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## ND victory brings mixed reactions



Students make the "safety" call during Notre Dame's win against San Diego State in Notre Dame Stadium.

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*Students call first Irish game a 'rollercoaster'*

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
Assistant News Editor

Although Notre Dame's football team kicked off the season Saturday with a victory over the San Diego State Aztecs, the performance didn't sit well with some students.

"I was kind of disappointed," sophomore Robert Ward said. "I didn't see a lot that signaled we were different than last year."

Quarterback Jimmy

Clausen threw two interceptions and running backs Armando Allen and Robert Hughes each fumbled once in the 21-13 win over the Aztecs. The Irish scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

But senior Matt Kernan said the team looked much better in the fourth quarter.

"It was two completely different feelings. During the first [half] I was already looking forward to basketball sea-

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## Two ND students assaulted

*Seniors attacked near Lafayette apartments*

By JENN METZ  
News Editor

Two Notre Dame seniors were assaulted while walking to an apartment in Lafayette Square early Saturday morning, police said.

The students, Chris Williams and Mark Koegel, said they were walking along Notre Dame Ave. near Club 23 toward Lafayette apartment complex on N. Frances St. when they were attacked.

Williams, a resident of Lafayette, said, he, Koegel and two other students walked past a house near Club 23 that had between eight and nine people they did not know on the porch at about 1:30 a.m.

One of the people on the porch, who was described by Williams as a male between 18 and 19 years old, began a conversation with him.

Williams told The Observer he spoke with the man because he was "just trying to be friendly." Their conversation revolved around weekend plans, and the man asked Williams if he was going to the football game, he said.

In the middle of the conversation, the man "sucker-punched" Williams in the eye

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## ELECTION 2008

## Candidates invited to speak at University

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Associate News Editor

Over the next two months, presidential candidates Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) will be traversing the country, each making his case that he is the best person to lead the nation for the next four years.

But will they pitch their candidacy in Notre Dame, Ind., prior to Election Day Nov. 4?

Notre Dame has invited the presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican tickets to come to campus every presidential election year since 1952,

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said.

Letters of invitation to the Obama and McCain campaigns are being sent early this week, he said.

Then-University President Father Theodore Hesburgh initiated the tradition of asking presidential candidates to speak at Notre Dame campus in 1952, Brown said, when he invited Republican nominee Dwight Eisenhower and Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson to speak on campus. Both accepted and spoke at Notre Dame, he said.

The invitation to the presi-

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### Presidential & Vice-Presidential candidate visits to Notre Dame

Year:	Politician:	
2000	Joe Lieberman (D)	Vice-Presidential Candidate
1992	Bill Clinton (D)	Presidential Candidate
1988	George H. W. Bush (R)	Presidential Candidate
1884	Walter Mondale (D)	Presidential Candidate
1976	Jimmy Carter (D)	Presidential Candidate
1976	Walter Mondale (D)	Vice-Presidential Candidate
1972	Sargent Shriver (D)	Vice-Presidential Candidate
1968	Ed Muskie (D)	Presidential Candidate
1964	William Miller (R)	Vice-Presidential Candidate
1960	Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R)	Presidential Candidate
1956	Richard Nixon (R)	Vice-Presidential Candidate

Source: ND News and Information

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## Abroad participants back at ND

*Students experience 'reverse culture shock' upon return to campus*

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Returning to Notre Dame after studying abroad can often be just as overwhelming and challenging as acclimating to a foreign culture due to the effects of "reverse culture shock." This fall, over 400 students returned to campus after studying abroad throughout the world for either one or two semesters.

"Reverse culture shock" happens when students have expectations about returning to campus and come to find that life seems different.

"Reverse culture shock is when you expect that you know

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Photo Courtesy of CHARLIE VOGELHEIM

From left, students Hayley Mohr, Charlie Vogelheim and Mariel Osetinsky pose in Tyrolean clothing in Innsbruck, Austria.

## Recycling initiatives expand to game day

By MEG MIRSHAK  
News Writer

Student volunteers helped tailgaters recycle before Saturday's football game against San Diego State University as a part of an expanded program designed to improve recycling efforts on campus.

The Game Day Recycling program grew this year under the newly created Office of Sustainability to reach tailgaters in several campus lots, said Sarah Cline, a member of the leadership team for GreenND and a Game Day Recycling volunteer on Saturday.

Game Day Recycling volunteers worked in the library

and stadium parking lots, as well as White Fields, a parking area north of campus for tailgaters, she said.

GreenND, a student organization that coordinates environmental and energy activities on campus, initiated the program in 2007 but mostly covered the library lot until this year, she said.

"We're trying to make it really easy for tailgaters to recycle," Cline said. "We're trying to be more comprehensive with it this year."

Cline said tailgaters responded well to the recycling program on Saturday, but the amount of items collected was unknown on Sunday.

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Times, they are a-changin'

Upon my return to campus this year, I was met with several surprises. While some (an actual mini-quad for the oft neglected West quad) proved beneficial, others (the new Reckers' menu, our very narrow win over San Diego State) were not so welcome.

**Kara King**

*Viewpoint Editor*

But none upset me more than our housekeepers' decision to stop supplying trash bags to the dorm. The official party line for this disappearance: The privilege was abused. Apparently, 18-22-year-old women are just not capable of controlling their kleptomaniac when confronted with mass amounts of trash bags on display. Apparently, we had too much trash.

Uses for these trash bags have been varied over the years, although I fail to see where the abuse comes into play. From makeshift ice buckets (for very bad ankle sprains I'm sure) to dorm prank necessities, each and every one served a purpose, satisfying some ultimate goal in the grand scheme of things. Until now.

Now we have to buy our own trash bags. While other dorms have them provided in their room and board, we are expected to somehow either find a way off campus or else succumb to the ridiculous over-pricing that is the Huddle Mart.

Unless, of course, we resort to thievery. I have heard numerous reports of my dorm fellows making the treacherous journey to neighboring dorms to procure their trash bags. Other more daring individuals have stolen them from community bins throughout the dorm, leaving our social spaces without a lined trash receptacle.

I have also heard reports of people forgoing the bags entirely, risking the overall cleanliness of their room by allowing waste to accumulate sans-bag, leaving a layer of semi-liquid perma-trash in the bins. No doubt the housekeepers will realize this, but I'm afraid by the time they do it will be too late.

Perhaps this is just one of many moves in the GreeND campaign. If that's the case, I hope it fails miserably. I can't imagine our trash chute has seen any less action due to this endeavor. And before, when trash bags were so readily available, we were more likely to discover the aforementioned alternative uses for them.

What makes things even worse was the lack of warning in this rationing. Unknowing undergrads showed up, kissing their parents goodbye without even thinking to ask for a year-long supply of trash bags along with their new sheets and laundry detergent to get them through the semester.

Perhaps, along with the cancellation of the Dillon Pep Rally and the Fisher Zoo, this is just a sign of the many things to come. The rules are getting stricter, and now there really is no denying it. And at this rate who knows what will come.

I understand that our housekeepers have an unenviable job. I understand that, perhaps, we did take two bags when one would do and may have used them in new and different ways. But seriously, just give us back our trash bags. Please.

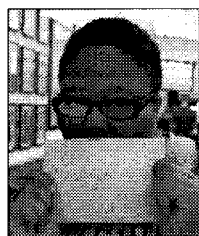
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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WORD?



**Sade Murphy**

*junior  
off-campus*

*"Ubiquitous... starts with 'u' ends with 'q' means everywhere."*



**Brigitte Githinji**

*sophomore  
Lyons*

*"Salaam because it transcends borders."*



**Sean Gaffney**

*senior  
off-campus*

*"Florida."*



**Belma Torres**

*senior  
Lyons*

*"Y-E-S Yes! It opens so many opportunities."*



**Michael Baznik**

*junior  
Zahm*

*"Microcosm ... because Dean Hugh Page says it."*



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

**Hafis Williams, 79, Golden Tate, 23, and Barry Gallup, Jr., 21, sing the Alma Mater with the student section at the end of Notre Dame's 21-31 win over San Diego State Saturday.**

## OFFBEAT

### Cries for help turn out to be a bird

TRENTON, N.J. — Cries for help inside a Trenton, N.J., home turned out to be for the birds. Neighbors called police Wednesday morning after hearing a woman's persistent cry of "Help me! Help me!" coming from a house. Officers arrived and when no one answered the door, they kicked it in to make a rescue.

But instead of a damsel in distress, officers found a caged cockatoo with a convincing call.

It wasn't the first time the 10-year-old bird named

Luna said something that brought authorities to the home of owner Evelyn DeLeon.

About seven years ago, the bird cried like a baby for hours, leading to reports of a possible abandoned baby and a visit to the home by state child welfare workers. But it was only Luna practicing a newfound sound, DeLeon says.

### Youngest to hit hole-in-one at course is 5

BELLEVILLE, Ill. - Look out Tiger Woods, 5-year-old Drew Gray's got game.

The kindergartner had a

hole-in-one — though it doesn't count because it was on par-3 course — last week on the 75-yard, fifth hole at Yorktown Golf Club. The shot was witnessed by several family members and verified by course owner John Bethard.

Drew is the youngest player to ace a hole at the course, Bethard said. Drew has been playing golf on family outings for two years. He played this summer in the club's golf camp for 4-to-8-year-olds, Bethard said.

Information from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Student International Business Council (SIBC) will hold its first meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza School of Business.

The Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture, titled "The Idea of Black Culture," is to be given by Hortense Spillers, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of English at Vanderbilt University, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the auditorium of McKenna Hall. This event is free.

GreenND will hold an informal meeting Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Army ROTC through the American Red Cross will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sept. 10 and 11 in the Grand Ballroom, LaFortune Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org), sponsor code "irish," to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted but those with appointments will be seen first and will take less time. Donors must be at least 17, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors are asked to bring their donor cards or positive identification when they come to donate.

Michael Novak will be speaking regarding his book "Business As A Calling" on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Auditorium, room 101.

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

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# SIBC provides int'l opportunities

*Council also provides business experience through non-profit work*

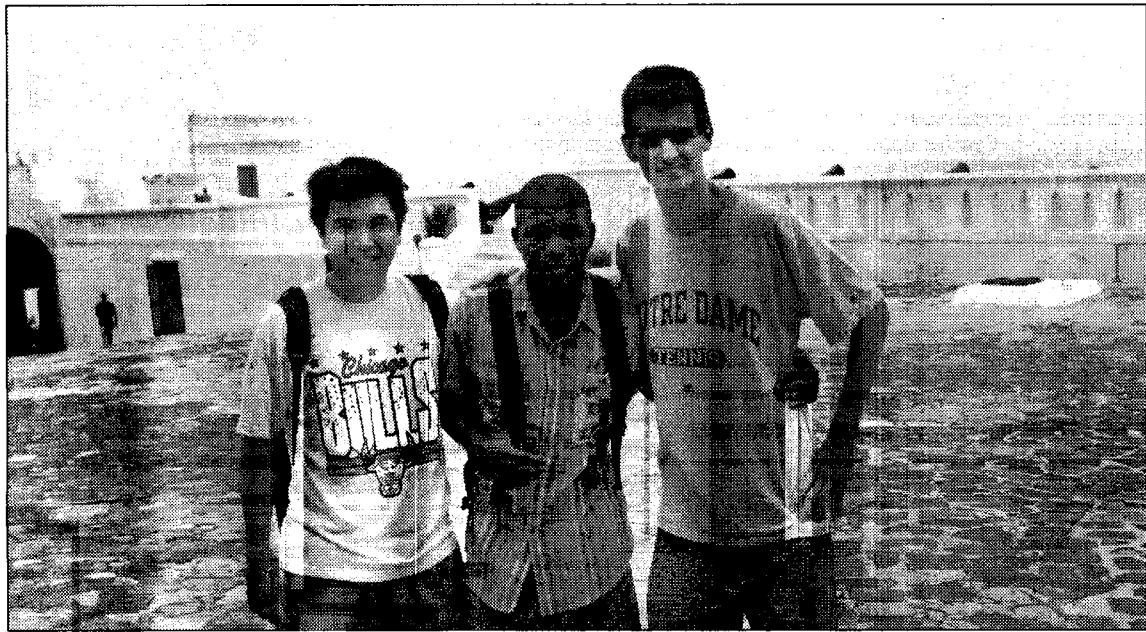


Photo Courtesy of JAMES PAPPAS

From left, Sophomore Christian Yang, left, and sophomore James Pappas pose a friend at Cape Coast Castle in Ghana during James and Christian's SIBC internships last summer.

By SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writer

The Student International Business Council (SIBC) will hold its first meeting of the year tonight at 7 at Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza School of Business, said fifth-year senior Evan Lintz, the club's president.

SIBC gives students the opportunity to get business experience by way of projects and internships, she said.

One key concept of SIBC is to link such business experience with non-profit work, said senior Brian Eskew, SIBC director of internships.

"When you work for a non-profit, you feel like your work means more," said junior Maria Bufalino, SIBC marketing director. "I always feel like I'm really helping in an area where they will use your ideas."

Usually, internships work half with non-profits, and half with for-profit businesses, Eskew said.

He added that SIBC offers 20 different internships in 13 different countries.

"We pretty much span the globe in terms of stuff we offer," he said.

Bufalino added the opportunities offered are not always specifically business oriented.

"SIBC is very diverse and has

interest for everyone whether it is strictly business or more service oriented," she said.

One such experience was this past summer, when sophomore James Pappas went to Ghana, Africa.

Pappas interned for the government's cocoa industry doing clerical work. He also worked for the Agribusiness Development Group, a group founded by Notre Dame graduates that takes tropical fruits that would normally been wasted and dries them out to send to North America and Europe, according to the group's Web site.

"It was an extremely eye-opening experience," Pappas said. "There is no better way to broaden your horizons."

Another major aspect of SIBC is the business experience that students get, said junior Eva Binda, the SIBC accounting director.

"You network with top firms. You network with these really famous companies that people want to work for," said Binda.

One way to get experience with these companies is to work on case competitions, she said.

A case competition is an attempt to provide a business solution for fictional companies. For example, Binda said: "This business wants to go green so from an accounting standpoint,

what can we do?"

This year, on Oct. 2, up to 30 teams of four people will compete and present a solution to a case, she said. Ultimately, one team will be chosen to go to an international case competition in Dubai, she said.

In the past, teams from Europe, Asia and the Middle East have attended, but this is the first year that North America will participate said Binda.

"This is giving us a chance to go international. [The winning team will] not only going to represent Notre Dame, but also the United States, which is a huge honor," she said.

This case competition is open to students of all ages. The only qualification is that participants must be members of SIBC, but do not need significant business experience, she said. Students who attend Monday's meeting and join will be eligible to participate, said Binda.

One of SIBC's main goals this year is to increase awareness and expand participation across campus, Lintz said. SIBC is looking for students from all schools and majors to participate she said.

"It [SIBC] is open to anyone on campus," said Lintz.

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## Recycling

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Student volunteers wearing purple shirts provided blue bags for tailgaters to recycle aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper products and other recyclable items, excluding food, Cline said. Tailgaters left the blue bags in the parking spaces where a recycling company picked them up during the football game, she said.

Under the newly expanded recycling program, participating student volunteers designated \$75 to be allotted to a club of their choice, she said. A selected student club or organization also helps sponsor the volunteering each home football game week by soliciting volunteers from their club, Cline said.

"A lot of people are excited about the opportunity to recycle," Cline said. "In the past, resources weren't there."

Some families, especially in the library lot where Game Day Recycling was available in 2007, were expecting the stu-

dent volunteers to bring the bags to their tailgate areas, she said.

"They had been waiting on us all morning," she said.

Another member of GreeND and a volunteer on Saturday, Jackson Bangs, said he checked concession stands for recycling efforts and helped distribute blue bags where they were needed.

"We've never done it on this scale before," Bangs said about the student effort to cover all of the tailgate lots and concession stands. He said the more than 10 student volunteers also checked the cardboard recycling bins placed across campus to see if they were being used effectively.

"Almost everyone I talked to was excited about the program," Bangs said. "Some people jogged up to us to ask for a bag."

GreeND and other campus environmental groups have not met to address the effectiveness of Saturday's large-scale recycling effort, Jackson said.

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## Election

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dential candidates is "an invitation to come speak on campus, on some sort of substantive policy issue, not a campaign rally type event, but rather a public policy speech," Brown said.

Junior Edward Yap, the president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, told The Observer last week that he hopes his party's candidate, Sen. John McCain, will come to campus.

"Notre Dame is a very welcoming place for political candidates," he said. "I believe that McCain will experience a welcome that will rival any other welcome he sees in any other parts of the nation. He will be very warmly received here."

In an interview last week with The Observer, Notre Dame College Democrats copresident, senior Spencer Howard said he would like to see Sen. Barack Obama or his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden

(D-Del.), come to speak at Notre Dame.

"We'd love for that to happen," he said. "It's a busy schedule, I know, for both of them to get around the country."

Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of former presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), spoke at Notre Dame and at Saint Mary's last spring, and Obama spoke at Washington High School in South Bend in April, before he was the Democratic Party's nominee.

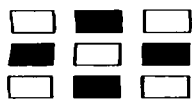
The last presidential or vice presidential candidate to visit Notre Dame during a campaign was Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), when he ran with former Vice President Al Gore in 2000 on the Democratic ticket. Neither party sent a candidate in the 2004 presidential race between Republicans George Bush and Dick Cheney and Democrats John Kerry and John Edwards.

When Bill Clinton was running for president in 1992, he spoke on campus, and in 1988 then-Vice President George H.W. Bush accepted Notre Dame's invitation to speak on campus when he was running for president, he said. Democrat Walter Mondale spoke on campus when he was running for president in 1984, having already visited campus in 1976, when he was running as vice president with Jimmy Carter, who also spoke on campus that same year.

In 1972, Democratic vice presidential candidate Sargent Shriver spoke at Notre Dame, and in 1968, Democratic vice presidential candidate Ed Muskie spoke.

In 1964, Republican Barry Goldwater's running mate William Miller, the only Notre Dame graduate to have ever been on the presidential ticket, came to Notre Dame to speak, and four years earlier, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who was running for vice president on the Republican ticket with Richard Nixon, spoke at Notre Dame. Richard Nixon spoke in 1956 when he was running for vice president with President Eisenhower, Brown said.

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## Abroad

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where you're returning to and how you fit into your life and then realizing that you're looking at things differently and that you don't fit in the way that you used to," Kathleen Opel, director of the Office of International Studies, said.

Senior Charlie Vogelheim returned to campus after studying in Innsbruck, Austria, during the last academic year.

"What I've been telling everybody is that it was a sensory overload kind of thing because I was gone for a whole year," Vogelheim said. "Things were the same, but a year had passed, so a lot was different."

Opel said that students react differently to their return to campus.

"Depending on the location that [students are] coming from, there are a variety of feelings, and depending on how long they've been away," Opel said.

Whether students study abroad in urban cities or small towns also has an impact on their reentry into Notre Dame, Opel said.

Senior Rachel Wiehoff spent the spring semester in London, England. Wiehoff said that she misses all of the cultural events that capital city had to offer.

"There's such a variety of things you can do. On any given night, there are hundreds of opportunities," Wiehoff said.

Senior Kyle Neary also spent the spring semester in London. He said that American culture in general seemed different after his time abroad.

Neary said that on the airplane ride back to the United States from London he sat next to an American businessman.

"The American accent was so weird to me and I couldn't get

over how loud he spoke," he said.

Neary has also noticed that when people walk down hallways and sidewalks in America, they often block other people.

He said that it is just a difference in culture, and that while it is culturally acceptable to speak loudly in America so that everybody can hear you, in London this behavior would have been considered inconsiderate.

"It's not so much inconvenient as it is humorous," Neary said.

After spending time studying in different schools throughout the world, some students find it challenging to adjust to the

academic life at Notre Dame.

Senior Luis Crespo, who studied in Angers, France last fall, said that returning to school at Notre Dame was a change of pace.

"[While abroad] you just do your homework for the class and take off for the weekend. Here, academic standards are very different," he said.

He said that with studying abroad in the fall and the pressure to find an internship for the summer during the spring semester, "in a way, junior year didn't exist."

Wiehoff added that the public transportation system in London is also something that she misses now that she has returned to South Bend. Senior Mark Bond agreed.

"Public transportation was a lot less available, which annoyed me," Bond said.

Still, Bond said that he did not go through a period of "reverse culture shock."

For some students, returning to campus after studying abroad is more challenging than leaving campus in the first place, Opel said.

"For some students, it's a more intense experience when

they're coming back," she said.

Vogelheim said the experiences of going abroad versus coming home are unique.

"The experiences were so different that you can't compare," he said.

He said it seemed difficult to adjust to arriving in Austria because he was jetlagged and people were constantly speaking German to him. However, Vogelheim said that arriving in Innsbruck was easier in some ways, particularly because he traveled with a group of Notre Dame students.

"We went over as a group and we had each other to talk to. Coming back, you're kind of alone a little bit," Vogelheim said.

Opel said that students who are readjusting back to life on campus often like to talk about their experiences abroad and relate well to people who shared their abroad experience.

"They do see themselves differently at Notre Dame," Opel said. "That's part of a growth process and they are still who they were before they went, but now there's something else that makes them more than that as well."

Wiehoff said the connections that she made with other Notre Dame students while abroad have made Notre Dame more exciting.

"There are still a lot of friends that I have on campus that I am still close with and I stayed close with while I was abroad, but so many people that I met while I was abroad in London ... have turned out to be some of my closest friends. It's really fun not to be back because there were so many of us from so many different groups ..." she said.

In order to help students readjust to life on campus and deal with reverse culture shock, The University Counseling Center (UCC) has developed re-entry support groups.

The OIS also hosts returning meetings for each program in which students debrief their experience and the OIS can learn about the students' time abroad, Opel said.

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## Assault

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without provocation, Williams said.

He said that the assaulter, after learning that he and his friends were students at Notre Dame, threatened them and warned the group to "run away."

Koegel, who was walking behind Williams with another student, said he saw Williams get punched in the face and began to quicken his pace.

Another assailant "came out of nowhere" and hit him in the upper arm with a baseball bat, he said.

The group of students ran away from the scene, and the assailants did not follow them, Williams and Koegel, a Zahm resident, said.

When they arrived at Lafayette Square, Williams called the South Bend Police Department (SBPD).

SBPD was able to confirm the students' story with The

Observer from the dispatch report from that morning.

The dispatch report said police were called at 2:31 a.m. Saturday morning to Lafayette Square where two males reported they had been assaulted while walking to the apartment complex.

The two refused ambulance treatment, SBPD said.

Koegel and Williams said they told the police they would not be able to identify their assailants, whom Koegel described as black men in their mid-20s.

When Koegel returned to campus, he went to Health Services at around 3 a.m., he said, to have his injured arm examined.

"They said I got hit in the best place that I could have gotten hit," he said.

After an examination, his arm was put in a sling but was not broken.

Neither student was seriously injured in the attack.

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## Football

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son, but during the second half after we switched to the hurry-up offense we looked much better," he said.

Ultimately Kernan said he was just happy to see the team pull off a win after last year's abysmal season.

"An ugly win is better than an ugly loss," he said. "At least it's not starting off like last year."

Kernan also said he was excited to finally sit in the senior section, although at times it was difficult to follow some of the cheers.

"It's easier to watch the game but harder to keep up with the cheers," he said. "Our seats were awesome but there were some adjustments we had to make."

The class of 2012 got their first introduction to Notre Dame football as students Saturday, and freshman Daniel Barrera said it was certainly a memorable game, albeit somewhat nerve-racking.

"I thought it was an awesome experience, although I will say it was a nail-biter,"

freshman Daniel Barrera said.

Barrera said the game was an emotional rollercoaster that, though thrilling, wore him out.

"The ups and downs were a highlight, although we were very tired afterwards and it led to a quiet night in the dorm," he said.

The game also featured the new "crank me up" cheer, which was introduced during Friday's pep rally. The new cheer confused some of the students who didn't attend the pep rally.

"It was hard to understand at first because I didn't go to the pep rally and I didn't really like it," sophomore Lauren Weber said. "But I think I'll get used to it."

Sophomore Chris Schiraldi said he thought the game was excellent, but would have been even better if kicker Brandon Walker had managed to score a touchdown on the play in the second quarter where a botched snap spoiled a field goal attempt.

"I just want to see him involved in the offense more," Schiraldi said.

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## ELECTION 2008

# McCain takes on Bush and Obama

Republican candidate attempts to project independent, 'change' image

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Barack Obama isn't John McCain's only opponent. Sometimes McCain sounds like he's running almost as hard against President Bush and the Republican Party as he is against Obama, his Democratic rival for the White House.

The GOP is guilty of indulging in a spending spree of taxpayers' money, McCain laments. They haven't solved huge problems such as the looming insolvency of Social Security and Medicare, passing on huge IOUs and perplexing issues to future generations instead of fixing them as they had promised. He doesn't name Bush but the implication is clear: It happened on his watch and he signed bills that made the deficit soar.

"We began to value power over principle," McCain said in

Colorado Springs, Colo. Some lawmakers turned corrupt and wound up in jail, he told a rally in Albuquerque, N.M.

"Change is coming, change is coming," McCain promised, projecting an image of independence and political populism.

One of his challenges is to separate himself from the unpopular incumbent in the White House and fight against Obama's charge that a McCain presidency would amount to a third term for Bush.

"On the core issues, the economy and the war, he has been joined to Bush at the hip," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. "On the other hand, Bush is a lead weight dragging him down. He has to rely on rhetoric to separate (himself) but he can't separate himself on policies important to the American people."

Eager to keep control of the White House, Republicans are

keeping their mouths shut about McCain's barbs.

McCain's criticism rankles White House officials who are eager to build up Bush's legacy. They are quick to strike hard at anything they perceive as criticism from almost any quarter, particularly the media. But Bush aides are giving McCain a free pass even as they quietly grumble about how pointed his attacks have become.

There's no free pass from Obama's campaign.

"Voting with George Bush 90 percent of the time isn't being a maverick, it's being the president's sidekick," said Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton. "The idea that John McCain represents change in Washington is as laughable as his claim that he'll take on the special interests when some of the biggest corporate lobbyists in America are running his campaign."

Write News.

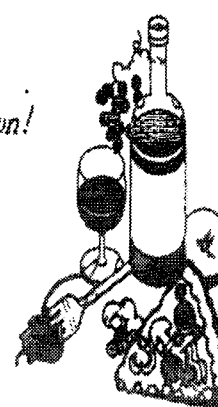
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Democratic-camp wins key vote

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's pro-democracy camp has won more than a third of seats in legislative elections, retaining its veto power over major legislation.

Results announced Monday show the opposition has claimed at least 22 of 60 seats in the legislature. The key threshold for pro-democracy parties was 21 seats — a number that would allow them to block major legislation that requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

The pro-democracy camp had been expected to suffer a setback in the election after China gave a timetable for democratic reform in Hong Kong last year.

Half of Hong Kong's legislative seats are directly elected by voters, with the rest chosen by special interest groups.

### Many still missing in Egyptian rocks

CAIRO — Hopes diminished Sunday for finding survivors among hundreds of people believed trapped beneath massive boulders that destroyed an impoverished neighborhood on Cairo's outskirts, killing at least 32 people, including whole extended families.

Anger and resentment mounted as authorities failed for a second day to get heavy machinery into the devastated shantytown to try to clear the large slabs that split away from the Mugattam cliffs early Saturday. Survivors among the 100,000 residents of the Dewika slum were also left to spend the night without shelter, despite government promises to provide it.

"The area turned into a mass grave," one bearded man shouted, while a tearful young woman in a black robe clutched a picture of a newlywed couple whose bodies remained trapped below.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### PA senator faces fraud trial

PHILADELPHIA — A longtime power broker in Pennsylvania politics earned nearly \$100,000 a year as a state senator, up to \$1 million a year as a rainmaking lawyer and millions more from the sale of a family bank.

However, prosecutors say freewheeling Philadelphia Democrat Vincent Fumo used little of his own money as he took yachting vacations with friends, spent lavishly on a 33-room city brownstone and hired operatives to spy on ex-wives and political foes.

### Obesity found to damage teens' livers

TRENTON, N.J. — In a new and disturbing twist on the obesity epidemic, some overweight teenagers have severe liver damage caused by too much body fat, and a handful have needed liver transplants.

Many more may need a new liver by their 30s or 40s, say experts warning that pediatricians need to be more vigilant. The condition, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver failure or liver cancer, is being seen in kids in the United States, Europe, Australia and even some developing countries, according to a surge of recent medical studies and doctors interviewed by The Associated Press.

The American Liver Foundation and other experts estimate 2 percent to 5 percent of American children over age 5, nearly all of them obese or overweight, have the condition, called nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Thin gas lines could be fire threat

FISHERS, Ind. — Improperly installed ultrathin gas lines have left thousands of central Indiana homes in danger of fuel-fed fires if struck by lightning, but the state has made no concerted effort to warn homeowners, a report Sunday said.

State officials have known for at least three years that corrugated stainless steel tubing that has become the preferred choice for contractors is more likely, if not grounded properly, to be breached by lightning than the traditional thicker, black iron pipes, The Indianapolis Star reported.

## CUBA

# Hurricane hits Caribbean islands

*Heavy rains force residents of Cuba, Haiti, Bahamas to find shelter, evacuate*

Associated Press

CAMAGUEY, Cuba — Hurricane Ike bore down on Cuba after roaring across low-lying islands Sunday, tearing apart houses, wiping out crops and worsening floods in Haiti that have already killed more than 300 people.

With Ike forecast to sweep across Cuba and possibly hit Havana head-on, hundreds of thousands of Cubans evacuated to shelters or higher ground. To the north, residents of the Florida Keys fled up a narrow highway, fearful that the "extremely dangerous" hurricane could hit them Tuesday.

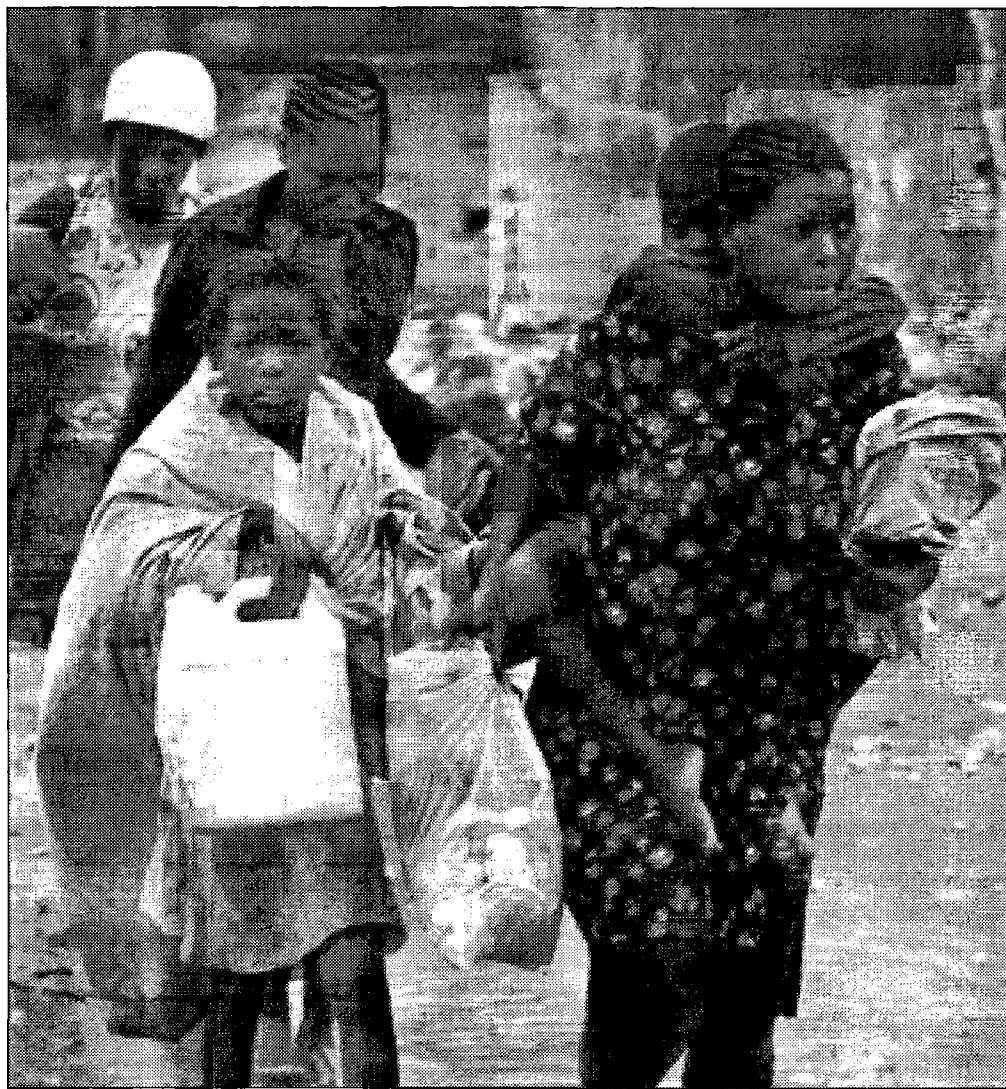
At least 48 people died as Ike's winds and rain swept Haiti Sunday, raising the nation's death toll from four tropical storms in less than a month to 306. A Dominican man was crushed by a falling tree. It was too early to know of deaths on other islands where the most powerful winds were still blowing.

Ike's center hit the Bahamas' Great Inagua island, where the roofs of its two shelters both sprung leaks under the 135 mph (217 kph) winds. As the storm passed, people inside peeked through windows at toppled trees and houses stripped of their roofs.

"It's nasty. I can't remember getting hit like this," reserve police officer Henry Nixon said from inside a shelter holding about 85 people.

Great Inagua has about 1,000 people and about 50,000 West Indian flamingos — the world's largest breeding colony. Both populations sought safety from the winds and driving rain, with the pink flamingos gathering in mangrove thickets. Biologists worried that their unique habitat could be destroyed.

"There's a possibility that the habitat can't really be replaced, and that they can't find an equivalent spot," said Greg Butcher, bird conservation director for the National Audubon Society.



Residents carry their belongings as they wade through the flooded streets of Gonaïves, Haiti, on Sunday.

"You might have a significant drop in the number of flamingos."

At 8 p.m. EDT (0000 GMT), Ike had weakened slightly to a Category 3 hurricane with top winds of 120 mph (195 kph). It was about 30 miles off Cuba's northern coast, moving westward at 14 mph (22 kph).

The U.S. National Hurricane Center predicted Ike's eye would make landfall early Monday and could hit Havana, the capital of 2 million people with many vulnerable old buildings, by Monday night.

Cuba's government said more than 224,000 people were being evacuated in the central-eastern province of Camaguey alone. Foreign tourists were pulled out

from vulnerable beach resorts, workers rushed to protect coffee plants and other crops, and plans were under way to distribute food and cooking oil to disaster areas.

"There's no fear here, but one has to be prepared. It could hit us pretty hard," said Ramon Olivera, gassing up his motorcycle in Camaguey, where municipal workers boarded up banks and restaurants.

More than 100 people waited in chaotic bread lines at each of the numerous government bakeries around town as families hoarded supplies before the storm.

On the provincial capital's outskirts, trucks and dented school buses brought about 1,000 evacuees — many of

them families with small children — to the sprawling campus of an art school.

Classrooms at the three-story school built on stilts were filled with metal bunk beds. The approaching hurricane brought a stiff breeze through the open windows.

Mirtha Perez, a 65-year-old retiree, said hardly anyone was left in her small town of Salome, located nearby.

"It's a huge evacuation," she said. "We are waiting and asking God to protect us and that nothing happens to us."

The first islands to bear Ike's fury Sunday were the Turks and Caicos, which have little natural protection from storm surges of up to 18 feet (5.5 meters).

## ELECTION 2008

# ABC lands Palin's first TV interview

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has agreed to sit down with ABC's Charles Gibson later this week for her first television interview since John McCain chose her as his running mate more than a week ago.

Palin will sit down for multiple interviews with Gibson in Alaska over two days, most likely Thursday and Friday, said McCain adviser Mark Salter.

The interview with Palin was confirmed Friday, ABC News spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said.

The first-term Alaska governor has given speeches alongside McCain since becoming his surprise pick on Aug. 29. But Democrats have already begun to question why Palin has not been put before reporters to answer questions.

McCain, who appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday, said he expected Palin to start doing interviews "in the next few days."

McCain campaign manager Rick Davis complained that the media has focused too much on 44-year-old Palin's personal life. Many of those stories came after McCain's campaign announced that Palin's unwed 17-year-old daughter was pregnant. News reports also have questioned her record as a reformer in Alaska.

"She's not scared to answer questions," Davis said on Fox News Sunday. "But you know what? We run our campaign, not the news media. And we'll do things on our timetable."



# Cruise lines cut trips to save

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — When the 1,020-foot Explorer of the Seas cruises through North Atlantic waters next year, it'll spend more time off the coast of New England and less time near Canadian shores, and it's not because of better vistas.

Royal Caribbean International and other cruise lines have begun charting a new course in search of routes that eat up less fuel. Already one of the industry's biggest costs, record fuel prices have cut heavily into the bottom line.

The impact of shifting itineraries will certainly have implications beyond the bottom line of cruise operators, creating winners and losers in port towns all along the way.

When cruise ships pull into Maine's Bar Harbor, passengers spend an average of \$105 each while ashore, according to a 2002 University of Maine study.

Explorer of the Seas can carry more than 3,000 passengers.

A ship even half that size could mean nearly \$160,000 per visit. That means big money in Portland, which expects more than 30 visits next year from ships that can carry between 1,000 and 3,000 passengers.

While Portland stands to reap big rewards from the itinerary changes, port cities along Canada's Atlantic coast could be on the losing end.

Canada's Atlantic ports saw a 33 percent jump in cruise ship visits between 2000 and 2007, according to the Atlantic Canada Cruise Association.

"It's disappointing to be losing a bit of business, but we realize that cruise lines have to make decisions based on best-business practices," said Betty MacMillan, vice chairwoman of Atlantic Canada Cruise Association and business development manager of

the port of Saint John, New Brunswick.

Royal Caribbean International changed the fall itinerary for the Explorer of the Seas along its northern route next year, shortening the distance between ports. Rather than sail from New Jersey to Quebec City and back, the ship will add stops in New England and go no farther than Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Fuel consumption was the primary reason, said Vice President Diana Block.

"You have to look at where the biggest benefit is financially with the least impact on the guests," she said.

Annual fuel bills for cruise lines can add up to hundreds of millions of dollars and their ships can gobble up tens of thousands of gallons of fuel on any given cruise. The price of intermediate fuel oil, which most cruise ships use, has risen in tandem with crude oil.

Many cruise lines have added fuel surcharges to passenger bills, but energy costs continue to cut into profits and squeeze margins.

Cruise lines have also begun using energy-efficient light bulbs and new window coatings that reflect the heat from the sun to keep rooms cooler. They've also been using new hull paint that reduces a ship's drag in the water.

And increasingly, cruise lines are altering itineraries so ships can slow down and reduce their travel distances, said Lanie Fagan, spokeswoman for the Cruise Line International Association. Carnival Corp., Norwegian Cruise Line and others have said high fuel costs are a factor in new routes.

"While it is paramount to offer a cruise itinerary that a guest wants to sail, the design and sequence of that itinerary can be evaluated to minimize the distance between ports of call and the speed necessary to accom-

plish that itinerary," Fagan said.

In many cases, passengers will barely notice the difference.

Besides changing port calls on some routes, Royal Caribbean is reviewing its departure and arrival. In some cases, ships are leaving port half an hour earlier at night or arriving half an hour later in the morning — allowing ships to travel at slower speeds between ports.

Cutting speed cuts costs. For example, going 23 knots will consume twice as much fuel as going 15 knots for the new Solstice class of ship being launched this year by Celebrity Cruises, said John Krousouloudis, senior vice president for marine operations.

Even as cruise lines watched fuel prices ratchet up costs, some port cities had already seen an opportunity.

In Maine, a consortium that promotes Portland as a cruise ship destination is using high fuel costs as part of its marketing strategy.

Last fall, Discover Portland & Beyond Executive Director Sandra Needham met with half a dozen cruise ship companies in south Florida. She presented them with some mock itineraries for their ships detailing how much money they could save in fuel costs if they included Portland on certain routes.

Besides touting southern Maine's attractions, Needham wanted to show cruise line executives how having port calls relatively close together could save them money.

By stopping at ports that are relatively close together, the ships could cruise at speeds of 12 knots or so rather than higher fuel-guzzling speeds, she said. Her itineraries showed that a few tweaks here and there could save cruise lines between \$40,000 and \$100,000 a week in fuel alone — and that was ten months ago, when fuel prices were lower.

## GEORGIA

# President seeks aid in reunifying

Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia — On the eve of a European Union shuttle mission to convince Russia to pull its troops back to prewar positions, Georgia's president vowed Sunday to regain control of two break-away provinces with the help of "the rest of the world."

A month after the Aug. 7 outbreak of war in the region and weeks after a cease-fire was approved, Russian troops remain entrenched deep inside Georgian territory.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is due in Moscow on Monday at the head of an EU delegation charged with reducing tensions and ensuring Russian compliance with the cease-fire terms, which include withdrawing its troops to positions held before the fighting broke out. Russia says those troops are peacekeepers and that they are allowed under the accord.

Despite the presence of Russian troops on Georgian soil, President Mikhail Saakashvili said the West would help his country regain control of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, the separatist

regions of Georgia recognized as independent nations by Moscow last month.

"Our territorial integrity will be restored, I am more convinced of this than ever," Saakashvili said in a televised appearance. "This will not be an easy process, but now this is a process between an irate Russia and the rest of the world."

"Our goal is the return of our territory and the peaceful unification of Georgia," he said.

In Moscow, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who often taunts the West, insisted in an interview broadcast late Saturday that Russia was justified in its intervention in South Ossetia. He said there would be no cooling of ties with the West because the West depends on Russia's oil, gas and mineral wealth.

The West has been reluctant to provoke Moscow, and French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said the EU did not plan to impose sanctions against Russia.

President Dmitry Medvedev declared Saturday that "Russia is a nation to be reckoned with" following its war with Georgia.

# Coney Island park to close

*The Cyclone and Wonder Wheel will not be affected by park's end*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When reports circulated over the weekend of a last-minute deal to keep Coney Island's historic Astroland amusement park open for another year, owner Carol Hill Albert was not amused.

Indeed, her tone was bitter as she described plans to close the park Sunday night in lieu of an agreement with the city or with private developer Thor Equities, which have competing plans for the 3-acre Brooklyn site.

"Despite rumors to the contrary, there are absolutely no negotiations going on, and there never were," said Albert, whose family has owned Astroland for more than four decades.

She said uncertainty about Astroland's future had created stress for its 400 employees and hampered the acquisition of spare parts for the rides, and that the park would close permanently.

"We cannot risk the safety of our customers," she said.

The Cyclone, the famous Coney Island roller coaster,

and the 150-foot-tall Wonder Wheel, a Ferris wheel, are separately owned and land-marked by the city so they are unaffected by the closing.

But the news that Sunday would be the last gasp for the Dante's Inferno fun house, 22 other rides and three arcades drew hundreds of nostalgia-minded visitors, including elderly residents of the beach area and families with children who had never ridden on the Tilt-A-Whirl or the Water Flume.

Bobby Salony said bringing his wife and their daughters from Greenwich, Conn., was a kind of "unfinished business."

"We had to come in and have one more time (at Astroland)," Salony said. "Twenty years from now, they can say they were here on the last day."

On a nearby sidewalk, Amos Wengler strummed a guitar and sang a tune he wrote for the occasion: "Save Coney Island, don't let them take it away, and the whole world wants it to stay."

Wengler was one of a few who said they felt there was "still hope" that Astroland

would not disappear. Even if a developer takes over, "you can always make it the same again," he said.

Last fall, Astroland and Thor Equities, which owns 11 acres of seaside property that includes the amusement park, agreed to a one-year lease extension that expires Jan. 31, 2009.

Albert said Sunday that she had sought since June to negotiate an extension with Thor through 2010 but was repeatedly told the company had "no answer." Her spokesman, Joe Carella, said Albert decided to close Astroland when it was clear that Thor had no intention of negotiating with her.

Thor spokesman Stefan Friedman said the firm was "extremely disappointed" that Albert had "decided to give up on the future of Coney Island" with several months remaining on her lease.

The Daily News reported that Astroland's rides were already being offered for sale on the Internet, with prices ranging from \$95,000 for the merry-go-round to \$199,000 for the bumper cars.

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**IN BRIEF****Soybean prices fall as dollar rises**

NEW YORK — Soybean prices tumbled Friday after the dollar continued its rally against the euro, giving investors more reasons to sell commodities that were bought as a hedge against inflation. Corn and wheat also fell sharply.

The dollar gained ground against the euro although the Labor Department issued a disappointing report on U.S. employment; more pessimism about the health of European economies supported the greenback. The 15-nation euro fell to \$1.4266 in late New York trading Friday from \$1.4331 late Thursday.

A stronger dollar dampens investors' appetite for commodities, which are typically bought as safe-haven investments used to hedge against inflation and weakness in the U.S. currency.

Soybeans for November delivery fell 58 cents, or 4.7 percent, to settle at \$11.77 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade.

**Boeing machinists go on strike**

EVERETT, Wash. — Boeing Co. machinists walked out on strike Saturday after contract talks arbitrated by a federal mediator failed to produce an agreement.

About 100 union members hoisted their strike signs at 12:01 a.m. outside the Boeing plant in this city north of Seattle, cheering and blasting air horns at passing cars, many of which honked back.

"It's been about lack of respect," said Steve Morrison, 42, a tester at the Everett plant. "They always tell us we're valued much but labor is the first out the door, the first to be outsourced."

This is the machinists' second strike in as many contract negotiations with Boeing. They struck for 24 days in 2005.

The machinists assemble Boeing's commercial planes and some key components. Key strike issues include pay, outsourcing, retirement and health care benefits.

The company said it would not try to assemble planes during the strike.

Boeing spokesman Tim Healy said the company is open to further discussion, but both sides were too far apart to reach an agreement. No additional talks were scheduled.

# U.S. takes over mortgage giants

*Government seizes Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac in attempt to right economy*

Associated Press

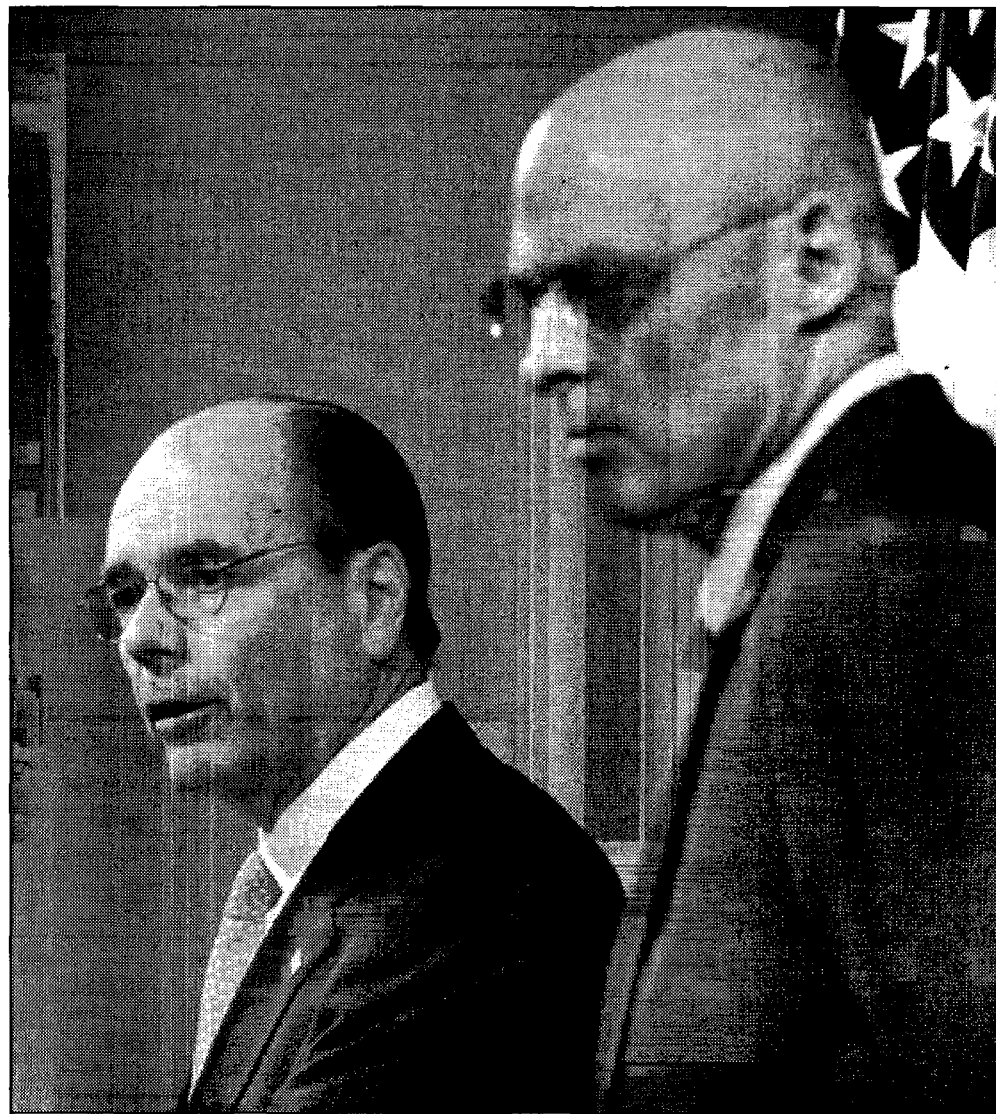
WASHINGTON—The Bush administration's seizure of troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is potentially a \$200 billion bet that it will help reverse a prolonged housing and credit crisis.

The historic move announced Sunday won support from both presidential campaigns, but private analysts worried that it may not be enough to stabilize the slumping housing market given the glut of vacant homes for sale, rising foreclosures, rising unemployment and weak consumer confidence.

Officials announced that both giant institutions were being placed in a government conservatorship, a move that could end up costing taxpayers billions of dollars. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said allowing the companies to fail would have extracted a far higher price on consumers by driving up the cost of home loans and all other types of borrowing because the failures would "create great turmoil in our financial markets here at home and around the globe."

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com predicted that 30-year mortgage rates, currently averaging 6.35 percent nationwide, could dip to close to 5.5 percent. That's because investors will be more willing to buy the debt issued by Fannie and Freddie — and at lower rates — since the federal government is now explicitly standing behind that debt.

"Effectively, the federal government has now become the nation's mortgage lender," he



Federal Housing Finance Agency Director James Lockhart, left, and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Jr., right, spoke in Washington, yesterday, about seizing the mortgage twins.

said. "This takes a major financial threat off the table."

Futures on all major stock indexes rose about 2 percent in electronic trading Sunday night, another sign of investor relief about the takeover plan.

The companies, which together own or guarantee about \$5 trillion in home loans, about half the nation's total, have lost \$14 billion in the last year and are likely to pile up billions more in losses until the housing market begins to recover.

The Treasury Department said it was prepared to put up as much as \$100 billion over time in each of the companies if needed to keep them from going broke, in exchange for senior preferred stock. Treasury will immediately be issued \$1 billion of such stock from each company, which will pay 10 percent interest. Further purchases of preferred stock will be triggered if quarterly audits find that the companies' capital cushion is below prudent standards.

The government, which will receive warrants representing ownership stakes of 79.9 percent in each company, is hoping that its moves will reassure nervous investors that they can continue to buy the debt of the two companies.

In a statement, President Bush said, "Americans should be confident that the actions taken today will strengthen our ability to weather the housing correction and are critical to returning the economy to stronger sustained growth."

## Auto industry asks Congress for \$50B

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Auto industry allies hope to secure up to \$50 billion in government loans this month that would pay to modernize plants and help struggling car makers build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

With Congress returning this coming week from its summer break, the industry plans an aggressive lobbying campaign for the low-interest loans. The situation is growing dire after months of tumbling sales, high gasoline prices and consumers' abandoning profitable trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Lawmakers authorized \$25 billion in loans in last year's energy bill to help the companies build fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids and

electric vehicles. With credit tight, automakers and suppliers now want lawmakers to come up with the money for the program — and expand the pool of money available to \$50 billion over three years.

Industry leaders have argued that the loan guarantees are not a government bailout because it would hasten production of fuel-efficient vehicles and reduce dependence on imported oil.

"This is not about benefiting Wall Street," said Ford Motor Co.'s President of the Americas Mark Fields, referencing recent federal support for the investment firm Bear Stearns and troubled mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. "This is benefiting Main Street, the working men and women. The auto industry is part of the backbone of the U.S. economy."

The low-interest loans, at rates of about 4 percent to 5 percent, would pay for up to 30 percent of the cost of retooling plants to build hybrids, plug-in hybrids, electric cars and other alternatives.

Ford and General Motors Corp.'s credit ratings have fallen below investment grade, making it difficult for the companies to borrow money at affordable rates. Chrysler, which has been heavily dependent upon truck sales, has been privately held since last year and faces similar problems accessing capital.

"This industry could fall down, literally, or be absorbed if they don't get something in place very soon. I think it's that severe," said Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich. "Something has to happen pretty quickly because they can't compete paying 15 to 20 percent (interest)."

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## Getting in touch with my European Roots

I'm writing this column from Salzburg, Austria. Rather than cheering for our football team to a victory Saturday, I spent the day walking through thousand year-old castles, climbing up mountains, and listening to grand pianist street performers (Do you think he carried it on the bus with him there?).

This year, I write you from the German-speaking country of Austria; Innsbruck, to be specific. As Notre Dame's oldest study abroad program, we ... okay, that's not really relevant to anything. We're just old.

In preparation for this column, I had a few primary worries. First of these was that my German has already crept into my English skills. If you notice any choppy or backwards-sounding sentences, or can't pinpoint where an idiomatic phrase came from, please recognize the mistake quietly to yourself, maybe share a laugh with a few dining hall acquaintances, and then continue reading.

Simultaneously plaguing my mind as I brainstormed for this column was my noticeable geographical distance from the University. How can I connect with the students of ND when I have not been there since before a

new group of 2,000 people became a part of our family?

The answer to this question, like so many anxieties that we worry ourselves with but can't seem to isolate and tackle (maybe not being able to isolate and tackle is just an ND thing ...), came to me when I least expected it.

We were hiking up to Gaisberg Spitze: the peak of the mountain Gaisberg. My fellow hikers were a bit ahead of me, but the steepness of the climb kept me a little farther back; maybe for safety, maybe to view the picturesque surroundings, maybe because talking when you're trying to muster together enough air to properly breathe tends to drag you down.

But no matter the reason, I was going a little slower, and found myself on the ground more than once, tripping through the mess of the bumps and tangles of the trail.

"What are you doing back there Jackie? Pick up the pace!"

And then I knew it. I knew the real reason why my pace was slow, why the trail's unbelievable sights every three steps compelled me to linger and absorb the beauty that saturated the hills, the rocks, the plants, the breeze.

"Don't wait on me, guys. I'm just getting in touch with my European roots."

And I was. Touching them every step of the way up the mountain. Everyone I ever knew who participated in Study Abroad told me that it was the best experience of his or her life. That you could never imagine such old, majestic, and effortlessly cultured cities. That the train system amazes whether on a cross-continent

or cross-city trip. That the language and the people are all different, but with time, you realize the reasons behind their distinct patterns of life, and you assimilate, even bringing some of the new perspectives with you home to America, to ND.

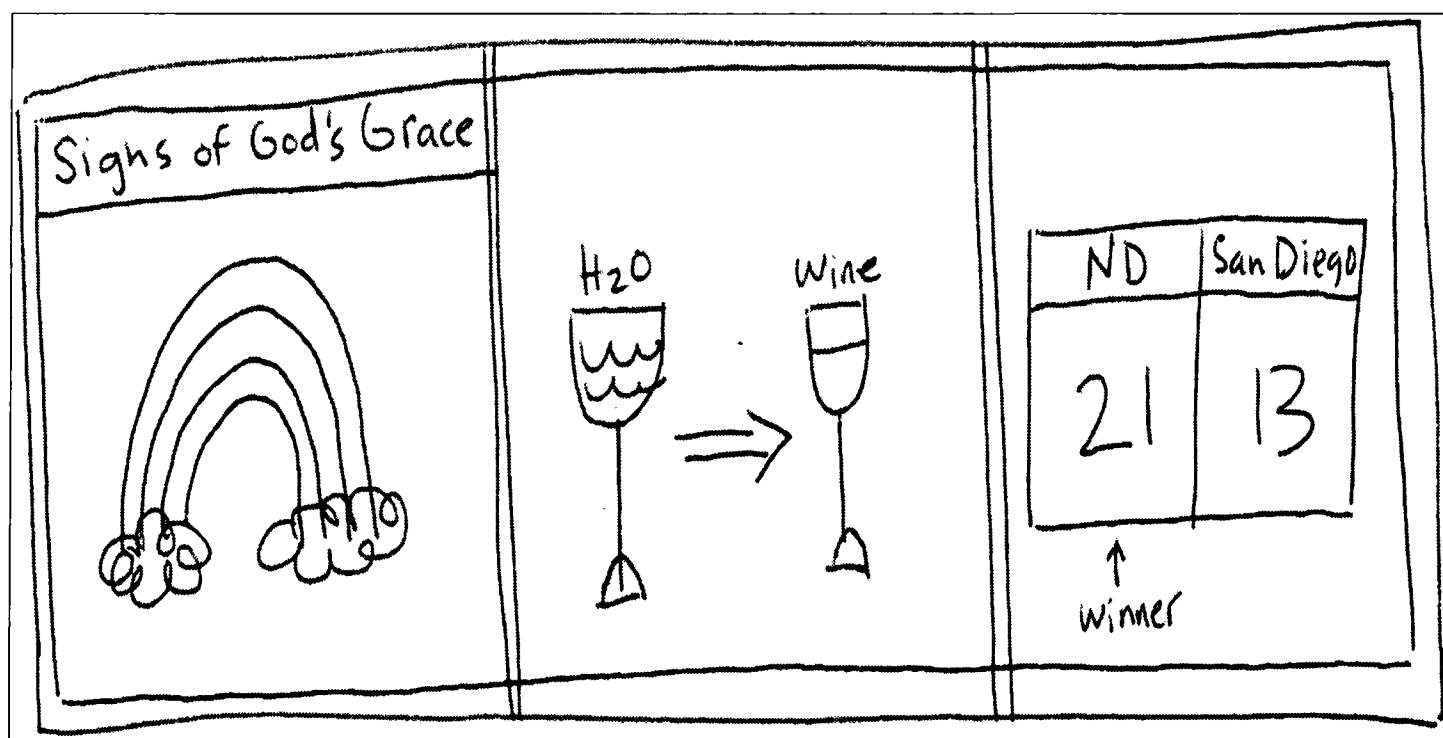
But not until I got here myself did I realize that the roots of Europe were also a part of this cultural experience. That the famously mountained Austria does not have an Austria of the cities, an Austria of the yodeling Alps, an Austria of the pastures, and an Austria of the ski season. No, rather, they are all the same. I can walk through pastures, past 500-year old wells, and hear mountain music on my way to some of the most serene and strikingly tranquil places I have ever been.

Here in Europe, it's more obvious that natural beauty does not require a parking fee, nor does it necessitate driving 2,000 miles west. Walk past the yellow houses with intricate brown Bavarian trim, step by the goats tended by a young man in lederhosen (no joke), enter the paved road to a hotel high on the hill, and you will see that the sights and sounds of nature are there with you all along. It doesn't always feel like this in America, but maybe that's just because we need to get in touch with those European roots.

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### MOST FANTASTIC JOKES



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet."*

Chinese proverb



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NDSP needs to organize priorities

It is a shame that what should have been a memorable start of the football season and a perfect occasion to reunite with friends, ended up being eclipsed by an unfortunate episode. I write this letter with the intent of expressing my frustration and disappointment towards an incident that happened during a tailgate event; an incident which I consider to be a complete misunderstanding.

I arrived at the tailgate event around 30 minutes before it was broken down by our very own Notre Dame Police department. I had asked one of my friends, who's twenty years old, to hold my beer while I went to the rest room (it just felt wrong to carry the open can with me into the portable potty). Just about when I was coming back, an NDSP officer got her with the can. When I tried to explain the situation to him, in the calmest and most respectful way possible, he chose to blatantly ignore us. I asked him to test my friends' alcohol level to verify that she was not drinking and that we were both absolutely sober. It was clear to him that we were, and yet, he chose to inculcate my friend of "underage alcohol pos-

session", and, in my case, of "inducing alcohol possession on a minor".

This incident made a negative impression on me and my friend. Not only was this an evident case of abuse of authority, but it was coming from an officer who works with and for the University and thus, should have the student's interests in mind. The officer's poor judgment and unwillingness to listen was not what I expected from someone in his position.

Being that there were more important things to attend to, he wasted his time with the wrong couple of tailgaters and, by the way, he spoiled our day. Yes, I asked the wrong person to hold my Bud Light. But from now on... Should I keep track of every person's age before asking them to hold my beer when I go to the restroom? I'm afraid that would be absolutely absurd. And if so, why do authorities punish possession? Once again, my friend was not drinking

Hubert George  
grad student  
off campus  
Sept. 7

### Get thy ears lowered

Jimmy Clausen needs a haircut. Based on the number of people I heard expressing this same sentiment at Saturday's football game, I may be on to something. Rather than simply complaining about the issue, I would like to propose, with our young quarterback's cooperation, the following: I will personally donate twenty dollars to pay for the man to seek the services of a barber or hair stylist of his choice, provided it approaches something resembling last year's (let the Google image searching commence). I also challenge all students, faculty, and staff to match, exceed, or otherwise contribute to increasing this sum. The money collected will go to pay for the initial cut, as well as the possibility of a couple more later on in the season. All remaining donations will go to Hannah & Friends. I think it's a win-win.

Ryan Bailey  
grad student  
off campus  
Sept. 5

### Dude, where's my dorm?

Ladies and gentlemen of the Notre Dame community, I'm writing this message with regard to the future of our community. I fear that university officials are trying to make changes to student life without fully taking student interest to heart. They seem to be more concerned with how outsiders view us rather than with how we see ourselves. I was lucky enough to join this school as a member of Zahm House, just as others were lucky to join their own unique dorms. Today, our dorm is only a shell of itself. We've all heard that the annual Dillon pep rally has mysteriously been cancelled, but this is only the latest step in a series of cancellations of Notre Dame on-campus traditions. There were several attempts to cancel the Zahm Bun Run, and for those of you who have heard the stories, AnTostal has gone from a week-long, on-campus celebration to a picnic on DeBartolo quad. I know that we have all chosen to attend a conservative school, but without the bun run, some girls on campus may never see a dude without pants. Creating a more vanilla on-campus life could weaken our renowned Alumni Network, as we end the traditions that have created such strong bonds at our University historically. For those officials who are worried about the "decency" of these traditions, their efforts to end the traditions have only made things worse. Antostal has become Pigtostal—an off-campus party that spawns many arrests

and exhibits far less creativity than its predecessor. It seems that the University is trying to create a generic dorm life, even though Notre Dame has always prided itself on the dorm life that no other school offers. There has never been a need for a Greek life due to the unique environment that exists within the dorms. We've all experienced the stories at tailgates: stories about the crazy events that used to go on. Coming in freshman year, I heard about how watered down everything was becoming. Unfortunately, now I'm the one that has to say that. Living in Zahm, I knew that there was pressure by the University to stop us from doing certain things. I thought it was only directed toward us, but now it is clearly becoming an all campus plan. AnTostal and Pep Rallies have already gone out the window. Unless we acknowledge the issue here, I would watch for the Revue or Zoo to follow suit in the near future. As members of the Notre Dame Community, let us be aware of what is happening. Five years from now, don't claim ignorance that the university's traditions have faded away.

Tim Shinnick  
senior  
off campus  
Michael Amenta  
senior  
off campus  
Sept. 5

### How to perform a fire drill

Yesterday afternoon (Thursday) I witnessed a bizarre and somewhat unsettling event take place in the Jordan Hall of Science.

Fire alarms blaring, a steady stream of students poured down the stairs on the side of the building. At the base of the stairwell, students quickly followed the green "EXIT" lights directly to a door. This is when something rather extraordinary occurred. Seeing the "Emergency Exit Only" sign on the door's handle, the entire stream of fleeing Jordanites began frantically yelling at one another as they turned around 180° and jostled their way back into the main hallway in search of another door.

Confused, I walked up to the door with three other physics majors and exited.

Scott Feister  
senior  
St. Edwards Hall  
Sept. 5

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# Versatile **UMPHREY'S MCGEE** Rock the Bend

By JOEY KUHN  
Scene Writer

While you were screaming your head off and throwing your hands into the air at the pep rally on Friday, another group of people was doing the same thing in St. Patrick's Park, just north of South Bend. This group, however, was giving it up not for the Notre Dame football team, but for a band called Umphrey's McGee.

After a slew of uninspired videos at the pep rally, Umphrey's McGee was a refreshing breath of air. Their sound was constantly morphing and evolving, going from Styx-influenced stadium rock to psychedelic waves of sound effortlessly and seamlessly. The band members communicated these transitions to each other with hand signals, which somehow seemed oddly appropriate, what with their baseball hats and sporty attire. They didn't dress like the stereotypical hippie/jam band, contrary to expectations.

Umphrey's whole style seemed to be about "contrary to expectations." They were always doing something surprising, and the surprises were pleasant. For instance, what started out sounding like their song "Higgins" actually turned into a stellar rendition of Pink Floyd's "Breathe." They also covered "Africa" by Toto.

But the real strength of their show was not in their covers, but in their own unique sound and their epic jam sessions.

The band is hard to put into any genre; they could be described as alternative or progressive rock, but they had moments in which they sounded like reggae, techno, acid rock and even a little hip-hop. The

chord progressions are quirky and engaging, the lyrics are intelligent and meaningful, and the six-member depth of the band allows for intricate song arrangements.

Many of their faster songs feature helter-skelter, stop-and-start rhythms crafted by their two percussionists, Andy Farag and Chris Meyers. These two used both traditional drum sets and more unusual percussion devices, such as bongos and cowbells, to achieve their sound.

The two guitarists, Brendan Bayliss and Jake Cinninger, also employed a wide variety of strange effects, sometimes lengthening every note until they built on one another into some monumental chord, or sometimes damping their strings to sound almost like a ukulele. Backed up by the outstanding rhythm section of Joel Cummins on keyboards and Ryan Stasik on bass, the sextet was unstoppable.

Umphrey's true strength unquestionably comes from their improvisational prowess. This is where they really wowed the crowd. Their songs weren't really songs anymore, so much as pieces of sonic art being created before your very eyes. It was easy to get carried away with Cinninger as he felt out each note, often closing his eyes and letting his musical instincts guide him.

As everyone who's ever been to a concert knows, though, the actual music isn't the only important aspect of the concert experience. The audience, the people surrounding you, is just as important to the overall effect. Of course, most of the crowd was chemically induced, but that in no way detracted from the show. In fact, the slew of peaceful stoners and ex-hippies actually made the concert more fun. At least

if the music ever got boring (which it didn't), there was some interesting people-watching. One guy had a scooped-out half watermelon rind on his head with glow necklaces sticking out of it. He looked like a giant neon daddy-long legs walking around in the crowd and spreading love, giving glow sticks to everyone. There were none of the pushy, overbearing fans one usually runs into at concerts.

Getting into the venue was a long and arduous ordeal, but that was probably the only truly negative part of the entire night. The temperature was pleasant and cool, and the sky was cloudless. At the end of the three-hour concert, which Umphrey's McGee divided into two sets, the techies even played the Notre Dame Victory March over the loudspeakers, capping off a near-perfect night with a little Irish spirit.

Umphrey's McGee has played in South Bend regularly for the past two years, making this concert their third in an annual series of concerts on Notre Dame's opening weekend. They come to South Bend often because several of the band members attended or have ties to Notre Dame, including Bayliss, who lived in Keenan Hall as an undergraduate.

Umphrey's sound may not be for everyone; if you don't enjoy complex, carefully orchestrated song arrangements and mind-blowing, 15-minute long jam sessions, you might want to look somewhere else, such as mainstream radio. But for everyone else, if you're around the Bend next year, don't miss Umphrey's McGee.

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Notre Dame 21, San Diego State 13

## Aztecs ruined

*Notre Dame avoids embarrassment, beats San Diego State 21-13*

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

It wasn't pretty, but Notre Dame rallied from a fourth quarter deficit to defeat the San Diego State Aztecs 21-13 Saturday.

Mistakes marred Notre Dame's play, including two fumbles, two interceptions, a botched field goal attempt and several penalties.

"We looked like a team that was playing their first game," coach Charlie Weis said. "You're happy with an ugly win because it's better than an ugly loss."

But following three quarters of mistake-ridden football, Notre Dame's fortunes changed with 11:55 left in the fourth quarter.

The Irish were down 13-7, and San Diego State had a first-and-goal at the four-yard line.

Quarterback Ryan Lindley handed the ball to running back Brandon Sullivan, who sprinted toward the goal line. Just before Sullivan broke the plane for a touchdown, senior safeties David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy knocked the ball from his grip and recovered it in the end zone.

It was "game-changing play," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

There was some disagreement on who caused the fumble, but Bruton wasn't going to argue.

"I'm fine with Kyle saying I did it," he said.

On the ensuing Irish drive, sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed 5-of-5 passes, including a 38-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate to take a 14-13 lead. Clausen threw another touchdown pass to senior David Grimes on the Irish's next possession to make the score 21-13 and put the game further out of reach of the Aztecs.

Tate had six receptions for 93 yards and the touchdown along with a 28-yard kickoff return. He also made a diving attempt in the fourth quarter, but it was ruled incomplete because the ball hit the ground.

"[Tate] has become much more of a receiver," Weis said. "He has very good ball skills, very good speed."

Clausen finished the game 21-for-34 for 237 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. His first touchdown pass was a 22-yard shot to highly-touted freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd with one minute remaining in the



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

**Irish receiver David Grimes catches Jimmy Clausen's pass for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 21-13 win over San Diego State Saturday. Grimes had five catches for 35 yards in the game.**

first half.

Mistakes hampered Notre Dame in the early portion of the game. In the first quarter, senior linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. was charged with pass interference, and, later in the same drive, roughing the passer. Both penalties prolonged an Aztec drive that would have ended.

The Irish put their first promising drive together at the beginning of the second quarter, marching 68 yards in only nine plays. That drive ended abruptly at the four-yard line when sophomore running back Robert Hughes fumbled and the Aztecs recovered.

On the next possession, on third-and-11, Clausen hit sophomore receiver Duval Kamara in the hands, but Kamara couldn't handle it and the ball ricocheted to Aztec safety T.J. McKay. He returned the interception 16 yards to the Irish 44. Two plays later, after

throwing a 43-yard pass to senior Darren Mougey, San Diego State quarterback Ryan Lindley scored the first touchdown of the game on a 1-yard rush.

"We have a lot of work to do," Weis said. "I thought we would execute better, take care of the ball better."

The Aztecs scored again in the third quarter after senior Vonnie Holmes intercepted Clausen's pass in the end zone. Lindley led an 80-yard drive that ended in a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mougey.

That drive seemed to be over after the Aztecs failed to convert a third-and-three at their own 39, but senior safety Ray Herring jumped offside before

the punt, causing a five-yard penalty and a first down. Kicker Lane Yoshida knocked the extra point off the uprights, however, and the Aztecs remained at 13 points.

*"I thought we would execute better, take care of the ball better."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

The San Diego State offense relied almost exclusively on the passing game. Lindley, a redshirt freshman playing in only his second game, completed 29 of his 59 pass attempts for 274 yards.

Most fans did not expect San Diego State to have such a strong start, but senior safety Kyle McCarthy, who had 14 tackles in the game, did.

"We're Notre Dame. Every team comes in here and plays their heart out," McCarthy said. "They come in here like

it's the Super Bowl."

Notre Dame's offensive line, which is one year older and many pounds bigger, showed some improvement.

A line that gave up a record 58 sacks last year (119th in the NCAA) kept Clausen vertical the whole game. Also, there were no false starts and only one holding penalty, against junior guard Eric Olsen in the fourth quarter.

Weis saw improvement in the team's confidence as well.

"You know, there are times when you look into (the players') faces and you see a scared look," he said. "For the guys playing in this game, that wasn't the look you were getting."

But how will the team do from here on?

"The jury's still out," Weis said.

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### player of the game

**Golden Tate**  
Notre Dame receiver

*Tate caught six passes for 93 yards and a touchdown.*

### stat of the game

0

*Sacks allowed by Notre Dame's offensive line.*

### play of the game

**David Bruton's fumble recovery in the end zone**

*The play gave the Irish the ball back and let them drive for the go-ahead touchdown.*

### quote of the game

*"You're happy with an ugly win because it's better than an ugly loss."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

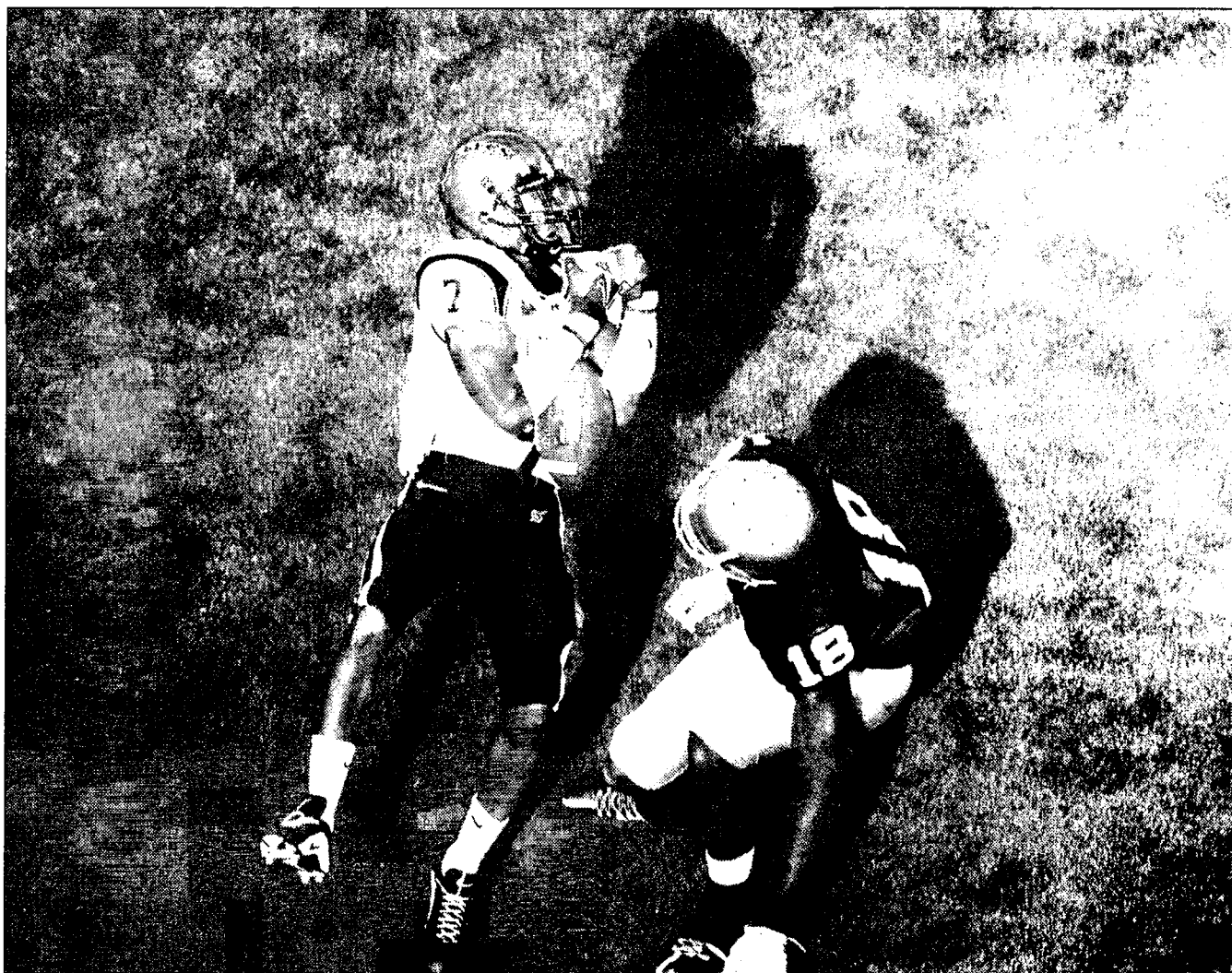


## report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen had three touchdown passes and two interceptions that weren't entirely his fault, but did not look off his receivers. He improved running the two-minute drill.
- B-** **running backs:** Armando Allen and Robert Hughes combined for 122 yards, but averaged only 3.1 yards per carry. Both also fumbled, and both were recovered by the Aztecs.
- B+** **receivers:** Michael Floyd, Golden Tate and David Grimes all caught touchdown passes. Duval Kamara allowed a pass to be intercepted after it hit his hands and gave up on another interception in the end zone.
- B** **offensive line:** The line did not allow a sack, but failed to block well on third-and-short. The linemen were also called for a hold.
- C+** **defensive line:** The defensive line held San Diego State to 71 rushing yards. Although they pressured Ryan Lindley at times, he had ample time to throw most of the game.
- C+** **linebackers:** Kerry Neal had an interception, and Maurice Crum Jr. had an up-and-down game. Harrison Smith was largely invisible and John Ryan had trouble getting inside.
- B+** **defensive backs:** Kyle McCarthy had 14 tackles and Sergio Brown made plays all over the field. They did allow 274 yards and two touchdowns, along with a blown coverage that set up first-and-goal.
- B-** **special teams:** The Irish blocked a punt and averaged 13.7 yards per punt return. The field goal unit, however, missed one and botched another.
- C** **coaching:** The Irish ran some predictable plays on third-and short, but the no-huddle offense was effective. Defensive penalties extended an Aztec drive, eventually allowing them to score.
- 2.70** **overall:** They took their time, but the Irish eventually found an offensive rhythm. The defense looked cohesive, and although it wasn't pretty, a win's a win.

## adding up the numbers

- 6** Catches by Notre Dame receiver Golden Tate. Tate had six catches all of last season.
- 23** Net yards per punt by San Diego State punter Brian Stahovich.
- 3** Third downs Notre Dame converted in 12 attempts.
- 14** Tackles by safety Kyle McCarthy.
- 3** Touchdowns thrown by Jimmy Clausen. Clausen has thrown three touchdowns in three of his last four starts.
- 1** Times in five attempts the Irish converted when in the red zone.
- 158** All-purpose yards by Armando Allen.
- 100** Number of penalty yards on San Diego State.



Irish receiver Duval Kamara, 18, watches as Aztec defensive back Vonnie Holmes intercepts Jimmy Clausen's pass in the third quarter of Notre Dame's 21-13 win over San Diego State Saturday.

## Unfulfilled, but still pleased

Like most people who watched Saturday's game, I left Notre Dame Stadium feeling unfulfilled.

I can remember the Good Ol' Days (read: when Brady Quinn was here), when a win meant 41-9 (I'm looking at you, Army) and you left knowing that we were the better team on the field.



Jay Fitzpatrick  
Sports Writer

You can delve into the stats as deep as you like. 3-for-12 on third down? Terrible. One of five in the red zone? Atrocious. Four turnovers (five including the botched field goal)? Nasty — and not the good kind.

But before you go too far down the final statistics chart, go ahead and look at the top, and tell me what you see.

21-13 final score? Pretty darn good.

As a wise man in a commercial I once saw said, "A win's a win; a loss is a loss," and that's the attitude you should take. If for nothing else, you should think that because Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis is.

"Are you happy with an ugly win? I told [the team], yes, you're happy with an ugly win because it's better than an ugly loss. I'll take an ugly win any day of the week."

Fans might have thought they were experiencing déjà vu, that they were reliving last year's nightmare. The difference? This

team could win.

Notre Dame fans seem to have developed the same short-term memory that quarterbacks are all supposed to have. You can think about how bad we were last year and make connections to this season, but you would be wrong.

The offensive line, while still not stellar, was at the very least competent and, more correctly, showed serious development into a solid corps. The defense, while stagnant under former defensive coordinator Rick Minter in Weis' first two seasons, went blitz-crazy under current D.C. Corwin Brown and new assistant head coach/defense Jon Tenuta. And quarterback Jimmy Clausen, by the fourth quarter at least, looked like he had shaken off the rust and was ready for some football.

But the improvements would have meant nothing without the all-important W. This is where the team's biggest improvement shows through, not on a stat-sheet, just the result.

Remember last year, against Purdue and Boston College, when the Irish were losing and managed a partial comeback? They were so close, and yet couldn't push over the edge. Or against Michigan, when the team looked dead and could never overcome an early deficit?

Both could have happened, and yet, neither did. Irish left tackle Sam Young understood how important what didn't happen was as important as what did.

*"The way we did it isn't exactly the way we wanted to do it ... I think the biggest thing this says is something about our character."*

Sam Young  
Irish tackle

"The way we did it isn't exactly the way we wanted to do it. ... I think the biggest thing this says is something about our character," he said.

Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz wrote in his autobiography, "Wins, Losses and Lessons," that a football team has to go through four stages before it can win: it has to learn to compete,

then learn to win, then learn to handle winning, and then it can be champions.

This blueprint provides a timeline without dates, something that impatient Notre Dame fans need to understand. With a wholly inexperienced team last year, the Irish needed to learn how to compete, they needed to build their character and become a football team.

Now the team is winning. Sure, it's not the ideal way to win, or the prettiest of wins, but it is a win nonetheless. And for those of you keeping score at home, the Irish are sitting on a three-game winning streak dating back to last season.

The most important thing this team needs right now is patience. The Irish won't be great this year and likely not next year, but they will be better each season.

But as for right now, a win is a win, and that's good enough for me.

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# No-huddle offense jump-starts Irish

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offense needed something to get going. The Irish had played three quarters and managed just seven points against San Diego State, team that allowed 29 points to Bowl Subdivision Cal Poly a week ago.

But down 13-7 with 11:55 left in the game, and facing the prospect of losing its third home opener in four years, Notre Dame changed the pace of its offense, and by doing so, changed the outcome of the game. Oh, and it certainly didn't hurt that they had a little luck as well.

San Diego State was about a foot away from taking at least a 12-point lead on Notre Dame, but somehow, thanks to safeties Kyle McCarthy and David Bruton, Aztec running back Brand Sullivan lost the football before crossing the goal line. That spark, combined with Notre Dame's switch to a no-huddle offense, helped the Irish take the lead.

"You get stagnant, you're not converting, you have no rhythm going," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "One thing in a situation like that is you can get some rhythm going, but a lot of it's dependent on the quarterback."

And despite an otherwise shaky afternoon, Weis' quarterback came through on the go-ahead drive.

Sophomore Jimmy Clausen went 5-for-5 on the drive, connecting three times with wideout Golden Tate for 63 yards, including a 38-yard go route for the go-ahead score. Clausen was 21-for-34 for 237 yards, two interceptions, and three touchdowns. But the drive showcased an improved Tate, who showed he acquired the ability this season to run a pass route other than a fly.

"Golden has become much more of a receiver this year versus a running back playing receiver last year," Weis said. "Whether it be a go route where he keeps running now, his routes at the tops of breaks, running slants, I mean, he looked like a receiver, that's what he looked like."

Tate added: "I felt like I was playing football out there."

Notre Dame then ate up 6:30 using a steady diet of runs from Robert Hughes to take an eight-point lead.

The final two drives were a night-and-day change from the first three quarters, which saw the Irish struggle to score even when the defense and special teams put them in ideal positions to do so.

Weis had said prior to Saturday that he wanted the Irish running game to "pound it." Notre Dame ran for 105 yards, but that came against a depleted San Diego St.



Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen, left, celebrates with receiver Golden Tate after Tate's touchdown catch put Notre Dame ahead 14-13.

front seven.

"Our defense, I was extremely proud of them," Aztec coach Chuck Long said. "We were down seven defensive linemen going into the game to injury. They fought. We had to switch some guys around. We put Russell Allen on the defensive line. He had two days of practice there. I thought those guys did a great job."

Weis also emphasized getting out to a fast start, but his team didn't score until the waning moments of the first half.

"I think we looked like a team that was playing their first game," Weis said. "That's what we looked like. I think we weren't executing very well on offense."

The Irish still struggled even when they didn't have far to go to score. Following a punt return from running back Armando Allen to the San Diego St. 26 yard-line, and a personal foul penalty which brought the ball to the 13, the Irish failed to score after there was a faulty exchange on a field-goal attempt.

Then, in the third quarter, Kerry Neal intercepted a pass from Aztec quarterback Ryan Lindley on the San Diego 17 yard-line, but Clausen gave it right back to San Diego, throwing a fade route — to Aztec corner Vonnie Holmes.

But the offense didn't waste every gift the defense and the special teams gave them. In what Irish fans hope is a sign of things to come, Clausen connected with freshman wideout Michael Floyd for a 22-yard score following a blocked punt by Sergio Brown.

"Michael has a world of ability," Weis said. "Just the more he gets on the field, the more production we'll get out of him. But I thought that was obviously a huge play, you know. That's the type of thing he can do, he can go up and make those plays. For a freshman to be able to come in and make a play like that, that's pretty good."

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	7	0	14	21
San Diego St.	0	7	6	0	13

### Second quarter

San Diego State 7, Notre Dame 0  
Ryan Lindley 1-yard touchdown run with 5:32 remaining. Drive: 2 plays, 44 yards, 0:29 elapsed

San Diego State 7, Notre Dame 7  
Jimmy Clausen 22-yard pass to Michael Floyd with 1:14 remaining. Drive: 3 plays, 21 yards, 0:17 elapsed

### Third quarter

San Diego State 13, Notre Dame 7  
Ryan Lindley 15-yard pass to Darren Mougey with 8:31 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 4:31 elapsed.

### Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 14, San Diego State 13  
Jimmy Clausen 38-yard pass to Golden Tate with 9:43 remaining. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 2:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, San Diego State 13  
Jimmy Clausen 6-yard pass to David Grimes with 2:08 remaining. Drive: 11 plays, 55 yards, 6:30 elapsed.

## statistics

### total yards

SD	345
ND	342

### rushing yards

SD	71
ND	105

### passing yards

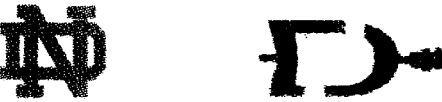
SD	274
ND	237

### return yards

SD	55
ND	115

### time of possession

SD	29:08
ND	30:52



### passing

Clausen	21-34-2	Lindley	29-59-1
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### rushing

Allen	17-64	Sullivan	10-66
Hughes	16-58	Henderson	2-13

### receiving

Tate	6-93-1	Kawulok	9-60
Grimes	5-35-1	Mougey	5-97-1
Hughes	3-32	Wallace	4-40
Allen	3-18	Henderson	4-37
Kamara	1-28	Brown	3-19
Floyd	1-22-1	Sullivan	2-7
Rudolph	1-5	Umuolo	1-7
Yeatman	1-4	Shaw	1-7

### tackling

McCarthy	14	Laolagi	13
Bruton	7	Milling	11
Lambert	6	Holmes	7
Brown	6	Preston	5
Crum	6	Allen	4
B. Smith	4	Williams	4

# Coach Yonto honored before kickoff

By CHRIS HINE and LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writers

Before the game, Notre Dame honored the memory of Joe Yonto, who died Monday, August 4. Yonto served as an assistant defensive coach under Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine, Gerry Faust and Lou Holtz from 1964-1980 and 1986-1987. He was 83.

**Toss-up**

Notre Dame won the toss but chose to defer to the second half, a rare occurrence during the Weis era. Weis explained that when Brady Quinn was quarterback, he wanted the ball in the hands of the offense as much as possible. No more. "I think you have to make a statement to the defense, to let them know, 'I'm counting on you,'" Weis said.

### What can Brown do for you?

For Notre Dame safety Sergio Brown, San Diego State's pass-heavy offense was a chance to get a lot of playing time — some-

thing for which he's waited a long time.

"It was tough to wait," Brown said. "I was itching to get in, and we had a bad season last year, and I was down in the dumps but stuck it out. I took good advice from good people."

Brown made the most of his opportunity on Saturday, recording six tackles and blocking a punt that led to Notre Dame's first score.

"I'd been getting off on the ball really good all week and my man gave me a soft shoulder, and I took it, left my feet, and was just hoping I got the ball when I did," Brown said of the block.

**Fresh start**

Kyle Rudolph became the first freshman in Notre Dame's history to start a season-opener at tight end. Rudolph had one reception for five yards.

**Handing over the reigns**

After last season, Weis announced that he was handing over play calling duties to offensive coordinator Mike Haywood.

At the post-game press conference, he denied suggestions that he started calling plays in the fourth quarter during his hurry-up offense. He did admit, however, that he "got involved."

**Best of the worst?**

At the post-game press conference, SDSU coach Chuck Long was asked who was better, Cal-Poly or Notre Dame. Long hemmed and hawed for a few moments before declaring, "It doesn't matter. They both beat us."

**Three's a crowd**

Coming into the season, Weis said he planned on using three running backs — junior James Aldridge and sophomores Armando Allen and Robert Hughes. Allen finished with 17 carries for 64 yards and Hughes had 16 carries for 58 yards. Aldridge, however, didn't touch the ball, not part of Weis' original plan.

"The problem is we were off the field so much in the first half, you know, the intent was for all

three of those guys to get into the mix in the first half..." Weis said. "In the second half, what minimized his opportunity to get on the field that is when we go two-minute, Armando is our guy and Robert is our other guy in two-minute."

**Feverish halftime show**

During halftime, former Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps emulated Christopher Walken in his classic 2000 Saturday Night Live skit, asking the band for "more cowbell" during its performance of "(Don't Fear) The Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult. Phelps, along with nine band members, played cowbell and danced during the song.

**Full house**

Saturday's game marked the 200th consecutive sellout of Notre Dame Stadium, as well as the 400th game played in it.

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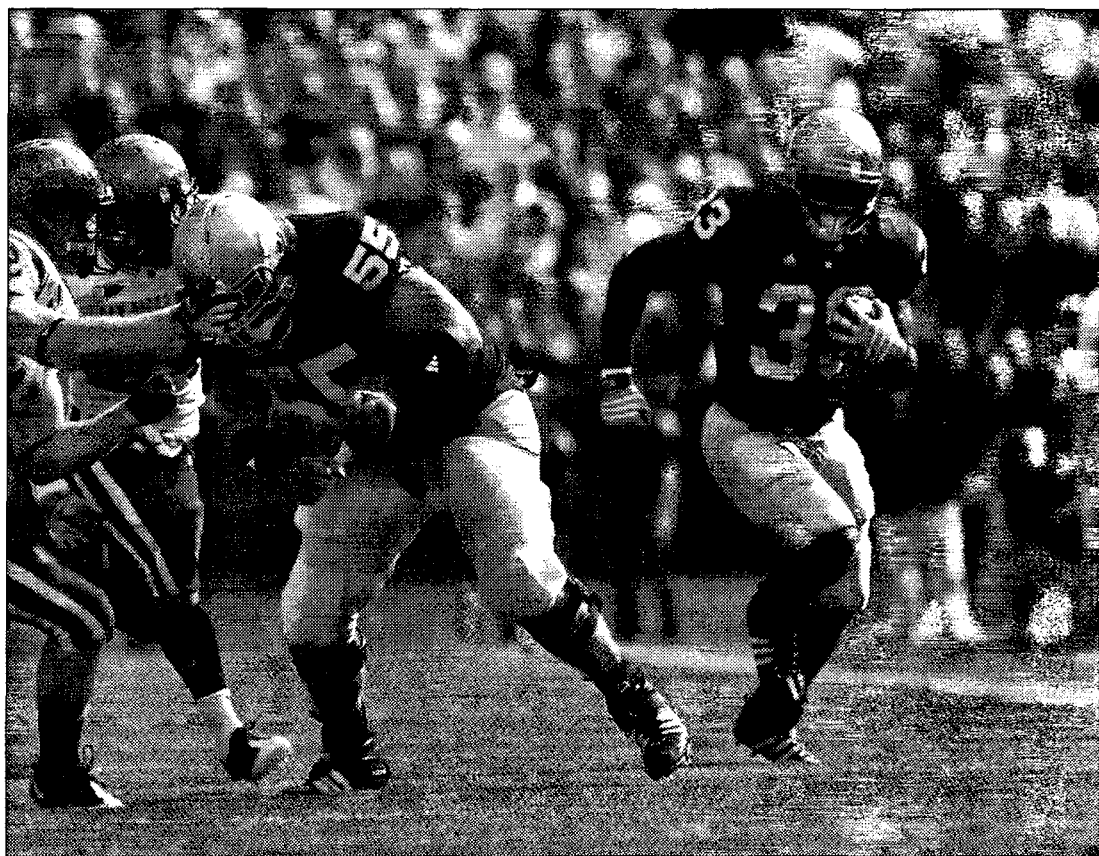
# Struggling to victory

It wasn't inspiring. The start smacked of last season, complete with interceptions, fumbles and three-and-outs. The pass defense gave up big plays. The crowd booed before the first half was over, fearing the worst, and fans called for Dayne Crist. But the clouds cleared in the second half. David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy kept the game within reach, saving a touchdown and forcing a fumble to give Notre Dame the ball. Jimmy Clausen found a rhythm with his receivers and ran an effective no-huddle offense to put the Irish ahead. The running game controlled the clock late, and Clausen added the gravy when he hit David Grimes for a score to take an eight-point lead.

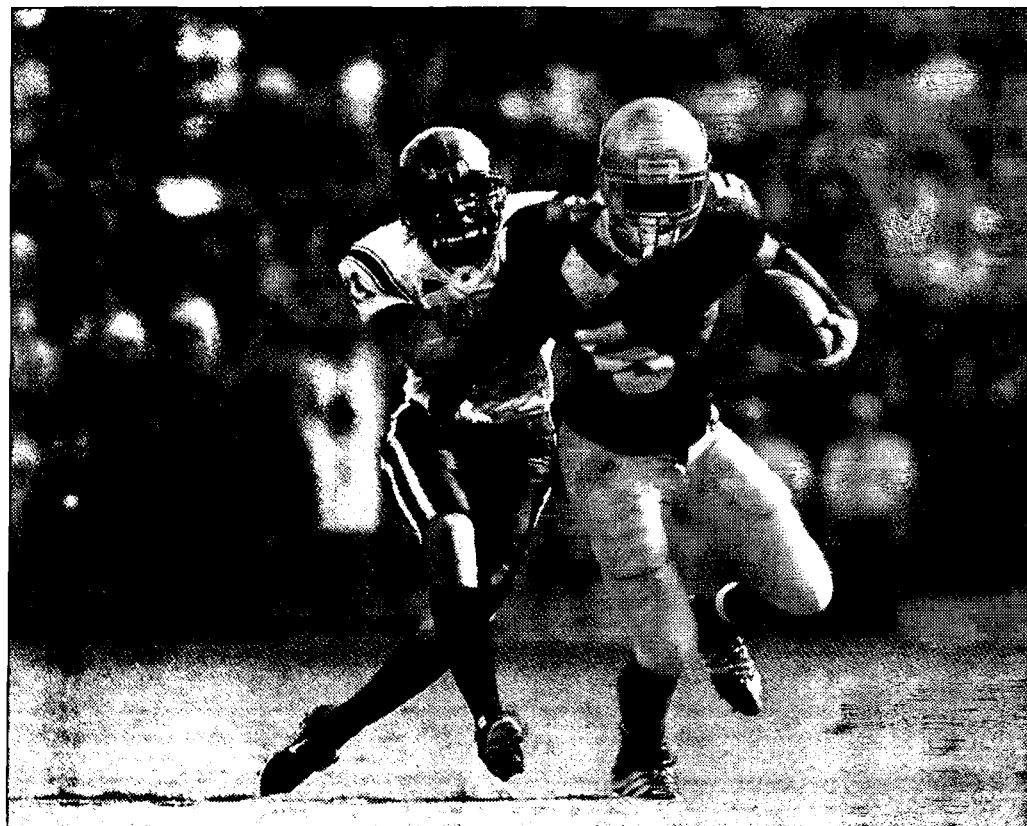
Hardly fantastic, somewhat hopeful. Good enough to beat Michigan?

Doubtful. But better than last year, and at this point that's all that matters.

— Bill Brink



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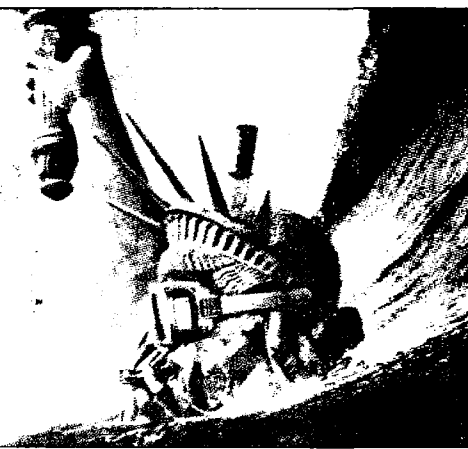
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Clockwise from top, Maurice Crum Jr. and Sergio Brown tackle Brandon Sullivan; Charlie Weis stands over Armando Allen after he was shaken up; Eric Olsen blocks for Robert Hughes; Pat Kuntz raises his arms to pump up the crowd; Allen tries to escape a tackle.





MADELINE NIES | Observer Graphic

By SHANE STEINBERG  
Scene Writer

Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer's latest foray into the beaten-up-and-left-for-dead genre of spoof comedy has resulted in ninety minutes of utter stupidity.

Their latest brain-dead brainchild of a film, the aptly titled "Disaster Movie," is a beacon of all that is worthless and beyond the point of saving in the entertainment industry. The equation may have worked for the self-proclaimed spoof kings in the past, but Friedberg and Seltzer, just as they did in "Epic Movie" and "Date Movie," have once again proven that they should have

called it quits after their only success, their collaboration with the Wayans brothers on the "Scary Movie" series, ran dry.

Instead, determined to take bits and pieces of greater movies, throw in a few completely random appearances by pop culture personalities and mold them into a "comedy," the duo have trekked on, churning out piles of garbage. "Disaster Movie" is no exception.

The plot of "Disaster Movie" alludes to such recent films as "Cloverfield" and "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," as well as references to "Juno," "No Country for Old Men," "Enchanted" and "Superbad."

The storyline, if you're generous enough to call it that, follows a guy named Will (Matt Lanter) who suddenly finds himself trying to save the world after being told an apocalyptic prophecy by none other than Amy Winehouse (Nicole Parker).

From there, the plot basically disappears. Soon enough a host of overused Michael Jackson jokes are thrown in, and the scenes get progressively weirder (or stupider). To make a long and completely pointless story short, during one scene a man in a panda suit and a naked guy screaming "I am Beowulf!" run around through "Night in the Museum."

How Friedberg and Seltzer managed to create a comedy without an ounce of humor must befuddle viewers. Is it too much to ask for a "ha ha" moment every ten minutes? Then again, when you try to fit together a comedy by throwing random celebrity look-alikes into random scenes with actors who shouldn't have careers in comedy, horrendousness is bound to happen.

It's a calamity that a studio could actually be willing to fund a film like "Disaster Movie," but then again, if one thing is certain in the entertainment industry, it's that stupidity sells. "Disaster Movie" will probably go on to make a fair amount of millions, while quality scripts are overlooked in favor of the next idiotic film. But really, what's the point of watching an unfunny comedy about other movies when you could simply watch the other movies and not feel like your brain cells are being murdered in the meantime?

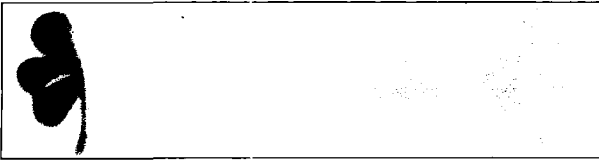
In the end, there are about one thousand ways to rip "Disaster Movie," but when all is said and done, bluntly put, "Disaster Movie" is nothing more than a grossly idiotic film made by supposed filmmakers who ought to do audiences a favor and never work in Hollywood again.

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## Disaster Movie

Directed and Written by: Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer

Starring: Matt Lanter and Nicole Parker



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## GAG FILMS AND CORNBALL COMEDY: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE IN-BETWEEN

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Editor

Unoriginal in more ways than one, "Disaster Movie" is the latest spawn of a genre with a lot of cinematic history: the gag film. Scene examines the history of the Hollywood gag film by ranking some of its best-known examples into three distinct categories. Good gag films deserve multiple viewings of a well-worn DVD. In-between gag films might garner a rental and an oversize bowl of popcorn on a Friday night. Bad gag films deserve to be incinerated and never seen again.

### The Good

**Airplane! (1980):** Often seen as the granddaddy of all gag films, "Airplane!" is chock full of iconic film moments. Examples include seeing Barbara Billingsley, TV's June Cleaver, translate jive-talkin' with a white stewardess; a parody of the famed "Win one for the Gipper" speech, complete with the use of the Notre Dame Victory March; Robert Hays and Julie Hagerty's "Saturday Night Fever" dance moves; and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as himself/co-pilot Robert Murdock.

**Hot Shots (1991):** With the tagline "The mother of all movies!" 1991's "Hot

Shots" is a high-aiming comedy. the film features future "Two and a Half Men" costars Charlie Sheen and Jon Cryer, along with Lloyd Bridges and "The Princess Bride" star Cary Elwes. "Hot Shots" is an "Airplane!" meets "Top Gun" spoof directed by Jim Abrahams, co-director of "Airplane!" The on-film saga of Topper Harley (Sheen), a pilot in the U.S. Navy, also includes a legendary scene featuring Saddam Hussein lounging by a pool.

**The Naked Gun series (1988-1994):** Based on the criminally cancelled "Police Squad!" series, "The Naked Gun" is Leslie Nielsen at his finest and most ridiculous. The first film details Sergeant Frank Drebin's (Nielsen) quest to uncover an assassination plot against Queen Elizabeth II. Its sequels, 1991's "The Naked Gun 2 1/2: the Smell of Fear" and 1994's "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult," follow Drebin through various screwball exploits. The Hollywood Reporter recently wrote that a fourth "Naked Gun" direct-to-video film is also in the works.

### The In-Between

**Kung Pow! Enter the Fist (2002):** A parody of Hong Kong action cinema, "Kung Pow!" features a battle sequence between our protagonist, the Chosen

One (Steve Oedekerk) and a fighting cow named Moon Yoo who uses her udders as battle gear.

**Hot Rod (2007):** While not exactly a gag film, Andy Samberg's first attempt at headlining a movie makes use of different gag film techniques. Plus, fans of Samberg's digital shorts on "Saturday Night Live" get their fill of the actor's comedic stylings here.

**Scary Movie 1 & 2 (2000-2001).** The original "Scary Movie" was directed by Keenan Ivory Wayans, and featured the tagline "No mercy. No shame. No sequel." Ironically, the opposite has proven true, much to the chagrin of moviegoers. It's also ironic that the main source of parody in "Scary Movie" is "Scream," which itself was meant to riff on horror movie conventions. The original "Scary Movie" and its first sequel, "Scary Movie 2" (with the tagline "More merciless. More shameless. We lied"), are both worth a rental.

### The Bad

**Disaster Movie (2008):** It seems odd that Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer would bother parodying films like Adam Sandler's "Don't Mess with the Zohan." Normally, successful films might deserve some good-natured ribbing, but "Zohan" was hardly worth its original on-screen

appearance, let alone an allusive second. Add that to its ill-timed comedy in general, and you've got a recipe for little more than a waste of time.

**Date Movie (2006):** The creative team of Friedberg and Seltzer, who both cowrote the first "Scary Movie" film with four others, brought this gem to film audiences two years ago. Despite a highly respectable cast including Alyson Hannigan ("How I Met Your Mother"), Fred Willard, Eddie Griffin and Jennifer Coolidge, "Date Movie" was, much like those that came before and after it under the Friedberg-Seltzer masthead, an uneven collection of unfunny gags.

**Meet the Spartans (2008):** Much like its Friedberg-Seltzer brethren, but with a slightly different name, "Meet the Spartans" was mainly focused on parodying 2007's "300." With Carmen Electra playing a key role, an assessment of the quality of "Meet the Spartans" can likely go without discussion. Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton and Britney Spears are unable to escape the parody machine, but all three have been mocked more successfully elsewhere.

**White Chicks (2004):** Little needs to be said. Little can be said. Wrong, wrong, and painfully wrong.

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Photo courtesy of cinemaisdope.com  
The gag film genre reached its creative peak in 1980 with the classic "Airplane!"



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com  
Andy Samberg prepares to take a daredevil leap in "Hot Rod." The movie uses gag film techniques.



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com  
Marlon, left, and Shawn Wayans co-star in "White Chicks," a 2004 gag comedy.

## NFL

# Rejuvenated Favre leads Jets to victory over Dolphins

Bengals' Carson Palmer throws for 99 yards in loss to Ravens; Cowboys embarrass Browns as LeBron looks on

Associated Press

MIAMI — Brett Favre sank to one knee on the sideline, helplessly watching the Miami Dolphins try to upstage his comeback with one of their own.

Six months after Favre began a brief retirement, he made a stirring debut Sunday as Broadway Brett. But in the final minute the Dolphins marched down the field while Favre's New York Jets clung to six-point lead.

What was he thinking?

"Don't score," he said.

Simple enough. Favre's new beginning had a happy ending when Darrelle Revis intercepted Chad Pennington in the end zone with 5 seconds left, and the Jets won 20-14.

"It was shaky, but it's a good start," Favre said. "It's a win, and you can never question a win."

Favre hardly looked like the retiring type, raising his arms to signal a touchdown, then leaping and skipping to the bench, where he vaulted into the arms of two teammates. That was after he threw a 56-yard touchdown pass on New York's second series.

He later intercepted on fourth down for a 22-yard scoring pass, and finished 15-for-22 for 194 yards and his 161st victory, extending his NFL record for starting quarterbacks.

Favre said the game left him glad he's still playing at age 38, and after 16 seasons in Green Bay, he feels at home with his new team.

"I know I made the right decision," he said in his Mississippi drawl. "I'm a New York Jet. I don't know about a native New Yorkian, or however you say it. Hey, I'm happy to be a Jet."

For the Dolphins, the loss marked a disappointing start to the Bill Parcells era, and it was painfully reminiscent of last year's 1-15 team. Parcells took over last December, but despite turning over more than half the roster and hiring Tony Sparano as coach, the Dolphins gave up too many big plays and sputtered on offense until their frantic late rally.

"If we had made just one more play, we could have won the game," receiver Greg Camarillo said. "That's what hurts."

Pennington, playing against the team that released him in favor of Favre, drew boos

early before finishing 26-for-43 for 251 yards.

"I just hate losing," Pennington said. "I hate it as bad as you can imagine. It doesn't matter if it's the Jets or anyone else, a loss hurts bad."

New York's Dwight Lowery batted away a pass by Pennington in the end zone on fourth down with 9 minutes left, but the Dolphins kept coming. They converted a fourth-and-7 during a 53-yard drive that ended with Pennington's 11-yard touchdown pass to David Martin, making it 20-14 with 3:27 left.

After New York punted, the Dolphins started from their 39 with 1:43 left. They reached the Jets 18, but when Pennington tried to hit Ted Ginn Jr. in the corner of the end zone, Revis had position and made a one-handed interception.

That clinched the Jets' fifth consecutive win over their AFC East rivals.

Favre was traded to New York after his decision to delay retirement led to a messy divorce with the Packers. The Jets hope Favre can transform a team that went 4-12 last year into a playoff contender, and it didn't take long for him to make an impact.

Wearing his familiar No. 4, Favre went deep on the first play of the Jets' second possession. Jerricho Cotchery caught the long pass at the 5 and scored to complete the 56-yard play. At the other end of the field, Favre celebrated like a rookie.

## Baltimore 17, Cincinnati 10

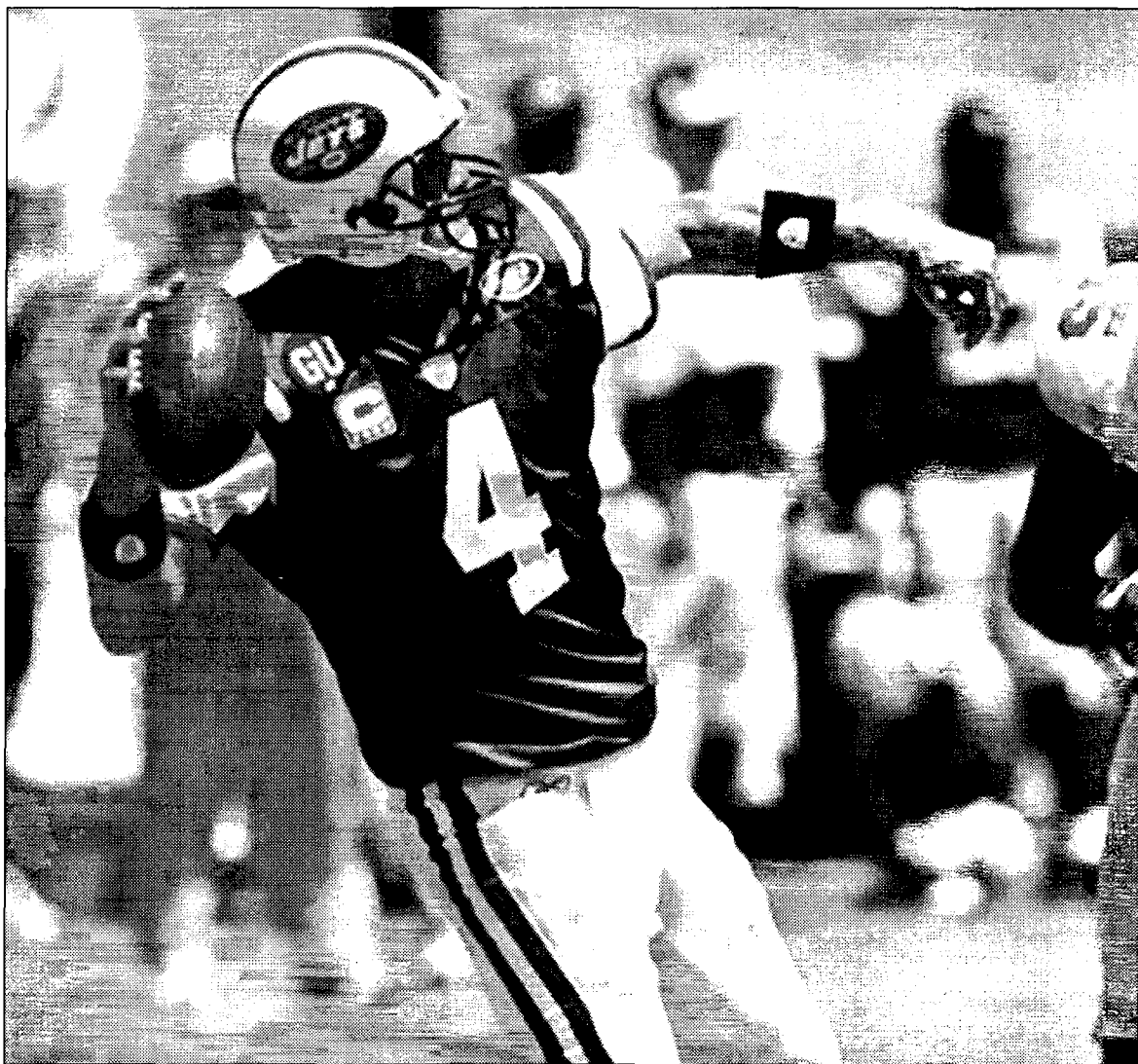
The Baltimore Ravens successfully launched a new era, for coach John Harbaugh and rookie quarterback Joe Flacco.

The festive occasion was made complete by a few familiar friends: Rex Ryan and the Baltimore defense.

Flacco ran for a 38-yard touchdown in his first NFL start, and the Ravens held the Cincinnati Bengals to 154 yards and eight first downs Sunday in a victory.

"It's a thrill," Harbaugh said. "I'm appreciative of (owner) Steve Bisciotti, (general manager) Ozzie Newsome and the rest of the Ravens organization for giving a no-name a chance to be a head coach in this league. We have a long way to go, but this is a good start."

Thrust into a starting role because of a season-ending shoulder injury to Kyle Boller



New York quarterback Brett Favre prepares to pass Sunday in the second quarter of the Jets' 20-14 win over Miami.

and Troy Smith's infected tonsils, Flacco deftly operated within the system of new offensive coordinator Cam Cameron. The rookie went 15-for-29 for 129 yards and no interceptions, and his touchdown run put Baltimore (1-0) up 17-3 in the third quarter.

"This is just a beginning for Joe," Harbaugh said.

If Flacco was unnerved playing in his first NFL game, he sure didn't look like it. Or feel like it.

"It's just football. It's a lot of fun, though, just like it's always been," said Flacco, the 18th overall pick in the NFL draft. "I think our offense was in control all day. And obviously we had a lot of help from our defense."

Ryan, retained as defensive coordinator when Harbaugh replaced Brian Billick, put together a game plan that rendered the Cincinnati offense helpless. Chris Perry gained 37 yards on 18 carries and Carson Palmer was 10-for-25 for 99 yards and an interception.

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Chad Ocho Cinco, forced by the NFL to wear Chad Johnson on his jersey, was held to one catch for 22 yards. He praised the blitz-oriented defense deployed by Ryan.

"Two thumbs up to him and what they did today. It was unbelievable, and I told him after the game," Ocho Cinco said. "I don't know what they were playing. That's some playground defense."

## Dallas 28, Cleveland 10

T.O. and his talented teammates were way too much for the Browns.

Terrell Owens caught a 35-yard touchdown pass, Tony Romo effortlessly picked apart Cleveland's secondary, Marion Barber scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and the Dallas Cowboys opened a season they expect to end with a Super Bowl title by overwhelming the Browns on Sunday.

Coming off a 13-win season, which ended with a bitterly disappointing playoff loss at

home to the New York Giants, the Cowboys lived up to all their preseason hype with a solid all-around performance. They are the team to beat in the NFC, and after one game, it is hard to argue there is any better.

With Romo completing 24 of 32 passes for 320 yards, Dallas' offense controlled the clock and strung together four long touchdown drives. The defense held one of the AFC's most potent offenses in check, and except for some silly penalties, the star-studded Cowboys had a dazzling debut.

Owner Jerry Jones was all smiles as was LeBron James, Cleveland's NBA superstar and longtime Dallas fan who spent part of the pregame hugging Jones and Owens and cannot seem to find it in his heart to root for the other local teams.

Owens had five catches for 87 yards, Jason Witten six for 96 and Barber rushed for 80 yards and 16 carries before leaving in the third quarter with bruised ribs.

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## NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	USC	1,577	1
2	Georgia	1,525	2
3	Oklahoma	1,458	4
4	Florida	1,438	5
5	Ohio State	1,347	3
6	Missouri	1,336	6
7	LSU	1,231	7
8	Texas	1,100	10
9	Auburn	1,067	9
10	Wisconsin	910	11
11	Alabama	865	13
12	Texas Tech	845	12
13	Kansas	825	14
14	East Carolina	762	NR
15	Arizona State	744	15
16	Oregon	616	18
17	Penn State	607	19
18	Brigham Young	537	15
19	South Florida	493	17
20	Wake Forest	404	20
21	Fresno State	290	21
22	Utah	258	22
23	California	195	NR
24	Illinois	164	24
25	West Virginia	163	8

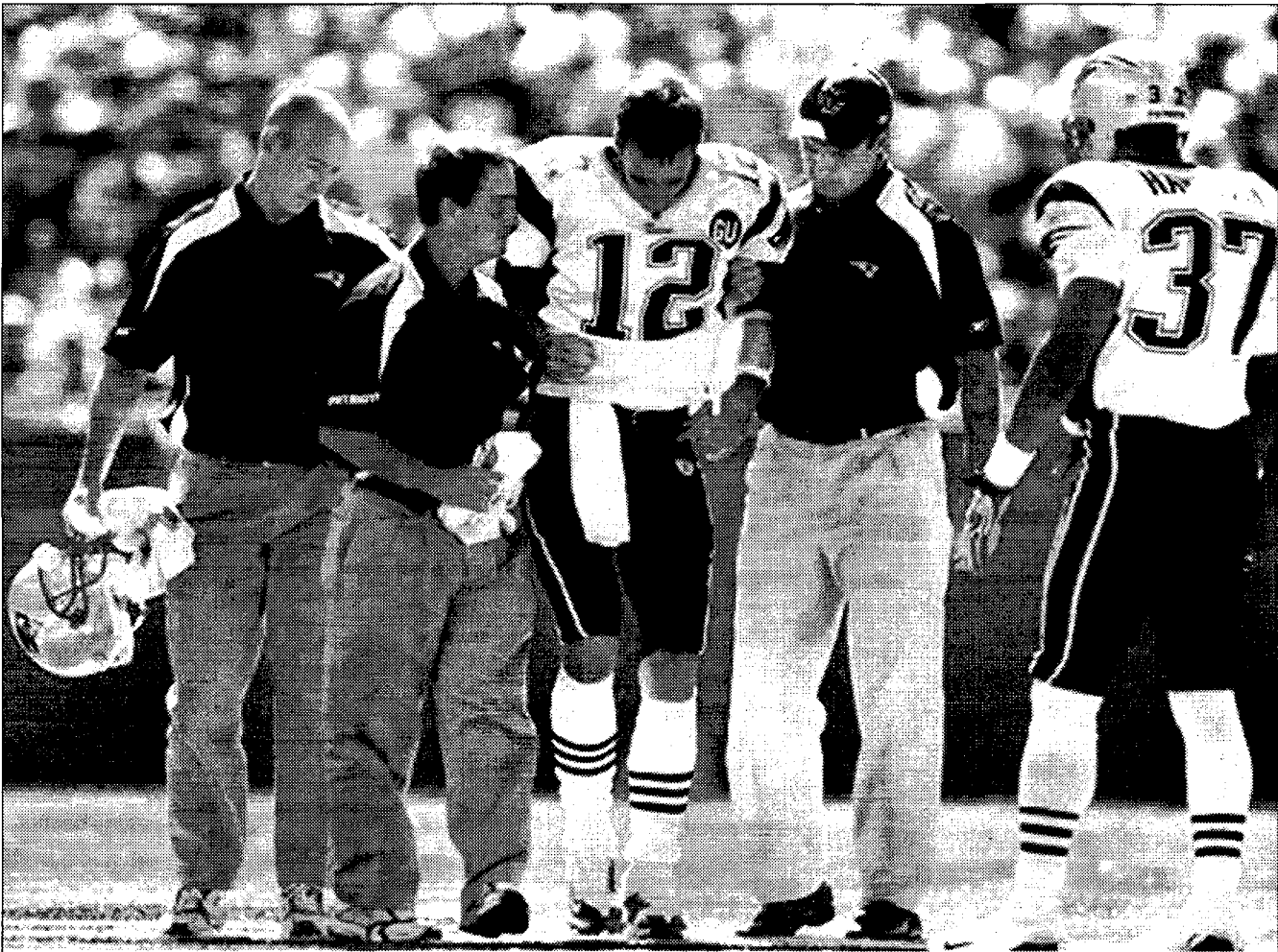
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4	Florida	1,306	5
5	Ohio State	1,289	3
6	Missouri	1,212	7
7	LSU	1,198	6
8	Texas	1,069	9
9	Auburn	1,017	10
10	Wisconsin	946	11
11	Kansas	854	12
12	Texas	755	13
13	Arizona State	737	14
14	Oregon	665	16
15	Brigham Young	628	15
16	Alabama	611	17
17	Penn State	547	19
18	South Florida	475	18
19	Wake Forest	419	20
20	East Carolina	375	NR
21	Fresno State	300	21
22	Utah	235	23
23	Clemson	175	22
24	West Virginia	145	8
25	California	128	NR

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Team	MIAA Record
	W-L
1 Hope	2-0
2 Adrian	1-0
3 Alma	1-0
4 Calvin	1-0
5 Albion	3-1
6 Kalamazoo	0-1
7 Trine	0-1
8 SAINT MARY'S	0-1
9 Olivet	0-4

## NFL



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is helped off the field by medical personnel during the first quarter of New England's 17-10 win over Kansas City on Sunday in Foxborough. Brady injured his left knee on the play.

## Brady injures knee in Patriots' win

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady screamed. The fans went quiet.

The seemingly indestructible star of the New England Patriots lay on the ground, clutching his left knee. The NFL's reigning MVP and three-time Super Bowl champion was done for the day - at least.

"He was in a lot of pain. When you hear a scream, you know that," Kansas City safety Bernard Pollard said after hitting Brady on the left leg midway through the first quarter.

Untested Matt Cassel took over, and played well as the Patriots beat the

Chiefs 17-10 in Sunday's opener. But they needed a last minute defensive stand to do it.

There was no word on the extent of Brady's injury - "I am not sure what we are dealing with," coach Bill Belichick said - or how long he would be out. But his 128-game starting streak, third-longest in NFL history, is in jeopardy.

"It kind of looked bad," Randy Moss said. "I know the show must go on and, hopefully, Matt Cassel is ready to step in."

He was Sunday. That came as somewhat of a surprise after he failed to produce a touchdown in 17 exhibition series, lead-

ing many to wonder if he would even make the team on which he backed up Brady the past three seasons.

"He did a good job coming in and, obviously, made some big plays for us," tackle Matt Light said. "That guy's had a lot of criticism cast down on him and I felt like he stepped up and played like a professional."

Still, the Patriots plummeted from an exclamation point of an unbeaten 2007 regular season to a huge question mark in 2008. They lost the Super Bowl to the New York Giants 17-14 then went 0-4 in the exhibition season while Brady had a right

foot injury and missed all four games.

But for the first time in 57 games, Brady wasn't listed on the Patriots' injury report for Sunday's game. He completed seven of 11 passes for 76 yards.

Cassel, who had thrown just 39 passes in his first three seasons, went 13-for-18 for 152 yards and one touchdown.

"This is something I've been preparing for (for) a long time. It's not something that we expected to come up on opening day," he said. "Since I've been here and been around Tom, he's always popped back up."

Not this time. And Kansas City also had its

## IN BRIEF

### Colts open new stadium with "party" atmosphere

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts wanted a party atmosphere for their first NFL regular-season game at Lucas Oil Stadium, so they opened it up.

The Colts opted to play Sunday night's season-opener against the Chicago Bears with the retractable roof pulled back and the sliding glass window in the north end zone wide open.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, who attended the game, called the new stadium "spectacular" and said the windows on both ends made the Colts' new stadium different from any other in the league.

NFL rules allow the home team to make a decision about whether to open the roof 90 minutes before kickoff. It must remain open through the entire game unless the officials decide to close it for safety reasons.

### East Carolina in Top 25 for first time since 1999

NEW YORK — East Carolina can't play the underdog role anymore.

After opening the season by upsetting two ranked teams, the Pirates earned themselves a place in the AP Top 25 for the first time in nine years.

East Carolina was No. 14 in the media poll released Sunday. Southern California remained No. 1 and Georgia was No. 2.

East Carolina's latest big win was its third straight against a ranked opponent, dating to last season's Hawaii Bowl victory against Boise State.

East Carolina manhandled previously No. 8 West Virginia 24-3 Saturday, shutting down Pat White and the Mountaineers' speedy spread offense. That came a week after the Pirates took out Virginia Tech.

West Virginia dropped all the way to No. 25.

### For now, Chad Johnson can't wear Ocho Cinco

BALTIMORE — Chad Johnson has changed his name, but his jersey remained the same Sunday.

The Cincinnati Bengals receiver legally changed his name from Chad Johnson to Chad Ocho Cinco, but the NFL decided against allowing him to put his name on his jersey.

"While the NFL has recognized the legal name change of Chad Johnson to Chad Ocho Cinco, the league informed the Bengals today that certain issues remain to be resolved before Ocho Cinco will be permitted to wear his new surname on his jersey," the league said in a statement.

"He will wear the name Johnson on his jersey today and will be referred to as Chad Johnson on the official play-by-play sheet," the statement said. "Further questions should be directed to the league office."

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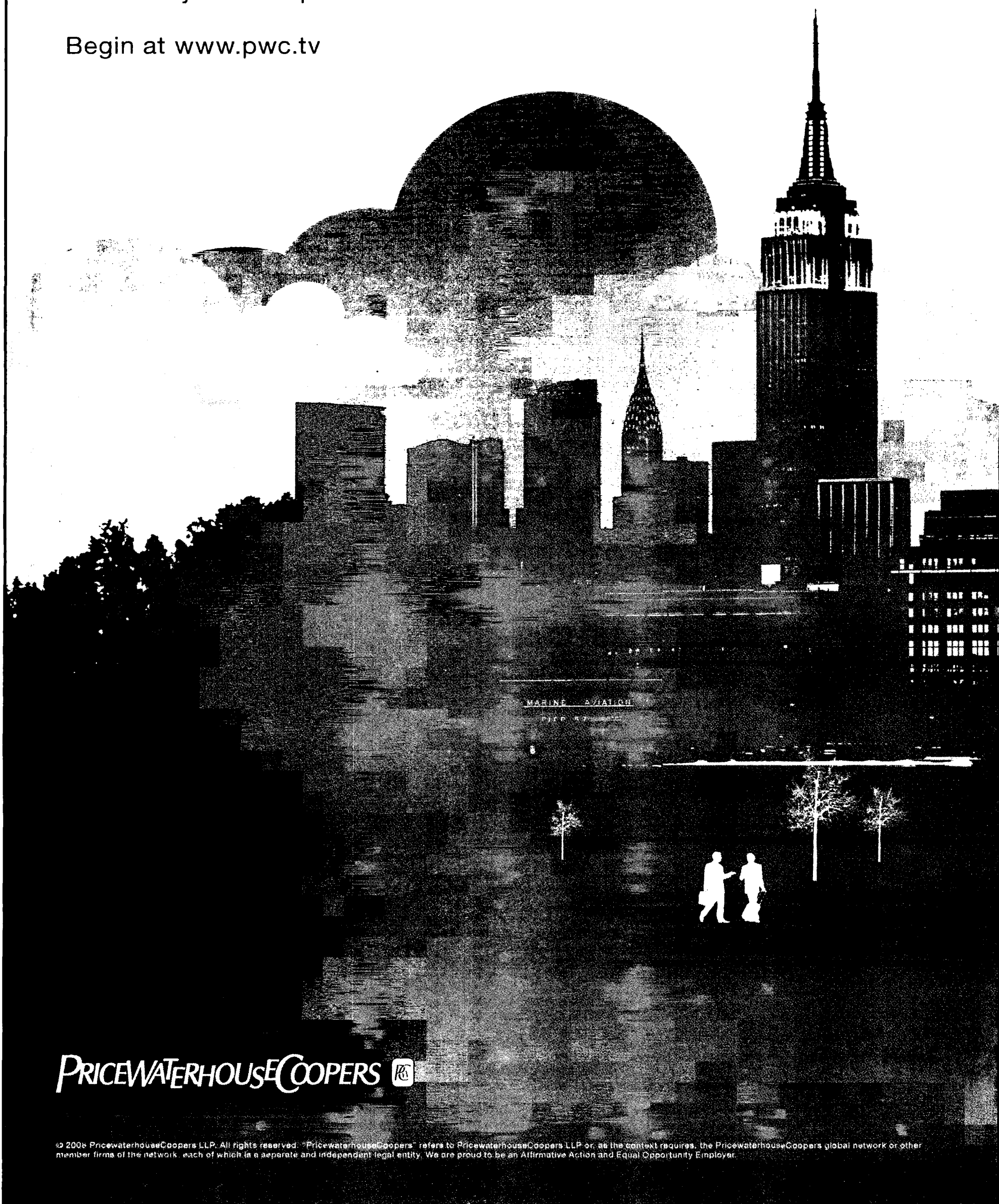
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## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

## Olympic duo loses again

May-Treanor and Walsh lose in semifinals of AVP Croc Tournament

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Olympic beach volleyball gold medalists Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh lost for the second time since the Beijing Games on Sunday and missed their first AVP Crocs Tour final since April 2007.

In the biggest upset in women's volleyball this season, No. 3 seeds Jen Boss and April Ross beat the top-seeded team of Walsh and May-Treanor 21-18, 15-21, 20-18 in a semifinal match of the AVP Crocs Cup Shootout.

Last week in Ohio, May-

Treanor and Walsh lost for the first time in more than a year, dropping a 21-19, 10-21, 25-23 decision to Elaine Youngs and Nicole Branagh in The AVP Crocs Cup Shootout. That snapped the two-time Olympic champions' winning streak at 112 matches and 19 titles. Their previous loss came on Aug. 19, 2007, also to Branagh and Youngs.

Boss and Ross knocked off Walsh and May-Treanor for the first time in a semifinal and for the first time overall since 2007, when the duo last failed to reach the finals of an event.

Boss and Ross lost in the finals then went on to come in second, falling in the final to Jenny Johnson Jordan and Annett Davis 21-16, 24-22.

On the men's side, Olympic gold medalists and Santa Barbara residents Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers celebrated a hometown victory by winning the AVP Crocs Cup Shootout. They outlasted No. 6 seeds John Hyden and Brad Keenan 16-21, 21-19, 20-18 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 18 minutes.

Dalhausser and Rogers trailed 14-9 in the third game before rallying to victory.

## MLB

## Manuel tossed for unusual dispute

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Phillies manager Charlie Manuel was ejected in the first inning of a crucial game Sunday night against the Mets for arguing an unusual call: catcher's interference.

New York slugger David Wright was awarded first base after a foul ball because plate umpire Jerry Meals touched Chris Coste's mitt touched Wright's bat as he swung.

Manuel came out of the dugout and the 6-foot-4 manager towered over Meals as he gestured and

pointed down at the ump. After a long argument, Meals ejected Manuel while the Shea Stadium crowd roared.

It was Manuel's fourth ejection this season.

Replays showed Coste grimacing and yanking his mitt back toward his body as Wright followed through on a late swing—though it was difficult to tell for sure if his bat grazed the glove. After the pitch, Wright immediately turned around and pointed to Coste, who was charged with an error.

Carlos Beltran hit Cole Hamels' next delivery for an

RBI single and Wright slid safely into third on a close play, bringing Phillies bench coach Jimmy Williams out for an argument.

Carlos Delgado's two-run single gave the Mets a 3-1 lead, and pitching coach Rich Dubee paid a visit to Hamels on the mound. That made it two Phillies coaches and the manager on the field after five Mets batters.

After winning the opener of a day-night doubleheader 6-2 behind Jamie Moyer, Philadelphia went into the nightcap one game behind the first-place Mets in the NL East.

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 'Glory Road' Hall of Fame coach dies at 78

Haskins helped to break color barrier when he started five black players to win 1966 title

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Don Haskins, credited with helping break color barriers in college sports in 1966 when he used five black starters to win a national basketball title for Texas Western, died Sunday. He was 78.

Texas-El Paso spokesman Jeff Darby said the Hall of Fame coach died Sunday afternoon. He had no other details. UTEP was previously known as Texas Western.

"The word unique does not begin to describe Don Haskins," former Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said. "There is no one who has ever coached that I respected and admired more than Don Haskins. I've had no better friend than I enjoyed more than Don Haskins."

Haskins was an old-time coach who believed in hard work and was known for his gruff demeanor. That attitude was portrayed in the 2006 movie "Glory Road," the Disney film that chronicled Haskins' improbable rise to national fame in the 1966 championship game against Kentucky. The movie, which was preceded by a book of the same title, also sparked renewed interest in Haskins' career.

"The myth that surrounds Don Haskins in the movie 'Glory Road' and what he did for black players is better said that he cared like that for all his players. To me that tells me more about the man than anything," Knight said. "There was never anyone like him before and there will never be one like him again."

Former Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said Haskins "had a tremendous impact on the college game. Anybody who's been around college basketball dating back to those days, they've seen how it changed after Texas Western won the national championship."

Sutton said he hadn't talked to Haskins for at least six weeks.

"Don had not been in good health and was having a hard time," Sutton said. "He'll be dearly missed. He was a great basketball coach."

During his career, Haskins turned down several more lucrative offers, including one with the now-defunct American Basketball Association, to remain at UTEP as one of the lowest paid coaches in the Western Athletic Conference.

Haskins retired in 1999 after 38 seasons at the school. He had a 719-353 record and won seven WAC championships. He took UTEP to 14 NCAA tournaments and to the NIT seven times and briefly worked as an adviser with the Chicago Bulls.

His health had been an issue in his final coaching years, often forcing him to remain seated during games, and his program struggled after twice being slapped with NCAA sanctions. Serious health concerns continued in his retirement. In the midst of a series

of book signings and other appearances Haskins was hospitalized with various woes.

After his retirement, Haskins kept close ties with the Miners. The school's most recent hire, Tony Barbee, said he even met with Haskins just after accepting the job.

"He is a guy who has forgotten more basketball than I will ever know," Barbee said.

Haskins played for Hall of Fame coach Henry "Hank" Iba at Oklahoma State, back when the school was still Oklahoma A&M. Haskins was later an assistant under Iba for the 1972 U.S. Olympic team in Munich.

As a coach, Haskins became a star early in his career by leading his Miners to the 1966 NCAA championship game, then making the controversial decision to start five blacks against all-white, heavily favored Kentucky, coached by Adolph Rupp. The Miners won, and shortly after that many schools began recruiting black players.

"He took a school that had no reason to be a basketball giant and made it into one," Knight said.

Haskins said he wasn't trying to make a social statement with his lineup; he was simply starting his best players. The move, however, raised the ire of some who sent Haskins hate mail and even death threats during the racially charged era.

"When they won the national championship against the University of Kentucky, that changed college basketball," Sutton said. "At that time, there weren't many teams in the South or Southwest that had African-Americans playing. There was a change in the recruiting of the black athlete. It really changed after that. They've had a great impact on the game."

The coach always was focused on the game of basketball. He had a reputation for working his players hard.

"Don got more out of his teams and players than any coach who has ever coached college basketball," Knight said.

"Our practices wore us out so much that we'd have to rest up before the games," said Harry Floury, a starter in the 1966 championship. "If you work hard all the time and if you go after every loose ball, you see things like that (championship) happen."

Haskins is credited with helping Nate Archibald, Tim Hardaway and Antonio Davis, among others, make it to the NBA.

In November 2000, Haskins was awarded the John Thompson Foundation's Outstanding Achievement Award during a tournament hosted by Arkansas.

"We couldn't think of anyone that deserves this recognition more than coach Haskins," said Nolan Richardson, the former Arkansas coach who played under Haskins for two years. "He opened the door for African-American players to play basketball."

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## TENNIS

## Murray defeats No. 1 Nadal to reach first Grand Slam final

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal hunched over, his chest heaving, his hopes of reaching his first U.S. Open final fading fast.

No one ever seems to run Nadal ragged.

Andy Murray managed to do just that.

Exhibiting precisely the sort of winner-vaporizing, opponent-demoralizing defense new No. 1 Nadal usually employs, Murray reached his first Grand Slam final by completing a stunning, rain-interrupted 6-2, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4 upset of the Spaniard on Sunday.

"He beat me because he was better than me," acknowledged Nadal, whose 19-match winning streak at major tournaments ended. "When he's playing aggressive, he can beat everybody."

Now, instead of a third consecutive Grand Slam final between Nadal and the man he replaced atop the rankings, Roger Federer, it will be Murray vs. Federer on Monday night.

Federer will be attempting to win his fifth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 13th Grand Slam title overall. And Murray? The 21-year-old Scot is trying to become the first British man to win a major tennis title since Fred Perry at the 1936 U.S. Open.

Get this, though: Murray owns a 2-1 career mark against Federer.

"He's got loads of experience in these situations, and it's something new for me," Murray said. "I know I'm going to have to play great to have a chance of winning, but I've played well the last couple of weeks."

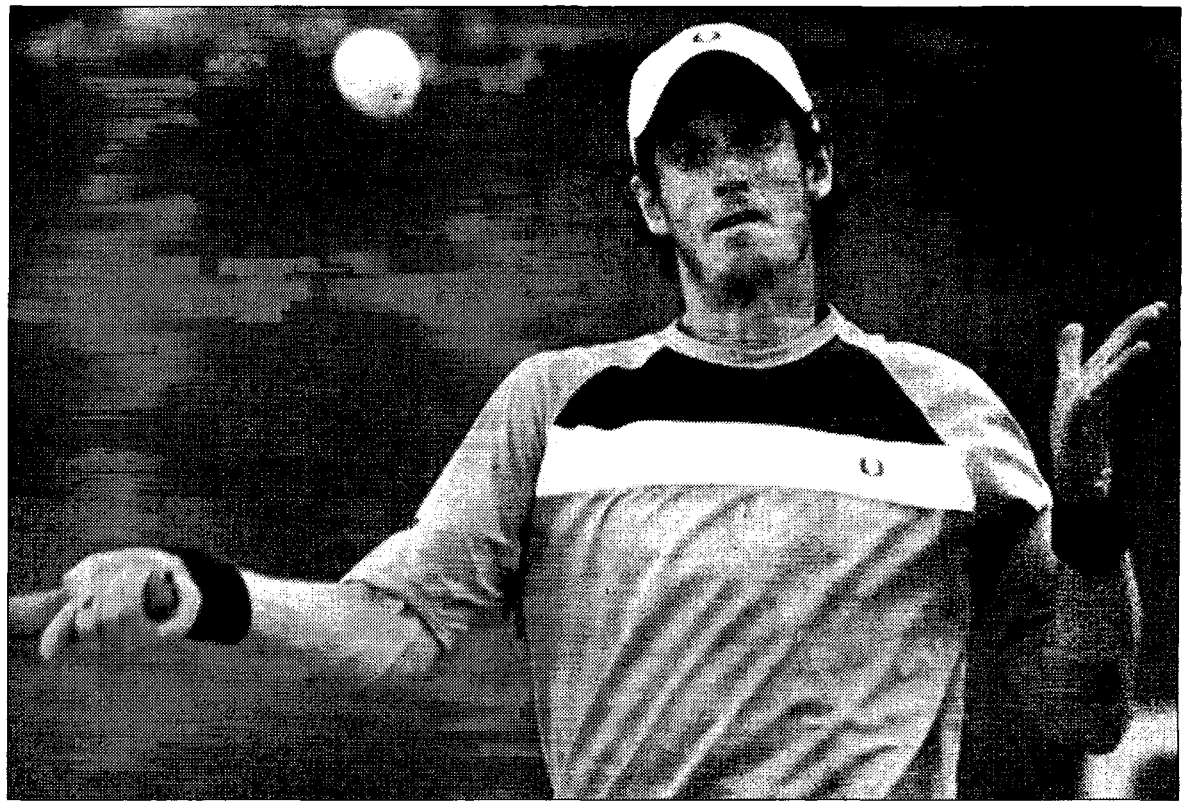
The sixth-seeded Murray won the first two sets against Nadal and was down a break at 3-2 in the third in Louis Armstrong Stadium when play was suspended Saturday because of Tropical Storm Hanna. As should surprise no one, the generally indefatigable Nadal made a stand when they resumed things in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Sunday, taking the third set and going ahead 3-1 in the fourth after saving seven break points in one game.

"It was almost slipping away," Murray said.

But he took five of the last six games, twice breaking Nadal, who later said he "wasn't very fresh" and complained that the U.S. Open plays the men's semifinals the day before the final.

While they were exerting themselves, striding and sweating this way and that, the second-seeded Federer went through more-relaxed paces in a practice session Sunday. He managed to get through his semifinal before the rain arrived Saturday, beating Novak Djokovic in four sets for a 33rd consecutive victory at the U.S. Open.

After that match, Federer said he'd prefer to play Nadal in the final, mentioning his loss-



Andy Murray of Great Britain watches a shot by Spain's Rafael Nadal during Sunday during their semifinal match at the U.S. Open. Murray won the match and will face Roger Federer in the finals.

es to his nemesis in the French Open and Wimbledon finals this year.

"I mean, I'd like to play Andy, as well, but obviously he hasn't been as good as Rafa for the past years, you know," Federer said Saturday. "But I'm sure he will be, you know, at the top of the game for a very long time, because I always thought Andy has incredible talent."

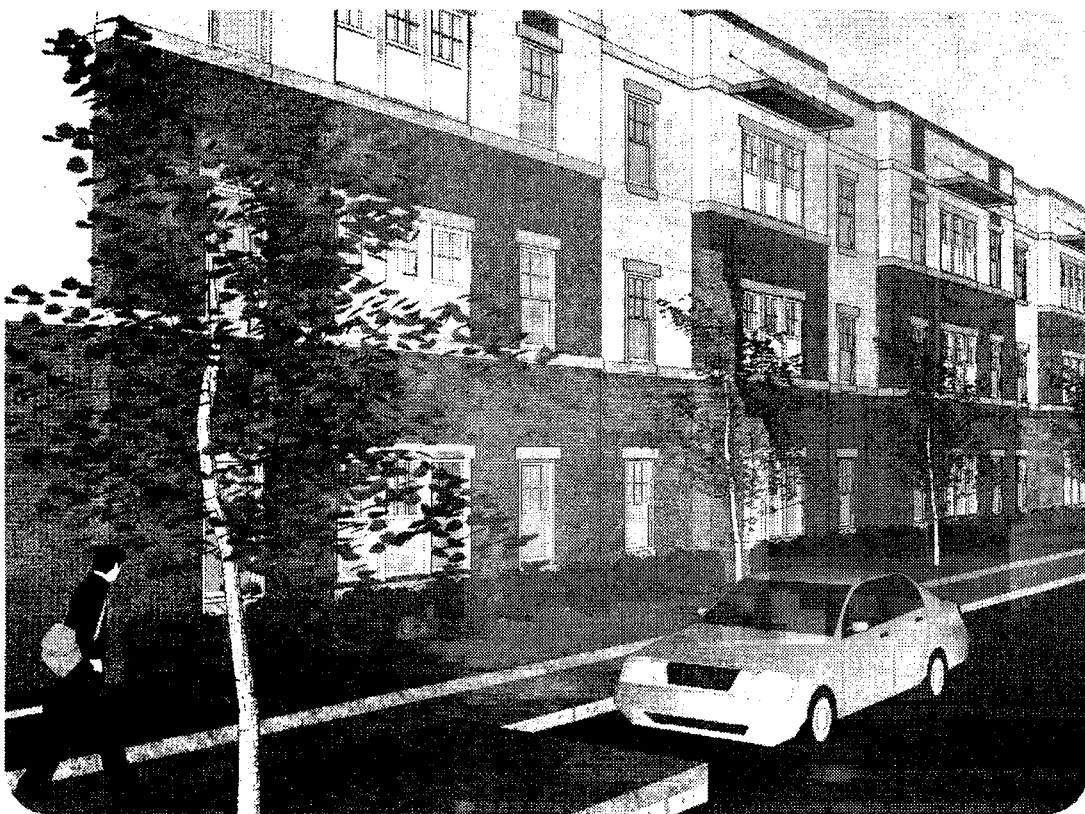
Murray entered his first major semifinal 0-5 against Nadal as professionals. Nadal, meanwhile, was hoping to become only the fourth man in the 40-year Open era to win three consecutive Grand Slam titles, joining Rod Laver, Pete Sampras and Federer. And while he did win the gold medal at the Beijing Olympics, Nadal has never had as much success

on the hard courts of the U.S. Open as on the clay of Roland Garros or the grass of the All England Club.

While Murray's skills have been clear since he won the 2004 U.S. Open junior title, he knew he had work to do. With a new team of support staff since the end of last year, he's focused on improving the strength of his body and mind.

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## Irish

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minute of the second half. Duke tied it at 1-1 with a set play off a corner kick.

Sophomore Lauren Fowlkes gave the Irish the 2-1 lead with

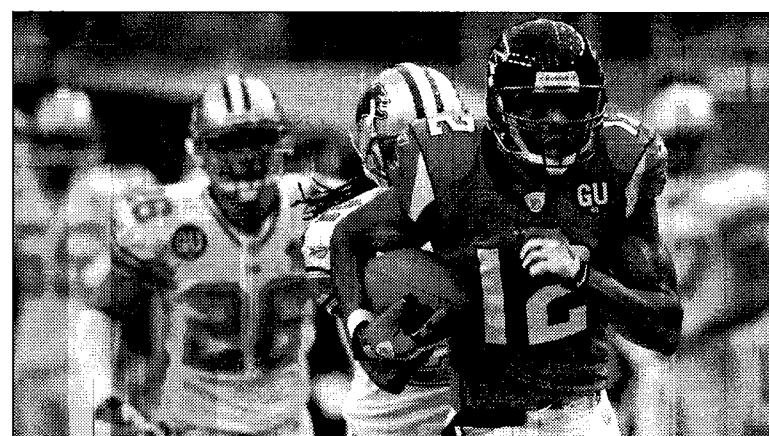
her first goal of the season. Senior Rebecca Mendoza followed just four minutes later to secure Notre Dame's win at 3-1.

The Irish return to Alumni field when they take on Southern Methodist Friday.

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## NFL

### Falcons rookie Ryan wins first start as QB



Falcons wide receiver Michael Jenkins sprints to the end zone for a touchdown in Atlanta's 34-21 win Sunday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan hopped down the field to celebrate after his first NFL pass, knocking down teammate Todd McClure along the way.

That was about the only stumble as the Atlanta Falcons started a new era.

The new quarterback did just fine. The new running back looked like an All-Pro. The new coach was beaming.

Ryan became the first quarterback in eight years to throw for a touchdown with his first pass, Michael Turner rushed for a team-record 220 yards and the Atlanta Falcons put Michael Vick in their rearview mirror with a 34-21 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"We wanted a fast start, and I thought we did that," said Mike Smith, who had never been a head coach at any level until the Falcons gave him a shot.

Indeed, Atlanta scored on its first three possessions for a 21-0 lead. Ryan, the third overall selection in the draft, looked worthy of the starting job bestowed on him after just three preseason games. In keeping with that numerical theme, he hooked up with Michael Jenkins on the third snap of the game for a 62-yard touchdown pass.

The running game did most of the damage, with Turner handling the bulk of the load. Atlanta's big free-agent signee broke off a 66-yard touchdown, scored again on a 5-yard romp and had another TD called back by a penalty. Even with that setback, he averaged 10 yards on his carries to break the team record of 202 yards set by Gerald Riggs in 1984.

"I always wondered what it would feel like to break a record," said Turner, who also set an NFL record for most yards by a runner in his first game with a new team. "It just happened."

The Lions resembled, well, the Lions. They bickered among themselves on the sideline, showed just how meaningless the preseason is (they had won all four exhibition games) and slipped to 31-82 since the start of the 2001 season. They surrendered a staggering 318 yards rushing, allowing the Falcons to

break their franchise record.

"It happened, and it was bad," coach Rod Marinelli said.

The Falcons decided to start over after Vick was caught up in a dogfighting scandal last year. He pleaded guilty to federal charges and headed off to serve a nearly two-year sentence, leaving his former team to struggle through a dismal 4-12 season.

Afterward, the team brought in a new general manager (Thomas Dimitroff), hired a new coach and used its first pick on Ryan, who was quickly anointed Vick's successor.

So far, so good.

Atlanta took the opening kickoff and handed the ball to Turner on its first two snaps. Then, Ryan found Jenkins on a slant over the middle, hitting him in stride at the Detroit 45 and watching him streak all the way to the end zone ahead of Travis Fisher and Gerald Alexander.

Ryan raced down the field to celebrate, knocking over McClure when he jumped on the center's back. Michael Bishop was the last quarterback to throw for a touchdown in his first NFL pass, doing it with New England in 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I was fired up," said Ryan, who completed his first five passes and finished 9-of-13 for 161 yards. "You have to play this game with emotion."

While Bishop lasted only one year in the league — and it would be his lone TD pass — the Falcons are counting on a much longer stay for Ryan.

"He didn't seem like a rookie," Turner said. "He took control of the huddle. He made all the right calls. He was a real drill sergeant out there. He was letting everyone know he was in control."

With Norwood chipping in to rush for 93 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown that gave Atlanta a 31-14 lead late in the third quarter, the Falcons averaged 7.6 yards per run on their 42 carries.

Jon Kitna threw a couple of touchdown passes for the Lions, hitting Roy Williams from 21 yards and Casey FitzSimmons on a 1-yard score, but Detroit gave few indications they are over last season's 1-7 finish, which ruined a 6-2 start.

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match with South Florida, a Big East team that Notre Dame is not scheduled to play during the conference season. The Irish victory will not count in the Big East standings.

Junior midfielder Justin Morrow started the scoring in 24th minute on an assist from senior forward Bright Dike. That began a string of four goals in 11 minutes for the Irish, who pressured the Bulls defense and created opportunities for shots and corner kicks.

In the 28th minute, Dike converted a corner from freshman Brendan King for his team-leading third goal. Sophomore midfielder Josh Thiermann did the same four minutes later, giving King his second assist of the day.

Thomas added an unassisted goal in the 35th minute and Brovsky capped the scoring with his first goal in the 78th minute.

"We started the game on Friday the exact same way that we started today," Clark said. "We didn't get the goals on Friday like we got the goals today ... I thought it was a very workmanlike performance. A lot of people worked very, very hard and I feel the team is growing every game now and the trick is to keep it going."

Senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn continues to establish himself as the prime man in net for the Irish, notching his first clean sheet of the season Sunday after a solid performance Friday.

In addition to bringing home the tournament's team title, Thomas was named the offensive MVP while senior defender Matt Besler was selected as the tournament's top defensive player. Donohue and Dike were also named to the all-tournament squad.

The Irish open Big East play at home Thursday against Marquette at 7 p.m.

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Belles place fourth in the Hokem Karem race

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's Cross Country team traveled to Crawfordsville, Ind., on Saturday and placed fourth in the Hokem Karem race, an event known for its peculiarity.

"The Hokem Karem isn't a traditional race," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "It is a relay with pairs, where each pair runs 2 x 1 mile race for a total of four miles per pair."

The scores were based on the top three finishers from each team.

The first Belles to cross the finish line were junior Megan McClowry, and freshman Arianne Rodriguez. McClowry and Rodriguez finished 10th overall with a time of 23:45. Rodriguez is a native of Sandusky, Ohio and McClowry is from Naperville, Illinois.

The second team to cross the finish line for the Belles was senior Caitlin Brodmerkel and freshman Joanne Almond. This pair finished 19th overall with a time of 24:44.

Another Saint Mary's team finished just behind Brodmerkel, and Almond. Sophomores, Caite Salyer, and Clare McVey finished 20th overall with a time of 24:56.

With these finishes the Belles finished with a score of 38. Indiana Tech claimed the victory in the race.

"The team is looking great," Bauters said. "And while I believe they are all working very hard, without much outside competition I think it isn't as true a representation of what they're capable of at this time. We have work to do but I'm very happy with the start to the season."

Senior Becca Mason and freshman Hanna Vicary finished 28th overall with a time of 25:45.

Sophomore Kristy Kucharski and senior captain Alicen Miller were next across the finish line with a time of 26:17.

The team of sophomore Angie Bronicki and junior Ellen Pfister finished 45th in the race with a time of 27:31. Right behind them was the team of senior Caitlin

Stevenson and junior Kelly Payne in 46th place, only six seconds behind Bronicki and Pfister.

Senior Erin Seidleman and sophomore Lauren Easton finished 47th at 27:52. Junior Kate Peters and sophomore Stephanie Waite finished 49 with a time of 29:12. Freshman Cece Witous and junior Taylor Flaherty finished 50 with a time of 29:31.

"So far I believe they are handling the balance of being a student-athlete well," Bauters said. "I believe the team and myself really try to create a supportive, positive environment for everyone to succeed in. While the first week was a bit of a jolt back to reality, they all have continued to be 100 percent on their game at practice."

The Belles will travel to the Bradley Invitational next Friday in Peoria, Ill.

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## Idaho

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Dame dominated Washington State (3-3) three sets to one for one of their biggest wins, but was dominated by Eastern Washington (3-3) and Idaho (5-1) by scores of 1-3 and 0-3 to finish things up.

"We were very good against Washington State, but we struggled against the other two teams," Brown said. "Against Idaho we had our most error-prone match of the year. We were unable to make the adjustments."

The first match against Eastern Washington on Friday was a very hard fought affair, with the teams often tied and exchanging the lead. The first set saw five ties and two lead changes that resulted in a two-point win for Eastern Washington.

The Irish came right back in the second set and fought through 10 ties and five lead changes to earn the second set and tie up the match. The rest of the match went Eastern Washington's way, with the Eagles winning the third set by two points and the fourth and final set by six.

The one bright spot for the Irish in the match and the entire weekend was junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin. Against Eastern Washington, Kaelin had 20 kills for a .286 average and

five digs. Overall on the weekend she had 34 kills.

"Christina Kaelin's offense was dominant," Brown said. "She really wanted the ball and had some really good matches. She was playing at the level she is capable of."

Junior setter Jamel Nicholas pitched in with 35 assists.

The Irish followed up their hard-fought match against Eastern Washington with a three-set sweep of Washington State on Saturday morning.

Kaelin had 10 of her kills against the Cougars, and Nicholas contributed a double-double with 10 digs and 20 assists. Freshman Frenchy Silva also added 10 digs for the Irish.

The Irish hit a .313 average in the match including .342 and .406 hitting percentages in the last two sets.

The Irish dominated the first set from the onset, winning by nine points. The Cougars kept things close throughout the second set, but the Irish won four of the last five points to take the set by three. The final set flew by with a 25-14 Irish win.

"You always want to string points together in a row," Brown said. "That is when lopsided games can occur."

The Irish saw themselves on the other side of a lopsided game on Saturday evening when host Idaho swept them in straight sets.

"It was a variety of things [that led to the errors]," Brown said. "Our first contact wasn't good, and we were chasing the ball all over the court and miscalculating."

Freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy had 15 digs in the match, and sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca had 10 kills to lead the Irish offense.

The Irish kept things close in the first set, losing by only four points, but dropped the other two sets by margins of eleven and eight.

The problem for the Irish on the weekend was their inability to be consistent from set to set and from game to game.

"We need to find the best combinations of players of players in certain situations," Brown said. "We were having inconsistencies in individual players and we just need to be more consistent overall."

Being inconsistent can be a killer for a team, as it only takes a couple runs by an inferior team to run away with a game.

"With the 25-point games we play now, if you give up three or four points in a row in a given game, that can be the difference in a match," Brown said.

The Irish will be back in action on Friday against Cal Poly to start the Diet Coke Classic in Minneapolis, Minn.

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Crusader Open. Sophomore Marissa Treece finished first overall with a time of 17:42 on the 4K course.

"It's how we wanted to start the season," senior Becca Bauman, who came in seventh with a time of 18:35,

said. "Our goal was to have seven in the top 10, and we ended up with 8 in the top 11."

Bauman said the team's main accomplishment was running well together, which is evident in their close finish.

"We have room to improve, and the competition is going to get tougher," senior Emily Wauford, who finished eighth with a time of 18:39, said.

The women did not run any freshmen in the race because head coach Tim Callahan wanted to give them more time for conditioning.

The next meet for the men's and women's teams is the National Catholic Championships, which takes place Sept. 19 at Notre Dame.

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17 Looking ragged

18 Lined with trees

19 Rock guitarist born-David Evans

20 Mike Brady of "The Brady Bunch," e.g.

21 Half a nursery-rhyme spider's description: Var.

22 Longtime "What's My Line?" panelist

23 "Go jump in the lake!"

25 Begin, as an enterprise

26 1947 semi-documentary-style crime drama

27 Aces

29 Communist federation: Abbr.

30 Com non site of archaeological remains

31 They mean nothing

35 Red stain in a lab

37 Dance in a pit

41 Running wild

43 "It's true!"

45 Carrying on

46 First name in electrical engineering

47 Run-in

49 Made happy

50 Bigger and stronger

51 Class struggles?

52 Sanctions

53 Pro performer

54 Others

55 Expose and destroy

Down

1 Guinness Book weather record category

2 Former home of the N.F.L.'s Rams

3 Cooling-off period

4 Spoils

5 Immobile in winter

6 Not wait for an invitation

7 Eye sore

8 Bath and others

9 Carnegie Mellon athletes

10 King of Belgium

11 Races

12 Pantries

13 "\_\_\_ and Franklin," 1976 biopic

14 Makes flush

24 Drum accompanying a pipe

25 The \_\_\_ Marbles

28 Island said to be the home of Homer's tomb

31 "Again?!"

32 With no time to lose

33 Celebrity chef

34 Scoundrel

35 Young members of a convocation

36 Melville's Ishmael, e.g.

37 Comes through successfully

38 Bristol Cream ingredient

39 Guide feature?

40 Control tower equipment

42 Purrer

44 Links with

48 Once, long ago

49 Woodwind instrument: Abbr.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Devon Sawa, 30; Corbin Bernsen, 54; Julie Kavner, 58; Gloria Gaynor, 59

Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotions stand in the way of a good decision. The people you really want on your side will want to see something with substance. You have the goods, so set your priorities and you will gain the ground you need to be successful. Remain moderate, adaptable and freethinking. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 28, 36, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Choose a destination for travel. With the right place, you'll be off on a new adventure. Don't get down because of the changes going on around you professionally or educationally. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give in to spending because someone is putting pressure on you. Find out more about an interest you have or get involved in a course that will help you find a better job. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partnerships and making a change to your current position are probably your best bet. High energy and lots of activity will show you at your finest. Share your ideas and multitask your way through all that needs to be done. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take what others say or do too seriously. There will be plenty of discussion regarding your home and personal life. Rally some support from the friends or family members who can help you out. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can push and persuade until you get your way. Plan a fun activity that will allow you to show your skills and make an impression on someone you fancy. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional issues will surface that have probably been tucked away for some time. You may have to dig deep into your past if you want to resolve the way you feel and the effects it is having on your personal life. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your Libra charm and intellect to find out what you need to know. A little probing will help you decipher what everyone around you is doing so you can add your own unique touches. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your emotions take over, especially if someone is disapproving or condescending. A change in your social structure with both business and personal friendships should be altered. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid taking on too much and do what you can from home. Don't confront someone who is questioning your whereabouts or your intentions. A sudden disruption or change is apparent if you are insensitive to someone's needs. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use your imagination and you will find a way to make something out of nothing. Travel less and you will get more done. This is not the best day to discuss serious matters with partners or those who can influence your life. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There are benefits heading your way if you restructure your finances and resolve pending legal or health problems. Romance is opening up but, if you choose to get involved with someone for the wrong reason, a missed opportunity will occur. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to the truth and what you can be sure of. If you let emotions get involved, mistakes will result. Problems with seniors or people in charge will develop if you keep changing your mind. Keep a low profile. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are a thinker, a dreamer and a player. You act whatever part is required to do what needs to be done. You are popular and good-humored.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Squad takes care of pair of top-15 teams over the weekend

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

As No. 4/5 Notre Dame faced the daunting task of going toe-to-toe with a pair of top-15 teams this past weekend, the Irish defense didn't back down. In fact, it took the challenge with determination, and wound up victorious against No. 2/3 North Carolina on Friday and No. 12 Duke on Sunday.

Notre Dame took the lead early in the second half against the Tar Heels, but it was the defense that held the margin together and paved the way for victory.

Just six minutes into the second half, senior Brittany Bock drilled a 30-yard goal that came with a little bit of luck as well as continued pressure from the Irish offense.

Senior Kerri Hanks broke free off a pass from sophomore Taylor Knaack, but Tar Heels senior goal keeper Anna Rodenbough denied her drive. Rodenbough tried to clear the ball, but it landed at Bock's feet. Bock took advantage of the empty net and her 30-yard drive sailed over the keeper's head and into the upper left corner of the net.

"Brittany made a really intelli-

gent play after she saw the keeper off her line," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "From that angle we were at, we could tell it was going to be trouble right away and it just kept going right into the net."

However, North Carolina came fighting back to test the Irish defense and junior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander. The defense, led by senior Carrie Dew, turned in another strong performance, forcing Lysander to make only three saves in her second consecutive shutout of the season. North Carolina shots from junior Casey Noguera and freshman Merritt Mathias that just missed

the Irish net. With a strong defensive line, the Tar Heels had to resort to threatening from outside the box. With less than 20 minutes remaining in the match, junior forward Nikki Washington fired a shot that nearly missed the Irish goal from 20 yards out.

"We're very pleased with this win and especially happy with the play of our defense," Waldrum said. "We kept our shape well and didn't get flustered when they made their run at us after our goal in the second half."

The Tar Heels defense was nearly caught off guard in final

quarter of the game. Hanks broke past the defense to send a 20-yard shot over Rodenbough's fingertips only to hit the crossbar. Just missing a chance to widen their lead, the Irish would finish the game with the 1-0 victory.

The Irish took to the field again Sunday against Duke in their final game of the Carolina Classic.

Like Friday, the Irish struggled to get on the board until the second half. Hanks opened up scoring for the Irish scoring off a cross from Bock in the first

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Defending the homestead

*Irish display dominance with pair of wins over Dartmouth and South Florida to take tournament championship*

By MATT GAMBER  
Associate Sports Editor

No. 8 Notre Dame snuck by Dartmouth 2-1 Friday before blowing out No. 5 South Florida 5-0 Sunday to win the Hilton Garden Inn Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament, held at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame (3-1-0) has now won its last three games, scoring 11 goals in those matches after losing its season opener 3-0 to Akron on Aug. 29.

"This was a very good tournament," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "To come out on top of it with two good wins is a good start. And that's all it is, a start. It maybe makes a statement that this team can score goals. ... We have a lot of guys that can contribute and that's very important."

Junior midfielder Dave Donohue secured Friday's win with the go-ahead goal in the 89th minute from sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky.

Notre Dame got on the board early thanks to junior midfielder Michael Thomas' first goal of the season in the sixth minute. The Big Green tied it, however, just two minutes into the second half on a corner kick.

"I never felt comfortable in that game mainly because of how they handled their corner kick and long throws," Clark said. "But, we stuck to it and I felt in the last 20 minutes we got a hold of things ... Full marks to Dartmouth, they played very well."

The Irish appeared to carry the momentum from Friday's dramatic win into Sunday's

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Senior defender Matt Besler passes the ball around a South Florida player Sunday in a 5-0 Irish win at the Hilton Garden Inn Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Erratic play mars weekend

*Inconsistency at Idaho Volleyball Classic brings season record to .500*

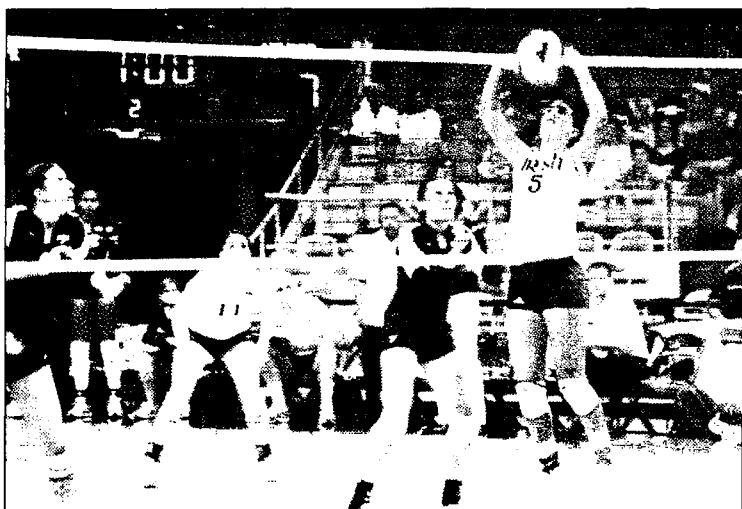
By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame had an inconsistent road-trip at the Idaho Volleyball Classic this weekend in Moscow, Id., to drop their season mark to 3-3.

"We were pretty disappointed in our performance," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We made a lot more errors than we should have, and we are not where we want to be at this point in the season."

The Irish played some of their best volleyball of the year this weekend, as well as some of their worst. Notre

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Freshman Beth Wildermuth sets the ball against Valparaiso in a 3-1 Irish loss on Aug. 31.

## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Senior Veselik finishes fifth despite loss of shoe

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Kevin Veselik proved that "Impossible is Nothing" by kicking off his Adidas.

The senior runner finished first among Notre Dame's squad and fifth overall at the Crusader Open in Valparaiso, Ind., Friday, even though another runner kicked off his shoe halfway through the race.

Veselik was in first place before another runner clipped his shoe off with three kilometers to go in the 6K race. A little after that, Veselik said, yet another competitor hit his bare foot with the spikes in his shoe. "It hurt when it happened,"

Veselik said, "but I didn't really feel it after that."

Veselik finished with a time of 19:48. His Herculean effort helped propel the Irish to second place out of five in the invitational.

However, Veselik preferred to talk of the team's performance over his own.

"We have a lot to improve upon," he said. "We'll be much better."

He said the team is focusing on its major goals of the Big East and NCAA tournaments, and using the season's races as a stepping-stone to those two.

The women's team came in first of six teams at the

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