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ND scholars weigh in on pope's remarks

Faculty stress quote's context; Muslims denounce violence

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Since Pope Benedict XVI gave a speech one week ago that ignited controversy among vocal and violent segments of the Muslim world, the riots and protests have only accelerated.

But at Notre Dame, the hope is for everything to slow down. Faculty experts say the pope's remarks — however insensitive — were taken out of context, and on Monday, Muslim members of the University community denounced the ongoing violence.

Benedict XVI spoke at the University of Regensburg in

Germany last Tuesday on faith and reason at modern universities, said R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and an expert on religious violence. The pope quoted 14th century Byzantine emperor Manuel Paleologos II: "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

"But he also quoted the Quran, which says there is no compulsion in religion," Appleby said. "This reference is in key with Benedict's previous remarks on Islam, in which he argues Islam is being betrayed by extremists who invoke violence. Although the remarks were taken out of context, the

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Pakistani religious student takes part in a march to condemn the anti-Islam remarks of Pope Benedict XVI Monday.

Police stay busy amid crowds

Officers cite 40, arrest 5 during Michigan

By KATE ANTONACCI AND
MARY KATE MALONE
News Editors

Police issued 40 arrest tickets and made five custodial arrests of adults for misdemeanor violations of liquor laws before and during Saturday's home football game against University of Michigan.

During the game, 25 people were removed from Notre Dame Stadium for "liquor related offenses," one was arrested for public intoxication and one was "transported to the hospital due to intoxication," Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson said in an e-mail Monday.

Outside the stadium — assisted by Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Police — NDSP officers issued two arrest tickets to adults for "possession of marijuana."

He did not specify whether preliminary breath tests (PBTs) were used.

Three juveniles were also cited, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of tobacco and one for minor in consumption of alcohol, Johnson said.

Johnson did not say whether those arrested, cited or removed from the stadium on Saturday were

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All spinach pulled due to E. coli outbreak



Due to the recent E. coli outbreak, students must go without spinach at campus dining halls.

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Across the country, over 110 people have become ill and one person has died from an outbreak of E. coli 0157:H7 linked to fresh spinach — and Notre Dame is taking steps to make sure that the number does not increase on their watch.

"This is an issue in every food service outlet and grocery store in North America," said David Prentkowski, Director of Food Services.

Indiana is only one of 21 states to report E. coli cases linked to tainted spinach. Though Wisconsin has reported the most cases, the outbreak is still cause for concern.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a broad advisory to consumers on Sept. 14 to avoid spinach or any product containing spinach. Natural Selection Goods — a San Juan Bautista, Calif. company — followed suit on Sept. 15 by issuing a "voluntary recall of every retain and foodservice product containing spinach with a 'Best if Used By Date' of Aug. 17 through Oct. 1."

Following the announcements, Notre Dame Food Services took immediate steps to pull spinach from salad bars in the dining halls and from all other food locations on campus.

"All uncooked spinach is in question," Prentkowski said.

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Starting Wednesday, NDtv will air 24 hours

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

It isn't New Year's Eve yet, but with a countdown and a ball drop, NDtv is celebrating a historic event in its four-year history.

Starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday NDtv will officially launch its fourth season — one that promises major changes from previous years.

With the addition of Comcast cable in every dorm room, NDtv now has its own channel where it will broadcast programming 24 hours per day, an increase from last year's

12-hour daily broadcast. In addition, NDtv has upgraded all of its broadcasting equipment.

The station will mark the official start of the season at 8:15 p.m. with the countdown and ball drop, followed by a special one-time jumbo screen video presentation featuring new material for this season.

The NDtv premier will begin with entertainment including Robbie Hazen, a junior student and musician, as well as DJ Johnny O. NDtv's founder, Lance Johnson ('04), will also attend the event.

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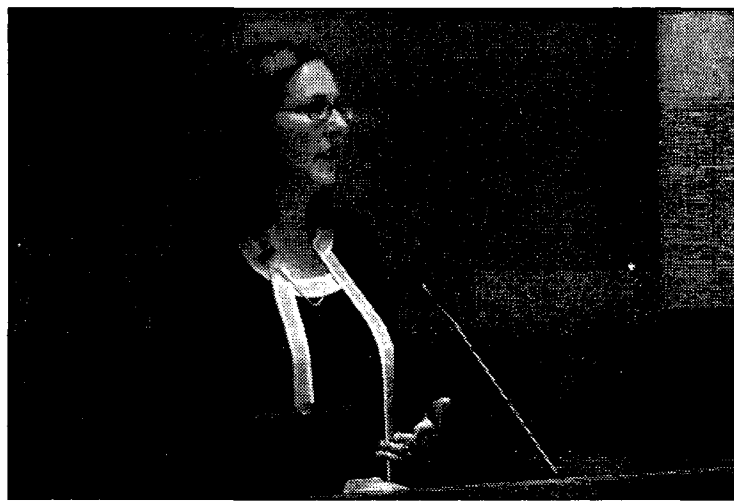
Speaker tackles corporate ethics

Nancy Thomas-Moore delivers second speech in Mendoza series

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

A preponderance of corporate scandals have combined with the pressures of globalization on international companies to foster a renewed focus on ethics in the business community, a business ethics officer said Monday.

Nancy Thomas-Moore, Director of Ethics and Business Conduct for the Weyerhaeuser Corporation, spoke at the second lecture in this year's Berges Lecture Series, which addresses



Nancy Thomas-Moore, an expert in business ethics, speaks at the Mendoza College of Business Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Scavenger hunt

If they built it, I should come.
Or at least poke around for a few minutes.

Last week, the Jordan Hall of Science was officially dedicated and blessed, and is now open as Notre Dame's newest addition.

Eric Retter
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As a liberal arts student, I've done the natural thing regarding the newly opened hall of science: avoided it like the plague.

Lately though, I've been thinking that I haven't had the right approach. Why shouldn't I go explore just because everyone inside the building can make potions out of substances that I can't even pronounce, especially since Jordan is apparently now the nicest building on earth except that hotel in Dubai that goes underwater? Sorry, but that one's still cooler.

This has led me to the formulation of my new goal: enter every Notre Dame building by the time I graduate.

I realize that this is not a standard "before I graduate goal for Notre Dame student [such as, say, graduating with honors, winning something, making the men's/women's team of your choosing, or dating someone from the men's/women's team of your choosing] but I believe it's a good goal for a Notre Dame student to have. For starters, it might help combat the 'looking down at my shoes as I walk slowly towards class in weather conditions under which most states would give the ski patrol the day off' tunnel vision that everyone on this campus suffers from between mid-November and, say, Easter. Not only would scouting out new buildings make each trip to class less monotonous, but everyone could find a new place to thaw out their fingers.

Further, Notre Dame is a bigger campus than most people give it credit for, and it is densely packed with interesting places. For instance, did you know that there are numerous restaurants and cafes hidden around campus, such as the Greenfield's in the Hesburgh Center or Café di Grasta in Grace Hall? There are others as well, and, as someone who is committed to eating every day, I plan to dine at each of them at least once.

As a senior, I realize I don't have much time to complete my goal, which is more ambitious than what I first realized. With commencement being held on May 21, I have eight months and two days to get inside a lot of buildings, and truthfully, I have a long way to go. This university has 27 dorms, and in my first three-plus years here, I've only found my way into 19 of them.

However, I have already made progress. Last Friday at 4:30, I attended a lecture in McKenna Hall, enabling myself to cross it off the list. Up until 4:18 of that day, I did not know where McKenna Hall was, or even that Notre Dame had a McKenna Hall. Every day I'm learning.

So, maybe the next time you are walking to class and you hear the soloist playing by the open window at the top of the Crowley Hall of Music, walk upstairs and tell him/her that he/she is doing a good job. While you're there, look around, see what it's like inside.

They did build it for a reason.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHANNEL TO WATCH ON CABLE?



Amber Lattner
freshman Pangborn

"ESPN, because SportsCenter is my only connection to the outside world."



Steve Atwood
senior St. Edward's

"NDTV, because of the Mike Peterson show."



Jaime Luna
sophomore Keough

"Univision, because I hate to miss my telenovelas."



Jamie Blankle
senior Keough

"Off. I hate cable in the dorms."



Molly McEvily
sophomore Morrissey

"ABC Family, because I love to watch Gilmore Girls re-runs."



Rachel McGehee
senior Farley

"FOX News, because it's the only unbiased news program out there."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Notre Dame students play floor hockey at Rolfs Recreation Center Monday. RecSports sponsors a variety of interhall and inter-league sports on weekday evenings.

OFFBEAT

Man is happy with life at the top

VIENNA, Austria — The world's tallest man says he's happy with his height but used to wish he were "normal."

At 7 feet, 8.95 inches, Xi Shun, of Chifeng in China's Inner Mongolia, has held the world record as the tallest living man since January 15, 2005, according to London-based Guinness World Records Ltd.

"Before I wanted to be normal, but now I like it," Xi Shun, a herdsman, said in an interview Sunday with The

Associated Press on the sidelines of Vienna World Records Day. The event was open to anyone who wanted to set a world record — or trump one that already existed.

Dressed in a traditional embroidered blue shirt, pants and brown sandals, Xi Shun, speaking through a translator, said he lives in a house built specifically for him.

Hiker travels Appalachian Trail barefoot

BOILING SPRINGS, Pa. — More than 500 people hike the entire Appalachian Trail, which

runs from Maine to Georgia, each year. Ron Zaleski has been trying to accomplish the feat barefoot.

His goal is to bring attention to the need for combat veterans to receive counseling.

"In the beginning I thought, 'I gotta do this to show how tough I am. I want to be famous,'" he said at a recent pause to eat some pecan ice cream. "Now I just want to help these kids."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Donald Kommers will teach a public academic course called "Federalism with-in American Constitutional Law" today at 9:30 a.m. in 131 DeBartolo Hall. All are welcome at the course, which is being held in observance of Constitution Day.

Irene Rizzini of the Department of Social Work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and Visiting Chair in the Study of Brazilian Culture will deliver a lecture called "Participação Cidadã: Perceptions and Experiences of Citizenship Among Children and Youth in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil" today at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

A panel discussion on "New Approaches to Peace and Conflict in Central Asia," featuring Kroc Institute Visiting Fellow John Heathershaw, and Rockefeller Visiting Fellows David Montgomery and Svetlana Peshkova will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

A panel discussion on "The Recent Supreme Court Decision, Hamdan v. Rumsfeld," will take place in room 121 of the Law School on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Panelists will discuss the implications of the June 29 Supreme Court ruling which rejected the Bush administration's argument that Al Qaeda suspects were "unlawful combatants."

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC to co-host football pep rally

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance members awarded official club status to the Africa Faith and Justice Network and discussed the pep rally that Saint Mary's will co-host with three dorms at Notre Dame at their meeting Monday night.

The Africa Faith and Justice Network is a national, Catholic organization based in Washington, D.C., said club co-president Meagan Walerko.

While Notre Dame was the first college to have a chapter of AFJN, Saint Mary's students have always been members of Notre Dame's organization.

"We want to work with AFJN at Notre Dame, but we also want to be able to do our own thing," Walerko said.

Club activities would include working with refugees from the continent of Africa who come into the South Bend area, sending used textbooks to schools in Africa and raising awareness of the issues that affect the continent.

BOG members discussed the club's planned activities and

voted to recognize AFJN.

The World Taekwondo Federation, a Notre Dame club with Saint Mary's members, also announced their desire to become a recognized Saint Mary's club.

Board members did not vote because they needed more information about the club —

and its plans for the involvement of Saint Mary's students. The discussion was tabled until the club reevaluates their role in relation to Saint Mary's and returns to BOG.

A representative for

Students for Organ Donation also presented at the meeting.

Students for Organ Donation is a new organization on Saint Mary's campus that wants to raise awareness of organ donations. It would also like to increase involvement at campus blood drives.

BOG member decided to direct the organization to Health and Wellness commissioner Heidi Goeppinger, who can help club leaders develop

their ideas more fully.

After the discussion on club recognition, student body president Susan McIllduff announced that Saint Mary's College will return to the tradition of hosting one of the Notre Dame pep rallies.

"Through many, many emails and phone calls we have a pep rally," McIllduff said.

Saint Mary's students will be co-hosting the last pep rally of the season, before the Army game.

"We will be hosting along with Sorin [College], Breen-Phillips [Hall], and Carroll [Hall]," McIllduff said.

In Other BOG News:

♦ First-year elections are today. Freshman can receive a paper ballot at the student center front desk. A Saint Mary's student I.D. card is required to receive the ballot.

♦ Residence Hall Association elections will be held Thursday, Sept. 21. The ballot may also be paper if an electronic ballot is not available on PRISM.

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Meagan Walerko
AFJN co-president

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Susan McIllduff
student body president

Senior wins \$50,000 on 'Millionaire' show

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

He didn't win a million, but senior Dan Keough is very pleased with the \$50,000 he took away on the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

"I got out of there without missing a question and I am pretty happy about it," he said.

Keough's performance, which was taped July 25 in New York, aired Monday on WNDU-TV. He used all four of his lifelines during his run, and chose to walk away with \$50,000 rather than going for \$100,000 on a difficult question.

"I feel like the questions definitely got much harder ... The last three questions were pretty hard," Keough said.

Keough's Tennessee roots and deep movie knowledge helped him reach the \$50,000 mark. One question he answered was about the Tennessee Valley authority and another was about the rumor that actor Christopher Walken was running for President.

Keough said "Millionaire" producers edited out two jokes he made during the show, including one where he said \$25,000 and

\$50,000 were so large that he did not know the difference.

After the show aired, many people, including some he did not know very well or know at all, congratulated him on the performance or asked if he was the person they had seen on "Millionaire."

"It was a really bizarre, kind of cool day," he said.

While he was on the show Keough said he would have been happy with even a thousand dollars. However, \$50,000 puts him in a situation where he can use his money to get a good start after graduation, he said.

"Fifty-thousand dollars was my dream goal," Keough said. "It was absolutely everything I could ask for."

Keough plans to will use some of the money to pay off his college loans and use some to start a nest egg.

"I am going to put it where it makes sense financially," he said.

Part of his winnings will help finance a trip to the Notre Dame vs. USC football game in Los Angeles Nov. 25, he said.

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Dan Keough
senior

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Center to examine politics

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame's Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values will sponsor an international conference titled "The Commerce and Politics of Science" from Sept. 21 to 24 (Thursday to Sunday) at McKenna Hall.

The conference will examine how commercial and political interests have shaped, and continue to shape, scientific knowledge and practice. It also will consider whether one or another economic or political context is favorable or unfavorable to science and is more, or less, likely to produce "good science."

Keynote speakers for the conference include Sheldon Krinsky, professor of urban and environmental policy and planning at Tufts University; Robert Berdahl, president of the Association of American Universities; and Philip Mirowski, Notre Dame's Carl E. Koch Professor of Economics and Policy Studies.

The conference will feature sessions on "Democracy and the Commercialization of Science," "Commercialization and the Philosophy of Science," "Commerce, Politics, and Science in the United States and the European Union: Comparative Perspectives," "Commercialization and Technology Transfer in the University" and "Scholarly Duties and Private Interest Science."

The conference has been organized in collaboration with the University of Bielefeld, Germany, to allow for an international dimension and regional comparisons.

In addition to the Reilly Center, the conference is sponsored by Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute for European Studies and Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts.

Established in 1985, the Reilly Center seeks to make a distinctive contribution to the humanistic understanding of science and technology.

College recognizes alumnae achievements

Humanistic studies majors mark anniversary

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Saint Mary's College Humanistic Studies Majors celebrated the concentration's 50th anniversary this week, a milestone marked by lectures, presentations and an open discussion led by Professor Gail Mandell.

The main purpose for the events — which started Sunday and ran all day Monday — was to celebrate the department, as well as the accomplishments of its alumnae, said Humanistic Studies department chair Philip Hicks. It was also a chance to bring together HUST alumnae and current students so they could learn from one another, Hicks said.

The program included more than 100 alumnae as well as current HUST majors.

The alumnae ranged from SMC's most recent graduates in 2006 to some of the original Humanistic Studies majors from 1957. A few current HUST majors participated in the open discussion, as well as other events on campus.

Mandell's open discussion Monday focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the program.

Speakers included President Carol Ann Mooney, who spoke at lunchtime on Monday. Professor Miri Ruben also gave a Christian Culture Lecture entitled "Mary: From Jewish Maiden to Global Icon" late Sunday night in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

Other speakers included Professor Gail Mandell, Professor Philip Hicks and various Humanistic Studies alumnae. The events were held in Stapleton Lounge, O'Laughlin Auditorium and other campus locations.

The Humanistic Studies major is a "study of western

culture with special appreciation of Christian contributions to the west," Hicks said.

The major boasts small classes where students read and discuss what Hicks called "the great books." The intimate environment created by the selective major creates lifelong friendships, Hicks said.

Currently there are 13 HUST majors graduating in 2007 and 15 graduating in 2008. The program is unique to Saint Mary's because it is the "only program that we know of in the United States that still is based on the educational ideas of Christopher Dawson," Hicks said.

Dawson was a British historian who published a series of articles in Commonwealth magazine, starting in 1953.

He emphasized Christian culture's influence in many fields of study.

Originally named the Program for Christian Culture, the major began in fall 1956 with 13 students. In 1957, the program was renamed Humanistic Studies.

Professor Bruno Schlessinger, who pushed for the creation of the major in 1956, recently retired after 60 years at Saint Mary's and 48 with the HUST program.

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Arrests

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Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students.

He did not mention any marshmallow-related ejections from the stadium.

Also, three individuals were arrested on campus by NDSP Saturday related to counterfeiting and theft, Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo said.

The arrests came one week after undercover police arrested a man selling counterfeit tickets on the southeast edge of campus before the Notre Dame-Penn State game Sept. 9.

"This is a joint effort between Notre Dame Security/Police, South Bend Police and what we learned at the Penn State game," Berlo said.

"We were able to utilize that information ... to make three very successful arrests."

Berlo did not elaborate on how the Sept. 9 arrest was connected to the latest ones, but said he expects charges to be filed by the St. Joseph County Prosecutor early this week.

About 100 counterfeit tickets are linked to the arrested individuals, Berlo said.

"We're going to keep our eyes out for counterfeits. ... We have the tools in place to make future arrests if necessary," Berlo said.

Johnson said when tickets are bought on the street, there is a "great risk" of the ticket being counterfeit. "People should be very cautious in buying tickets," he said.

In addition, 14 people were issued trespass

notices "banning them from campus property," most issued for urinating in a public place, Johnson said. Another man was issued a trespass notice for urinating in the Stadium Lot.

NDSP officers also arrested one man for "operating while intoxicated" and one man for public intoxication near the Mason Support Service Building, Johnson said.

One man was arrested for public intoxication and possession of marijuana near the Stadium, where he returned later in the day after being ejected by ushers.

An additional arrest was made near Hammes Mowbray Hall of a man who was publicly intoxicated and was observed taking a bike from a residence hall.

"The bike, which was recovered by NDSP, was not registered nor reported stolen at this time," Johnson said. "Investigation of this case continues."

Officers, most in uniform and "easily recognized as law enforcement officers," were present on campus and in parking lots to help maintain a "family friendly atmosphere" among tailgate gatherings and to enforce Indiana law, Johnson said.

"This is not an undercover or covert operation," Johnson said.

"NDSP will continue to work with other area police officials for future home football games ... Law enforcement officers will arrest underage drinkers on campus and at tailgate parties."

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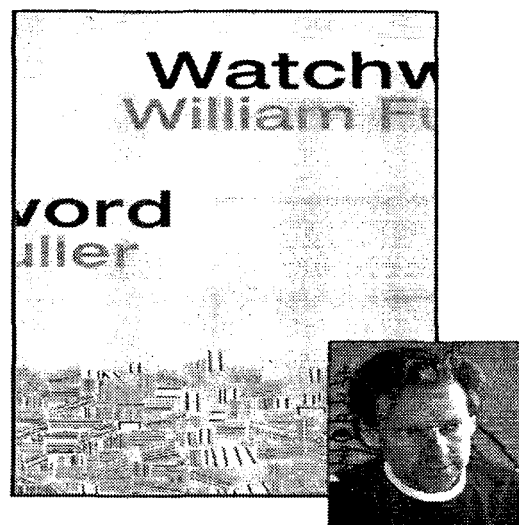
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nun asked forgiveness for killers

NAIROBI, Kenya — Sister Leonella, a nun who devoted her life to helping the sick in Africa, used to joke there was a bullet with her name engraved on it in Somalia. When the bullet came, she used her last breaths to forgive those responsible.

"I forgive, I forgive," she whispered in her native Italian just before she died Sunday in the Somali capital, the Rev. Maloba Wesonga told The Associated Press at the nun's memorial Mass in Nairobi on Monday.

Sister Leonella's slaying raised concerns that she and other foreigners killed in Somalia recently are victims of growing Islamic radicalism in the Horn of Africa country, where a hard-line Muslim militia has been expanding its reach.

Bombings kill four Canadian soldiers

KAFIR BAND, Afghanistan — Three bombings killed at least 19 people across Afghanistan on Monday, including four NATO soldiers in an attack that tested NATO's claim of success in driving insurgents from this volatile southern region.

The deadliest attack, in the usually calm western city of Herat, killed 11 people and wounded 18 including the deputy police chief, officials said. Initially, officials said it was a suicide attack by a militant strapped with explosives and riding a motorbike.

But Afghan President Hamid Karzai, speaking later Monday in New York where he was attending the U.N. General Assembly, said it was not a suicide attack as initial reports indicated. Karzai did not elaborate on how the attack did take place in his remarks to the Asia Society.

"It was not a suicide attack as I know now," he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush tries to sooth Muslim outrage

NEW YORK — President Bush on Monday tried to soothe Muslims' outrage over Pope Benedict XVI's remarks about Islam.

Bush addressed the issue during his meeting Monday with the prime minister of Malaysia.

"The president noted that the pope had made some apologies for his remarks and the president believed that the pope was sincere in those remarks and that's where the discussion was left," Dennis Wilder, senior director for East Asian affairs for the National Security Council, told reporters during a briefing on the meeting held on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

Worker may have exposed hundreds

OKLAHOMA CITY — Hundreds of patients and hospital workers may have been exposed to tuberculosis by a health care worker sick with the airborne disease, and at least 10 people have caught it, public health officials said Monday.

A letter sent to about 1,650 patients and 350 workers at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City warned of their potential exposure and urged them to get skin tests to determine whether they were infected, said Dr. Gene Clafin, medical director of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department. About 250 members of the general public have also been alerted.

LOCAL NEWS

Deaths cause procedural change

INDIANAPOLIS — The hospital where two babies died after receiving an overdose of blood thinner will double-check drug labels and remove certain doses of the medication under new procedures designed to prevent future mistakes.

Two premature baby girls died Saturday at Methodist Hospital after receiving adult doses of heparin. The drug is often used in premature children to prevent blood clots that could clog intravenous drug tubes.

Four other babies were also given overdoses of the drug.

Bush faces UN disagreement

President arrives at New York meeting with policy problems at home and abroad

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush faced disagreement Monday over how to confront Iran's nuclear ambitions and skepticism about his approach to Iraq and the Middle East as world leaders gathered for the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

Still, Bush was upbeat, focusing on his push for democratic change and first lady Laura Bush's call for governments to embrace literacy programs to improve lives.

"We don't believe freedom belongs only to the United States of America," Bush said at the White House Conference on Global Literacy hosted by his wife. "We believe that liberty is universal in its applications. We also believe strongly that as the world becomes more free, we'll see peace."

Bush arrived in New York to attend the 61st session of the world body with policy problems at home and abroad that have narrowed his room to maneuver on the international stage.

The U.S.-led war in Iraq is in its fourth year with no end to bloody sectarian violence in sight. International support is dwindling for imposing sanctions against Iran for defying U.N. demands that it halt certain nuclear work. The repressive Taliban regime toppled in Afghanistan is showing new signs of resilience. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict continues and Lebanon's government has, so far, proved too weak to rein in the Islamic militant group Hezbollah.

At home, Bush's approval rating, while experiencing a recent uptick, stands at just 40 percent. Americans are growing weary of the war. The White House is in a showdown with Senate Republicans over the interrogation and trying of terror suspects. And elections that will determine which



Laura Bush introduces her husband before his address at the New York Public Library Monday. The President is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly.

party controls Congress are seven weeks away.

The president's so-called freedom agenda is the theme of his speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. He will focus on democratic reforms in Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. He'll seek to quell skepticism about U.S. motives in the Middle East by working to avoid the impression that he wants to see a U.S.-style democracy imposed on any nation.

In his speech, Bush is expected to say that while military and law enforcement actions are needed to curb terrorism, the ultimate weapons are freedom

and opportunity. He is to note two type of states in the Middle East — those with an absence of freedom and weak ones with fragile democracies, such as Iraq and Lebanon.

"I think the president sees this ... as a struggle between the forces of extremism and the forces of moderation in the Middle East," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley said, previewing Bush's speech. "And it's really a crucial time."

The president also is expected to firmly denounce Iran and Syria, two nations that Bush says are working to thwart freedom in the region. Iranian President Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad also planned to be at the United Nations, but Bush had no intention of talking with him.

On Tuesday, Bush will meet with French President Jacques Chirac, who is part of the coalition of nations working with the U.S. to try to stop Iran from doing work that could lead to a nuclear weapon.

Chirac, who is balking at the U.S. drive to sanction Iran for defying U.N. sanctions, proposed a compromise Monday to kickstart talks between Iran and the international community. Chirac suggested that the threat of U.N. sanctions be suspended if Tehran puts a freeze on its uranium enrichment work.

VATICAN CITY

Vatican opens pre-WWII archives

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican opened part of its secret archives Monday to let historians review millions of diplomatic letters, private correspondence and other church documents to gain insight into how the Holy See dealt with the growing persecution of Jews before World War II.

Researchers said it could take months or years to study the contents of some 30,000 bundles of documents from the 1922-39 papacy of Pius XI, a span when the rise of Nazism, Fascism and Soviet-bloc communism gripped Europe.

The opening is part of the Vatican's efforts to defend Pius' successor, the wartime Pope Pius XII, against claims he did not do enough to save Jews from the Holocaust during the wars.

The Vatican insists Pius XII, who earlier served as a church diplomat in Germany and later Vatican secretary of state under Pius XI, used discreet diplomacy that saved thousands of Jews.

Archives officials said at midday that some 50 researchers had shown credentials to gain admittance, although some of the scholars came to consult material on earlier papacies.

"There was a bit of chaos," said Alessandro Visani, a researcher in contemporary history at Rome's La Sapienza university who, like many others, was hoping for an initial idea of what was in the files.

"I wanted to look at something but someone was already consulting it," said Visani, whose research includes the attitudes of church hierarchy toward the 1938 anti-Jewish laws of Benito Mussolini, Italy's Fascist dictator.

He hopes the files will reveal the frank views that Roman Catholic prelates privately held about Mussolini's racial laws affecting Italy's tiny Jewish community.

Pope

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subtext is unfortunate.

"The subtext is a pope speaking from Germany and invoking a period close to the Crusades and pronouncing upon jihad without making explicit references to the violence done in the name of Christianity."

That subtext, Appleby said, made it "understandable that many Muslims connected the dots in a way that the pope may not have intended [them] to."

Connecting the dots, in this case, meant violence — violence that includes the burning of an effigy of the pope in Iraq, attacks on churches in the West Bank and Gaza and the killing of an Italian nun in Somalia, among other incidents. On Sunday, Benedict XVI told pilgrims in Rome he was "deeply sorry for the reactions in some countries to a few passages of my address," The New York Times reported.

A. Rashied Omar, an imam and research scholar of Islamic Studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said he "welcomed" the pope's "statement of regret."

"[I] call upon his Holiness to use this unfortunate episode as an opportunity for initiating a high-profile dialogue about the root causes of violence in the world today and the ways in which religion can contribute towards overcoming such violence," Omar said in a statement Monday.

Internationally, several prominent Muslim associations have backed the pope's statement of regret, while others have refused to accept what they say is no apology. Like Omar, Shawn Ahmed — a second-year sociology graduate student and member-at-large of the Notre Dame Muslim Student Association — said Muslims must come to terms with the pope's statement and move on in a constructive manner.

"It's the responsibility of reasonable people, Muslim or not, to accept an apology when one is given and work toward better understanding when possible," he said.

Ahmed referred to the Muslim Council of Britain — which on Monday termed the pope's statement of regret "exactly the reassurance many Muslims were looking for," according to a BBC report — and said he shared the group's view.

As soon as word of the pope's remarks spread, Ahmed said there was "ambiguity"

within the Muslim community about his choice of quotation, which he described as "very hateful."

"Islam itself means peace," he said, "so that can be painful to hear for many Muslims."

The offensive nature of the quotation has raised questions about why Benedict XVI would choose to ever include it in a speech — regardless of the broader topic. Notre Dame law professor Vincent Rougeau said the decision could be due to inadequate consideration.

"There may have been a lack of

attention to the way things might be communicated," Rougeau said. "The information was communicated immediately around the world. If they had had someone vetting his remarks more closely ... I'm not saying it would have prevented it, but there's some who believe ... they need to think a little more closely about having his remarks vetted."

Like Rougeau, Appleby noted how quickly the news hit the Islamic world — and how quickly Muslims responded.

"I think the pope underestimated the power of his own words, given the growth of a strong Islamic network of response, a network that has becoming increasingly sophisticated in the last number of years," Appleby said. "Like Jews and Christians, Muslims are sensitive to the way they are portrayed publicly, especially in the current political setting."

"And the pope perhaps made the same miscalculation that many professors make — they can be too subtle for their own good."

That subtlety, said theology professor Lawrence Cunningham, is what's important to consider when evaluating the pope's speech.

"Leave it to the pope, who is a very good scholar," to include that particular quotation, Cunningham said. He labeled the remark "a small part of a big talk" and a "sound byte" that has been blown out of context.

"Here's the ironical thing — what was the reaction in part of the Muslim world after this talk? Violence," he said.

Cunningham was quick to point out that just a small percentage of Muslims acted in violence. But his point wasn't lost on Ahmed, who

also described the Islamic community's violent reaction as contradictory to the religion's message.

"The biggest irony is that a lot of acts of violence are sending the wrong impression about Islam," he said. "The culture of Islam and the culture in Islamic nations — sometimes they are very, very different. I think you have to look at cultural factors instead of religious factors."

Despite the backlash, the pope is not out of touch with Islam, Appleby said.

"Because he's very careful, his statements up until last week have been very precise and well considered," Appleby said, "which is one reason why people believe his statement last week was intentional."

Benedict XVI has been working to "establish a position toward Islam that is consistent with the documents of the Second Vatican Council," he said.

While Vatican II said the Catholic Church has "correctly interpreted the full and final revelation of God and Jesus Christ," it also "recognizes that other religions are from God and contain important elements of truth," Appleby said. "Some of those elements are not fully developed in Catholicism."

In keeping with that Vatican II teaching, Appleby said, the pope "seems to be putting forth the following consideration — [Islam] is a religion of goodness and peace that is being distorted by a minority of its members who teach and

evoke violence."

And the events of the past week point to that distortion, Rougeau said.

"We certainly can't interpret acts of violence committed by [certain] Muslims ... as reflections of the general sympathies of the Muslim people," he said. "There are always some very disturbed

people who will do horrible things based on what they perceive to be an insult."

Emphasizing the already elevated tensions and tempers in the Middle East, Rougeau said it was "not surprising words can inflame people easily."

"We need to be much more prudent, I suppose, and

careful," he said. "... I think the pope and the Vatican need to demonstrate that they're interested in maintaining a positive relationship with Islam."

Omar also called for a "renewed dialogue" that will "then bear fruit in a positive exchange between Muslims and Catholics to clarify the issues that have been raised in a more appropriate manner."

But for the moment, it's hard to tell when the passions will subside and when that dialogue will be renewed, Appleby said.

"The impact of these remarks will be decided in part in how the Vatican responds in the near future," he said. "Unfortunately, Muslim-Christian dialogue has suffered a setback."

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law professor

IRAQ

Witnesses tell of Hussein's atrocities

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A former Kurdish rebel testified Monday he temporarily lost his sight in a chemical weapons attack by Saddam Hussein's forces nearly two decades ago. He removed his glasses so the court could see his swollen eyes.

Karawan Abdallah said he still lives in "pain and suffering" from the March 1988 attack, when Iraqi warplanes raided Kurdish guerrilla positions in the village of Shanakhesiya in northern Iraq.

After the initial airstrike, Iraq fired chemical weapons on the village, Abdallah said.

Saddam and six co-defendants are being tried on charges of committing atrocities against Kurds during the Operation Anfal crackdown in northern Iraq.

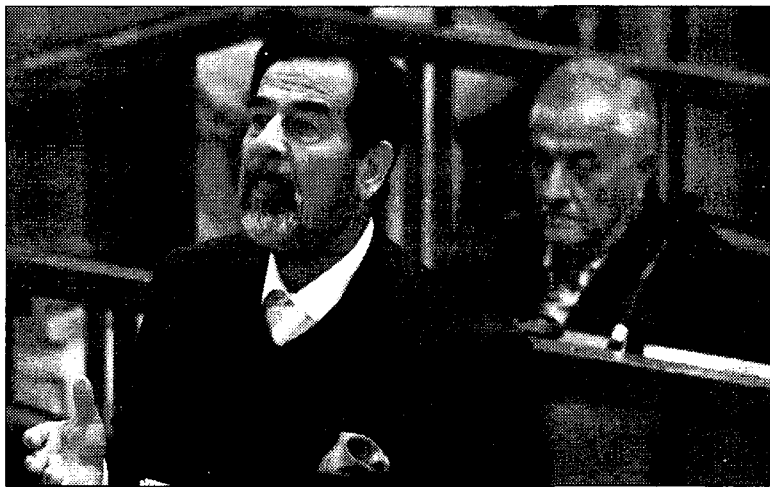
The prosecution alleges some 180,000 people died in the campaign, many of them killed by poison gas. Saddam and the others could face death by hanging if convicted.

During his testimony, Abdallah said that after the attack, he saw "bodies of dead women, children and elderly men" who had been "killed by chemical weapons."

He said he later received treatment in Iran and in the Netherlands, where he was granted Dutch citizenship in 1994.

"Until now, I have sensitivity to strong light and itches on my skin," he said, presenting affidavits from Iranian and Dutch hospitals affirming that he had suffered chemical injuries.

Saddam challenged the testimo-



Saddam Hussein testifies during his trial on genocide charges in the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad Monday.

ny, arguing that Abdallah was a Dutch citizen and not an Iraqi because Iraqi law bars dual nationality.

"I leave it up to the court to decide, but this man isn't Iraqi," Saddam said.

Saddam also accused the United States of using chemical weapons in the Vietnam War. But the chief judge told him the U.S. role in Vietnam was not "part of our topic of discussion" and "please stop."

The judge cut off Saddam's microphone when he ignored orders to stop talking about how the Kurds were allied with Iran in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. Saddam's cousin and fellow defendant, Ali al-Majid, who led the Anfal operation and was nicknamed "Chemical Ali," argued that Iran, not Iraq, used chemi-

cals against the Kurds.

Before adjourning until Tuesday, the court heard from a second witness, Khunja Kaim Hassan, who testified that her husband went missing and her house was destroyed in the Anfal offensive.

A defense lawyer challenged her testimony, saying her husband, Mahmoud Hassan, died in 1985 not in 1988 as the widow testified. The chief judge said the court would verify the date of her husband's death.

Saddam is still awaiting a verdict on Oct. 16 in the first case against him — the 9-month-long trial over the killings of 148 Shiites in Dujail after a 1982 assassination attempt against him there. He and seven co-defendants could face the death penalty in that case.

TANZANIA

Singer on trial for genocide lyrics

Associated Press

ARUSHA, Tanzania — A renowned Rwandan singer went on trial Monday before a U.N. tribunal, accused of writing lyrics that incited murders during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

Simon Bikindi "chose to use his fame to incite hatred," prosecutor Hassan Jallow said during opening statements before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The sight of the singer on trial was unusual, but the key role of propaganda in the Rwandan genocide has been well-documented. In 2003, the U.N. tribunal convicted two broadcasters and a newspaper editor of genocide, incitement to genocide, crimes against humanity, and extermination and persecution because of information that was broadcast and printed.

The organizers of the genocide that killed more than 500,000 people in 100 days used radio as a means of urging Hutu civilians to kill their Tutsi neighbors and direct the slaughter.

"Between 1990 and 1994, Simon Bikindi composed, sang, recorded or distributed musical works extolling Hutu solidarity and accusing Tutsis

of enslaving Hutus," the tribunal indictment stated.

Jallow told The Associated Press that three of Bikindi's songs are at the heart of the trial, one of which calls on Hutus to remember the suffering under the Tutsi monarchy. The others urge Hutus to remain united against the "Tutsi enemy" and to be vigilant.

Bikindi, 52, has said he is innocent of the six counts of genocide and related charges.

The genocide started hours after Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana's plane was mysteriously shot down over Kigali on April 6, 1994, as he returned home from peace talks with Tutsi-led rebels.

Militants from the Hutu ethnic majority, known as interahamwe, quickly set up roadblocks across Kigali and on April 7 began killing Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

Bikindi is known for his work starting the Irindiro Ballet, famous for its blend of tribal singing and dancing. He also was an official in the Ministry of Youth and Sports in the 1980s.

The U.N. tribunal, which does not impose the death penalty, has convicted 26 suspects and acquitted four. Trials are under way for 28 others.

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Stocks
Dow Jones 11,381.15 -1.76

Up: 2,058 Same: 145 Down: 1,211 Composite Volume: 2,065,272,530.00

AMEX	2,021.14	+12.84
NASDAQ	2,183.75	-1.98
NYSE	8,388.56	+0.18
S&P 500	1,303.82	-0.45
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,125.06	+253.04
FTSE 100(London)	5,929.30	+41.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.81	+0.16	19.84
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.00	+0.10	5.09
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.15	-0.04	25.80
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-0.38	-0.01	2.63

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	-0.30	-0.015	4.920
30-YEAR BOND	-0.37	-0.018	4.912
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.46	-0.022	4.735

Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+7.00		626.10
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+3.00		90.75

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CANADIAN \$			1.1088

IN BRIEF

Home buyers use aggressive tactics

NEW YORK — Not so long ago, home sellers used aggressive tactics to squeeze every last bit of profit from their home sales. Now that home sales are weakening, buyers have taken a page from the sellers' playbook, demanding everything from new appliances to no closing costs to upfront cash to get the deal done.

In some cases, what they are doing is down and dirty — sellers have been asked to pay off buyer's credit-card debt, cover costs of the buyer's current home or even pay for the buyer's commuting costs from the new home.

This kind of gamesmanship allows buyers to get the most for their money. It also reveals that the housing market's ugly side may be here to stay.

The residential real estate market is cooling from its record-setting pace. New home sales are projected to fall about 16 percent in 2006, and existing home sales are forecast to dip 7.6 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors. Growth in home prices is expected to be minimal, coming in at less than 3 percent in 2006 and 2007.

Media ownership study suppressed

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barbara Boxer on Monday made public a second Federal Communications Commission study on media ownership that she says was shelved by agency officials.

The FCC Media Bureau report analyzes the impact of deregulation in the radio industry. The report states that from March 1996 through March 2003, the number of commercial radio stations on the air rose 5.9 percent while the number of station owners fell 35 percent.

The intense concentration of ownership followed a 1996 rewrite of telecommunications law that eliminated a 40-station national ownership cap.

The report, apparently prepared in 2003, was never made public, nor have any similar analyses followed, despite the fact that radio industry reports were released in 1998, 2001 and 2002, said Boxer, D-Calif.

Last week, Boxer released a draft of another FCC study, this one showing that media consolidation leads to less local TV news coverage.

Corporate leaders miss lessons

Hewlett-Packard scandal is the latest example of companies playing the blame game

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Things go right in corporate America, and companies are quick to tout how differentiation gives them the competitive edge. Things go wrong, and suddenly they say they are just following the pack.

That's how Hewlett-Packard Co.'s outside counsel initially tried to frame the board's snooping of confidential phone records through questionable means. The methods used were common practice among investigators, he said.

The same defense has been heard before, in the stock-options backdating scandal, the soaring pay packages for executives and more.

They all seem to miss the point: Even if everyone else is doing it, that doesn't necessarily make it right.

Parents have long been telling their kids that they can't stay out late just because their friends do. Some corporate leaders apparently missed that life lesson — and now must face the consequences.

Such behavior caught up with the leaders of HP this week after the company was prodded into disclosing to federal securities regulators that chairwoman Patricia Dunn had hired private investigators to look into leaks of board discussions.

The inquiry included the use of "pretexting" in which private investigators impersonated directors and journalists to acquire their phone records using Social Security numbers and other personal information. Although a common tactic among private investigators, pretexting tests the bounds of California law and caused a brouhaha in corporate circles over its ethics.

State and federal investigators along with Congress have launched



AP

Former Hewlett-Packard Chairwoman and CEO Carly Fiorina addresses the Center of Women's Leadership at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. Sept. 15.

probes into HP's actions. California's attorney general said company insiders are likely to face criminal charges.

Much of this has become known because Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tom Perkins quit the board last spring in protest over such practices and then questioned the legitimacy of the private investigators' tactics.

Perkins raised his concerns to HP's outside counsel in June, but they were largely dismissed by Larry Sonsini, one of the most powerful lawyers in corporate America with a huge roster of technology companies as clients. Sonsini said that the process was "well done

and within legal limits," according to an e-mail exchange between the two obtained by The Associated Press.

But that wasn't all. In brushing off Perkins' worries three months ago, Sonsini noted in his e-mail that pretexting was "apparently a common investigatory method, which was confirmed with experts."

"It's an argument that's really disturbing," said Charles Elson, director of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at University of Delaware. "It undermines investor confidence in the system ... if they think that companies are immune to standard corporate ethics."

HP has since acknowledged that its investigators should not have used pretexting — even if it went on elsewhere. The mistake cost Dunn her chairwoman's spot at the company, though she will remain a director when she steps down in January.

The "others do it" excuse has backfired elsewhere, too. Just look at the more than 125 companies that are now facing questions from regulators or prosecutors and those holding their own reviews about how they granted options and whether proper disclosures were made about what resulted in outsized and potentially illegal profits for many executives.

Trade deficit nearing record levels

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit increased in the spring to the second highest level in history, reflecting a big jump in payments for foreign oil and a deterioration in the country's investment position.

The deficit in the U.S. current account rose to \$218.4 billion in the April-June quarter, an increase of 2.4 percent over the first three months of the year, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

The current account is the broadest measure of foreign trade. It covers not only trade in goods and services but also investment flows between countries. The deficit represents the amount the United States

must borrow from foreigners to cover the shortfall between exports and imports.

Democrats called the widening of the deficit further evidence that President Bush's free-trade policies have left American workers exposed to unfair trade competition and a steep loss of manufacturing jobs.

"Since President Bush took office, we have lost 3 million jobs and America's trade deficit in motor vehicles has climbed by approximately 20 percent," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, a frequent critic of Bush's trade policies.

"The recent announcement by Ford Motor Co. of production cutbacks and plant closings will only exacerbate the situation," she said. "Still, the

administration clings to the same failed policies."

With just seven weeks left until the congressional elections, Democrats are hoping voter unhappiness with the rising trade deficit will help them win control of the House and Senate.

For its part, the administration is resisting efforts to raise protectionist barriers such as a bill sponsored by Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that would impose 27.5 percent tariffs on all Chinese imports in retaliation for China's currency system.

U.S. manufacturers contend China is undervaluing its currency by as much as 40 percent to make Chinese goods cheaper than American products.

NDtv

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The station will begin broadcasting its programming on campus cable channel 53 at 10:00 p.m. tomorrow, following the premiere.

Senior Adam Fairholm, who is NDtv's executive director, said he hopes the event brings a greater understanding of the University's "for students, by students" television station.

NDtv began in 2002 as a project of the Film, Television and Theatre department as a bi-weekly, 30-minute variety show.

Since then, it has grown into a multi-show station airing news, sports, comedy and entertainment review programs. Previously, NDtv was broadcast on campus cable and was only available in dorm social spaces and other campus buildings.

The station produces four shows — NDtv News, NDtv Sports, The Mike Peterson

Show (a late night comedy and interview show) and The Final Cut (an entertainment review program) — all of which will air weekly new episodes.

In addition to the new material from this season, programming from the past three seasons will air during the day.

"With comedy and entertainment, there is a backlog of material that hasn't been seen [by the majority of students]," Fairholm said.

The station also will offer advertisement opportunities for campus-related events and organizations this year. Both the programs and commercials will remain Notre Dame-centered, Fairholm said.

"A lot of college stations aren't university-specific," Fairholm said. "The priority for us is Notre Dame events."

Fairholm is proud of the station's focus on and coverage of campus events.

"For a college [organization] as young as we are, we have wide coverage on everything Notre Dame," Fairholm said.

In the four years since its

start, NDtv has flourished in both coverage and in participation. With only about 14 students in 2002, NDtv now works with about 90 students.

"Each show has its own crew," Fairholm said, adding that students are involved in every aspect of production. "We do all of our own work."

"We have a sort of open door policy," NDtv News director Melinda Leonard said. "Students can get involved as much and as often as they want to."

The station's leaders are hoping Wednesday's event and the wider availability of NDtv dorm rooms will increase awareness of the student-run station.

"The optimal reaction, right now, is a reaction," said Fairholm, noting that most students are currently unaware of what NDtv offers.

"Having the student body know about NDtv and making it a part of campus media" is a primary goal of the station's fourth season, Fairholm said.

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Lecture

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issues of ethics in business. The lecture was entitled "What's Hot in Corporate Ethics."

Thomas-Moore outlined the recent factors that have caused executives worldwide to clamor for increased transparency and accountability in their businesses.

The federal government introduced corporate sentencing guidelines in 1991, which were "the first comprehensive set of self-policing guidelines for companies," Thomas-Moore said.

The government amended the guidelines in 2004 following the wave of corporate scandals early in the decade.

"Even prior to Enron, there was some concern that the guidelines weren't working as well as expected," Thomas-Moore said.

The New York Stock Exchange's new standards of corporate governance derived from high-profile corruption cases, she said. Additionally, "the Securities and Exchange Commission now requires corporations to have a code of ethics which is posted on their webpage," Thomas-Moore said.

Perhaps the legal cornerstone of the movement for ethics in business was the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which set or enhanced existing standards of corporate governance and ethics in 2002.

Thomas-Moore said the issues companies face regarding business ethics are not unique in history but mirror similar questions that have arisen in the past, most notably after the Watergate scandal in the 1970s.

"Ethics have not changed, and I don't think they ever will," she said, but noted that specific concerns may differ by circumstance.

Thomas-Moore enumerated key issues that face ethics officers and businesses today. One set of issues targets companies working internationally.

"If a company does business in certain countries, [different ethical standards are] going to change their ethics program," she said.

In France, for example, privacy laws prohibit the use of hotlines to report violations of a company's code of ethics. Such hotlines are required by law in the United States.

"This is not a result of the regulations, really. This is a result of globalization," Thomas-Moore said.

Many companies have also raised the profile of their ethics departments, increasing their emphasis on risk assessments and metrics.

"The bad news is that the ethics officer is not the most popular person in the company," Thomas-Moore said, citing the role of the ethics department in calling unethical business practices into question.

Additionally, she said, corporations are turning to outside sources to evaluate their practices and codes of ethics, as well for assistance in implementing new technologies such as those involved in online training programs.

"If you're interested in a consulting career, this is an area that's growing like crazy," she said.

Thomas-Moore also emphasized the importance of a code of ethics focused globally, continuously under review and in line with employee training programs.

In today's workplace, "having a code of ethics is not enough," she said. "Having the rules just doesn't cut it."

To illustrate her point, Thomas-Moore provided examples from her own company's ethics training program. Weyerhaeuser is a

large transnational corporation in the pulp and paper industry that employs more than 50,000 people worldwide.

The Berges Lecture Series is sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide. The next lecture in the series will be entitled "No Smoke, No Mirrors. Straight Down the Middle," and will take place Sept. 27.

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E. coli

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Among the persons reported ill, 53 percent were hospitalized, 16 percent developed a type of kidney failure and an adult in Wisconsin died. 75 percent of the cases were female and 5 percent were children under 5 years old, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Ninety-two percent of the cases arose between Aug. 19 and Sept. 5, the CDC reported.

Since E. coli has been found in various locations throughout the country, all "uncooked spinach is in question," Prentkowski said.

The FDA has traced the contaminated spinach to produce grown in the Salinas Valley, Calif. area. Nearly 74 percent of the fresh-market spinach in the U.S. comes from California, according to the Associated Press.

"In cases like this, national communications make us aware of the issue so that we can react as quickly as possible," Prentkowski said.

The recent outbreak is the latest in a string of "19 food-poisoning outbreaks since 1995" linked to lettuce and spinach, the AP reported.

Though federal health officials said Monday that tampering is not suspected, they will continue to probe for the source of the contamination — and continue to warn against eating fresh spinach products.

"We will not service until the United States Department of

Agriculture states that it is safe to do so," Prentkowski said.

Though no cases have been reported on campus, there has been one case reported in the county, Prentkowski said, though it is not affiliated with Notre Dame.

Notre Dame has strict sanitation and food handling procedures to try to avoid such situations. To provide program assurance, Prentkowski said the University also has a safety manager on staff.

Prentkowski said E. coli is no more prevalent in spinach than it is a variety of fruits and vegetables.

"It is just important that everyone in the supply process follows the strict sanitation and food safety processes that are in place," Prentkowski said.

"We will not service until the United States Department of Agriculture states that it is safe to do so."

David Prentkowski
Director of Food Services

States reporting cases include: California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming, according to the CDC.

U.S. spinach is also distributed throughout Mexico and Canada.

E. coli in spinach can be killed by cooking at 160 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 seconds, according to the CDC. Persons who "develop diarrhea after consuming fresh spinach or salad blends containing fresh spinach are urged to contact their health care provider."

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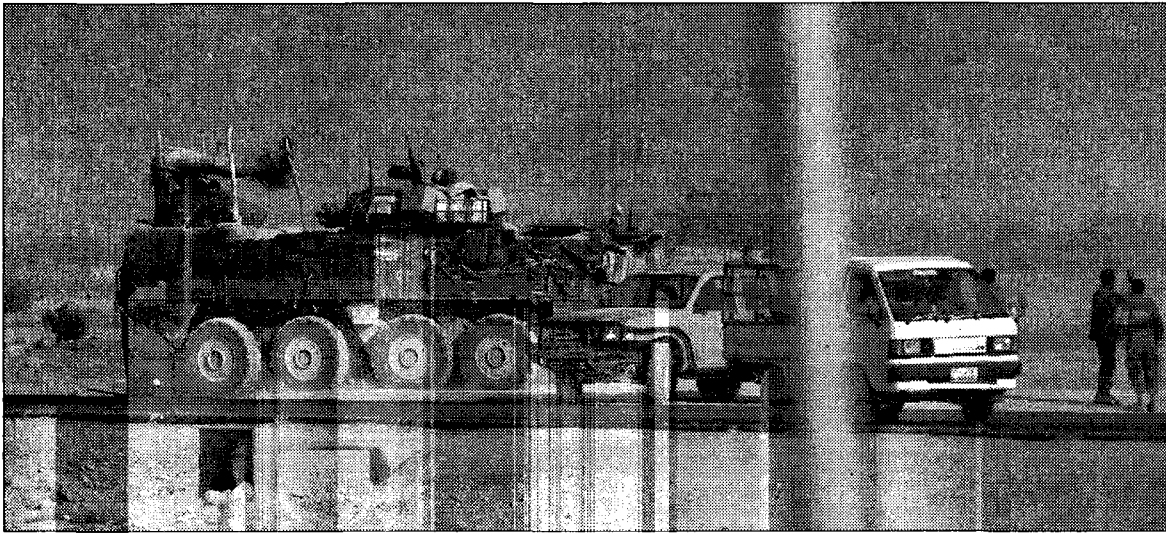
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AFGHANISTAN

NATO victory spurs bombing

4 Canadian soldiers and at least 15 Afghans killed Monday



Afghan soldiers search vehicles at a check point outside Kandahar city in Afghanistan, Monday, after NATO announced a victory over insurgents in a southern Taliban stronghold.

Associated Press

KAFIR BAND — Three bombings killed at least 19 people across Afghanistan on Monday, including four Canadian soldiers in an attack that tested NATO's claim of success in driving insurgents from this volatile southern region.

The deadliest attack, in the usually calm western city of Herat, killed 11 people and wounded 18 including the deputy police chief, officials said. Initially, officials said it was a suicide attack by a militant strapped with explosives and riding a motorbike.

But Afghan President Hamid Karzai, speaking later Monday in New York where he was attending the U.N. General Assembly, said it was not a suicide attack as initial reports indicated. Karzai did not elaborate on how the attack did take place in his remarks to the Asia Society.

"It was not a suicide attack as I know now," he said.

A suicide car bombing in the capital Kabul killed at least four policemen and wounded one officer and 10 civilians.

Afghanistan has been suffering the heaviest insurgent attacks since the Taliban was toppled in late 2001, and the bombings came a day after NATO ended a two-week offensive against Taliban fighters in this region that the commander called a "significant success."

"It does appear that they are resorting to these despicable tactics after the pressure we have them under in their strongholds," a NATO spokesman, Maj. Luke

Knittig, said in Kabul.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper praised the lost soldiers.

"It's a tough mission, but the men and women of the Canadian Forces sign on for tough missions if they know they can do good in the world — that's what they're doing and ... they have the absolutely unwavering support of their government," he said.

NATO said 25 civilians also were wounded in the blast in Kafir Band, a clutch of mud-brick homes surrounded by grape and pomegranate orchards.

"Fifty to 60 soldiers were patrolling on the main street when a man on a bicycle stopped and blew himself up near the forces," said Fazel Mohammed, a farmer who lives near the blast site.

The explosion tore through the Canadian patrol, shredding uniforms and military equipment. Blood soaked into the dusty road, and the bomber's legs ended up near a gold-colored military patch torn from a soldier's uniform.

Four helicopters hovered over the village, and at least two landed to retrieve the wounded and dead soldiers, Mohammed said.

"This attack amounts to a serious violation of international humanitarian law," said Tom Koenigs, the top U.N. official in Afghanistan.

The commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. David Richards, said the attack took place as Canadian troops were arranging aid, reconstruction and development for villagers in the district, which suffered heavy

damage during the NATO offensive.

At least 36 Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Five died during Operation Medusa, in which NATO estimated it killed at least 510 insurgents with airstrikes and ground assaults.

On Sunday, Richards called Operation Medusa a success and said NATO had reclaimed crucial territory from the Taliban.

Most of the village's 25 families fled the fighting and only the desperately poor stayed behind, Mohammed said.

"Taliban were in this village before, but now there are fewer remaining," said another villager, shopkeeper Jan Mohammed. "But if you kill 100 or 1,000 Taliban, another 1,000 will come to continue the fighting."

Most of the recent surge in violence has occurred in southern provinces.

NATO commanders say they need 2,500 more soldiers, plus greater air support, to crush the Taliban threat more quickly.

Reacting to the recent spree of western attacks, Afghan and foreign troops launched an operation Monday in Farah, where a dozen Taliban and police were killed by insurgent raids last week.

Operation Wyconda Pincer involves Afghan soldiers and police along with U.S., Italian and Spanish troops, NATO said.

"This operation is in response to a growing number of terrorist acts that have occurred in recent weeks," said Cdr. Michael Horan, a NATO official in Farah.

HUNGARY

Violence follows anti-government protests

Associated Press

BUDAPEST — Protesters clashed with police and stormed the headquarters of state television early Tuesday, responding with violence to a leaked recording that caught Hungary's prime minister admitting the government "lied morning, evening and night" about the economy.

Rescue services said at least 50 people were injured as police fired tear gas and water cannon at rock-throwing protesters, who have been demanding the government resign.

The violence followed a mainly peaceful demonstration that began a day earlier outside parliament, after a recording made in May was leaked to local media. On it, Socialist Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany admitted officials lied about government finances to win April's elections.

Despite the surge in violence involving dozens of the protesters, Gyurcsany said that he had no plans to resign.

Socialist members of parliament voted unanimously to support him and the government called for an emergency session of the cabinet for Tuesday morning.

As the crowd grew by Monday night to more than 10,000, according to an estimate by MTI, several hundred broke away and marched over to the nearby headquarters of state television, demanding to deliver a statement in a live broadcast.

While most of demonstrators watched, a few dozen broke through police lines and into the TV headquarters.

Police tried to disperse them with water cannon sprays but the truck was quickly disabled by the rioters, some of whom escorted the police officers operating the vehicle to safety. Several cars near the TV building were set on fire, their flames scorching the building.

Adding spice to the scandal, Gyurcsany's comments were full of crude remarks and called into doubt the abilities of some of Hungary's most respected economic experts.

"We screwed up. Not a little, a lot," Gyurcsany was heard

saying. "No European country has done something as bone-headed as we have."

The prime minister also told colleagues the government needed to end its duplicitous ways.

"I almost died when for a year and a half we had to pretend we were governing. Instead, we lied morning, evening and night. I don't want to do this anymore," he told his fellow Socialists.

Confronted with initial excerpts of the 25-minute recording, which Hungarian state radio posted on its Web site Sunday, Gyurcsany not only acknowledged their authenticity but seemed relieved they had been made public — leading to speculation that the leak came from sources close to him.

"It deflates pent-up tensions regarding the reforms and ... can be used to support the government's position that they are urgent and inevitable," said political analyst Zoltan Kiszeley.

Gyurcsany appeared on two live television shows Sunday night, trying to turn the focus of the debate away from his government and into a wider discussion about the failings of Hungary's political elite since the 1990 end of communism.

He also defended his foul language, saying it had been used in the context of a meeting of friends and colleagues and that he was proud of his "passionate speech."

The real issue in Hungarian politics today is not who lied and when, but who is able to put an end to this ... who can face up to the lies and half-truths of the past 16 years," Gyurcsany wrote in a Sunday night entry of his blog, introducing a lengthy transcript of his May speech.

"The lies are the sins of the whole Hungarian political elite."

But on Monday the political mood was against Gyurcsany. Opposition parties demanded his resignation, while President Laszlo Solyom chastised the prime minister for "knowingly" jeopardizing people's faith in democracy and asked Gyurcsany to publicly recognize his error.

SWEDEN

Leader resigns after 12 years

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Prime Minister Goran Persson submitted his resignation Monday following the defeat of his Social Democrats in weekend elections, an outcome that ended 12 years of leftist rule.

With 99.7 percent of districts counted, the four-party opposition alliance led by Fredrik Reinfeldt had 48.1 percent of the votes, compared with 46.2 percent for the Social Democrats and their two supporting parties.

The victorious center-right alliance is promising only to tin-

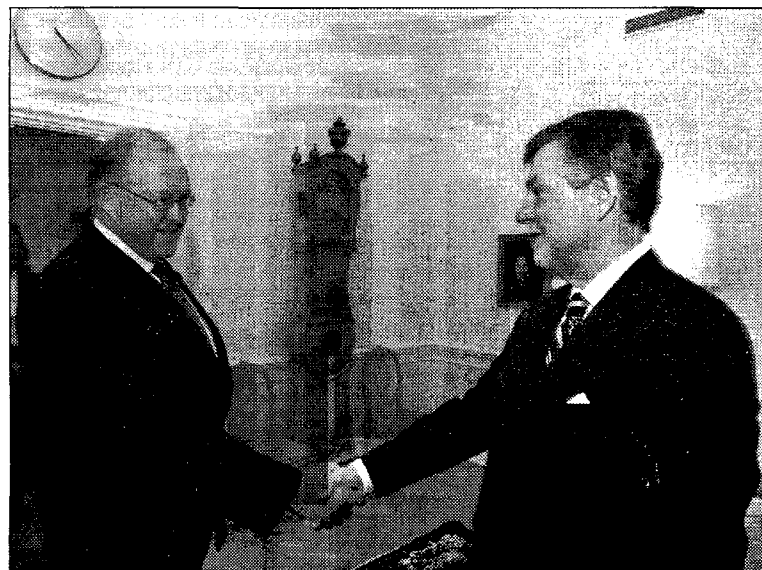
ker with the welfare state — but some believe their efforts toward lower taxes and more flexible labor rules could herald a deeper shift toward market liberalization.

"This is a historic change for Sweden, it's a real breakthrough," said Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, a local Moderate politician and wife of former conservative Prime Minister Carl Bildt. "People were tired of the Social Democrats."

The vote's big winner was prime minister-designate Reinfeldt, whose Moderate Party rebounded strongly from a weak result in 2002.

Reinfeldt, 41, will form a coalition government backed by a parliamentary majority of 178 seats in the 349-member Riksdag. He declined to say how the four parties would divvy up Cabinet posts after their first talks Monday.

The center-right alliance pledged moderate tax cuts, especially for low-income families, trimming unemployment benefits and selling off state assets in big companies. But experts expected Sweden's overall tax pressure to remain high and did not expect the big system change that Persson warned of in the election.



Sweden Prime Minister Goran Persson, left, hands in his resignation to the Speaker of Parliament Bjorn Von Sydow on Monday.

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Know your enemy

Over the past few weeks, a number of readers have submitted letters to The Observer regarding their opinions on whether or not Muslims are "civilized" and how the West should interact with the Muslim world. Since September 11th, Americans have exhibited a wide range of thoughts on the matter, from Moveon.org's 2001 letter of opposition to the war against the Taliban, to random acts of hatred against patriotic Muslims in the United States. As Notre Dame students and educated citizens, we must demarcate the distinction between the religion of Islam and the political ideology of Islamism, particularly radical Islamism. Understanding this difference and the underpinnings of Islamism is critically important to the determination of American strategy in the War on Terror.



Jonathan Klingler

Forward the Revolution

The religion of Islam, as with other major world religions, contains diverse interpretations and schools of thought. Since the 2003 liberation of Iraq, most Americans have heard of the Shi'a and Sunni branches of Islam, but there are also a number of subgroups within Shi'a and Sunni Islam. These include Progressive Islam (also known as Ijtihadism), Wahhabism and Sufism. One of these schools, Wahhabism — commonly referred to as Islamic fundamentalism in the West — has provided most of the adherents to radical Islamism, which uses an interpretation of Islam from the first three generations after Muhammad as the foundation for a distinct political ideology.

According to Professor Bassam Tibi of Göttingen University, "Islamic fundamentalists challenge and undermine the secular order of the body politic and aim to replace it by a divine order, the so-called hakimiyyat Allah. The order they envisage is not simply a domestic one,

but the foundation for the new world order they expect to mount in place of the existing one." Radical Islamists, such as Sayyid Qutb and Sayyid Abul A'la Maududi, have the goal of creating a global Islamic state and a universal Islamic social order which would supersede the personal religious adherence of individuals. In addition, radical Islamism is similar to Communism and Nazism in the sense that all three ideologies separate society into "desirable" and "undesirable" groups, based on class, race or religion, respectively. Islamism is a coherent political ideology which is quite distinct from Islam itself, and its followers are committed to a goal which cannot be fulfilled as long as liberalism thrives in the United States or anywhere else in the world.

According to Gilles Kepel, author of "Jihad: The Trail of Political Islam," radical Islamism began its ascent in the early 1970s with the demise of Arab nationalism as the dominant ideology in the Muslim world. At this time, the region experienced a rapid increase in the number of educated and unemployed young people alongside growing middle class frustration with the control that the military or royal families had over economic opportunity in many Middle Eastern states. The ideas of Islamist intellectuals such as Qutb and Maududi offered the poor the possibility of social revolution, and the middle classes the promise of seizing economic control from the ruling elite.

The continuing attraction of Islamism to the marginalized elements of the Middle East is based on the failure of most Arab states to create effective political structures, build broad-based economies and foster technological innovation. Newsweek columnist Fareed Zakaria wrote that "the gulf governments offered their people a bargain: we will bribe you with wealth, but in return let us stay in power. It was the inverse slogan of the American revolution — no taxation, but no representation either." As long as the governments of the Middle East operate by this bar-

gain, the soil will be rich for Islamism to take root and terrorism will bloom.

Without the components of liberalism implemented in Middle Eastern nations, Islamism will continue to be an influential factor in budding democracies if not the dominant ideology. As Zakaria writes, "It turns out that modernization takes more than strongmen and oil money. Importing foreign stuff — Cadillacs, Gulfstreams and McDonald's — is easy. Importing the inner stuffings of modern society — a free market, political parties, accountability and the rule of law — is difficult and dangerous." Liberal democracies have been forced into fighting an ideological war with Islamist terrorism, as the current administration has currently stated, unfortunately it will not be won by holding elections alone but by fostering the foundations of liberalism abroad.

According to experts like Tibi, Kepel and Zakaria, the people of the Middle East desire economic opportunity, governmental accountability and open societies, and their frustrations have led many to Islamism as a last resort. Liberalism has accomplished these things for such diverse societies as Japan, India, Germany and Costa Rica, and can do so in Iraq, Afghanistan and the greater Middle East if the world's liberal democracies have the will to support the creation of liberal institutions throughout the Arab world. American measures which foster open markets, a free press and the development of strong political institutions in currently autocratic states will be far more successful in combating Islamist terrorism than by establishing elections alone.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Papal apology unnecessary

I question whether the Muslim world merited an apology from Pope Benedict for quoting from an ancient Byzantine emperor. After all, Muslim leaders around the world distorted the larger message he sought to communicate. With his speech in Germany, Benedict set out to condemn religiously motivated violence. His unmistakable message was a summons to interreligious dialogue based on reason, respect and reconciliation.

One may wonder if Benedict will demand an apology from the Muslim cleric who compared him to Hitler, a comparison so ludicrous as to be dismissed with the contempt it so richly deserves. Still another Muslim cleric (Sheik Abubakar Hassan Malin), referring to the Pope, was quoted in Sunday's New York Times as saying: "Whoever offends our Prophet Mohammed should be killed on the spot." And sure enough, apparently in response to the Sheik's entreaty, an Italian missionary nun was dutifully killed on the spot in Somalia. Who in the Muslim world will apologize for this atrocity?

One can only wonder why Muslim leaders capable of mobilizing such anger at Benedict for a mere literary lapse seem to mute their voices when confronted with religiously motivated violence in their own backyards. Where are the Muslim voices of outrage against suicide bombers who indiscriminately murder men, women and children, against calls for the destruction of Israel, against radical clerics who preach a religious duty to kill Americans and other "infidels," against Shiites and Sunnis who butcher each other on the streets of Baghdad and against those Muslims who speak generally in the language of revenge and retribution, all in the name of Allah?

Their silence is deafening.

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Political Science and Law
Sept. 18

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A short saying oft contains much wisdom."

Sophocles
Greek dramatist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quality of life matters

No piece of student writing has ever made me sadder than the column "Quality of Work Matters" which appeared in the Sept. 11 edition of The Observer. The author attacks the idea of wages being determined by the government rather than by employers and employees in a "free market." His clear intention is to discredit the Campus Labor Action Project, a collaborative movement among Notre Dame students, staff and faculty to advocate for a fair wage for University employees. The Project is based on the idea that without collective action to ensure just compensation, laborers have little power vis-à-vis their employer.

The author supports his argument with the fantasy that "there is an intimate connection between the value one produces and the wage one is paid." While this may hold true in perfect-world neoclassical economic models, where wages are determined by the marginal product of labor, there are myriad real-world examples to discredit this naive assertion. For example, garment workers stitching identical types of clothing in Mexico and the United States are paid very different wages, even though their products are sold for the same prices in the same markets. Critics may argue that this just reflects different levels of productivity between Mexican and American workers, but it is clear that wages paid to workers depend on a

lot more than the value of what they produce. Historical conditions of a country, structural conditions of an industry and the kind of alternative forms of employment for workers all contribute to determining wage levels.

Adam Smith's labor theory of value argues that a link exists between the labor inputs of a commodity and the value of that commodity on the market. Even if the labor theory of value is accepted as valid, it does not automatically support the assertion that wages are intimately connected to the value of one's work. Within the capitalist system, those who own the means of production earn a profit through the appropriation of a portion of their workers' labor. It is in every capitalist's best interests to pay as low as wage as possible so as to capture the highest profits. There is not an intimate connection between the value of a laborer's production and the wage paid for that labor. Rather than pay workers for the full value of their labor, employers have every incentive to squeeze profits out of their workers.

Low wages may reflect an unfortunate abundance of low-skilled labor on the market. However, an excess labor supply does not justify paying wages so low that those wages cannot sustain the workers earning them, no matter what intro economics textbooks may say. If a flood of labor came onto the market in South Bend, would the inherent worth of any

individual's work suddenly decrease? Should we value an individual less because there are others who could do the same work?

Consider college graduates who look for jobs in May. The influx of new grads into the market in the spring certainly pushes wages down. However, this doesn't mean that anyone has become less productive or inherently worth less.

If market-determined wages are so low that workers can't afford to raise a family, this sends a clear signal to those workers. It tells them that their worth is so low that they don't deserve to even live in the community. Krueger and Card found that when workers earning low wages had their wages raised, their productivity rose and employment actually increased (Foundation for Economic Education, 1999). With this in mind, it is unfortunate that the author of "Quality of Work Matters" scoffs at any non-market mechanism for increasing wages. In addition, he asserts that raising wages to the minimum level of \$12.10 per hour would represent an increase in wages of over 100 percent. His assumption that workers are starting from \$5.15 is simply wrong. Many workers earn \$8-10 per hour, and the increase to \$12.10 would likely not have the elasticity effects he claims.

The author bashes minimum wage laws as an "insult to human dignity," arguing that most low-level jobs do not

produce much of value and should therefore not be paid much. Instead of turning to the "arbitrary" social policy of a minimum wage, he proclaims, workers should seek "honestly negotiated compensation" for their work. He celebrates the capitalist system of voluntary contracts while conveniently ignoring the problems of inequality and injustice within capitalism. In reality, the unequal power relationships between workers and employers mean that workers rarely have the means to negotiate honest compensation without organizations like labor unions or the Campus Labor Action Project to contribute to collective action.

The University of Notre Dame is one of the best employers around. The University is certainly doing a lot of things right in looking after its workers. This does not mean it is perfect, though. If the University has the resources to set up a special taskforce to investigate something like off-campus crime, it must have the resources to examine the living wage issue seriously. Until then, I hope it will not be swayed by the myth that any "artificial" increase in wages will automatically be a net bad for her workers and for the University.

Colleen Mallahan

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Sept. 18

Fan etiquette questioned in loss

Student section surpasses norm

I'd like to know what area of the senior section Megan Paulsen was in this past Saturday, but I sure don't remember seeing a mass exodus of "senior after senior leaving the game before half-time," or a near silent student section that she claims existed for "the majority of the game." Yes, I did observe a handful of seniors leaving around the forth quarter. And yes, I did notice our section, as well as myself, grow quieter as the game wore on. However, the senior section did not paint the picture of apathy that Paulsen would like people to believe.

I was very fortunate to have my family come in for the game and be able to have my sister, who attends Auburn, in the student section. I wanted to show my family, especially my sister, what Notre Dame football was all about, and the unique experience that is our senior section. In the fourth quarter, while some of the seniors left, my sister was shocked the majority of us still remained, saying: "At Auburn, nearly all of the students would have left a long time ago." The other members of my family where also impressed that the majority of us still remained to support our team.

Paulsen seems to forget the majority of seniors that still stayed for the game, or perhaps she confused us all with the thousands upon thousands of Notre Dame fans outside the student section that left early. She also seems to forget that our stu-

dent section is still unlike any other in nation, despite the few that decide to leave. Somehow, though, five members of my family where able to notice these things.

I cannot believe that Paulsen, after being away from this university for six years, sees the need to attack the entire senior section after one of the worst losses in school history. Somehow, I have a hard time believing she never witnessed members of her class leaving games early six years ago. She can choose to dwell on the few seniors that decided to leave Saturday's game; however, I will remember those seniors who stayed until the Alma Mater, leaving such an impact on my family that they all agreed it was the greatest display of school spirit they had ever seen.

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Sorin Hall
Sept. 18

Not fans' best showing

"Notre Dame Football has hit a new low."

These exact words were heard by a friend of mine in the stadium last Saturday when Notre Dame suffered a loss at the hands of Michigan. Sadly, however, this statement is partially true. Although the Irish did not play their best this week, I still believe that Irish eyes have to be smiling with the overall performance of our football team. Before last season, the Irish were nowhere near a top-25 poll. But since last season, our beloved Irish are a very respectable 11-4, with a BCS appearance and only one loss to a team outside the top 11.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame Football did hit a low on Saturday, but this low was not achieved by the coaches and players on the field and sideline. Instead, the shame belongs only to Notre Dame fans themselves.

During the fourth quarter of a disheartening Irish loss, I began to hear mumbles in my section about the state of our team and that of certain players. In fact, one Notre Dame fan had a comment for every Brady Quinn pass and when Coach Weis replaced the starters with the second string, exclaimed that bringing in Evan Sharpley was the only thing Weis has done right all season.

First of all, I would like everyone to realize that Brady Quinn is not the reason that we lost the Michigan game, for all of our players deserve some of the blame. Secondly, and this is a point that is especially crucial to those who have never played organized sports, every athlete I know has had a few games in which he did not play his best, whether it be bad throws,

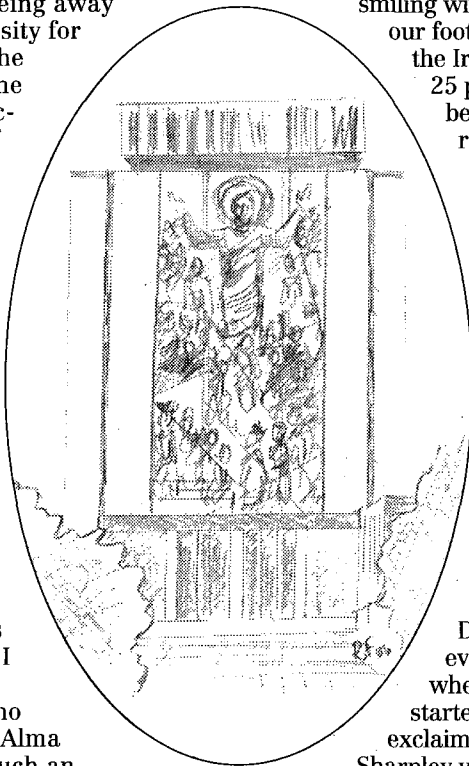
dropped passes or missed tackles. As a lifelong Notre Dame fan, I love to believe that our team and coaches are god-like creatures, but they are nonetheless mere mortals, capable of human error.

Brady Quinn is one of the best quarterbacks Notre Dame has ever had, but he is not, as is no one, perfect. Although I'm positive Evan Sharpley is a fine quarterback, to make a comment that Brady should be sitting is just asinine. I challenge anyone in the stands who thinks they can do better to put on a helmet and pads and show the 80,000-plus fans that you are.

Finally, your job as a Notre Dame fan is to cheer for our football team, through good times and bad. When you walk into that stadium, wearing Notre Dame attire, you are representing the entire University fan base. At the Penn State pep rally, Tom Zbikowski got the crowd fired up by exclaiming that the media does not feel that we, the fans, are loud enough and challenged us to prove them wrong. Until last Saturday, I defended the Notre Dame fan base. Now, however, I must change my tune. Although I realize there is still a large number of fans who proudly and greatly support the team, the few "fair-weather" fans in the stadium only weakened our argument that we are one of the best fan bases.

Whether it was fans complaining or students leaving early, Saturday was not the fans' best showing. Thus, as a Notre Dame student and a proud supporter of Irish Football, I challenge the alumni, the students and all those who claim to be Notre Dame fans, to actually be fans when Purdue comes here on Sept. 30. I hope for few complaints and pray that our fans will stay until the end. Please show our team the utmost respect and support. The players deserve it.

Chris Saracco
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Fisher Hall
Sept. 17



FASHION SPOTLIGHT

'Olympus fashion week' features new looks

Designers unveil spring couture in downtown New York

Photo courtesy of fashionfm.it

Anna Sui's spring collection reflected the movement towards more organic design.

Photo courtesy of style.com

Diane von Furstenberg's new line clued into the recent trend in loose-fitting garments.By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Writer

Twice a year, the city of New York brings together the world's leading fashion designers for seven days of full-on fashion festivities. Think of fashion week as the "Super Bowl" of American fashion. It's an opportunity for designers to unveil their creations before the arrival of each fall and spring season. Olympus Fashion Week, named for its sponsor, is held each time in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. Enormous white tents fill the lawn of Bryant Park, which is conveniently located near Vogue's Times Square headquarters.

Access to every show is exclusive and comes by invitation only. Invitees generally include journalist and buyers or celebrities and socialites. Fortunately for non-A-list fashionistas, previews of the collections are posted via magazine websites such as style.com and elle.com. While some designers have begun to take the non-traditional route of showroom displays, most still prefer the excitement of runway shows.

Most fashion enthusiasts will find Marc Jacobs to be one of the most impressive and original runways. Not only was his catwalk constructed to look something like that of a freshly mowed spring lawn, but his clothes were the embodiment of spring — playful and lively. Although the use of pastel polka dots and stripes is typical, his eye for layering makes it look far from traditional. Fans of the designer should preview his larger collection over the smaller "Marc by Marc" collection. While Jacobs' feature collection is substantially pricier, it is considerably more innovative.

Vera Wang's show proved to be another exceptional display. Attempting layers in a different way, she constructed eye-catching ensembles with translucent layers and original shapes. The unity of delicate fabrics and richly romantic colors was the epitome of elegance.

This year's Spring 2007 collections featured a general aura of female independence and youthful elegance. Modest yet distinctly feminine clothing left much to the imagination as nothing was particularly form fitting. Liberation for the average woman came at last, as design-

ers constructed organic, non-restrictive pieces flattering to most shapes and sizes. Romantic details paired with structured basics and a punk-like edge modernized previous runway looks.

Some aspects of spring came with little novelty, as — surprise, surprise — whites pervaded the looks for 2007. Keeping things clean cut, black and white was an obvious combination choice for designers such as Vena Cava and Luella. There also appeared to be a collective use of white with metallic shades of gold and platinum. The most noticeable examples of this look was presented in the Ralph Lauren show. Metallic brocade skirts and slim cropped pants could easily translate from early day to evening.

Other color palettes included muted tones of creams and grey or soft pastels like the soft canary yellow used throughout Alice Roi's collection. Shorts as well remained an obvious spring staple, but "hot pant" opponents could rejoice over the variety of lengths and sizes. Taken long or short, designers frequently implemented cuffs to create the impression of maturity.

Other commonly used details included the use of worldly prints and ruffles. Necklines were generally scooped as opposed to collared, and waistlines were generally tied as opposed to belted. Pants moved from pencil thin to wide-leg linen, while high-waisted trousers were styled with silk blouses.

Jumpers, rompers and frocks translated from fall, while knee-length pleats created a new look for spring. Tent dresses were paired with lanky cardigans, and volume remains critical as bubble skirts stuck around for one more season. Finally, feminine ensembles created a dancer-like elegance, and layering remained the mark of fashion know-how.

The excitement from fashion week is far from over. Beginning next month, magazines will move away from fall fashions to showcase spring collections and trends. Winter has yet to arrive, but with last week's fashion festivities, who can help but look forward to the upcoming spring?

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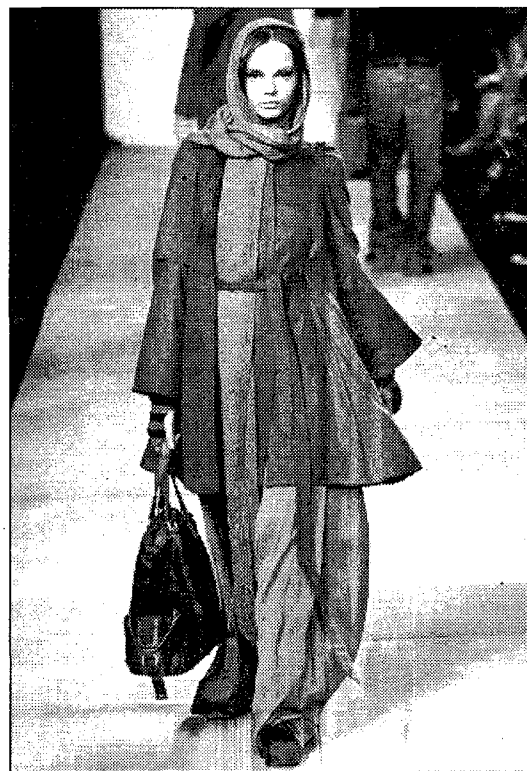
Kenneth Cole's new collection featured structured suits and classic black accents.

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The latest in the "Marc by Marc Jacobs" line continued to feature layers in its ensembles.

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At left, Hollywood starlet Lindsay Lohan, center, attends a designer's latest show at the recent Olympus Fashion Week in New York City with her mother, right, and a friend. At right, Hilary Duff, left, observes with boyfriend Joel Madden, center, and singer Lee-Ann Rhimes. Celebrities often attend designers' new runway shows.

DVD REVIEW

Ratner weakens trilogy with final chapter

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Hollywood producers usually stick to and exploit the adage of not having enough of a good thing. In the case of "X-Men: The Last Stand" ("X3"), producers may have changed the adage entirely — "You can't have enough of something that used to be good, so long as it makes money."

A disappointing third act to a promising comic book series, the "X3" DVD fails to deliver in almost every aspect. This begins with the film itself, which is directed by Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour," "Red Dragon"). Ratner took over the series from the director of the first two X-Men films, Bryan Singer, who left to direct "Superman Returns." Unfortunately, the decision to hire Ratner turned out to be a step in the wrong direction and greatly impacted the film.

"X3" follows the Marvel Comics mutants Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Storm (Halle Berry) and Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) as they grapple with a newly discovered cure for mutation. The implications this stirs up cause their enemy, Magneto (Ian McKellan), to begin a war over the possible eradication of all mutants.

This war pits mutants and humans against each other in a typical "fight to the

death" epic battle of good against evil. The special effects here and in other large scenes are impressive and shine as one of the few bright spots of the movie. The visual scope of Ratner's movie certainly does not lack imagination.

Unfortunately, the rest of Ratner's film fails to live up to the lofty expectations placed upon it. "X3" has a complicated plot that relies heavily on prior knowledge of the previous "X-Men" movies. Additionally, many new mutant characters from the comic books are introduced and integrated into the "X-Men" universe. However, a 104-minute runtime does not help either of these causes.

The plot ends up becoming too convoluted to follow, and the overabundance of characters means that no single mutant can have enough screen time to display emotion or character growth. This is especially true for main characters Wolverine and Storm.

In addition to their paltry screen time, Berry and Jackman suffer from poor direction from Ratner and too often seem forced to spew out corny clichés and one-liners. In effect, they take several steps backwards from the character arcs they displayed in the first two movies.

Other characters like the villain Mystique (Rebecca Romijn), who are arguably more interesting than many of the new mutants, are completely shoved to the side for the sake of introducing as many characters as possible.

In addition, the entire film — from the cinematography and script to costuming straight out of "Rent" —



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Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) labors to preserve the mutant race in "X-Men: The Last Stand." Despite the talented cast, the film is a weak ending to the series.

seems like it's trying to emulate a poor Broadway musical.

In other words, everything here is too over the top, lacking any genuine sense or subtlety that should be present in a film. This appears to be part of the reason why "X3," in spite of earning \$445 million worldwide, was still viewed as a massive underachievement.

Perhaps due to the poor quality of the film, but more likely because of the film's tepid reception in theaters, the rest of the materials on the "X3" DVD are underwhelming.

For dedicated fans, a director's commentary provides interesting tidbits of informa-

tion, but items like these do not usually impress the masses. Deleted scenes and three alternate endings fill out the meager offering of special features and make for a disappointing DVD release.

Not surprisingly, the end of "X-Men: The Last Stand" leaves open the possibility for more sequels and prequels. Hollywood producers seem to want more of what has now, thanks to a poor third film and poorer DVD, become a bad thing.

Time will tell if the X-Men series can regain its balance and stand tall once more.

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X-Men: The Last Stand

20th Century Fox



DVD REVIEW

'Lake House' leaves audiences unsatisfied

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Bombs on buses equal movie magic for Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. Houses on lakes do not. In the duo's follow-up to 1994's thriller "Speed," the two fail to recreate the chemistry from their electrifying bus-ride and instead float through a melancholy romance with mind-numbing plot twists and a shared canine.

Argentinean director Alejandro Agresti cannot be blamed for Reeves' typical wooden performance, but the movie itself defies all logic of the time-space continuum. Kate (Bullock) is a lonely doctor living in 2006. Alex (Reeves) is a lonely architect living in 2004. They both live in the same glass lake house. Through the intervention of a magical mailbox of love and the aforementioned dog they apparently share, the two begin a correspondence and form an emotional bond as they empathize with the other's misery.

This bond turns to love, but it seems impossible that the two will ever meet. Throw in a plot twist here and there, and all logic collapses. Get past this, and the film can be enjoyable.

"The Lake House" aims to be a true long-

distance romance that knows no barriers, but it is unsuccessful in this attempt. The glass lake house represents the emptiness and isolation in the protagonists' lives, but it could also represent the emptiness of the movie. Something is amiss, and it very well may be the characters themselves. Alex and Kate are such sad, morose human beings that it's difficult to see why they are attracted to each other. Perhaps it's best that they fall in love through letter-writing because if they appeared to each other face to face, they would be thoroughly depressed after a few minutes of conversation. Smiles are rare and laughter is non-existent. The characters lack the chemistry that would be imperative for a normal relationship, but fortunately for them, this deficiency is disguised in flowery language and moving anecdotes.

The DVD extras are sparse, with five deleted scenes, outtakes and a theatrical trailer. Clearly a box office bomb, producers wasted no time making the DVD anything special. However, an explanation of what led Bullock and Reeves to make this movie, out of all others, would have been worthwhile.

Truth be told, the movie would not be as disappointing if it had starred other actors. This Bullock-Reeves reunion appeared out of thin air and did not pack the same hype



Photo courtesy of worstreviews.com

Alex (Keanu Reeves), left, meets Kate (Sandra Bullock), his long-awaited love, in the time-travel romance, "The Lake House." The film suffers from stiff acting and a convoluted plot.

as its predecessor did. Naturally, no one was expecting to recapture the glory of "Speed," especially with a straight-up romance, but the fact that it is Bullock and Reeves in this movie sets it up for an even bigger fall. The pair would have been wiser to choose a vehicle similar to that of "Speed," but the damage is now done and it is doubtful that the two will act together again after this failure.

Even with the lack of chemistry and absence of logic, "The Lake House" has potential to be saved. However, a pre-

dictable ending coupled with an impossible plot dooms the movie from the beginning. But the glass lake house is pretty to look at, and so is Bullock. Even in a flop, the actress appeals to audiences, letting us root for Alex and Kate to end up together, if only to see Bullock flash a dazzling smile. However, "The Lake House" has too many inconsistencies, and no amount of Sandra Bullock can turn it into a memorable and compelling romance.

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The Lake House

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MLB — AL WRAPS

Millwood cruises past Mariners in 8-1 victory

Texas starter allows one run in seven innings to earn 16th win of the year; Young has third straight multi-hit game

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kevin Millwood allowed one run over seven innings for his 16th victory and Michael Young had his third straight multi-hit game in the Texas Rangers' 8-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Millwood (16-10) won his fourth straight game at home, where he struggled early in the season after the Rangers signed the free agent to a \$60 million, five-year deal. It is the fourth time the right-hander has won 16 games, the most since he was 18-8 for Atlanta in 2002.

Young went 2-for-4 with his 49th double to increase his major league-leading total to 205 hits. That's two more than Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who went 0-for-4.

Carlos Lee put the Rangers up with a two-run double in the third after Gary Matthews Jr. singled and Young hit a double to right. Hank Blalock followed with another double to make it 3-0. Matthews, who was 3-for-5, had a leadoff single in the fifth and scored on an error.

Nelson Cruz added a three-run homer in the seventh.

The Rangers extended their team record for doubles to 340. With 11 games left they are 33 short of the major league record held by three teams. Young matched Rafael Palmeiro (1991) for second on Texas' season list, one shy of Juan Gonzalez's 50 in 1998.

Felix Hernandez (11-14), Seattle's 20-year-old right-hander in his second season, matched his season high with nine strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up four runs and five hits.

After No. 2 hitter Adrian Beltre had a single in the first, Millwood didn't allow another hit until Raul Ibanez led off the seventh with a double — a liner that bounced off the extended glove of Matthews, the All-Star center fielder.

Millwood allowed four hits with four strikeouts and two walks. He is 4-0 with a 2.40 ERA his last four home appearances, and is scheduled to start the Rangers' home finale Sunday. He lost his first two starts at home in April, and was 1-3 through his first five.

Richie Sexson followed Ibanez's double with a single before Yuniesky Betancourt's sacrifice fly made it 5-1.

Hernandez is 1-5 with an 8.63 ERA his last eight starts. He allowed one run in two of his no-decisions and the only win in that span was a five-hit shutout against the Los Angeles Angels on Aug. 18.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 6

Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez hit two-run homers and the New York Yankees held on for a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

New York reduced its magic number to clinching the AL East for a ninth straight season to three. The Yankees could



Rangers shortstop Michael Young is congratulated by outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. after a two-run homer Wednesday against the Tigers. Young had a double Monday against the Mariners.

wrap up the division title during the seven-game road trip to Toronto and Tampa Bay.

Jeter hit a two-run homer, his 14th, off A.J. Burnett (8-8) in the seventh inning to give New York a 4-3 lead.

The Yankees added three runs in the ninth but Toronto matched that in the bottom half, forcing New York to use four pitchers in the final inning. Jose Veras got the last out for the first save of his career.

Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the sixth, his 34th this season and the 463rd of his career — moving him into sole possession of 29th place on the all-time list, two behind former Yankee Dave Winfield. The home run brought the Yankees within 3-2.

Darrell Rasner (3-0) won on three days' rest, allowing three runs and six hits over six innings. Rasner started in place of Cory Lidle, who has tendinitis in his right index finger.

Burnett allowed four runs and seven hits over seven innings as the Blue Jays had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Reed Johnson's RBI single in the first gave Toronto a 1-0 lead. Run-scoring doubles by John McDonald and Johnson in the fourth made it 3-0.

New York got three runs in the ninth on Bernie Williams' RBI grounder, Bobby Abreu's RBI single and Andy Phillips' walk with the bases loaded.

Troy Glaus hit a three-run homer off Octavio Dotel — his 35th of the season and sixth against the Yankees — to make it 7-6.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 1

Corey Patterson hit a three-run homer and Erik Bedard won his third consecutive start, helping the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-1 on Monday night.

Bedard (15-9) allowed one run, four hits and one walk and struck out 10 in seven innings. In his last three starts, the left-hander has given up three runs and 10 hits over 20 innings.

Patterson hit his 14th homer of the season off Tim Lincecum (4-9) in the second inning to put Baltimore up 3-1. David Newhan made it 4-1 with a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Chris Ray pitched the ninth,

loading the bases without allowing a run, to earn his 32nd save. The Orioles are 6-14 over the past 20 games.

Corcoran gave up four runs and six hits over six innings, and is 0-9 over his last 13 games, including 12 starts. He is the fourth pitcher — according to Stats Inc. — in the last 50 years to go 0-9 or worse after the All-Star break.

The others are Baltimore's Jay Tibbs (0-10 in 1998), the New York Mets' Craig Anderson (0-9 in 1962) and Chicago White Sox left-hander Jim Parque (0-9 in 1999).

Corcoran's last win came as a reliever on July 9 against the New York Yankees. His last victory as a starter was July 5, over Boston.

Tampa Bay (57-93) has lost a season-high eight straight, and needs to go 6-6 to avoid its third 100-loss season (2001 and 2002) since joining the AL as an expansion team in 1998.

Ty Wigginton put the Devil Rays ahead 1-0 with an RBI single in the first. Tampa Bay has lost a major league-high 55 times after taking a lead, two short of the AL record set by the Detroit Tigers in 2002.



Texas starter Kevin Millwood delivers a pitch against the Mariners. He allowed four hits and one run in seven innings.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	L-10	GB
New York	91-59	.607	7-3	-
Boston	81-69	.540	6-4	10
Toronto	79-71	.527	7-3	12
Baltimore	65-85	.433	3-7	26
Tampa Bay	57-93	.380	1-9	34

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	89-60	.597	4-6	-
Minnesota	88-61	.591	8-2	1
Chicago	84-65	.564	4-6	5
Cleveland	69-79	.466	3-7	19.5
Kansas City	58-92	.387	6-4	31.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	86-62	.581	7-3	-
Los Angeles	80-70	.533	5-5	7
Texas	76-74	.507	4-6	11
Seattle	71-78	.477	5-5	15.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	91-58	.611	4-6	-
Philadelphia	77-73	.513	6-4	14.5
Florida	74-76	.493	4-6	17.5
Atlanta	73-77	.487	6-4	18.5
Washington	65-85	.433	4-6	26.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	79-68	.537	5-5	-
Cincinnati	73-77	.487	4-6	7.5
Houston	72-77	.483	4-6	8
Milwaukee	67-82	.450	3-7	13
Pittsburgh	63-87	.420	7-3	17.5
Chicago	62-89	.411	6-4	19

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	78-70	.527	6-4	-
Los Angeles	78-71	.523	4-6	0.5
San Francisco	74-74	.500	5-5	4
Arizona	71-78	.477	6-4	7.5
Colorado	69-80	.463	6-4	9.5

Big East Conference Volleyball

	team	record
1	St. John's	14-1
2	Cincinnati	8-2
3	Connecticut	9-3
4	Pittsburgh	11-4
5	Seton Hall	8-5
6	Louisville	6-4
7	NOTRE DAME	6-5
8	Georgetown	5-7
9	Marquette	4-7
10	USF	4-7
11	Villanova	4-8
12	DePaul	4-9
13	Rutgers	3-7
14	Syracuse	3-13
15	West Virginia	1-12

NFL



Jacksonville running back Fred Taylor breaks away from Pittsburgh linebacker Clark Haggans in the third quarter of Monday's game. Taylor rushed for 92 yards to lead the Jaguars in a 9-0 victory.

Pittsburgh blanked in Big Ben's return

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Big Ben was back. He wasn't back to form.

Wearing protective padding around his midsection, Ben Roethlisberger returned to Pittsburgh's lineup against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Monday night, barely two weeks after having an emergency appendectomy. He was far from effective, though, and Jacksonville's defense had a lot to with that.

The Jaguars harassed Roethlisberger, held Willie Parker to 20 yards on 11 carries and ended the defending Super Bowl

champions' nine-game winning streak with a 9-0 victory — the lowest-scoring game in Monday Night Football history.

Josh Scobee kicked three field goals for the Jaguars (2-0), who improved to 4-0 against the Steelers in September and 3-0 against them on Monday night.

The Steelers (1-1) kept it close all game and had the ball with about five minutes to play, but Rashean Mathis intercepted Roethlisberger's slant pass and returned it into field goal range. Scobee kicked his third field goal, a 42-yarder with 4:26 to play. He had a 31-yarder late in

the third and a 32-yarder earlier in the fourth.

Mathis picked off another one with 1:44 remaining, sending Roethlisberger walking slowly to the bench. Mathis also sealed last year's victory at Pittsburgh, intercepting a pass in overtime and returning it 41 yards for the decisive score.

The shutout was Jacksonville's first since December 2003 against Houston. It also was the fifth time the defending Super Bowl champions have been shut out. The 1980 Steelers were blanked once, and the 1981 Raiders were shut

out three times.

Roethlisberger threw his hands up in frustration after his first interception, then walked off the field with his hands on side following his next possession, when he took a jolting shot to his midsection after throwing a pass.

The Jaguars, meanwhile, spent the closing minutes celebrating their first Monday night win since 2001, improving to 7-2 in the league's most coveted time slot. It marked a new low for scoring on a Monday night, however, dipping below the San Francisco 49ers' 7-3 win over the New York Giants in 1990.

IN BRIEF

Clarett pleads guilty to robbery charges

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When the day comes that Maurice Clarett can be released from prison 3 1/2 years from now, the former Ohio State football star's life story will hardly have been told in full.

If his lockup ends on the earliest possible date, Clarett, who struck an unexpected plea deal Monday for robbery and concealed weapons charges, will be all of 26 years old. His 8-week-old daughter, who was present for his sentencing, will not yet have turned 4.

"It's in a range that will allow him to get his life back together after his release," Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said.

Judge David Fais announced the agreement on the day Clarett's aggravated robbery trial was to begin. He was sentenced to 7 1/2 years with release possible after 3 1/2 years, and five years of probation.

T.O. undergoes surgery on injured finger

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens played in a Super Bowl for Philadelphia seven weeks after getting a plate and several screws put in his ankle. Now he's hoping another plate and three more screws in his right hand will enable him to play against the Eagles.

Owens had a plate screwed into the bone attached to his right ring finger during an operation Monday evening. His recovery time is estimated at two to four weeks, but he's likely to do all he can to rejoin the Dallas Cowboys in 20 days for his much-anticipated return to Philadelphia on Oct. 8.

"Most of those injuries, when they put a plate in there, which I think they might do, that pretty much fixes it," coach Bill Parcells said Monday, before the surgery. "Once they put that in there, it's not going anywhere, you're not going to displace it again. It's a matter of if you can get it functional."

Saints provide hope for recovering city

NEW ORLEANS — Clinical psychologist Mindy Kronenberg says she couldn't tell the difference between a running back and a quarterback if she had to.

She does know one thing, however: The New Orleans Saints' early-season winning streak is a welcome tonic for a region still struggling with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Indeed, the 2-0 Saints are the talk of the town. And hundreds of fans lined the road leading from the airport when the team returned Sunday night from its 34-27 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

The timing couldn't be better as the team gets ready to take on the archrival Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 25 in a Monday night matchup for the lead in the NFC South. It should be an emotion-filled evening as the Superdome is reopened more than a year after the hurricane.

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NHL PRESEASON

Lessard double dips in 5-2 win over Atlanta

Dallas right wing tallies power play, empty-net goal in exhibition opener; big-name players sit in favor of rookies

Associated Press

DALLAS — Junior Lessard scored a power-play goal in the second period and added an empty-netter with 1:02 remaining to lift the Dallas Stars to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers in a preseason game on Monday night.

Jussi Jokinen and Perttu Lindgren had power-play goals, and Joel Lundqvist also scored for the Stars.

Former Dallas center Niko Kapanen scored on the power play, and Jim Slater added a goal for Atlanta.

Both teams sat most of their big-name players in the exhibition opener for each club, giving extensive ice time to rookies. The Stars played the first of four games during a five-day span.

After Lundqvist notched the only goal of the first period, Slater tied it at 1 early in the second. Jokinen put Dallas back in front 15 seconds into a second-period power play, scoring on a breakaway against former Stars backup goalie Johan Hedberg.

Lessard padded Dallas' lead to 3-1 at 13:41 of the second period, but Kapanen narrowed the Thrashers' deficit to one goal at 17:24 of the second period.

Lindgren extended the lead

to 4-2, capitalizing during a man advantage at 6:17 of the third period.

Sabres 4, Maple Leafs 0

Jiri Novotny, Derek Roy and Daniel Paille scored power-play goals in the second period and Mike Ryan added one in the third to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a preseason victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday night.

Martin Biron made 23 saves for the Sabres, who were 4-for-11 on power plays.

Andrew Raycroft, the Maple Leafs' new No. 1 goalie, played well in making 28 saves but didn't stand much of a chance because Toronto was short-handed so often.

The Maple Leafs, in the debut of new coach Paul Maurice, went 0-for-7 with the man-advantage.

Things heated up in the second period when Ben Ondrus fought Chris Thorburn. Ondrus connected with two hard punches and dropped Thorburn to the ice.

Novotny opened the scoring at 8:05 of the second. Raycroft stopped Thomas Vanek's shot with his stick, and new Leafs defenseman Hal Gill couldn't keep Novotny from knocking in the rebound.

Roy made it 2-0 at 14:58 when Adam Mair sent a cross-

ice pass to him for a goal into the open side of the net.

Paille got a puck to roll over Raycroft's right leg pad at 18:08.

Oilers 2, Panthers 1

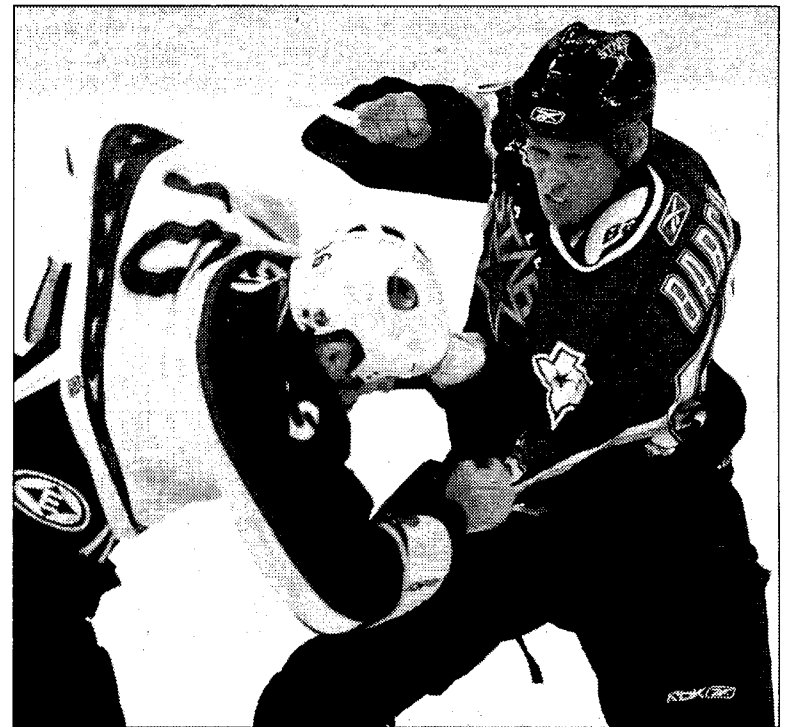
Ryan Smyth's power-play goal at 4:24 of the third proved snapped a tie and carried the Edmonton Oilers to an exhibition win over the Florida Panthers on Monday night.

In their first home appearance since a Game 6 win over the Carolina Hurricanes in the Stanley Cup finals, the Oilers took advantage of a two-man power play when Shawn Horcoff dished the puck to Smyth for an easy tap in past Panthers backup goalie Craig Anderson.

The Western Conference champion Oilers improved to 2-0 in the preseason while the Panthers fell to 0-2 on their Alberta road trip.

The Oilers scored first when a pair of highly touted prospects connected on the power play. Rob Schremp found defenseman Tom Gilbert at the point for a shot past new Panthers starter Alex Auld.

Florida tied late in the first period with a power-play goal. Panthers defenseman Martin Lojek beat goalie Dwayne Roloson, who made his first



Dallas right wing Krys Barch throws a right hook at Atlanta right wing Eric Boulton in Monday's game.

start since sustaining a season-ending knee injury in Game 1 of the finals.

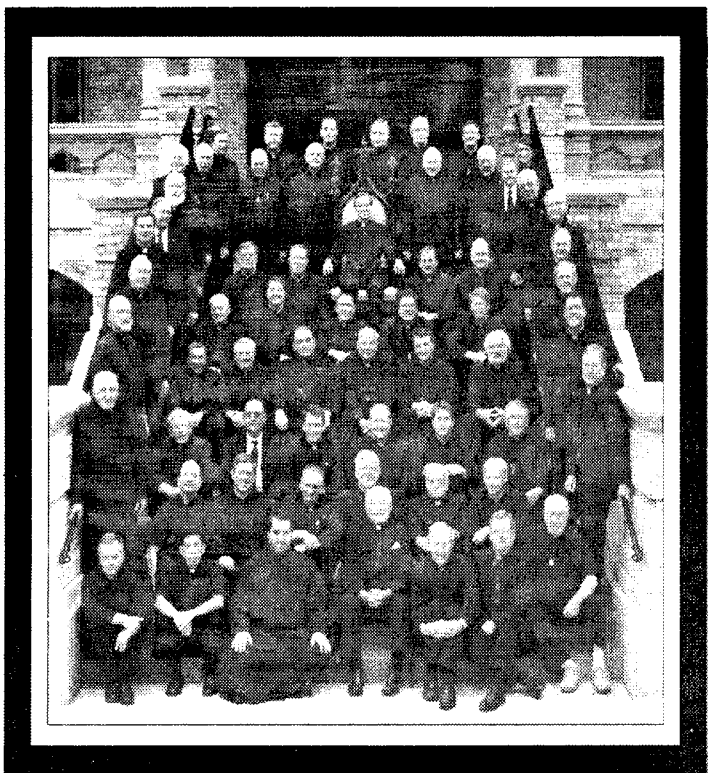
Roloson didn't show any ill effects from his offseason knee operation. Early in the second period, the 36-year-old goalie was sharp in holding off the Panthers during a full two-minute, two-man advantage.

He made 15 saves on 16 shots before being replaced by Jussi Markkanen halfway through the game.

Markkanen also made big saves in the third period to preserve the win as Florida had another long two-man advantage, their fifth of the night.

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MLB

Mets clinch division with shutout victory

4-0 defeat of Marlins gives team first NL East title since 1988

Associated Press

NEW YORK — They soaked themselves in wine and beer, then ran out of their clubhouse to go back on the field, jump up and down some more and share the glee with their fans.

Ending nearly two decades of disappointment in their division and days of delay, the New York Mets brought the NL East title back to Shea Stadium for the first time since 1988 with a 4-0 victory over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

Then they celebrated as if they had won the World Series.

"If this is what playoff baseball in New York is like, to me it's the best," David Wright said

before sticking a cigar in his mouth and high-fiving fans in the first row during the 90-minute postgame celebration.

Jose Valentin, one of their unexpected stars, homered twice. Steve Trachsel, their longest-tenured player, combined with Guillermo Mota, Aaron Heilman and Billy Wagner on a four-hitter.

Fireworks shot off from behind the center-field wall when Cliff Floyd caught Josh Willingham's fly ball to left for the final out. The Mets rushed to the center of the diamond for a bouncing group hug near shortstop.

"I got that ball in my back pocket. For a small fee, I might give it up," Floyd said, laughing.

They are New York's "other team," often obscured by the crosstown Yankees, whose 26 World Series titles dwarf the Mets' two. When the Yankees celebrate division titles — they're closing in on their ninth straight — they resemble corporate executives closing a deal with handshakes. For them, only World Series titles satisfy.

When the Mets win anything, it's time to let loose.

"If we win the World Series this year, it's not going to erase the Yankee mystique," Tom Glavine said. "They've done it year after year, and they deserve all the attention they get. We're just trying to play well and take some of that attention. But sure, we want our piece of the pie."

The Mets had hoped to clinch last week during a trip to Florida and Pittsburgh. But the 280 or so bottles of Freixenet Cordon Negro Extra Dry sparkling wine that had been flown from city to city were neatly arrayed in

four trays outside the clubhouse before the game, as if to tantalize passing players.

By the fifth inning, when the Mets were up 3-0, Pedro Martinez was sitting on the edge of the dugout, wearing goggles — perhaps in anticipation of sprayed sting in the celebration ahead. Possibly remembering the wild celebrations of 1969 and 1986, police deployed four mounted officers on watch behind the right-field fence.

"We accomplished the first step," Martinez said. "Now we have a big job to do and a great responsibility."

Led by the power of Carlos Beltran and Carlos Delgado, the pitching of Martinez and

Glavine, the spark of Jose Reyes and Wright, and the closing of Wagner, the Mets took over the NL East lead for good with a 2-1 record on April 6 and put together the best record in the major leagues (91-58).

"It was a little bit frustrating because I wanted the guys to experience it right away," said manager Willie Randolph, a veteran of six World Series titles as a Yankees player and coach.

"It's that adrenaline that you get. It's that real euphoric feeling you get knowing that you accomplished something. Having said that, I've been through this many times. We have a lot to do, man. We've just scratched the surface of how good this team can be."

Just two years removed from a 71-91 finish that led to the hirings of Randolph and general manager Omar Minaya, the Mets ended the reign of the Atlanta Braves, who had won 14 straight division titles, including 11 in a row since their move to the NL East.

The Mets became the first team this season to clinch a playoff berth and can prepare for their first post-season appearance since 2000, when they won the wild card for the second straight season and lost to the Yankees in the World Series. The Mets are likely to meet St. Louis, Los Angeles or San Diego in the first round, starting in the first week of October.

A giddy crowd of 46,729 chanted, clapped and sang at festive Shea — about 10,000 tickets were sold after Sunday's loss completed a three-game Pirates' sweep. Many arrived for batting practice, and fans already were on their feet cheering during the first inning.

Trachsel felt the buzz when he drove into the parking lot.

"Security guards and construction workers were screaming walking in: 'Get this thing done!'" he said.

"If this is what playoff baseball in New York is like, to me it's the best."

David Wright
Mets third baseman

"If we win the World Series this year, it's not going to erase the Yankee mystique."

Tom Glavine
Mets pitcher

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pyros take on Wild Women

Walsh looks to bounce back from opening loss

By MATT HOPKE and VINCE KENEALLY
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh will meet up with the Pyros of Pasquerilla East tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West field — both teams hoping to bounce back from an opening week loss.

"I think we're pretty well rested," Pyros captain Molly Fox said. "We know Walsh has some really good athletes on their team, but we're ready to pull an upset."

Walsh (0-1) lost 8-6 to the Welsh Family Whirlwinds last Sunday. The loss was a tough

one and Walsh hopes to erase all memory of it with a solid victory over Pasquerilla East.

Pasquerilla East was shutout 13-0 by a quick Badin defense. The Pyros hope to utilize an improved passing attack to get back to .500 with a second-week victory.

"We're kind of switching some people around," Fox said. "We might be moving some girls, putting them on both sides of the ball. We'd like to use the freshmen a lot."

Welsh Family vs. Lyons

The experienced and victo-

rious Whirlwinds play at 8 p.m. tonight on Riehle West field against an untested Lyons squad.

Welsh Family (1-0) is coming off of a solid victory Sunday over Walsh Hall and the team looks to rally of a two-game win streak.

Lyons Hall heads into the matchup after an opening week bye.

"It was nice to see other teams," Lyons cornerback Cheron Wilson said of the bye week. "We were able to scope out

"We might be moving some girls, putting them on both sides of the ball."

Molly Fox
Pasquerilla East captain

the competition for what we needed to do during a game. It was nice especially for our freshman to see what a game was like, to see how fast everything happens compared to in practice."

The Lyons look to come out of the gates after a 2005 campaign where they missed the playoffs. The team fought hard but lost to the Wild Women of Walsh in a contest that would have vaulted the Lyons into the postseason.

"It should be a good one," Wilson said. "People aren't expecting us to do well ... but

I think we can."

Cavanaugh vs. Badin

The Cavanaugh Chaos will open its football season tonight at 9 p.m. Riehle West field against the undefeated Badin Bullfrogs.

Cavanaugh will be without many key players from last year's team due to graduation, and will rely on young talent to hopefully avenge last season's playoff defeat.

In practice, the Chaos have worked on becoming a well-rounded team, and eliminating any potential weaknesses.

"We've been practicing every aspect of the game," captain Kerri Bergen said. "We're just getting ourselves pumped up for the season."

Standing in Cavanaugh's way will be a pass-happy Badin squad, led by quarterback Katie-Rose Hackney and captain Meaghan Charlebois.

"We know we have to play a good team, but we're definitely ready," Charlebois said.

Bergen has equal respect for her opponent.

"Badin's got a good team," she said. "We've been practicing a lot, and all the girls are really excited to finally start the season."

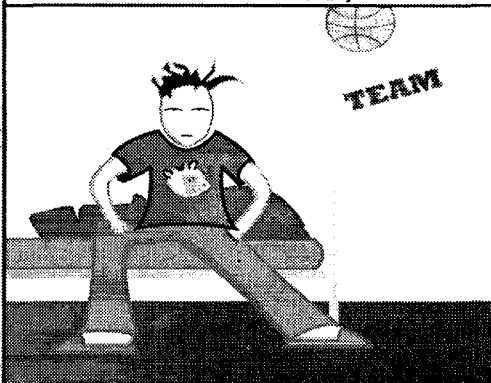
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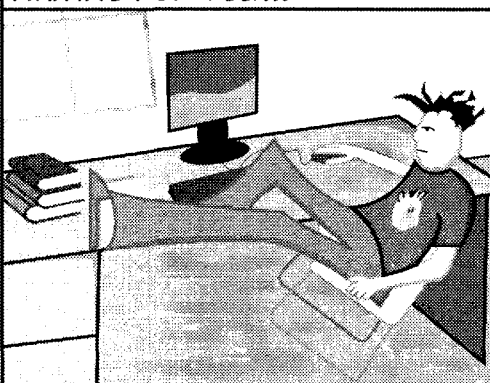
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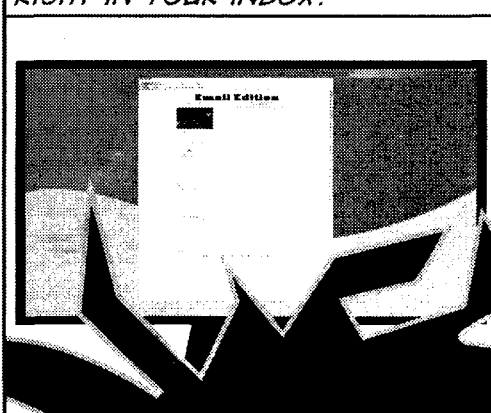
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Saint Mary's looks to rebound against Knights

Belles have one win on year as they ready for defending champ

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

After a controversial overtime loss Sunday, Saint Mary's is fired up for an away match with conference foe Calvin College this afternoon at 4

p.m.

Although the teams are both in the MIAA conference, the game will not count towards either team's league record. But the teams are motivated nonetheless.

"Calvin has been at the top of the conference for as long as I've played at Saint Mary's," senior goalkeeper Laura Heline said. "They are a rival that we aim to upset every time we meet them."

The Belles dropped their last

game of the Sal Vacarro Tournament 2-1 Sunday in double overtime. The final goal, scored by North Central College's Michelle Daly, appeared to be offside, but the goal stood and Saint Mary's fell to 1-3 on the season.

"We'll use Sunday's OT loss as motivation," senior forward Colleen Courtney said. "Having them score with 16 seconds left should be a lesson learned that it's important to

play 100 percent for every second of the game."

Calvin comes into the contest having won the first seven games of its season. The Knights have dominated their opponents, outscoring them 22-3.

Freshmen goalkeepers Kayla Sulzer and Alyssa Bergsma — along with the Calvin defense — have posted four consecutive shutouts.

"We have to break down their defense and get the ball

in the back of the net," Courtney said.

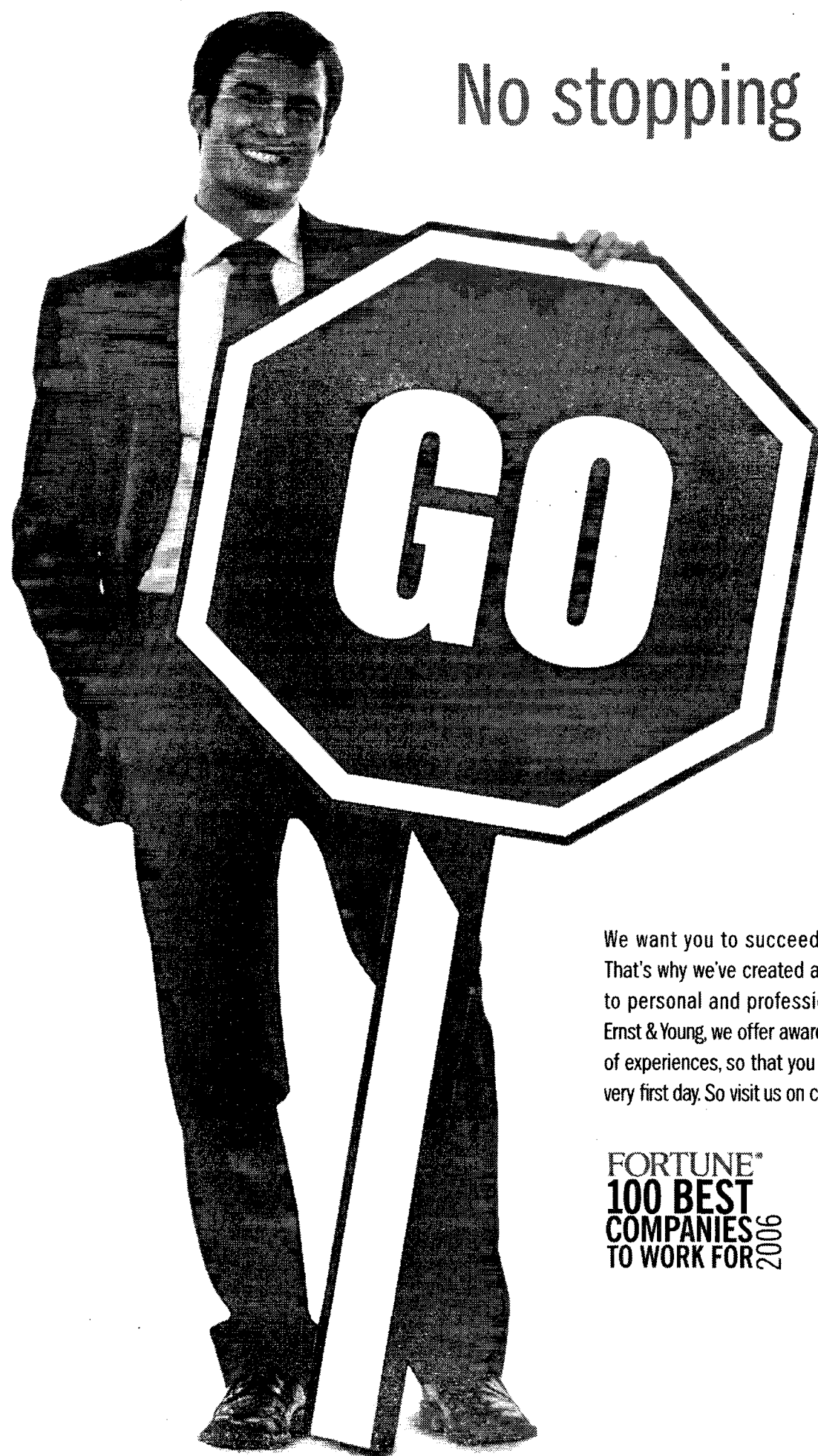
The Belles' offense is led Lauren and Ashley Hinton — the sisters have three goals each in the first four games of the season. Senior Caroline Stancukas also contributed a goal for the Belles in Sunday's game against North Central.

On the defensive side of the ball, Heline and the young Saint Mary's defense will have their hands full with the Knights' offense. Calvin is led by senior forwards Sarah Weesies and Jill Capel — the two have seven and six goals respectively on the season.

"Right now our plan is to play our game. We are not planning any special attacks or defenses," Heline said. "We know that they have strong, experienced forwards and midfielders, so we will need to play tight in the back and control the midfield."

The two teams met twice last year and the Knights took both games 1-0 and 3-0. Capel, who had 21 goals in 2005, had one in each win, and Weesies added two more in the second victory. Calvin went on to win the MIAA championship with a 15-1 record.

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the second half when Welsh Family opened with an impressive and time-consuming drive. They marched down to the Walsh goal line, aided by two Wild Women penalties for 20 yards.

On fourth-and-goal from the one-yard line, Kelly Bushelle — who gave the Walsh defensive problems all game — caught a touchdown to put the Whirlwinds up 6-0.

After Welsh Family elected to go for two, the Wild Women jumped off-sides, committing another costly penalty. The conversion

was completed from the five-yard line — instead of the ten — Hueth made a diving catch on the left side of the end zone.

Walsh responded with a time-consuming touchdown drive. With less than two minutes remaining, the Wild Women found themselves with a fourth-and-goal at the Welsh Family goal line.

Marrie Brenner punched it in with a touchdown run.

After the two-point conversion was overthrown, it appeared as if the Whirlwinds could exhale.

On the first play of the next series, however, the Whirlwinds were picked off deep in their own territory by Walsh defensive back Julie Campbell. Campbell ran it back to within five yards of the end zone.

It appeared as if the Wild Women would be able to take the lead, but the defense had other ideas.

"We had to stop them — we just knew we couldn't let them score," Whirlwind captain and defensive standout Brittany Scott said.

With less than a minute to go, the Welsh Family defense came up with their second goal-line stand of the game and clinched the victory.

"They did a great job of covering out receivers, and their weak-side blitzes really gave us trouble," Walsh captain and starting halfback Laurie Wasikowski said. "We just couldn't get open."

Pangborn 6, Farley 0

Pangborn prevailed in a defensive showdown at West Quad Sunday, defeating Farley Hall by a single score.

The Phoxes' touchdown came in the middle of the first half when wide receiver Meghan Bescher found herself open in the back of the end zone for the reception.

Neither offense ever clicked — the exception being Pangborn's one touchdown drive. The Farley offense was stifled all

day by a relentless Phoxes pass rush.

"That's definitely something we've been working on," Pangborn captain Katie Riemersma said. "We were right there on all the running and the passing plays."

The Finest quarterback was under pressure all game and never had enough time for her receivers to get open.

Farley nearly caught a break at the end of the first half. With seven seconds left in the half, Pangborn opted to try a Hail Mary pass from midfield.

The ball was under thrown, however, and intercepted by Farley defensive back Anna Persley. Persley streaked down the sideline, and got by two defenders before her flag was pulled just short of the end zone.

Farley stepped up late in the second half after getting great field position from a Chrissy Andrews interception. The Finest drove deep into Pangborn territory and had a first-and-goal with less than two minutes remaining.

However, the Phoxes pass rush forced an errant throw that was picked off on the goal line by Bescher.

Offensively, both captains stressed that there was room for improvement.

"It wasn't pretty, but we definitely got it done today," Riemersma said. "We'll be looking to improve for next week."

Farley captain Kim Crehan said offensive organization was a problem.

"We need to get organized on offense and make sure everybody knows their options on the different plays," she said.

She thought the experience her team gained against a tough opponent was very valuable.

"Now that we have a game under our belt, I think you're going to see a lot of improvement," she said.

Howard 6, Lewis 0

Quarterback Sheena Ketchum's deep ball to wide receiver Megan Savage provided the difference between two evenly-matched teams at West Quad on Sunday afternoon, propelling Howard to a victory over Lewis.

Despite playing solid defense for almost the whole game — including a Kate Altschaeff interception early in the first half — the Chicks (0-1) could not stop the one big play of the

game, a fly down the left sideline that covered nearly two-thirds of the field.

"She was wide open, it's usually pretty easy to get the ball to her," Ketchum said.

Savage also attributed her height advantage over the Lewis defensive backs as a reason she was able to make the play midway through the first half.

Howard coach Justin Cheers was impressed with his team's cohesiveness in the victory.

"The team came together today," he said. "We had a great offensive drive. The defense stood strong, held them off, and the team played great."

After heading into the break with a 6-0 lead, Howard controlled possession for most of the second half but was unable to add another score. The failure to score again proved costly for the Ducks late in the

game, as a strong punt return by Lewis gave them the ball deep in Howard territory with just a few minutes remaining.

The Ducks' defense was still stopped the Chicks' drive after a crucial fourth-down play with less than one minute left.

Howard then took a knee and sealed its first victory of the young season.

The Ducks will face Breen-Phillips this Thursday, while Lewis looks to right its ship against McGlinn.

PW 20, Breen-Phillips 0

Pasquerilla West left no doubt why it is the defending champion with a 20-0 victory over Breen-Phillips Sunday — highlighted by three touchdown passes from quarterback Cara Davies.

Davies hooked up with her receivers early and often Sunday, throwing a six-yard touchdown to wide receiver Maureen Spring on the team's first drive of the game. She also threw a touchdown to receiver Jane Stoeckert, before she threw another to Spring to end the scoring.

The Babes (0-1) were able to move the ball effectively at

times, but never found the end zone. Constant pressure from the Purple Weasels' defensive line made it hard for Breen-Phillips to cross the goal line.

Davies credited her teammates for the big victory.

"We have a lot of returners who know what they're doing, and we are all really comfortable with each other," she said.

As to her three touchdown passes, Davies again pointed to the play of her receivers.

"Our receivers ran long routes and they were my first options all the time," she said.

Davies wasn't the only member of the PW squad to dole out praise to the team's receivers.

"We ran good routes, made some good passes and had some great catches," PW coach Matt Whittington added.

Refusing to let the Purple Weasels offense steal the show, the defense stepped up the challenge as well Sunday.

A Babes pick in the second half gave them possession of the ball deep inside PW's territory, but the Weasel defense held strong. The PW secondary also stepped up near the contest's conclusion when the Babes began to move the ball.

But a series of incomplete passes allowed time to expire and PW to walk away with the shutout still in hand.

Breen-Phillips takes on Howard this Thursday, while the Purple Weasels look to continue their winning ways against Pangborn.

Badin 13, PE 0

It all ended with a trick play.

What appeared to be a simple sweep left turned into a reverse that allowed Badin captain Meghan Charlebois to run 30 yards for a touchdown that sealed the deal against the Pasquerilla East Pyros.

With 10:12 left in the second half, the Bullfrog offense, which had relied mainly on the arm of sophomore quarterback Katie Rose Hackney, gave the ball to their senior captain to finish off the Pyros.

After the game, Charlebois was humble about her run.

"It was really just great blocking by my teammates, especially junior Ginna Dyczek," Charlebois said.

For most of the first half, neither offense could get anything going. Both defenses played well and refused to give up big yardage. The great defensive efforts included two interceptions by PE freshman Anne Horst.

"Anne really played great, making two good interceptions," Pasquerilla East captain Molly Fox said.

The stalemate ended with about seven minutes left in the first half when Hackney took over. Through a combination of screen passes and scrambles, Hackney marched the Bullfrog offense down the field and capped the drive with a 19-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Courtney Rains.

Hackney finished 10-of-21 for 100 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Badin head coach Charlie Doar was pleased with his team's performance and said the strategy was simple.

"We wanted to make sure we got time for our talented freshmen while still making sure our veterans got touches," Doar said.

On the opposite side of the ball, the Pasquerilla East offense just couldn't get going. The passing game, led by Caroline Nally and Laura Adams, struggled, completing just two passes on the day.

The Pyros then turned to their running game. But the Badin defense was quick off the line and repeatedly snuffed out PE's play of choice — the quarterback option. Despite the limited offense, PE head coach Nathan Dyer was not discouraged.

"Our team played great today with the exception of two big plays, which were [Badin's] only scores. We executed pretty well on offense, but we can still improve our passing game," Dyer said.

Next week Badin takes on Cavanaugh while PE will face Walsh.

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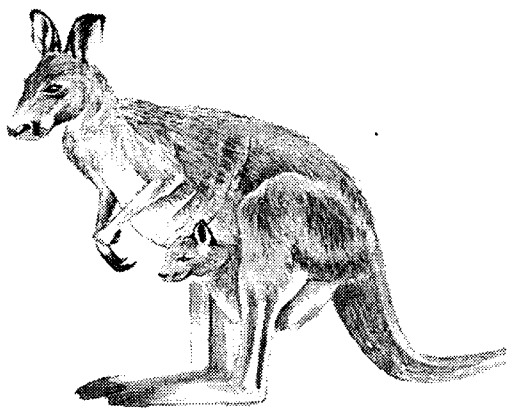
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off the left side with less than two minutes to go in the game converted a key third down and ended any hopes of a St. Ed's comeback. Manning, in addition to his touchdown, had 10 carries for 40 yards.

The Stedsmen looked a bit rusty early, fumbling on their sole play of the first quarter. Things only got worse when their starting quarterback suffered an apparent hand injury in the second quarter — forcing the Stedsmen to resort to direct hand-offs and options.

"The injury definitely affected our play calling," St. Ed's captain Ge Wang said. "But Nick Strom played a good game for us."

Strom rushed for 20 yards in the second half. The Stedsmen, however, could not muster any semblance of a passing threat.

St. Ed's found production on the ground from running back Zach Labrecque (10 carries for 47 yards), but its lack of a passing offense led to minimal gains and drives.

There also seemed to be some communication issues when Strom first entered the game, as the Stedsmen were called for several false start penalties.

Wopperer didn't see the injury as a big factor for the Ramblers' defensive scheme.

"We came out playing our game," he said. "It didn't matter who their quarterback was. They weren't moving the ball on us."

The Stedsmen threatened in the fourth quarter, but the Siegfried defense came up with huge fourth-down stops.

St. Ed's defense stiffened in the second half as well, holding the Ramblers offense to 30 total yards.

"At the beginning, we weren't really ready for their no-huddle, and sometimes we over pursued," Wang said.

Both captains agreed that the oppressive heat on Sunday also played a role in the game.

"It's different going from the cool night practices to this type of afternoon," Wang said. "It was really muggy out there today."

Next week, Siegfried faces off with Knott, and St. Ed's battles Sorin.

Knott 12, Zahm 0

The Zahm residents that

showed up Sunday to support the defending champs went home disappointed after ending up on the wrong end of a 12-0 battle.

The Juggerknotts came ready to play as they marched 65 yards down field on their opening possession to take a quick lead. Running back Trey Patrick punished Zahm with 70 yards on 20 carries, including a 10-yard touchdown run in the opening minutes.

"We played really well out there today," Patrick said. "I've got to give props to the coaches and the rest of the team that really stepped up. We had some key plays when we needed them, and that's expected. We have some prime time players."

Knott converted on two fourth-down opportunities in the fourth quarter to ice the game — the second of which was a 15-yard touchdown pass to the corner of the end zone.

"It was a great game all around," Knott coach Abdel Banda said. "Our backups really stepped up. We just beat the defending champions, so this proves that we are capable of beating anyone."

Zahm captain and quarterback Sean Wieland threw for three interceptions. He had a 38 percent completion rating and 38 yards passing.

"We really couldn't get much going on the offensive side of the ball," Wieland said. "You have to give credit to their defense though, they played a good game."

"We still have three games left, and we hope to get to the playoffs by winning all of those. I think this loss will be motivation to work harder in practice."

Zahm looks to improve next week against Fisher — after a four-turnover performance — while Knott will try to keep the ball rolling when they face Siegfried.

Carroll 15, Sorin 6

Carroll's offense controlled the air and exploited the Sorin secondary in a victory over the Otters Sunday.

Carroll sealed the game on a 29-yard touchdown pass after a Sorin turnover in the fourth quarter to go ahead by nine. The Vermin threw for 112 yards in the first half and held a 63 percent completion rating for the game.

The Otters averaged nearly seven yards per carry on the ground. Sorin attempted to pass

early, but was unable to establish any consistency — gaining just 10 yards on 2-of-8 passing.

Sorin threw for minus three yards and an interception in the second half, but ran for 138 yards and a touchdown on the game.

Carroll receiver Mike Versagli said that despite the win, the Vermin have to improve.

"Mentally, I think [Sorin] did have the edge. We didn't play as well or execute as well as we should have," he said.

O'Neill 7, Dillon 0

O'Neill senior Alex Fortunato recovered a fumble in the game's closing minute and The Angry Mob hung on to a victory over Dillon Sunday.

O'Neill scored the only points of the game in the second quarter following a dominating 21-play drive that began in the first quarter.

Running back Braden Turner scored on a four-yard run on third down.

He finished the game with 14 carries and 30 yards. Running back Mike Mattingly rushed for 31 yards on eight carries for the Mob as well.

Dillon changed its offensive strategy at halftime to focus on the running game and, more specifically, the quarterback option.

The option was effective in rattling the Mob defense, which allowed eight first downs in the second half after giving up one in the first half.

Dillon went on a 13-play, 64-yard drive in the third quarter.

O'Neill called a timeout to stall Dillon's momentum, but the Big Red gained another 21 yards after the break.

Dillon converted on a fourth down at the O'Neill 24-yard line, but Fortunato recovered the fumble by the Dillon quarterback six plays later.

Next week, Dillon will face off against Stanford, while O'Neill will battle Keough.

Keenan 13, Keough 8

It came down to the very last play, but Keenan's defense was able to stop a late-game charge from Keough and earn the win.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Keough marched toward the end zone trailing 13-8. The Kangaroos had the ball on the two-yard line but the Keenan defense made the stop and took home the victory.

"We played three strong quarters, but we learned that we are going to have play tough the entire game," Keenan captain Alex Staffieri said.

Late in the first quarter, Keough fumbled a punt return and Keenan recovered. After a steady march down the field, senior quarterback J.J. Vega found sophomore Jimmy Zenker in the end zone to give Keenan the 6-0 lead. The extra point was blocked.

Keenan's defense stopped Keough's attempts to move the ball down the field forcing a punt on the next drive.

The Knights continued to capitalize on offense on the following possession. Zenker connected with Andre Villable, who made an impressive catch down field and ran it into the end zone. Keenan led 13-0 after the made extra point.

Keough made a charge in the fourth quarter. The Kangaroos forced their way down the field and freshman quarterback Matt Bruggeman found an open receiver for touchdown. It then made the two-point conversion on a quarterback keeper to cut the lead to 13-8.

The Keough defense delivered some big hits and forced a Keenan fumble, but was ultimately unable to gain momentum.

Keough sophomore Dorian Inzunza was not discouraged by the loss.

"We play hard," he said. "We have a very good team, and we are ready to step it up next game and come away with a win."

Keenan has a bye next week, while Keough will face O'Neill next Sunday at 2 p.m.

Alumni 14, Stanford 6

An interception and touchdown rush by Alumni junior Eddie Villa provided the deciding score for the Dawgs Sunday.

Villa picked off the pass in the third quarter and scored on a short rush to put the Dawgs up 14-6.

"Our practice really paid off today," Villa said. "All 11 guys did what they needed to do, and the team was able to come together and come out with the win."

Shapot hit Villa with a long pass in the second quarter and ran untouched into the end zone for the 7-0 lead.

The Alumni defense was led by Brett Shapot, who was in on many of the Dawgs' big defensive stops and played quarterback on offense.

Neither team allowed any points in the first quarter.

"We started out a little disorganized, but eventually the offense was able to come together and get things done," Villa said.


Stanford junior Tregg Duerson got away from his defender and caught a pass in the end zone near the end of the second half to cut the Alumni lead to 7-6. The point after was blocked.

After halftime, the defenses continued to play strong, culminating in Villa's interception.

The Stanford defense did not allow any more points in the fourth quarter. But the offense was unable to find any holes in the Dawg defense, and the Griffins fell short.

Alumni battles Morrissey this Sunday, while Stanford will play Dillon.

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Big East

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tinues its weekend Sunday at Villanova.

"I do think that not just in our

conference, but across the country that there is an even playing field," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "Our goal has always been to win the regular season and then the conference championship. I don't think it's going to be easy,

but it's going to be attainable."

With the graduation of second-team All-America Lauren Brewster and All-America honorable mention Lauren Kelbley, and the influx of seven freshmen, the Irish have suffered more losses — five — in eleven

games than they did all of last year.

"We're not where we wanted to be in terms of our win and loss record but we still have high expectations for the team," Brown said. "If we learn and continue to grow every match, there's no reason we can't accomplish what we want to do."

Notre Dame compiled a 13-1 record in conference play last season — the lone loss came Nov. 5, 2005 at Pittsburgh 3-2 — to share the season title. The No. 8 Irish then went into the league championships at Louisville's home court and defeated the No. 7 Cardinals in an electric 3-2 win for the title.

It was the Cardinals' first season in the Big East — they previously played in Conference USA — but a quick rivalry developed between the two teams. Louisville, along with Pitt, will be key games in Notre Dame's 14-game conference schedule, but the Irish will not treat the two any different than the rest.

"We'll probably look at those two matches in terms of the history between the programs and how we've competed against each other," Brown said of Pitt and Louisville. "Past that, we do respect the teams in the Big East and it's a challenge for us to win the regular season and conference championship."

No Big East teams were ranked in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll released Monday, but Louisville was on the bubble, receiving 33 votes. The Irish earned 10 votes last week, but were not on the radar this time around.

St. John's has been hot early in the season, earning the best non-conference record in the Big East at 14-1 — the team lost 3-0 to No. 7 Southern California Sept. 9. Cincinnati and Connecticut have also done well in the year's first month, putting up 8-2 and 9-3 records, respectively.

Brown, however, feels that each team's record is not an indicator of the success or fail-

ure each will have in conference play.

"It's still too early to know exactly how [the season is] going to play out because there been such a variety in the conference teams in who they played against," she said. "It's going to take a couple of weeks of conference play to get a better feel of how things are going to shake out."

Notre Dame will travel to New Jersey for its second straight weekend Sept. 30 to face Seton Hall and will host Marquette and Syracuse a week later in its conference home openers.

"It's always good to play at home, not having the travel on the weekend is a big thing," Brown said of playing at the Joyce. "In just being in comfortable and familiar surroundings and not having the extra burden of hours of travel."

An Oct. 13 match against DePaul at home is the final game for the Irish before a fall break trek to Hawaii.

Notre Dame will play a two-game set against the No. 15 Warriors starting Oct. 16 in Honolulu.

"It's not a question in my mind that playing the matches over there will be beneficial for us," Brown said. "We're going over there with every expectation that we're going to win. It's a chance to play a top-25 team and take away a couple wins. It's a chance for us to prove ourselves again."

The remaining eight games on the Irish schedule after the break include Pitt and Louisville, but Notre Dame and Brown refuse to look farther than Saturday.

"I think that the staff and the team — we're trying not to look at the season as a whole thing," Brown said.

"To be quite honest that's a few weeks down the road, and right now we're just thinking about Villanova and Rutgers and opening up the Big East this weekend and taking it one match at a time."

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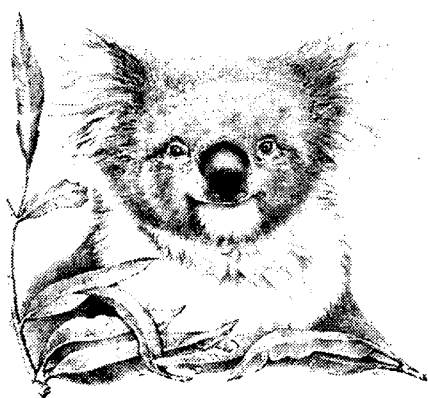
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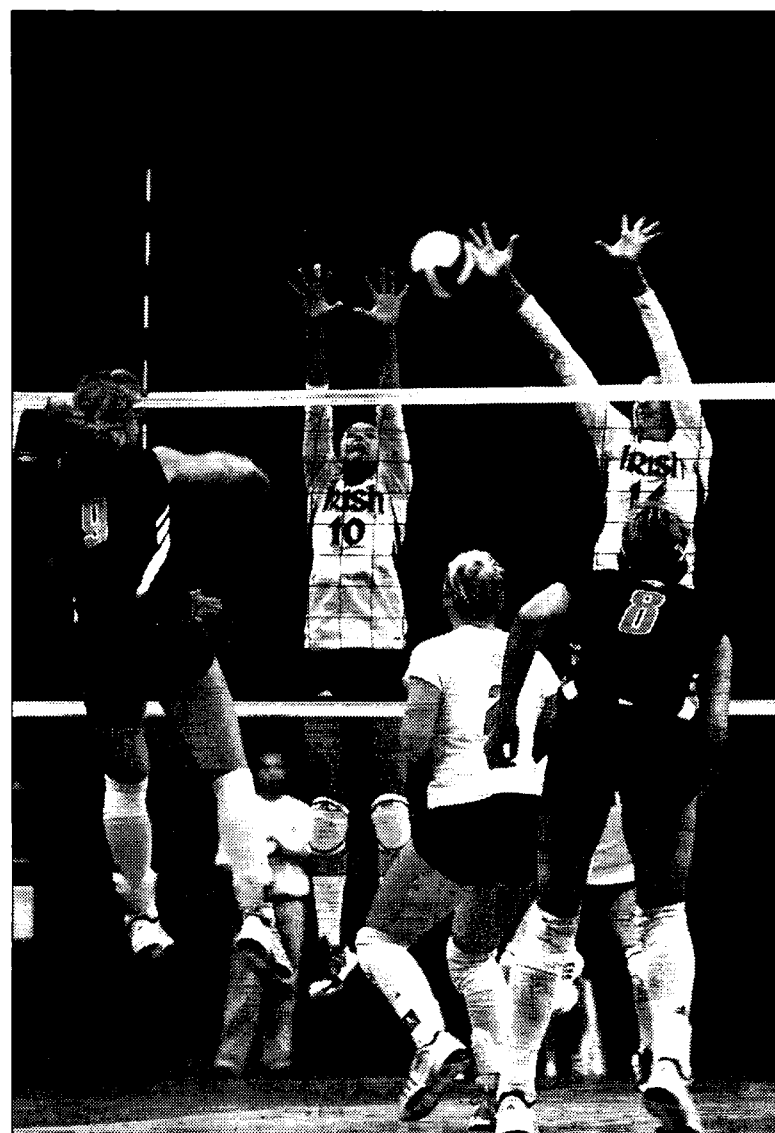
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Notre Dame junior Adrianna Stasiuk, left, and sophomore Justine Stremick block a shot against Bowling Green Aug. 26

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up quick on Notre Dame's academic support system for athletes.

"Everyone who goes there graduates," Gray said succinctly.

But Notre Dame won't expect Gray simply to graduate. Notre Dame will expect him to compete immediately for roles in a secondary that has been beaten by opponents repeatedly over the past three years.

"He thinks there's a very good opportunity [for playing time with fifth-year senior] Mike Richardson being gone next year," Frank said.

Frank said Notre Dame's coaches were successful in recruiting Gray by not forcing him to make a hasty decision.

"I think he started talking with Bill Lewis and Charlie Weis and felt really comfortable with both coaches," Frank said. "They just did a real nice job of not pressuring him."

Gray had praise for both Lewis and Weis Monday. He called Lewis "soft-spoken" and "well-rounded" and referred to Weis as "straight-forward."

"Coach Weis ... he's not going to tell you what you want to hear," Gray said. "He's going to tell you the truth."

Gray said watching the Irish lose to Michigan served no harm to Notre Dame's chances in his decision-making process.

"The atmosphere was great," he said. "Even though they went down 21, 28 points, everyone stays [and] supports the team."

Kate Gales contributed to this article.

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"We always kind of break the season down into segments and try to take care of winning different segments of the season," Waldrum said. "The conference is the second segment of the season."

Waldrum said conference games have special importance because not only do they affect the team's standing nationally, but also within the Big East.

"We need to get wins in-conference to keep our seeding for the NCAA's high enough, but also to keep our seeding high enough in the conference to make the conference tournament," he said.

The conference season also gives the Irish a chance to set short-term goals on the way to

their long-term goal of a national title.

"Our goal every year is to win the Big East championship," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame accomplished that goal last year, beating Connecticut in the Big East final in Milwaukee, Wisc.

In 2004, the Irish fell to the Huskies in the title game but then ran the table the rest of the way to win the NCAA Championship.

Notre Dame will face Cincinnati and Louisville Friday and Sunday in their first full weekend of conference play.

The Irish will travel to play the Bearcats, who are 4-3-1 overall this year and lost their only conference game last Friday to Louisville 4-1.

Despite the loss, Cincinnati has already equaled its overall win total from last year.

"[Cincinnati is] playing much better this year than in the

past," Waldrum said.

Louisville will come to Alumni Field for Notre Dame's first home game in three weeks.

"It'll be nice to have a home game," Waldrum said. "It seems like we've been on the road forever."

The Cardinals are 6-0 this year — including Friday's win over the Bearcats — and are in a four-way tie along with the Irish for the lead in the Big East's National Division.

The other two teams tied for first are Rutgers and Villanova. The Wildcats are 8-0, as is Notre Dame, and are considered the strongest challenger to the Irish for the division title.

The Scarlet Knights are 5-1 and beat Seton Hall 3-2 Friday for their first conference win.

Georgetown joins the Pirates, Bearcats and Blue

Demons at 0-1 after the first conference games of the year.

In the American Division, West Virginia, St. John's, South Florida and Connecticut all won their first game, while Pittsburgh, Providence, Marquette and Syracuse stumbled in their openers.

Notes:

♦ After a "lethargic" performance Sunday against Michigan, Waldrum said the team will have a light week of practice before Cincinnati and Louisville.

"We're going to give them a couple days off next week to get their legs under them," he said. "We've had a pretty tough stretch of early season games, so I think we're going to give them a couple days off."

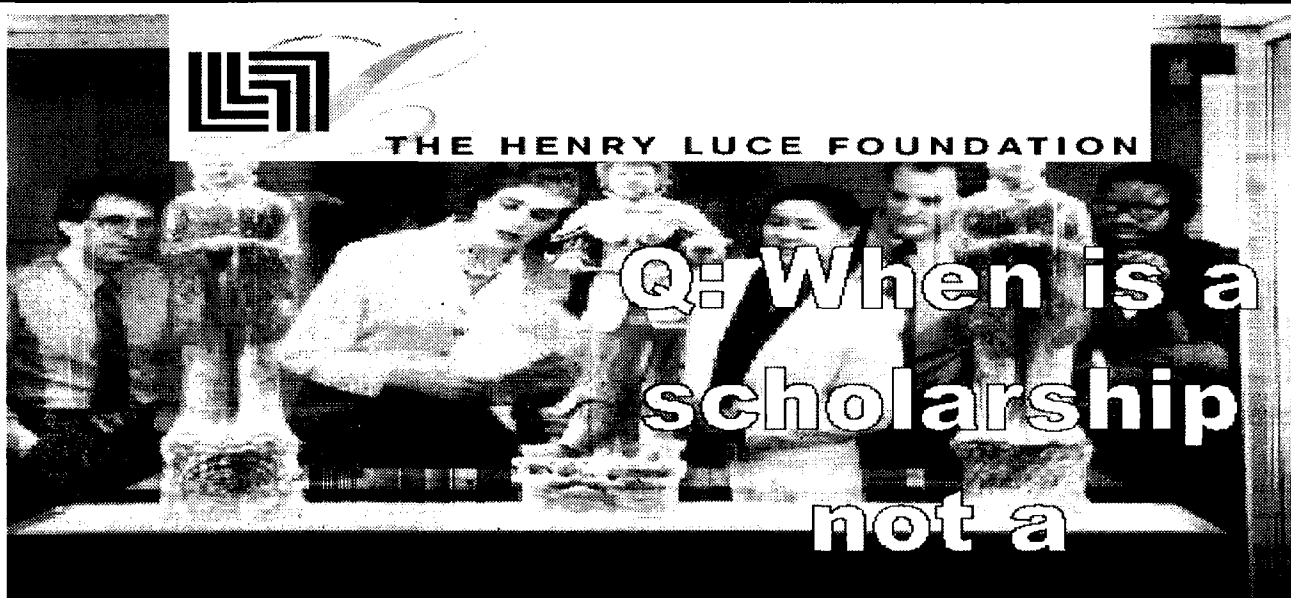
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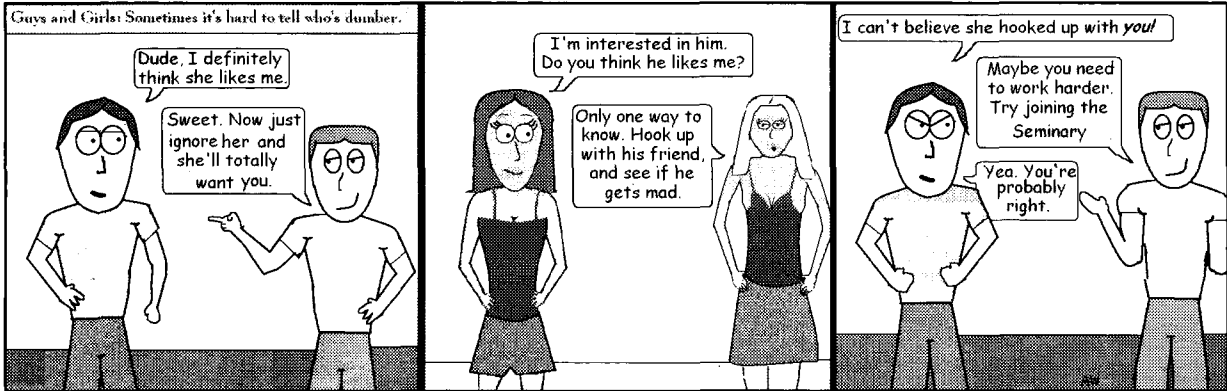
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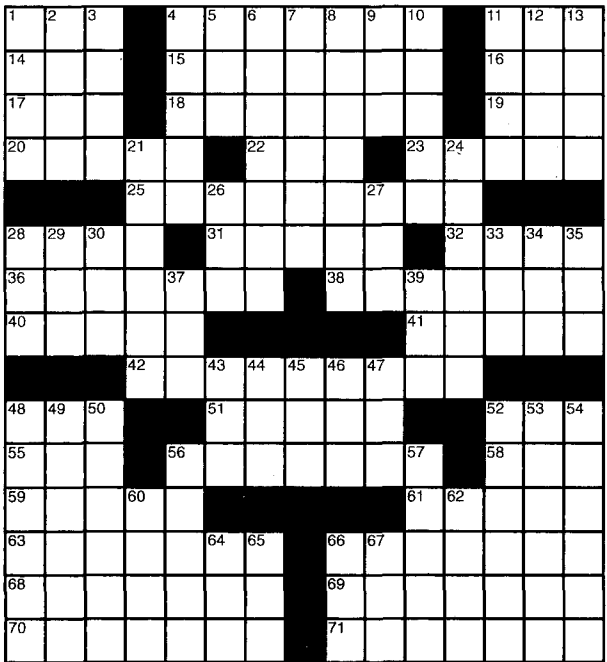
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Employment
 - 4 Goes on the offense
 - 11 Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
 - 14 Tool that's swung
 - 15 Distance an arrow flies
 - 16 Plumbing joint
 - 17 Collar wearer
 - 18 Start of a Groucho quip
 - 19 Honey maker
 - 20 Put on the books
 - 22 Chinese writer — Yutang
 - 23 Tibet's Forbidden City
 - 25 Quip, part 2
 - 28 Lofty lines
 - 31 Throat bug
 - 32 Local bond, familiarly
 - 36 Actor/director Branagh
 - 38 In need of a Band-Aid, say
 - 40 Dickens's Edwin
 - 41 Desert bloomers
 - 42 Quip, part 3
 - 48 Ballroom dance move
 - 51 Bit of kindergarten learning
 - 52 Enlistee: Abbr.
 - 55 Commercial prefix with vision
 - 56 Quip, part 4
 - 58 Western treaty grp.
 - 59 SALT concern
 - 61 Congressional divide
 - 63 Quip, part 5
 - 66 End of the quip
 - 68 Investment firm worker
 - 69 Tyrannize
 - 70 Did a cobbling job
 - 71 "Forget it!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Make fun of
 - 2 Yoke wearers
 - 3 Test model
 - 4 Grab — (eat on the run)
 - 5 "Mazel —!"
 - 6 Last of a dozen
 - 7 More gray
 - 8 A daredevil takes them
 - 9 Walloped in the ring, for short
 - 10 Play for time
 - 11 Sitcom about a Texas soccer mom
 - 12 Taproom offerings
 - 13 Tiny jumper
 - 21 "Strangers and Brothers" writer
 - 24 Sunday music book
 - 26 Queue before U
 - 27 Toll hwy.
 - 28 Assented to
 - 29 " — Rosenkavalier"
 - 30 Brian who composed the Windows 95 start-up sound
 - 33 Chapel Hill sch.
 - 34 Bottom line
 - 35 Infamous Amin
 - 37 Tokyo, once
 - 39 Hosp. area
 - 43 Maritime org.
 - 44 Actress Ruby

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Ed Early

- 45 "Ich bin — Berliner"
- 46 Title for Louis XIV
- 47 Kicks, so to speak
- 48 Costner role in "Dances With Wolves"
- 49 Perfectly pitched
- 50 Religious artworks
- 52 Medium for a picture of Uncle Sam
- 53 Suitcase
- 54 Feared fly
- 56 — alcohol
- 57 Reactions to shocks
- 60 D-Day campaign town
- 62 Cross inscription
- 64 Expert finish?
- 65 Benchmark: Abbr.
- 66 Came in first
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: James Marsden, 33; Jada Pinkett Smith, 35; James Gandolfini, 45; Robert Blake, 73

Happy Birthday: You may not see things clearly regarding your personal life this year. Don't make a decision you may live to regret. Examine your motives and ask a trusted friend for advice. Secret matters will be brought out into the open so be upfront and honest. Your numbers are 11, 15, 20, 33, 36, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be in a rush today and anyone who gets in your way will have to keep up or move over. You will be able to speak your mind and rid yourself of some annoyances. An investment may not be quite as good as you are told. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you have to work above and beyond the call of duty to win someone over to your side, chances are this person isn't worth your time and effort. Don't put aside a job that needs to be completed. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everything is going your way, so why make changes? Check out what you can do that is creative. An activity in which you take part will lead to a prosperous alternative to what you are currently doing. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Compromise and you won't have any problems, but force your will on others and you will face opposition. Don't be tempted by a deal that someone pushes your way. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your sudden decisions and actions may cause concerns but follow through with what you are doing so you can get past the uncertainties you have been experiencing. Someone you have trusted in the past will probably let you down. Exaggerating it will lead to trouble. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you aren't happy with your personal life, make changes. There are all sorts of things happening where partnerships and getting what you want are concerned. Talk from the heart. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A serious organization will recognize your talent and solicit you to get involved. Go right to the source and you will save yourself a lot of time. You'll find an alternative means of getting what you want. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your imagination or jealous nature run wild. Stay balanced if you don't want to face problems with colleagues. A change is in order at home but don't expect it to run smoothly. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could blow it in the romance department today. Be careful how you treat the people closest to you. Someone you have known for many years or who is older than you will propose something that interests you. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful with whom you share information. Things could easily backfire. An opportunity to make an investment is looking good but don't get involved in a joint venture. Keep a close eye on your money. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): How well you do today will depend totally on how you treat others. You can turn anything around by taking a positive approach and being willing to compromise and share. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can get a lot done and make your way toward a better position. Before you sign anything, have someone look over what you are being asked to do. Personal changes will bring you greater freedom. 3 stars

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FOOTBALL

Gray, top high school corner, verbally commits to Weis, ND

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Despite Notre Dame's 47-21 blowout loss to Michigan Saturday, the Irish came out of the weekend with a victory on at least one front — the recruiting war.

Cornerback Gary Gray of Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast High School) verbally committed to Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis and defen-

sive backs coach Bill Lewis this weekend on his official recruiting visit to campus. Gray said he would enroll at Notre Dame for the spring semester.

"I will fit into the defensive system," Gray said in a telephone interview with The



Gray

Observer Monday. "I talked to Coach Lewis numerous times. I fit in with this defense [and] know the schemes they run."

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said Gray — who stands at 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds, and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.49 seconds — brings power and explosiveness not often associated with athletes his size.

"He's a guy that can run with the best players out there,"

Frank said. "He's also a very physical player for his size."

Gray, a quarterback and defensive back in high school, initially committed to South Carolina and head coach Steve Spurrier after his first round of unofficial visits to schools, including Notre Dame. But Gray rescinded his verbal commitment to the Gamecocks in July. Gray and his mother traveled to Notre Dame on an unofficial visit at the end of that month.

"The first time I came, my mom wasn't able to come, but the second time I came, I was already committed to [South Carolina]," Gray said. "We went up there secretly but word came out, she enjoyed the trip, really liked it, so I de-committed [from South Carolina] and waited a little while so I could take my official visit."

With his mother steering him towards the Irish, Gray picked

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

The division bell

Notre Dame rests to prepare for Big East

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Every August, Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum mentally divides the season into four parts — non-conference play, Big East games, the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament.

Eight games into the season, the No. 1 Irish are undefeated and have successfully completed phase one Notre Dame played its first Big East game Friday — a 5-0 win over DePaul — before finishing its non-conference slate with a 2-0 win over Michigan in Ann Arbor Sunday.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Kerri Hanks dribbles past two USC defenders Sept. 1 at Alumni Field. The Irish are undefeated after their first eight games and play their next game Friday at Cincinnati.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Welsh gets past Walsh in opener

By VINCE KENEALLY,
ANDREW KOVACH and
MATT HOPKE
Sports Writers

Welsh Family Hall opened its season with a win on Sunday, dealing Walsh Hall a heartbreaking 8-6 defeat on a two-point conversion caught by a diving

Demetria Hueth. The excitement picked up in

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Siegfried dominates St. Ed's in first game

By COLIN REIMER, MIKE BURDELL, JOHN TIERNEY and KATE DONLIN
Sports Writers

Senior running back Pat Manning's six-yard touchdown run on game's opening drive provided the day's only points in Siegfried's 7-0 win over St. Ed's.

Employing a running style that featured sweeps and occasional reverses, the Ramblers pieced together a meticulous 14-play, 65-yard drive that kept the Stedsmen off balance for the majority of the first quarter.

It was the highlight of a dominant first half that saw the Ramblers out-gain St. Ed's 90-to-25, and run 24 plays to the Stedsmen's six.

"We felt that if we could establish the run early, we would have a good chance to win," Siegfried co-captain and halfback Matt Wopperer said.

Siegfried did just that, tallying 69 rushing yards in the first half, and 99 yards for the game.

Wopperer led the way for the Ramblers, carrying 12 times for 59 yards. His 17-yard scamper

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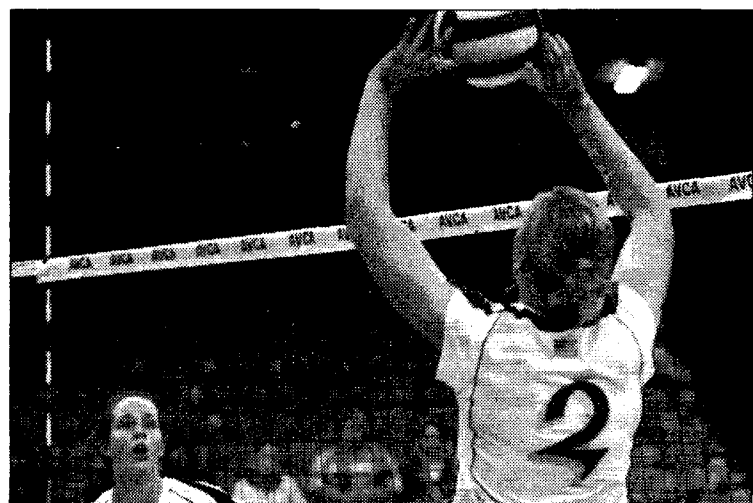
ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish begin conference play

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Big East opens its 2006 schedule with a flurry of 14 matches this weekend between its 15 conference foes, and Notre Dame will be in the thick of it.

The Irish (6-5) have won nine out of the last 11 Big East championships and won their tenth regular season championship when they split the 2005 title with Louisville — but this year it's anybody's league. The team opens Saturday at Rutgers and con-



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Notre Dame sophomore Mallorie Croal sets the ball for freshman Tara Enzweiler in the Irish's 3-2 loss to Missouri Sept. 2.

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SMC SOCCER

The Belles take on Calvin today in the first meeting between the two teams this year

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pasquerilla East plays Walsh tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West Field.

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MLB

Mets 4 Marlins 0

New York takes first division title since 1988 with victory.

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NHL

Stars 5 Thrashers 2

Dallas center Junior Lessard scores two goals in exhibition win.

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MLB

Rangers 8 Mariners 1

Texas pitcher Kevin Millwood gets his 16th win of the year, allowing four hits in seven innings.

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MLB

Yankees 7 Blue Jays 6

New York infielders Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez hit two-run homers in the win over Toronto.

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