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SUB takes big loss on Purdue lottery

Only half of raffle winners claim tickets

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Student Union Board (SUB) was unable to sell 58 student football tickets to Notre Dame's game Saturday at Purdue, according to SUB manager Phil Ross — making the 33-19 loss against the Boilermakers also the biggest loss SUB has experienced on a football ticket sale in recent years.

SUB originally offered the Purdue tickets for sale through a lottery held Sept. 12, in which there were 196 winners who were eligible to purchase two tick-

ets each. Of the 196 lottery winners, however, about half were claimed before the Sept. 24 deadline.

The remaining tickets were then made available for sale to the general student body, SUB director of publicity Laura Fox said.

For the Michigan game, the first away game ticket sale this year, SUB sold the entirety of its 196 ticket allotment. All 98 winners of the initial lottery claimed their tickets, who were each allowed to purchase two tickets.

After only half of the lottery winners claimed their

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Notre Dame fans watch the football game at Purdue. Nearly half the student lottery tickets for Saturday's game went unsold.

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COR

Freshman fills vacant position

Parliamentarian makes sure constitution obeyed

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved Tyler "T.J." Smith as parliamentarian at its meeting Tuesday. Smith fills a position that, though written into the student union constitution, was previously vacant.

Smith, a freshman from Knott Hall, has assisted in his dorm's programming events, such as the Knott Rodeo, since coming to Notre Dame. In high school, he participated in student government and served as the vice president of Model United Nations.

Smith "enjoys the technical and rule-based parts of government," judicial council president Ashley Weiss said in her nomination letter to the members of COR, in support of Smith.

As parliamentarian, Smith is responsible for ensuring that all rules are followed at all student government meetings.

During a period in which COR members could pose questions to Smith, student body vice president Maris

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Entrepreneurs vie for prizes, investors

Gigot contest encourages, rewards innovation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Facebook began as a Harvard student's idea — and today the social network is a business valued at nearly \$1 billion.

The next great idea could be under construction right now — and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies' business plan competition could be the tool that helps it become a reality.

The Center's annual contest awards more than \$40,000 in prizes to teams of students, alumni and University employees that can present to potential investors promising and innova-

tive ventures and their respective business plans.

Since 1999, the yearlong competition has drawn students from every college and major to submit pioneering, financially-realizable projects and helped them to produce a business proposal they can submit to investors, Daniel Buckenmeyer, the Center's associate director, said Tuesday.

"Students can come up with ideas that may seem crazy at first, but in reality they may be the next YouTube, and this competition allows them to build a tool that will tell them whether or not this thing can succeed in

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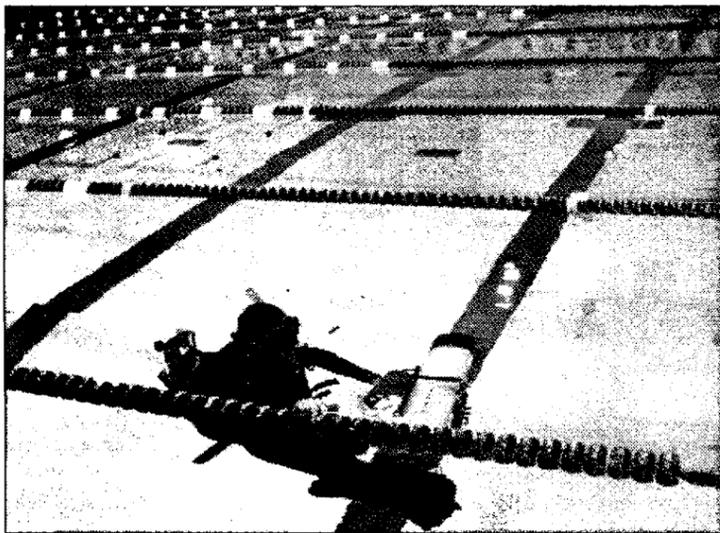


Photo courtesy of Annie Sawicki

An NBC cameraman films a pool with sensors blind swimmers can use to avoid hitting walls. The invention was featured in last year's Gigot contest.

SMC connects students, leaders

Senator Bayh's regional director reflects on career, emphasizes internships

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

The first ever Leadership Luncheon at Saint Mary's took place Monday when a regional director to U.S. Senator Evan Bayh led a roundtable discussion.

Julie Vuckovich, regional director in the office of Sen. Bayh, spoke to 10 to 15 people about leadership, exploring its political and social aspects.

Vuckovich explained how she became involved in politics. She took a job with the Urban Coalition, which led her to become involved with community communication, and she transi-

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Julie Vuckovich, regional director to Sen. Evan Bayh, speaks Monday at the first Leadership Luncheon at Saint Mary's.

Annual walk raises funds to fight poverty

College attendance low at nationwide event

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Only five members of the Saint Mary's social work club participated in the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk Sunday at Howard Park. But despite the low attendance this year, the students that participated in the event said they were happy to have been there.

The walk, sponsored by the Christian World Service, was one of hundreds that will occur across the country throughout October to raise money for local hunger-fighting agencies and internation-

al poverty relief organizations.

"[The walk] is a wonderful example of the South Bend community's dedication to the awareness of social justice issues and commitment to the elimination of social injustices," social work club president Connie Adams said.

The walk not only benefits international agencies combating hunger and poverty, but also the local South Bend community.

"Twenty-five percent of the money collected [by the CROP walk] stays in our community," said Carrie Call, the director of the Office for Civic and

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INSIDE COLUMN

No slim pickings here

Perhaps the greatest joy of being a Notre Dame student is knowing that one day you'll get to use your degree to do something spectacular in the real world.

Then senior year arrives and the options pile up like snow on a mountaintop.

The fact that there are so many possibilities is both exciting and daunting. Most seniors at this point pretty much know whether they'll be continuing on the path of higher learning or venturing out into a world far removed from the libraries and labs of academia.

It's this idea of branching out that causes such anxious thought and frazzled conversation at any number of the local South Bend watering holes on any night of the week.

Maybe you want to do service. That's great. But where to begin?

You could teach with the ACE program or Teach For America. Or are the struggling third-world populations of the world constantly calling out in the back of your mind for help and aid? Peace Corps could be just the right fit.

And these are just three of the many service options available to graduating Domers.

So the deserts of Africa or a ram-bunctious classroom of sixth graders in the Bronx just aren't exactly what you have in mind? That's entirely fair.

After all, most would agree that falling deep into debt for the opportunity of studying beneath the watchful gaze of Our Lady is service enough for awhile.

If you're smart with numbers and an intelligent communicator, a gig with an investment bank or a spot in a business leadership program might be appealing with all their promises of fat paychecks and upper-management exposure in the first few years out of school.

But do these look dull and boring?

There's always consulting, where it is possible to work with a wide variety of clients and businesses. After a few years as a consultant, it's not too tough to find a job in one of the industries to which you previously acted as an expert consultant.

But then you'd be in the same ideological jam you found yourself in when you turned down the job with GE to stalk the halls of Bain.

Or maybe all this seems like it's just not worth the effort. Well, there's always mom and dad's couch and the accompanying privilege of overhearing mom constantly reaffirming her friends that yes, her dear son or daughter is "finding" himself or herself and will soon be the great success we all expected after watching the little rascal graduate with NHS honors four years ago.

Or maybe you'll end up doing something no one ever would guess. We'll see.

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

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Assistant Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE NOTRE DAME TO BRING TO CAMPUS AS A SPEAKER?



John Yerkes
sophomore Knott

"Obama. He's the new thing in politics, and I hear he's a good speaker."



Dan Reid
sophomore Knott

"Nelson, Willie."



Danny Franco
sophomore Knott

"Captain Falcon from Smash Bros."



John Crowder
junior Zahm

"Danny Franco's momma."



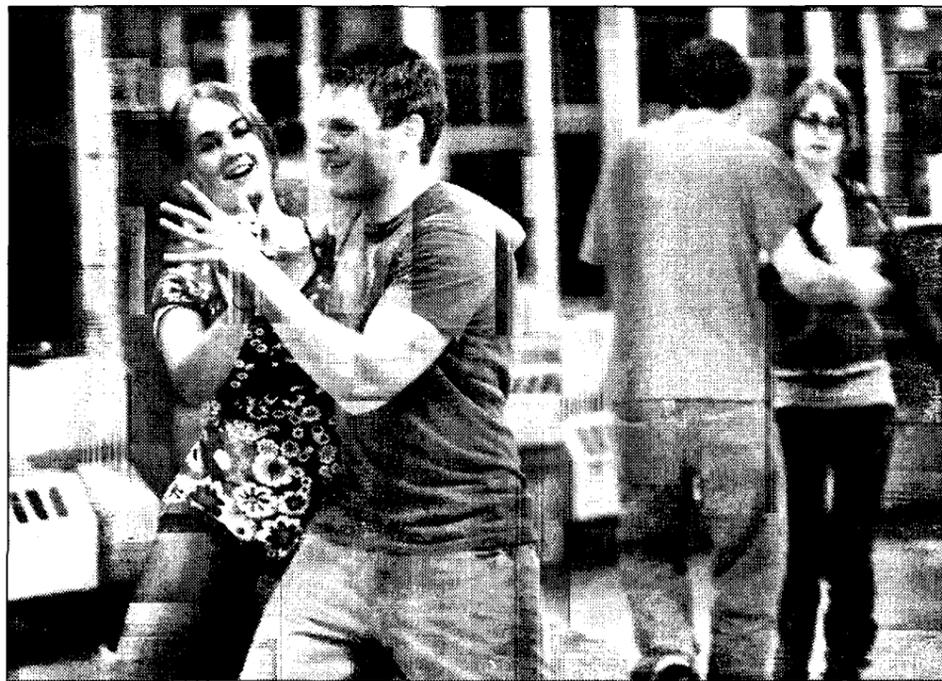
Chrissy Klauer
freshman Pasquerilla East

"The Office.' Dwight is my homie for life."



Laura McMenamin
freshman Pasquerilla East

"Dane Cook."



MARK MANLEY/The Observer

Sophomore Pam Johnson, far left, and junior Jake Skrabacz, members of the Notre Dame Swing club, dance Tuesday night at the Knute Rockne Memorial Gym.

IN BRIEF

There will be a workshop titled "Interviewing for the Academic Job Market" today from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in 126 DeBartolo Hall. Registration is needed. Panelists will concentrate on issues related to Science and Engineering students.

Notre Dame men's soccer will play Michigan tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

There will be an Eastern Orthodox Prayer Service tonight as part of the Prayer From Around the World series. The service will be at 8 p.m. in 330 Coleman-Morse.

The Feast of St. Francis Mass will be held Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Alumni Hall chapel. The Mass is sponsored by the Orestes Brownson Council.

A conference on "Knowledge and Religious Identity: Institutions of Higher Learning in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Beyond" will take place all day Friday at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding auditions for its annual talent show, Black Images 2007. The auditions are Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in LaFortune Gold Room. All talents are welcome to audition.

Army ROTC will host its annual Firm Fit Challenge Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The triathlon will kick off outside Lyons Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

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

OFFBEAT

Spiders, scorpions found in Manila mail

MANILA, Philippines — The package from Hong Kong looked innocent enough, marked "personal clothing." But when customs officials opened it, they were stunned to see about 300 live scorpions and spiders.

The scorpions and spiders — which included tarantulas — were packed in nets, bottles and transparent plastic boxes, concealed under clothes, newspapers reported Wednesday.

"The scorpions almost bit the examiner," Nelson Ebio, a port collector at the Central Mail Exchange

Center, told the Philippine Daily Inquirer. It was the first time the post office had encountered such poisonous mail, he said.

The Philippine Star daily quoted Ebio as saying the package arrived from Hong Kong on Monday, but it was not clear who sent it or why, though some speculated they could have been intended for a collector of the creatures.

Man uses adult store's cuffs in robbery

FERNDALE, Mich. — A parolee faces charges of robbing a lingerie and adult novelties store after locking up a clerk with a pair of off-

the-shelf handcuffs.

Police in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale say the clerk triggered a holdup alarm after seeing the masked suspect enter the Priscilla's store shortly after noon Monday. The man announced a robbery, led the woman into a back room and handcuffed her to a storage shelf.

The clerk got to a phone and called police, who were waiting for the man as he walked out the back door. Officers said they recovered \$213 in cash.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 2 issue, the title of Emerson Spartz's book should have read, "What Will Happen in Harry Potter 7: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Falls in Love, and How Will the Adventure Finally End." The Observer regrets this error.

Irish WWII neutrality examined

Government's stance did nothing to shelter people from effects of war

By **THERESA CIVANTOS**
News Writer

Ireland's neutral stance during World War II did not keep the Irish people from experiencing the effects of the war, despite media censorship by the Irish government, an Irish scholar said in a lecture Tuesday.

Clair Wills, a professor of Irish Literature at Queen Mary's College at the University of London, spoke about her book, "That Neutral Ireland: A Cultural History of Ireland during the Second World War" in Flanner Hall.

Ireland's neutral stance during World War II, she said, was very controversial at the time.

"In a sense, neutrality was

not peace, but war with both sides," Wills said of the people's mixed feelings about Ireland's decision to not pick a side in the conflict.

Wills followed this observation with a discussion of the harsh wartime measures imposed on the Irish people, despite their neutrality.

"The Irish underwent severe austerity measures without the satisfaction of fighting," Wills said.

The battle between Germany and Britain was both visible and tangible northwest

of Ireland, Wills said, creating a major problem for the Irish government as it tried to censor war news. Officials could not prevent corpses of German and British soldiers from washing up on the Irish coast.

"As many as 10 or 15 bodies washed up each day," Wills said.

Faced with such hard evidence of the war's destruction and its repercussions, the Irish spent the duration of the conflict in "a really detailed and complex public discourse" on how to handle and approach the events around them, she said.

Eventually, Ireland resolved to follow Catholic social teach-

ing throughout the entire neutrality experience, "focusing on justice with compassion," Wills said.

Wills noted the importance of propaganda during the war. British propaganda referred to the Irish "betrayal" while American propaganda accused Ireland of "cowardice," Wills said.

"In a sense, neutrality was not peace, but war with both sides."

Clair Wills
Queen Mary's College
professor of Irish literature

Despite these charges against Ireland, "what remained in Ireland was

pride in having pulled it off, in resisting Allied pressure," Wills said.

But the propaganda didn't just come from the Allies, she said.

The Irish government used censorship during the war to try to make neutrality popular. Wills referenced a series of memos among top-ranking Irish government officials at the time which emphasized the need for the press to "talk about other neutral states, keep up morale, tell the Irish how the Pope is really pleased with [Ireland] for being neutral."

Despite these efforts, neutrality created "a deep awkwardness for the Irish people over not having taken part in the war," which still exists today.

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Irish literature Professor Claire Wills speaks in Flanner Hall Tuesday.

Geoscience professor's work top-10 most cited

Special to The Observer

Peter C. Burns, chair and Henry J. Massman Professor of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has been named one of the top 10 most cited authors in the field of geosciences for the period 1997 to 2006.

Thomson Scientific, a division of the Thomson Corp. published the rankings of the most cited institutions, authors and journals in a recent edition of Science Watch. Data from 224 journals and more than 150,000 papers were analyzed and used to determine the rankings. Burns, with 1,330 citations in the past decade, ranks seventh. He is one of just three researchers from a U.S. institution (Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley, are the others) represented on the list.

Burns' research encompasses environmental mineralogy and crystallography, mineral crystal structures and crystal chemistry, mineral structural energetics, mineral paragenesis and nuclear waste disposal.

A faculty member since 1997, Burns has served as department chair since 2002. In addition to his

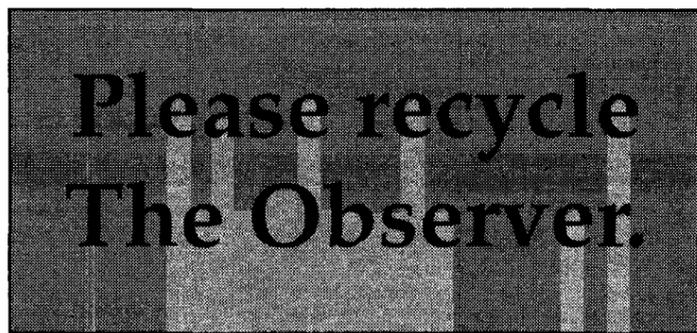
work in the College of Engineering, he serves as a concurrent professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

A fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), Burns also is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Materials Research Society and serves as vice president of the Mineralogical Association of Canada.

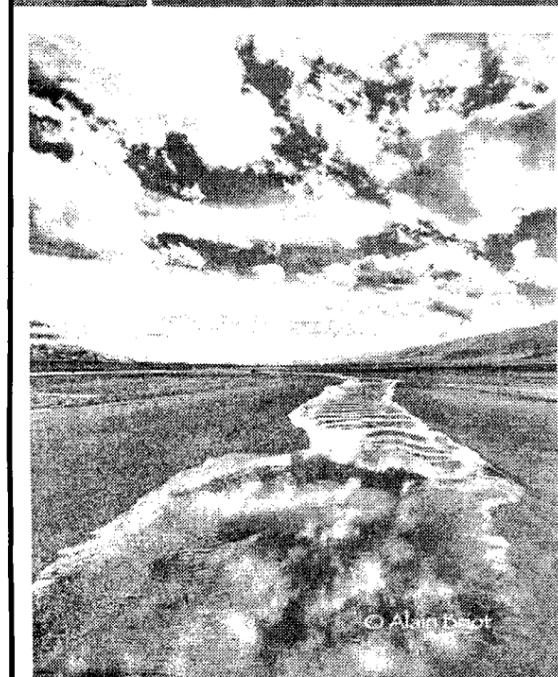
He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Winthrop Spencer Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Geological Sciences, the Hawley Medal and the Young Scientists Medal of the Mineralogical Association of Canada, the Mineralogical Society of America Award and the Donath Medal as the outstanding young scientist from the Geological Society of America.

Burns was graduated from the University of New Brunswick and earned his master's degree in geology from the University of Western Ontario and his doctorate in geology from the University of Manitoba.

The most cited author in the survey was the University of Manitoba's Frank C. Hawthorne, who was Burns' dissertation adviser.



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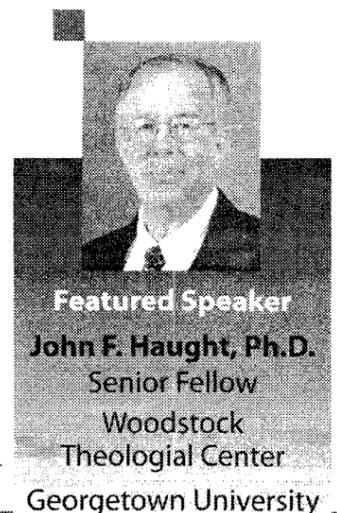
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Purdue

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Purdue tickets, SUB e-mailed students Sept. 24 to announce the sale of the remaining half at the LaFortune Box Office.

On Sept. 27, just two days before the game, SUB sent the student body a second e-mail, reminding them there were still Purdue tickets available for purchase.

Saturday's game at Purdue marks the biggest loss on unsold football tickets since a game at Navy a few years ago, when approximately 100 tickets weren't purchased, Ross said.

At a meeting of the Council of

Representatives on Sept. 11, Ross said SUB loses about \$1,000 on each ticket lottery and sale it holds — even when all tickets are sold — due to fees that must be paid to the box office and to Legends, which hosts the lotteries.

When not all of the tickets are sold, SUB's loss increases as it must absorb the difference between the cost of the total number of tickets allotted to students and the revenue the actual sales brought in.

For the Purdue game, 392 were allotted but only 334 were sold to students, Ross said.

SUB buys away tickets from the ticket office at face value and sells them to students for the same price. Tickets to the Purdue game

cost \$65 for students, while tickets for the Michigan game cost \$60.

Based on The Observer's calculations, SUB lost approximately \$3,770 more on the Purdue ticket lottery and sale than it does on a typical away-game ticket distribution, possibly bringing the total losses up to as much as \$5,000.

And with the team's continued losing streak, it is unclear how much students will choose to purchase tickets at future lotteries and travel to away games.

"We will continue to make every effort possible to provide as many tickets for the student away game lotteries."

Josh Berlo
Ticket Office director

Josh Berlo, the director of the Ticket Office, said the Irish's performance will not affect his office's efforts to make away

game tickets available to students, and he hopes they will continue to show their support to the team by purchasing them.

"We will continue to make every effort possible to provide as many tickets for the student away game lotteries," Berlo said.

SUB will host a lottery Friday for the rights to exchange student tickets for general admission tickets for the USC home game Oct. 20.

Ross said 750 students will be able to exchange their tickets after winning the lottery and paying the Athletic Ticket Office the \$31 difference between the cost of a student ticket and a general admission ticket.

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tioned to working for a congressman.

She spoke of the importance of feedback and community involvement in government.

"You are the government," she said. "It's your voice. You are the leader."

Students asked for advice about career goals in politics and social work.

"It's difficult when you answer a phone, and you really disagree with the person on the other line," she said.

The answer for that is to listen and pass on the person's opinion to their representative, she said.

She ended the discussion by telling her listeners how important it is for them to "be connected" with the community.

"All you have to do is step out of that little comfort zone," she said.

This was the first in a series of Leadership Luncheons — events which could occur as frequently as once every two weeks, said Sarita Fritzier, the event's organizer.

"The main goal for Leadership Luncheons is for students at Saint Mary's to interact with women in the community," Fritzier said.

The idea for the Leadership Luncheons originated this summer from discussions between

Fritzier and Bonnie Bazata, associate director of The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

The luncheons, which Fritzier called a "collaborative effort," are sponsored by CWIL and the Board of Governance.

"It's open to everyone, and if they have suggestions for who they want to see, just let us know," Fritzier said.

Other speakers will include Kathy Schneider of St. Margaret's House and Marchell Wesaw, a Potawatomi lawyer and Harvard graduate.

Bazata got the speakers by generating a list of women in the community that would provide insight to students and then found ways to connect them to the students, Fritzier said.

The guests, all women, are targeted to specific groups on campus, Fritzier said.

"The purpose is for students to understand different women from the South Bend community," she said.

Future lectures will focus on law, business and women's issues, she said. The main idea overall is social justice, "all of our themes are around that," she said.

The talks could also be valuable venues for students to network and obtain internships, Fritzier said.

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Social Events (OCSE).

Money raised at this year's event will benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, Hope Rescue Mission and La Casa de Amistad, among other local food pantries.

Saint Mary's has been sending students to the CROP walk for the last eight years, including 15 students in 2006, Call said.

The goal for this year, she said, was to send at least 20 students, but schedule conflicts made that figure unattainable. Call said the other benefit walk scheduled for this week — Thursday's Light the Night walk, will take place on

Saint Mary's campus. The event will raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Moreover, the College is also sending the "Belles Brigade" to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in downtown South Bend Saturday.

The option to attend the other walks might have contributed to this year's low attendance at the CROP walk, Call said.

"The number of students from Saint Mary's walking this year is low compared to previous years," Call said. "[Those other two walks are] pulling in many of the volunteers who might have done the CROP walk."

Other groups, however, were able to send larger delegations. St. Joseph's High School's Helping Other People Endure (H.O.P.E.) charity

organization sent a group of almost 100 students to the CROP walk, according to the South Bend Tribune.

To boost Saint Mary's participation in the event, the OCSE was hoping to increase the College's CROP donation to \$400, up from last year's \$350 contribution. Final figures weren't available, since donations for the event can still be made, said Jayne Fogle, director of the Educational Learning-Tree and CROP walk campus liaison.

"[The CROP walk's goal] this year is to earn \$5,000 over last year's total in order to receive a \$5,000 matching grant," Fogle said.

The walk raised more than \$32,000 last year, according to the Tribune.

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Braun, who is also responsible for running Senate meetings, asked, "Are you prepared to baby-sit me for one hour on Wednesday nights because my meetings are a train wreck?"

Smith said he was "so prepared."

He was less enthusiastic, however, about student government director of communications Will Kearney's suggestion "to use physical force to keep Maris and [student body president] Liz [Brown] in line."

"I don't know about phys-

ical force," Smith said.

Smith was approved to the position of Parliamentarian unanimously.

ACE speaker

Christopher Broughton, an on-campus recruiter for the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), spoke at the COR meeting to promote applications for the program, which places graduates in under-resourced Catholic schools for a two-year period as teachers.

Broughton also urged COR members to promote ACE's service trip over winter break to New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss, to work with two schools affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Both schools will be in session during the Jan. 7-13 trip. Applications are available online at ace.nd.edu and are due Oct. 19, he said. The trip is open to all students.

Fresh faces

Approximately 12 freshmen applied for Senate committees this fall, according to student body chief executive assistant Sheena Plamoottil.

Around 50 freshmen attended the "Student Government 101" recruiting session. COR members were impressed with these numbers.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Korean leaders meet for rare summit

SEOUL, South Korea — The first summit between the divided Koreas in seven years opened Tuesday to rapturous cheers from hundreds of thousands of North Koreans, but their leader gave the visiting South Korean president a chillier reception.

The words "I'm glad to meet you" were apparently the only ones North Korean leader Kim Jong Il uttered to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun during their first encounter in the North's capital Pyongyang — a 12-minute welcoming ceremony to launch the three-day summit. The two did not have substantive talks.

This week's summit is only the second time leaders of the North and South have met since the Korean peninsula was divided after World War II.

Brown to reduce British troops in Iraq

BASRA, Iraq — Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced Tuesday that he was slashing the remaining British contingent in Iraq by nearly 20 percent. A beleaguered Iraqi leader said his own forces would be ready to take up the slack in the country's oil-rich southernmost province in two months.

Brown's one-day, unannounced swing through Iraq comes as U.S. military officials are concerned that the reduced British presence in the south could open security gaps along key supply and transit routes to Kuwait.

The roadways are a vital lifeline for U.S. forces. And everything that the Americans can't fly out of the country when they eventually leave must make the long and potentially dangerous road journey to Kuwait through Basra province.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion traps five dam workers

GEORGETOWN, Colo. — A chemical explosion and fire at a hydroelectric generating plant outside this mountain town trapped five workers in a water tunnel about 1,000 feet below ground.

All five were alive and were communicating with rescuers, Clear Creek County Emergency Director Kathleen Gaubatz said.

It was not clear whether the workers were hurt. Crews were rappelling down a 55-degree incline to reach the them.

Gaubatz said epoxy paint had exploded but the structural integrity of the dam was not compromised.

The Cabin Creek Station plant, owned by Xcel Energy, is about 30 miles west of Denver.

Mother charged for child drownings

CLEVELAND — A woman on Tuesday was charged in the bathtub drowning deaths of her two young daughters, and was being held in jail on suicide watch.

City prosecutors filed two counts of aggravated murder against Amber Hill, 22, after a coroner ruled the deaths of the girls, ages 4 and 2, were homicides.

Hill had no documented history of neglecting the girls, but had herself been the victim of abuse by their father, Jamie Cintron, according to authorities and court records.

LOCAL NEWS

Lab tech accused of biting patient

INDIANAPOLIS — A former lab technician faces a battery charge after she was accused of biting a 3-year-old boy's shoulder during a blood test.

Anne McGlorthon, 53, of Indianapolis could face six months to three years in prison if she's convicted.

The boy's mother, Faith Buntin, said she took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis on Sept. 21 because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said the worker later identified as McGlorthon put her mouth on Victor's shoulder while restraining him so another lab worker could draw the blood.

Wildfires growing more intense, aggressive

Firefighters say they are less likely to risk their lives saving unprotected homes from fires

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Fueled by drought and development, wildfires in the West are getting bigger and more aggressive, creating conditions so dangerous that fire bosses are increasingly reluctant to risk lives saving houses — particularly if the owners have done nothing to protect their property.

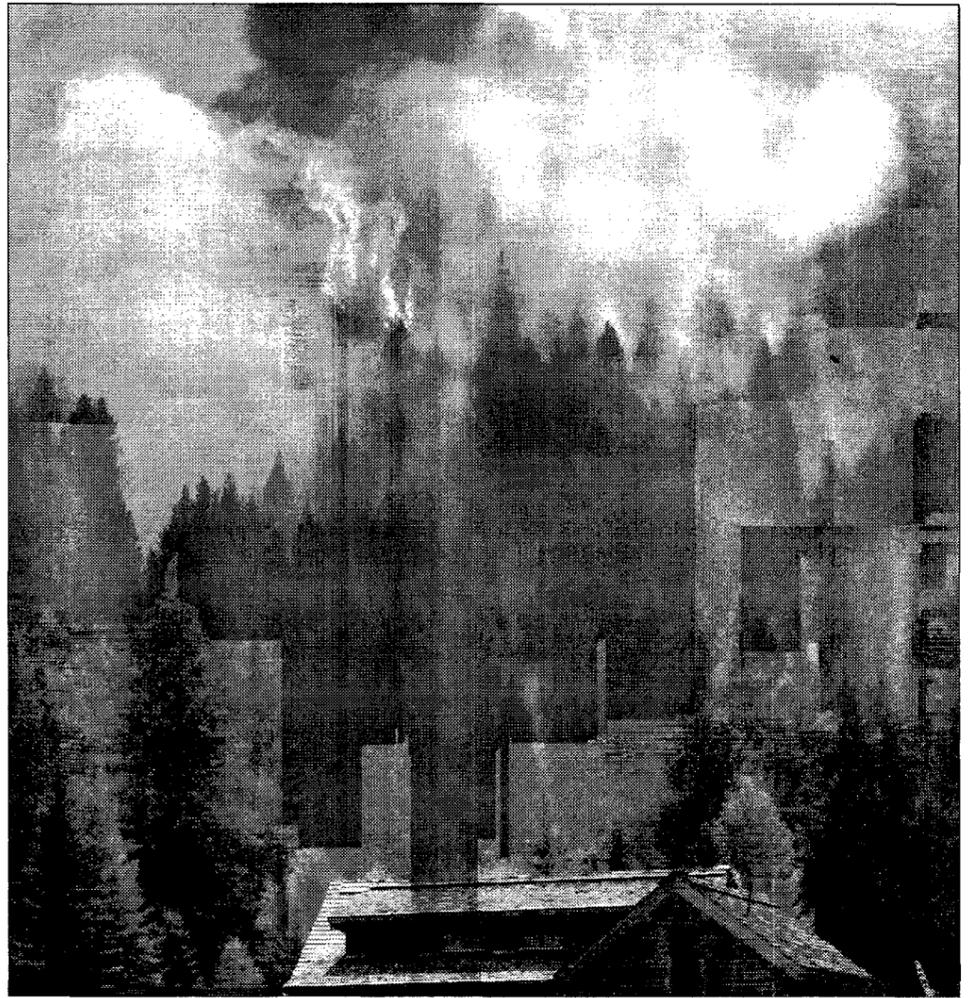
From Southern California to Montana, seven firefighters have died this year battling blazes that have destroyed more than 400 houses, a dramatic increase from last year.

The firefighters' job has been made more hazardous by an onslaught of houses and vacation cabins being built across the rugged West — some of them inside national forests. An estimated 8.6 million houses have been built within 30 miles of a national forest since 1982.

"There's the frustration of knowing these people aren't taking care of their home, and why do we have to do it?" said John Watson, a Fairfield, Mont., firefighting contractor who uses a 750-gallon fire engine to protect remote houses. "I've asked them, 'Do you understand the danger?' There isn't a whole lot that needs to be done to mitigate the threat, but they won't do it. They say: 'I'd rather have my cabin burn down with the trees than have you cut some down.'"

Fire commanders say they are more likely to walk away from houses without a buffer zone, which can be as simple as raking debris from around a house and leaving a bed of gravel at the foundation, or putting metal roofs on their homes instead of flammable wood shakes.

Until recently, firefighters "saluted and went out and did it," said Don



A fire burns near a home in the Warm Springs area of Ketchum, Idaho, August 30. Fire crews are becoming more reluctant to save homes as fires become more aggressive.

Smurthwaite, a U.S. Bureau of Land Management spokesman and former firefighter. Now, "we will not ask a fire crew in a dangerous fire to defend a structure that has not taken precautionary steps. That's definitely a change."

Wildfires have always naturally swept the landscape, but scientists say they are becoming more catastrophic. There is little dispute that the wildfires are being fueled by a hotter weather, a years-long drought, the spread of weeds that burn like oily rags and the buildup of forest debris from decades in which fires were routinely suppressed.

"We at least seem to be having larger and more intense fires," said U.S. Forest Service fire researcher Jack Cohen in Missoula, Mont.

So far this year, wildfires have consumed 8.2 million acres nationwide, an area larger than Maryland, and most of it in the West, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. That figure is fast approaching last year's record of 9.9 million acres, and the fire season can last through November in many parts of the West, particularly in fire-prone Southern California.

By Sept. 26, wildfires had destroyed 409 houses across the West, more

than 1 1/2 times last year's total of 263, federal statistics show. California, as usual, has the biggest toll, with 338 houses burned so far this year.

From the West Coast to a few Plains states, 26 million houses — 40 percent of the housing stock — are in forests or perched on the edge of flammable wildlands, according to Volker C. Radeloff, a professor of forest ecology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"There's more at stake," Radeloff said. "Everybody loves to live close to the wildlands and the houses are getting dispersed, making them harder to defend."

AFGHANISTAN

Suicide bombing kills 12 on Kabul bus

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber boarded a police bus just after a woman and her two children got on, setting off a blast Tuesday that blew the roof off the bus and killed at least 12 people, including several children, officials and witnesses said.

The explosion — the second such attack in Kabul in four days — came at a bus stop serving civilians and police.

Ahmad Saqi, a 20-year-old mechanic, said he helped put seven people in vehicles for runs to the hospital, and that several of those people had no legs. He said he saw at least four dead

children.

"One woman was holding a baby in her arms, and they were both killed," Saqi said. "Half of the woman's face was blown off."

At least 12 people were killed, said Ahmad Zia Aftali, chief of Kabul's military hospital.

One witness told Afghan investigators he thinks a man wearing a pakul — an Afghan hat commonly worn in the country's north — and a shawl around the upper half of his body called a chador set off the explosion.

Amin Gul said he first saw several police board the bus, followed by the bomber.

"When the bus came, an old man

entered the bus, then a woman with two children, then the guy wearing the chador entered, and then a big boom," said Gul.

The seats in the front of the bus were covered in blood and small body parts, and a reporter at the scene said he thought there would be few survivors among people sitting there.

Several people waiting at the bus stop suspected the bomber of having explosives because he let one police bus go by without boarding it, said Saqi and another shop owner, Ajmal Khan.

Tuesday's explosion is the third attack in four months against police or army buses.

Enterprise

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the marketplace," Buckenmeyer said. "It's a real world test bed for students."

The competition's judges are not professors or University administrators but rather outside businessmen who volunteer their time to the Center through the IrishAngels network.

The network brings together Notre Dame alumni who have entrepreneurial experience and share the Center's educational mission of fostering entrepreneurship in students through education and teamwork.

"It is through IrishAngels that we are able to find the speakers that come to campus throughout the year to teach the students how to put together a business plan," Buckenmeyer said. "And they review every single business plan that gets produced in this competition."

He said by putting the students' work in the hands of IrishAngels judges rather than professors, the Center is drawing a clear line between the classroom and the real marketplace.

"The people that look at the business plan aren't grading grammar. They are looking at them from a pure, real-world business perspective and saying 'Would this thing sell?' And that's really the value of the competition," Buckenmeyer said. "Students will know the marketplace value of their invention or their venture."

Last year, approximately 80 teams entered the competition with nothing but an idea and a general proposal to realize it. About 40 teams made it to the next round, where they actually had to produce a full-length business plan.

And the Gigot Center walked the different teams through this process.

With training sessions and workshops spread throughout the academic year, the Center teaches students how to prepare each section of their business plans, from recognizing a good idea to understanding the target customer to locating funding for the project.

Besides IrishAngels, the NASDAQ Educational Foundation and PaloAlto Software help the Gigot Center prepare the teams for the final round of the competition, where they will pitch their venture to a panel of seasoned entrepreneurs.

Each team working on a business plan, Buckenmeyer said, will be partnered with a mentor from the IrishAngels network that will contribute his professional expertise to the project.

"One of the teams from several years ago continued to work with its mentor from the business plan competition even after winning it. Their mentor helped them launch the business, and the team actually hired its mentor as the company's CEO," Buckenmeyer said.

That company, Better World Books, is now an established social enterprise that collects used books and resells them to collect money for under-resourced literacy programs.

"They are one of the top book sellers in the Internet right now, shipping out about 7,000 books every day," he said.

And Better World Books isn't the only success story that has come out of the Gigot business plan competition.

One of last year's finalist teams will get on-air time during NBC's broadcast of the USC game as the Notre Dame "What would you fight for?" commercial will feature its invention, a patented

device that helps blind competitive swimmers know when they are reaching the pool's walls.

Annie Sawicki, a swimming coach at the Joyce Center, said she wanted to find a way to help blind swimmers work their way back and forth across the pool's lanes without depending on a sighted counterpart to tell them when they're approaching the edge.

The project, now called Adapt Tap, has already garnered the attention of ABC, ESPN and NBC Sports.

"I truly feel that NBC Sports captured what we continue to try to do, which is fight against all odds to help our fellow [blind] students out here at Notre Dame as they were very challenged in our facilities," Sawicki said.

Blind Notre Dame students James Fetter and Ashley Nashleanas, as well as other students and professors, helped Sawicki develop the business plan for the Gigot competition, an experience she remembers fondly.

"Every step we were given more mentors and Irish Angels. Everyone had more points and more was developed," she said.

Adapt Tap is currently seeking funding to test its three prototypes with 20 subjects across the Midwest. Sawicki said she hopes the product will be ready for launch before the 2008 Olympics kick off.

And Sawicki's entrepreneurial venture isn't the only one helping make lives better.

One of last year's winning business plans, PFNC — which stands for "Por Fin, Nuestra Casa" (Spanish for "Finally, a home of our own") — sought to improve the living arrangements of Latin American immigrants in the areas around Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

"We have seen the poverty that these people live in, and have always wanted to find a way to help," said senior Pablo Nava, one of the members of the PFNC team.

PFNC approaches established corporations in the Juarez/El Paso areas and works with them to build affordable housing for immigrants using abandoned shipping and trucking containers from across the nation.

A year after winning one of the competition's two top prizes, Nava and his team members are still developing PFNC, using many of the contacts he made during his run with the IrishAngels.

"The [Gigot] competition was a lot of hard work, a lot of late nights, and absolutely worth every last second," he said. "It forced us to answer many difficult questions that we had not considered, and it forced us to put on paper what we had in our heads. It was also great to have such established business people evaluating our idea, from across the nation, and offering very valuable input."

Besides PFNC, the other winning team last year was Solar Shade, a team that impressed the judges with its high-end invention.

Senior Will McLeod says he came up with the idea in physics class, while he was learning about polarizers.

"I had heard of a product called 'Smart Windows' that tints from clear to black on command, and I thought, 'I know how they do that,' but then I looked it up, and it turns out they did it an entirely different way," McLeod said.

And in that way, he and his teammates wrote a business plan around their own "Smart Window."

"SolarShade, now called Lono LLC, just got a grant to help develop our technology to a more manufacturable product," he said. "We are in talks with a Nanotech firm to start making a first round product, and we're pushing ahead with the long slow patent process."

But though there's still work to be done, McLeod says he's proud

of his team's product, which can tint from nearly completely clear to mirrored. They hope to sell licenses to skylight and RV window manufacturers, which may be interested in the product.

He said he met RV manufacturers through the Gigot Center, and he encouraged students to take advantage of their services, "even if you don't know anything about business."

"If you have the patience to seek out the help — and they put it right there in front of you in this program — you can do it," McLeod said. "Look at us [engineers]. We beat MBA's, Ph.D's and grad students."

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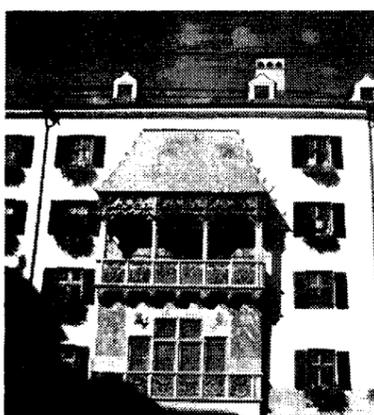
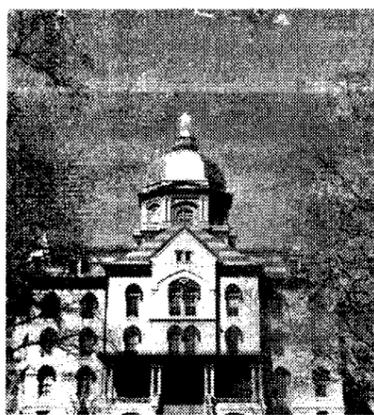


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IN BRIEF

Stocks mixed following Monday rally

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended mixed Tuesday, selling off large companies' stocks but buying up those of smaller companies as investors cashed in gains from Monday's big rally and poked around for new bargains.

It was a somewhat unusual day of trading — normally, the major stock indexes closely track one another, but Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrials closed with a moderate loss while the Nasdaq composite index had a moderate gain. Given the market's quick, sharp rebound from August's credit market squeeze and stock selloff, it was to be expected that investors would pause to adjust their portfolios as the fourth quarter gets under way.

Wall Street was only slightly fazed by the National Association of Realtors' report Tuesday that its seasonally adjusted index of pending sales for existing homes fell 6.5 percent in August from July and 21.5 percent from a year ago. The data suggest sales of existing homes will probably keep declining in the coming months — bad news for the economy, but good news for those hoping for another interest rate cut.

Buyout offer reduced for student lender

WASHINGTON — After a group of investors reduced its cash offer for Sallie Mae by 17 percent on Tuesday, the nation's largest student lender insisted that the buyers honor their original \$25 billion deal.

The investor group, which is led by private equity firm J.C. Flowers & Co. and includes Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase, said the student-loan legislation signed into law by President Bush, and weaker economic conditions, made the \$60-a-share price negotiated in April unacceptable.

The group sent its revised offer to the board of the company, formally called SLM Corp., saying that \$50 a share now "appropriately and fairly reflects the new economic and legislative environment that faces the company."

Under the new offer, which is worth about \$21 billion in cash, Sallie Mae has the potential to receive an additional payment of more than \$7 a share if the company performs on track with its own projections. It could receive an extra \$10 a share if the company exceeds those expectations.

Record companies attack file sharing

Capital, Warner Bros., Sony BMG begin first civil copyright claims trial against Minnesota woman

Associated Press

DULUTH, Minn. — The nation's largest record companies took their fight against illegal downloads to court for the first time Tuesday, targeting a Minnesota woman they say improperly shared nearly 2,000 songs online.

Jennifer Pariser, head of litigation and antipiracy at Sony BMG, portrayed the federal copyright trial as a fight for survival.

"It is imperative for Sony BMG to combat this problem," Pariser, lead attorney for a coalition of music companies, said in her opening statement in the civil trial. "If we don't, we have no business anymore."

Jammie Thomas, a 30-year-old mother of two from Brainerd, Minn., told reporters outside the courtroom that she was "innocent."

Thomas said that instead of paying a settlement to the record companies she had spent the same amount on her attorney's retainer.

"I refuse to be bullied," she said.

The trial was expected to last just a few days.

Record companies including Capitol Records Inc. and Warner Bros. Records Inc. as well as Sony BMG, accuse Thomas of making 1,702 songs available on her Kazaa file-sharing account in 2005 without permission. In court, they will try to prove Thomas shared 25 specific songs in violation of copyrights the companies hold.

Thomas's computer hard drive will be a key to the case. She says she replaced it after she had some computer problems in 2005. The record companies say she was trying to cover her tracks after they sent her messages saying she was illegally distributing their



Jammie Thomas, a 30-year-old mother of two, speaks to reporters with her lawyer after record labels accused her of sharing music files illegally.

files.

Thomas, who works for the Department of Natural Resources of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, is at risk for a judgment of more than \$1.2 million. The recording association is seeking damages set under federal law, of \$750 to \$30,000 for each copyright violation.

A recording industry group says record companies have brought more than 26,000 actions against people for downloads that violated copyrights, with most of the defendants settling by paying a few thousand dollars.

The record companies claim that on Feb. 21, 2005, online investigators at SafeNet Inc., found 1,702 files shared under what they said was a Kazaa account being used by Thomas. The songs included Swedish death metal band Opeth, German industrial group VNV Nation and American rock band Chevelle.

"This individual was distributing these audio files for free over the Internet under the username 'tereastarr@KaZaA' to potentially millions of other KaZaA users," according to court

papers. Music downloads, both legal and illegal, have dampened sales of recorded music in recent years. In 2001, the industry persuaded a federal judge to shut down Napster, which made copyrighted music available on its own computers. Since Napster reopened, it has charged users for music.

The file-sharing programs that emerged to take Napster's place point users to files available on a variety of computers and servers, instead of leading to files in a single location.

Ford auto sales plummet in September

Associated Press

DETROIT — Weakness in the housing market and flagging consumer confidence made September another tough month for the auto industry, although General Motors, Honda and Nissan bucked the trend with hot-selling new vehicles, according to U.S. sales figures released Tuesday.

Ford Motor Co.'s U.S. sales plummeted 21 percent for the month, largely due to a 62 percent reduction in sales to rental car companies. Toyota Motor Corp. posted a 4 percent decline but still outpaced Ford for the month and for the January-September period, continuing its drive to replace Ford as the nation's No. 2 automaker in sales after GM. Toyota had sold 28,654 more vehicles than Ford as of the end of September. Chrysler LLC also was down 5 percent for the month.

Overall U.S. sales were down 3 percent from last September, according to Autodata Corp.

General Motors Corp. said sales were flat compared with last September, despite a month of difficult labor negotiations and a two-day strike by the United Auto Workers union. GM produced 30,000 fewer vehicles because of the strike, but the walkout had no impact on sales and GM's production schedule is unchanged, said GM's top sales analyst, Paul Ballew.

Ballew said the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut in the middle of September didn't have an immediate impact on sales but helped calm the market and ensure that the tightening mortgage market won't affect automotive credit.

"For us as an industry, we support and applaud the Fed's move because we cannot have the spillover effects

into other categories," Ballew said.

Still, he said high energy prices and a slump in important markets like California and Florida will continue to hurt the industry through the fourth quarter.

Erich Merkle, vice president of auto industry forecasting for consulting company IRN Inc. in Grand Rapids, said it will take months for the rate cut to trickle down to average consumers.

"These are pretty weak numbers and this is indicative of the overall weakness we've seen in the economy," Merkle said.

GM's car sales were down 4 percent while truck sales were up 4 percent on the strength of the Chevrolet Silverado and other new pickups. GM also got a boost from new crossovers like the Buick Enclave and the new Cadillac CTS sedan, which posted a 73 percent sales increase for the month.

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Iraq needs decentralized government

Even Ray Charles could probably see that the violence in Iraq has reached epic proportions. Barely a day goes by without multiple reports of bombings in crowded places, rocket attacks on mosques, abductions and disappearances of Iraqi civilians and general mayhem.

Mark Poyar

Actual
Common Sense

Estimates of Iraqi civilian deaths due to violence since 2003 range anywhere from 50,000 to the hundreds of thousands. According to a poll conducted by the Opinion Research Business in 2007, one out of four Iraqis has had a family member murdered. In Baghdad where the U.S. presence is the most concentrated, one in four said they had a family member kidnapped and one in three said a family member has fled abroad. Iraq is hardly peaceful.

While people can and should argue about the wisdom and justification of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, the fact remains that the U.S. is there and Iraq is truly a war-torn country. This is a fact and no amount of complaining that the U.S. should not be in Iraq in the first place will change it. Consequently, the U.S. should be asking what it can do to help decrease the bloodshed. Particularly, it should focus on what type of government for Iraq is most likely to stem the violence. To do so, we must first look at what motivates the violence in the first place.

Iraq is a large and diverse country. As of 2006, Iraq had a population of nearly 27 million people. Ethnically, Arabs make up about 75 percent of the population, Kurds make up about 15 percent and Assyrians, Iraqi Turkmen and others make up the remaining five percent. Nearly all of Iraq (97 percent) is Muslim. Of those, just over 60 percent are Shi'ite and fewer than 40 percent are Sunni. These religious denominations are also associated with different ethnicities which make the matter even more complicated. Shi'ites are comprised mostly of Arabs, Turkmen

and Farsi Kurds, while Sunnis are also composed of Arabs, Turkmen, and Shafi school Kurds.

From an American perspective, what is particularly confusing is that much of the violence in Iraq isn't a result of conflicts between American troops and those opposed to their presence; most of the violence is due to infighting between different Iraqi factions, whether religious or ethnic. It seems odd at first that citizens of the same country who have lived alongside each other for so many years would start to attack each other, but a few quick facts about the relations between the groups explains much of it.

Saddam Hussein and his ruling Baath Party heavily favored the Sunnis at the expense of the Shi'ites and Kurds, even though the Sunnis made up at most 40 percent of the population. He gave Sunnis high positions in his government and kept the Sunni minority firmly in power, especially economically. Consequently, many Sunnis hailed Hussein as their leader and those not in power (the Shi'ite and Kurds) resented those in power (the Sunnis). In addition, Hussein had a well-publicized tendency to "crack down" on Shi'ite and Kurdish dissidents. In 1988, for example, Saddam began a campaign to exterminate the Kurdish people living in Northern Iraq, killing between 50,000 and 100,000. Just after the Gulf War, he killed between 60,000 and 130,000 rebellious Shi'ites. Incidents such as these caused tension between the factions in Iraq and are now overflowing in the form of violence between different sects. In particular, the formerly-oppressed Shi'ites blame the Sunnis for decades of oppression. They are fighting for control of the newly created government.

As Charles Rice pointed out last week ("Assyrian suffering overlooked in Iraq," Sept. 26), the U.S. government is trying to force all the factions under the same powerful central democratic government rather than allow the sep-

arate groups to govern themselves. The problem is that in a democracy where the central government is powerful, the majority frequently tramples on the rights of the minority. As Rice showed, those now in power are abusing the Assyrians because the Assyrians don't have the numbers to do anything about it. Giving the majority (the Shi'ites) the power through the central government over the rest of the population, (i.e. the Sunnis) when the Shi'ites want revenge for their oppression at the hands of the Sunnis, is a recipe for disaster. Such a policy will only lead to further violence and conflict between groups.

The solution is to create a republic like the one that the Constitution created: a federalist system of government. Nearly all of the power remained at the state level, rather than the federal level. The federal government's powers were limited and defined.

Consequently, the states were able to govern themselves largely without interference. Power resided at the local level — Americans not living in Virginia held virtually no power over those living in Virginia. In Iraq, because most local populations are of the same ethnicity or religion, each community would be mostly free to govern itself without interference from the majority via the central government. Sunnis would govern Sunnis at the local level, Shi'ites would govern Shi'ites, Kurds would govern Kurds. Shi'ites would have very little power over Sunnis. If each faction has little power over the other factions, there is little incentive to continue the fighting. A federalist system worked for the US and can work for Iraq.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Denunciation of beauty standards ill-founded

I was initially heartened to read Greg Yatrola's column ("Anorexia and the devil," Oct. 2) decrying the pernicious beauty standards our popular culture foists upon women. But I have to disagree profoundly with the basis he gives for his denunciations.

While Yatrola does point out the harm these standards do to women, this is not the central complaint of his piece. Rather, the real problem he sees with beauty standards is that they're not his standards. Rather than judging women by how well they live up to the standards set by Maxim and Cosmo, he believes we

should be judging women by how well they live up to the standards set by Greg Yatrola.

It's true that Yatrola does not say this in so many words. He pretends to be speaking for (straight) "men generally" and a simplistic, biologically deterministic account of attraction. But women's bodies do not belong to men, whether those bodies are to be admired as attractive objects from afar, used for sex or used for procreation. Women's bodies belong to women, and it's up to women to decide what they will do with their bodies.

Yatrola is no more entitled to decide

the standards by which women are to be judged than are the editors of Maxim and Cosmo. Standards of beauty — any standards of beauty, whether those of Maxim or those of Greg Yatrola — used to discriminate between acceptable and unacceptable women are objectifying and pernicious. The only terms on which a woman's body should be judged are her own.

Dan Hicks
graduate student
off campus
Oct. 2

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To find a fault is easy; to do better
may be difficult."

Plutarch
Greek biographer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disputing facts about the Irish language

Irish language holds strong

In her letter to the editor ("Irish language a relic of the past," Oct. 1), Sara Falvey claims that the Irish Language is spoken by few and is a "relic." Recently, I travelled to Ireland and spent several days on an island, Inis Oirr, where the working language was clearly Irish. The island's name is always spelled the Irish way (except in tourist information, for ease of pronunciation by those unfamiliar with the language), and most signs — not just road signs, but also commemorative markers — are as well. The mass I attended was entirely in Irish.

Additionally, I encountered a large group of children from other parts of the country who were sent there to get immersed in the language. Perhaps in parts of Ireland English is the dominant language, but in other areas, Irish holds strong, and there are efforts underway to spread its use.

Jackson Bangs
 freshman
 Stanford Hall
 Oct. 1

Misinformation about Irish language insulting

As two young members of the substantial Irish speaking community living and working on the Notre Dame campus, we have been left with no choice but to take issue with Sarah Falvey's letter ("Irish language a relic of the past," Oct. 1). She must first be congratulated on having succeeded in fitting such a vast amount of misinformation into such a short piece.

Her theory that Irish language signposts are some sort of stunt promoting cultural tourism is ridiculous. All road signage in Irish-speaking areas is in Irish alone, a fact which serves to confuse tourists rather than entertain them. Outside of the Irish-speaking areas, they are in both Irish and English.

The amount of Irish medium schools is increasing all the time. Parents and students are voting with their feet and as a result Gaelscoileanna (Irish medium education) cannot cope, such is the demand for places in Irish medium schools.

With regard to learning Irish being akin to learning any other foreign language taught in schools; each child begins learning Irish in their first year of school and continues to do so throughout primary and secondary level. This is not an option, this is compulsory. Irish is treated the same in schools as the other official language of the state, English. Both are academic subjects. Other foreign languages need not be taught until students reach high school.

Flavey poses the question, "Who's left to resurrect the Irish

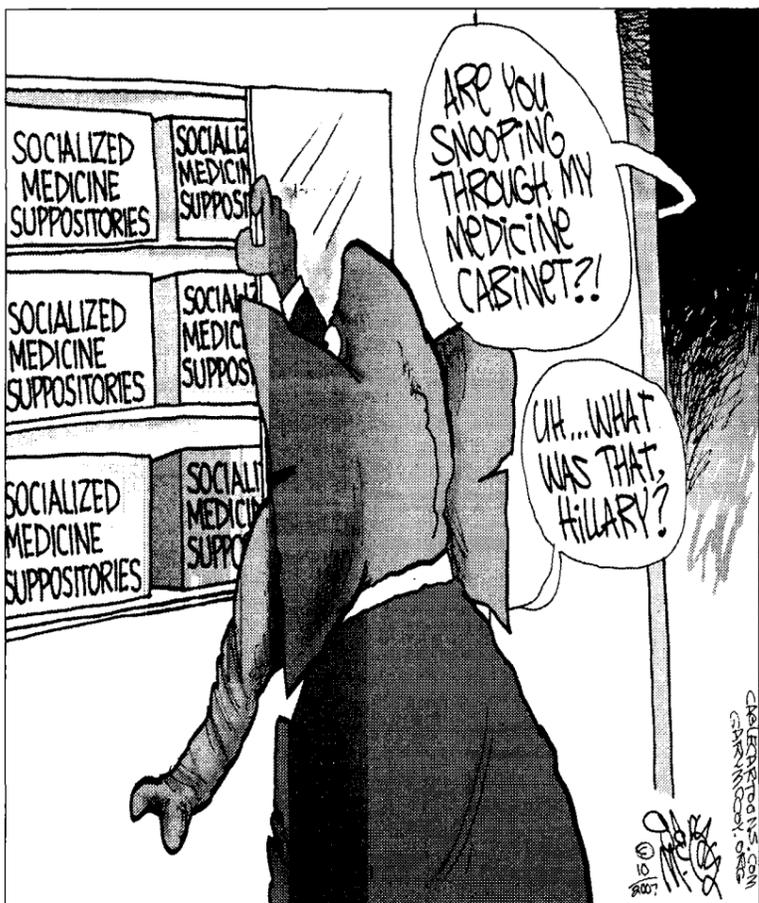
language?" This implication that the language is dead and in need of resurrection is simply not true and, quite frankly, it is personally insulting. Any aspect of modern life can be discussed and enjoyed through Irish. There is an Irish language version of "South Park" currently in the making and the language is easily spotted on web sites like Facebook and Bebo. These would not typically be seen by sociolinguists as characteristics of a "relic of the past."

We now wish to lay this matter to rest once and for all. Irish is not, nor will she be, dying any time soon. For us to be relegated to the ranks of linguistic antiquity by anyone whose knowledge of Irish life or culture is based on a semester spent living with three Irish girls in Dublin is unacceptable. For anyone to presume to have gained an understanding of Ireland's complex linguistic make-up after such a limited ephemeral fling with Joycean fly-by nets is, putting it quite simply, taking the proverbial piss.

In light of the recent ignorance shown by some of Notre Dame's students in relation to language matters in general, perhaps the University might consider instigating a program in socio-linguistics.

Muireann Ni Bheaglaioich
 Peadar O Muircheartaigh
 graduate students
 off campus
 Oct. 2

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Deportation not solution for ex-Nazi

For an elite task force of Nazi-hunters, World War II refuses to die. Since 1979 the "Office of Special Investigation" has stripped U.S. citizenship from 108 ex-Nazis, and now, it can claim one more. Paul Henss, an 85-year-old man from Atlanta, Ga., will be deported and sent to face charges in Germany for his role in the Holocaust. But for anyone watching the case closely, it is clear that time spent hunting dying Nazis like Henss could be put to more constructive purposes.

As a young man, Paul Henss joined the Hitler Youth in 1934 and later volunteered to fight in the Waffen SS, Germany's elite combat organization. He fought in battles with the most infamous, decorated German division of the war, the first SS Panzer Division. On leave from his division, Henss spent two months patrolling the outer fences of Dachau and Buchenwald with a guard dog. Today, it's those two months that make Paul Henss a wanted man.

Before we rush to deport a senior citizen for his role in one of history's greatest atrocities, let's be clear about exactly what he did. Dachau and Buchenwald were concentration camps — not extermination camps — where prisoners were exploited for slave labor. As an exterior guard, Henss had little contact with victims, especially since his leave from

the front lasted only two months. If he were a high-ranking officer or a camp commandant, his deportation would be much deserved, but this is not the case.

For those who disagree and believe Henss is just as culpable as a high-ranking officer, the question remains — what would deportation actually achieve? While any level of involvement in the Holocaust is appalling, deportation is not the best way to punish Henss. No matter how minor his role may have been, he did lie about his two month duty in order to enter the U.S. in 1955. Instead of deportation, which achieves nothing, Henss should be required to travel to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., at his own expense, to host a public lecture on his role in the Holocaust. This kind of event not only forces Henss to confront his past, but also offers the opportunity for others to hear how a perpetrator of history's most infamous atrocity fell under the spell of a twisted, murderous ideology.

No one is asking Nazi-hunters to stop hunting aging Nazis in hiding, but we do need to start demanding more constructive solutions.

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Liberal radio limited by low popularity

After reading Andrea Laidman's "Hosting Ignorance," (Oct. 1), I came away fairly certain that Laidman is ignorant of how the free market really works. She claims conservative talk radio dominates the airwaves, quoting figures from the Center for American Progress. Having never heard of this group, I decided to do some research on them.

I found out that I actually agree wholeheartedly with a statement of their "About Us" section that seems to apply to this debate. They say, "As progressives we believe that America should be a country of boundless opportunity — where all people can better themselves through education, hard work, and the freedom to pursue their dreams."

Freedom, though, seems to be what Laidman finds as the problem in the U.S. radio market. She claims that the conservative leanings of widely syndicated radio hosts are due to "structural imbalances and not popular demand." She also later quotes the Center saying that "the relaxation of ownership rules have tipped the scales against localism." So here we have a situation where freedom is not what we want — apparently allowing more free choice somehow "tips the scales."

Corporations, including those in radio, are driven by profits. In radio, that means advertising dollars, and advertising revenue is driven by ratings. Ultimately, it is the listeners who decide what they listen to, and apparently they like listening to the content on the air,

because Laidman says that "90 percent of Americans age 12 or over tune into radio programs each week." Laidman says that "Radio outlets like NPR demonstrate that longer stories can facilitate in-depth discussion of controversial issues through thoughtful, well-reasoned arguments, inquiry and interviews."

If NPR is what people want to listen to, what is really in "popular demand," then why don't they dominate the ratings? It is on the air — it's just that there is not much demand for this kind programming. Air America Radio, a group that also describes itself as "progressive," was founded in March 2004 to provide an avenue for left wing radio. In our free market, they were allowed to do this. They were also allowed to file

for Chapter 11 bankruptcy a little more than 30 months later, because they had few listeners and no money.

Laidman seems to believe that access to radio outlets is what limits liberal radio — this has been proven to be inaccurate by the lack of success of NPR and Air America. Americans have shown that we do not want to listen to left wing radio. I am glad that we are free to listen to whatever we want. I find it ironic that many "progressives," who claim to be champions of free speech, selectively back this freedom when they agree with what is said.

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 Oct. 1

HALO 3

FINISHES THE

REVIEW: HALO 3 FINISHES THE FIGHT

By DAMON JASON
Scene Writer

Halo 3's single player campaign starts where its predecessor left off. Master Chief is pursuing the Prophet of Truth to stop him from activating the "sacred rings," which would destroy everything in the universe.

Many fans were disappointed with this cliffhanger ending of Halo 2, as well as the repetitive level design, and Bungie's decision to have Master Chief's story take a backseat to what was happening within the internal ranks of the Covenant. All of these issues are addressed this time around, and make for a very solid and engrossing campaign.

If Halo 3's single player campaign can be faulted for anything it would be for being too short. The single player mode is only nine levels and lasts a little more than 10 hours on the normal difficulty. Veteran Halo players should play the campaign on a harder difficulty, because the default difficulty is simply too easy.

This is not to say the campaign is not fun. While there are certain sections of the game where backtracking is necessary, this is kept to a minimum. The action is solely on Master Chief and his marines. From the start of the game, the action picks up almost instantaneously. The single player campaign is so engrossing that it is very hard to put the controller down once you start.

Tired of playing alone? You can play through any of the nine campaign levels via system link or over Xbox Live. This adds a level of replay that was not available on previous iterations of the game.

The final chapter of the Halo trilogy has benefited from the added graphical prowess of the Xbox 360. Everything is beautifully done. All of the in-game environments look simply amazing, and the attention to detail deserves much praise. Surfaces such as the armor of certain

vehicles show reflections in real time. The water physics are simply beautiful – the developers even took refraction into account.

The multiplayer has essentially carried this title since it was released. In the past, there have been many issues with weapon balance, ranging from certain weapons being too powerful to every map having a limited number of "power weapons." Everything has been tweaked to make for a much more balanced multiplayer game.

Speaking of weapons, Bungie has created quite a few new additions. Of these new weapons, the Spiker is probably the most balanced.

A surefire soon-to-be favorite is the Gravity Hammer, which is essentially a large hammer that can take vehicles out of commission, so you can imagine what it can do to your opponents. There are even some tweaks to old weapons. It's no longer embarrassing to die at the hands of a Needler because its damage has been upped significantly.

The multiplayer maps are just plain fun. There are 11 maps right now, but there will be more offered later as downloadable content. Bungie has attempted to make sure that these maps never get old by offering a sort of map editor, called Forge. While you can't alter the actual layout of the maps, you can change the location of vehicles, weapons, spawn point and others.

The multiplayer for Halo 3 is so good that it will keep players occupied until Bungie's next project. Many players will enjoy the new Saved Films mode, which allows you to save replays of your favorite in game moments. While this has been popular in sports titles for some time, it's relatively new for console shooters.

Microsoft has also added a mode called File Share, in which you can upload your favorite videos to Xbox Live to share with the world. By default, everyone is given 25 MB of space, although you can purchase more space if desired.

Bungie could have shipped Halo 3 with just the multiplayer mode and the game would still have been impressive. Considering that you get the superb multiplayer, the excellent single player campaign and a bevy of other features, Halo 3 is easily the most solid and complete game available for any console on the market today.

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FOLLOW THE STORY SO FAR

By DAMON JASON
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The first game of Microsoft's immensely popular trilogy is called Halo: Combat Evolved. The premise of the game is this: the human race has been in a decades long battle with the Covenant, which is a collective group of various alien species. The Covenant is waging holy war and desires to wipe out the human race.

Following a devastating attack by the Covenant on the stronghold planet of Reach, only one ship, the Pillar of Autumn, escapes by making a blind jump. However, this jump lands them in close proximity to a Covenant artifact. This artifact is an artificially built ring called Halo, which is habitable and planetary in size. Built by an ancient race called the Forerunners, and unbeknownst to both the humans and the Covenant, Halo was a weapon of incredible power.

As the Autumn came under attack, one of the last surviving SPARTAN-II super soldiers was activated and charged with safeguarding Cortana, the shipboard AI. This was Spartan 117, known more commonly as the Master Chief.

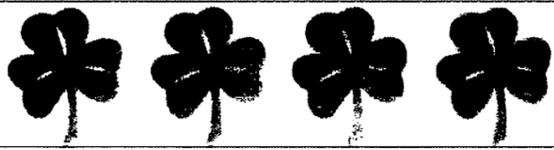
With Cortana's assistance, the Master Chief and the surviving marines rallied to fight the overwhelming Covenant resistance on the ring's surface, and raced to unlock the secrets of Halo. As the story unfolds, it is revealed that the Covenant believed that by activating the ring a "divine wind" would be released and would cleanse the universe of heresy. This ring was one of seven installations. Contrary to the Covenant's beliefs, the rings were a final solution against a threat so awful that the Forerunners who built the ring thought killing an entire galaxy was the only solution.

This threat is the Flood, which is a parasitic life form that is both intelligent and powerful. Humans and Covenant alike were infected and assimilated into their ranks. In order to stop this threat, the Chief, much to the chagrin of the Covenant, blows up the reactor core of the Pillar of Autumn, thereby destroying the ring instead of activating it. Master Chief knows this is just the beginning of the fight.

Halo 2 capitalizes on the success of its predecessor. The story this time is split between the Master Chief and an Elite (one of the Covenant's many races) commander. This Elite commander was seemingly sentenced to death for failing to prevent Halo's destruction. However, he is secretly ordered by the Covenant's High Prophets to take Covenant's sacred mantle

Halo 3

Developer: Bungie
Platform: Xbox 360



FIGHT

MADELINE NIES | Observer Graphic

of the Arbiter, which is essentially a symbol for "blade of the Prophet's will." The role of the Arbiter is expected to be a death sentence as well.

The story begins with Master Chief receiving awards for his work on Halo. However, the ceremony is cut short due to a Covenant invasion.

Master Chief is charged with stopping the Covenant strike on Earth. Meanwhile, the Arbiter was tasked with assassinating a "heretic" (as labeled by the Prophets) Elite spreading "lies" about the true purpose of the sacred rings. After completing his mission, the Arbiter starts to question his loyalties to the Covenant.

The stories of Master Chief and the Arbiter converge with the release of the Flood from Delta Halo, a second installation built by the Forerunners.

Things get convoluted when mysterious Flood creature called the Gravemind manipulates both the Arbiter and Master Chief because they all have a "common" goal: To prevent the rings from being activated. Gravemind sends the Arbiter and Master Chief in separate directions to prevent The High Prophets from activating Delta Halo.

Master Chief goes to the Covenant city called High Charity, an immense space station, and pursues the remaining Prophets. During his mission, he finds himself in the middle of a Covenant civil war between the Brutes and the Elites (who were the former protectors of the Prophets).

After capturing a Covenant ship, the Flood arrives at the city and begins infecting the population. The only remaining High Prophet, Truth, escapes on a ship located in the core of High Charity. The Master Chief stows away on board and leaves Cortana behind in order to destroy Delta Halo and High Charity if the Brute captain Tartarus activates the ring.

The Arbiter, with the help of fellow Elites and human marines, manages to stop the ring from being activated. However, the unexpected shutdown causes the ring to send a signal out to the other remaining Halos, sending them all into a "standby" mode so they can be remotely activated from the Ark, which is a device that can activate all of the remaining rings.

Meanwhile, the ship that Master Chief is stowed away on approaches Earth. The game ends with the Chief being questioned by one of Earth's patrol services regarding what he is doing aboard the ship. The Chief answers by stating, "Sir, finishing this fight, sir."

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By LAURA MILLER
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On Saturday, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center held a screening of the D.W. Griffith's 1915 film, "Birth of a Nation." It was the first segment of a three-part series presented by the DPAC that was intended to contextualize this controversial film.

The title is well known, and is infamous for its horrendously racist content. The film is split into two parts, the first focusing on the Civil War and the second on Reconstruction. Both parts feature the interaction of two families, the Camerons and the Stonemans, who represent families of the South and North, respectively. The first part of the film is somewhat pedantic to the modern day viewer — not really illuminating or surprising in any particular respect. But as the film launches into its second part, a markedly different picture comes into view. The film's position on Reconstruction becomes evident when a more obvious racist mentality comes into play.

The film's intent evolves into a recruitment technique for the Ku Klux Klan. It characterizes the post-war years as ones that were rife with persecution of whites and upheaval of the white-democratic standard followed by the institution of an uneducated black anarchy.

Terms such as the "Aryan birthright" emerge, attempting to unite whites against blacks in a new racial war.

From a cinematographic perspective, the lengthy film was a masterpiece of its time. It had a large budget and excellent scenes and special effects. From a social and political perspective, the film twisted the events of Reconstruction into a fabricated histo-

ry that served to recruit KKK members and dehumanize African-Americans.

Due to the obvious offensive nature of the content, the Performing Arts Center has framed the film as part of a three-part series. On Tuesday night, there was a panel presentation that sought to gain a variety of perspectives from a cross-section of academic areas such as the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre, Africana Studies and the Center for Social Concerns. Paul Miller, also known as DJ Spooky, will be performing Wednesday to wrap up the series.

DJ Spooky is an artist who melds a variety of disciplines in order to address a wide span of controversial social issues. He uses recordings of his own music along with pictures, film and graphics to ask the viewer to consider important and difficult questions.

His performance on Wednesday, entitled "Rebirth of a Nation," is an innovative remix of D.W. Griffith's original 1915 film. Using his talents as DJ and artist, DJ Spooky will attempt to create a response to Griffith's film from the film itself — an enormous feat, given the nature of the movie.

DJ Spooky relies on his disc jockey skills to manipulate the "variables" of the film through intercuts. The manipulation of these new cuts will elicit new meaning from the original work.

Other articles and samplings of Spooky's multimedia presentations can be found on his Web site at www.djspooky.com. DJ Spooky will be performing his "Rebirth of a Nation" at 8 p.m. tonight on the Decio Mainstage Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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"Rebirth of a Nation"

DJ Spooky

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 pm

Decio Mainstage Theatre

in the DPAC

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DJ Spooky will bring his innovative style to the Decio Mainstage Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight with his showing of "Rebirth of a Nation."

MLB

Powerful offenses collide

Phillies, Rockies look for big bats to make statements in hitters' ballparks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pitchers beware: Two potent offenses plus two hitter-friendly ballparks could equal a slugfest.

The Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies got to this point mainly because of their hitting. And, they'll need to keep swinging to advance.

Game 1 of this NL first-round series is Wednesday at Citizens Bank Park, the East Coast version of Coors Field. Both teams are sending their aces to the mound — Cole Hamels (15-5) for the Phillies and Jeff Francis (17-9) for the Rockies.

But it'll be the hitters getting most of the attention. Philly has Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Pat Burrell and Aaron Rowand. Colorado brings Matt Holliday, Todd Helton, Garrett Atkins, Brad Hawpe and Troy Tulowitzki.

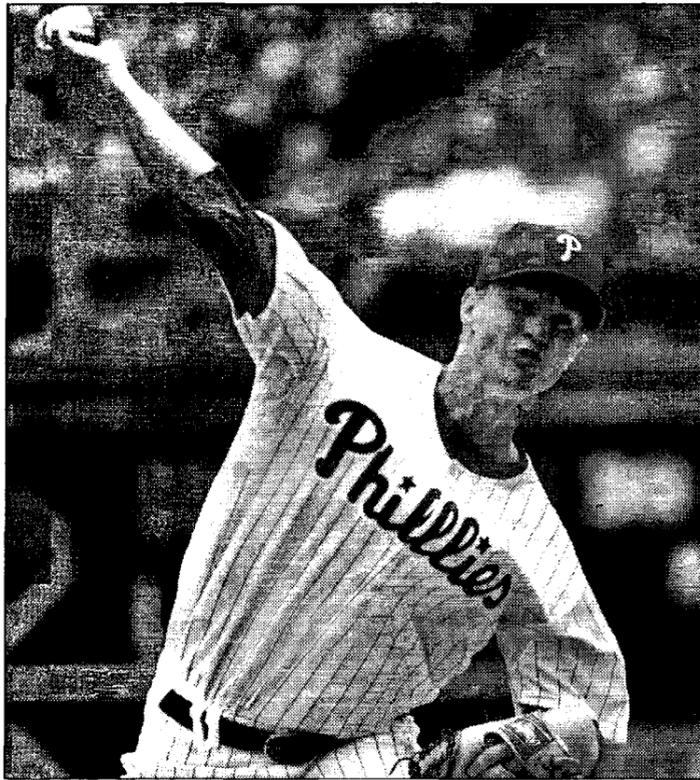
All these guys can flat-out hit no matter where they play. However, many often find themselves explaining why it's easier to have success at home.

Balls have been flying out in Philadelphia since the bank opened in 2004. The dimensions are rather standard, 329-330 feet down the lines, 374 to left-center and 401 to straightaway center. But for some reason, there's far more homers hit there than at the old Veterans Stadium.

Perhaps the open-air outfield allows the wind to play too much a factor. Maybe the power-alleys aren't deep enough. Whatever the case, it plays small.

"The ball seems to carry more," Rollins said. "Maybe it just looks small, so people feel a little stronger. Maybe pitchers make a lot of mistakes because the park gets in their head. It could be a number of things, but you still have to hit the ball out of the ballpark. I've always said when you hit a ball and it's a home run, it doesn't matter where you are playing. If you hit it here 10 rows deep, that's out of any other ballpark."

There's a much easier explanation for all the scoring at Coors. Blame it on the high altitude. Balls dry out in the thin, arid air, making them slicker and harder to grip. There's also less air resistance, causing breaking balls to flat-



Phillies pitcher Kyle Kendrick is set to start Game 2 against the Rockies.

ten out and change-ups to stay up in the zone.

Home run totals have decreased significantly at Coors over the past decade — several years ago, the Rockies installed a humidifier to store baseballs and control their moisture. Still, it remains the best park to hit in.

Batters had a .286 average in Colorado this season, highest in the majors. It was second in runs at 874 and ninth in homers at 185. Meanwhile, the Bank led the majors with 241 homers and was third in runs at 871. Batters hit .277 in Philly.

"Regardless of where you play, you still have to get it and hit it," Howard said. "Sometimes the wind may be considered in a field that's considered to play large and if you hit in the air, it might go out. You still have to hit it. You still have to put a good swing on it for it to go."

Howard can hit them out of the Grand Canyon. He had 24 of his 47 homers on the road. Rollins and Burrell each had 30 homers. Burrell had 12 on the road and Burrell 14.

But a few of Colorado's sluggers had far better power numbers at Coors. Holliday hit 25 of his 36 homers at home.

Hawpe's home-away ratio was 19-10 and Tulowitzki's 15-9.

"It's changed," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said of the Rockies' park. "The elevation is not going to change, but the ballpark is not as much hitter-friendly as it used to be. It plays out much different than it has in the past."

Since the Bank opened in 2004, it ranks third in homers with 903. Coors is eighth in that span at 744.

But, the .294 batting average in Colorado over the past four years is by far the highest. Kansas City's Kauffman Stadium is second at .279.

"They have thin air and long deep gaps, so balls fall in and it's the complete opposite here," Rollins said. "We have no gaps, but you hit it over somebody's head and it's going to go out. If you don't have pitchers that can pitch to the ballpark, you can find yourself in a lot of high-run games."

As the weather cools down, balls obviously travel less. That was clear in Philadelphia's weekend series against Washington.

"Howard hit two balls against the Nationals that he absolutely crushed that were only three rows deep," Rowand said.

Attention on A-Rod as Yankees face Indians

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everywhere Alex Rodriguez went, the lenses were on him.

When he took batting practice, the cameras clicked. In the clubhouse, so many mini-cams wanted to capture his words and image that he had to move away from his locker to the center of the room.

Not that he had much to say, just a collection of clichés so old that he probably chuckled to himself as he said them. He's made a concentrated effort since spring training not to reveal his thinking, to focus on the field.

And who could blame him? Why concentrate on his past postseason performances? He is 4-for-41 (.098) with no RBIs in his last 12 playoff games and hitless in his last 15 postseason at-bats with runners in scoring position. His own failures are a big reason baseball's best player has never reached the World Series.

When the Yankees were eliminated during each of his first three seasons in New York, A-Rod was the top target in the blame game. Chances are, the fate of the pinstripes this October will turn on his performance starting Thursday in the first-round series against Cleveland.

"I think his mind-set definitely changed," Johnny Damon said. "He was always out trying to please people, try to do, say the right things."

A-Rod cut down his appearances in the media and increased 'em on the leader board.

Rodriguez hit 54 homers and had 156 RBIs this season, an onslaught likely to earn him his third AL MVP award. From the seventh inning on, he batted .349. Yankees captain Derek Jeter said he'd never seen an offensive performance like it.

New York fizzled to a 21-29 start. Had Rodriguez not hit 14 home runs in April, the Yankees could have been about 15-35.

"I don't think we would have made the playoffs if it wasn't for him," Andy Pettitte said. "Without him, I don't think we would have really had a shot down here at the end."

These could be Rodriguez's final games in New York. Since his very first day at spring training, he's been asked about that opt-out clause, the one that allows him to bolt the final three seasons of his record \$252 mil-

lion, 10-year contract and seek even more money in the free-agent market.

He's avoided talk about that — he doesn't have to make a decision until the 10th day after the World Series ends. Before then, the Yankees might come to him with an extension offer.

But that's too far ahead. What matters now is the next game, the next pitch. He doesn't want to think about last year's four-game exit against Detroit.

"This is probably the most comfortable he's been in the time he's been here, in my estimation," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He just seems like he's had more fun this year, even during games, where at other times you could see him grinding out a little bit too much."

Torre talks to A-Rod a lot. In describing the team's most-dissected psyche, Torre sounds more guidance counselor than manager.

"I think he sort of internalized a lot last year and in doing that, I think he really built up a lot of baggage," Torre said. "He's tried to be a lot of things to a lot of people, and this year I think he spent a lot more time just trying to help himself."

Can't argue with the results. Rodriguez especially feasted on Indians pitchers, gobbling them up like a kid eating Milano cookies. He was 8-for-24 with 13 RBIs as the Yankees swept the six-game, regular-season series, and six of his hits were home runs.

He thinks his attitude played as big a part as his improved mechanics at the plate.

"Coming into spring training, it seems like yesterday, I said that I was in a good place," Rodriguez said.

What did that entail? "Have an opportunity to laugh at myself," he said. "I haven't done that too much over the last three years, and this year I kind of laughed at myself along with all my teammates at me all the time."

He almost always is at the ballpark early. Torre says Rodriguez is more aware of things around him than other players.

Rodriguez was interested in Yankees history, wondering where his RBI total ranked among Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio (A-Rod was 10th) and why in the early days of Yankee Stadium, the RBI totals were so high (the center-field fence was 490 feet from the plate through 1936).

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Beware of baby pandas. Although they can seem so cute and cuddly, they can be quite vicious when provoked

I miss Bob Barker. A lot.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	96-66	.593	6-4	-
New York	94-68	.580	6-4	2.0
Toronto	83-79	.512	6-4	13.0
Baltimore	69-93	.426	4-6	27.0
Tampa Bay	66-96	.407	3-7	30.0

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	96-66	.593	6-4	-
Detroit	88-74	.543	5-5	8.0
Minnesota	79-83	.488	4-6	17.0
Chicago	72-90	.444	6-4	24.0
Kansas City	69-93	.426	3-7	27.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	94-68	.580	4-6	-
Seattle	88-74	.543	7-3	6.0
Oakland	76-86	.469	2-8	18.0
Texas	75-87	.463	5-5	19.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Philadelphia	89-73	.549	7-3	-
New York	88-74	.543	4-6	1.0
Atlanta	84-78	.519	5-5	5.0
Washington	73-89	.451	5-5	16.0
Florida	71-91	.438	6-4	18.0

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	85-77	.525	6-4	-
Milwaukee	83-79	.512	5-5	2.0
St. Louis	78-84	.481	7-3	7.0
Houston	73-89	.451	7-3	12.0
Cincinnati	72-90	.444	3-7	13.0
Pittsburgh	68-94	.420	2-8	17.0

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	90-72	.556	5-5	-
Colorado	90-73	.552	9-1	0.5
San Diego	89-74	.546	4-6	1.5
Los Angeles	82-80	.506	3-7	8.0
San Francisco	71-91	.438	4-6	19.0

Big East Men's Soccer Standings (Blue Division)

team	league	overall
NOTRE DAME	4-0-1	6-1-2
Connecticut	4-1-0	9-1-0
Providence	2-1-1	5-3-1
West Virginia	2-2-0	6-3-0
Seton Hall	1-3-0	4-6-0
Marquette	1-4-0	2-6-1
Georgetown	1-4-0	2-7-0
Pittsburgh	0-3-1	1-7-2

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Colorado at Philadelphia	3 p.m., TBS
Los Angeles at Boston	6 p.m., TBS
Chicago at Arizona	10 p.m., TBS

NBA



New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas enters court earlier this week. The owners of the Knicks were ordered to pay \$11.6 million after Thomas was found guilty of sexual harassment against former Knicks employee Anucha Browne Sanders.

Knicks owners ordered to pay in suit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an end to a salacious three-week trial, a jury ordered the owners of the New York Knicks to pay \$11.6 million to a former team executive who endured crude insults and unwanted advances from coach Isiah Thomas.

The jury of four women and three men found Thomas and Madison Square Garden sexually harassed Anucha Browne Sanders, but it decided only MSG and chairman James Dolan should pay for harassing and firing Browne Sanders from her \$260,000-a-year job out of spite.

The result: The Garden

owes \$6 million for condoning a hostile work environment and \$2.6 million for retaliation. Dolan owes \$3 million. Though Thomas is off the hook for any damages, he leaves the case with a tarnished image.

Outside court, a beaming Browne Sanders insisted her victory was more about sending a message than the money.

"What I did here, I did for every working woman in America," she said. "And that includes everyone who gets up and goes to work in the morning, everyone working in a corporate environment."

Earlier, Thomas, who led Indiana to the 1981 NCAA

championship and coached the Pacers during 2000-03, emerged from the federal courthouse in lower Manhattan with his trademark smile but flashed anger as he reasserted his innocence amid a crush of reporters and cameras.

"I'm extremely disappointed that the jury did not see the facts in this case," he said. "I will appeal this, and I remain confident in the man that I am and what I stand for and the family that I have."

MSG said it will appeal, also denying wrongdoing in a case widely viewed as a public relations disaster for a franchise struggling to regain credibility. The

team hasn't won a playoff game since Thomas was signed as president in December 2003 and has wasted millions this decade on a series of free-agent busts.

The verdict also amounts to another blemish on the resume of Thomas, a two-time NBA champion whose post-playing career has been marked by one failure after another.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank said the league's policies "do not encompass civil litigation."

Jurors, who needed roughly two days to decide on the allegations but only about an hour to determine damages, declined to talk about the verdict.

IN BRIEF

Pena wins AL comeback player of the year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — One season after being released by three teams, Carlos Pena put together the best performance in Tampa Bay Devil Rays history and was chosen Tuesday as Major League Baseball's AL comeback player of the year.

The 28-year-old slugger batted a career-best .282 with a club-record 46 home runs and 121 RBIs after joining the Devil Rays in spring training as a non-roster invitee.

"I knew in my heart it was going to be a great season ... but I went beyond what I envisioned," Pena said.

Last year, he homered once in 18 games for Boston and spent most of the season in Triple-A with the Red Sox and New York Yankees. He hit 27 homers and drove in 82 runs for Detroit in 2004, but slipped to 18 homers and 44 RBIs the following season and was released by the Tigers in March 2006.

NASCAR finalizing deal with Nationwide Insurance

NEW YORK — NASCAR was finalizing a deal Tuesday night with Nationwide Insurance to sponsor its No. 2 series beginning in 2008, The Associated Press has learned.

Nationwide will replace Anheuser-Busch, which has sponsored the second-tier Busch Series for 26 seasons but said earlier this year it would end its entitlement deal at the conclusion of this season.

The deal with Nationwide is estimated to be seven years at \$10 million a year, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who requested anonymity because the deal had yet to be completed. A-B was paying roughly the same amount, and NASCAR initially had sought an increase in the price of the series.

But despite a flurry of early suitors, NASCAR was unable to secure sponsorship in a search that has stretched nearly 10 months.

Former punter sentenced to seven years in prison

GREELEY, Colo. — Former Northern Colorado backup punter Mitch Cozad was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday for stabbing a rival in what prosecutors said was a brutal attempt to take over the starter's role.

"Clearly, this was deliberate to hurt him, and you succeeded," Weld County District Judge Marcelo Kopcow told Cozad as he announced the sentence.

"The goal is to not ruin your life," Kopcow said. "I would like you to succeed in your life."

Prosecutors said Cozad ambushed starting punter Rafael Mendoza on the night of Sept. 11, 2006. Mendoza was left with a deep gash in his kicking leg but later returned to the team.

Cozad was convicted in August of second-degree assault but acquitted of the more serious charge of attempted first-degree murder.

MLB

Playoff tested Beckett, Lackey to start Game 1

Red Sox, Angels will open tonight at 6:30

Associated Press

BOSTON — Josh Beckett was just 23 the last time he pitched in the postseason, coming back on three days' rest to shut out the New York Yankees and clinch the World Series for Florida.

John Lackey was a 24-year-old rookie when he won Game 7 of the 2002 Series for the Angels.

The two big-game veterans will start things off in Game 1 of their AL division series on Wednesday when the East champion Boston Red Sox play West champion Los Angeles. With Beckett facing Lackey in the opener, the only sure bet is that they won't be crumbling under the pressure.

"He's been in these big games just like I have, and done extremely well," Lackey said. "I mean, throwing a shutout to win a World Series, it doesn't get much better than that. He's obviously got great stuff and it's going to be a great challenge for us. I'm going to have to pitch well to give our guys a chance."

Now 27, Beckett was the MVP of the '03 Series after beating the Yankees in the Game 6 finale. Already flush with confidence, he grew stubborn in his success and became convinced that his best pitch in every situation was to blow his fastball by the hitter.

That resulted in some rough starts last year — his first in

Boston — and a whopping 36 home runs allowed, along with a 5.01 ERA.

"You learn a lot through failure and through succeeding," Beckett said after the Red Sox worked out at Fenway Park on the day before the playoff opener. "As you get older, obviously, you're still learning. But I think you learn a lot of crucial things along the way. But I don't think anybody will ever consider their learning process completed in this game."

Mixing in his curveball and changeup more this season, he became the majors' first 20-game winner in two years. He also reached a career high with 194 strikeouts while topping 200 innings and cutting his homer total to 17.

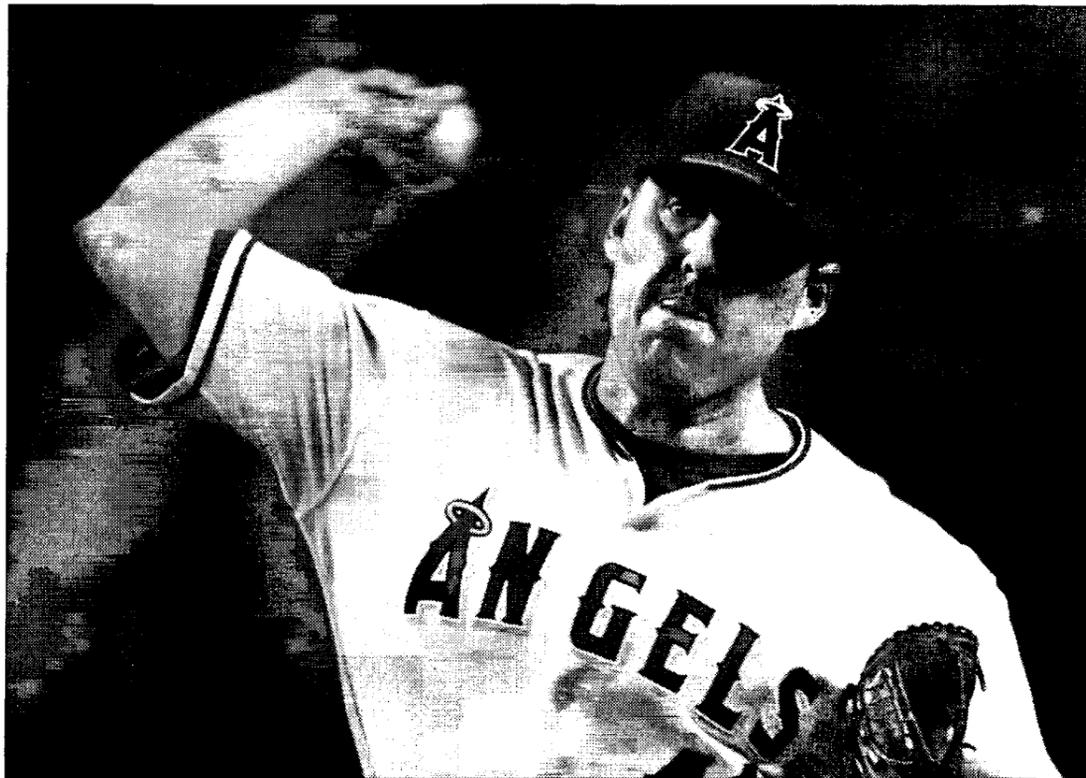
"We've seen a young guy work so hard and mature so much, and he became the guy that we really needed him to become," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "Every good team has guys like that — where you say, 'This is our guy, and go get 'em.'"

"And he'll respond to adversity, and he competes. He's got a lot of different weapons. And you need that, because we're playing a good team."

And facing a pitcher who's every bit the bulldog as Beckett.

Although Lackey was smiling and joking around at Tuesday's workout — Beckett was all scowl — Angels manager Mike Scioscia knows that, once the game starts, his ace is plenty serious. In Lackey's mind, a visit to the mound is the opening bid in a negotiation.

"Anytime he comes out of the game, he's upset. He wants 10



Angels pitcher John Lackey delivers against the Devil Rays Sept. 18 in a 2-1 Los Angeles win. Lackey will start Game 1 of the American League Division Series today against the Red Sox.

more pitches or 15 more pitches," Scioscia said. "This guy's one of the best competitors I've been around in 30-plus years. ... He's channeled his emotions into something that's positive out there to get to the next pitch."

"He had the ability to get to the big leagues, but to do it under the most powerful of microscopes, the playoffs, the pennant race, whatever the situation might be. Obviously his success in the playoffs in pitching Game 7 of a World Series

shows the confidence we have in him."

Lackey, 28, set career highs this season with 19 wins, a 3.01 ERA, 224 innings and a 3.44 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

But heading into the series against Boston, he will be drawing upon his playoff experience. In addition to the five games he pitched in '02, Lackey also made three starts in the 2005 playoffs when the Angels knocked out the Yankees in the first round before losing to the Chicago White Sox in the AL

championship series.

No game was as big as the World Series clincher, when he allowed one run in five innings to lead the Angels to a 4-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

"I was a rookie, I was coming up with a lot of veterans. I was just hoping to contribute at that point," Lackey said. "I was pretty much a two-pitch pitcher that year. I've got more options these days. If one thing is not working, I've got a few more things in my bag I can go to."

MLB

Mets' Randolph will return despite collapse

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mets manager Willie Randolph sported a new, clean-shaven look as he walked past rows of empty lockers in New York's clubhouse.

"It's not a good time to be recognized in this town," he joked. "Hoping to slip by and dodge a few daggers."

Randolph dodged one Tuesday, two days after his team completed an enormous collapse. General manager Omar Minaya announced Randolph will be back with the club next year, ending speculation that he might be fired despite getting a contract extension before this season.

"I do believe that Willie is going to continue to work hard," Minaya said. "I do believe that Willie's passion for winning is there."

New York went 5-12 down the stretch, squandering its big lead in the NL East and missing the playoffs entirely. The Mets became the first major league team that failed to finish in first place after owning a lead of seven games or more with 17 remaining. New York, which had that margin on Sept. 12, also matched the largest lead blown in September.

"It just hurts right now,"

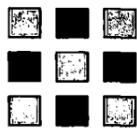
Randolph said. "It's been tough sleeping the last couple of nights, trying to come to grips with what's happened."

The Mets were tied for first with the Phillies heading into the final three games of the season, and Randolph remained confident that his club would pull it out. New York lost 7-4 to Florida on Friday night, falling one back of Philadelphia, but bounced back with a 13-0 victory Saturday to move into a tie again.

Yet that was all washed away with an 8-1 loss Sunday that included Florida's seven-run first inning against Tom Glavine, and 10 runners left on base by the Mets.

"I've always been associated with winning and it hurts deep down inside, it really hurts to be associated with this type of collapse," Randolph said. "That's not why we play the game and there's no way in the world that I thought we'd be in this position right now talking about this."

Randolph, who grew up in Brooklyn, replaced Art Howe as New York's manager in 2004. The Mets went 83-79 the following year and 97-65 last season, matching the Yankees for the best record in the major leagues. They lost to St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL championship series.



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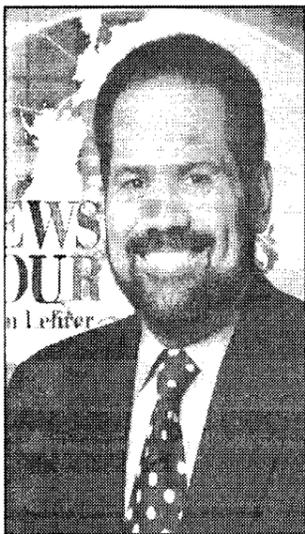
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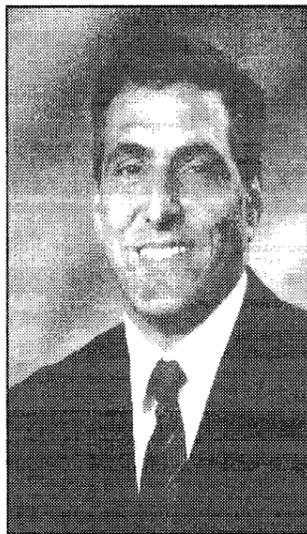
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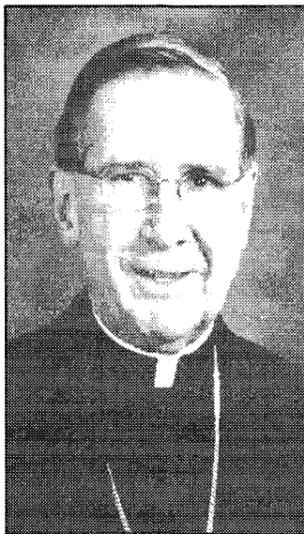
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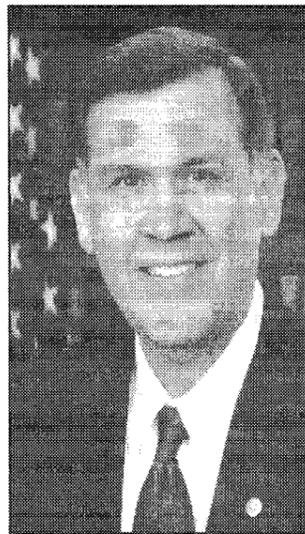
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Wednesday, October 3, at 8:00 p.m.

Mixed live and projected on a triptych, *Rebirth of a Nation* galvanizes the audience with a challenging interactive experience. DJ Spooky re-works, re-makes, and re-interprets one of America's most controversial films, *Birth of a Nation*, and calls it *Rebirth of a Nation*.

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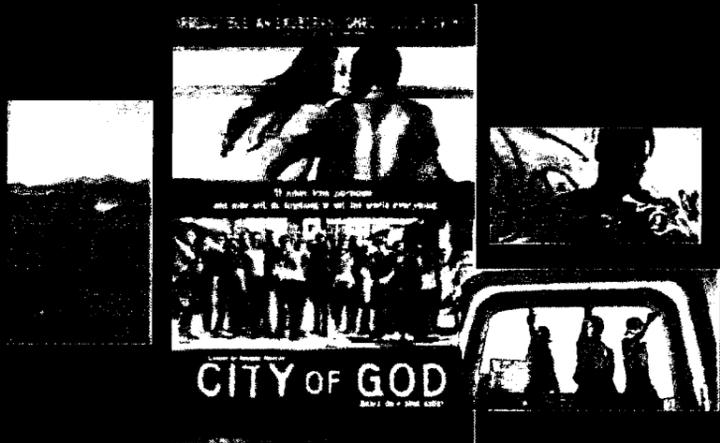
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Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Youth gangs took over the slums of Rio de Janeiro during the 1960s and didn't relinquish their stronghold until the mid-1980s. Blood spills throughout the streets of the Ciudad de Deus as gang leader Li'l Zé is challenged by local drug lords and a gang of pre-teens known as the Runts. Naïve teen Rocket shoots all of this action with his weapon of choice, a camera.



CITY OF MEN

Thursday, October 4, at 10:00 p.m.

Fans of hard-hitting Brazilian films such as *City of God* should find much to admire in the similarly themed TV show *City of Men*. As two teenage boys grow up in a dangerous Rio de Janeiro slum, they encounter events that will change their lives forever, but they somehow manage to keep their heads and even inject a dash of humor as they enter into some of the darkest moments of their young lives.



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Ducks

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Cavanaugh a first and goal on the 10-yard line with plenty of time on the clock. Sophomore receiver Sarah Cline caught the go-ahead touchdown pass to put the Chaos on top again, 13-8.

"Elisa Suarez and Sarah Van Mill made some excellent plays, and Katie Dunn really maintained composure on our second touchdown drive," Martini said. "She really helped keep the team focused and the intensity high."

The Ducks' took over the ball with one last chance to score and a minute and a half on the clock. Cavanaugh's usually strong defense was unable to cover the Howard receivers, and Bishop was able to create a drive with rapid-fire passes to Robinson and sophomore co-captain Mary Jenkins. With four seconds left in the game, Robinson caught the ball in the end zone to win the game, 14-13.

"Our final touchdown drive, and the fact that we never gave up, shows how intense and passionate we all are for Howard football," Jenkins said. "Last year, we won only one game and struggled to find eight players for the games. This year we have twelve, but we finally made the playoffs."

Junior co-captain Kate Sylvia was thrilled to have defeated a large, powerhouse team like Cavanaugh.

"We may be small, but Howard's got a big ol' heart," she said.

Walsh 12, Farley 0

Walsh has established itself as the team to beat, defeating Farley's Finest 12-0 and extending their winning streak to five games.

Both the offense, led by senior quarterback Mary Claire Sullivan, and the defense, led by senior Julie Campbell, established control of the game and came out with another efficient victory.

Early on, however, Farley looked as if it might pull out an upset, driving down the field into the red zone multiple times. Some key plays in the secondary by Campbell and an interception junior Meghan Soriano staved off the Finest and held them scoreless in the first half.

The Walsh offensive squad looked a little out of sync early. The Farley secondary pressed the receivers hard and the line forced Sullivan to rush her throws. However, after Soriano's interception, Sullivan and sophomore receiver Sierra Smith led the Wild Women down the field, the drive culminating in a last-second touchdown pass to freshman Lindsey Schanzer.

"With basically the whole dorm showing up to support us during wild week, it really fired our team up," Smith said. "We all pitched in, and the victory was a real team effort."

Walsh picked up in the second half where it left off, with the Sullivan-Smith connection

torching the Farley defense for huge gains. However, senior defensive back Anna Pursley came up with an interception, and it looked like Farley was going to drive down the field to tie the game.

New freshman starting quarterback Emily Murphy completed multiple passes to junior captain Jenny Rolfs, and the Finest marched down the field. Yet, once again, they stalled in the red zone, turning the ball over on downs.

On the ensuing drive the Wild Women went down the field like a well-oiled machine. Sullivan chewed up yards on the ground and fired passes to Smith and senior captain Marie Brenner. On fourth down in the Farley red zone, Sullivan threw a touch pass to a wide-open Brenner in the end zone to seal the victory. Coach J.J. Rees was fired up after the game.

"I'm really happy with the way we played — Farley was a tough squad and put up a fight," Rees said. "But in the end, it just wasn't enough. We plan on going undefeated, and then going all the way to the Stadium."

Both the Finest and the Wild Women made the playoffs and will be playing in the Position

round this Sunday.

Pasquerilla East 19, McGlinn 6

The Pyros were on fire Tuesday night, pulling off a 19-6 victory over McGlinn to earn their first win of the year in the battle of the winless.

"Last year, we won only one game and struggled to find eight players for the games. This year we have twelve, but we made the playoffs."

Mary Jenkins
Howard co-captain

After their first possession ended in a punt, McGlinn senior captain Taryn Lewis intercepted Pasquerilla East freshman quarterback Caitlin Lynch to set up her team in good field position.

Sophomore running back Tina Noronha punched the ball in for the first score, but the Shamrocks failed to convert on the extra point, making the score 6-0.

"We had an excellent offensive drive. Our offensive line played really well," Noronha said.

But it was the only time McGlinn would see the end-zone on the day.

The Pyros responded with a quick drive down the field. Freshman running back Jess Leiferman ran the ball in for the score, and Lynch converted the extra point on a pass to senior Caroline Nally to put the Pyros ahead.

After forcing the Shamrocks to punt, Lynch wasted no time in driving back down the field for another score. She con-

nected with Nally for the score but failed to convert the extra point, extending the lead to 13-6.

"It was a perfect pass that I was able to take advantage of," Nally said.

McGlinn once again started off the second half strong, forcing a three-and-out, but were unable to convert on fourth down, giving the ball back to the Pyros.

Lewis gave the Shamrocks a chance to comeback after intercepting Lynch the following drive, but McGlinn turned the ball over on downs.

The Pyros next drive resulted in another touchdown pass from Lynch to Nally, extending the lead to 19-6.

McGlinn coach Jeff Paramore said his team will be much better next year.

"We had the youngest team in the league, but we also had the most fun," he said. "We were a lot better as time went on, and I expect to surprise some people next year."

Pasquerilla East hopes the win puts them back into playoff contention.

"I am really proud of our team. Maybe we will be able to sneak into the playoffs," coach Spencer Longhofer said.

The Pyros finally have something to celebrate.

"The offensive line and wide receivers played great today. I am taking them all out to dinner," Lynch said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's ends seven-game losing streak to Bulldogs

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In Saint Mary's season opener Sept. 4, the Belles lost to Adrian in straight games — extending the Bulldogs streak to seven consecutive wins over the Belles. That streak was broken Tuesday when Saint Mary's beat Adrian in five hard-fought games.

"Tonight it all really just came together," senior Amanda David said. "We have been having some really good practices this past week, and it really showed in tonight's game."

The Belles (7-10, 4-5 MIAA) took game one easily 30-24, but could not keep momentum going into game two.

Bulldogs outside hitter Lindsey Eshelman had multiple kills at the Belles' feet to give Adrian an early lead. After getting down 6-13, the Belles began to rally

back. But after a strong effort by both teams and multiple lead changes throughout the game, the Bulldogs (11-7, 8-2 MIAA) came out on top 30-28.

Game three was an even tougher match for the Belles. The Belles and Bulldogs were neck and neck the entire game, but multiple errors by the Belles gave Adrian its second game at 32-34.

With two losses in a row, it seemed the Belles were going to fall to their conference foe again. Saint Mary's, however, kicked in the intensity.

They started the game with six unanswered points and never lost that lead, taking game four 30-22.

Saint Mary's also dominated the match's final game, beginning with five unanswered points. Adrian fought hard, but could not catch Saint Mary's. The Belles finished the game with a 15-8 score, sealing the win and

breaking its losing streak against the Bulldogs.

The Belles team leader was sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski who had a career-high and match-best 27 kills to go along with her match-high 19 digs in the win.

Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen gave a stand-out performance as well with 13 kills, 16 digs and a team-high three service aces, while her senior counterpart setter David had a season-best 65 assists and 14 digs.

Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was glad to see Sasgen and David begin to come together.

"Andrea [Sasgen] and Amanda [David] have had their struggles connecting this season on the quick attacks," she said. "But they just started putting in some extra time together, and even though it has not been much extra time yet, the improvement

showed. [Sasgen] had her strongest offensive game yet. She also really pulled out some strong serves when the team needed it most."

Another standout was junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann, who tallied up the third double-double effort of the night with 13 kills and 13 digs. Junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak and freshman outside hitter Jacee Watson also contributed 15 and 10 kills, respectively, in the win.

"I was incredibly happy with their play tonight," Schroeder-Biek said. "They really executed well. I felt like every member of our team came to compete tonight."

Although she was excited and glad for the win, Schroeder-Biek is ready for the next conference match Thursday against Hope.

"As wonderful as this win was, it is over," she said. "We now only carry the confidence gained

from that win along with the momentum of that win into our Hope match. We started the second half of our season off right, but we have got to keep our focus on the here and now — one match at a time to achieve our goals."

The timing of the win may provide dividends later in the season with playoff implications arising.

"This was a really big win for us, and it couldn't have come at a better time," David said. "We struggled a little with our serving but the team came together and overcame it. If we can keep this up we will really challenge some teams in the second half of our season."

The Belles take on the third-ranked team in the MIAA conference, Hope, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Irish sophomore Doug Fortner takes a swing Sunday during the Notre Dame Gridiron Golf Classic.

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Dame record of 209, first set by Jeff Connell at the 1998 Marshall Invitational and matched by Cole Isban in 2007 at the Border Olympics.

Fortner and Virginia's Greg Carlin finished five strokes back of Spartan medalist Ryan Brehm (72-64-69), whose final round 69 put him at five-under for the tournament. Fortner's previous best tournament score was 212 at last year's Triumph at Pauma Valley, where he finished fourth.

Other top Notre Dame finishers included junior Josh Sandman, who finished in a tie for 15th. Sandman fired a one-over 71 in the third round for a three-round total of 217 (seven-over).

Several Irish golfers that did not start but competed as individuals were among Notre Dame's top performers. Sophomore Kyle Willis tied for eighteenth at 8-over, the best finish of his Irish career.

Clark

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however, Irish coach Bobby Clark feels his team still has room for improvement.

"We've gotten close [to playing a full game of good soccer] in a few of the games," Clark said. "We're piecing it together, and we try to take something away from each game and take it to the next game. We still have room to grow."

One development that may help Notre Dame find their best form will be the impending return of several injured players. Sophomore midfielder Michael Thomas, out with a broken jaw since the UCLA game Aug. 31, will visit the doctor today and will play tonight if he receives clearance.

Sophomore forward Tamba Samba may also make his first appearance of the season tonight against Michigan. A foot injury has kept Samba out of the lineup.

"There's certainly a possibility of both [Samba and Thomas] playing, and it would be a tremendous boost if they did," Clark said. "The thing with Tamba is his fitness as he wasn't able to do anything for three to four

Freshmen Tyler Hock and Jeff Chen also shot scores of 10 and 11 over to finish in the top 40.

Finishing third among the Irish starters was senior Greg Rodgers, who tied for 50th with a score of 16-over. Fellow senior Eddie Peckels tied for 52nd at 19-over, and sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo rounded out the Notre Dame starters with a total of 30-over.

Other Irish players competing as individuals included freshman Connor Alan-Lee, senior Mike King, sophomore Olavo Batista, and freshman Dustin Zhang. Alan-Lee finished strong with a 71 in the third round, giving him a 15-over total.

King and Batista tied for 56th with scores of 236, 21-over. Zhang's final round 81 put him in 69th place with a score of 34-over.

The Irish will be right back in action this weekend, traveling to Durham, North Carolina to compete in the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic October 7-8.

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weeks. He won't be able to go 90 minutes, but he may be able to give us some minutes tonight."

While Notre Dame has reinforcements on the way in Thomas and Samba, the Irish lineup continues to be altered by other injuries. Senior forward Kurt Martin will have to miss some time due to an ankle injury he re-aggravated this past Friday against Cincinnati. Senior defender Kyle Dagan also left Friday night's game with an injury.

"The nice thing with the injuries has been that we've been able to get some younger players involved, which is great because down the line it's only going to make us deeper and stronger," Clark said.

Tonight's game will be the seventh meeting between Notre Dame and Michigan, with the Irish holding a 5-0-1 edge in the all-time series. The last meeting took place last year in Ann Arbor with Notre Dame winning 2-0 on two goals from senior forward Joseph Lapira.

Tonight's game starts at 7 p.m., and it will be televised live on Comcast Local (Michigan).

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Clausen

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ther was perfect," Weis said.

When Sharpley entered the game, the Irish trailed 26-6, but two touchdown passes by the junior brought the score to 26-19 before a game-clinching touchdown by Purdue.

Weis said that while Clausen is still going to be the starter if he's healthy enough, Notre Dame is fortunate to have two quarterbacks with game experience.

"They both have done a very good job progressing and running the team," he said.

Combined, Sharpley and Clausen threw for 377 yards against the Boilermakers, over 200 more yards than the Irish had passed for in any other game this year.

Weis said the improvement was partially because he made the quarterbacks practice without play calling wristbands all last week.

"Last week was a turning point with both of them going from calling plays to running plays," Weis said. "They did a lot better job of running the offense in practice."

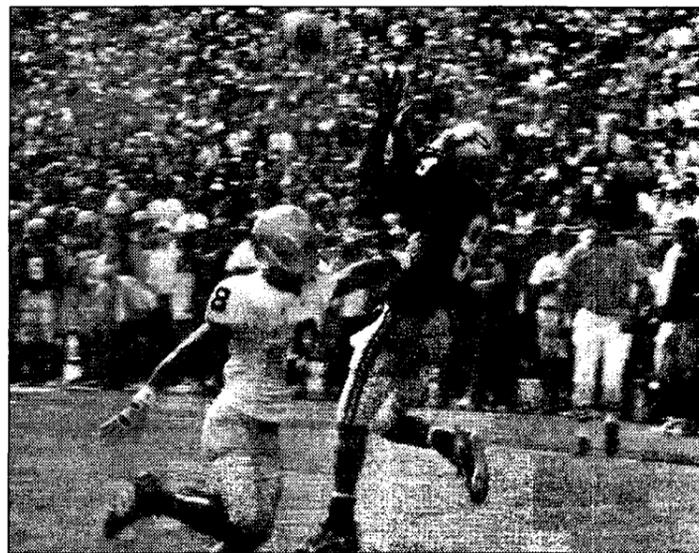
Weis said without the wristbands, Sharpley and Clausen had to focus on the play being called.

"It put a lot of pressure on them," he said. "They didn't have the security blanket where you say, 'number three' and they just read it. They're not calling a play, they're just reading the play."

Getting rid of the wristbands also took away a distraction for the signal callers as the team approached the line of scrimmage.

"Sometimes you'll see them go to the line of scrimmage and they're looking at the wristband again," Weis said. "It's like, 'wait, what was that play again?'"

Both quarterbacks wore wristbands during the game against the Boilermakers.



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Boilermakers wide receiver Dorien Bryant catches a touchdown pass in the second quarter of Purdue's 33-19 win Saturday.

Injured players may return

Weis said junior wide receiver David Grimes and sophomore offensive guard Dan Wenger are both "50/50" for the UCLA game. Grimes was injured against Purdue, while Wenger has not played since the Michigan game Sept. 15.

Maust takes over punting

Sophomore Eric Maust handled Notre Dame's punting Saturday against Purdue instead of fifth-year senior Geoff Price, and Weis said Maust will start again against UCLA.

Maust kicked three times against the Boilermakers, averaging 44 yards per punt.

Changing depth chart

In addition to Maust, several other players moved up on the official Irish depth chart. Sophomore James Aldridge was moved to first string running back, with fifth-year senior Travis Thomas, senior Junior Jabbie, and freshman Armando Allen all sharing the No. 2 spot.

Offensive guard Matt Carufel and defensive end Dwight

Stephenson were also officially moved into starting roles. The original starters in those positions, Wenger and senior Justin Brown, are injured.

Kickers get live practice

After missing one extra point, botching another and having a field goal blocked, placekickers Brandon Walker and Nate Whitaker practiced against a live rush Tuesday. Both were solid inside 30 yards, but both also had ugly misses from beyond that distance.

The Irish also worked on other areas of special teams at full speed and in full pads Tuesday, including field goal blocking and punt coverage.

Stewart back on the field

After missing last Thursday's practice and not making the trip to West Lafayette Saturday amid rumors that he was thinking of transferring, sophomore offensive lineman Chris Stewart was back on the practice field Tuesday.

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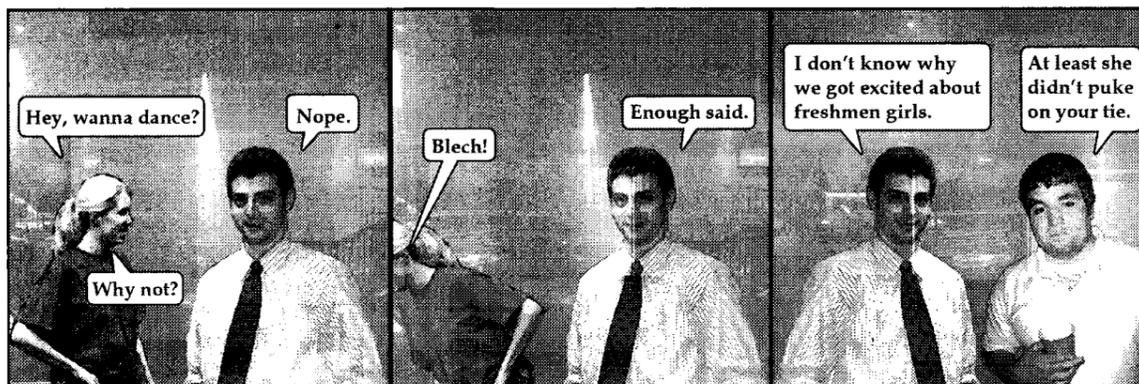
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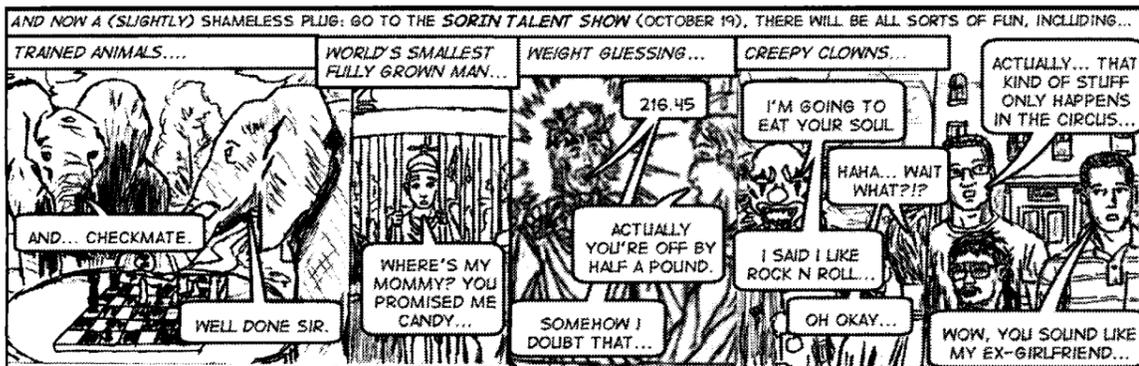
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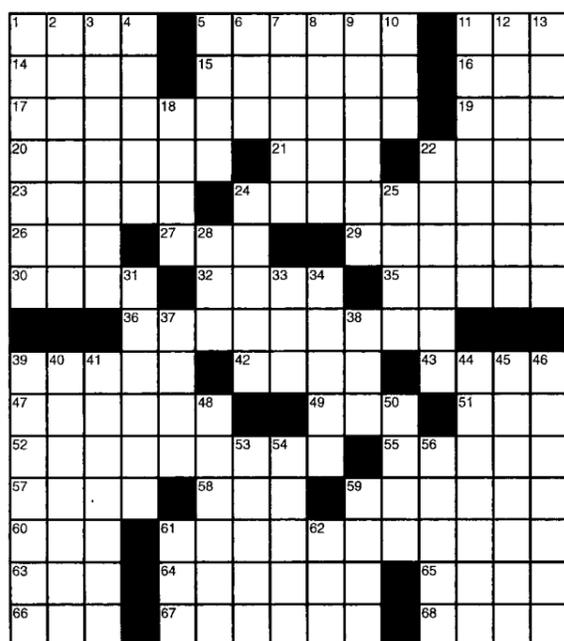


CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

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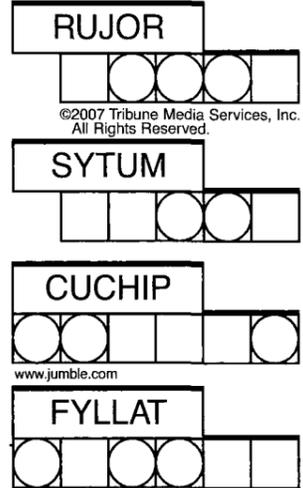
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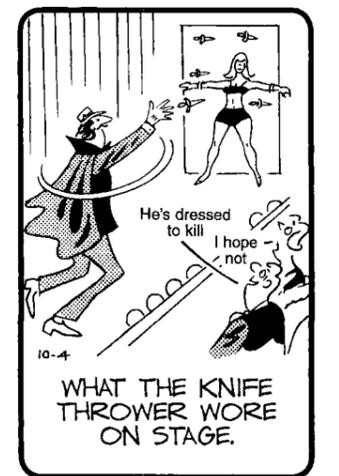
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ayumi Hamasaki, 29; Kelly Ripa, 37; Lorraine Bracco, 53; Donna Karan, 59

Happy Birthday: This is a great year for you to expand your interests and make overdue changes. Use your creative mind to push for a more satisfying and fruitful future. Your numbers are 6, 14, 33, 36, 39, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't mince words or think you can talk your way around situations you want to avoid. Arguments will break out and resolving issues will be impossible. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can get to the bottom of things if you are persistent and refuse to take no for an answer. Emotional matters can be resolved and having fun with friends, children and older, experienced individuals will prove to be enlightening. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put yourself in a position that allows you to learn and expand your skills and knowledge. A creative idea you have can be turned into a lucrative venture. Someone from your past is likely to disrupt your world. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be shy when you have so much to offer. Look at the possibilities and make changes for a better, more interesting future. A change is overdue, so don't procrastinate. Your ideas will be backed if you voice them. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love, romance, having fun and meeting people who can change your life are all up for grabs today. If you see someone who interests you, cast your fate to the wind and jump in with both feet. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful what you say. You have the right idea but someone may try to steal your thunder and take credit for your hard work, plans or ideas. You have to take control if you want to come out on top. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel, adventure and excitement should part of your day. You will have a clear picture of what others think of you and whether or not you can get ahead pursuing what you are doing. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Now is the time to launch, present and take what you want to do and run with it. You can convince others to back you or buy into what you are doing. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will surface, leaving you a little on edge and feeling uncertain about what to do next. Store any advice you're given so that you can utilize it when you feel you can make it work for you. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everything will be out in the open. You'll have to read between the lines. Approach money deals with caution if someone is coming on too strong. An opportunity to make a professional move will be to your advantage. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Collect an old debt or pay off something that has been hanging over your head. Now is the time to make a few personal changes that will boost your confidence or help you get into a better position. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make changes at home. Real estate, renovations or investing in something you believe in should all pay off. A love connection looks positive and taking care of any minor health or personal issues will turn out well. 5 stars

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FOOTBALL

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Weis said Clausen will start at UCLA if ready

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen will start Saturday against UCLA if he is healthy enough, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said in his press conference Tuesday.

Clausen was in full pads for Tuesday's practice and is cleared to play. But whether he will be recovered enough from the undisclosed injury he suffered against Purdue to take the field ahead of junior Evan Sharpley is up in the air.

"I'm not 100 percent sure what Jimmy's going to look like," Weis said. "I'm going to have to see on the field [at practice] how it goes."

Clausen played most of the first three quarters against the Boilermakers Saturday, completing 18-of-26 passes for 169 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. He was spelled by Sharpley after taking a big hit during the third quarter. Sharpley came in and completed 16-of-26 throws for 208 yards with two touchdowns and one interception in slightly more than a quarter of action.

"Last week, both quarterbacks did a lot of good things, but nei-

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Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws downfield during Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 22. Clausen was injured Saturday against Purdue.

MEN'S GOLF

Team takes eighth in Classic

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished in a tie for eighth in the second Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Tuesday, shooting a total of 298 in the final round.

The Irish (289-295-298) ended the tournament at 42-over par, tied with San Diego. Notre Dame stood in third place out of twelve teams after the first round, but fell to sixth after a 16-over second day. No. 25 Michigan State (285-274-288) took first, leading all three rounds in an impressive 14-stroke victory.

Tied for second were No. 16 Lamar University and Arkansas with scores of 861 (14-over). Virginia and Baylor rounded out the top five, shooting totals of 868 and 870 respectively.

Sophomore Doug Fortner was Notre Dame's best golfer this weekend, finishing tied for second place individually. Fortner (68-72-70) finished the tournament at even-par, and his 54 hole total of 210 was just one stroke off the Notre

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish prepare for Michigan

ND 5-0 in Big East for first time since 1997

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After starting its Big East season 5-0 for the first time since 1997, No. 3 Notre Dame will take a break from conference play tonight when No. 19 Michigan comes to Alumni Field.

The Wolverines (8-1-1) come to South Bend in the wake of their first loss of the season — a 3-2 overtime defeat by Indiana. Before its loss to the Hoosiers, however, Michigan had run off nine straight games without a defeat, and Irish coach Bobby Clark expects a stern test from the Wolverines.

"They're the best Big Ten team I've seen," Clark said. "They transition well. They have some very good attacking players, and they're good on set pieces. They're a good side, but we'll be ready for them."

The biggest challenge for Notre Dame will be stopping the potent Michigan offense. The Irish defense, which has four shutouts on the season



DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Irish forward Joseph Lapira dribbles past Huskies midfielder Luis Mojica during Notre Dame's 1-1 tie with NIU Sept. 9.

and a goals-against average of 0.74, will have to contend with a Wolverine offense that has yet to be shutout while averaging 2.62 goals per game this season.

Notre Dame, which holds a 6-1-2 overall record, is currently in the midst of a

seven-game unbeaten streak, with their last loss coming at the hands of No. 18 Maryland 3-0 on Sept. 2. During their streak, Notre Dame is 5-0-2. Despite their impressive record as of late,

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Howard edges Chaos, Walsh defeats Farley

By MEGHAN McMAHON,
PATRICK STYNES and JARED JEDICK
Sports Writers

Howard (2-2-1) scored a last-minute touchdown to defeat Cavanaugh 14-13 Tuesday, narrowly escaping defeat and securing a spot in the Blue Division playoffs.

"It was a heart-breaking loss," Cavanaugh senior center Jill Martini said. "I don't think anyone saw it coming."

Both the Chaos, now 2-3, and Ducks came out strong on defense. Howard junior Laura Giezeman intercepted a pass by Cavanaugh junior quarterback Katie Dunn. The Ducks offense, however, was unable to capitalize on their great field position.

Cavanaugh held the Ducks to less than 20 yards in the first half.

The Cavanaugh offense struck first, scoring a touchdown on the last drive of the half. Senior Elisa Suarez and junior Sarah Van Mill caught Dunn's passes for a combined gain of 55 yards, bringing up first and goal for the Chaos.

Dunn then completed an 8-yard pass to Van Mill for the touchdown and converted to Suarez to end the half leading 7-0.

Howard's first drive of the second half ended abruptly with an interception by freshman Mary Kate Howard, but Giezeman and the Ducks answered back with another interception to launch Howard's first touchdown drive.

Freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop completed a pass to freshman receiver Kaitlin Robinson for the touchdown. The Ducks then made a gutsy decision to go for the two-point conversion, despite having lost to Walsh earlier this season because of missed extra points. Howard converted and took the lead, making the score 8-7.

With less than six minutes left in the game, the Chaos knew they had to act quickly.

Unable to find open receivers, Dunn took off running. She rushed for 40 yards on the first play, and then fifteen on the next, to give

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