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Pension act expires with new year

Provision that makes contributions from IRAs tax-free helped University collect \$2.5 million

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame may have to find a new way to encourage senior alumni to donate a part of their retirement savings to the University starting next year, because the piece of legislation that currently makes these contributions tax-free will expire at the end of 2007.

A provision of the 2006 Pension Protection Act allows people 70.5 years or older to direct up to \$100,000 of their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to qualifying charities and

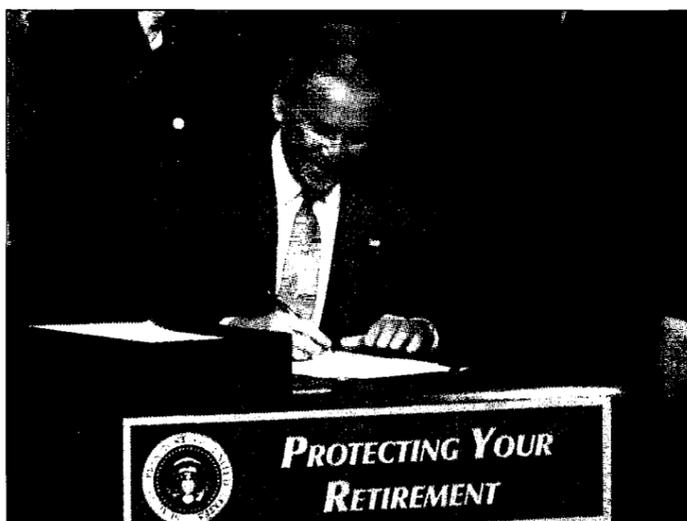
tax-exempt organizations, like Notre Dame — and with a tax benefit.

Since President Bush signed the Act into effect in August 2006, Notre Dame has received more than \$2.5 million in IRA contributions, said John Butkovich, assistant director of planned giving at the University's development office.

"These are dollars we might've not received otherwise," Butkovich said.

But the provision will expire on Dec. 31 as different groups in Congress have expressed con-

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President George W. Bush signs the Pension Protection Act into law in the White House on Aug. 17, 2006.

Hypnotist helps with confidence

Student taps minds of individuals, athletes

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

So you want to quit smoking, conquer stage fright, improve your athletic performance and gain self-confidence? Notre Dame MBA student Dale "Doc" Dougherty might be able to help with a few sessions of hypnosis.

A certified hypnotist, Dougherty said he became interested in the practice after seeing a stage show in 1990 and has practiced it for seven years. He has hosted numerous hypnosis workshops at Notre Dame, working with both individuals and sports teams.

He held one such workshop, the last beginner's session of the semester, Tuesday in the Mendoza College of Business to help students improve their study habits and test-taking and memorization skills.

Dougherty kicked off the session with a few brief meditations, asking participants to visualize relaxing settings. Contrary to stereotypes created by hypnosis stage shows, Dougherty said that your mind still has a moral code under a hypnotic trance.

"You totally have control over yourself," he said. "You can't be made to rob a bank unless you rob banks in your everyday life."

Hypnosis produces a temporary condition of attuned responsiveness at the subconscious level, giving Dougherty an opportunity to present positive thoughts and values to the hypnotized mind.

"Ideally, the positive sugges-

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Alumnae offer their career tips

College graduates host Expo, Insights Day

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's alumnae from 21 majors returned to campus Tuesday to offer students advice on post-graduate employment and educational opportunities in the first annual Alumnae Career Exposition and Career Insights Day, sponsored by the Board of Governance (BOG), the Division of Academic Affairs and the Center for Career Opportunities.

The alumnae participated in major-based seminars throughout the day, discussing their careers and how current students can crack into and excel in those fields.

The main event of the day was the Career Exposition in the Student Center Lounge.

About 75 students participated in the networking event, where the visiting alumnae spoke about their own career experiences.

"The alumnae have been so supportive," BOG alumnae commissioner Christine Darche said. "Even those who couldn't attend [the career expo] wrote back saying this is a great program."

Many of the alumnae said they wish there had been a similar program in place during their time at the College.

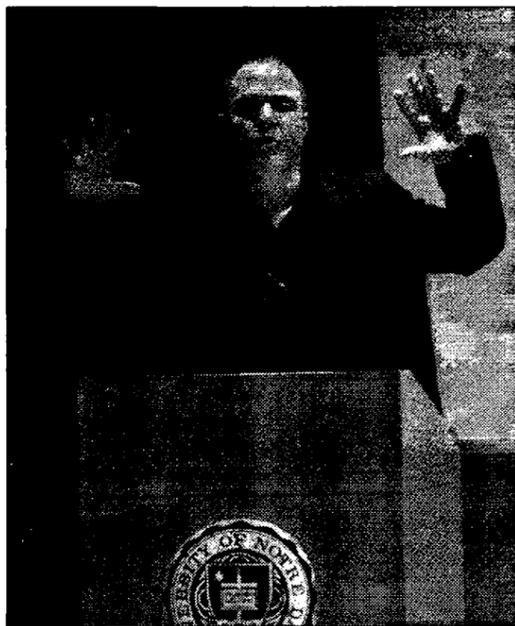
"When I came to school here there was only one bank that interviewed [for post-graduate employment]," said Katherine Waltner Harig, a 1977 graduate. "We had to do everything after college on our own."

Waltner Harig is the executive director of the Illinois region of

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Male feminist tackles gender issues

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer



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Anti-sexism activist Jackson Katz speaks to students Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Library.

Anti-sexism activist Jackson Katz has told members of the New England Patriots and the U.S. Marine Corps that men need to stand up to a culture that allows the physical and psychological subjection of women. On Tuesday, Katz delivered the same message to a Notre Dame audience.

Part of the trouble with society's treatment of gender issues is that these matters are widely considered to be "women's issues," he said.

So long as issues of rape, sexual harassment and sexism are considered women's issues, Katz said, it is easy for men to opt out of the discussion.

"Opinion polls show that both women and men think [violence against women] is an important issue, but that it's an important women's issue," he said.

And with 99 percent of rapes committed by males, a widespread refusal among men to engage in problem-solving debates will

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Diplomat wants female peacemakers

Sorensen: Women have 'untapped potential'

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

A former United Nations diplomat told a Notre Dame audience Tuesday that 80 percent of the world's refugees are women and children — and she wants women, including female refugees, to become "architects of peace."

Gillian Sorensen, a senior adviser to the United Nations Foundation who is known as "the diplomat's diplomat," delivered the lecture "The State of Women Internationally" in the

Hesburgh Center auditorium.

"Women are often marginalized, pushed to the edge," Sorensen said in an interview before the lecture. "The United Nations is at the center of so many things. We could have focused on any number of topics. But women's rights, women's issues, are very important."

She said women have been throughout history victims of war, but they possess the traits that make strong peace builders. The opportunities to act in this capacity, however, have been denied to them for centuries.

"Although women are half

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Gillian Sorensen, U.N. senior adviser, talks about the state of women internationally in the Hesburgh Center auditorium Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Protest this

As it is with many students, the 21-year-old drinking age, our one-year losing streak to Navy, people who cut in line at the Dining Hall and slow walkers can annoy me.

But nothing so far this year has managed to irk me more than the unbelievable number of people who have yet to learn how to socialize.

Kara King

Viewpoint Copy Editor

You know — that guy at the football game who claims he could single-handedly defend against our offense.

The seniors who still enjoy dorm parties and frequent them despite their ability to procure their own alcohol.

Anyone who, on more than one occasion, has found humor in commenting on the appearance of Stepan Center.

Please don't misunderstand me — everyone can have a lapse in judgment.

But to do so on a regular basis leads to social awkwardness. One could argue that this type of behavior is contagious, drawing our social interactions further and further from normalcy.

This fact is only hampered by the Excise Police's insistence on strict enforcement of the drinking age. There's the impression that no one under the age of 21 can set foot at TC for fear of being issued a MIC. The new crackdown on off-campus partying is just one of many problems.

Monotonous discussion is now commonplace. We as a student body have little insight into new topics of conversation.

Recently, however, a new debate arose: that of the lack of student activism on campus. I see where the argument comes from, but there are so many more pertinent issues to Notre Dame that have to be sorted out before we can fully devote ourselves to other causes.

People are out protesting for a living wage, yet no one can fully appreciate these efforts when their voices are drowned out by the freshman claiming he can coach better than Charlie Weis or some guys rehashing the Kaleidoscope McDaniels all-girls-at-ND-are-gremlins theory.

And the worst part of our continuing demise into complete social ineptness: No one is doing anything about it.

We have CLAP where we need CARP — campus awkwardness reduction project.

Though I only have one year past experience from which to draw, the downward spiral that we appear to be on is foreboding. We may not be an active campus, but when it comes to these pertinent issues, the lack of activism ultimately hampers any potential social progress.

Until students begin to notice and take action, there appears to be no end in sight.

But maybe there is a simple solution — an interview requirement for admission. Then we can at least make a preemptive strike.

At any rate, it probably would have kept my excessively awkward engineering brother out.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a portion of the Nov. 6 article on Senator Jim Lockwood's proposed amendment to the Student Body Constitution ("Senator calls for 'puppet' rule") conflated the purpose of his drafted amendment with the goals of a separate amendment he said he would propose.

The amendment on the agenda for consideration at today's meeting of Senate does not give senators more control over the student body president's actions or words at meetings of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition. The goal of the initial amendment is to mandate the president reports details of the committee's meetings to the Senate.

The plan to give senators more control over the president's words at the coalition's meetings is part of a second amendment that Lockwood plans to propose, he said in an e-mail sent to Siegfried residents Monday.

Due to a reporting error, the Nov. 6 article "Opinion page stance on executions detailed" incorrectly stated that Bruce Dold said the Chicago Tribune has a long history of liberalism in its editorial pages. In fact, Dold said the Tribune has a long history of conservatism.

The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HORROR MOVIE AND WHY?



Brianna Muller
sophomore Lyons

"The GDD for Notre Dame Football 2007. It's self-explanatory."



Minsoo Kang
sophomore Carroll

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose. It's scary as hell."



Ed Yap
sophomore Keenan

"Amityville Horror. It strikes close to home."



Puja Parikh
freshman Farley

"The Descent. It didn't need the gore to be scary."



Danny Wheelan
sophomore Keenan

"Shark Attack III. It's so realistic."



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Freshman Lilly Civantos reads her original poetry at Student Literature Night in the Hammes Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Police station no place to smoke weed

URY, Conn. — A man is facing drug charges after he allegedly walked into the Danbury police station puffing on a marijuana-filled cigar.

Capt. Robert Myles says Scott Snow walked into the station early Saturday and blew smoke from his cigar into a small opening in the bullet-resistant glass separating desk officers from the public.

Myles says the 24-year-old man was told there's no smoking inside the building and he allegedly stubbed out the cigar on

the counter.

Officers came out and smelled the distinctive odor of marijuana and arrested Snow.

Boy, 13 blames dad after joy ride wreck

PROVO, Utah — A 13-year-old boy who went for a weekend joy ride in his parent's car lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree — and then blamed the wreck on his father.

Springville police say the boy took the car Saturday and picked up a friend. About 7 p.m. he hit a street sign and a tree.

Lt. Dave Caron says when

officers arrived the boy said his father had crashed and left the scene to find a tow truck. After continued questioning the boy confessed.

Police aren't sure how long the boy had the car or where he had been. They're investigating the accident.

The boy's name is being withheld because of his age. Police are referring the case to juvenile court, where the boy could face charges for joyriding and driving without a license.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Ohio State University professor James Bartholomew will deliver the lecture "Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in 215 DeBartolo Hall.

Heather Stoll, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver the lecture "Presidents, Powers and Parties: The Sources of Legislative Electoral Coordination in Presidential Regimes" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Internationally known advocate against the death penalty Bud Welch will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. His speech, "Vengeance Solves No Problems," will draw upon his experience of losing a daughter in the Oklahoma City bombing.

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Paul Orfalea, former Kinko's chief executive officer will speak in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business Friday at 10:40 a.m.

The Glee Club will perform its fall concert Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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

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SMC students learn self-defense

After friend's murder, founder started workshops for young women

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

Erin Weed, founder and executive director of Girls Fight Back, an organization that provides personal safety and self-defense information for young women, presented her program to about 50 students in Saint Mary's Carroll Auditorium Tuesday night.

Weed founded Girls Fight Back in 2001 after her best friend, Shannon McNamara, was murdered in her college apartment near Eastern Illinois University. Inspired by the way her friend fought back against her aggressor, Weed said she realized young women must learn practical methods to protect themselves if necessary.

"Nothing changes your sense of security more than seeing what violence does to a woman," said Weed, who witnessed the trial of McNamara's murderer.

After working with violence-prevention experts and self-defense trainers, Weed began traveling the country presenting her self-defense initiatives at middle schools, high schools, major corporations, colleges and neighborhoods.

Weed said the most shocking part of her friend's murder case was that many people in the apartment complex heard McNamara's screams as she was being attacked, but no one did anything to help her.

"Specifically in college campus-

es, we ignore sounds," Weed said.

Girls Fight Back is Weed's most popular program, but she also teaches courses on spring break safety, campus crime and workplace safety for interns new to the lifestyle of an urban professional woman.

Through Girls Fight Back, Weed said, she hopes to teach young women that "fighting like a girl is a very good thing."

Weed said she tells women the best way to learn about personal safety is through empowerment, not fear or intimidation because they may be known as the "weaker" sex.

A Girls Fight Back program covers reducing risk factors, paying attention to one's intuition, home security measures and tips for Internet safety. Weed put that and more information for campus safety in her book, "Girls Fight Back: The College Girl's Guide to Protecting Herself."

And it really is a guide for a safer lifestyle, said Cassie Quaglia, president of the Residence Hall Association, which sponsored Weed's presentation.

"Girls Fight Back gives our students practical knowledge to apply to everyday living," Quaglia said. "It is not just about the self-defense aspect."

Quaglia said small changes help make everyday life safer, and Girls Fight Back reminds that to students to avoid tragedies like McNamara's death.

The second half of Weed's presentation includes a program Weed

calls "three steps to a safe and empowered life."

The first step, "learning to trust your intuition," could have prevented McNamara's death, Weed said.

She also warned women against being a sitting duck for attacks.

"All of us know what it looks like to be an easy target," she said.

The presentation ended with a short demonstration of self-defense moves that a woman could put to use if she is ever attacked. When found in a violent situation, women who have never been taught proper ways to defend themselves pause because they do not know how to react, Weed said.

She also showed the audience how to use everyday objects, like a cell phone and a high-heeled shoe, as an "improvised weapon," if circumstances allow.

"It is my hope that you will see something in today's program that will make you want to go and take a self-defense class," she said.

The Girls Fight Back Web site, she said, has a directory women can use to find listings of self-defense classes near them.

Some in the audience said they would consider Weed's suggestion.

"Weed was encouraging because you never think you will be in a situation like [McNamara's] and it was nice to know women can defend themselves," freshman Stacy Biedron said.

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cern about the tax revenue lost through the Act. There are, however, in Washington who are trying to extend the IRA provision, Butkovich said.

The Act's tax benefits, he said, acted as an incentive that encouraged older alumni to use their IRA funds to make contributions to Notre Dame during 2006 and 2007 — and usually at the \$100,000 level.

"We've had a significant amount of gifts at the \$100,000 level, which is the maximum contribution the Act allows," Butkovich said.

He said most benefactors taking advantage of the Act's IRA provision made gifts to the University before 2006, when the Act went into effect. But he said he thinks many of them were discouraged from making further contributions because the IRS tax code puts a ceiling

on the amount of tax reductions a person can receive each year for charitable distributions.

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John Butkovich
assistant director
planned giving

Withdrawals from IRAs are normally reported as taxable income. But with the Pension Protection Act, individuals can directly transfer those funds — free of taxes — to a charity without having to itemize the gift to receive a tax reduction.

Butkovich said as soon as the legislation was passed, his office sent alumni whose graduation years put them in the 70-year-old range information about

the Pension Protection Act. And the University has made full use of it during the two years the provision was in effect.

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the Friends of the Orphans nonprofit organization. She said she wanted to come back to the College and attend Tuesday's events to get exposure for her organization — and hopefully meet students who might be interested in the organization.

"It sounded like a great way to reach out to people," said Waltner Harig, who has also been involved in the College's post-graduate Volunteer Fair for the past two years.

"I've talked to quite a few students already today," she said.

"It's amazing the experiences that some students have already."

Lori Harrington, a 1992 graduate, also returned to her alma mater for the event, even though she hadn't been active in many College events in recent years. But now she's involved in a new organization that helps children going through their parents' divorce — and she wanted to get College students involved.

"I've been talking to [psychology professor Catherine] Pittman about maybe finding some student interns for the program for next semester," Harrington said.

Junior Jill Swan attended the exposition in hopes of finding

some tangible guidance her future; and while she didn't walk away with a job offer, she did think the event was a good idea for people seeking more abstract counsel.

"I think it's only helpful for people with no sense of direction or who knew that what they were looking for would be present," Swan said. "I had an idea of what I wanted and who I was looking for [but they weren't able to attend]. So I personally did not find it helpful, but that's not the same for everyone."

Darche, the BOG alumnae commissioner, was pleased with the way the day turned out, even though there weren't as many people at the career exposition as she had hoped.

"Hopefully next year it will be more established and we can get things started earlier," Darche said. "I think that if more people knew what this was, they would have come."

Center for Career Opportunities director Jeff Roberts was also happy with the event.

"It being the first time, you learn some things," Roberts said. "But still, these things are happening [for students]. ... [The career expo] really provided insight into careers, which is what it was supposed to do."

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Jill Swan
junior

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prevent any true progress toward prevention.

It is essential to involve men in the discussion, both in the academic and activist settings, Jackson said. He was impressed that men comprised about half the audience Monday.

Given today's expectations of masculinity, men must often be confident in their identity before they can speak frankly about the sexist attitudes that pervade current paradigms of gender, he said.

"We need more men with the guts to break out [of] complicit silence," Katz said.

Too often, Katz said, men allow themselves to disregard the issue because they are "good guys" who don't beat their girlfriends or assault women.

In a culture rife with sexism and gender-based violence, refraining from hitting or raping a woman may not be enough to make a man a "good guy," he said. "We need to raise the bar a little."

Males involved in anti-sexism activism are often asked about their personal motivation, Jackson said.

His own personal awakening to the cause came during college when he realized the lives of his female friends were dramatically affected by the need to protect their personal safety, he said.

"The women I care about can't even walk out to the corner store at 9 p.m. to get a soda," he said.

That realization made him angry. As he became more involved with gender issues, Jackson found out that many women close to him had been victims of abuse.

His experience is hardly abnormal, he said.

Jackson insisted that every male in the audience knew at least one female that had been sexually assaulted. He cited a Department of Justice statistic that one of four women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape during college.

"True prevention is going to the root of the problem: men and boys," he said.

"[But] what has been called 'prevention,' as far as I'm concerned, is risk reduction for women, like 'watch your drink' and 'don't go out alone at night.'

"Silence in the face of sexism is a form of consent and complicity," he said.

Men are relevant to preventing violence against women not only because attackers are almost always men, but also because such violence affects them indirectly, he said. He offered an example of a husband whose "wife would wake up screaming, having traumatic flashbacks of a rape that happened 20 years ago." Though the husband wasn't a victim of rape, he was very much harmed by it, he said.

He also considered the effect of domestic abuse on the fam-

ily. When a husband beats his wife, children are the secondary victims, he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, if he's abusing their mother, he's abusing them by definition," he said.

Language plays an important role in shifting the emphasis from men to women, he said. The media often use certain phrases "Mary was beaten" or "Mary is a battered woman" that conceal the role of men and define women by their victimhood.

"The use of the passive voice shifts attention from men and boys to girls and women," he said.

He also objected to the use of the word "accuser" to describe the alleged victims of rape. "[The accused] is now the victim of her accusation," he said.

Jackson extended his argument about the importance of semantics by asking the audience to provide derogatory labels used to criticize female anti-sexism activists.

Two of the terms — "bitch" and "witch" — spurred further analysis.

In medieval Europe, thousands of women who resisted patriarchal power were burned at the stake as witches, he said.

Today, women who refuse to defer to male authority are routinely labeled "bitches," he said.

"We've come 500 years, but we've changed one letter?" he said.

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Alumnae Autumn Gill, right, Dana Dreher Schrader, center, and Jessica Matthews Langager talk to a student at the Alumnae Career Expo Tuesday.

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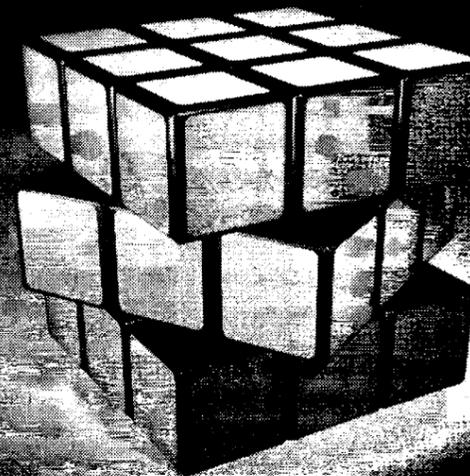
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Attack targets Afghan politicians

BAGHLAN, Afghanistan — A bomb attack struck a group of lawmakers Tuesday as they were being greeted by children on a visit to a sugar factory in Afghanistan's normally peaceful north. At least 28 people were killed, including five parliament members as well as children.

U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai blamed the "the enemies of peace and security," a euphemism often used for the militant Taliban. But such a spectacular attack could also have been the work of al-Qaida. The Taliban denied involvement.

Video obtained by AP Television News of the scene just before the blast shows schoolchildren, tribal elders and government officials lining the streets to greet 18 lawmakers as they were about to enter the sugar factory in Baghlan, a town about 95 miles north of the capital, Kabul.

Instability casts shadow on elections

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's deposed chief justice called on lawyers Tuesday to revolt against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's imposition of emergency rule and a crackdown on the opposition that has left thousands under arrest.

The government considered a delay in parliamentary elections despite Western demands they be held on schedule in January to bring democracy to a nuclear-armed country dogged by political uncertainty and rising Islamic militancy.

Fragile security in the Northwest — cited by officials as a reason for the suspension of the constitution — deteriorated further as pro-Taliban militants seized a town from outnumbered security forces.

NATIONAL NEWS

Shuttle commander voices concerns

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With the mission finally coming to a close, Discovery's commander acknowledged Tuesday she had been "extremely concerned" about the safety of the spacewalker who went out to fix the space station's ripped solar wing.

And the spacewalker, Scott Parazynski, said he barely managed to reach the tangled wires that had snagged the wing. If the damage had been just another foot away, "it would have been a Plan B or C or D," he told The Associated Press. "I don't know what it would have been."

As they prepared for an early Wednesday afternoon landing, the seven astronauts recalled for the AP the dramatic highlight of their 15-day space station construction mission.

Saturday's emergency repair of the torn wing at the international space station was an unprecedented and daring feat whipped up by flight controllers in just a few days.

Bush proposes product safety rules

WASHINGTON — The federal government would toughen its policing of products from abroad under steps proposed by President Bush on Tuesday after a rash of recalls of dangerous toothpaste, dog food and toys.

Bush sought the United States benefits from having an open market and a huge variety of products from across the globe.

However, he said, "We need to do more to ensure that American families have confidence in what they find on our store shelves. They have the right to expect the food they eat, the medicines they take or the toys they buy for their children to be safe."

LOCAL NEWS

Train jumps off nearby tracks

ELKHART, Ind. — As many as 19 railcars from a 112-car freight train derailed in Elkhart, disrupting rail traffic.

Norfolk Southern spokesman Rudy Husband says railroad workers would place some cars back on the tracks and move others to the side in order to clear the line. Rail traffic is being detoured from the single track on Elkhart's east side.

Husband says one of the derailed cars on the train headed to Jackson, Michigan, contained gasoline, but no leaks were evident from it.

An investigation into the derailment has started, but Husband says it could take weeks to determine a cause. No injuries were reported.

IRAQ

2007 deadliest year in ongoing war

Despite high casualties this year, steady decline in attacks eases some pressure on U.S. troops

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military announced six new deaths Tuesday, making 2007 the bloodiest year for American troops in Iraq despite a recent decline in casualties and a sharp drop in roadside bombings that Washington links to Iran.

With nearly two months left in the year, the annual toll is now 853 — three more than the previous worst of 850 in 2004.

But the grim milestone comes as the Pentagon points toward other encouraging signs as well — growing security in Baghdad and other former militant strongholds that could help consolidate the gains against extremists.

A senior Navy officer, meanwhile, announced the planned release of nine Iranian prisoners and was at pains to say that a major cache of Iranian-made weapons and bombs displayed for reporters Tuesday appeared to have been shipped into Iraq before Tehran made a vow to stop the flow of armaments.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said last week that Iran had made such assurances to the Iraqi government. He did not reveal when the pledge was issued.

A decline in Iranian weapons deliveries could be one of several factors for the decrease in both Iraqi and American deaths over the past two months.

"It's our best judgment that these particular EFPs ... in recent large cache finds do not appear to have arrived here in Iraq after those pledges were made," Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National Force-Iraq's communications division, told reporters Tuesday.

Among the weapons Washington has accused Iraq of supplying to Iraqi Shiite militia fighters are EFPs, or explosively formed projectiles. They fire a slug of molten metal capable of



A boy looks at a U.S. soldier at a security checkpoint in Baghdad, Tuesday. Despite falling soldier and civilian casualties, 2007 is now the deadliest year in the Iraq war.

penetrating even the most heavily armored military vehicles, and thus are more deadly than other roadside bombs.

The No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, said last week that there had been a sharp decline in the number of EFPs found in Iraq over the last three months. At the time, he and Gates both said it was too early to tell whether the trend would hold, and whether it could be attributed to action by Iranian authorities. Iran publicly denies that it has sent weapons to Shiite militias in Iraq.

Two of the Iranians who will be freed "in the coming days" were among five captured in January in a U.S. raid on an Iranian govern-

ment facility in Irbil, the capital of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region in the north of the country.

The Americans said the five were members of Iran's elite Quds Force, an arm of the Revolutionary Guards. Iran said the five were diplomats working in a facility that was undergoing preparations to be a consular office.

Smith told reporters the identities of the nine Iranians would be released later. He said the decision to release the nine was made after they were determined not to be a threat to U.S. forces.

The positive moves toward Iran on Tuesday coincided with the opening of two Iranian consulates, the facility in Irbil that was

shut by American forces after the raid, and a second in Sulaimaniyah, the largest city in the Kurdish zone.

Kurdish Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani and Iranian Ambassador Hassan Kazemi Qomi inaugurated the building in Irbil and said both would have full diplomatic status.

"This is a very important step to enhance relations and facilitate the commerce between the two sides," Barzani told reporters.

The Iranian ambassador charged the United States ran roughshod over Iraqi sovereignty in conducting the raid in January.

"The American forces breached Iraqi sovereignty by detaining the five Iranian diplomats at this same office in Irbil," Qomi said.

New Orleans population sees rebound

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Nearly two-thirds of the city's pre-Hurricane Katrina population has returned, a new report estimates.

But Greg Rigamer, the demographer who compiled the report, said Tuesday that he expects the plateau seen since July 2006 to growth within the next year as the sense of urgency to return lessens.

Rigamer, whose company, GCR & Associates, has been tracking demographics in post-Katrina New Orleans, said an estimated 288,000 people were living in New Orleans in October. In July 2005, the month

before Katrina hit and flooded 80 percent of the city, the population was estimated at 455,000.

Between Oct. 1, 2006, and Oct. 1, 2007, New Orleans' population grew 19 percent. But that growth rate may not continue, Rigamer said.

"Given the state of the schools and the criminal justice system, it's hard to understand why the trend has been occurring so long, this long after" Katrina, he said.

Rigamer's report, released late Monday, was based on utility hookups. Last month, the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center used Postal Service data to estimate that New Orleans' popula-

tion has reached 70 percent of its pre-Katrina level.

The rebound appears to be "a bunch of decisions made independently by people," Rigamer said, and not driven by a single event drawing people back.

The rate of repopulation appeared to increase during the past few months, possibly due to families returning for the school year or people finishing their rebuilt homes, GCR senior planner Rafe Rabalais said.

"There's a tangible difference, if you compare now to a year ago, in terms of commercial activity, traffic on the streets, people walking around, cultural events," he said.

Hypnotist

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tions will replace the negative suggestions that are keeping you from reaching goals of self-improvement," Dougherty said.

The best way to view hypnosis, he said, is as a state of "intense relaxation and concentration, in which the mind becomes remote and detached from everyday cares and concerns."

"You aren't asleep or unconscious," he said. "You are in an alternative state of consciousness in which you let things happen through your subconscious mind, rather than trying to make them happen with your conscious and critical mind."

Sophomore Malia Makowski said she was hesitant to try Dougherty's methods.

"I was skeptical at first about trying hypnosis after everything I've heard about it," she said at Tuesday's sessions.

But she was pleasantly surprised by the level of relaxation and harmony she reached with

Dougherty's exercises.

"Even if it doesn't help my studies, it really helped me relax. I'm definitely going to try and make another one of [Dougherty's] sessions," she said.

And stressed students aren't the only ones taking advantage of Dougherty's services.

Dougherty sent letters to all Notre Dame sports teams encouraging them to try hypnosis, but he said he has only received a response from the women's golf team.

"Sports are 90 percent mental. You spend four hours a day working physically but do nothing to help the mental game," he said. "Tiger Woods has a hypnosis coach."

Sports hypnosis can assist with pain management, the ability to eliminate outside distractions and anxiety control, Dougherty's Web site says.

"You change your mind, you change your perception, you change your entire life," he said.

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the human race, men around the world seem to seize authority and power and decision-making, and they sometimes use it to hurt women," she said. "It wasn't really until this century that the rights of women have been seen as equal to the rights of men."

And though their rights may be the same, women's inherent traits differentiate them from their male counterparts in the way they both deal with conflict, Sorensen said.

"Women make a real difference in building peace," she said. "That's not to say they can't be as tough as men. They can, if they choose. But many women have a perspective and experience that gives them a special ability as peace makers and peace builders."

She said that, although many of the world's war refugees are female, men have dominated peace-making diplomacy in the past.

"Look at pictures in The New York Times of peace conferences. Why is it all men?" she said.

"Men have been doing this for centuries. Women could do it as

well, if not better. Give it to the women and see what they can do," she said with a laugh.

But Sorensen was serious when she said women have "untapped potential as peacemakers."

Tapping that potential, however, will require drastic changes in almost all institutions worldwide, Sorensen said.

"My dream is that women receive respect and education, health care — so they can safely give birth — and opportunities. That's not so different from men, I guess," she said. "I'm wishing they had the same opportunities as men."

Globalization, she said, posed a threat to that dream as it "has increased social and economic inequity" between poor and wealthy countries. Religious fundamentalism, as well, is detrimental to the advancement of women as diplomats as it "literally tries to veil and hide women."

Sorensen emphasized the need for strong role models for young women to combat these challenges, noting she came from "a family of strong women," which includes her mother, a journalist and activist.

But in many countries, she said, young girls are unable to find inspiration in other women,

because females are devalued from birth — sometimes to the point where baby girls may be killed because they are not considered as economically or socially valuable as boys.

"I do believe that women's brains, their intelligence, their capacity to do good work is equal to men's if they have the same education and opportunities," she said. "We need to convey a sense that girl babies are just as precious as boy babies."

And students could become the tools with which that change can be made, she said.

Sorensen challenged her collegiate audience, urging individuals to ask themselves how they can "make a contribution to the larger world."

"How can we look across boundaries and bring their talents to where the need is very great? How can we make a difference in the world?" she said.

A former U.N. assistant secretary-general for external relations, Sorensen has also tried to make a difference as a U.N. special adviser for public policy.

She is now traveling the country talking about her experiences with the United Nations and describing herself as "the U.N.'s national advocate."

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AMEX	2,538.91	+44.62	
NASDAQ	2,825.18	+3.48	
NYSE	10,102.41	+143.59	
S&P 500	1,520.27	+18.10	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	16,249.63	0.00	
FTSE 100 (London)	6,474.90	+13.50	
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CITIGROUP INC (C)	-2.28	-0.82	35.08
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	+1.35	+2.02	152.07
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+1.133	+0.61	54.68
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Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	+1.40	+0.050	3.630
30-YEAR BOND	+0.78	+0.036	4.652
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.71	+0.028	3.973
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+2.72	96.70	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+13.00	823.80	
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IN BRIEF

Coors Brewing sees 3Q drop in profit

DENVER — Beer giant Molson Coors Brewing Co. on Tuesday reported a dip in third-quarter net income because of one-time charges that offset a 7 percent increase in sales.

The company's Canadian and U.S. operations both turned in stronger results in sales to retail outlets, while the European business was affected by rainy weather and newly enacted smoking bans.

The Denver-based brewer showed overall improvements in brand strength, pricing and foreign currency rates, Chief Executive Officer Leo Kiely said.

The results were released as Molson Coors is working on a joint venture of its U.S. operations with Miller Brewing Co., owned by SABMiller PLC.

Writer's strike ends filming of TV shows

LOS ANGELES — Production of the hit show "Desperate Housewives" and at least six sitcoms filmed before live audiences will be halted as a result of the writers strike — developments that raised the stakes Tuesday in the walkout targeting movie studios and TV networks.

Producer Alexandra Cunningham said "Desperate Housewives" will stop production on Wednesday after running out of scripts. Shows that have already been completed won't last until Christmas, she said.

"It's unfortunate. We want to get back to work," Cunningham said.

Sitcoms that will stop the cameras include "Back to You," starring Kelsey Grammer and Patricia Heaton, which will not return from a planned hiatus, said Chris Alexander, a spokesman for 20th Century Fox Television.

Star Julia Louis-Dreyfus said production also stopped on her CBS show, "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

In addition, "Til Death," which airs on Fox, and "Rules of Engagement," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Big Bang Theory," all on CBS, will also end filming, according to people familiar with production of the shows who were not authorized to be quoted and requested anonymity.

Facebook announces targeted ads

User profile information to be used to generate commercials with personal interests

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook has begun transforming itself from an online hangout into an online business district.

Companies can now create their own pages on Facebook for the first time, under a new program announced Tuesday. Advertisers also will be able to show users their pitches in the guise of friends' endorsements, based on what the friends buy and do online.

For example, if a friend has booked a vacation on Travelocity, the online travel agency will be able to display the friend's photo as part of an ad to entice the user to buy flights and hotel stays.

The friend will have some control over whether to share that information, but the user will have fewer choices over whether to receive it.

As Web companies look to boost advertising revenue by offering to target ads based on users' hobbies, interests and behavior, Facebook's move could change the tone of the site and revive privacy complaints it faced last year. Facebook will rely on information in users' profiles and on friends' online activity to determine what ads might appeal to users.

Key will be how Facebook tells users about the program, something it plans to do shortly.

"Some people may find it creepy," said Deborah Pierce, executive director of the San Francisco-based Privacy Activism. "They are trying to find some ways to monetize this and keep the lights on. If the disclosure is up front, yeah, I think this is a reasonable thing for them to do."

Facebook has long prided itself on guarding its users' privacy, but the walls have



Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg explains to reporters Tuesday new advertising features that generate ads based upon the users' interests.

gradually lowered. A feature allowing users to track changes their friends make to profiles backfired when many users denounced it as stalking and threatened protests. Facebook quickly apologized and agreed to let users turn off the feature.

Advertisers also can fine-tune their pitches — having their pitches appear only to women under 30 who attended New York University and work at Goldman Sachs, for instance.

Facebook promises no information that could identify individual will be disclosed to advertisers. And its

officials said users can complain again if they find the new targeting program offensive.

"If users are displeased with this, we will hear from them," said Chris Kelly, the company's chief privacy officer.

Privacy concerns aside, many Facebook members may be reluctant to endorse an advertiser for fear of alienating friends who had bad experiences with the same company, said Chris Winfield, who runs 10e20, an online marketing specialist.

"They are relying a lot on

their users to make this happen, and that's going to be tricky," Winfield said.

Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, who founded the company three years ago, said marketers must respond to the changing nature of communication, driven in part by social-networking sites like his.

"Pushing your message out to people is no longer good enough," Zuckerberg told about 200 advertising-industry executives, many already in New York for the ad:tech conference. "You have to get your message out to the conversations."

Crude oil barrels rise to record high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil futures jumped to a new record above \$97 a barrel Tuesday after bombings in Afghanistan and an attack on a Yemeni oil pipeline compounded the supply concerns that have driven crude prices higher in recent weeks.

Those concerns were also fed by a U.S. government prediction on Tuesday that domestic oil inventories will fall further this year while consumption rises.

At the pump, meanwhile, gas prices continued to rise, following oil's 39 percent price rally since August. The national average price of a gallon of gas jumped 2 cents overnight to \$3.024 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Separately, the federal Energy Information Administration reported that diesel fuel prices reached a

national average of \$3.303 a gallon, a new record.

If oil prices continue to rise, it might be some time until consumers see relief at the pump. Some analysts predict prices could rise as high as \$3.50 to \$4 a gallon next summer.

The Energy Information Administration is predicting gas prices will remain above \$2.90 a gallon for the rest of the year, and will set a new record national average of \$3.235 a gallon by May. In May 2007, prices peaked at \$3.227 a gallon as refiners, faced with a series of unexpected outages, struggled to produce enough gas to meet demand.

On Tuesday, oil was already up before news of the attack in Yemen and the blasts in northern Afghanistan that killed at least 28 people. Severe weather forecasts for the North Sea, expectations that domestic crude supplies fell last week and the weak dollar all con-

tributed to the latest move upward.

While Afghanistan does not produce much oil, traders watch for the possibility that any escalation in the conflict there between U.S. armed forces and Islamist militants could spill over into other countries, disrupting oil supplies out of the Middle East.

John Kilduff, vice president of risk management at MF Global UK Ltd., noted that the attack in Yemen "has disrupted a pipeline that carries 155,000 barrels a day of crude."

Meanwhile, investors believe crude supplies are declining in the U.S. Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires predict, on average, that crude oil inventories fell by 1.6 million barrels last week. The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration will issue its weekly inventory report on Wednesday. Oil futures' rise above \$90 a barrel has been fueled in part by two weeks of unexpected declines in inventories.

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Ron Paul: An exception to the rule

There are some things in life that you can always count on: Lindsay Lohan going to jail every few months, hearing "Don't Stop Believing" at the Backer on Saturday night, the Cubs choking in the playoffs, Notre Dame beating Navy (too soon?), just to name a few. Such occurrences make life worth living; it's good to know that no matter how much the world changes, some things never will. In much the same way, I used to consider dishonesty, flip-flopping and sliminess as necessary qualities for politicians.



Mark Poyar

Bulletproof Ideas

That was before I discovered Ron Paul.

One need not look further than the 2008 presidential field to see that Ron Paul is the exception to the rule. Hillary Clinton, the media appointed "front-runner" who will very likely win her party's nomination, certainly plays the part. As of late 2006, she refused to admit that she made a mistake in voting for the Iraq war in the Senate, instead suggesting that she regretted "the way the president used the authority that Congress gave him," as though she was shocked that the president would actually use the authority to attack Iraq that she had just handed him. Almost a year later as public opinion for the war waned, she claimed that, "if I knew then what I now know, I would not have voted that way."

It even sounds vaguely reminiscent of John Kerry's famous utterance that he voted before the war before he voted against it. Not to mention her statements that she supported the war but didn't like Bush's handling of it. It could not be more obvious that she is attempting to "reposition" herself from a war supporter to an "anti-war" candi-

date in order to win the anti-war vote as if she is a legitimate anti-war candidate.

Barack Obama and Dennis Kucinich seem to be the only two Democratic candidates that actually seem to mean what they are saying. This is why they scare me.

The Republican side is probably even worse. Rudy Giuliani, the (God-forbid) Republican front-runner, seems to have had as many "changes of heart" as he's had wives. Giuliani recently declared that he no longer supports making it all but impossible to own a gun as he did in New York, but now is "a strong supporter of the second amendment" and "understands that every law-abiding American has an individual right to keep and bear arms that is guaranteed by the Constitution," according to his website.

This is coming from the man who argued that the Brady Bill didn't go far enough, supported national gun registration and tried to mandate that all gun-owners have trigger locks in New York, rendering guns all but useless in an emergency. Please.

A few months ago, a 1989 video surfaced on the internet in which Giuliani expressed his support of federally-funded abortions. The Giuliani damage control unit went into overtime and shockingly enough, he declared that he no longer supports such a policy.

Even more shockingly, Giuliani has "seen the light" on all these touchy Republican issues after he decided to run for president, and all of his "changes of heart" have made him a more attractive candidate to the Republican base. Giuliani is the embodiment of all that is wrong in American politics: Self-serving, power-hungry, unprincipled and will say absolutely anything (whether he believes it or not) to get votes.

The actions of Mitt Romney, the former Republican governor of Massachusetts, are quite similar. As

recently as 2002, Romney claimed that he was "personally pro-life" but "would protect a woman's right to choose." Romney has since retreated from his earlier pro-choice stance and claimed in late 2006 that he is actually pro-life.

Luckily for him, he was already in the race for the Republican nomination, a fact I'm sure had nothing to do with his "change of heart." Romney has also tried to position himself as something of a fiscal conservative, despite the fact that state spending when he took office was \$22.7 billion and was \$25.7 billion plus \$2 billion off budget when he left four years later. And he raised taxes.

It's sickly amusing to watch candidates try to change their positions in order to attract more votes. That's why Ron Paul is like a breath of fresh air. As anyone who has ever seen him speak or read any of his works can attest, he is actually a man of character and principle who will never change his views for political expediency.

He is a champion of limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and the non-interventionist foreign policy of the founding fathers. Ron Paul has never voted for a tax increase. Ron Paul has never voted for a bill that the Constitution does not expressly authorize. Ron Paul has never voted for an unbalanced budget. Ron Paul has been the most outspoken opponent of the Iraq war in the House since the very beginning. It is always clear where Ron Paul stands on an issue. What the public sees is what they get, and judging by the record \$4 million he raised from over 35,000 individuals online in one day, the public likes what it sees.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Game cheers leave lasting impressions

Chanting has broader consequences

Concerning "Suck it [mascot]" in the cadence cheer: In my day as a student (mid-1960s), somewhere in the third quarter of every game, many of the student body would start singing "Howdja like to bite my a**?" It got to be a regular tradition, which — of course — not everyone liked. But most of the guys thought it was fun.

Then I graduated. On one of my first job interviews I thought things were going well until the interviewer concluded the interview by saying how he had always admired Notre Dame. But, then he took his young son to a game, where they sat close enough to the student body to hear the

chant. He was embarrassed trying to explain to his son why they were singing that. And I was embarrassed. I could have told him that I didn't sing the song. Maybe I even did, but the damage was done. I didn't get the job.

So, while considering what to chant or sing en masse at football and basketball games, it might be wise to reflect on the fact that you won't always be surrounded by friendly, happy fellow students and that the impression on visitors to Notre Dame may some day be important to you.

Adrian J. Reimers

Class of 1967

adjunct assistant professor of philosophy

Nov. 6

Respect for Navy appreciated

I just want to say that I am very proud of the student body for leaving out the "suck it" portion of the game chant on Saturday. I had visitors with me at the game, and I explained to them the normal line but told them since this was a service academy that Notre Dame students knew better than to insult our future servicemen. I was especially happy to actually hear cheers as Navy took the field, and to see people cheer for their alma mater after the game. Thanks to everyone for remembering who will be protecting our freedom in the next few years.

Tony Perkinson

graduate student

off campus

Nov. 5

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Charlie Weis' future?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm not interested in money, I just want to be wonderful."

Marilyn Monroe
American actress

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charlie Weis must stay

His time will come

This is in response to Stephen Mann's Letter to the Editor ("Time for Charlie to go," Nov. 5). I realize that this season hasn't gone our way, and the coaching hasn't been perfect. It's time to fire Charlie Weis. Clearly there are candidates available for our coaching position who demonstrate far better class and coaching ability.

Perhaps we can scoop up John L. Smith as a replacement? In fact, the sooner we get Charlie Weis out of town the quicker we can take Mary off the dome and replace her with a statue of Bob Davie. Firing Charlie Weis is the answer!

No actually it's pretty simple. Find me a coach in America who could do a substantially better job with a team with a new offensive line, new wide receivers, new running backs, new quarterbacks and a new defensive scheme. Also graduate your players, assemble the top recruiting class in America of athletes who can actually read and write and teach the students valuable life lessons.

Something special is being built here that all Domers can be proud of. In the next three years, we'll have one national title at the least. Charlie's not going anywhere, and before you criticize him again,

remember how many blocks and tackles he's missed, how many errant passes he's thrown, how many balls he's dropped and how many penalties he's committed.

Since I've stepped foot on this campus two years ago, it's never ceased to amaze me not only the lack of knowledge students have about sports at America's jock college, but also how quickly people turn on a team and its coaching staff.

Above all, I clearly remember how many times our students complained about the guy who played here and wore No. 10. All I know is that he was pretty good. We'll be saying the same thing about our head coach very soon.

The points you make demonstrate that you know absolutely nothing about college football. And stop complaining about that field goal decision. I go for it on fourth down in NCAA 2008 just like every real man on this campus does. If you care not to join us on Saturday afternoon, nobody's going to miss you. Go read a book instead.

Brendan McCarthy
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Nov. 5

Coaches more informed than fans

I will be the first to admit that I do not know everything about football and I am just as unhappy as the next guy about this year's football season. What I do know, though, is that I am not at practice every day. I am not privy to all the information that the coaches have. I do not know the players personally, nor do I have a good idea of what they are really capable of on the football field. It takes a lot of time and knowledge to have that kind of understanding of 80-however many guys are on a football team. Most of the time it's a paid position; they're usually called coaches.

I am really tired of hearing people all over campus talking about the football team, how terrible we are and how Charlie Weis should be gone. Everyone is positive that he is out there making the wrong calls for our football team and not giving them a chance to win. He is going against conventional football wisdom. The Navy game was full of questionable decisions on Weis's part; ones that went against conven-

tional football wisdom.

Conventional wisdom is just that, though; conventional, it is for when things are ordinary. Things are far from normal with this year's football team. It is an unconventional year. Conventional wisdom might have to be left behind in order to give us a chance for victory.

That being said, we are all entitled to our opinions, but don't be so adamant about how poorly Weis is coaching and how terrible of a decision maker he is. You aren't at practice. You don't know what the coaches know, and you don't know what each player is capable of under every circumstance in the game. If you ever gain access to all that information, then say all you want and be sure of it. Until then, just remember that there are more informed people out there running the football team and they are sure doing a better job than me, and probably you, too.

Tim Campbell
junior
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Nov. 5

Raising awareness toward hate

On Oct. 9, 2007, on the campus of Columbia University, an act of hate touched the life of a friend. Dr. Madonna Constantine, a preeminent African-American psychologist/scholar, awoke to learn that an anonymous person had hung a noose on her office door.

During the 1989-1990 academic year, Constantine was an intern at the University Counseling Center who counseled many Notre Dame students. Since then she has written extensive articles and books on the topic of celebrating diversity and cultural sensitivity. It's hard for those of us who know her personally to learn that someone

took the time and effort to tie a noose and then deliberately place it on her door.

Unfortunately, in recent months the appearance of a noose has become an all-too-frequent occurrence. For instance, in recent weeks in Chicago, a noose was left for an African-American woman at a construction work site, in Queens a woman brandished a noose to threaten a black neighbor and similar events have happened at the University of Maryland, Indiana State University, at a police department on Long Island, on a Coast Guard Cutter and in a bus maintenance garage in Pittsburgh.

Earlier this fall, the story of white

students at Jena High School placing nooses in a tree to communicate antipathy toward their African-American classmates made national news. Closer to home, African-American students were singled out in an anonymous note at the St. Joseph's High School right across the street.

We in the Counseling Center want to send a message to the Notre Dame community. Keep your eyes, ears and hearts sensitive to acts of hate and cruelty in any form. Whether or not such acts occur on or off our campus, let us become aware of how and why these acts happen. Know that even the most subtle statement, comment or remark

can leave a psychological imprint that can alter a person's life. Some acts are blatant, overt, obscene and warrant an immediate challenge. Others can go unnoticed receiving little acknowledgement (except for the people they harm). But even the most blatant acts of hate can go unacknowledged in terms of the deep impact they can have on others. In the midst of discussions on all forms of oppression sparked by these current events, let us all be aware of what the image of a noose means to members of the African-American community.

Miguel A. Franco, Ph.D.
University Counseling Center Staff

Game experience unparalled

After years of observing whether or not my son's obsession with all things Notre Dame would pass, his commitment was finally rewarded as the two of us made our way to South Bend this last weekend to attend our first Notre Dame football game. I just want to express how grateful we both feel to have not only been able to attend the game, but also that the experience we had with fans and staff was unparalleled.

Never have I come in contact with so many gracious, kind and considerate people all in one location. Because the people near us had taken the time to share things with us regarding the program that was important to them, it made the little things like knees in the back and arms on the shoulders as we stood and sat much less concerning. Thank you for allowing us to share that experience with you.

In spite of the loss, I have seldom been privy to such an act in the stands and on the field. That experience proves to me that there are indeed many more things more important than football. It was wonderful to be a part of something greater than myself. Thanks for letting us in on it. We can't wait to come again next year. Go Irish!

Dan Scoresby
Highland, Utah
Nov. 5

A note of respect from a Navy alum

After watching as my alma mater, the Naval Academy, lose for the 43rd consecutive time to Notre Dame last year, after watching as Brady Quinn, coach Charlie Weis and all Notre Dame players, students and fans showed genuine respect for the Navy team and students with their post-game comments and quiet, side-by-side observation of the singing of the "Navy Blue and Gold," and after reading the fine editorial by a Notre Dame student in this very publication about how Notre Dame "gets it" when it comes to the "beyond football" significance of this storied, on field rivalry: I was so moved that I had to write and thank the student, and all of Notre Dame, for their admirable, classy behavior that went way beyond sportsmanship.

After finally witnessing something I thought I might not see in my lifetime — Navy's victory last Saturday over Notre Dame — I naturally felt the joy and relief of finally, at long last, experiencing victory over the school that is the yardstick of college football greatness. I popped a bottle of champagne and called several of my fellow Academy alums to joke that "the streak lives ... every time my family has a three-year-old boy, Navy beats Notre Dame." I was three in 1963, and my son (who, by the way, loves "Rudy") is now three.

But after a brief celebration of something I had waited 44 years to see, I quickly returned to the realization that, what had seemed really important to me only three hours earlier (a victory over Notre Dame), was no longer as significant to me as the fact that the same post-game respect and genuine class emanated from all over Notre Dame Stadium as had after any of the 43 previous victories. I was not so much surprised by this, just more or less overwhelmed that, the feeling of victory I had awaited for so long, was dwarfed by the

realization that, once the game was over and won, what really stuck was my enduring admiration and respect for all that is embodied by both the Naval Academy and the University of Notre Dame.

What word describes what I witnessed from the people of Notre Dame after a week during which they had buried the brother of a player, and after a day during which they lost not only a hard-fought football game, but a fine young alum and promising marathoner? I can't think of a single word that describes that type of character, integrity and class. I guess it takes two, Notre Dame. I want to offer my condolences to the Notre Dame family, but also congratulate and thank each and every student at this great school once again. Though the team is having a down year, you will win many more football games and national championships in the very near future under your great coach, Charlie Weis, and with your trove of talented student-athletes.

Right now, you may be hurting from your on-field and, more importantly, off-field losses, but you should all be very proud of who you are, where you are and how you are perceived by outsiders like me. You are at a truly great institution that is only that way because it reflects the values and character of the people — you, the students, coaches, faculty and alumni — who ARE the University of Notre Dame bring to it. Enjoy every moment you are there and know there are probably millions of us out here that are not your parents or family, but are also very proud of who and what you are. Thanks and best wishes.

Joe Rainey
Naval Academy alumnus
Class of 1982
Nov. 6



As if the end of summer weren't bad enough, it also marks the beginning of the tedious wait until Oscar season. In the months between August and November, studios release their least desirable movies, with a few exceptions, in anticipation of the bombardment of Oscar—worthy films come November and December. This year's winter movie season marks the return of Julia Roberts and Disney 2—D animation, as well as the continued dominance of Judd Apatow and the yearly Oscar—worthy performance from Will Smith. There're blockbusters and indies and musicals (oh my!) and a whole lot of awards buzz. The following are the films that will offer you the most entertainment for your increasingly costly movie ticket this winter.

"Enchanted"

Release date: Nov. 21
Starring: Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Susan Sarandon

Combining live action, 2—D animation and the magic of Disney, "Enchanted" is set to warm the hearts of anyone who has ever loved a Disney princess movie.

The latest fairytale from the House of Mouse follows the journey of Giselle (Amy Adams), a young maiden engaged to marry Prince Edward (James Marsden) in the land of Andalasia. But Giselle faces a frightening situation when the prince's evil step—mother, Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon), casts her into the 3—D, live—action world of Manhattan. Soon Giselle finds herself falling for handsome lawyer Rob (Patrick Dempsey), whose own engagement to Nancy (Idina Menzel) adds more complications to Giselle's world.

The movie is filled with references to past animated Disney features, and the musical numbers pay homage to the music of past films. Alan Menken, the Academy Award—winning composer of "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast," returned to the animated world from Broadway to compose the music for the



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movie. "Enchanted" marks a slight return to Disney's traditional 2—D animation. "The Princess and the Frog," the studio's first feature—length 2—D animated movie since "Home on the Range," is set to be released in 2009.

"Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story"

Release date: Dec. 21
Starring: John C. Reilly, Jenna Fischer, Kristen Wiig

Director and screenwriter Judd Apatow owned the summer of 2007 with "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," but now he's changing directions from the world of slacker comedies with heart to the world of the music biopic — the fictional music biopic, that is.

"Walk Hard" parodies and draws inspiration from hit biopics such as "Ray" and "Walk the Line." It stars John C. Reilly as Dewey Cox, whose life and voice bear a significant resemblance to Johnny Cash. Apatow co—wrote "Walk Hard" with Jake Kasdan, who worked with Apatow on the TV series "Freaks and Geeks."

Kasdan directs the project that reunites many from the Apatow crew such as Paul Rudd, David Koechner and Harold Ramis. New to Apatow's crowd is Jenna Fischer ("The Office"), who plays Dewey's true love in a character reminiscent of June Carter. And just as the



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music of Johnny Cash was vital to "Walk the Line," the music of Dewey Cox also plays a significant role in the comedy. Listen closely to the lyrics of some 20 songs for some extra laughs as Dewey rises, falls and rises again.

"Atonement"

Released: Sept. 7
Starring: Keira Knightley, Jams McAvoy, Romoloa Gari

Based on the book by Ian McEwan and set in England against the drama World War II, "Atonement" tells the story of two lovers and the girl who betrays them.

Briony Tallis (Saoirse Ronan), a young girl with a vivid imagination and dreams of being a writer, through a series of misunderstandings and accidents accuses Robbie Turner (James McAvoy), the new lover of her sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightly) of a crime he did not commit. Sent to jail, he takes the choice of joining the army instead.

As Briony (Romoloa Gari) ages she begins to realize her mistake and declines attending Cambridge to serve as a nurse instead. Meanwhile, Robbie and Cecilia try to be reunited. As romantic as the plot first sounds, "Atonement" promises to be more, with characters that evolve and aren't always likeable.

Directed by Joe Wright of "Pride and Prejudice," his latest film is certain to be as visually stunning. Another thing to look forward to should be the film's score. Dario



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Marianelli returns with Wright from "Pride and Prejudice," which received an Oscar nomination for its score. The selections released through the trailer and Web site have created a captivating and dramatic soundtrack.

"Juno"

Release date: Dec. 5
Starring: Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner, JK Simmons, Allison Janney

"Juno," directed by Jason Reitman of "Thank You for Smoking," looks to be both hilarious and meaningful as it presents a personal, and less melancholy, view of teenage pregnancy.

Juno, an offbeat and smart high school student, decides to find her own solution for unplanned pregnancy by locating parents for her unborn child. She discovers an affluent suburban couple desperate for a child played by Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman.

Throughout the pregnancy, Juno, along with her mother (Allison Janney) and father (JK Simmons), deals with her reception back at school, the newly awkward but not ruined relationship with the boy who is the father of her child, and the difficulty of understanding who you are supposed to be when you are forced to grow up so fast.

In her own words, Juno is "just out deal-



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ing with things way beyond [her] maturity level." This film is also exciting for the new talent it contains. Ellen Page, of the last two X—Men movies and "Hard Candy," and Michael Cera, of "Superbad," are both emerging as strong and appealing actors.

"National Treasure: Book of Secrets"

Release date: Dec. 21
Starring: Nicholas Cage, Diane Kruger, Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Helen Mirren, Justin Bartha

"National Treasure" wasn't historical accurate. It wasn't deep. It wasn't even plausible.

But it was terribly fun.

And the sequel, "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," looks set to do it again. To clear his family name after his great grandfather is accused of being a conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Gates (Nicholas Cage) is back not only to steal more stuff, but to add kidnapping (of the president, no less) to his list of misdemeanors in the search of truth and, yes, treasure.

This time around, there's even a "book of secrets" that contains everything from information about Area 51 to the missing Watergate minutes.

Much of the original cast — including Nicholas Cage as Thomas Gates, Diane



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Kruger as Abigail Chase, Jon Voight as Patrick Gates and Justin Bartha as Riley Poole — is back and will be joined by the understating Ed Harris and Helen Mirren. So maintain your disbelief, and have a grand old time.



"Lions for Lambs"

Release date: Nov. 9

Starring: Derek Luke, Michael Pena, Robert Redford, Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep

New Hollywood talent combines with old in "Lions for Lambs," a new political thriller.

After meeting with West Coast professor Dr. Stephen Malley (Robert Redford), Arian (Derek Luke) and Ernest (Michael Pena) leave to serve in the armed forces in Afghanistan.

On the other side of the country, Senator Jasper Irving (Tom Cruise) remains on the verge of disclosing a groundbreaking story to television journalist Janine Roth (Meryl Streep). The information Irving reveals may well determine the fate of Arian and Ernest.

Back on the West Coast, Dr. Malley debates with a student (Andrew Garfield) over ideologies and national policy.

"Lions for Lambs" chronicles events unfolding on both coasts and abroad.



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Much like last year's film "Babel," "Lions for Lambs" loosely combines three seemingly disparate storylines into a broad composition, relating the impact of events on different people across the globe.

"Beowulf"

Release date: Nov. 16

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Ray Winstone

Old English epics aren't exactly the stuff of movie magic, right? Anglo-Saxon taglines tend not to narrate the previews we see on television. However, "Back to the Future" director Robert Zemeckis seems set on bringing the 8th century into the 21st with this month's "Beowulf."

Animated much like Zemeckis's film version of "The Polar Express," Beowulf features the voices of Angelina Jolie as Grendel's mother — a far cry from the dark, watery beast in the original tale — and British actor Ray Winstone (TV's "Henry VIII") as the eponymous epic hero.

The prognosis on "Beowulf" seems iffy at best, as an animated, near-Disneyfied version of the story is unlikely to be dark enough to capture the proper flavor, and an overly violent version will probably omit the real substance of the original. Still, it will be

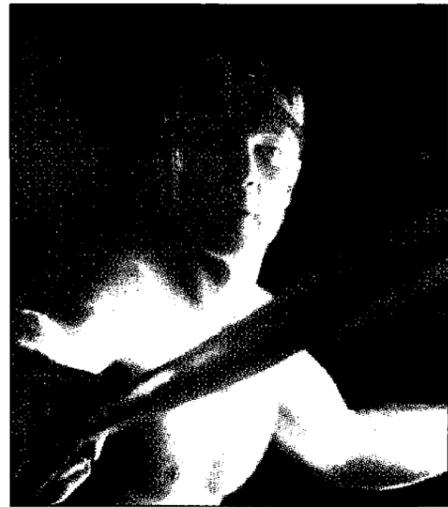


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interesting to see how Zemeckis' vision pans out, even if it means watching Grendel's mom flirt with Beowulf like in an Old English version of Fountains of Wayne's "Stacey's Mom."

"The Golden Compass"

Release date: Dec. 7

Starring: Daniel Craig, Nicole Kidman, Dakota Blue Richards, Eva Green

Young Lyra Belacqua (Dakota Blue Richards) embarks on an adventure of epic proportions in "The Golden Compass." Based on Philip Pullman's novel by the same name, the movie follows Lyra's adventures as she leaves Jordan College in Oxford and steps out into a world of intrigue.

Before leaving, Lyra is given a mysterious instrument known as an Alethiometer (described as the titular "Golden Compass") that is said to be capable of telling the truth. The beautiful but cold Ms. Coulter (Nicole Kidman) takes young Lyra to come live with her.

Following his newfound movie star status as James Bond, a bearded Daniel Craig plays Lord Asriel, Lyra's mysterious and powerful uncle who is obsessed with discovering the secret of a strange substance known as Dust. Eva Green, Craig's costar in "Casino Royale," com-



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bines with him again on "Compass" as the enigmatic witch Serafina Pekkala. The "Golden Compass" involves all manner of magic and mystery and traipses across alternate universes as Lyra begins her quest.

"I Am Legend"

Release date: Dec. 14

Starring: Will Smith

Ever feel like you're the only person around? In this winter's sci-fi thriller "I Am Legend," Will Smith gets the opportunity to experience just that, and to the extreme. Some time in the near future, a deadly virus sweeps through New York City and takes out seemingly everyone but brilliant scientist Robert Neville (Smith). In time, Neville discovers that he is not, in fact, alone in the world — rather, he's slowly joined by the infected, zombie-like mutants who were exposed to the virus that nearly destroyed the city. As the lone uninfected survivor, Neville carries the only immunization from the virus in his veins, leaving him vulnerable and friendless.

Based on the 1954 novel by Richard Matheson, "I Am Legend" has been adapted to the screen twice previously. With Smith's versatility as an actor — few in Hollywood could play Muhammad Ali, a dating guru and the



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primetime Fresh Prince as successfully as Smith can — bodes well for this version to be the strongest one yet. Plus, nothing says "Merry Christmas" like virally infected zombies roaming the streets of New York.

"Charlie Wilson's War"

Release date: Dec. 25

Starring: Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Philip Seymour Hoffman

"Charlie Wilson's War" features a talent overload that will certainly lead to a heap of Academy Award nominations.

Oscar winner Mike Nichols directs the film adapted (from a book of the same name) by Emmy winner and "West Wing" genius Aaron Sorkin. Meanwhile, the film stars three acting powerhouses and Oscar winners — Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Add in appearances by two of the most talented young actresses in Hollywood — Amy Adams, an Oscar nominee, and Emily Blunt, a Golden Globe winner — and you have a recipe for not only a successful film, but also a good film.

"Charlie Wilson's War" follows Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson (Hanks) as he conspires with a rogue CIA agent (Hoffman) and a Texas socialite (Roberts) to assist the Afghan Mujahideen after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. "Charlie Wilson's War" is



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the first time Hanks and Roberts — two of American's favorite actors — have appeared in a film together, and it's the first time Roberts has physically appeared in a film (she has done voice work) since 2004's "Ocean's Twelve."

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"

Release date: Jan. 17

Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman

"The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" may not seem like a hefty epithet to levy at a criminal, but this murderous moniker is more than fitting for Sweeney Todd, the main character in Tim Burton's new film version of the Stephen Sondheim musical. Starring Johnny Depp as Sweeney Todd (aka Benjamin Barker) the film tells the story of Barker, a barber wrongly imprisoned by the evil Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman). Upon his release, Barker learns that Turpin has schemed to seduce his now-dead wife and take his daughter, and he decides to exact revenge. Joining forces with meat pie-maker Mrs. Lovett (Helena Bonham Carter), Barker slowly evolves into Sweeney Todd, with deadly results. Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" is a much-beloved play, and seeing the talented use their rarely heard singing voices should be interesting at the very least. Burton, with his distinctive, slightly creepy directing



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style, also seems to be a perfect fit for this macabre musical. Time will tell as to how successful of an adaptation "Sweeney Todd" turns out to be, but making an appointment with the Demon Barber seems like a very good idea.

NBA

Clippers edge Bulls behind Mobley's big effort

Balanced Suns attack hands Bobcats first loss of season; Nets hold off Hawks behind healthy Jefferson, Kidd's 12 assists

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cuttino Mobley showed Kirk Hinrich and the Chicago Bulls that he's ready to play physical again.

Mobley scored 33 points and Corey Maggette added 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 97-91 win over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

"I told the referees the first game, I've told y'all, I'll tell everyone I'm going back to my first five years," said Mobley. "I'm just going back to my old aggressive self. I'm only 32."

Mobley was 10-for-10 from the floor in the first half. He used his size advantage against Kirk Hinrich to create room for his jumper.

"It's tough," said Hinrich. "When I got off a good jump to challenge a shot I felt like I would make him miss, but a lot of times, down the stretch he would bang me and knock me back and I couldn't get the lift to challenge his shot the way I wanted to."

The Clippers improved to 3-0 despite missing Elton Brand and Shaun Livingston with injuries. The Bulls are 0-4 to start the season for the first time since 2004-05.

"We need to stick with it as a team," said Luol Deng, who scored 22 points for Chicago. "We're not finishing game and I know the fans are disappointed, but we'll keep battling and get better. Coach (Scott) Skiles' message is to keep battling and get better."

Trailing 89-85 with 4:08 left, Ben Wallace was called for goal-

tending on a shot by Mobley and Chris Kaman blocked Ben Gordon's layup attempt that led to Maggette's dunk to tie the game. Then Maggette followed with a 3-pointer to break the tie and gave the Clippers a 92-89 lead with 2:12 left.

Tim Thomas, waived by the Bulls two seasons ago, saved the ball after a Clippers miss which led to Mobley's jumper that gave the Clippers 94-89 lead with 1:20 left. Thomas finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

Kaman had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers.

Joe Smith scored 17 for the Bulls, who fought back from a 13-point deficit and tied it late in the third quarter on Gordon's free throw after Mobley was issued a technical for arguing a no-call.

The Bulls held the Clippers to 27.3 percent shooting in the period after Los Angeles shot 60 percent in the second quarter. They also denied Mobley the ball and held him to two points on 0-for-3 shooting from the floor.

The Clippers broke a 31-all tie in the second quarter with a 13-0 run. Mobley scored eight points during the span. He hit a 3 to break the tie and hit another 3 over Kirk Hinrich to make it 42-31. Ruben Patterson's put-back gave the Clippers a 44-31 advantage with 7:33 left in the second quarter.

"We couldn't stop him (Mobley) tonight. He had one of those nights where he made everything," said Deng.

The Clippers shot 59.5 percent in the half and converted 7-of-11 3-point attempts and led 57-

52.

The frustration continues for the Bulls, who came into the season with high expectations. Ben Wallace missed an open layup in transition in the second quarter that led to Sam Cassell's jumper.

Bulls general manager John Paxson put to rest the Kobe Bryant trade rumors less than a week ago, but some fans continue to chant "Kobe! Kobe!" in the final minutes.

Suns 115, Bobcats 83

The Phoenix Suns' offense returned to form the same night the Charlotte Bobcats' playmaker lay crumpled in pain.

Leandro Barbosa, Raja Bell and Shawn Marion led eight players in double figures with 16 points apiece Tuesday night in the Suns' win over the Bobcats, who lost point guard Raymond Felton to a left knee injury.

The Suns, who had been concerned with their high-octane offense in a 2-1 start that included a blowout home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, shot 50 percent, committed only 10 turnovers and led by as many as 34 points in their highest-scoring game of the season.

"It was pretty good," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We're still not clicking all the way, but we definitely did some good things tonight."

The Bobcats, who had been 2-0 for the first time in their four-year history, were worried about the status of Felton, who was to undergo an MRI late Tuesday night after being helped off the court late in the third quarter.

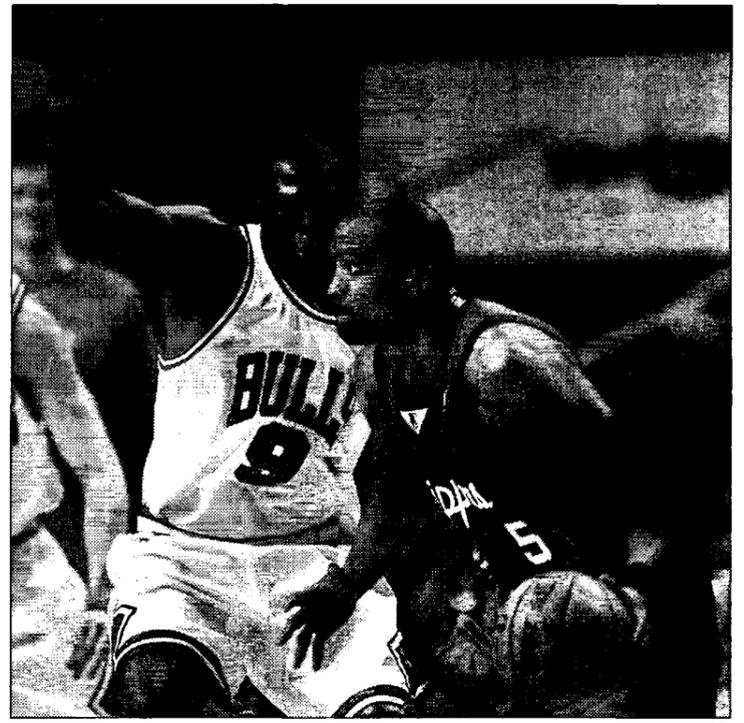
"He's the main guy that runs the offense. He's the guy that gets all of us going," forward Gerald Wallace said. "He's the one guy, of any guy on this team, that we can't afford to lose. ... We can't even afford to have him banged up. That's how important he is to this team."

Felton was still in the game with Charlotte trailing by 33 points late in the third quarter when he drove the lane and made a spin move on Steve Nash, who fell down. Felton then came down awkwardly on his left leg next to Nash, who was called for a foul.

Felton got up to take the free throws. But after missing the second shot, Felton fell to the floor and clutched his knee.

"He felt some sort of, I don't know if he said a pop or a twinge," coach Sam Vincent said.

Initial X-rays were negative, but Felton was taken to the hospital for further tests. It left Jeff McInnis as Charlotte's only true



Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley drives against Bulls center Ben Wallace in Los Angeles' 97-91 win Tuesday over Chicago.

point guard. He finished the game, while getting some help from Derek Anderson.

It capped off an awful night for Vincent, who lost his first game as an NBA coach as the Bobcats dropped to 0-7 all-time against the Suns. Rookie Jared Dudley scored 16 points, most coming after the game was long decided.

Nets 87, Hawks 82

After a couple of injury-plagued seasons, a healthy Richard Jefferson is now carrying the New Jersey Nets.

Jefferson scored 25 points and Antoine Wright added 15 to lead the New Jersey Nets to a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

It marked the fourth time in as many games that Jefferson has led the Nets in scoring and stolen the spotlight from Jason Kidd and Vince Carter.

"He is playing at an All-Star level," Carter said of Jefferson. "He is definitely All-Star caliber and this year is no different. He is playing some of his best basketball. We're going to keep pushing him to keep playing that style and ride it out."

Jefferson, who missed a big chunk of last season because of right ankle surgery, is averaging 25.8 points while shooting 51.6 percent from the field.

Jefferson credited much of his success to a new offensive approach that stresses more ball movement in the half court and a fewer fastbreaks.

"Our offense isn't anything different," Jefferson said. "Were not reinventing the wheel. Were

not putting in the Princeton offense. Were just changing our style offensively. Were not scoring a ton of points, but were just executing at the right times."

Kidd had nine points, 12 assists and nine rebounds in nearly collecting his second straight triple-double and helping New Jersey win for the third time in four games.

Carter had 12 points with another miserable shooting effort from the field (6-of-16), but he made two clutch baskets late to hold off the Hawks.

"We were right there at the end of the game," coach Mike Woodson said after a Hawks' rally fell just short for the second straight road game. "We had our chances, but we can't keep putting ourselves in this position."

Josh Smith and backup forward Josh Childress had 18 points apiece to lead the Hawks, who were limited to 38 percent shooting from the field. All-Star guard Joe Johnson added 15 points and Marvin Williams had 13, all in the first half.

The Nets broke a 53-all tie and took control with a 16-4 spurt in the final 5:07 of the third quarter. Seven different players scored during the run as New Jersey limited the Hawks to one basket.

"We've had two solid defensive performances in a row," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "As we know last year, our biggest disappointment was being a selective defensive team. But now, we've had three of four games where we were good defensively."



Charlotte's Jeff McInnis fouls Phoenix's Grant Hill in the Suns' 115-83 victory over the Bobcats Tuesday.

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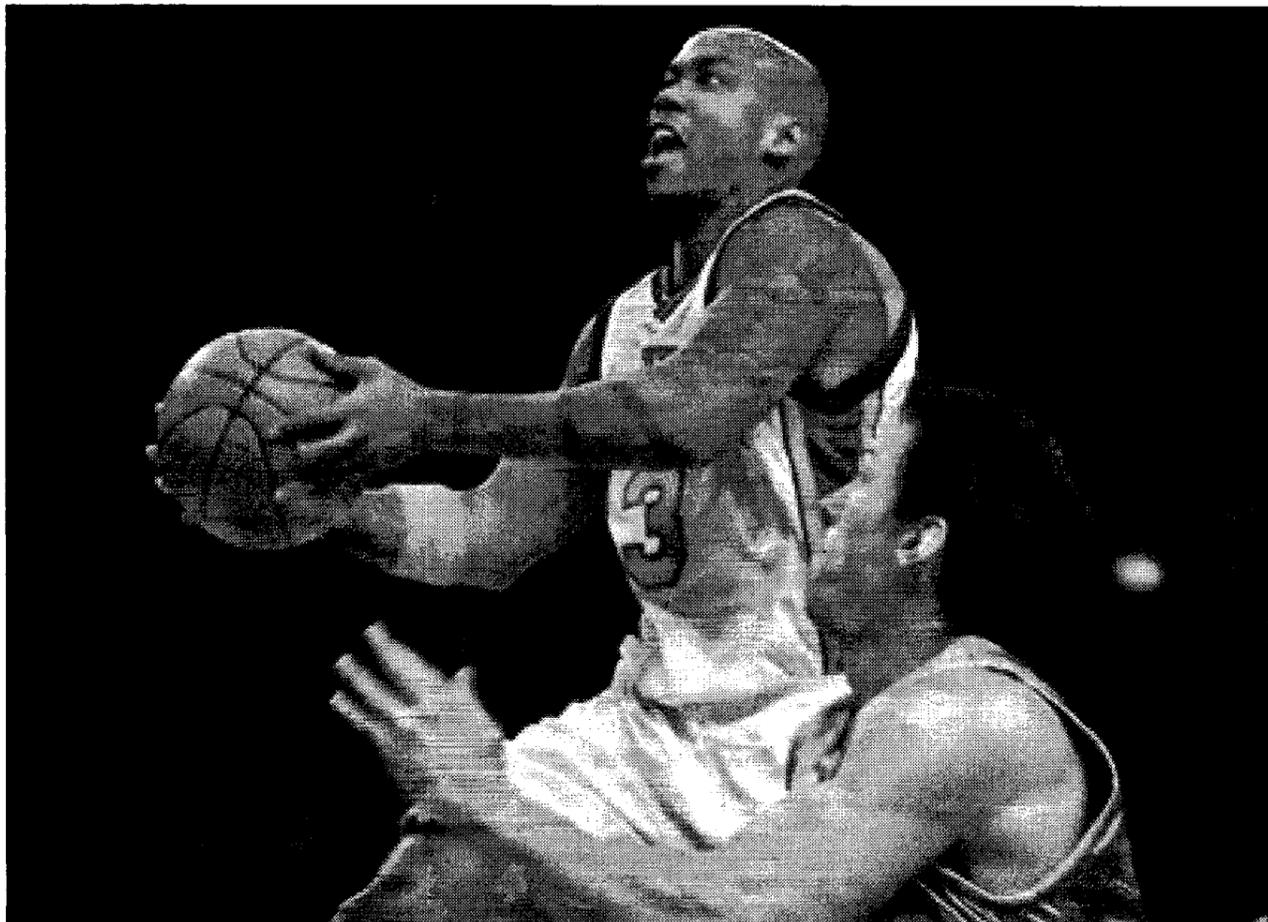
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2	Wake Forest (8)	13-1-2	2
3	Santa Clara (1)	11-1-4	3
4	Virginia Tech	10-1-5	5
5	Brown (1)	13-1-1	6
6	SMU	11-3-2	4
7	Creighton	9-1-5	8
8	Boston College	11-4-1	7
9	Indiana	12-4-3	10
10	Tulsa	11-2-2	11
11	NOTRE DAME	10-3-5	9
12	Saint Louis	11-2-3	13
13	UCSB	10-3-3	15
14	Northwestern	11-3-3	12
15	Harvard	10-3-2	17

NCAA Women's Soccer Adidas National Rankings

team	record	previous	
1	UCLA (33)	14-1-2	1
2	Texas A&M	16-2-1	2
3	Portland	13-3-0	3
4	North Carolina	15-3-0	4
5	Stanford	13-2-3	5
6	Penn State	15-2-4	7
7	Virginia	11-3-4	6
8	Purdue	16-2-2	8
9	USC	13-2-2	11
10	Texas	13-3-3	12
11	NOTRE DAME	14-4-1	13
12	West Virginia	14-4-1	14
13	Georgia	15-2-2	17
14	Florida State	11-4-3	15
15	Tennessee	13-3-2	9
16	Santa Clara	11-5-3	16
17	Boston College	11-4-3	10
18	Wake Forest	11-5-3	18
19t	California	12-5-0	19
19t	San Diego	14-2-3	20

NBA



New York guard Stephon Marbury soars over Denver's Eduardo Najera at Madison Square Garden in New York Tuesday. The Knicks finished with a strong kick to defeat the Nuggets 119-112.

Knicks give Nuggets payback from last year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Knicks found a better way to fight back against the Denver Nuggets.

Zach Randolph had 22 points and 17 rebounds, three other players scored more than 20 points, and New York erased a series of double-digit deficits to win 119-112 Tuesday night in Denver's first trip to Madison Square Garden since last year's brawl.

Seemingly on the verge of being run off the floor in the same way they were before losing their cool 11 months ago, the Knicks instead blew by the Nuggets with a fourth-

quarter rally, then held on behind huge plays from Randolph and Eddy Curry in their best outing since being paired together.

Jamal Crawford led the Knicks with 25 points and Curry added 24, nine in the fourth quarter. Stephon Marbury had 21 and nine assists, and Renaldo Balkman led a spirited bench effort with 11 points.

"Our whole team, I like the tenacity that we played with. I like the intensity that we played with," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said.

Allen Iverson scored 32 points and Carmelo Anthony had 24 for the Nuggets, who led by as many as 15 and were still ahead by 10 going

to the fourth quarter before dropping their second straight.

Iverson briefly had to leave the floor after bloodying his lip defending Marbury with under 2 minutes left, but everything else about the game was clean — unlike Denver's last trip here.

In that one, the Nuggets were 1:15 away from finishing up a 123-100 victory last Dec. 16 when Knicks reserve Mardy Collins took down J.R. Smith by the neck to stop a breakaway. Nate Robinson soon jumped in, and he and Smith tumbled into the front row while fighting. Anthony, leading the NBA in scoring at the time, dropped Collins with a punch and was sus-

pending 15 games.

Seven players were suspended, each organization was fined \$500,000, and the Nuggets sorely needed to find more scoring. So they stepped up their efforts to get Iverson, acquiring him from Philadelphia just after the suspensions were announced.

There were no incidents this time, even when Smith had another breakaway late in the third quarter and Robinson was forced to foul to stop him. And though players from both teams insist everything about the brawl is in the past, the icy relationship between George Karl and Thomas hasn't gone anywhere.

IN BRIEF

Titans' 'Pacman' Jones plea for playtime rejected

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell told Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn't changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the cornerback whose biggest community service was buying wrestling tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at a pay-per-view event last month didn't convince Goodell.

The commissioner told Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2) qualify.

"He will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans' facility following the conclusion of the team's season," the league said in a statement.

Maddux wins prestigious Gold Glove for 17th time

Padres pitcher Greg Maddux won his record 17th Gold Glove while Boston first baseman Kevin Youkilis earned his first award Tuesday for fielding excellence.

Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez won for the 13th time and outfielders Andruw Jones, Ichiro Suzuki and Torii Hunter added to their totals.

The Colorado Rockies, who set a major league record for fielding percentage, did not have a winner.

Maddux broke a tie with Baltimore third baseman Brooks Robinson and pitcher Jim Kaat for the most Gold Gloves.

Known for his quick reflexes on the mound even at 41, Maddux won his first Gold Glove in 1990 with the Chicago Cubs. The 347-game winner has taken home the honor every year since except for 2003, when Mike Hampton broke his streak.

World Series of Poker involved in gambling ring

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — A divisional winner of the World Series of Poker was arrested with 15 other men during a gambling raid that yielded almost \$20,000, police said.

Paul McKinney and the others were sitting around a table playing poker Friday night when the raid occurred, police said. Authorities said they seized cash, playing cards and poker chips, as well as betting slips for the weekend's sporting events.

McKinney, 82, of Weber City, Va., won the 2005 Seniors Division of the World Series of Poker tournament in Las Vegas, taking home \$202,725, series spokesman Dave Curley said. At the time he was the oldest winner in World Series of Poker history.

Police in Kingsport, in eastern Tennessee, conducted the raid after getting a tip. All those arrested were charged with gambling.

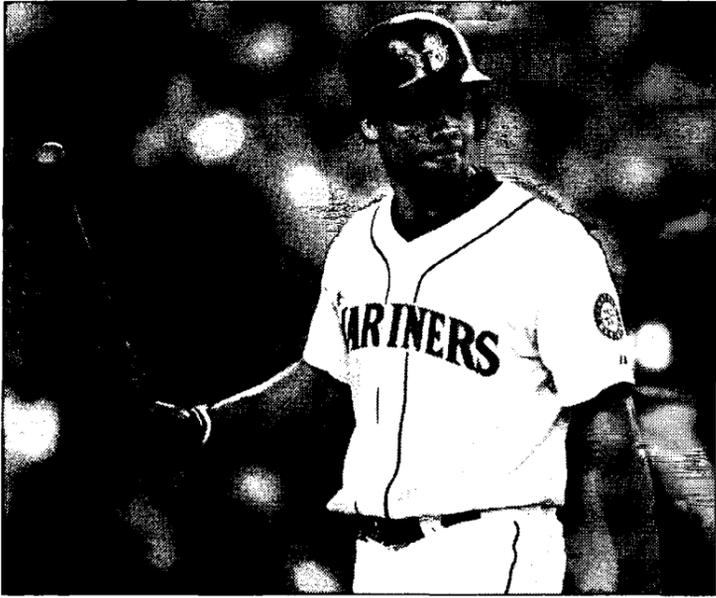
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MLB

Chronicle reports Guillen, Williams had steroids



Mariners outfielder Jose Guillen, who according to a San Francisco Chronicle report Tuesday purchased steroids and HGH, strikes out Sept. 16.

Associated Press

Power-hitting outfielder Jose Guillen bought nearly \$20,000 worth of steroids and human growth hormone from 2003-05, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday.

Former major leaguers Matt Williams and Ismael Valdez also purchased performance-enhancing drugs, in 2002, from a Florida anti-aging clinic that was raided in February as part of an investigation by the Albany, N.Y., district attorney into alleged illegal drug sales, the newspaper said.

Major League Baseball began testing for steroids in 2003. HGH was banned in January 2005.

The Chronicle received details of the players' orders in records from a source in the newspaper didn't identify. Those records contained shipping and purchase orders, payment information, Social Security numbers and customers' birthdates, the paper said.

A report by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell into the use of performance-enhancing substances in baseball is expected before the end of the year. An unidentified active player has agreed to speak with Mitchell in the next few weeks, SI.com reported Tuesday. The Yankees' Jason Giambi, who was pressured by commissioner Bud Selig, is the only active player known to have spoken with Mitchell, a director of the Boston Red Sox.

Guillen, 31, spent last season with the Seattle Mariners, batting .290 with 23 homers and 99 RBIs. He split the 2003 season between Cincinnati and Oakland, and the Chronicle said business records indicate he had some of the drugs shipped to the Oakland Coliseum that year. He played for the Anaheim Angels in 2004 and Washington Nationals in 2005. Attempts by The Associated Press to reach him via cell phone were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Last week, the Mariners declined their \$9 million option on Guillen's contract for next season. He has until Wednesday to decide if he wants to exercise his part of the mutual option at \$5 million. If he does, the club can void the deal and pay him a \$500,000 buyout. That would make Guillen eligible to become a free agent.

Mariners president Chuck

Armstrong told the AP the team remains interested in keeping Guillen.

"We thought he was an outstanding teammate. We were happy to have him. We know nothing about what happened in the past," Armstrong said. "I continue to admire and respect him greatly.

"Before I feel anything negative about Jose, I need to see something tangible or real."

Armstrong also said if Guillen exercises his option, the Mariners would need to investigate the allegations.

"I for sure would have to talk to Jose about this," Armstrong said.

Guillen just completed his 11th season in the majors. Records show he ordered more than \$19,000 worth of drugs — three kinds of human growth hormone, two types of testosterone and the steroids stanozolol and nandrolone — from the Palm Beach Rejuvenation Center between May 2002 and June 2005, the Chronicle said.

Williams was a five-time All-Star during his 17-year major league career with San Francisco, Cleveland and Arizona. He was playing for the Diamondbacks in 2002 when records indicate he purchased \$11,600 worth of growth hormone, steroids and other drugs, the Chronicle reported.

Williams' final season in the majors was 2003.

The Chronicle reported that Williams, in an interview Monday, said a doctor advised him to try growth hormone to heal a severe ankle injury he sustained during spring training in 2002.

Williams is now a broadcaster for the Diamondbacks.

"We obviously just learned of this," team president Derrick Hall said in a statement Tuesday. "Matt informed us that a doctor recommended its use to help heal his ankle injury. It was a substance that he was not familiar with at the time, and according to him, did not like its effects after sampling. He discontinued the use of it and retired the next season.

"Matt is a stand-up guy, who without hesitation, admitted using it and not liking it. There is no doubt in our minds that Matt would decline such a recommendation today, knowing what we all know about enhancing substances."

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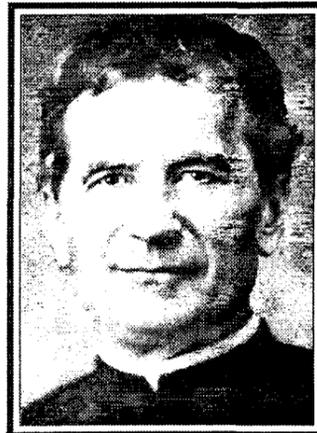
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MLB

GMs recommend replay use on boundary calls

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Baseball could soon have a new position: replay judge.

General managers recommended for the first time Tuesday that instant replay be used to help umpires on boundary calls — whether potential home runs are fair or foul, whether balls go over fences or hit the tops and bounce back, and whether fans interfere with possible homers.

The proposal was approved by a 25-5 vote. There was no specific time frame on when such a system might be put in place.

"We've taken the first step. The question will be now, what do we do?" said Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office. "We have glacier-like movement in baseball, so I'm hopeful that we can at least start meaningful discussions about it. I think that this will be something we'll have to go very deliberately on."

Solomon said the next step will be to speak with commissioner Bud Selig, who opposes the use of replays but said last month he was willing to let GMs examine the issue. If Selig gives the go-ahead, Solomon and the staff in the commissioner's office would draft a detailed replay proposal that GMs could vote on when they gather next

month at the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

"All anybody is interested in is getting it right," Chicago White Sox GM Ken Williams said. "It will be a lot easier and less time to get that right than some of these arguments that ensue when a call is disputed."

Replay eventually would have to be approved by the unions for players and umpires, and possibly in a vote by owners.

"It's very important that we do get Bud's agreement on this," Solomon said. "He seemed to be softer, at least, on the consideration of the subject lately. I would not consider him an advocate of instant replay. He will have to be convinced."

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said it would be an "aggressive time frame" to have replay in place next year.

"There's a lot that's going to have to be studied with regard to the technology, with regard to when you would use it, with regard to how it could get implemented," he said. "I don't think it's likely, frankly, that all of that could be accomplished over the course of the next several months."

He suggested that it could be tested during spring training or next year's Arizona Fall League. He also didn't see a wider use of replay than what GMs recommended.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vols' Parker leads All-America team

Associated Press

Candace Parker helped Tennessee win a national title and the United States qualify for the Olympics. Now there's one more honor to add to this run the last few months: a unanimous choice for the preseason All-America team by The Associated Press.

The Tennessee junior was joined on the squad Tuesday by Oklahoma's Courtney Paris, Stanford's Candice Wiggins, LSU's Sylvia Fowles and Maryland's Crystal Langhorne.

Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt of Tennessee already knew Parker could score. It's the other aspects of Parker's game that impress her.

"If there is one thing to separate her out, it's her commitment to defending," Summitt said. "Her intensity on the defensive end is so much better. She's also much better attacking the basket."

Parker sparked the Lady Vols to their seventh national title last April and the national team to a spot in the Beijing Games. She was the top scorer on the U.S. team that won the FIBA Americas tournament in September.

Parker was on every ballot of the 50-member national media panel. The only other previous unanimous selections were Chamique Holdscaw, Diana Taurasi, Alana Beard and Seimone Augustus.

"That's a special group," Parker said. "I wouldn't be who I was

without my teammates or coaches support."

Paris came close to a unanimous selection, getting 48 votes. Wiggins drew 43, Fowles 41 and Langhorne 28. Paris and Parker were All-Americans last season. Langhorne, Wiggins and Fowles earned second-team honors.

Summitt saw Parker, Paris, Wiggins and Fowles play with the U.S. national team this fall.

"I thought just watching them play, they are impact players on their respective teams," she said. "They did some amazing things for the U.S. team."

The four have known each other for years, playing on various U.S. teams. Their friendship was evident in a discussion with the AP at the national team training camp.

"We've been friends for a long time," Wiggins said. "I've know Courtney since freshman year in high school and I've know Candace forever and Syl, too."

When they aren't facing each other on the court, the four always check out how the others are doing.

"I'm a fan of our game," Paris said. "It's hard not to follow everyone's career. The media does such a good job. It's easy to pop on the TV, or open up the newspaper and follow them."

The 6-foot-4 Paris was third in the nation in scoring at 23.5 points and second in rebounding with 15.9 last season en route to becoming AP Player of the Year.

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MLB

Schilling agrees to one-year deal with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox might lighten the load on their starters, especially if Curt Schilling can keep his weight down.

Team officials have discussed using a six-man rotation next season rather than the five-man norm as Boston tries to defend its World Series championship.

Schilling agreed to an \$8 million contract Tuesday with \$3 million in potential performance bonuses. He also can make an additional \$2 million by meeting weight clauses — \$333,333 for each time he passes one of six random monthly weigh-ins. His salary in 2007 was \$13 million, but he spent seven weeks on the disabled list with tendinitis in his right shoulder.

"The responsibility falls on me," Schilling said. "There are 2 million reasons for me to reach the weight goal."

The right-hander turns 41 next Wednesday.

"Curt recognizes the importance of reconditioning his body so he can get in the best possible shape and give him the best chance to stay healthy throughout the year," general manager Theo Epstein said on a conference call. "He didn't have a great offseason a year ago. I think that affected him in spring training and led to him going on the DL."

If the starters stay healthy, a six-man rotation would be likely.

"We've discussed that concept," Epstein said. "I think it's premature to commit to any usage pattern. But, certainly, we're in a little bit of a unique situation where a number of our starters might benefit from something like that."

Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched in a six-man rotation in Japan before joining the Red Sox last season. Tim Wakefield was kept off the World Series roster with pain behind his right shoulder. Youngsters Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz haven't spent a full season in a major league rotation. Julian Tavarez spent last season in the rotation and the bullpen, and is signed for next season.

But it would be tough to use ace Josh Beckett just once every six games.

"There's so much attrition in baseball. I think the minute we start counting on having a six-man rotation or give it any serious consideration, that's when we lose a pitcher or two in spring training," Epstein said. "I'm sure that topic will come up a lot in our internal discussions between now and spring training."

The Red Sox also would like to keep third baseman Mike Lowell, who made \$9 million this year and filed for free agency after his best season. Epstein has talked with Lowell's agents.

"We're working at it," he said, "hopefully moving the ball forward a little bit each day."

Relief pitcher Mike Timlin also filed for free agency.

During spring training this year, Schilling said he would have accepted \$13 million for 2008. The Red Sox preferred to wait, and Epstein called the postseason negotiations "a smooth process."

Schilling went 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA during the regular season, then added to his impressive postseason resume by going 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA. He is 11-2 with

a 2.23 ERA in his postseason career.

Both sides seemed happy with the deal in a lean free-agent market for pitchers. Schilling also would get \$1 million next year if he receives at least one vote in Cy Young Award balloting.

"I'm excited," Schilling said. "I've played 21 years. We got everything we wanted to sign. I've made over \$100 million playing baseball. We're happy."

He said he had spoken with Houston and Philadelphia and could have gotten more money elsewhere. Free agents aren't allowed to talk money with all teams until Nov. 13.

"It's not too common in this day and age that someone who can get a lot more guaranteed

money was willing to take the risk associated with performance bonuses and with other bonuses," Epstein said. "So he did a rare thing and we're proud of him."

Schilling said he and Epstein talked on the first two days after the Red Sox won the World Series.

"After initial discussions, the important thing was I was going to get the guarantee I wanted," Schilling said. "That got it going."

In 2004, Schilling went 21-6 and helped lead the Red Sox to their first World Series title since 1918.

He would get a \$375,000 bonus for pitching 130 innings, and an additional \$375,000 for every 10-inning increment up to

200.

The rotation was a bargain even before Schilling took a cut in his guaranteed salary.

Beckett, a postseason star and the only 20-game winner in the majors the last two years, is due \$9.5 million next season.

Matsuzaka will make \$8 million, Wakefield \$4 million and Tavarez \$3.85 million. Lester made \$384,000 last season.

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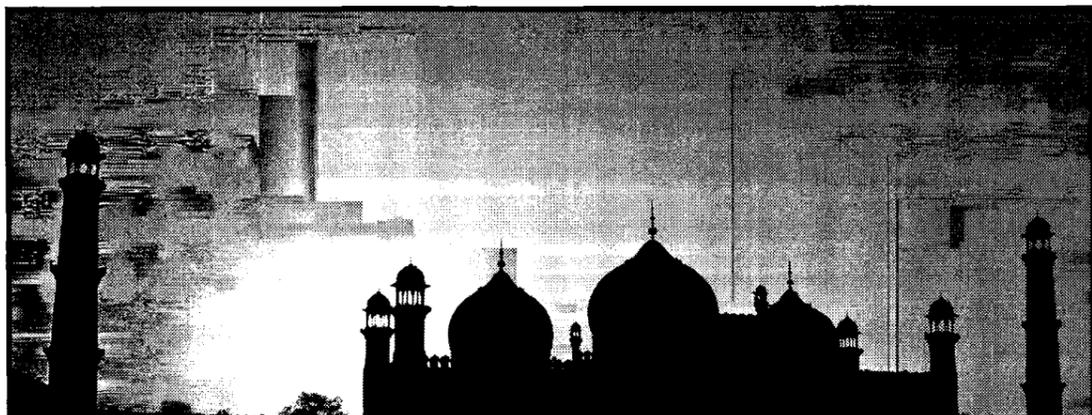
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points of the season.

"It's nice to be recognized for being able to not only do well on the field, but a big part of being at Notre Dame is being able to graduate and do well in your studies," Rellas said.

The junior, a double major in history and finance, holds a 3.634 GPA through two years of his college career. Rellas was also named the team's scholar-athlete of the year in 2006.

"During the season when we're traveling we have long trips and it's easier to sit down and do work than when we have more free time in the spring," he said.

Both players said their work in the classroom and performance on the field build off one another: The time-consuming schedule during the fall keeps them well-organized. Miller, who is pursuing his master's degree in Accounting, said that playing soccer has also

helped him create better relationships in things like group projects and other classroom settings. He graduated from the Mendoza College of Business last May with a GPA of 3.409.

"I think that at a school like Notre Dame, if you can't keep your academics in line, your athletics will suffer," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. Clark, who has previously coached at Dartmouth and Stanford, is used to playing with high academic standards.

He also pointed to the strong support network at Notre Dame as a reason for the consistently high grades of athletes. Mary Ann Spence is the team's academic advisor and helps the players from the moment they arrive on campus as freshmen.

"Mary Ann helps us out quite a bit especially coming in as a freshman," Rellas said. "She is kind of like a mom for the team. Anything you need she can do for you."

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Starter

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Weis said he is taking into account the health of his quarterbacks at this point and how it will affect their play.

"Well, the kid is banged up, the other kid is not banged up, so you play the kid who's healthy," the coach said. "There's a difference between pulling people for how they play, healthy versus banged up."

Weis said the quarterbacks split snaps evenly in practice Tuesday, and he will make a decision about practice time for the rest of the week today.

"I'm not really sure how [Wednesday] will go," he said. "What I'll be able to do is after I get through [Tuesday] — I'll be able to give a more definitive answer."

Weis said by Wednesday night he will have decided on a starter and will give that player the majority of the practice snaps the rest of the week.

"What we're not going to be doing is going 50/50 on the reps all week long," he said. "That's not the way it's going to work. It might be a little bit closer to that today, but it's not going to end up that way."

For the season, Sharpley has completed 55 percent of his passes for 736 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions. Clausen, in one more pass attempt, has competed 57 percent of his passes for 618 yards with one touchdown and five interceptions.

Weis said he wants to have just one starting quarterback over the next three games in an attempt to build momentum for next season.

"I don't think what you want to be doing here is each week say, well, 'Who's going to play the best for us against Air Force, who's going to play the best for us against Duke, who's going to play the best for us against Stanford?'" he said. "I'm at the point right now where I want to win this game, and simultaneously, I want to start building some upward momentum."

Voluntary time

Weis said about "90 percent" of the team stopped by

Guglielmino Center on Monday, which is usually a day off from practice. He said players often do various football-related things on Monday, but that he saw more players around the building than usual this week.

"More than normal, they're a lot more around the coaching staff," he said. "They want to get tape to watch on their own [performances] because we can't watch tape with them because it's a day off, so we leave them alone. So there were a lot of guys that kind of wanted to just hang around yesterday, which I think that's a good thing."

No audibles

Weis said Sharpley didn't have the ability to change the play at the line of scrimmage before running back Travis Thomas was stuffed trying to get the two-point conversion at the end of the Navy game.

"On a goal-line play, there's never any latitude," he said. "You never have a checkoff from this play to that play."

Weis said even though Navy jammed the line of scrimmage with defenders, he still expected Thomas to be able to power a yard-and-a-half into the end zone.

"On a goal line play, you're already assuming that all those bodies are going to be there, and the bottom line is you need to push the pile more than they push the pile," Weis said. "We're talking on just that last play, on every goal-line play with the exception of that one, the pile was pushed pretty well. But on that play you'll notice as you watch it the line of scrimmage came [backward] instead of going [forward]."

Kuntz recovering

Weis said junior nose tackle Pat Kuntz is recovering more quickly than was expected from the injury he suffered Saturday, and he may play against Air Force.

"He's considerably better than we thought he was going to be," Weis said. "He's going to practice some today, and then we'll just kind of see how it goes."

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Waldrum

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was a turning point for the better."

Waldrum said he debated with his coaches whether to give the talk, but in the end felt that he should be honest with the team about its prospects for the rest of the season.

"From there on out, almost the whole month of October, every game we played has been almost a must-win game for us," Waldrum said. "The reason being is that we couldn't afford to lose any more games and have any shot at the NCAAs or have any outside shot at hosting at home."

The urgent attitude put immense pressure on the players. Conference tournament play, however, should be nothing new for them — even the freshmen.

"I don't think this is going to be anything new to them as freshmen," Waldrum said. "I think they've gone through the pressure of having to

win."

The team focuses on itself rather than opponents, Waldrum said, and worries only about the next game. Both are characteristics he likes to see.

"It's a funny group. You don't hear them too much talking about the opposition, you don't hear them too much talking about the pressures of big games," Waldrum said.

"They're really a focused group of kids. They don't get too high, they don't get too low."

The Irish have had offensive success, defensive stability and solid goalkeeping while steamrolling 11 opponents since the Penn State game. But the opposition is hardly what they're thinking about.

"Right now, let's just get all of our 27 players focused on Notre Dame," Waldrum said of his team's mentality. "More importantly than anything, we've just kind of said, 'Right now, it's all about us.'"

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Hoops

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ple of difficult reverse layups, against the Fighting Bees.

The Irish emptied their bench against St. Ambrose and allowed four freshmen on the team to see extended minutes — a theme that's likely to continue through the soft, early portion of Notre Dame's schedule. Brey said he was happy with the freshmen's first effort against St. Ambrose.

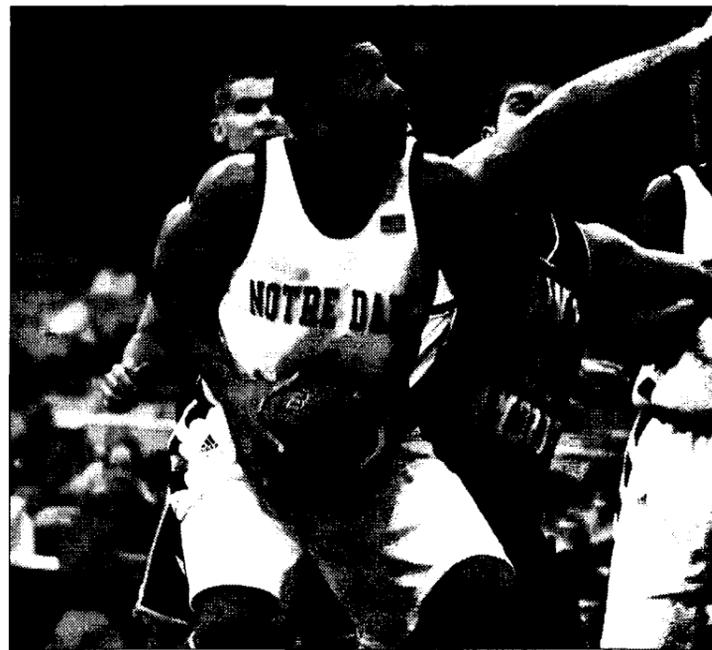
"I said to [the freshmen], I thought as a whole, you guys came in and were very prepared, you concentrated," Brey said. "And I liked your mental frame of mind. Again, it's obvious when the eight veterans are healthy, they've established themselves at one level, and it's a matter of what's left for the young guys."

Of the freshmen, forward Tyrone Nash could see significant minutes once Notre Dame enters the Big East portion of its schedule. The 6-foot-8 Nash had seven points in 13 minutes against St. Ambrose. Nash's size and athleticism allows him to play inside or outside on offense and said the coaching staff is helping him become a more complete player.

"In practice they have me both with the guards and in the post position," Nash said. "So, I need to work on my shooting, post moves, defense and communication. Communication is probably the most important out of everything."

Note:

♦The Irish gained a verbal commitment for the recruiting class of 2009 but missed out on a crucial recruit for this year's class. Joey Brooks, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound junior at



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Irish freshman forward Tyrone Nash goes to the hoop in Notre Dame's 109-53 exhibition win Friday over St. Ambrose.

Strait Jesuit College Prep in Houston, Tex., committed to Notre Dame after visiting campus this weekend. Meanwhile, Tyler Zeller, brother of Irish junior forward Luke Zeller, turned

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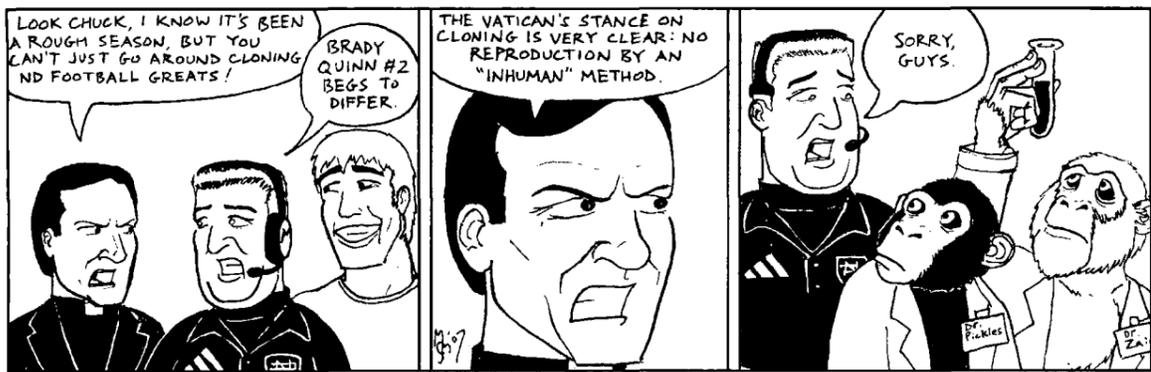
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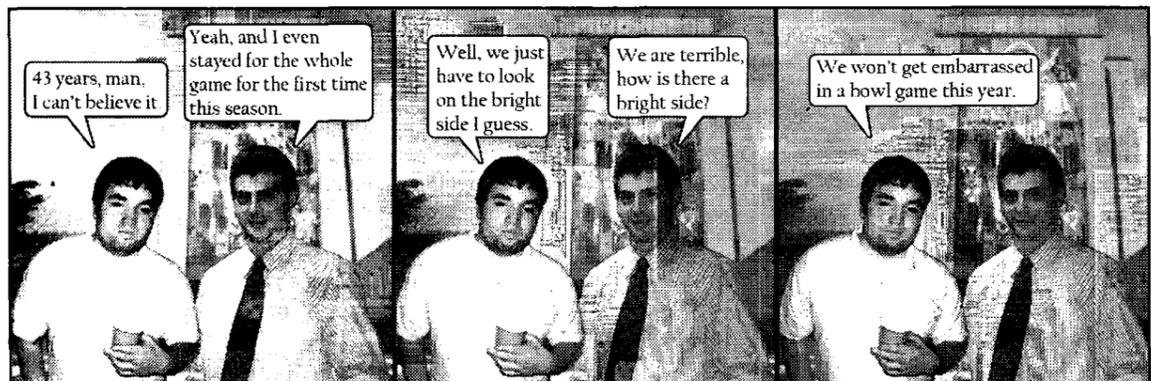
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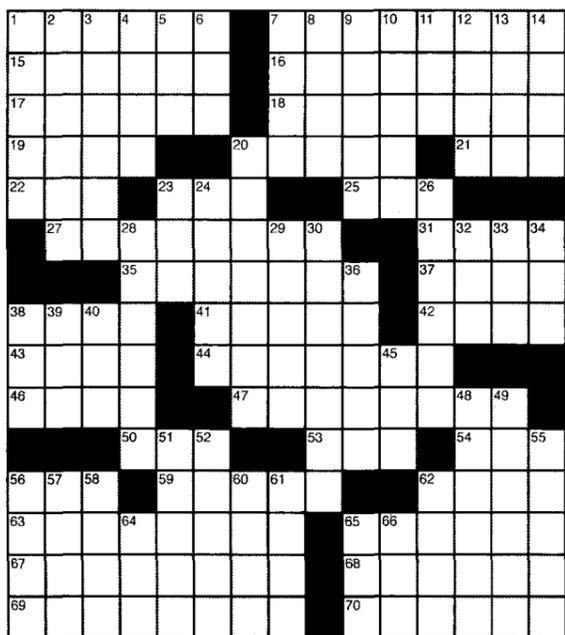
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 - 17 Arthurian paradise
 - 18 Bejeweled pendant
 - 19 *Torn
 - 20 Regatta crew leaders
 - 21 Govt. code-breaking group
 - 22 Wish to take back
 - 23 Song syllable
 - 25 U.S. mil. medal
 - 27 Whence the line "A soft answer turneth away wrath"
 - 31 *Extremely narrow winning margin
 - 35 *Kind of club
 - 37 Mother of Queen Elizabeth I
 - 38 Lingerie shade
 - 41 *A Perón
 - 42 Mercury model
 - 43 TV Dr. of note
 - 44 *Student of Dr. Pangloss
 - 46 *Lover of Radames
 - 47 Like some nursery care
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 - 53 Oz. and kg.
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 - 59 Class ____
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 - 63 Nullify
 - 65 Air ____
 - 67 *Site of much horsing around?
 - 68 Architectural decoration
 - 69 *Perform ostentatiously
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 - 4 Battery unit
 - 5 That, in Tijuana
 - 6 Friend of Harry and Hermione
 - 7 Capital near the 60th parallel
 - 8 2001 film set in a mental institution
 - 9 Washed
 - 10 Collect
 - 11 Anthropomorphic cinema computer
 - 12 Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 13 Place to which Bart Simpson makes prank calls
 - 14 Gillette brand
 - 20 Dodge on the road
 - 23 New Deal program, for short
 - 24 Renaissance instrument
 - 26 Home in the Alps
 - 28 Eye-piece
 - 29 Curer of feta cheese
 - 30 Lay
 - 32 Even one
 - 33 Wayfarer's stop
 - 34 King's title



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- 36 Sully
- 38 Clean Air Act org.
- 39 The Bears, on scoreboards
- 40 Completely free
- 45 Some "Law & Order" figs.
- 48 Ancient garland
- 49 Kind of class
- 51 Cancel
- 52 ____ Viejo (California city near Laguna Beach)
- 55 Creed element
- 56 Medics
- 57 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You ____?"
- 58 "Quo Vadis" role
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- 64 Big fight
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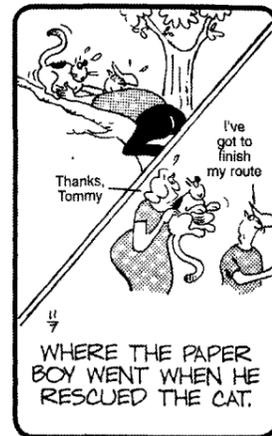
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be afraid to do things a little differently. Make decisions based on facts and put your detailed style to good use. You can open up discussions regarding situations that are bothering you and put an end to the existing problems. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel a little vulnerable and sensitive to comments made but don't let that cause you to miss out on something you want to do. You have to consider who is saying what and not overreact. Put your imagination to work on positive projects. 3 stars

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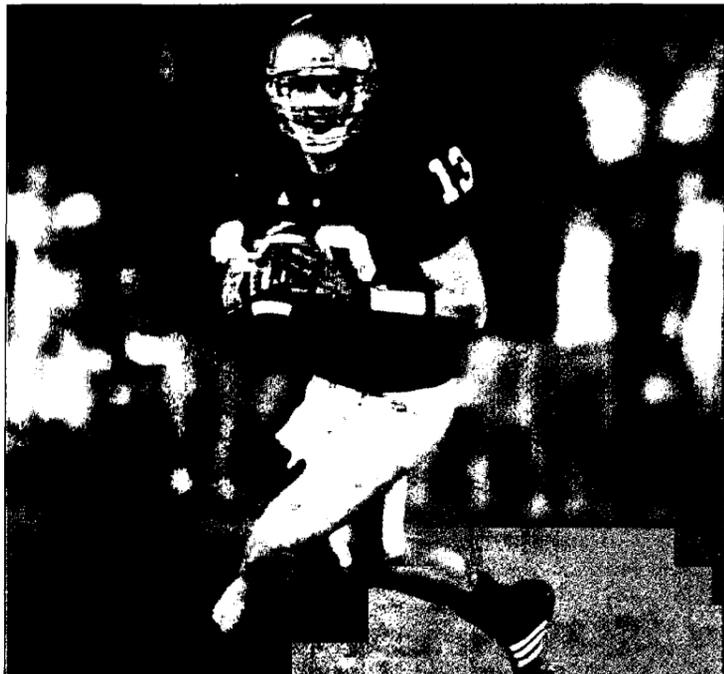
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FOOTBALL

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Irish junior quarterback Evan Sharpley looks downfield during Notre Dame's 46-44 loss to Navy Saturday.

Weis says QB who is better in practice will start Saturday

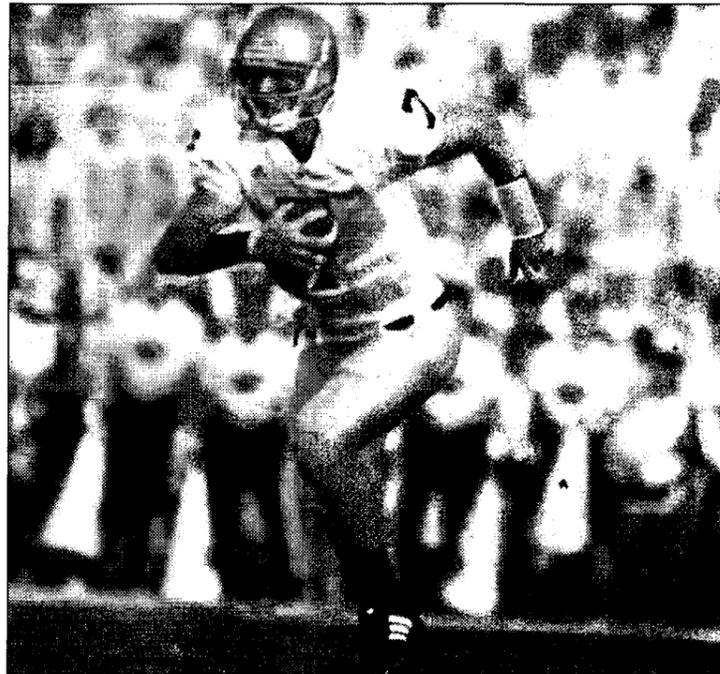
By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis refused Tuesday to name a starting quarterback for Saturday's game against Air Force.

Weis said the team's practices this week will determine whether junior Evan Sharpley, who has started the last two games, or freshman Jimmy Clausen, who started the six games before that, will take the opening snap against the Falcons.

"We haven't practiced yet [this week], but they're both in the running," Weis said before practice Tuesday.

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer
Notre Dame freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen scrambles during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER ANALYSIS

Waldrum's early-season tough love payed off for team

After Notre Dame's loss to Penn State on Sept. 23, the Irish were 3-4-1 and had lost four of their last six games. That was a crucial moment, a fulcrum on which the result of their season balanced.

The team simply couldn't afford to lose. A deviation from

Bill Brink

Sports Writer

the standard was necessary, so Irish coach Randy Waldrum took a chance. He sat the team down for what he called a "come to Jesus" talk about the rest of the season — and told his players that from that point forward, losing could sink their hopes of postseason success.

"We have now hit our last weekend of being able to lose a game," Waldrum told the

players at the time. "Here's your season in a nutshell if we don't get this turned around and get it turned around now."

Waldrum said Tuesday that he held nothing back and let the players know exactly what lay ahead of them.

"It was a pretty blunt meeting," he said. "The season's down the tubes if we don't start winning now."

Maybe Waldrum's thoughts

echoed the players' inner feelings. Maybe his tone resonated in a motivational way. Maybe he struck a nerve by putting that much pressure on his players. Whatever the reason, the meeting worked — Notre Dame hasn't lost a game since.

The weekend following the talk, Notre Dame beat Louisville on the road and came home to clobber Cincinnati 6-1. Heading into

Friday's Big East semifinal game against Georgetown, the Irish have won 11 straight games.

"It was a little bit of a gamble, I think, to do that," Waldrum said. "It could have gone the other way, and we still continued to play poorly. Or it was a turning point, and I think right now, obviously, it

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Harangody ready to return

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Sophomore forward Luke Harangody had the cast on his injured right hand removed Tuesday and will play limited minutes in Notre Dame's exhibition game against St. Edward's tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center, Assistant Athletic Director Bernie Cafarelli said.

Harangody tore a ligament in his right thumb during practice on Oct. 15, and didn't play in Notre Dame's 109-53 win over St. Ambrose last Friday. Since injuring his thumb, Harangody practiced with the cast, but Tuesday was the first day he went without it.

Junior forward Zach Hillesland, who started in Harangody's place against St. Ambrose, grabbed 14 rebounds and scored 12 points — including an acrobatic baseline dunk and a cou-



WU YUE/The Observer
Irish sophomore guard Jonathan Peoples goes to the basket during Notre Dame's 109-53 victory over St. Ambrose Friday.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Two Irish players honored by ESPN

Rellas, Miller named to magazine's Academic All-Division squad

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

ESPN The Magazine released its Academic All-Division teams earlier this week, and two Notre Dame players made the cut. Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller and junior Cory Rellas were recognized for their excellence this year on the field and in the classroom.

Both players are now on the ballot to become Notre Dame's first Academic All-American in soccer since John Stephens was named to the second team two years ago.

"It means a lot, it means that the hard work that I've

put in academically and athletically has been recognized," Miller said. "It's just nice, I guess, to be seen as a good student as well as a good athlete."

In his final season with the Irish, Miller started all 18 games of the regular season at either defender or midfielder. He is tied with forward Joseph Lapira for the team lead with six goals.

Rellas also started every game as a mainstay on the defensive line. He helped anchor a defense that has recorded nine shutouts and an average of 0.84 goals against per game. Rellas also buried a goal during a 3-0 win over regional rival Michigan on Oct. 3. The game was Notre Dame's eighth straight without a loss and marked one of the high points of the season.

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