Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." Mother Teresa, when asked, "What will convert America and save the world?" replied, "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

What are they talking about? The Catholic tradition holds that, "[i]n the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, ... soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called real, by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence ... but because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (Catechism, no. 1374).

This conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, promised in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel and fulfilled at the Last Supper, is called transubstantiation, "a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ ... and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood." Catechism, no. 1376. "Substance," as Cardinal Avery Dulles put it, "denotes the basic reality of the thing, i.e., what it is in itself." A change in appearance does not affect the substance of the thing. When the angel Raphael stood before



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Tobiah, his appearance was that of a "young man," but his substance was that of an angel (Tobit, 5:5, 12:15).

"Christ is present," wrote Cardinal Dulles, "by his dynamic power and action in all the sacraments, but in the Eucharist, His presence is, in addition, substantial. For this reason, the Eucharist may be adored. It is the greatest of all sacraments" (Feb. 15, 2005).

You are in the real presence of Christ every time you step into a Catholic church where the lighted lamp or candle indicates that the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. At any such time one can be with Christ in adoration. The term Eucharistic adoration, however, is usually applied to the exposition of the Sacrament to view. Christ is as fully present in the closed tabernacle as he is in the monstrance during exposition. It helps devotion to be able also to look upon him in the host in which "the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained."

Eucharistic adoration is a part of Notre Dame, in history as well as practice. "Our great consolation here," wrote Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., from the wilds of Indiana, "is the Perpetual Adoration in our midst, and the perpetual daily Mass ... Upon these two wide spreading wings may we not, each and all, daily rise above the dense and thick fogs of this dreary land of exile? When we die, this double insurance against forgetfulness will prove to be a rich investment, a precious solace — aye, a source of joy for our last hours, but especially for those whose life is moulded after the Divine precept — always to pray and never to faint."

Notre Dame has Eucharistic adoration in the Basilica Friday from noon to 4:45 p.m. and in Coleman-Morse, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. You don't have to sign up. Just be there and stay for as long or as short a time as you choose. You can pray, read or just think. You might ask, "What am I going to do for half an hour or 15 minutes, just sitting there? Suppose I fall asleep?" As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen noted, "That's the way the Apostles made their first Holy Hour in the Garden."

So that should not be a concern. And if you are worried about being bored, it might be useful to reflect on the several meanings of being there.

The practice of Eucharistic adoration complements the liturgy of the Mass. "One of the most moving moments of the Synod [of Bishops]," wrote Benedict XVI, "came when we gathered in St. Peter's Basilica, together with a great number of the faithful, for Eucharistic adoration. In this act of prayer, and not just in words, the ... Bishops wanted to point out the intrinsic relationship between Eucharistic celebration and Eucharistic adoration. [An] appreciation of this ... has been important ... in the years following the liturgical renewal desired by the Second Vatican Council. ... [A]doration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies ... the liturgical celebration ... Indeed, 'only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature. And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another.'" Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation, Sacrament of Love (2007), no. 66, quoting his address, Dec. 22, 2005.

So why should we consider Eucharistic adoration? One reason is that it works. "People are hungry for God," said Mother Teresa of Calcutta. "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bring fruit; they experience peace and strength."

Eucharistic adoration at Notre Dame is essentially a student initiative, with the support and encouragement of Campus Ministry. It is one of the very best things about Notre Dame.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

When should Charlie Weis be fired?

Never
Should have been fired yesterday
After our next loss
After the season

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only paradise is paradise lost."

Marcel Proust
French novelist

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gameday accommodations

The visitors that come to Notre Dame for our tradition-filled football weekends range from children playing by Stonehenge to old men wearing Notre Dame baseball caps and sweaters. They are an important part of our tradition. We hope one day to return with our children, as old men and women in our baseball caps and sweaters.

Given the diversity of our visitors and the importance of sharing the Notre Dame tradition, I was surprised to find that we lack some accommodations for visitors. This was the first time I had to find transportation options for a family member who can't walk very far or for very long.

The handicapped parking lot in D2 is far from many on-campus activities. A shuttle takes people from that lot closer to the stadium, but the only way to get from that shuttle to the stadium is to walk. Gameday festivities are an important tradition for alumni, but many are nowhere near the stadium. So how would a person who couldn't walk well, especially without a wheelchair, travel anywhere on campus from the parking lot or shuttle?

The answer is they probably

wouldn't, which I find sad, especially at a school where fans and students enjoy sharing gameday traditions with their families. This weekend before the game, a family member of mine couldn't walk to Concert on the Steps. As a proud member of the Band of the Fighting Irish, it would have been important if all of my family could have seen one last Concert on the Steps, not my family minus one. When my brother asked a security officer if he could help get my family member to Bond Hall, he simply answered "I'm sorry, but we don't provide that."

On game weekends, with limited campus access, when one must walk everywhere, how do disabled family and friends share in these special traditions? Even providing scooters or wheelchairs at the visitor center could help the elderly and disabled enjoy the football traditions. At a university like Notre Dame, our answer to that question should not be "Sorry, but we don't provide that."

Andrea Teske
 senior
 Breen-Phillips
 Nov. 8

Congratulations?

Congratulations on yet another signature loss, Charlie Weis! All the ingredients were there. The way that you motivated our team to come out flat in Notre Dame Stadium? It's unbelievable. The lack of physical domination displayed by our team, especially our lines which only outweighed and not outplayed Navy? It was fascinating to watch. I especially enjoy how you continue to lead our team like the other coaches that earn comparable salaries to you (ex. Urban Meyer, Nick Saban, etc.). It's historic. Losing to Navy two out of three years? Starting another November meltdown? Isn't that what we call a return on an investment when the university gave you an extension?

Maybe you and the team did not want to seize upon the opportunity to really enter the BCS conversation especially when so many factors this weekend seemed to fall in our favor. It's possible that we really enjoyed playing in Hawaii last year and just wanted to make a return appearance. It's where our players can perform back flips rather than tackles. Where you can talk a big game rather than actually play in one. On

the other hand, Navy seemed really motivated to play us. You can ask about things like "killer instinct" and "desire" when you call your NFL contacts this week. Maybe the Navy players saw you flash your four Super Bowl rings and wanted to play for a winner — albeit the other team. Perhaps, it was just the game plan. After all, who doesn't enjoy watching highly recruited players chase after guys who will never go to the NFL?

As you like to say after each and every one of these signature losses, "Where do we go from here fellas?" One proposition is that you learn how to motivate a team by watching Friday Night Lights coach Eric Taylor each week. You both are part of the NBC family and that fictional coach might actually teach you something. Another is to take a hint from the new documentary on Michael Jackson and realize that "this is it" for your head coaching career and simply resign.

Tae Kang
 grad student
 off campus
 Nov. 8

True support?

Yesterday I noticed that the yearly pro-life signs had been posted. This year the slogan is "We support women." My question is: how do you support women? I can't help but wonder if those who are pro-life consider that some young women don't choose to have abortions, but are forced to by family. Some conceive children after being raped or molested. Others realize that they would be bringing a child into an unhealthy and possibly unsafe environment. I find it offensive that every year we are forced to endure the posters and crosses. What about the students who may have had abortions and are haunted by the experience.

You say that you support women,

but how? Are you going to provide them with the money they need to buy food, diapers, and clothes? Will you ensure that both child and mother have health insurance? Can you guarantee housing if her parents choose to turn their backs on her? If the answer is no, then I must disagree and say that you don't support women. It's insensitive to force students to see these posters. If the answer is yes, then I will gladly concede the validity of your statement that you "support women."

Jacquitta Martin
 sophomore
 McCandless
 Nov. 9

Need some respect

Respect for one's adversary is certainly admirable, as is consistency in principle. I don't know for sure, but it's reasonable to presume that there are men on the Nevada, Washington and even Southern California football teams with military commitments after graduation, who are fully prepared to "make the ultimate sacrifice for us." It's also possible, even probable, given the numbers, that there are players on these "hated" rival teams who have suffered the pain and grief associated with the murder of a close friend or family member. In light of this, to treat teams to a different array of chants and taunts is asinine. Shouting "kill" or "suck it" is always in poor taste, as is "f**k the Pope" or "Rudy sucks" but these swipes are tolerated as the products of fierce loyalty. Although sympathetic concerns like those expressed by Greg Robinson are noble, they were one reason the student section sounded like s**t against Navy for three quarters. When a rival (be it Navy or the 12 Apostles) comes to our university to try to defeat our football team — and have a fairly easy time of it — we maybe need to reconsider our balance of decorum and passion.

Arthur O. Kostendt
 freshman
 Dillon
 Nov. 9

Belittling humanities

I would like to take classes over the summer in order to get my requirements out of the way. I met with my advisor, and he explained that math, science and related classes could not be taken at other universities for credit. However, I could take philosophy, history and theology at other universities.

Does this seem contrary to the nature of a Catholic university? Science and mathematics are mostly objective courses. These subjects can be taught similarly at most universities. However, as a Catholic university, philosophy, history and theology are directed and influenced by Truth, by the Catholic faith. Or, at least, they should be.

So why can humanities be taken at other schools, while math and sciences cannot be taken? I have heard that argument that this is because math and science are taught better here than at other universities, thus we would not accept credit from other schools. So, are philosophy, history and theology not better here than, or at least different from, other schools? Are they not influenced by the Truth that is inhibited at secular universities? What does this say about our university? As we are being constantly accused of secularization, how is this aiding our Catholic identity?

Perhaps it is time to reevaluate. While the Catholic identity can be present in all disciplines, it is most obvious in the humanities. Perhaps we should take them more seriously.

Christopher Damian
 freshman
 Dillon
 Nov. 8

Coaching change

I watched in disgust as the football team was hung out to dry this past Saturday. The defense was as ill-prepared as any and the inability to score from within the red zone was baffling. Time after time, I said to my son, "Navy must have 12 men on the field because they seem to have two to three defenders on the receivers." When it was first and goal at the two, we came away with no points. Navy's first play after taking over was a 39 yard run by the fullback — another run — and an eventual TD.

I don't expect ND to win every game but losing twice to Navy in three years is unacceptable. Losing to Syracuse last year was unacceptable.

Our coach is a 1978 grad. Maybe he should look at his performance through those eyes. I think the book is called "No Excuses" — so put that in to play and admit that you are not a college head coach.

John P. Pastore
 alumnus
 class of 1965
 Nov. 9

Each time you allow grey space
 to appear, puppies cry.

Jerk.

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This Week on Campus by Brandy Cerne

Tuesday

"The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" at Browning Cinema, DPAC, 9:30 p.m.

The sequel to one of students' favorite cult movies, "The Boondock Saints," is being shown at a special free screening. Much like the first film, the sequel continues to follow Irish-Catholic brothers as they take revenge and bring justice in Boston after they are framed for a murder. The director, Troy Duffy, and several actors, such as Sean Patrick Flanery, will be present at the screening. Fans should take advantage of an informal discussion with the actors and director about the films in 105 Jordan Hall of Science at 7 p.m. Free tickets will be given out at the DPAC box office starting at noon Tuesday.

Wednesday

"The Sugar Wife" at DPAC, 7:30 p.m.

The Department of Film, Television and Theater presents Elizabeth Kuti's play about a couple living in a Quaker community in the 19th century. The couple faces moral dilemmas revolving around slavery, poverty and faith. The play is sure to make its audience think about how they would feel if they were in the same situations. Go to see your classmates assume the roles of these complicated characters, and stay to watch the compelling story unfold. Tickets are \$10, and "The Sugar Wife" runs from Tuesday to Sunday.

"The Way We Get By," 9 p.m.

Notre Dame alumnus Gita Pullapilly's new documentary film about three senior citizens who greet American troops as they depart for and return from Iraq airs on PBS as the Point of View special. Pullapilly interviews the subjects about their experiences with the soldiers, but the film also explores issues of aging, loneliness and mortality. Support a Notre Dame alumnus by tuning into the special, but this film also will open your eyes to two pushed-aside groups: the elderly and soldiers. Hopefully, viewers will be inspired to show more compassion towards strangers.

Thursday

Baraka Bouts at JACC Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

The Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club is ending its 10th season with its annual Baraka Bouts, a charity fight night that allows the nearly 60 female boxers a chance to show off their hard work from training. You will be able to cheer on your friends and classmates as they pummel each other, while at the same time contributing to Baraka Bouts' charity, the Holy Cross Missions. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"Funny People" at Debartolo 101, 10 p.m.

This week's Student Union Board movie is Judd Apatow's latest film, "Funny People." Starring Adam Sandler and Seth Rogan, this film mixes Apatow's signature humor with a dramatic tone, pleasing all types of audiences. Sandler's character is diagnosed with a terminal health condition and decides to become a mentor to Rogan's struggling comedian. There will be plenty of laughs, but also many touching moments as the characters struggle with their life decisions. Tickets are \$3, and the film runs Thursday through Saturday.

Friday

Asian Allure at Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sometimes Notre Dame gets the reputation of not being diverse enough, but this is not really the case, especially when students take advantage of cultural events like Asian Allure. The Asian-American Association is putting on a show with singing as well as many traditional and modern dances. It is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures in an exciting way. Everyone is sure to be entertained with the many musical numbers. Tickets are \$7 at Lafortune Box Office or \$10 at the door. The show will also run Saturday night.

Ryan Cabrera at Legends, 10 p.m.

If you are in the mood for a concert, pop singer Ryan Cabrera is coming to campus. Cabrera is known for his hits "On the Way Down" and "Shine On," as well as his status as ex-boyfriend of Ashlee Simpson, who he appeared with often on her short-lived MTV reality show. The smaller venue of Legends will combine perfectly with Cabrera's music to give an intimate and personal feel to the performance. If you were a fan of the Howie Day show last year, you will not want to miss Ryan Cabrera.

Saturday

Idan Raichel Project at Leighton Concert Hall, DPAC, 7:30 p.m.

Israeli music is not instantly recognizable to Americans. Idan Raichel is trying to change this with his band, the Idan Raichel Project. Their music has Hebraic and African rhyme and rhythms that speaks to the origins of humans and culture. This concert will allow students to experience a momentary escape from South Bend to halfway around the world. Maybe Israeli music will be your new favorite, and you can be the cool, trendy friend in your group who listens to Israeli music instead of Lady Gaga. Tickets are \$15.

Ongoing

Snite Museum Exhibits, Now-Dec. 20

For art lovers, take advantage of the on-campus Snite Museum, which is featuring three new exhibits: Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Ofrenda Installation Con Ganas (With Heart), Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography, and Bill Kremer: Sculptural Vessels. The Dia de los Muertos exhibit showcases art by Maria Elena Castro that honors her father and other deceased relatives in celebration of the Mexican holiday. Continuing with the theme of death, the Darkness and Light exhibit is a wide range of photographs that have underlying themes of death and beauty. Come support Notre Dame Professor Bill Kremer, who has had a large influence on ceramics at Notre Dame. These exhibits, as well as the permanent ones, are sure to be thought-provoking.



By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

It's not a strange coincidence that the penultimate works of any modern artistic form come long before the form itself reaches its peak. The newest form will, without fail, attract the geniuses needed to push the form to its limits, leaving the future carriers of the form to merely fill in the blanks. As a general rule, this works: there will never be a better video game than "Zelda: Ocarina of Time," nor a better movie than "Citizen Kane."

In music, this phenomenon is even more pronounced. Rock will never produce a better album than "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," three chords will never produce better music than the Ramones and a guitar will never produce better music than when in the hands of Jimi Hendrix. The latest album to be included in this pantheon of greatness is Nas' classic "Illmatic."

This is a piece of contention, of course. Rap has yet to convince critics of its legitimacy. The current generation was the first to grow up with hip hop on the radio, in addition to a series of classic albums, soundtracks and groundbreaking movements founded firmly in the culture surrounding this music. Two generations from now, "Illmatic" will enjoy the same raised pedestal as Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Only 19 when the album began its recording, Nas was rolling with momentum gathered from his guest spots on tracks as well as his performances on the streets of Brooklyn. After several failed courtships on the parts of record companies, producer Large Professor took the lead on finding the young emcee a record deal. Four months after signing with Columbia, "Illmatic" was released. Built on exceptional writing, strong production and grim realities of his life, Nas released the album that would define the sound of a city and a genre.

In a musical climate dominated by Dr. Dre's G-funk west coast production

tion, Nas recruited a squad of four native New Yorkers to fill the sound on his album. The efforts of Large Professor, DJ Pete Rock, Q-Tip and DJ Premier laid the groundwork for the album. Jazzy loops over sparse bass were an unfamiliar and revolutionary sonic texture paired perfectly with Nas' tight dictation and sharpened flow. Samples were snagged from the golden age of rap traced back to its rhythm and blues roots. This bargain-bin-vinyl style permeated the 90's, fostering rap's role as the rightful heir to jazz.

Nas' story of struggle could be found on any street corner of New York at the end of the Reagan era. Growing up in those troubled days, Nas' gifts served his music. He dealt in realities, rarely glorifying the drugs and violence of his adolescence, but also not shying away from their dark nature. A self-proclaimed prophet, he seamlessly mixes despair, crime and violence with bright images of hope for the future. His brash optimism is hopeful, not self-serving. His lyrics are universal, but his voice distinctly of New York in the 90's.

Working from the production and inspiration, Nas creates the true greatness of his album. Abandoning both the drawls and growls which dominated rap at the time, Nas found a highly articulate, pointedly enunciated flow reminiscent of legends such as Rakim and Eric B. Highly structured verses, overflowing with internal rhyme schemes, brilliant language, and vivid imagery. Skilled writing gives Nas' message an effective medium.

Sixteen years after its release, "Illmatic" remains a much greater underground success than mainstream mainstay.

The roots of rap as an art can be traced almost solely to this album. The lyricism, production and styles of many of the modern embodiments of hip hop owe their existence to the classic work of a 19-year-old from the streets of New York.

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This Week's Mix:
California Dreaming Playlist



by Genna McCabe

- 1 "California Dreamin'" - The Mama's and The Papa's
- 2 "Ocean Avenue" - Yellowcard
- 3 "California Girls" - The Beach Boys
- 4 "West Coast Friendship" - Owl City
- 5 "Californication" - Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 6 "Hotel California" - The Eagles
- 7 "Meet Me In California" - Plain White T's
- 8 "Lights" - Journey
- 9 "It Never Rains In Southern California" - Albert Hammond & M. Hazelwood
- 10 "Surfin' USA" - The Beach Boys
- 11 "California" - Phantom Planet

The amazing weather this weekend put me in a California state of mind. Yet I know that soon enough our lives at Notre Dame will more closely resemble "California dreamin'" on such a winter's day." Hopefully this playlist will help you fight the winter doldrums and imagine yourself in warm and beautiful California.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oregon reinstates RB Blount

Associated Press

Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount, who was suspended for the season after punching a Boise State player in the wake of the season opener, has been allowed to rejoin the Ducks.

The university requested Blount's reinstatement, which was approved by Pacific-10 Conference Commissioner Larry Scott on Monday.

Blount will be able to play for the Ducks (No. 13 BCS, No. 14 AP) on Saturday night when they host Arizona State. He missed eight games.

Blount issued a statement saying he was grateful to Oregon coach Chip Kelly for giving him a second chance.

"Now it is up to me to prove to people that their lasting impressions of me are not what they saw in Boise," he said.

Blount punched Byron Hout following the nationally televised opener, bringing the Broncos' defensive end to his knees. The next day he was suspended for the season by Kelly, but he was allowed to keep his scholarship and practice with the team.

Kelly later said that if Blount met certain academic and

behavioral conditions, he would be allowed to return. The earliest possible date for his reinstatement was last Saturday's game against Stanford, but the Ducks waited until this week to bring him back. Kelly insisted there was no delay in Blount's return.

Kelly would not discuss the special requirements for reinstatement, calling it a private issue.

Kelly recommended Blount's return to athletic director Mike Bellotti on Sunday night. It was approved by university President Richard Lariviere before being turned over to the conference for approval.

"After a thorough review of the situation, I am convinced LeGarrette Blount paid a significant and appropriate price for the mistakes he made on the field, and that he has learned important life-long lessons," Scott said.

Blount and Kelly addressed the team on Monday morning.

"He just apologized to them again for the incident, and told them he was anxious to rejoin the team," Kelly said. Blount practiced with the team afterward.

Blount said in his statement released by the university that

he would not speak to reporters. "Until that time, I feel my actions can speak louder than anything I could say. I just want to help my teammates who have been supportive of me," his statement said.

Blount rushed for 1,002 yards last season. Redshirt freshman LaMichael James emerged as Oregon's starter in his absence.

James has run for 1,043 yards so far this season, becoming the first Oregon freshman to go over 1,000 yards rushing. He has rushed for eight touchdowns.

Oregon (7-2, 5-1 Pac-10) is coming off a 51-42 loss at Stanford this past Saturday. After Arizona State, the Ducks play at Arizona and return home to face Oregon State in the annual Civil War rivalry game.

Kelly said James will remain his starter against the Sun Devils. Blount's participation will depend on how he does in practice this week and whether there are any injuries, the coach added.

Kelly also said he was unconcerned about reaction to Blount's reinstatement.

"If I based this program on what public opinion is, I'd have a lot of problems," he said.

NFL

Coach shrugs off WR Boldin's comments

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt is brushing aside wide receiver Anquan Boldin's critical comments that followed the Cardinals' 41-21 victory at Chicago.

Boldin was limited in practice by an ankle injury. He warmed up for the game, felt good and expected to play, only to find all his gear had been removed from his locker.

"Nobody was man enough to come and tell me what was the situation," Boldin said.

Whisenhunt said he told Boldin shortly after the list of inactive players was submitted.

The coach gave the players Monday off and said Boldin's attitude "doesn't concern me at all."

"In fact, that is kind of what you like to see because he wants to play," Whisenhunt said. "I think we all know how tough and how competitive Anquan is. The fact that he was upset that he didn't play is what you would expect. I certainly have no issues with that whatsoever."

The three-time Pro Bowl receiver has seemed out of sorts much of the season, an attitude that probably stems from the team's failure to give him a contract extension, something he has said the Cardinals management had promised to do.

He said at the start of training camp that he was not going to address the contract issue this season. No one close to the organization has accused Boldin of letting his attitude affect his play. Teammates consider him one of the toughest and hardest working players on the roster.

But, often injured in his career, he has been slowed this season by a high right ankle sprain. The injury occurred in team's victory over Houston in Game 3, and was aggravated when the ankle took a direct

hit last week in Arizona's home loss to Carolina.

Boldin didn't practice last week until Friday, when he worked out on a limited basis. He had done the same the previous week and played. He said

"Nobody was man enough to come and tell me what the situation was."

Anquan Boldin
Cardinals wide receiver

he felt good after warming up in Chicago.

"If I had made the decision, I would have been playing," Boldin said. "When I came back in, all of my stuff was out of my locker, so I didn't make the decision. I know I was (ready). It wasn't the field or anything like that. That's the best I've felt in three weeks."

Whisenhunt said his decision not to play Boldin was based largely on the soft field conditions.

"The field was thick and loose, and the footing on it wasn't great," the coach said after the game. "We've seen guys slipping and falling in other games, and I was afraid he could easily turn his ankle on that field coming out of a break."

Whisenhunt said Monday that another reason for Boldin sitting was the absence of line-

"The fact that [Boldin] was upset that he didn't play is what you would expect."

Ken Whisenhunt
Cardinals coach

backer Gerald Hayes with a sore back. That moved Ali Highsmith, a fixture on special teams, to the starting linebacker spot, requiring further shifting of the roster.

"I know what Anquan has fought through the last two games, and he has gotten a little tired at the end," the coach said after the game. "We have a tough stretch coming up, and a couple of division games. I wanted to make sure he was ready to go."

This isn't the first time the ultra-competitive Boldin has complained publicly about not being on the field. He had a nationally televised shouting match with then-offensive coordinator Todd Haley on the sidelines because he wasn't in the game as Arizona marched to the winning touchdown against Philadelphia in last season's NFC championship game.

NFL

Johnson denies feud with Stafford

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Lions coach Jim Schwartz says there's no feud between Calvin Johnson and Matt Stafford.

During Sunday's game against Seattle, television cameras caught what appeared to be uncomfortable exchanges between the receiver and quarterback.

Stafford threw five interceptions in the 32-20 loss. Johnson had two catches for 27 yards after missing the previous two games because of a knee injury.

"There's no issue there," he said. "You always want to be winning games and happy and cheerful, but goodness gracious, if you had a camera on every person on every play, you could try to read between the lines on a million things. There are times you need to talk things out, but there's no issue here with the players, and I don't understand why

people are trying to create one."

Stafford didn't appear during Detroit's media availability, but Johnson was equally adamant that there wasn't a problem between the pair.

"I haven't seen the TV replays, because there's no reason for me to watch them — we're fine," he said. "People are blowing this way out of proportion. Trust me, no one is going to be happy during a game like that. If you win, all this goes out the window."

Seattle turned the ball over on its first two plays, and the Lions took advantage by building a quick 17-0 lead, only to be outscored 32-3 in the final three periods.

Detroit had the ball with 35 seconds left and trailing by 5, but Stafford's fifth interception was returned for the clinching touchdown.

"After watching the tape, it's hard to believe that we had a

chance to win that game at the end," Schwartz said. "That was a game filled with errors on offense, defense and special teams. Based on the number of errors, it is amazing to me that we even had a chance at the end of the game."

The quick start and bad finish had Schwartz confused.

"Honestly, I don't know whether to look at it as glass half-full or glass half-empty," he said. "We took a cross-country trip, played in a loud place under adverse conditions and were up 17-0. There's positives there. The fact that we were up 17-0 and let it slip away, there aren't many positives that you can look at there."

Linebacker Ernie Sims, who pulled a hamstring, didn't have any mixed emotions.

"I'm sick and tired of losing," he said. "We couldn't have asked for a better start than that, and we still lost. It's really tough."

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NFL



The Kansas City Chiefs released running back Larry Johnson Monday. Johnson was released after a series of off-the-field incidents, the latest coming two weeks ago.

Larry Johnson's release creates buzz

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Given good blocking and a fresh start, Larry Johnson might still be the power-running Pro Bowler who had back-to-back 1,700-yard seasons for Kansas City.

Are you listening, Seattle? What do you think, Indianapolis? Chicago? Houston? Or he might be a declining malcontent who'll only cost money and cause trouble.

To that, every coach and general manager in the NFL is listening. The Chiefs released Johnson on Monday, the day he was due back from his

second suspension in the past 12 months.

Any team with a faltering running game is bound to be tempted by Johnson, despite his baggage and his age (he turns 30 on Nov. 19).

"Any player that's available, we look at," said Bears coach Lovie Smith. "That's been our standard policy throughout. That'll be the case with Larry."

Houston coach Gary Kubiak agreed.

"When a name like that comes on the free agent market like today, we'll obviously go back and take a look at him just like any other player," Kubiak said. "Obviously,

he's been a good player in this league and I'm sure he'll get a lot of interest from a lot of people."

Johnson has been high maintenance since the Chiefs drafted him in the first round out of Penn State in 2003. Unhappy because he thought he was going to be taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Johnson brooded while playing behind Pro Bowler Priest Holmes. He even prompted then-coach Dick Vermeil to say it was time for him "to take the diapers off."

His last brush with controversy came two weeks ago when he posted on his Twitter account a gay

slur, insulted followers and questioned the competence of head coach Todd Haley.

He was suspended for two weeks, but Haley said the final decision to cast him aside was not made until early Monday.

"We decided it was in the best interests of the Kansas City Chiefs organization to move forward at this time," he said.

Behind a poor offensive line this year, Johnson has averaged a paltry 2.7 yards for the Chiefs (1-7) and appeared not to have the quickness and punishing power that enabled him to rush for more than 1,700 yards in Pro Bowl seasons in 2005 and '06.

IN BRIEF

Michigan AD apologizes to students he pushed

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Outgoing University of Michigan athletic director Bill Martin says he's apologized to two student security workers who reported he assaulted them during football games.

The school said Monday it's closed an investigation of Martin's actions.

Michigan student Jackie Turner says Martin pushed her Sept. 12 when she requested his ID as he entered the regents guest area of the press box during Michigan's game against Notre Dame.

Eastern Michigan student Arif Khan says Martin grabbed him when he asked for his ID in the same general area Oct. 17 soon after the end of a game against Delaware State.

Four days later, Martin announced he was retiring next September.

The students weren't injured, and neither pressed charges.

Ovechkin said he joked about injury severity

ARLINGTON, Va. — Alex Ovechkin says he was joking when he told a reporter over the weekend that he could be out more than a month.

The Washington Capitals star practiced lightly Monday and said he would actually miss about a week.

He hasn't played since leaving a Nov. 1 game against Columbus after he was hurt in a scrum. The Capitals said last week that Ovechkin, whose 14 goals and 23 points lead the team, was week to week with what they called an upper-body problem.

Ovechkin, who was quoted by Yahoo! on Saturday night as saying he could miss four or five weeks, insisted his left shoulder was not affected by the still unspecified injury, animatedly flexing the joint and telling reporters with a smile, "The shoulder's fine, see?"

Taylor arrested in Miami traffic incident

MIAMI — Former football star Lawrence Taylor has been released on bond following his arrest in a Miami-area traffic accident.

According to Miami-Dade County jail records, Taylor was charged Sunday with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, a second-degree misdemeanor. He was released on \$500 bond later that night. It was not immediately clear if Taylor has an attorney.

A Florida Highway Patrol spokesman says Taylor was involved in a hit-and-run crash Sunday in Hialeah. Taylor told investigators he thought he had hit a guard rail. There were no injuries and troopers didn't conduct a sobriety test.

Taylor is a former New York Giants linebacker. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1999. He also competed in ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" this year.

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Saints pleased with hot start

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Jabari Greer takes a cautious view of the dramatic improvements made by the unbeaten Saints in only one season.

"It's a long season and people like to analyze where you are at a certain point," Greer said. "But as a competitor, you realize it doesn't matter until it's over."

"If we continue to do this, then we have something special. But if we don't, we're going to be the team that could have, you know? That should have."

With only half of their 2009 season in the books, the Saints already have matched their win total from 2008, surpassed several key statistical marks from all of last season and put themselves on pace to improve significantly in other areas.

The biggest gains have come on defense.

Three fumble recoveries in a 30-20 win over Carolina on Sunday gave New Orleans 24 takeaways this season, or two more than in all of 2008.

Anthony Hargrove's score on a short fumble return was the Saints' seventh defensive touchdown this season, compared to none last year.

The Saints also have 16 interceptions this season after having 15 the year before.

Greer, a sixth-year cornerback in his first season with the Saints, has been a key contributor to New Orleans' increase in big plays on defense. He has two interceptions and returned one of them for a touchdown.

Still, in five previous years in the NFL, Greer agreed that "it would seem unusual" for an NFL team to need only half a season to eclipse 16-game totals for things like fumble recoveries and interceptions.

At the same time, the Saints expected to make substantial gains in those areas, he said, because "it's something that we stress every day during practice."

Coach Sean Payton was quick to note that different personnel and changes on the coaching staff — the Saints have a new defensive coordinator in Gregg Williams — are bound to produce different results.

"There are a lot of things that we can point to as to why we were 8-8 a year ago," Payton said. "The comparison of why we're playing better football this year, I would say we're playing better defense, we're rushing the football better, we're creating the turnovers. Those are the three things that I don't think we did very well a year ago."

The gains have been less dramatic with an offense that led the NFL last season, but there is still evidence of improvement.

The Saints are averaging 144.6 yards rushing this season, 45 yards more per game than last season. The Saints are averaging 37.9 points per game, or about nine points per game more than last season.

Some of that improvement has to do with the defensive scores, but not all of it. At their current pace, the Saints would finish with about 606 points, surpassing the NFL record 589 scored by the 2007 New England Patriots.

And the Saints have been much more dominant in the late stages of games.

In 2008, New Orleans outscored opponents 127-100 in the fourth quarter. So far this season, the Saints have a 91-18 fourth-quarter edge — a big reason New Orleans has been able to secure comeback victories in its past three games, pulling away to win two of those by double digits.

Only one of the Saints' victories — a 35-27 win over Atlanta — has come by fewer than 10 points. They've won three times by 20 points or more.

Payton said he is proud of

his players for finding various ways to win games. It has been gratifying for him to see an emphasis placed in certain areas — like takeaways and the running game — followed by significant improvement in those areas.

Still, the fourth-year head coach remains concerned by fits of sloppiness and offensive turnovers — New Orleans has turned the ball over 10 times in its last three games — that have caused his team to fall behind in recent weeks.

"We have to be more consistent," Payton said. "I do think we can play a lot better than we played (Sunday). And I'm not just saying that because it's time to come in here and throw water on a party. ... We have to get some things cleaned up and we have to do that before we sit in here and say it finally cost us a game."

MLB

World Series heroes set to enter free agency

Associated Press

NEW YORK — World Series MVP Hideki Matsui became a free agent Monday along with New York Yankees teammates Johnny Damon, Eric Hinske, Jose Molina and Xavier Nady.

Matsui and Damon both said after the Yankees' six-game victory over Philadelphia last week that they would like to stay with New York. The Yankees said it was too early to address how they want to formulate their team for 2010.

Phillies third baseman Pedro Feliz also filed Monday, as did teammates Matt Stairs, Chan Ho Park and Paul Bako. Feliz's \$5.5 million option was declined by Philadelphia on Sunday.

Also among the 31 players filing were Minnesota shortstop Orlando Cabrera, Mets outfielder Gary Sheffield and

Colorado pitcher Jose Contreras. There are 151 players who have filed since the end of the World Series, and 28 more potentially are eligible to file by the Nov. 19 deadline.

Boston prevented Victor Martinez from filing by exercising a \$7.7 million option on the catcher-first baseman. The Red Sox declined a \$6 million option on shortstop Alex Gonzalez, who gets a \$500,000 buyout and immediately filed.

Boston also declined a \$5 million option on captain Jason Varitek, and the catcher now must decide whether to exercise a \$3 million player option. Rather than exercise its \$4 million option on Tim Wakefield, the Red Sox agreed to a \$5 million, two-year contract with 43-year-old knuckleballer.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tar Heels victorious in opener

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Deon Thompson scored 20 points to help No. 6 North Carolina spoil Isiah Thomas' college coaching debut and beat Florida International 88-72 on Monday night in the 2K Sports Classic.

Ed Davis added 13 points for the defending national champion Tar Heels (1-0), who had little trouble with the undersized Golden Panthers. North Carolina shot 56 percent and led by double digits much of the way to kick off its centennial season against Thomas, the Hall of Fame player and former NBA coach who took over the long-struggling program in April.

His debut came on the same day his 86-year-old mother, Mary, had open-heart surgery in Chicago. He spent Sunday with her, then arrived in Chapel Hill early Monday for the Golden Panthers' shootaround at the Smith Center. He said before the game that he expected to return to Chicago on Tuesday.

Marvin Roberts had 18 points for the Golden Panthers (0-1), who shot 37 percent. North Carolina led 46-30 at halftime, then pushed the margin to 25 points in the first 5 minutes of the second half to eliminate any

chance of a Hollywood-esque story line for Thomas.

Instead, the game offered a glimpse of what remains from the squad that rolled Michigan State in last season's NCAA title game. While four starters are gone — including four-year star Tyler Hansbrough and fellow first-round NBA draft picks Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington — there's still plenty of talent and, most notably, size on a squad that showed plenty of balance against the Golden Panthers.

Thompson, the top returning scorer from last season, was 7 of 11 from the field and had 10 rebounds, while frontcourtmate Davis added 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Fifth-year senior Marcus Ginyard chipped in 12 points, showing off the all-around game North Carolina missed while he was sidelined much of last year with a foot injury.

Larry Drew II, the sophomore who has to replace Lawson at point guard, had his moments, too, finishing with seven points, six assists and two turnovers in 21 minutes.

Still, North Carolina looked ragged at times when the game was in hand, committing 26 turnovers to continue what coach Roy Williams said was a consistent theme through the

preseason.

FIU made headlines when it hired Thomas, who was coming off a tumultuous stint with the NBA's New York Knicks, to guide a program coming off nine straight losing seasons. The game also had its own mild dose of offseason controversy when FIU initially balked at playing North Carolina in the 2K Sports Classic, saying it had expected Thomas' opener would come at Ohio State instead.

Thomas got a late start onto the court, barely walking out of the visiting tunnel before the national anthem had started. He walked across the court to the bench and was greeted with a handshake and a hug by Williams — who was on the bench as Dean Smith's assistant when Thomas led Indiana past North Carolina for the 1981 NCAA championship in his final game as a college player.

North Carolina offered up its own reminder of the past. The Tar Heels wore throwback uniforms to honor the 1957 national championship team as part of its yearlong celebration of its 100th season, complete with the unusual sight of some red on the waistband of the shorts and the neckline of the jersey.

The Classic benefits Coaches vs. Cancer.

NBA

Jazz earn first win in New York since '04



Jazz forward Carlos Boozer shoots over Knicks forward David Lee during the first half of Utah's 95-93 win over New York Monday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Boozer and Andrei Kirilenko each scored 23 points, and the Utah Jazz won in New York for the first time in more than five years by beating the Knicks 95-93 on Monday night.

Mehmet Okur had the go-ahead basket with 1:16 to play and finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who opened a difficult four-game road trip by winning at Madison Square Garden for the first time since Feb. 20, 2004.

Deron Williams was limited to five points but had 16 assists. Utah, which earned its first road victory of the season, visits Boston next and wraps up the trip Saturday night at Cleveland.

Rookie Toney Douglas scored a season-high 21 points for the Knicks, who nearly dug their way out of another huge deficit with a big fourth-quarter rally. But he missed just before the buzzer, sending New York (1-7) to its fourth straight loss.

Wilson Chandler scored 17 points, and Larry Hughes and David Lee each had 12 for the Knicks.

The Jazz led by 21 points early in the second half but the Knicks rallied with an effective zone defense, taking advantage of Utah's perimeter shooting woes while top outside threat Kyle Korver (left knee surgery) remains sidelined.

Utah was still ahead by 11 with under 8 minutes to play before Al Harrington and Danilo Gallinari drilled consecutive 3-pointers to start a

10-0 run that cut it to 84-83 on Harrington's dunk with 6:21 remaining.

Consecutive layups by Douglas tied it at 93 with 1:36 left and the Knicks forced another miss, but the rebound went right to Okur for a tip-in and the lead for good.

The Knicks missed with three more chances to tie, the final one Douglas' tough attempt in the closing seconds.

Utah benefits from every New York loss, so Monday was a win-win proposition.

The Jazz own New York's first-round pick in 2010, which seems destined to be a high lottery selection with the Knicks' woeful start. The pick was originally sent to Phoenix in the Stephon Marbury deal in 2004 and later moved to Utah by the Suns in a trade for Tom Gugliotta.

New York was headed toward another big first-quarter deficit when Utah raced to a 22-10 lead, but the Knicks locked down defensively, holding the Jazz to three points the final 5 minutes and cutting it to 25-18.

Utah opened another double-digit lead about 3½ minutes into the second, then finished the half with an 11-3 burst to make it 48-31. The Knicks missed all 10 3-point attempts in their lowest-scoring half of the season, hearing some loud boos in the final minutes.

Kirilenko hit one of his five 3-pointers to push it to 52-31 1:10 into the second half and the Jazz led by double digits for nearly the entire third quarter, bringing a 78-64 advantage into the final 12 minutes.

NFL

Packers need to rebound after loss

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Despite two losses to Brett Favre and the division rival Minnesota Vikings in the first half of the season, at least the Green Bay Packers were beating the teams they're supposed to.

Until now. Green Bay was reeling Monday after blowing a fourth-quarter lead to a previously winless Tampa Bay team starting a rookie quarterback.

Now 4-4 at the season's halfway mark, a team expected to make a serious playoff push now finds itself on the verge of a free fall going into Sunday's home game against Dallas.

The problems are the same: Too many sacks allowed, not enough pass rush and costly special teams lapses. But as fans holler for change on barstools and sports radio call-in shows across Wisconsin, they probably won't be happy to hear that Packers coach Mike McCarthy is calmly staying the course.

McCarthy maintains that the mistakes are correctable and insists the season isn't a lost cause.

"We're disappointed and we're 4-4," McCarthy said. "We're at the halfway point of our season. I'm very disappointed, but that's our work to this point. I take full responsibility. I'm at the point of this football team. I have all the confidence in this team that we'll get ready and we'll move on and win a big game here at home against Dallas."

But the Packers might have to face the Cowboys without outside linebacker Aaron Kampman and right tackle Mark Tauscher.

Kampman said he sustained a concussion after taking a blow to the head on the fourth play of the game, but wasn't taken out of the game until the fourth quarter. Speaking briefly to reporters Monday afternoon, Kampman said he still wasn't feeling quite right but just needed rest.

"I've been better," Kampman said. His availability this week remains unclear.

Kampman played into the fourth quarter before coaches

realized he wasn't OK. Even amid increased awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football, defensive coordinator Dom Capers said coaches trust players to tell them when they're not feeling right.

"You have to kind of depend on them, you know," Capers said. "And most guys that play this game, they think they can just shake it off. It's part of the game, you know. To a certain degree they can shake it off, it's no problem. And I think that's probably the approach that Aaron took until maybe in the second half, he saw that things weren't right."

Tauscher, meanwhile, sprained his left knee — the same knee that sustained a major injury in December. Tauscher tore his left anterior cruciate ligament and was out of football until re-signing with the Packers last month.

McCarthy said Tauscher has a "slight" chance of playing this week.

That, plus the back injury that landed center Jason Spitz on injured reserve over the weekend, leaves the Packers to once again shuffle an offensive line that has given up a league-worst 37 sacks — including six on Sunday, all in the second half.

McCarthy said the Packers aren't about to change the way their linemen are coached. Or, for that matter, who's doing the coaching.

"We don't need wholesale change," McCarthy said. "We may need to adjust some things and that will be our focus. But as far as going outside the building, I'm not going to sit here and tell you that I have all the answers, but I'm very confident in the issues that we've had in pass protection, that they are correctable."

And the blame for the Packers' sack total goes beyond the line. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers still needs to get rid of the ball more quickly in certain situations, and McCarthy hinted that the wide receivers weren't getting open on Sunday.

The Green Bay defense, meanwhile, continued to stop the run but didn't get enough pressure on rookie Josh Freeman and struggled in the fourth quarter.

But for the second week in a row, the Packers' biggest problems were poorly timed lapses on special teams.

A week after giving up two long kickoff returns to Minnesota's Percy Harvin, the Packers gave up a 83-yarder to Tampa Bay's Clifton Smith to set up an early fourth-quarter touchdown and swing the game's momentum in Tampa's favor.

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MLB

Baseball GMs head to Chicago for brief meeting

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Instead of swaying palm trees, the roar of 747s greeted baseball's general managers Monday as they began gathering for their annual meeting.

They came to a hotel near O'Hare International Airport to swap stories and perhaps players, and to start discussions with agents.

Increasing the use of instant replay could be a topic when the formal meetings start Tuesday, especially after a series of missed calls in the postseason.

"How far would I go with it? A lot further than most," Chicago White Sox GM Ken Williams said. "I think the game has changed with the use of technology. I think we should bring it up to date."

Video reviews, which began in 2008, currently are limited to determining whether potential home runs are fair or foul or whether the ball cleared a fence.

"I have been on record as using as much technology as possible for the betterment of our game and to protect the umpires, too," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Monday.

Cashman is comfortable commissioner Bud Selig will protect the game and "make sure that whatever gets implemented is done in the proper way, and if it gets done slowly over time and we're better for it, so be it."

Just last Wednesday, the Yankees beat the Phillies for their 27th World Series title. Now it's time to move on to next season, though Cashman doesn't expect much to happen during these sessions.

"Friday was the parade. Saturday and Sunday was quiet time, and today felt like a full day of traveling, even though Chicago is not far," Cashman said. "We'll be in catch-up mode. The last thing you want to do is do something quick. I really want to make sure I take our time, sit down, and have our discussions with all personnel. I have my own ideas of what I think would be best."

More deals are expected around the winter meetings, to be held in Indianapolis from Dec. 7-10. World Series MVP Hideki Matsui and left fielder Johnny Damon became free agents Monday and 37-year-old left-hander Andy Pettitte also is eligible for file.

New York's biggest rival in the AL East, the Boston Red Sox, were busy Monday. They exercised their \$7.7 million option on Victor Martinez and declined options on Jason Varitek and Alex Gonzalez — although Varitek can exercise a \$3 million player option.

Boston also agreed to a \$5 million, two-year contract with 43-year-old knuckleballer Tim Lincecum.

Since this year's GMs meet-

ings last only until midday Wednesday, the general managers might not be able to hold as many discussions as they did during past sessions.

"Surprisingly, there have been more conversations throughout the playoffs and the World Series than I can remember," Williams said last week after his team acquired third baseman Mark Teahen in a trade with the Kansas City Royals.

"And to be able to do something prior to the general managers' meeting and have substantial talks on major things prior to that is surprising, but certainly welcome to me.

We've done our groundwork quite some time ago."

The New York Mets, who slid to 70-92 during an injury-filled season, could be active, general manager Omar Minaya said. They had an opening-day payroll of nearly \$136 million this season, second only to the Yankees' \$201 million.

"We have to find a way to be able to slug more and I think pitching is another area we have to look at," Minaya said. "I think we are going to identify some of the players we like, and once we identify those players, then we are able to sit down with the agents. ... We are also going to have to explore some trades. If the opportunity is there and we have a player we like, we are going to pursue that player."

The Cubs, who had the third-highest opening-day payroll at \$135 million, already have had a relatively eventful offseason.

Tom Ricketts and his family took over as owners and said they would do everything they could to bring a World Series title to a franchise that hasn't won one since 1908.

But the Cubs' pitching staff took a blow one month after the season ended when left-hander Ted Lilly, one of the team's most consistent starters for three years, had surgery on his pitching shoulder. Lilly probably won't start throwing for four months and almost certainly will miss the start of the season.

Cubs GM Jim Hendry said there were no immediate plans to look for another starter. But he could trade mercurial outfielder Milton Bradley, suspended for the final two weeks of his first season with the Cubs after he criticized the club.

"Like I said all along, he's on our roster and until he's not on the roster that's how you have to look at it," Hendry said. "A lot of people have had worse exits than that at the end of the year and they returned. The goal will be the best you can to put a good club on the field by spring training. Until people aren't here, then as a GM approach it like they are here."

Bradley still is owed \$21 million on the final two years of his deal. Hendry hasn't spoken with Bradley but has talked quite a bit to his agent.

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Ken Williams
White Sox general manager

SMC SWIMMING

Belles seek conference respect

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Coming off of a tough year, the Belles are looking to prove that they belong with the top teams in the MIAA.

Under the leadership of second-year coach Alicia Dombkowski, the Belles are in search of a new look and feel as they begin their trek down the road to the MIAA Championships.

As is the case in college sports, nothing gives a team a more refreshing feel than the emergence of freshmen. This year's squad features 11 fresh-

men out of a total of 21 swimmers and divers.

This year's crop hail from as close as South Bend to as far away as California. These newcomers should also be able to be competitive in a wide array of events, from sprints to distance and from freestyle to backstroke.

The Belles have had only one MIAA meet this far, a 180-107 loss to Kalamazoo, but they should take relief in the fact that two freshmen were among the team's contributors.

Ellie Watson, a distance swimmer from Grand Rapids, Mich., came in first place in the 500- and 1000-yard

freestyle. Her teammate, Katie Griffin, a Bristol, Ind. native, finished atop the 100-yard backstroke and butterfly events.

The Belles (0-1) have not started the season off the way they would have liked, but if the freshmen continue to perform and grow at the rate they have, the MIAA may be in for a power transfer. Perennial powerhouses Calvin, Hope and Kalamazoo might need to look out for a Saint Mary's that could be nipping at their heels all year long.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Turner leads OSU with triple double

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Evan Turner recorded only the second triple-double ever for Ohio State with 14 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists in the 16th-ranked Buckeyes' 100-60 victory over Alcorn State on Monday night in the 2K Sports Classic.

Turner needed one assist for 10 but his teammates missed three straight shots. A bounce pass to Jon Diebler, who had 22 points, led to a 3-pointer with just over 7 minutes left for the triple-double.

William Buford added 19 points, Jeremie Simmons 12 and Walter Offutt 11 for the

Buckeyes (1-0), who host a second-round game on Thursday night against James Madison.

Jonathan Boyd scored 20 points for the Braves (0-1), who are coached by former NBA star Larry Smith and are coming off a 6-25 season. Alcorn State was ranked 342nd of the 343 teams in Division I in the Rating Percentage Index.

Ohio State, which will meet No. 6 North Carolina in the semifinals next week at Madison Square Garden, has all five starters back from a 22-11 team that lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Siena.

The only previously recorded triple-double at Ohio State

belonged to Dennis Hopson, who had 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in a 1986 victory over Ohio University.

Turner had 12 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists in the opening half as Ohio State breezed to a 56-28 lead. Diebler had 16 points and Buford hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for 11.

The Braves fell behind 8-0 before Byrd, who had 12 points on 3-pointers in the opening half, ended the drought. They got as close as 25-15 midway through the half before the Buckeyes went on a 19-0 run with Diebler scoring eight points.

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Ducks

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Jeffries on a 40-yard bomb and later scampered 10 yards for another touchdown. The Ducks' second touchdown of the day put them up 13-0 and seemed to deflate Cavanaugh.

However, the Chaos came out firing after halftime. On fourth-and-goal, Chaos sophomore quarterback Rebecca Cink rolled left and lofted a pass to junior receiver Holly Hinz. Hinz managed to get one foot in the end zone for the score, cutting Howard's lead to 13-6.

"I was lucky to get that foot in bounds," Hinz said.

Momentum seemed to have shifted the Chaos' way as they stuffed Howard on their next two offensive possessions, but the Ducks kept answering with defense stops of their own.

"I can't say enough about our defense," Robinson said.

Cavanaugh had one last chance after Bishop was intercepted as the Ducks were about to score. The Howard defense just proved to be too much for the Chaos.

The Ducks advance to play Walsh next weekend.

Walsh 25, Pasquerilla East 20

Walsh held off Pasquerilla East 25-20 in a thrilling battle of two evenly matched teams.

The Pyros senior quarterback Tara Pillai threw an interception on her own 15-yard line with less than two minutes left and provided the Wild Women with an opportunity to score a game-winning touchdown. Walsh's quarterback junior Amy Langnecker threw a four-yard pass to senior Sierra Smith. This would be the final score of the game as the Wild Women (6-1) managed to top the Pyros (3-3) in the last minute.

The game was a back and forth offensive battle including two interceptions for each team. Pyros sophomore Nneka Ekechukwa intercepted a pass on Walsh's 30-yard line and ran it back for a touchdown. This play put Pasquerilla East up by seven and was the last points that

the team would score.

"We were really upset with the outcome, but overall for the season, we are proud that we made the playoffs and had a successful year," Pillai said.

Despite the loss, Pillai successfully spread the ball out among multiple receivers: junior Emily Meyer, freshman Erica Chenard, freshman Kelsey Eckenrode and junior Kristin Mannion, for touchdowns and extra point attempts. Pillai's cannon in combination with her talented receiving corps led the Pyros to stick primarily to the aerial attack against the Wild Women. The pressure of Walsh's defensive line and the success of its secondary impeded the effectiveness of this attack.

Walsh focused on its rushing attack against the Pyros and found multiple holes in their defense. Junior quarterback Amy Langnecker spread the ball between junior Lindsay Schanzer and Smith when the Wild Women took to the air. Senior captain Molly McCarthy attributes the effectiveness of the team's attacks on both side of the ball to the strong team unity.

"Walsh football is about competition, community and a commitment to fun and Wild Women love," McCarthy said.

She also expressed hope for the future of Walsh in the rest of the playoffs.

"This is the beginning of a hopeful journey to the Stadium," she said.

Pangborn 7, Farley 6

Pangborn (5-2) extended its winning streak into a fifth game as it outlasted Farley 7-6 Sunday, moving into the semifinal round of the playoffs.

Junior Gabby Tate had an outstanding performance at quarterback, running for the majority of the teams' cumulative yardage including the decisive extra point. Senior Meghan Bescher, a force on the Pangborn offense, caught the winning touchdown pass.

"I think it was really nerve-racking at the end but our defense pulled through for us," sophomore captain Julie Cooney said.

Senior Caitlin Furey sealed the Phoxes' win with an interception in the end zone



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

A Farley ball carrier runs down the field as two Pangborn defenders attempt to make a tackle in the Phoxes' 7-6 win over the Finest.

with seconds remaining on the clock, stopping a threatening late-game drive by the Finest (3-2-2). Freshman Sarah Topp performed brilliantly at linebacker, breaking up numerous passing attempts from the opposing offense.

Farley's defense came alive in the second half, forcing a turnover on downs followed by two consecutive sacks by sophomore Elise Jordan on Pangborn's second possession. The Finest capitalized on an interception by senior Caity Shepherd, with sophomore quarterback Megan Bastedo lofting a pass to wide open junior Molly Casanova who then ran down the field for the touchdown. The Pangborn defense denied the extra point attempt.

Farley freshman Claire Pursley had a notable performance on offense, consistently giving the Finest good field position by dodging and running over defenders on her punt returns.

"We had some chances but at the end we weren't able to capitalize on it," Bastedo said. "It was a good game, Pangborn played very well."

Though one team's season ends, another continues on as the Phoxes hope to build on their recent success in their quest for the championship.

"We put it all out on the field," Pangborn senior Tricia Wilbur said. "We're excited for the next round."

Pangborn will face

Pasquerilla West Sunday with a berth to the Stadium on the line.

Pasquerilla West 19, McGlenn 0

McGlenn's underdog hopes were squashed in style by Pasquerilla West Sunday, as the Purple Weasels (7-0) rolled to a 19-0 victory and the second round of the playoffs.

Pasquerilla West used a balanced offensive attack that showcased both the running and passing games. The three scoring drives covered 74, 65 and 55 yards.

McGlenn (3-3-1) also moved the ball effectively but simply failed to convert on several trips to the red zone.

"Our red zone offense was the main factor in the loss," Shamrocks senior captain and defensive lineman Emily Dore said. "We just couldn't punch it in."

The Shamrocks also ran into trouble in the second half when their offense became one-dimensional, relying strictly on the passing game to move the ball. When the Purple Weasels recognized this, they dropped all but one defender into coverage and blanketed McGlenn's receivers.

Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Cooper said she was truly impressed by McGlenn.

"On paper, the score makes it look like a big win," Cooper said. "It was much closer

than the score showed."

For McGlenn the loss ends an otherwise solid season that included much hard work and preparation, but there is hope for the future.

"We played our hearts out," Dore said. "We had a good team this year. We had a lot of youth and most of us were just learning to play the game. It looks good for next year."

For the Purple Weasels, this win is yet another in an undefeated season, but they are not done yet.

"It's another step," Cooper said. "We are taking it one game at a time. We are definitely happy with the win, but we're not done. Our goals are to get to the Stadium and win a championship."

Although the Purple Weasels won big, there is still work that needs to be done in preparation for next week.

"We need to figure out how much we want to pressure the quarterback," Cooper said. "We need to know whether we are going to rush a lot or put more people back in the secondary. It's a new approach for each team."

The next step in Pasquerilla West's quest for a championship is a showdown with Pangborn Sunday.

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Freshmen

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years," Holden said. "I'm happy with how I have performed in the first few meets of the season, but I'm definitely excited to see how else I can improve in my events."

Holden, a backstroke competitor from Mount Kisco, N.Y., has led the Irish in both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke competitions, finishing in second place in both races against Michigan before winning her first individual race against Purdue in the 200-yard backstroke. She has also contributed to multiple team competitions, achieving first-place honors as a part of the 200

and 400-yard medley relay teams.

"All the girls have been very supportive and helpful in these first few months," Holden said. "It's easy to think of swimming as an individual sport, but the senior class, especially our captains Megan Farrell and Ashlee Edgell, have done a great job of making team the priority."

Johnson did not participate in the Dennis Stark relays, but came out strong in his first meet, winning the 100-yard breaststroke against Oakland, a race in which he has recorded a second and a third-place finish as well. His times for the 100-yard breaststroke have been the best on the team, and it is this race that has Johnson's attention.

"Right now I've focused in on the team's 100-yard breaststroke record," Johnson said. "I was pretty surprised at some of my early season times just because we had been training so intensely, and I didn't think I was in shape to race that fast. I'd say the success comes from the adrenaline and the want to make an impact right away for the team."

In addition to the individual success, both Johnson and Holden are focused first and foremost on helping their teams reach a collective goal — a Big East championship — a goal which, with their help, is achievable.

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Griffins

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and you still have to go out on the field and play the games.”

After a scoreless first quarter, the Gentlemen (3-2) got on the board with a phenomenal 100-yard punt return by junior wide receiver Sean Reed. Reed drew a taunting penalty as he ran untouched into the end zone, which resulted in a blocked extra point but St. Edward's went up 6-0.

Stanford (4-1) responded at the end of the half after a critical fumble recovery led to a halfback pass hauled in by sophomore wide receiver Pat Kelly, and after junior quarterback Tony Rizzo converted a two-point conversion Stanford went into the half leading 8-6.

St Edward's started the second half quickly, riding the legs of freshman running back Rob Dillard and the talented receiving corps led by Reed into the end zone.

“We utilized our running game and our great receiving game to beat the top seed today,” Schoenhut said. “In my opinion, the best three receivers in all of Interhall line up for St. Edward's Hall.”

With the score 12-8 after another missed extra point, the Gentlemen defense went to work, forcing Stanford into a number of punts and missed opportunities, though Stanford returned the favor and recording two interceptions of its own.

“It was really our powerhouse defense and their ability to mix up the game that got us this win,” Schoenhut said.

Stanford appeared to be on their way to victory after Rizzo led the Griffins on a critical fourth quarter drive and another two point conversion put them up 16-12 with minutes left in the game. But the upset-minded Gentlemen used big runs by Dillard to get down to the goal line with 30 seconds left in the game, setting up DeMott's touchdown reception.

The victorious and energized St. Edward's team will now face Morrissey, with the winner one game away from the championship in the Stadium.

Knott 21, Carroll 0

Led by an aerial assault that included three touchdown strikes from senior quarterback Aidan Fitzgerald, Knott (4-0-1) moved to the second round of the playoffs with a 21-0 win over Carroll (2-1-2).

Fitzgerald found senior Jeff Skorup in the end zone twice and junior Connor Smith as well.

“We've been working hard all year and things just came

together,” Fitzgerald said. “An early turnover put us down but we stayed with it and ran good routes.”

The second touchdown strike came late in the second quarter. The Juggerknotts had the ball at the Vermin 30-yard line on fourth-and-15. Fitzgerald threw a bullet to Skorup in the back of the end zone and the wide receiver made a highlight reel grab to put the Juggerknotts up by two scores.

“I just managed to get open,” Skorup said. “The second play was a short pass and he got it right to me. It was fourth and long and he made a perfect pass and I managed to get open in the corner of the end zone.”

The defense shut out the Vermin and allowed the Juggerknotts to control the pace of the game as Carroll was unable to sustain any long drives.

“The defense was great,” Fitzgerald said. “It was the second shutout in a row. They got pushed down the field a couple times but they got timely turnovers.”

As Knott prepares for the second round of the playoffs, they don't anticipate any changes to their style of play.

“We're going to do the same thing we've been doing,” Skorup said. “We're going to work hard in practice and we're not done until we get to Notre Dame Stadium.”

The season ends for the Vermin, but it was one of their best in recent years and is a reason for Carroll to expect big things from next year's team.

“We made too many mistakes, and you just can't win that way,” junior captain Nick Ruof said. “It's a tough loss but we had a great season. We won more games than last year, so it was a positive.”

Freshman Keith Marrero made the play of the game for the Vermin with a first-quarter interception.

“The defense shifted over and I happened to be in the right place at the right time,” Marrero said.

The freshman contributes on both sides of the ball and is sure to be a crucial player in future seasons for the Vermin.

Knott will play Siegfried Sunday at Riehle Field as the journey to Notre Dame Stadium continues.

Morrissey 15, Dillon 14

After struggling through the first three quarters of play, resilient and opportunistic Morrissey (4-1) came back in epic fashion to earn a 15-14 victory over Dillon (3-2).

Down by a touchdown with time running out, Morrissey senior quarterback Danny Deveny completed a 40-yard bomb into Big Red territory. On the next play, Deveny



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A Carroll ball carrier is tackled by a Knott defender in the Juggerknotts' 21-0 shutout victory Nov. 8 at Riehle Field. Knott advances to face Siegfried in the semifinal round Sunday.

scrambled to the 10-yard line, setting up his touchdown pass with a 1:45 remaining. Rather than kick the field goal, the Manoriges chose to go for the win.

“We had momentum going our way and figured we should finish then and hope our defense gets the stop,” Deveny said. “We chose to live like lions and not lambs.”

Morrissey made the right decision, converting with a well-thrown slant route. However, the Big Red didn't go down easy. Senior quarterback Jason Miller led Dillon's two-minute drill, reaching the Morrissey 15-yard line. Unfortunately for the Big Red, an offensive pass interference call pushed the ball back to the 31-yard line with less than 10 seconds remaining. The Big Red's 48-yard field goal attempt had the distance, but went wide left.

“When you play as bad as we did the first three quarters, I guess it was only a matter of time before we put it all together,” Deveny said.

Prior to the final five minutes, Dillon controlled the game offensively and defensively. The Big Red defense was their usual stingy self, limiting the Morrissey offense to mostly three-and-out possessions. Special teams were also a key factor as freshman David Murray blocked a punt, which was returned for a touchdown.

The Manor defense had a difficult time stopping the Dillon option attack, led by Miller, freshman running back Terry Howard and sophomore fullback Eric Herbert.

Dillon moved the ball with

ease, but shot themselves in the foot with key turnovers. Miller fumbled on a quarterback keeper just short of the touchdown. In the second half, Herbert lost the ball on the Dillon two-yard line, giving Morrissey an easy touchdown to stay in the game.

“We outplayed them up and down the field,” Miller said. “Turnovers were killers and we had a couple calls that didn't go our way. We felt like we had the better group of guys and the better athletes, but it didn't really work out.”

With the victory, Morrissey advanced and will play St. Edward's Sunday.

Siegfried 10, Sorin 6

After an undefeated regular season, Sorin's winning streak finally came to an end. Siegfried (3-1-1) stepped up, not only beating the Otters (3-1-1), but also becoming the first team to score a single point against the Sorin defense in the 10-6 victory.

The Siegfried offense shone through early in the game with a string of first downs on its first possession, ending with a touchdown when freshman David Whitmore broke through the defense for a run into the end zone. The extra point gave the Ramblers a 7-0 lead, putting Sorin behind for the first time this year.

“It's about time we all came together,” Siegfried coach P.J. Zimmer said.

A long throw from Sorin senior quarterback Casey McGushin to freshman receiver Ryan Robinson gave the Otters a huge swing of momentum and plenty of hope to score some points. A touch-

down by junior Jon Beckerle put Sorin on the board, but the blocked kick for the extra point gave Siegfried an adrenaline rush that would last the entire game.

A Siegfried fumble recovered by Sorin sophomore Matt Pepe again gave the Otters a chance for offensive movement, but the Siegfried defense showed its strength and forced a punt.

Sorin's first possession of the second half quickly ended with an interception by Siegfried sophomore Will Gesicki.

“I just wanted to do everything I could today, especially defensively stopping them, to pull out a win,” Gesicki said.

On fourth down with only a few yards to go, the Ramblers decided to risk it, coming out powerfully and moving in toward field goal range. A successful field goal by freshman Steve Wandor settled the score at 10-6, where it remained until the end of the game.

Another interception by Gesicki gave the Ramblers the ball, allowing them to take a knee and end the game.

“It was a lot of fun. Everyone was pretty excited because these are the playoffs, and it's like it's a whole new season. That's a pretty nice way to end the game,” Gesicki said.

Siegfried will take on Knott in the semifinals of the men's

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face No. 1 Florida State if both teams advance to the region final.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he was pleased with his team's seeding in the Tournament.

“I thought all along we had a good outside shot at getting one of those top four seeds, but we could have dropped anywhere from four to six,” Waldrum said. “I'm okay with

that though because it means way to a runner-up finish.

we get at least three games at home and only one on the road. As you know, anything is possible in sports, so we could have four games at home as well.”

Looking ahead, Waldrum said he sees a similar road to the College Cup that year's squad faced on its

“I thought all along we had a good outside shot at getting one of those top four seeds, but we could have dropped anywhere from four to six.”

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

probably going to face a very

good Ohio State or Florida team, which is comparable to last year where we caught a one-loss Minnesota team.”

Last year, the Irish carried an undefeated record into the national title game but North Carolina pulled off a 2-1 victory over Notre Dame to spoil its title hopes.

The Irish will begin their run for their first National Championship since 2004 when they face IUPUI Friday at Alumni Stadium.

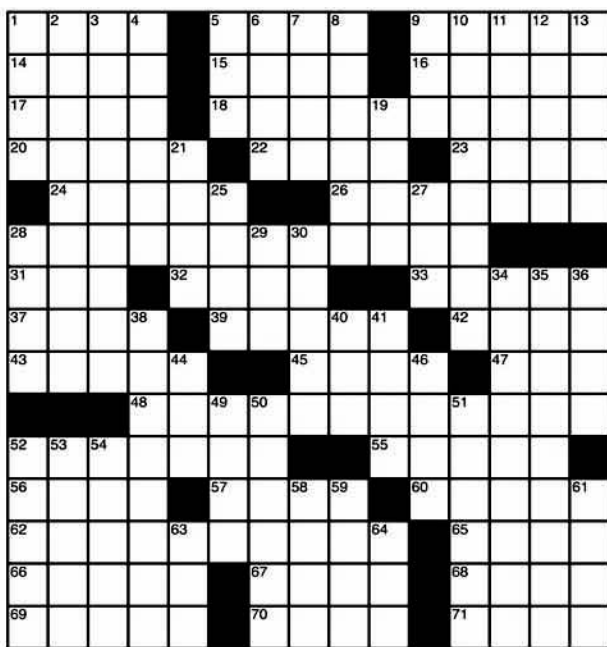
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 - 5 Onetime science magazine
 - 9 Philosopher with a "razor"
 - 14 "___ Lama Ding Dong," 1961 hit for the Edsels
 - 15 Paper purchase
 - 16 Best-selling author Bret Easton ___
 - 17 "The Lord ___ shepherd ..."
 - 18 Only common word in the English language with the consecutive letters MPG
 - 20 Wild animal track
 - 22 Command to a person holding a deck of cards
 - 23 ___ lily
 - 24 What colors may do in hot water
 - 26 Moves back, as a hairline
 - 28 ... ADQ ...
 - 31 Carney of "The Honeyymooners"
 - 32 Catch some Z's
 - 33 "This tastes horrible!"
 - 37 Really ticked
 - 39 Circus stick
 - 42 "Comin' ___ the Rye"
 - 43 Actress Winona
 - 45 Captain for 40 days and nights
 - 47 "___ approved" (motel sign)
 - 48 ... KSG ...
 - 52 "I don't want to hear about it!"
 - 55 Perform really badly
 - 56 Golfer Isao
 - 57 Escape clauses, e.g.
 - 60 Pair of lenses
 - 62 ... ZKR ...
 - 65 Cheese sold in red paraffin
 - 66 Cowboy star Lash, who taught Harrison Ford how to use a bullwhip
 - 67 Boat in "Jaws"
 - 68 Trick
 - 69 Rub out
 - 70 Butterfly catchers' needs
 - 71 German admiral Maximilian von ___



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 - 2 ... SPB ...
 - 3 Burned ceremonially
 - 4 Walloped but good
 - 5 "The Lord of the Rings" baddie
 - 6 Lake ___, created by Hoover Dam
 - 7 ID
 - 8 Bestow
 - 9 Not 'neath
 - 10 Narrowly spaced, as the eyes
 - 11 Aware, with "in"
 - 12 All-Star Danny who played for the 1980s Celtics
 - 13 PC platform released in 1982
 - 19 Mirth
 - 21 Necessary: Abbr.
 - 25 Pairs
 - 27 What Evita asked Argentina not to do for her
 - 28 Fur
 - 29 First anti-AIDS drug
 - 30 Freshen, as a stamp pad
 - 34 Fettered
 - 35 ... NKC ...
 - 36 Romance/suspense novelist Tami
 - 38 Rubble, e.g.
 - 40 The "L" in L.A.
 - 41 Marks with graffiti
 - 44 Baseball summary inits.
 - 46 The middle part of 44-Down
 - 49 Crazyedly
 - 50 One of about 100 billion in the human brain
 - 51 Snakes
 - 52 Expensive fur
 - 53 Arctic or antarctic
 - 54 "Seven Samurai" director Kurosawa
 - 58 Tucker out
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have your hands full but that's when you do your best work. A couple of fast maneuvers on your part and you will have control and be headed in a direction that satisfies your own special needs. ★★★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like sharing your ideas but, for now, do things in secret so no one will stand in your way. The less attention you draw to what you are doing, the less chance there will be for someone to stop you. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have to be careful how you deal with the people who can influence what you are trying to accomplish in your personal and your professional life. The more agreeable you are, the easier it will be to put some of your ideas to the test. ★★★★★

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting involved in something that motivates you will help put new life into something you've been working toward. Go to the source if it will help to bring you greater inspiration or clarity on how you can do something without additional cost. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's not worth getting all worked up over nothing. If someone asks for something, take care of it and get on with your day. In the end, you'll be the one with the knowledge and experience to move forward. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make friends by doing something nice that will ease stress and worry. Your ability to juggle things around will help those who cannot. Money is in the stars and a settlement or investment that has been pending will make a comeback. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't worry about your financial situation -- do something about it. You can come up with a lucrative idea or service that will help you pay your bills. Changes to something you already do will help you broaden your scope of clients. ★★★★★

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FENCING

Highly-touted underclassmen lead Irish towards title

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After yet another impressive performance by the Irish at the USFA NAC Juniors last weekend, the talented cast of underclassmen is once again emerging as the backbone of a promising young team. Led by sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt, the team features some of the nation's elite fencers in the junior category.

"Each year is different because

we don't know who will come to support them next year," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We know that we have a core team that is very strong and very young."

Hurley and Meinhardt are quickly emerging as two of the best individual fighters in their respective weapons in all of collegiate fencing. Heading into play last weekend, Hurley was the third-ranked junior women's epeeist in the world, while Meinhardt was the first-ranked men's foilist in the country.

However, the Irish will need to rely on more than just sheer talent to compete with the top fencing programs in the country, namely defending champion Penn State and two-time national champion Ohio State. Experience will likely play a deciding factor in tournament play.

"It's very hard for coaches to predict," Bednarski said. "I've been in this business for so long. There are so many factors we can't control, especially on such a young team. But anything can happen if we make it to the Bloody

Four."

Although this year's squad features 14 freshmen, five on the men's side and nine on the women's, Bednarski is confident in his team's ability to compete at a high level.

"They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition, the different type of bouts because definitely it's a different system," Bednarski said.

As the individual fencing season wraps up in the fall, the Irish prepare for the long journey to their third NCAA Championship in

seven years.

"They are positioning themselves well for the national team, but we are ready to compete now with the best collegiate teams in the nation," Bednarski said. "We are probably not the number one team, but we will challenge anyone who tries to fence against us. What the end result will be I don't know. I can't promise. But I know only that our kids are ready to fence."

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Survive and advance

Gentlemen knock off defending champions

By CHRIS ALLEN, ANDREW OWENS, BARRICK BOLLMAN and MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writers

Stanford's quest to regain the title that was theirs in 2007 came to an abrupt end Sunday.

St. Edward's upset the top-seeded Griffins on a last-second touchdown catch by senior wide receiver Joe DeMott to give the Gentlemen an 18-16 win.

St. Edward's junior coach Fritz Schoenhut downplayed the importance of the seeds in this matchup of what appeared to be evenly matched clubs.

"We worked hard in practice all week and the guys were ready to play," Schoenhut said. "Numbers are just numbers at this point

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A Stanford ball carrier eludes a St. Ed's defender in the Gentlemen's 18-16 victory Nov. 8.



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Pangborn junior Gabby Tate carries the ball during the Phoxes narrow 7-6 win Nov. 8.

Ducks hold off fiesty, upset-minded Chaos

By COLIN KING, KAITLYN MURPHY, KEVIN BALDWIN and MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writers

Top-seeded Howard (7-0) survived a furious second-half comeback from Cavanaugh (3-4), winning 13-6 in the first round of playoffs Sunday.

The Ducks got off to a quick start as junior quarterback Kayla Bishop found junior receiver Kaitlin Robinson in the corner of the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

"We've been practicing really hard getting ready for the playoffs," Robinson said. "We spent a lot of time on that play in particular and it worked to perfection."

Bishop wasn't done making plays. On Howard's next possession she connected with sophomore receiver Kristyn

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND lands No. 2 seed in NCAAs

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 4/5 Notre Dame earned a No. 2 seed in the 2009 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship, meaning that the Irish could host up to four more games in Alumni Stadium during its inaugural season.

The Irish (17-3-1) enter the NCAA Tournament fresh off their second consecutive Big East championship and 11th title overall.

As a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish are guaranteed to host at least three home games and would only travel if they were to

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Junior Erica Iantorno celebrates with sophomore Ellen Jantsch after a goal in the Irish's 5-0 victory over South Florida on Nov. 1.

ND SWIMMING

Freshmen adapting well to competition

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

As the Irish look to form their identity in the early part of the season, freshmen Kim Holden and Christopher Johnson have made strides towards becoming part of that identity.

While Holden began varsity competition in the Dennis Stark relays, swimming on multiple relay teams, including the Irish 200 medley relay team which finished in first, Johnson swam in his first event against Oakland and took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The transition from high school competition was difficult for both freshmen.

"Coming from a high school where I was the fastest swimmer to a great team that is full of great swimmers can be tough mentally," Johnson said.

Despite the transition, both Johnson and Holden stepped into their roles quickly and made an immediate impact, posting the top team score in their best events.

"I was surprised by how quickly I adjusted to the program here after being on the same club team for nearly 10

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