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Campus prepares for 2008 Forum

Discussion of sustainable energy and the environment to be continued after Sept. 24 event

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

While sustainable energy may only be discussed on the floor of the Joyce Center for a few hours at the Notre Dame Forum on September 24, the energy crisis the world finds itself in won't go away anytime soon, said professor Frank Incropera, the H. Clifford and Evelyn A. Brosey Chair in Engineering and the Forum's co-chair along with University President Fr. John Jenkins.

"Our present pattern of energy use is not sustainable because it depends heavily on fossil fuels, which are non-

renewable. At some point they will be depleted," he said.

The only way out of the energy crisis is to shift from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy, he said.

"Fossil fuels provide us with a bridge to the future, but they aren't part of that future because they are non-renewable," he said. "Solar, wind and waves — those things do get replenished."

Incropera said the future is still a while away but the transition to renewable energy must happen, and the sooner the better.

"This is not going to happen overnight. It's not going to happen in this century," he said. "[But] at some point, we

want to get into a pattern of energy utilization that is sustainable for hundreds, if not thousands, of years."

Senior Lourdes Long, a panelist at the Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy, is an Anthropology major whose energy experience includes implementing the Game Day recycling program and founding GreeND.

"The energy issue is so broad, so crucial," she said. "It is my hope that people walk away from the forum really understanding the crisis situation we are in."

Incropera, who is Long's fellow panelist during the second half of the forum, describes the energy crisis as the

absence of sustainable energy.

Fossil fuels are also an issue in terms of their environmental consequences, Incropera said.

"There is also this big issue of greenhouse gas emissions and the dominant role of the use of fossil fuels play in releasing greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere," he said. "If you accept the fact that climate change is real, then using fossil fuels in the way we've been using them will have consequences to the environment that don't bode well for sustainability."

Some of these consequences may cause humanitarian

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Lyons to host Cirque du Lac

Carnival to benefit Hannah & Friends

By ELLYN MICHALAK
News Writer

Lyons Hall will host the first ever Cirque du Lac, a carnival event benefiting Hannah & Friends, this afternoon from 12-4 p.m.

Hannah & Friends is a non-profit organization that aids special needs children and their families. Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weiss and his wife Maura founded Hannah & Friends in 2003 in honor of their daughter Hannah. Born in 1995, Hannah was diagnosed with Landau-Kleffner Syndrome at the age of two.

The Cirque du Lac carnival will feature 20 different game and activity booths from other dorms and clubs on campus, carnival food, live music and inflatables. Every activity at the carnival will cost a certain number of tickets which will be available for \$1, but all proceeds will go to the charity. There will also be a booth dedicated to providing information about Hannah & Friends and asking for donations.

"The games and food aren't expensive, but it's still not free," Cirque du Lac coordinator Maria Petnuch said. "We're hoping students realize that this for a great cause and they should come out

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9/11 service promotes peace

Seventh anniversary remembered at SMC

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's College Campus Ministry hosted a prayer service to remember the tragedy that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 Thursday.

The service was not only to pray for those whose lives were affected on 9/11, but also to encourage students to live in peace.

"This is a time that we stop everything to come, and in a context of faith from different traditions, to join together in a unity of remembering, but also seeking peace," Director of Campus Ministry Judy Fean said.

Peace was a common theme throughout the non-denominational service, which included prayers from Islamic, Buddhist, Jewish and Christian traditions, as students were called to help those who suffer, and live in harmony.

It included several songs and a small sermon in honor of suffering around the world.

"The singing and all the different religious commentary from the different religions gave you a better understanding of the diversity of the world but yet how we can all come together as one and pray for

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Students gear up for UM game



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Students celebrate an Irish touchdown at last week's game. Excitement is building for this week's matchup against Michigan.

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Students are excited and anxious about tomorrow's match-up between our own Fighting Irish and the Michigan Wolverines.

"I'm excited because I love football, but I'm kind of nervous because it's the Michigan and I know a lot of people there," freshman Ella Lozon said.

Sophomore David Riehm said that he will be attending tonight's Pep Rally and is looking forward to the game, which kicks off at 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

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College increases language offerings

One year of study in Chinese, Arabic added

By KELLY DAVIS
News Writer

In today's progressive world, understanding diverse cultures and languages is becoming increasingly significant. Saint Mary's has acknowledged this by offering two new languages — Mandarin Chinese and Arabic.

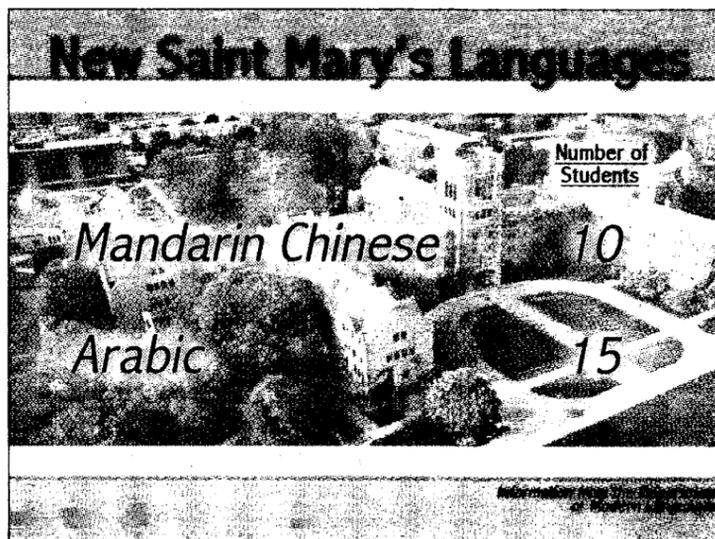
"We've added the languages to remain true to our mission of preparing the next generation of intercultural leaders," Modern Languages Department Chair Renee Kingcaid said. "These are important languages, in which, compared to the languages of

Western Europe and Latin America, relatively few Americans are fluent."

Saint Mary's students are required to take two semesters of language, which can be fulfilled with French, Spanish, Italian, German and now Chinese or Arabic. Only one year of the new additions are offered now, but the department hopes to keep building and offer a second year soon.

"The whole world is changing," Chinese professor and assistant director of Global Education Alice Siqin Yang said. "Chinese and Arabic are now very important

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INSIDE COLUMN

MTV finds new low

When flipping through channels a few days ago, I saw the commercial for Paris Hilton's new reality TV show and realized that MTV has somehow reached a new low.

While I enjoy watching "The Hills" every Monday, even when the only thing that happens is Heidi's sister deleting three of Spencer's Tivo shows, most MTV reality shows make me want to throw my TV out the window and mourn the demise of quality television on the network.

I thought that "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila" was as bad as MTV could get, but the network has given the green light to a show that looks like it could be even worse. This is, of course, Paris Hilton's "My New BFF."

In the commercial promoting the show, Paris Hilton sits on a lawn chair and invites girls to come live together in one house and compete to be her new best friend. Each week she will eliminate someone until she finds her "new BFF." Somehow Paris once again finds a way to get attention and earn money without doing anything worthwhile. Why aren't people sick of her yet?

The entire premise of this show is pathetic. Women will appear on the show to get their 15 minutes of fame and perhaps access into an exclusive club for one night, and Paris will get the exposure she craves. What is real or appealing about that? In airing this new series, MTV has reached a new level of bad.

What happened to the old MTV, the MTV that aired Thriller and made Madonna a star? It used to be a network devoted to promoting music videos in order to showcase emerging artists and create interest in new music among adolescents. The old format with VJs and music videos playing one after another seems to be almost completely dead. Every once and awhile the network will air a video, but for the most part MTV has abandoned music videos in favor of ridiculous and not that real reality shows.

The format of MTV has changed so much since its TRL days, yet it is still one of the most popular networks among teenagers. It is noteworthy that the network was able to reinvent itself in the age of the Internet, which made music videos non-exclusive to MTV.

I just wonder if the network producers have reached the end of their creative rope in airing a show with such an awful premise as Paris Hilton's "My New BFF."

While reality TV doesn't lend itself to quality in general, each new MTV reality show somehow keeps getting worse. The network that launched so many bands' careers in the 80's and 90's has sadly become a bastion of trash TV and should no longer call itself Music Television.

Madeline Buckley
News Writer

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THE MICHIGAN GAME THIS SATURDAY?



Amanda Jonovski
freshman
Pasquerilla East

"Pull from behind win with a post party in Stonehenge."



Doug Carder
freshman
Keenan

"Notre Dame 20, Michigan 14"



Katie Ineich
junior
Le Mans

"I feel disloyal saying this, but I just don't have a good feeling about it."



Kate Sylvia
senior
Howard

"It will be a competitive game."



Megan Savage
senior
off-campus

"It's not a prediction. It's a fact that we're going to win."



NICK SIMONSON/The Observer

Students attend the Sophomore class Senate barbeque on South Quad Thursday evening.

IN BRIEF

The first campus-wide carnival "Cirque du Lac" will take place today from noon to 4 p.m. on South Quad. The event will include twenty-five dorms and clubs and will raise money for Hannah and Friends.

The Student Activities Office is hosting a concert at Washington Hall called "Recycled Percussion" tonight at 9 p.m. Recycled Percussion infuses junk rock with visual effects.

The Student Activities Office is hosting "Pop Culture Night" on Saturday at 10 p.m. It will include a pop culture trivia contest, food, and music.

The Saturday Scholars Series: "Peter Pan as a Cultural Icon" hosted by the College of Arts and Letters will take place Saturday at noon in the Annenburg Auditorium of the Snite Museum.

There will be a showing of "Intolerance: Love's Struggle Throughout the Ages (1916)" at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Debartolo Performing Arts Center. The film is one of silent film director D.W. Griffith's biggest works.

Mendoza College of Business will be hosting a Berges Lecture: "Values and Decision Making" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday in Jordan Auditorium.

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

OFFBEAT

Postman hoards 20,000 letters in Germany

FRANKFURT — A Scottish postman working in Germany hoarded at least 20,000 letters at home because he felt his work was too taxing, police said on Tuesday.

The postman in Frankfurt was caught when a neighbor saw him tipping a mail delivery into a rubbish bin and alerted police.

"It's worth mentioning the 23-year-old didn't deliver mail addressed to himself either," local police said in a statement.

Investigating officers

found rubbish bags and boxes full of letters and other post stashed around the man's flat and cellar. He told police he had got behind with deliveries because of his night school studies and felt too "over-taxed" to catch up.

Police said at a conservative estimate, the hoard, which the man had built up since August 2007, comprised at least 20,000 letters. Two vans were needed to remove it.

Fire brigade adds two Porsche cars to fleet

BERLIN — Emergency patients in the German city

of Stuttgart will be rushed to hospital with extra speed and style after the fire brigade added two custom-made luxury Porsche cars to its fleet.

Each Cayenne model, a SUV worth about 70,000 euros, is equipped with a siren which Porsche says can be better heard by drivers and pedestrians and clears the roads faster.

"It was a difficult process; the interior had to be completely changed," Porsche spokesman Heiner von der Laden said Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	GAME DAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 78 LOW 70	HIGH 68 LOW 60	HIGH 78 LOW 63	HIGH 72 LOW 47	HIGH 67 LOW 45	HIGH 72 LOW 53

Atlanta 87 / 70 Boston 75 / 55 Chicago 76 / 65 Denver 67 / 47 Houston 89 / 78 Los Angeles 80 / 65 Minneapolis 73 / 53 New York 76 / 60 Philadelphia 79 / 57 Phoenix 98 / 77 Seattle 71 / 54 St. Louis 79 / 65 Tampa 91 / 77 Washington 79 / 64

Contaminated drinking water effects 46 million

Associated Press

Testing prompted by an Associated Press story that revealed trace amounts of pharmaceuticals in drinking water supplies has shown that more Americans are affected by the problem than previously thought — at least 46 million.

That's up from 41 million people reported by the AP in March as part of an investigation into the presence of pharmaceuticals in the nation's waterways.

The AP stories prompted federal and local legislative hearings, brought about calls for mandatory testing and disclosure, and led officials in at least 27 additional metropolitan areas to analyze their drinking water. Positive tests were reported in 17 cases, including Reno, Nev., Savannah, Ga., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Huntsville, Ala. Results are pending in three others.

The test results, added to data from communities and water utilities that bowed to pressure to disclose earlier test results, produce the new total of Americans known to be exposed to drug-contaminated drinking water supplies.

The overwhelming majority of U.S. cities have not tested drinking water while eight cities — including Boston, Phoenix and Seattle — were relieved that tests showed no detections.

"We didn't think we'd find anything because our water

comes from a pristine source, but after the AP stories we wanted to make sure and reassure our customers," said Andy Ryan, spokesman for Seattle Public Utilities.

The substances detected in the latest tests mirrored those cited in the earlier AP report.

Chicago, for example, found a cholesterol medication and a nicotine derivative. Many cities found the anti-convulsant carbamazepine. Officials in one of those communities, Colorado Springs, say they detected five pharmaceuticals in all, including a tranquilizer and a hormone.

"This is obviously an emerging issue and after the AP stories came out we felt it was the responsible thing for us to do, as a utility, to find out where we stand. We believe that at these levels, based on current science, that the water is completely safe for our customers," said Colorado Springs spokesman Steve Berry. "We don't want to create unnecessary alarm, but at the same time we have a responsibility as a municipal utility to communicate with our customers and let them know."

Fargo's water director, Bruce Grubb, said the concentrations of three drugs detected there were so incredibly minute — parts per trillion — that he sent them to the local health officer to figure out how to interpret the information for the community.

ND student wins UpDown contest

Finance major defeats students across nation in investment competition

By LAUREN KNAUF
News Writer

Even in today's unstable economy, there is one young man on campus who mastered the ever-fluctuating stock market — senior finance major, Yowceph Haddad.

Haddad defeated 6,146 students from across the nation to win the UpDown.com Summer 2008 \$10,000 Student Contest.

Not only did Haddad defeat the competition, he "blew everyone else away," according to Notre Dame senior Brendan McManus.

McManus, an economics major, participated in a launch team that helped start the Web site, which, he said, is considered "the leading social platform for virtual investing."

It gives its members \$1 million in virtual money to invest. Members can interact with each other, collaborating, sharing advice and competing to manage their virtual portfolios more effectively and improve their skills. The site is not just for experts, McManus said.

"Anyone can join, it's completely free," he said. "You can earn real money with zero risk, which is one reason why it's so popular."

The contest Haddad won, which ran from June 9 to Aug. 29, entailed managing a virtual portfolio, investing \$1 mil-

lion in virtual money. Despite competition from students at over 1,069 colleges and universities including Harvard, Yale and Columbia University, Haddad came out on top, managing his portfolio to a 216.67 percent return, beating the second place finisher by over 80 percent.

"The real question is: 'Can he do it consistently?' When investing in the stock market over a short-term period, luck is going to play a significant role in the outcome," finance professor Carl Ackermann said.

Regardless, beating the stock market is no easy feat, especially in our current economic position, Ackermann said.

"The stock market has really struggled in recent months," he said. "There are a lot of reasons for that, particularly in the financial sector."

Ackermann describes Haddad as possessing a capacity for deep thinking he considers "off the charts." Despite market volatility and the role that luck plays in investing, he gives Haddad a vote of confidence for the future, saying "this young man is an intellectual giant."

Haddad became involved with UpDown.com at the start of the spring semester and decided to enter the competition over the summer.

"Given the length of the competition, it rewards those who don't invest as much as they trade," Haddad said. To manage his portfolio successfully Haddad had to pay close attention to the news and market trends, especially during the day, "and of course, catch a break or two," he said.

While the summer contest Haddad won allowed only students to participate, he has recently

climbed to second place in a new contest, which is open to all members of the UpDown community. He has also broken away from exclusively virtual investment and started to test his skills in the real market. Looking ahead to the future, Haddad has planned to find a career in investment banking, however taking into account his recent success, he is now looking into trading or hedge funds as well.

"It all depends on who's hiring," he said.

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Brendan McManus
Notre Dame senior




"Peter Pan as Cultural Icon"

Susan C. Ohmer

William T. Carey and Helen Kuhn Carey

Associate Professor of Modern Communication,
Film, Television, and Theatre



12:00 Noon

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Annenberg Auditorium,
Snite Museum of Art

Because artists have retold the story of Peter, Wendy, and the Lost Boys in different media and different time periods, the character of Peter Pan lives in our imaginations as the boy who wouldn't grow up. Ohmer will discuss various narratives of *Peter Pan*, how the tale has changed over time, and what it tells us about changing attitudes toward childhood.




SATURDAY SCHOLAR SERIES

College of Arts & Letters

Fall 2008 Schedule

Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

- ✿ **09/06—San Diego State**
 "Faith Taking Shape: Early Christianity and the Arts"
 Thomas F. Noble, Professor and Chairperson, History
- ✿ **9/13—Michigan**
 "Peter Pan as Cultural Icon"
 Susan C. Ohmer, William T. Carey and Helen Kuhn Carey Associate Professor of Modern Communication, Film, Television, and Theatre
- ✿ **9/27—Purdue**
 "Election 2008: Race, Gender, and Faith"
 David E. Campbell, John Cardinal O'Hara, C.S.C., Associate Professor, Political Science
 Darren W. Davis, Professor, Political Science
 Christina K. Wolbrecht, Associate Professor, Political Science
- ✿ **10/04—Stanford**
 "The Sub-Prime Mortgage Mess and Federal Reserve Policy"
 Christopher J. Waller, Gilbert F. Schaefer Professor of Economics
- ✿ **11/01—Pittsburgh**
 "Catholics and Evolution: Old Tensions and New Directions"
 Phillip R. Sloan, Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
- ✿ **11/22—Syracuse**
 "Before and Beyond Modernism: Icons as Art"
 Charles E. Barber, Professor and Chairperson, Art, Art History, and Design

3-1/2 hours before kickoff in the Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art (unless otherwise noted).

For more information, visit <http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu>



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may cause humanitarian issues, Incropera said.

"We could significantly impact biodiversity, food supplies, food supply and cause a greater burden of diseases," he said.

The energy crisis is a problem that will loom large in the future lives of students, he said.

"Particularly, our students should have a better sense of the road ahead

and what kind of a road map they would like to see," Incropera said. A goal, he said, would be to get to the point when the grandchildren of current Notre Dame students can have "economic development opportunities with a more benign environmental impact."

The goal of the Forum is to generate discussion on this energy crisis that isn't going away, Incropera said.

Forum organizers are looking at "2008-2009 as a year of discernment to get people to think more deeply and to think more broadly about the energy problem, energy issues, the relationship of energy to the environment, to the economy, to public policy, and to geopolitics," he said.

In addition to raising the energy discussion in an academic setting, the Forum is also designed to impact the way that students view energy in their day-to-day lives, Forum planning committee member Michelle Byrne said.

"Our primary hope is to raise awareness to the level that causes personal conversions," she said. "We want it to be commonplace to save energy."

Byrne also stressed the need for students to take personal responsibility on the energy issue.

"We want to raise a basic level of awareness of the necessity of making a difference in your own life across your entire campus," she said.

She said she hopes "to see that this issue permeates all the things that touch your lives every day."

Personal responsibility for energy consumption starts with taking the small steps, Byrne and Long said.

She encouraged students to ride a bike to campus, turn off the computer at night and to

"personally choose to conserve energy."

"In aggregate, these small things really can make a big difference," Long said.

Both Byrne and Long encouraged interested students to get involved in energy and environmental initiatives on campus.

"On campus, there are lots of options" for students to get involved, Byrne said. She cited Green D, Students for Environmental Action and ND-8, which will focus on environmental issues this year in honor of the forum.

"There are also a lot of course options designed to let students explore these issues more thoroughly," she said.

The energy issue is bound to affect students' future career plans as well, according to Byrne. "You'd be hard-pressed to find a job where energy doesn't come up at this point," she said. "Look at how interdisciplinary it is. It's important to

just be aware of the relationship energy has to your field." Incropera and Long both

took time to praise the primary Forum panel of Majora Carter, Jeff Immelt, Ernest Moniz and Bill Ritter, with moderator Anne Thompson.

"We're pleased to get four distinguished panelists who will meld very nicely in terms of bringing different perspectives," Incropera said.

Carter founded Sustainable South Bronx in 2001 to help "addresses land-use, energy, transportation and waste policy, and education to advance the environmental and economic rebirth of the South Bronx," according to the company's mission statement.

Immelt, the Chairman and CEO of General Electric since 2001, will bring the perspective of a high-powered corporate leader to the Forum discussion. Under his leadership, GE has launched the project "Ecomagination," which "is a business initiative to help meet customer demand for more energy-efficient products and to drive reliable growth for GE, growth that delivers for investors long-term," according to the Ecomagination website.

Immelt received an honorary doctorate degree from Notre Dame in 2007 when he also served as the commencement speaker.

Moniz is a professor of physics and the director of the

Laboratory for Energy and the Environment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He previously served as undersecretary of Energy from 1997 until 2001 under President Bill Clinton. His research is primarily in theoretical nuclear physics.

Ritter, the Governor of Colorado since 2007, began the New Energy Economy program to help diversify the state's energy sources, create new jobs in the energy industry and address climate change. Ritter also implemented a requirement that 20 percent of Colorado's energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

The panel will be moderated by Thompson, who is a graduate of Notre Dame and the chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News. She is also a member of the alumni advisory committee for the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy at Notre Dame.

Long and Incropera will join the panel in the Forum's second hour, along with Sister Anne Veronica Horner Iloe.

"Sister Anne will give a unique perspective related to faith with energy and environmental justice," Long said.

She stressed that each panelist will bring their own perspective to the forum, and said, "My angle is energy policy." The forum organizers "also wanted to demonstrate what a Notre Dame student can do" in the energy world.

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**Professor Frank Incropera
Forum co-chair**

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**Michelle Byrne
Forum planning
committee member**

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**Lourdes Long
Forum panelist**

Language

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"Chinese and Arabic are now very important for intercultural communication and understanding and for international business," Chinese professor and assistant director of Global Education Alice Siqin Yang said.

Yang's Chinese class has 10 students in its first semester. Some chose to take the language to get in touch with Asian backgrounds while others felt knowledge of Chinese language and culture would be beneficial to their major and future careers.

Although learning Chinese is different than other languages because it is pictographic, Yang said students are "very interested and motivated to learn."

Kingcaid, who sits in on the class, said, "you're learning an entirely different sound system, an entirely different writing system and you need to have a lot of practice in them before you even begin to use sentences."

Sophomore Julie Hagopian, a history major and advertising and marketing minor, said she feels taking Chinese will help her with future overseas business endeavors and expand her "studies of the past."

"As a musically inclined person, the accents aren't too difficult,"

Hagopian said. "And the radicals, or symbols, are just an extension of my natural need to doodle."

Chinese students also focus on the unique culture and customs of China. One method Yang used to showcase China's individuality and intensity was with the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics which she showed in class.

Like Chinese, Arabic is also very different from western languages, professor Heather Jones said. She teaches 15 students in her new class.

Arabic consists of a 28-letter, 18-shape alphabet that is written right to left. It is spoken across the Middle East and North Africa in various dialects and is the language of the Qur'an.

"Across the country Chinese and Arabic are the fastest-growing languages in terms of student interest and enrollment," said Kingcaid.

"We wanted to be able to attract students to the College by offering them as well."

The department also said they hope to work closely with Notre Dame, which already offers courses in Arabic and Mandarin Chinese, to continue expanding language programs and opportunities for students.

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"Chinese and Arabic are now very important for intercultural communication and understanding for international business."

**Alice Siqin Yang
assistant director
Global Education**

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and support it. We are also hoping that families, fans, staff and faculty come out and support it as well. We don't have a particular financial goal in mind, but we hope to create a new Notre Dame tradition that can, in the coming years, become a dependable source of awareness for Hannah & Friends."

Petnuch and her friend, junior Rikki Lynn London, came up with the idea for a campus carnival last year.

"Rikki and I came up with the idea in a late night con-

versation last spring and it just kind of grew from there," Petnuch said. "It's something that has not been done before. A carnival is something that fraternities and sororities seem to put on at a lot of other schools, so we thought, why not our halls? We hope it will attract attention and become a new tradition."

Lyons Hall selected Hannah & Friends because they wanted to raise awareness about the foundation. The proceeds earned will benefit the construction of Hannah and Friends Farm, a residential community for adults with special needs. The program will be funded by Indiana Medicaid.

"[Hannah & Friends is]

something that is very close to the heart of Notre Dame. Started by our football coach, it's a charity and even if people don't know a lot about it they've at least heard of it before," Petnuch said. "Because we knew we wanted to have a carnival, supporting an organization that helps kids was an easy choice to make."

The carnival will take place tomorrow from 12-4 p.m. on South Quad.

"We hope that everyone who participates in the carnival gets a real feel for what it means to be part of the Notre Dame family," Petnuch said.

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U.S. chief justice visits ND

Special to the Observer

John G. Roberts Jr., chief justice of the United States, will hold a one-day appointment to the James J. Clynes Visiting Chair in the Notre Dame Law School today.

The chief justice will meet and speak during the day with Law School students and faculty and invited undergraduate students in a series of invitational events that are not open to the public.

Roberts took his seat as chief justice on Sept. 29,

2005. He had served for the previous two years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

A graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, Roberts served as a law clerk for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1979 to 1980 and as a law clerk for then-Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court during the 1980 term.

Roberts was special assistant to the U.S. attorney general from 1981 to 1982, associate counsel for President Reagan in the White House Counsel's office from 1982 to 1986, and principal deputy solicitor general in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1989 to 1993. From 1986 to

1989 and 1993 to 2003, he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

The Clynes Chair was established with a gift from Judge James J. Clynes Jr., who was graduated from Notre Dame in 1945 with his bachelor's degree in economics and from Cornell University with his law degree in 1948. He was a partner in the Ithaca, N.Y., firm Harris, Beach & Wilcox, a city attorney and prosecutor, and the Ithaca city judge from 1969 to 1989.

Previous holders of the Clynes Chair include Judge John T. Noonan Jr. from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist and Associate Justice Antonin Scalia (twice).



Roberts

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zimbabwe government strikes deal

HARARE, Zimbabwe — South Africa's president says he has successfully mediated a power-sharing deal between Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and the opposition.

South Africa's Thabo Mbeki did not offer details, but said Thursday that the agreement would be signed Monday. Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai told reporters the parties "have got a deal."

Mbeki has been in Zimbabwe since Monday trying to work out how Tsvangirai and Mugabe would run a unity government.

The key stumbling block has been how the two rivals would divide responsibilities and who would have the most authority.

Mugabe had shown little willingness to give up much of the power he has held since independence from Britain in 1980.

Chinese landslide kills at least 151

XIANGFEN, China — A landslide that unleashed a three-story wave of mud and iron ore waste at an illegal mining operation in China has killed at least 151 people and authorities fear the death toll could climb by hundreds more, state media said Thursday.

In a matter of minutes, the sludge inundated an entire village of 1,000 people and an outdoor market with thousands of customers on Monday in Shanxi province's Xiangfen county, the China Daily newspaper reported, citing witnesses.

State media put the official death toll at 151 people.

One of the worst-hit areas was Yunhe, the village where the market was located. Yunhe sits in a valley at the foot of Tashan, the hill where the iron ore mine was operating.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kanye West arrested in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Kanye West and one of his bodyguards were arrested Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport after an altercation with paparazzi in which the rapper allegedly smashed a camera on the floor.

Airport police arrested West and his road manager, Don Crowley, who also serves as a bodyguard, on suspicion of felony vandalism shortly before 8 a.m., LAX spokesman Marshall Lowe said. He said early reports indicated that a camera valued at more than \$10,000 was broken.

The incident happened before West and his bodyguard passed a security checkpoint at an airport terminal that houses American Airlines. The pair were scheduled to board a flight to Honolulu, Hawaii, Lowe said.

Hurricane Ike heads for Texas

HOUSTON — Cars and trucks streamed inland and chemical companies buttoned up their plants Thursday as a gigantic Hurricane Ike took aim at the heart of the U.S. refining industry and threatened to send a wall of water crashing toward Houston.

Nearly 1 million people along the Texas coast were ordered to evacuate ahead of the storm, which was expected to strike late Friday or early Saturday. But in a calculated risk aimed at avoiding total gridlock, authorities told most people in the nation's fourth-largest city to just hunker down.

LOCAL NEWS

Gubernatorial moderators chosen

INDIANAPOLIS — Ball State University president Jo Ann Gora, former Indianapolis television newsman Tom Cochrun and public television host Dan Lowery will moderate the upcoming gubernatorial debates.

The Indiana Debate Commission says Lowery will moderate Tuesday's debate in Merrillville; Gora, a Sept. 23 debate in Jasper; and Cochrun, an Oct. 14 debate in Bloomington.

Lowery hosts a public affairs program on Lakeshore Public Television in Merrillville and formerly directed the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council.

9/11 mourners gather to pay respects

Acts of remembrance mark seven-year anniversary of terrorist attacks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Familiar rituals of grief marked the seventh anniversary of Sept. 11 on Thursday as thousands paid tribute at the attack sites, the presidential candidates laid flowers at ground zero and children mourned parents they are barely old enough to remember.

Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama called off their campaigns for the day, and in the late afternoon descended the long ramp into the pit of the World Trade Center site, bowing their heads and leaving the flowers in a reflecting pool.

At the Pentagon, 15,000 people turned out for the dedication of the first permanent memorial built at any of the three sites where hijacked planes crashed. It includes 184 benches that will glow at night, one for each victim there.

"Thanks to the brave men and women, and all those who work to keep us safe, there has not been another attack on our soil in 2,557 days," President Bush said at the outdoor dedication.

In New York, the crowd fell silent in a park just east of the trade center site at 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. — the times when two hijacked jets slammed into the buildings and the twin towers fell.

Alex, Aiden and Anna Salamone — now 13, 11 and 10 years old — wore old soccer jerseys belonging to their father, broker John Patrick Salamone, who was 37 when he was killed. They recalled playing in the yard with a toy wagon.

"He was funny. He was funny. He always made me laugh," Alex Salamone said. "I wish I could remember more, but we were so young when he died."

"We love you, daddy," said Anna.

Still others chose to forgo the observances altogether and mark the day in quieter, more private ways. Kai Thompson Hernandez toasted her late husband, Glenn



Mourners place flowers in a memorial reflecting pool in front of the World Trade Center site on Thursday. AP

Thompson, at a beach, with his favorite brand of beer.

"I try and celebrate his life rather than mark the place of his death," she said.

Family members of the trade center dead and students representing the more than 90 countries that lost citizens in the attack — Azerbaijan to Zambia to Vietnam — read the names of the 2,975 victims.

Others descended seven stories below street level to pay respects where the towers once stood. A giant crane, an American flag hanging from a hook, overlooked the anniversary ceremony from ground zero, where office towers, a memorial and transit hub are under construction.

The New York memorial is

years away from completion. Some of the mourners worried the progress on it would prevent them from being allowed to pay respects next Sept. 11 on the ground where their loved ones died.

"When you walk through the site, you really feel like you're right where they were, and it's very raw," said Dennis Baxter, whose brother, Jasper, died while attending a conference at the trade center. "I think the spot should remain raw."

Many family members reading names paused to thank the troops fighting the two U.S. war launched since Sept. 11, 2001, drawing applause on several occasions.

"They took from us inno-

cent lives in the names of their God," said Rosaria Reneo, whose sister Daniela R. Notaro was killed on Sept. 11, "and it seems some people have forgotten what happened here seven years ago."

Edward Bracken said to loud applause that his sister, Lucy A. Fishman, was "murdered by coward men using their religion to say they are right and we are wrong."

In Shanksville, Pa., McCain attended a simple ceremony held in a large field near the point where United Airlines Flight 93 slammed into the ground — driven down, investigators believe, when passengers who rushed the cockpit to prevent another attack on a building.

AFGHANISTAN

Anniversary marks deadliest year

Associated Press

KABUL — Insurgents killed two U.S. troops in Afghanistan on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks Thursday, making 2008 the deadliest year for American forces since U.S. troops invaded the country in 2001 for sheltering Osama bin Laden.

The deaths brought the number of troops who have died in Afghanistan this year to 113, according to an Associated Press tally, surpassing last year's record toll of 111.

Afghanistan was the launching pad

for al-Qaida's terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. U.S. forces invaded in October 2001 in response and quickly drove the Taliban out of power.

Across Afghanistan, U.S. troops paused in silence Thursday to commemorate the 9/11 attacks. At a U.S. base in Kabul, members of the New York National Guard, many of whom served at the site of the World Trade Center after the towers came down, remembered the attack on their home state.

"For those of us who were there, served at Ground Zero, 9/11 is deeply

personal," said Col. Brian K. Bale, the commander of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Maj. Stephen Bousquet, 34, of Buffalo, N.Y., provided security at Ground Zero for three weeks after the attack. He now trains and mentors Afghan police, he said, "so American and coalition forces can leave one day."

Osama bin Laden, leader of the al-Qaida network, is believed to be in the lawless tribal belt on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. He had been sheltered by Taliban leader Mullah Omar before 9/11.

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"I'm excited," Riehm said. "I think this is really our chance to show that we've cranked it up and can crank it out."

Senior Tomas Castillo said that he will be painting himself in Notre Dame colors for the game.

Although Notre Dame defeated San Diego state 21-13 last Saturday, the team's performance left fans feeling that the Irish have something to prove tomorrow.

"[The game against Michigan] will be a big challenge, especially from the performance last weekend," Castillo said. "I'm apprehensive to see how we do ... I'm afraid it won't be fun to watch again."

Castillo said he had expected the team to perform better last weekend. He said while there were "glimpses of glory" throughout the game, he felt things had not changed much since last year.

"It seemed like the same old team, nothing had changed," Castillo said.

However, Castillo said that the last quarter of the game against San Diego left him feeling hopeful.

"The biggest change is supposed to take place between the first and second games," he said.

With Michigan as tomorrow's opponent, Castillo expects Notre Dame students to be united.

"I'm confident that the stu-

dent population will still be supportive of the team despite how we do, especially since we're up against Michigan," he said.

An Irish victory would be very exciting for Notre Dame fans, many students said.

"I think if we win, fans are going to go ballistic," Riehm said.

Michigan lost to Utah 25-23 on Aug. 30 and then beat Miami (Ohio) 16-6 last

Saturday.

Sophomore Cory Winland thinks that Notre Dame will be able to play well against Michigan because of these scores.

"The San Diego State [game] kind of worried me, but I still think we're better than how we played in that game and Michigan hasn't really looked good this year," Winland said. He said he anticipated tomorrow's game

to be more exciting, energetic and fun than last weekend's.

Senior Teresa Nesbitt said she does not really know what to expect from the game against Michigan after the team's performance in last week's game. She also didn't see the Irish perform poorly last year because she studied abroad last fall.

"I'm just going to hope for the best after last week,"

Nesbitt said.

Other fans are hoping for a better season than the last one, as well.

"I'm really hoping for a better season than last season," Riehm said. "I'm going one game at a time. You get pumped up for the Michigan game and you go from there."

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FTSE 100 (London)	5,318.40	-47.80

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FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	+2.29	+0.48	21.45
WASHINGTON MUTUAL (WM)	+21.98	+0.51	2.83

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.52	-0.019	3.622
13-WEEK BILL	-2.47	-0.040	1.580
30-YEAR BOND	-0.26	-0.011	4.214
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.10	-0.032	2.885

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IN BRIEF

Democrats urge to freeze foreclosures

WASHINGTON — Four Democratic senators urged the mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac on Thursday to temporarily freeze foreclosures on loans they hold.

The troubled companies, seized by the government Sunday, should help struggling borrowers swap their mortgages for more affordable loans and stay in their homes, the lawmakers wrote the new chief executives and federal regulator now running Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

It was the latest sign of mounting congressional pressure on James Lockhart, the director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, to ensure that the companies use their clout in the mortgage market to help homeowners caught in the housing crisis.

Super Bowl ad space nearly sold out

NEW YORK — NBC has sold nearly all of its commercial time during next year's Super Bowl, beating expectations despite a soft advertising market.

The network said Thursday it has sold 85 percent of its available slots. Strong categories include automobiles and movies.

A dozen 30-second commercials sold for \$3 million apiece. With only about 10 slots left, NBC could command even more money for each.

Normally, about 60 percent of Super Bowl ad slots get sold by this time of year, when the professional football season's final bout is still more than four months away.

The Wall Street Journal reported on the development earlier on its Web site.

Sporting events have been a rare bright spot for media companies facing declining ad revenue this year in the weak economy. Although television ratings have been dropping for years as audiences turn to video recorders and alternative viewing platforms such as computers and Apple Inc.'s iPods, people tend to want to watch big sporting events live and on high-quality screens.

Viewership for NBC, a unit of General Electric Co., was better than expected during the Olympics Games and exceeded the minimums NBC guaranteed advertisers, allowing the network to free up time slots it had reserved to make up for any shortfalls.

Oil prices driven up by speculation

Independent study released on Wednesday cites large oil investors as cause

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

Speculation by large investors — and not supply and demand for oil — were a primary reason for the surge in oil prices during the first half of the year and the more recent price declines, an independent study concluded Wednesday.

The report by Masters Capital Management said investors poured \$60 billion into oil futures markets during the first five months of the year as oil prices soared from \$95 a barrel in January to \$145 a barrel by July.

Since then, these investors have withdrawn \$39 billion from those markets as prices have retreated dramatically, the report said. Oil traded at about \$102 a barrel Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"We have clear evidence the fund flow pushed prices up and the fund flow pushed prices down," said Michael Masters of Masters Capital Management, calling the amount of money moving into oil futures markets by large institutional investors in the early part of the year "way off the scale." Masters said its analysis shows investors "began a massive stampede for the exits" on July 15 and that this caused the price decline.

"These large financial players have become the primary source of the dramatic and damaging volatility seen in oil prices," concluded the report.

The report was released Wednesday by House and Senate sponsors of bills to put additional curbs on oil market speculation and comes in advance of a report on oil market speculation expected possibly this week by the Commodities Futures Trading Commission. The commission regulates commodity markets.



Gas prices skyrocketed in August in Bolinas, Calif. Gas prices are being driven up by speculation, a recent study states, and not by demand at the pump.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., a sponsor of an anti-speculation bill, said the Masters report challenges CFTC claims to date that supply and demand forces — and not excessive speculation — has driven up oil prices.

"This analysis illustrates that when oil speculators poured large amounts of speculative money into oil markets, prices skyrocketed just as they were hoping ... And when the speculative money got pulled out, prices tumbled," she said.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said he wants to know "how oil speculators were

able to drive prices up and down while the CFTC was asleep at the switch."

An interagency task force, led by the CFTC, concluded in an interim report last July that "fundamental supply and demand factors" influence the oil markets and that the data "does not support the proposition that speculative activity has systematically driven changes in oil prices."

Senate critics of the regulatory agency charged that report was based in flawed evidence.

"The CFTC has its head in the sand," said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., chairman

of the House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee.

Stupak said the Masters report shows that that oil prices soared when speculators poured money into future markets even as the federal Energy Information Administration was forecasting supply would exceed demand.

Congress for months has been considering various measures aimed at curbing oil market speculation, but those efforts have been thwarted amid disputes over other energy issues from taxing oil companies to new offshore drilling.

NY judge drops illegal steroid case

ALBANY, N.Y. — A New York judge threw out an indictment against five operators of a Florida pharmacy targeted almost two years ago in an investigation of illegal steroid sales over the Internet and by phone.

Albany County Judge Stephen Herrick faulted the disjointed, confusing way county prosecutors presented the case against Signature Pharmacy of Orlando to a grand jury. He dismissed the indictment Thursday against key figures at the center of the case: pharmacy owners Robert "Stan" Loomis and Naomi Loomis, pharmacist Michael Loomis, and former business managers Kirk Calvert and Anthony Palladino.

"The amorphous quality of the evolving indictments, coupled with the cursory and inadequate instructions ... have impaired the integrity

of the grand jury proceedings to such a degree that dismissal is warranted," Herrick wrote. Because the case has been delayed 17 months by the prosecutors' repeated grand jury appearances to recast the charges, the judge barred them from seeking a new indictment.

District Attorney P. David Soares said he will appeal the decision. He said Thursday another defendant from the investigation has pleaded guilty to three drug counts for selling oxymetholone and testosterone in 2006 to someone who didn't have a legitimate medical need.

Albany County prosecutors met a year ago with representatives from the Mitchell Commission who were investigating the use of performance-enhancing drugs in Major League Baseball. Soares also said prosecutors had been working for

months with National Football League officials.

Signature was raided in February 2007 and 17 people have pleaded guilty to drug and conspiracy counts in Soares' probe, including operators and employees of several distributors that did business with Signature as well as doctors who wrote prescriptions, Soares said.

"We have been able to disrupt a multimillion-dollar criminal enterprise trafficking illegal steroids to thousands of people across the country. To date, five clinics have been completely shut down," he said.

Attorney Brian Devane, who represents Stan and Naomi Loomis, called the case "a long ordeal" for the couple, who deny any wrongdoing. "I'm not exactly sure of the condition of their business right now," he said.

PAKISTAN

Bush okays secret raids into U.S. ally Pakistan



President Bush observes a moment of silence during a Sept. 11 memorial service Thursday. He recently approved military raids. AP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has secretly approved U.S. military raids inside anti-terror ally Pakistan, according to current and former U.S. officials. The high-risk gambit prizes the death or capture of al-Qaida and Taliban extremists over the sensitivities of a shaky U.S.-backed civilian government that does not want to seem like Washington's lapdog.

Bush acted in July to give U.S. forces greater leeway to cross from outposts in Afghanistan into the rugged area along the Pakistan border. Pakistan's central government has little control in this area, where extremists have found what U.S. officials say is a comfortable safe haven.

Already frustrated with what the U.S. perceived as a balky and incomplete commitment to hunting militants seven years after the Sept. 11 attacks, officials said the last straw came when it appeared Pakistani authorities were passing tips to militants.

One official familiar with South Asia policy said the new rules were adopted in response to increasing problems with U.S.-Pakistani counterterrorism cooperation — particularly evidence that Pakistan's intelligence service, known as the ISI, had been compromised by militants and that some ISI elements were helping extremists. The official said extremists got Pakistani help before an attack July 7 on the Indian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.

"Up to that point, the idea was to share intelligence with the Pakistanis and then proceed but there was a lot of frustration with delays and problems, including leaks to militants, in sharing the intelligence," the official said.

"This (the new order) is a reaction to that and it was sped up by the revelations about the penetration of the Pakistani intelligence service," the official said. "It was decided that we had no choice but to free up the hands of our commanders."

Current and former U.S. officials described Bush's orders covering special operations and conventional forces on condition of anonymity because "execute orders" are classified. The order was first reported in Thursday's

New York Times.

The Associated Press reported in early August that senior U.S. intelligence and military aides were pressing Bush to give American soldiers greater flexibility to operate against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters in Pakistan — for example, sending U.S. special forces teams into the tribal areas to hit high-value targets.

The "rules of engagement" have been loosened now, allowing troops to conduct border attacks without being fired on first if they witness attacks coming from the region, according to a former U.S. official with recent access to administration thinking. That would include artillery, rockets and mortar fire from the Pakistan side of the border.

A senior U.S. military official last week confirmed that a U.S. Special Forces attack had taken place about a mile across Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, killing at least 15. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the internal debate over the U.S. response to rising violence along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border includes discussion of classified intelligence.

That Sept. 3 raid was the first use of the new authority, which allows military teams to target suspected terrorists in the dangerous area along the Afghanistan border, the officials said. At the same time, the administration secretly has given conventional ground troops greater latitude to pursue militants across the Afghan border into Pakistan, they said.

The focus is on militant havens that have grown on Pakistan's side of the border at the same time a resurgent Taliban has increased attacks inside Afghanistan. The situation led Bush on Wednesday to commit to sending more troops there.

Washington wants Lehman to do more to crack down on its side of the border.

Pakistan's inability or unwillingness to mount a counterinsurgency campaign inside the tribal area was discussed at a National Security Council meeting this week, according to notes of the meeting provided to the AP. The notes said Pakistan is still focused on fighting India and is "still denying the counterinsurgency problem."

Lehman looks to curb losses

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With Lehman Brothers' shares signaling another steep drop on Friday, top executives are racing to put a sale of the beleaguered investment bank in place before it loses further market value and confidence.

Confidence has waned that Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. will emerge from the financial crisis as an independent franchise, and the No. 4 U.S. investment bank is scouring Wall Street for a financial lifeline. Executives worked feverishly in the past 24 hours to find someone willing to buy all or part of the company, bankers and industry executives close to the situation said.

And the scrutiny is expected to grow more intense Friday, with investors placing bets that Lehman's stock will again nosedive. Shares fell 41 cents, or 9.7 percent, to \$3.81 in after-hours trading; the stock skidded 41.8 percent to \$4.22 during the regular session in New York, and is down more than 94 percent for the year.

That only puts more pressure on Lehman Chief Executive Richard Fuld, who joined the company in 1961 as a college student and now serves as Wall Street's longest-serving CEO. He has tenaciously resisted putting the company up for sale, but finally relented after a free-fall in its stock price and growing doubts about its survival, according to bankers and industry executives. They asked not to be named because they are not authorized to comment publicly.

Bank of America Corp.,

Japan's Nomura Securities, France's BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG and Britain's Barclay's Plc have been mentioned this week as potential buyers. Goldman Sachs Group Inc., which also was being talked about as a potential buyer, is not interested, according to an industry official who asked not to be named.

Lehman is also in close contact with both the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve about how to proceed.

Government officials, who asked for anonymity because of the sensitivity of the ongoing discussions, said that a number of options were being explored and that no decisions had been reached on how any deal involving Lehman would be structured.

The Fed and the Treasury Department have been working to help resolve Lehman's situation. Fed officials are having conversations with relevant parties and getting updates. It's premature to say what form any final resolution would take.

Any resolution of the Lehman troubles is not expected to involve the use of government money which would set it apart from the billions of dollars that the government put at risk to facilitate the sale of Bear Stearns in March and to rescue mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac this week.

Randy Whitestone, a spokesman for Lehman, declined to comment.

Lehman's losses soared to almost \$7 billion in the last two quarters alone, primarily because of wrong-way bets on mortgage securities and

other risky investments.

It's not alone. Global banks have lost more than \$300 billion since the subprime mortgage crisis spread to the credit markets one year ago. And the International Monetary Fund has suggested total losses globally could hit \$1 trillion.

Lehman Brothers hunted for months for a deep-pocketed investor to pump fresh capital into the firm, a move that would help restore confidence and replenish its broken balance sheet. Some analysts said Lehman was asking too high a price, others guessed that potential investors found too much risk on its books in the current environment.

Fuld tried to assuage nervous investors on Wednesday by announcing a plan to sell a 55 percent stake in its prized investment management business and spin off its commercial real estate holdings into a publicly traded company.

He placed a wide net for potential investors, bankers and executives said, including stepping up talks with private equity firms such as Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Bain Capital.

But analysts increased their criticism of Fuld on Thursday for not naming a potential buyer of its investment management unit, which includes Neuberger Berman, and because they said Lehman would need to finance the real estate spinoff itself.

"We believe some type of capital raise or transaction must be consummated quickly to improve confidence in Lehman," said Standard & Poor's financials analyst Matthew Albrecht.



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ELECTION 2008

Palin defends her qualifications

Republican vice presidential nominee struggles with foreign policy

Associated Press

FORT WAINWRIGHT — John McCain running mate Sarah Palin sought Thursday to defend her qualifications but struggled with foreign policy, unable to describe President Bush's doctrine of pre-emptive strikes against threatening nations and acknowledging she's never met a foreign head of state.

The Republican vice presidential nominee told Charles Gibson of ABC News in her first televised interview since being named to the GOP ticket that "I'm ready" to be president if called upon. However, she side-stepped on whether she had the national security credentials needed to be commander in chief.

Palin, 44, has been Alaska's governor for less than two years and before that was a small-town mayor. She was McCain's surprise selection for the No. 2 slot on the ticket, raising questions about her readiness to serve in the White House, particularly during wartime.

McCain has defended her qualifications, citing her command of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska's proximity to Russia.

Asked whether those were sufficient credentials, Palin said: "It is about reform of government and it's about putting government back on the side of the people, and that has much to do with foreign policy and national security issues." She said she brings expertise in making the country energy independent as a former chairman of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

She acknowledged that national security encompasses more than energy but said: "I want you to not lose sight of the fact that energy is a foundation of national security."

Palin said other than a trip to



AP
ABC News anchor Charles Gibson talks to Republican vice presidential candidate Gov. Sarah Palin Thursday.

visit soldiers in Kuwait and Germany last year — "a trip of a lifetime" that "changed my life" — her only other foreign travel was to Mexico and Canada. She also said she had never met a head of state and added: "If you go back in history and if you ask that question of many vice presidents, they may have the same answer that I just gave you."

Pressed about what insights into recent Russian actions she gained by living in Alaska, Palin answered: "They're our next door neighbors and you can actually see Russia from land here in Alaska, from an island in Alaska."

Foreign policy questions dominated the first of three interviews Palin was giving Gibson over two days.

In the interview Thursday, Palin:

—Appeared unsure of the Bush doctrine — essentially that the United States must help spread democracy to stop terrorism and that the nation will

act pre-emptively to stop potential foes.

Asked whether she agreed with that, Palin said: "In what respect, Charlie?" Gibson pressed her for an interpretation of it. She said: "His world view." That prompted Gibson to say "no, the Bush doctrine, enunciated September 2002, before the Iraq war" and describe it to her.

"I believe that what President Bush has attempted to do is rid this world of Islamic extremism, terrorists who are hell bent on destroying our nation," Palin said, though added "there have been mistakes made."

Pressed repeatedly on whether the United States could attack terrorist hideouts in Pakistan without the country's permission, she said: "If there is legitimate and enough intelligence that tells us that a strike is imminent against American people, we have every right to defend our country. In fact, the president has the obligation, the duty to defend."

VENEZUELA

Chavez orders U.S. out of country

Associated Press

CARACAS — President Hugo Chavez ordered the U.S. ambassador to leave Venezuela within 72 hours on Thursday, accusing the diplomat of conspiring against his government and saying he would also withdraw his own envoy from Washington immediately.

Chavez made the move in solidarity with Bolivia after his Andean ally expelled the U.S. diplomat there, accusing him of aiding violent protests. He said a new American ambassador will not be welcome in Caracas "until there's a U.S. government that respects the people of Latin America," suggesting that diplomatic relations will be scaled back until President Bush leaves the White House.

"They're trying to do here what they were doing in Bolivia," Chavez said, accusing Washington of trying to oust him.

"That's enough ... from you, Yankees," Chavez said, using an expletive. Waving his fists in the air, he added: "I hold the government of the United States responsible for being behind all the conspiracies

against our nations!"

Holding up a watch to check the time, Chavez declared: "From this moment, the Yankee ambassador in Caracas has 72 hours to leave Venezuela!" He told his foreign minister to recall Venezuela's ambassador to Washington, Bernardo Alvarez, "before they kick him out of there."

The U.S. Embassy said it was aware of Chavez's speech but had not received official notification. Embassy spokeswoman Robin Holzhauer said Ambassador Patrick Duddy is traveling in the United States this week.

The diplomatic spat brings relations between the two countries to a new low and raises questions about whether it could hurt trade. Venezuela is the fourth-largest oil supplier to the United States, and Chavez also threatened to cut off crude shipments "if there's any aggression against Venezuela."

Chavez has threatened to stop selling oil to the United States on a number of occasions. But the U.S. is Venezuela's No. 1 oil client, and taking such an action would debilitate his government financially.

Man acquitted of charges filed in 1964

Associated Press

JACKSON — A man acquitted this week on federal charges of abducting two black teenagers slain in 1964 is sick, has no criminal record and should be released from prison immediately, his attorneys said Thursday.

State and federal authorities, meanwhile, scrambled to review the decades-old case in hopes of keeping reputed Ku Klux Klansman James Ford Seale behind bars.

Seale, 73, was convicted in June 2007 and spent just over a year in prison on kidnapping and conspiracy charges related to the abduction and slayings of Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee. The two 19-year-old friends were allegedly beaten, weighted down and thrown, possibly still alive, into a Mississippi River backwater in May 1964.

Federal authorities had praised Seale's conviction and three life sentences as proof that civil rights era killings had not been forgotten. But now that an appeals court has overturned Seale's conviction, his attorneys want him released immediately.

"This new exceptional circumstance, combined with the still existing factors of Mr. Seale's advanced age and debilitating health problems, makes continued detention inappropriate in this case,"

they wrote in a motion filed Thursday with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Seale is in a prison in Indiana, where he has been treated for cancer, bone spurs and other health problems. His attorneys said in their motion that he is neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court overturned Seale's conviction Tuesday, ruling that the statute of limitations for kidnapping had expired in the more than 40 years between the abductions and Seale's arrest. The case had been cold for years when Moore's brother, who was working on a film about the killings, found Seale in south Mississippi in 2005. Many thought he was dead.

Federal prosecutors can appeal, but legal experts say it is unlikely the ruling will be reversed.

Seale could, however, be tried on state murder charges, which have no statute of limitations. Mississippi's attorney general and a district attorney in Franklin County, where Dee and Moore were abducted, are reviewing the case.

"This has been a collaborative effort since the beginning — our office, the U.S. attorney's office and law enforcement. And I've been in communication with them and obviously we're discussing our possibilities and discussing what is our most advantageous way to pro-

Trade deficit raises 6.7 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit shot up in July to the highest level in 16 months as oil imports hit an all-time high, offsetting strong export growth. The deficit with China climbed to the second highest level on record.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that the deficit rose by 5.7 percent to \$62.2 billion in July, much worse than the \$58 billion deficit that Wall Street expected. It pushed the gap between what America imports and what it sells abroad to the highest level since March 2007.

The trade deterioration reflected the fact that crude oil prices hit a record in July, pushing America's foreign oil bill to an all-time high of \$51.4 billion, up 13.7 percent from June.

The big rise in oil prices, with the average barrel of imported crude jumping to a record \$124.66, pushed overall imports up by 3.9

percent to a record \$230.3 billion.

That increase offset another strong showing for U.S. exports which rose by 3.3 percent to a record \$168.1 billion, reflecting big gains in overseas sales of commercial aircraft, computers and U.S.-made cars. Exports have been the major bright spot for the U.S. economy in a year when the country has been battered by a prolonged slump in housing, rising unemployment and a severe credit crunch.

The Bush administration points to the export gains as justification for its support of free trade. However, Democrats contend the administration's pursuit of free-trade agreements left U.S. workers exposed to unfair competition from low-wage countries with poor environmental records such as China.

They blame the loss of more than 3 million manufacturing jobs since Bush took office in part on the soaring trade deficits,

employment losses that have hit hard in key presidential battleground states such as Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has said he will renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico to get greater protection for U.S. workers. Republican John McCain has accused Obama of seeking to erect protectionist barriers that will make America less competitive in the global economy.

In July, the politically sensitive deficit with China increased 16.1 percent to \$24.9 billion, the second highest gap on record.

Critics contend the administration has not done enough to combat unfair Chinese trade practices such as the country's currency system, which U.S. manufacturers say keeps the Chinese yuan undervalued by as much as 40 percent against the American dollar. That makes Chinese goods cheap-

Woman pleads guilty to arson

Associated Press

DETROIT — A Detroit woman pleaded guilty Thursday to setting a New Year's Eve 1999 fire at Michigan State University, an act of eco-terrorism, and also admitted roles in 12 other incidents.

Marie Mason, 46, and Frank Ambrose, 33, were accused of pouring gasoline and starting a fire to protest research on genetically modified plants. Ambrose already has pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Sept. 22.

Fumes from the gasoline caused an explosion. The fire caused more than \$1 million in damage at MSU's Agriculture Hall. It also destroyed records related to the government's \$2 million support for the research.

"There was no intention to harm any living thing," Mason's defense attorney, John Minock, said in an interview. "They didn't intend to cause an explosion. They just wanted to damage some paper."

Mason appeared in federal court in Grand Rapids to plead guilty to conspiracy and arson charges, including an incident that destroyed logging equipment in northern Michigan a day after the MSU fire.

U.S. Attorney Charles Gross has called it "domestic terrorism, plain and simple."

The government says Mason and Ambrose were affiliated with the Earth Liberation Front, a radical band of environmentalists. They were married at the time but divorced earlier this year.

Minock said prosecutors built their case against Mason with help from Ambrose, who tape-recorded their conversations in 2007.

Ambrose's attorney, Michael Brady, declined to comment. Assistant U.S. Attorney Hagen Frank could not be reached.

The explosion at MSU burned Mason's hair and prevented her from finishing the message, "No GMO," on a wall, a reference to genetically modified organisms. She and Ambrose fled the building and drove 190 miles north to Empire.

In her plea agreement, Mason also admits involvement in 12 other acts with property damage pegged at more than \$2.5 million.

They include the destruction of four homes under construction in Washtenaw and Macomb counties and an attempted arson at an Ice Mountain bottled water pumping station in Mecosta County, all in 2003.

SOUTH KOREA

Kim Jong Il suffers possible paralysis

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea's Kim Jong Il had brain surgery after a stroke last month and could have partial paralysis on one side, media reports said Thursday, after the South Korean government said the communist leader remained in control of his country.

Foreign doctors, possibly from China and France, performed the operation after Kim, 66, collapsed about Aug. 15, the newspapers Dong-a Ilbo and JoongAng Ilbo reported, citing unidentified government officials.

Kim's condition has improved and he is not suffering from slurred speech, a disability often associated with a stroke, the reports said.

However, he has suffered from sporadic spasms, according to South Korea's largest newspaper, Chosun Ilbo, citing a high-level Chinese official.

Kim is the object of an intense personality cult in the totalitarian nation and the sight of him suffering spasms before a massive crowd would be an embarrassment that could undermine that status. He missed a parade Tuesday commemorating the communist state's founding 60 years ago.

If Kim were incapacitated,

it could have serious implications for international negotiations on North Korea's nuclear disarmament. The talks recently hit a snag because of a dispute between North Korea and the U.S. over how to verify the North's nuclear programs, and a delay by Washington in its promised removal of North Korea from a list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

"I only hope that any situation happening in DPRK should not affect negatively what has been going on in terms of denuclearization process" U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told a news conference on Thursday at the United Nations, using the initials of North Korea's official name.

"I'm also concerned deeply by DPRK's decision to go back to reassembling the nuclear facilities. They must commit to their agreement among the six-party talks for the early realization of the denuclearization process," said Ban, who was South Korea's foreign minister before taking the helm of the U.N. in January 2007.

Lee Cheol-woo, a South Korean ruling party lawmaker, said in a radio interview Thursday that Kim is "recovering fast," has "no problem speaking and communicating," and is "able to stand if assisted."

PAKISTAN

Prime minister supports U.S. rebuke

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's prime minister on Thursday backed a harsh rebuke of the U.S. by the Muslim nation's military chief, a sign of a strain in relations seven years after the Sept. 11 attacks forged the two countries' anti-terror alliance.

Pakistan's public show of anger with the U.S. comes amid revelations that President Bush secretly approved new U.S. military raids in that country.

A former intelligence official told The Associated Press that President Bush signed the classified order over the summer. It gives new authority to U.S. special operations forces to target suspected terrorists in the dangerous area along the Afghanistan border.

U.S. counterterrorism operations along the border are highly unpopular in Pakistan, whose new leadership is trying hard to show independence from Washington. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the classified order.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he will press Pakistan to allow U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan to take a new approach to hunting Taliban and al-Qaida-linked militants who slip back and forth between the neighboring nations. But Brown offered no specifics on how the border could be better defended.

Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the powerful but media-shy army leader, said a week after a deadly American-led ground assault in Pakistani territory that Pakistan would defend its sovereignty and that there was no deal to allow foreign forces to operate inside its borders.

He said unilateral actions risked undermining joint efforts to battle Islamic extremism and warned that "the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country will be defended at all cost."

"No external force is allowed to conduct operations inside Pakistan," he said in the Wednesday statement.

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani, in comments reported Thursday by state media and confirmed by his office, said Kayani's words reflected government opinion and policy.

U.S. officials say clearing militants from such pockets in Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal regions is critical to reducing attacks on NATO and American forces in Afghanistan.

"Until we work more closely with the Pakistani government to eliminate the safe havens from which they operate, the enemy will only keep coming," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

However, NATO insisted it won't launch cross-border raids into Pakistan.

"It is not NATO that will be sending its forces across the border," said alliance spokesman James Appathurai at a news conference. He stressed that the mandate of the 47,000 strong NATO force in Afghanistan stops at the border.

"There are no ground or air incursions by NATO forces into Pakistani territory," Appathurai insisted. "The solution to the tension across the border, or on these cross-border issues is first and foremost a solution to the growing extremism."

An informal meeting of NATO defense ministers in London next

Thursday and Friday will also discuss operations in Afghanistan.

The former U.S. intelligence official said the Pakistani government is not told about the targets of U.S. attacks in advance because of concerns that the Pakistani intelligence service and military are infiltrated by al-Qaida and Taliban supporters.

Also, the "rules of engagement" have been loosened, allowing troops to conduct border attacks without being fired on first if they witness attacks coming from the region, the official said.

Many Pakistanis blame their nation's alliance with the U.S. for fueling violence in their country, while U.S. officials worry that Pakistan's government is secretly aiding militant networks — keeping them as a wedge against longtime rival India.

Kayani's statement was significant because he so rarely speaks publicly and because he heads Pakistan's most powerful institution. His remarks indicated he was sensitive to anger among Pakistanis, and possibly even within the military, over the assault and suspected missile strikes, analysts said Thursday.

"It expresses a deep concern in Pakistan and was quite timely because of the feeling in Pakistan as if the army and the government of Pakistan has surrendered to whatever Americans want to do in the tribal regions," political analyst Rasul Bakhsh Rais said.

U.S. officials have acknowledged that American troops carried out the operation in South Waziristan but have not given details. The mission's goal and results remain unclear. Local residents said at least 15 people died.



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Hurricane depletes Red Cross funds

Relief organization plunges into debt, requests federal funding

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The wave of storms battering the U.S. has plunged the American Red Cross deep into debt as it rushes to prepare for Hurricane Ike, prompting a searching look at how to stabilize its finances.

Gail McGovern, who became the embattled charity's president in June, said even a request for federal funding is under consideration as the Red Cross seeks to become less dependent on spontaneous donations that arrive only in the wake of huge disasters.

"We are going to explore every avenue we can to ensure we have a healthy Red Cross," McGovern said in an interview Thursday as her organization deployed 1,000 out-of-state volunteers to Texas to await menacing Ike.

"We're brainstorming absolutely anything," she said. "We're looking at the possibility of appropriations, whatever — because we want to be able to serve the American public."

As of last week, when Ike was still a distant threat, the Red Cross said it has raised only \$5 million to cover costs from Hurricane Gustav that will total at least \$40 million, possibly more than \$70 million. It has borrowed money to meet those bills, and now is incurring more expenses as it shifts response teams to Texas and

readies its shelters.

"The beautiful thing about the American Red Cross is we are going to be there when people need us," McGovern said. "As the disaster relief fund depletes, we will borrow money if we need to, to be there."

McGovern said Red Cross officials were calling Gustav a "silent disaster" because it entailed sizable costs for sheltering displaced people, yet did not trigger the flood of donations that often follows more deadly and destructive storms.

With Ike, McGovern said, the Red Cross wants to be ready even though it has no idea how damaging or costly the storm will be. It launched a new fundraising appeal Monday, and will get a plug this weekend when the NFL encourages donations with on-air and in-stadium announcements during its games.

The Red Cross endured widespread criticism — some from within its own ranks — after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005. An internal report cited overwhelmed volunteers, inflexible attitudes and inadequate anti-fraud measures.

One major change since then, McGovern said, is a greater focus on getting relief supplies into threatened areas before a hurricane arrives.

"With Katrina, we had the supplies, but they were in the

wrong place," she said.

More broadly, McGovern said, the Red Cross needs steadier funding sources in addition to what she called "episodic fundraising" — the gifts, often relatively small, that pour in after a large-scale disaster rouses public sympathy.

She said the Red Cross will always welcome these gifts, but wants to encourage corporation donations and large contributions from wealthy individuals that are not linked to the latest disaster.

"The American public is going to be moved when they see a time of need," she said. "It's incumbent on us to be very clear about our mission so they understand there are other times to give, too. It's our responsibility to explain our mission better."

Despite the depleted relief fund, and Ike's approach, McGovern said she was not anxious.

"The reason I'm calm and cool and collected is because the American public always comes through for us — always," she said. "We put out a campaign for our local chapters to raise money because of Gustav. ... I've gotten e-mail after e-mail saying, 'We are behind you, this is a defining moment, we can do it.'"

"I just believe that this country will not let harm come to the American Red Cross."

Army sees rise in soldier suicides

Associated Press

DENVER — The Army's top medical officer says commanders are looking to their counterparts in the Air Force and in civilian agencies for ways to cope with an alarming increase in suicides.

"We work real closely with the Veterans Administration, who have for many years taken the lead in this," Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, the Army's surgeon general, said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "We've also looked across the services and at other models that have been more successful than our own."

The Army's suicide rate was 18.1 per 100,000 last year, the highest since the service started keeping records in 1980. It was 9.8 just five years earlier.

The U.S. civilian rate is 19.5 per 100,000.

Leading factors behind soldier suicides are troubled personal relationships; legal, financial and work problems; and repeated deployments and longer tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Army says.

Schoomaker said the Army has redoubled its prevention efforts and looked outside for new models, especially to the Air Force, which he said successfully encouraged support systems to reduce suicides.

The Army's program includes

removing the stigma from asking for help, encouraging soldiers to look after each other and a campaign called ACE, for Ask, Care and Escort.

"We ask that people extend themselves to a fellow soldier or family member that may be suffering," Schoomaker said. "We ask that you make the effort to ask, 'Are you in trouble?'"

Offering care may be as simple as keeping a weapon out of a troubled soldier's reach, he said. Soldiers and families should then escort the soldier to a medical facility.

Schoomaker acknowledged that encouraging troubled soldiers to ask for help requires a cultural change.

"We are an Army that has historically been associated with strength and being impervious to threats to the human psyche and the body, and of course that's a myth," he said.

He hopes to use the Army's "warrior ethos" to get soldiers to look out for one another's mental health.

"It's an extension of our warrior ethos that no soldier is ever left behind," he said.

Schoomaker said the Army will analyze individual suicides and suicide attempts, police reports and incidents of misconduct as well as the overall numbers of suicides and attempts to see if the program is working.



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Police security inadequate

In late August, someone broke into the off-campus house of an Observer staff member and stole some valuable items from the home. The staffer called the police. When police arrived, they advised the staffer, who declined to be named for fear of retribution from the police, to "go to a party, get drunk and get laid."

There was likely nothing the police could do to help the staffer and his housemates find the person who broke into the home or recover their stolen property. The police officer said he had to patrol a large area by himself and said that was why he was unable to stop any crimes like that break-in from happening.

But if the staffer followed the sage advice of the officer this weekend, he probably won't find a party to go to. The South Bend Police Department (SBPD) said they will be stepping up patrols this weekend, but not in response to recent burglaries and assaults, rather, to curtail off-campus partying in neighborhoods with a heavy student population. So apparently, the police don't have the resources to investigate burglaries and assaults that have happened near these neighborhoods, but they do have enough to combat the less-serious shenanigans of college students.

With their increased patrols this weekend, SBPD is hoping to stifle any parties before they get started. But maybe the

police could stifle these burglaries and assaults from taking place if they put more resources into investigating past crimes and preventing further crimes.

Maybe the beefed up patrols will reduce the number of burglaries and assaults this weekend, but that isn't the intent of the heightened security presence. Why is it only necessary to increase security to combat college drinking instead of increasing security for just that — security?

The fall doesn't only bring the return of students, but football, and with that an influx of law enforcement in the South Bend area in an effort to curb underage drinking.

Underage drinking is illegal. Public intoxication is illegal. But while the police are stepping up their game for football games, they are side-stepping the bigger problem facing students.

They may be preventing students from stumbling into games, but they are ignoring student safety on a larger scale.

The state of Indiana Excise Police were specifically created to deal with the enforcement of laws involving alcohol and all that entails. Let the Excise Police deal with underage drinking and public intoxication. They exist so that local police departments can patrol their communities and the problems at hand, and in the case of the SBPD, that's South Bend and an apparent problem of thefts and assaults.

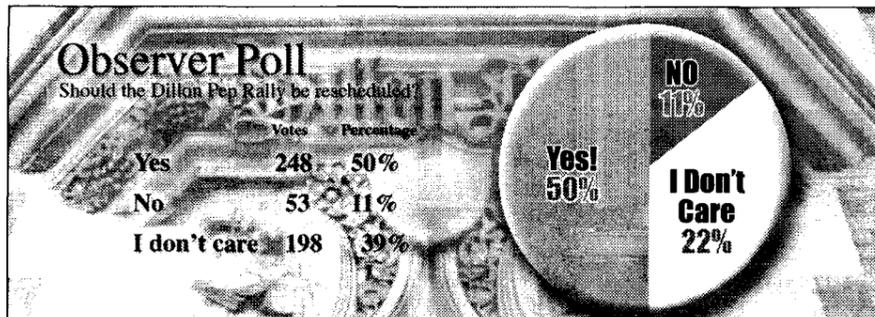
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't tell me what I can't do!"

John Locke
'Lost' leader
(not the philosopher)

The doctor is in

A friend recently told me: "Lou Holtz is my old man crush." While I was surprised at the phrasing, I was not surprised that she loved Lou Holtz. If there is one person that Notre Dame (as well as St. Mary's) students unanimously love it is Fr. Hesburgh, but if there is another person that we love, that person is certainly Lou Holtz. Holtz might even be more beloved on campus now than he was when he left, and since he is coming back this weekend to speak at the pep rally, accept his statue and be honored at the game, I wondered why students still love him all these years later.



Bob Kessler

House of Stix

"You wanna be happy for a day: Eat a Steak. You wanna be happy for three days: buy a car. You wanna be happy for a week: Go on a cruise. You wanna be happy for a year: Win the lottery. But if you want to be happy for the rest of your life: Win a championship for Notre Dame." -LH

Not only does this season mark the 20th anniversary of Holtz's championship (and embarrassingly our last), but it also marks the first year that students have entered this University having not been alive for said champi-

onship. The oldest students here were eleven years old when Holtz was forced out, I mean resigned, from coaching here, yet we love him just the same. Having been this young when Holtz left Notre Dame, we must love Lou for reasons other than our memories of his coaching. I believe that the students today love Lou not only because of his Notre Dame legacy, but also because of his work on ESPN.

"If what you did yesterday seems big, you haven't done anything today." -LH

When Holtz finally retired from coaching in 2004 he took a job working as a college football analyst for ESPN, and for the past several years he has worked on the College GameDay Final show with Rece Davis and Mark May. Working for ESPN, Lou Holtz has reinvented himself and created new legions of fans at Notre Dame. While we would have respected his legacy regardless, Lou has reached out to thousands of new fans by proclaiming his undying love for Notre Dame every Saturday night on ESPN. His work at ESPN is made even more compelling because of the man who sits next to him in the studio: a Mr. Mark May.

"There's only one way you get respect, and that's by looking somebody in the eye for sixty minutes." -LH

If Lou Holtz is one of the men that Notre Dame Students love the most, Mr. May is one we collectively hate the most. For the past three years Mr. May

has chastised Charlie Weis and the Notre Dame Football Team at every conceivable opportunity. Maybe this is because Coach Weis began his tenure here by crushing May's alma mater Pittsburgh, or maybe this is because May is jealous that he was never granted the opportunity to attend our great University. Regardless, Mark May seemingly hates Notre Dame, forcing us to hate him.

The thing is: I actually like Mark May. Let this sink in for a moment.

At least, I like him insofar as he is the perfect complement for Lou Holtz on Saturday nights. Without May, Holtz probably wouldn't be as popular amongst students as he was when he was coaching. May and Holtz make each other more interesting. Their banter regarding Notre Dame is not only highly entertaining for us to watch, but it also keeps Notre Dame relevant at the national level (as opposed to having relevance equal to Cal Poly). Holtz and May arguing about Notre Dame is one of the primary reasons that I watch their show. In fact, it's a big reason why people watch any ESPN show.

Tony and Wilbon. Lee and Kirk. Jay and Woody. ESPN has become a forum for sportswriters' arguments. The network loves to broadcast feuds, and we love to watch them. This adversarial nature brings a level of excitement to sports journalism that just does not

appear in print. When we watch these shows, we want to jump into the argument and make our own case for the teams and athletes that we love.

That's why we love Lou Holtz, because he stands up for Notre Dame against Mark May. No matter how bad things look, Holtz will always believe in Notre Dame as an institution, and he will always be rooting for our football team. What's even better is that he does it in a way that makes us proud. He never yells back at Mr. May, he never gets sucked into the adversarial ESPN ethos; he will just laugh off Mr. May's comments and move on.

"I can't believe that God put us on this earth to be ordinary." -LH

Even though he has not worked here in years, Holtz is still an admirable representative for the university. We love him not only because he was our last championship coach, but also because no matter how poorly the administration treated him at the end of his tenure, he still loves and defends this university and our football team. We love him because he loves us. Then again, maybe we just love all of those great sound bytes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't forget the president

At the risk of redundancy, I would like to echo Mr. Heilbron's ("A thanks to NDSP," Sept 10) thanks in Wednesday's Observer. We all are indebted to NDSP's courageous efforts to combat the growing menace of Natty shotgunning. I know I speak for everyone when I offer my unequivocal support for their commitment to quality police work.

If I might, though, I would like to further extend his thanks to the president of this fine university. It is only through Fr. John Jenkins care for and extensive understanding of his student body that this quality police work may continue.

I'd keep going with this but, unfortunately, I lack the ability to mask my disgust with sarcasm. All it would take from the president is a modicum of effort to address off campus violence. A phone call, maybe two, to SBPD from South Bend's largest employer would speak volumes, but in a continuation of his pattern of gross negligence and ineptitude Jenkins refuses to put the issue on the table.

If I sound angry, I apologize. Maybe it's because two of my roommates were assaulted this weekend. Maybe it's because the self serving, smug pat on the back our incompetent police force managed to sneak on to the front page of this paper struck a nerve. Or maybe it's because when another friend managed to squeeze his way into Jenkin's office hours and dared to raise the issue, the president dismissed him with patronizing lip service.

What I want to know is what exactly will it take for someone in the University to at least pretend to care? Clearly repeated assaults rank somewhere below developing new dorms, growing the endowment and canceling the Vagina Monologues. I would have thought a multiple shooting would force them to act, but even after the tragedy in front of Club 23, no progress has been made. I shudder to think what would actually guilt our administration into action.

So another year begins and we look forward to more irrelevant football arrests, empty talk and inaction. Sad isn't it?

Michael Folger
senior
off campus
Sept. 10

Focus on what's important

Christina Pesavento's article from Sept. 9, "Selfishness vs. Self-Sacrifice," reads like a recitation of Republican talking points instead of a reasoned political argument.

As is typical in an election year, unfounded character attacks tend to take precedent over a discussion of the issues. I am not discrediting John McCain's service to the United States during the Vietnam War, including his time as a tortured prisoner of war. He demonstrated bravery and courage, and he nearly sacrificed his life in service of his country. I believe that such loyalty to the United States is an important trait for a leader to possess.

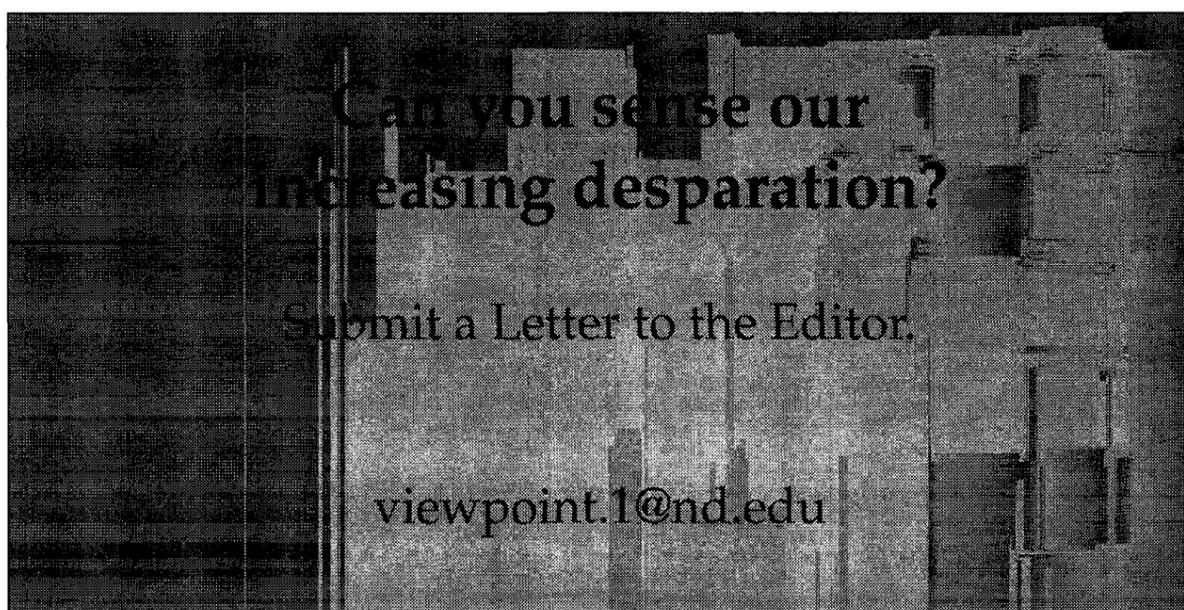
What bothers me is that McCain's military record and his time as a POW is constantly used, as it is in Pesavento's article, as McCain's primary and trumping qualification to be the next president of the United States, while Barack Obama is condemned for having no such qualifications. While such an experience can provide valuable insights, the past two presidents, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, have had negligible military service records, and John Kerry, another decorated Vietnam veteran, lost the election in 2004.

Pesavento is right about one thing — McCain's actions do "speak loudly enough to stand alone." Though Pesavento claims McCain is devoted "to

America and to its people rather than to his party or to himself," how does this compare to McCain's voting with George Bush 90 percent of the time or his ownership of seven houses? McCain has also consistently voted against legislation for veterans' rights (despite being an heroic veteran), against a Martin Luther King Day for the state of Arizona, and against healthcare for children (SCHIP). Shouldn't we be focusing on this type of information in the upcoming election?

Instead of criticizing Obama for the locations of his speeches, find a policy or plan to criticize. Instead of citing only McCain's heroic past, add to it by talking about his present voting records or his path for foreign policy. According to how Pesavento's article reads, Obama is "selfish" because he graduated from Columbia and Harvard Law, became the first African-American of the Harvard Law Review, and wrote an autobiography. As long as claims such as these are being made, we are being distracted from the real issues at hand in this election that will shape the future of our nation.

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THE HOUSE BUNNY

By JIM MCGUIRE
Scene Writer

Anna Faris is one of today's best comic actresses, with her wide-eyed charm and dead-on delivery. The trailer for "The House Bunny" ("I think I dropped some money over here by this manhole") easily made people want to rush out and see it as soon as possible. Admittedly, without Faris, "The House Bunny" might have become more bogged down than it already is by clichéd jokes about dumb blondes and how wild and crazy those darn college kids are.

At the beginning of the film, Shelley Darlington (Faris) is introduced, a pretty and bubbly (albeit slightly odd) aspiring centerfold who lives with Hugh Hefner, "Girls Next Door" style, at the Playboy Mansion. Life is great for Shelley until one day she is unceremoniously tossed from the mansion for being too old (27 is 59 in bunny years), and is forced to fend for herself.

Alone with nothing but her bust and blonde hair to help her, Shelley stumbles onto a college campus (USC in disguise) and meets the misfits of the ZETA sorority house.

Led by the nerdy but energetic Natalie, (the very funny Emma Stone from "Superbad"), the ZETA girls (a rag-tag group of Goths, tomboys, hermits and a pregnant co-ed) are looking for a new house mother to help them attract pledges and save their house from being sold. Shelley takes the job, and hilarity and a serious makeover ensue.

The plot is contrived, but one knows that going in. Shelley tries to teach the girls how to flirt and be sexy with sporadic results, but it is only after the ZETA girls get total hair and wardrobe makeovers (i.e. they all dress like Shelley in skimpy pink outfits with too much make-up) that they are able to come out of their shells and start being popular with the rest of campus.

The movie actually gets a little boring for a stretch of about 15 minutes in the middle, as pretty people just don't have problems, but things come crashing down when the ZETAs realize they have become elitist fakes like the girls in the other sororities and blame Shelley. Everything works out in the end when the girls realize how much Shelley means to them and get her back on campus just in time to save the ZETA house with a rousing (if not odd) speech about loving yourself.

"The House Bunny" as a whole is uneven. Things like the competition with the other sorority and Shelley's courtship of the bookish Oliver (Colin Hanks) weren't as funny or fleshed out as they were probably intended to be. None of those things really ruined the enjoyment of the film because one always knows that the next scene will feature Anna Faris getting into some sort of shenanigans.

What really gets one laughing is the quote-worthy oddities that kept coming out of Faris's mouth, from ignorance of social mores ("I think I'll have the mahi-mahi, but can I get it with just one mahi?") to sheer absurdities ("I like that word. Manhole.")

It's easy to find Faris's wacky, wide-eyed comedy style to be endearing, and it is fun to watch her start on a tangent, not knowing where she will go. Faris's Shelley, despite being perky and gorgeous, is really a lovable loser, craving acceptance and love just like all the ZETAs. Without Faris, though, one shudders to think about what kind of unfunny mess "The House Bunny" might have turned into.

The movie may have you very well giggling like a schoolgirl. However, the plot was not compelling enough to keep one in one's seat by itself, and the burden of carrying an entire movie (especially a comedy) on your shoulders is more than a comedienne just acquiring her leading lady status should have to deal with.

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The House Bunny

Starring: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks, Emma Stone
Directed by: Fred Wolf



Anna Faris through the Years



Photo courtesy of about.com
Faris first caught our attention in *Scary Movie*. She has been in all four.



Photo courtesy of imdb.com
Faris appeared with Scarlett Johansson and Bill Murray in *Lost in Translation*.



Photo courtesy of collider.com
Faris recently starred in *Smiley Face*.



By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

Four friends, three years later, same pair of pants. Taking storylines from the final three books of the bestselling series by Ann Brashares, "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" follows much the same formula as the first movie. Four girls, friends from birth (literally: their moms took prenatal yoga together), spend their summer apart but keep up with each other by way of a pair of jeans they mail back and forth to each other. Why jeans? Because the pants magically fit every girl perfectly despite their different shapes and sizes.

For every girl who cried like a baby when watching the first Sisterhood film, fear not: the second installment in the movie series does not disappoint on the drama.

Lena (Alexis Bledel) is still in love with her Greek ex-boyfriend, Kostos, but he's already gotten married. Tibby (Amber Tamblyn) has a pregnancy

scare. Bridget (Blake Lively) goes to an archaeology camp in Turkey but sneaks away to Alabama to meet her estranged grandmother. Carmen (America Ferrera), depressed because the other three girls are off at various summer schools, decides to follow a college friend to a summer theatre program and ends up landing the lead role in a production of *The Winter's Tale*.

Director Sanaa Hamri follows diligently in the stylistic footsteps of Ken Kwapis, the first film's director, competently juggling four storylines and generally making a very pretty movie, especially when the girls all go to Greece. The pacing is usually brisk and engaging, although there are parts that stumble.

Lively's character is almost given too much to do, what with an international excursion and unearthing a family secret, which makes the film feel a little lopsided at times.

The Kleenex moments are often but never cheap, and it's really a testament to the actors that the drama rings true. Tamblyn as the "rebel" Tibby stands out in a performance that is both hilarious and heartbreaking.

Hamri gets the most out of a talented cast, with help from Oscar nominee Shohreh Aghdashloo as the head archaeologist at Bridget's camp and Blythe Danner as Bridget's grandmother Greta.

When the first film came out, Bledel and Tamblyn were the big television stars, on "Gilmore Girls" and "Joan of Arcadia", respectively. But both those shows got cancelled. Now Ferrera is the star of "Ugly Betty" and Lively has shot to fame with "Gossip Girl".

This change in fortune doesn't make any impact on "Sisterhood" — the actors still inhabit the same characters they did in the first film, albeit a little more grown up.

"Sisterhood" is a well-crafted movie — maybe not for everyone (obstinate boyfriends in particular), but heartfelt and worth seeing.

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Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

Starring: America Ferrera, Alexis Bledel, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn, Blythe Danner,
Directed by: Sanaa Hamri



For or every girl who cried like a baby when watching the first Sisterhood, fear not: the film does not disappoint on the drama.

The Stars of the Sisterhood: Where Are They Today?



Photo courtesy of daemonstv.com

Blake Lively stars as Serena van der Woodsen in the guilty pleasure TV show *Gossip Girl*. Catch it every Monday night at 8 in a girls dorm near you.



Photo courtesy of online.com

America Ferrera starts as Betty in *Ugly Betty*, for which she has won a Golden Globe. The new season premieres on Thursday, September 27.



Photo courtesy of people.com

Amber Tamblyn is set to star in the new NYPD drama from ABC, *The Unusuals*, this fall.



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Alexis Bledel is starring in the indie film *The Good Guy*, currently filming.



Photo courtesy of sisterhoodofthetravelingpants2.warnerbros.com

Lena (Bledel), Carmen (Ferrera), Tibby (Tamblyn) and Bridget (Lively) face a new summer of challenges and change as "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" tells the story of the last three books in the Traveling Pants series.

MLB

Twins fall further behind in AL Central race

Moyer, Howard power Phillies past the Brewers to pull within three games of the NL East-leading Mets

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — In the end, Minnesota's bullpen blew another one—after the latest strong start by Francisco Liriano.

This was a bad time for the Twins to stop hitting, though—not to mention make one big mistake on the bases.

David DeJesus hit the winning single in the 10th inning for the Kansas City Royals in a 3-2 victory at Minnesota on Thursday, keeping the Twins in second place for at least another day and wasting eight impressive innings by Liriano.

"We didn't score enough runs today. That's the bottom line. Our pitching was great," said catcher Mike Redmond.

Liriano's longest start since July 28, 2006, which matched the second-longest outing of his career, wasn't enough. Minnesota woke up one game back in the AL Central race, with the White Sox hosting Toronto at night.

Matt Guerrier (6-8) gave up two one-out singles in the 10th before DeJesus hit the first pitch from Dennys Reyes into left field for the lead, putting relievers on the hook for eight of the team's last 11 losses. The Twins have lost 12 of their last 18 overall.

The seeds of defeat were sown long before they lost for the fifth time in their last six extra-inning games, however. Minnesota, by far the best in the majors this year with runners in scoring position, squandered several opportunities to build a healthy lead against starter Brandon Duckworth and reliever Ron Mahay.

After Carlos Gomez gave the Twins a 2-1 lead with a one-out RBI single in the second, he took a lead off first base and fell for Duckworth's slide step, froze, and stumbled. He got into a rundown and was eventually tagged out trying to dive back into the bag.

"Just looked like he was not paying much attention," an upset manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He just kind of jumped out there."

Gomez said he wasn't trying to steal.

"It happens. Nobody wants to be in a situation like this," said Gomez, whose energy and exuberance has worked against him and his team many times

this year.

He wasn't the only offensive culprit. Alexi Casilla grounded into a double play to end the fifth, and Redmond did the same to squelch a potential rally in the sixth after consecutive singles started the frame. With two on and two out in the seventh, Casilla popped out to third.

"These guys get paid to get you out, and today they did that," Redmond said.

Indeed, and Mahay, John Bale, Ramon Ramirez (3-2), and Joakim Soria (36th save) combined for five scoreless innings with only one hit and one walk allowed after Duckworth left two batters into the sixth. He gave up seven hits and two walks while striking out five.

"We feel that anytime we get into the bullpen, we can match up with just about anybody," Duckworth said.

The Twins haven't said that in awhile. Liriano retired 17 of his last 18 batters before turning the ninth over to Joe Nathan, who pitched a perfect inning. But Guerrier and Reyes couldn't get the outs they needed. Guerrier's ERA rose to 4.84.

"These guys are fine. We're going to be fine," Redmond said. "It's just a mindset. What's happened has happened."

Phillies 6, Brewers 3

Jamie Moyer can rest his arm when he retires. For now, the old man is doing whatever it takes to extend the Philadelphia Phillies' season.

Moyer pitched five and two-thirds innings on three days' rest, Ryan Howard hit his major league-leading 43rd homer and the Phillies beat the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday night to gain ground in the playoff race.

"He's been consistent all year," manager Charlie Manuel said of Moyer, the oldest player in the majors. "Goes to show you the old man can still pitch."

The Phillies pulled within three games of the NL East-leading Mets and the wild card-leading Brewers by roughing up Ben Sheets (13-8). They remain four behind New York in the loss column.

Moyer (14-7) allowed three runs and four hits, improving to 7-1 in his last 13 starts. The 45-year-old left-hander moved past Hall of Famer Juan Marichal and into a tie with Jack Powell for 49th on the career list with



Kansas City shortstop Mike Aviles tags out Minnesota centerfielder Carlos Gomez Thursday in a rundown in the second inning of the Royals' 3-2 victory over the Twins.

244 wins.

Pitching on short rest for the first time since 2004, Moyer kept the Brewers off balance with his usual assortment of batting practice-speed fastballs and even slower stuff. He left after Prince Fielder's two-run drive made it 4-3.

"As I got deeper, I think I got a little tired a little quicker," Moyer said. "I'm here, I'm healthy. Sometimes you have to step up."

Fielder's homer was his first since Aug. 13, but slumping Milwaukee lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

"This series has no more importance or value than the last series, but every day is important, every game is important," Brewers manager Ned Yost said. "It's must-win, that must be your mind-set in September."

Ryan Madson pitched two innings, Chad Durbin threw one pitch to retire the only batter he faced with two on in the eighth and Brad Lidge finished

for his 36th save in as many chances.

But it was Moyer who gave the ailing Phillies a big lift by taking the mound and making sure they played with a lead.

"Jamie did a great job," Howard said. "Anything is possible with him."

Sheets entered with a 20-inning scoreless streak, but couldn't extend it. The All-Star right-hander allowed five runs and nine hits in six innings.

"We've got to win some games," Sheets said. "I got a good vibe when the game ended. I know we didn't win, but I feel better today."

Howard connected in the first to give the Phillies a 2-0 lead. He launched a first-pitch fastball into the bushes beyond the center-field wall for his fourth homer in six games.

"I have to produce runs," Howard said. "Whatever I can do to get the team going and provide a spark, I try to do."

J.J. Hardy sliced the lead in half with a two-out homer in

the third, but the Phillies answered with two runs in the fourth.

Howard nearly hit another two-run shot, settling for an RBI double when his drive to center bounced off the top of the wall. It was his major league-leading 129th RBI. Pedro Feliz lined a two-out double just over right fielder Corey Hart's head to make it 4-1.

Fielder had gone 67 at-bats without a homer before going deep in the sixth.

Carlos Ruiz had an RBI double in the bottom half to give Philadelphia a two-run cushion. His eighth-inning suicide squeeze, a rarity for the Phillies, provided the final margin.

"I figured I might as well start trying to be a National League manager," Manuel joked. "I heard Ruiz as he was going up the steps ask somebody what the squeeze sign was. I figured he wants to squeeze, so I let him do it."

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NCAA Football AP Poll

team	points	record
1 USC	1,577	1-0
2 Georgia	1,525	2-0
3 Oklahoma	1,458	2-0
4 Florida	1,438	2-0
5 Ohio State	1,347	2-0
6 Missouri	1,336	2-0
7 LSU	1,231	1-0
8 Texas	1,100	2-0
9 Auburn	1,067	2-0
10 Wisconsin	910	2-0
11 Alabama	865	2-0
12 Texas Tech	845	2-0
13 Kansas	825	2-0
14 East Carolina	762	2-0
15 Arizona State	744	2-0
16 Oregon	616	2-0
17 Penn State	607	2-0
18 Brigham Young	537	2-0
19 South Florida	493	2-0
20 Wake Forest	404	2-0
21 Fresno State	290	1-0
22 Utah	258	2-0
23 California	195	2-0
24 Illinois	164	1-1
25 West Virginia	163	1-1

NCAA Football USA Today Poll

team	points	record
1 USC	1,481	1-0
2 Georgia	1,454	2-0
3 Oklahoma	1,370	2-0
4 Florida	1,306	2-0
5 Ohio State	1,289	2-0
6 Missouri	1,212	2-0
7 LSU	1,198	1-0
8 Texas	1,069	2-0
9 Auburn	1,017	2-0
10 Wisconsin	946	2-0
11 Kansas	854	2-0
12 Texas Tech	755	2-0
13 Arizona State	737	2-0
13 Oregon	665	2-0
15 Brigham Young	628	2-0
16 Alabama	611	2-0
17 Penn State	547	2-0
18 South Florida	475	2-0
19 Wake Forest	419	2-0
20 East Carolina	375	2-0
21 Fresno State	300	1-0
22 Utah	235	2-0
23 Clemson	175	1-1
24 West Virginia	145	1-1
25 California	128	2-0

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

NFL



Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young answers questions from the media Thursday at the team's training facility in Nashville, TN. Young has recently come under fire after seeming to show a lack of commitment to the team.

Young denies commitment doubts

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans quarterback Vince Young insists he never wavered in his commitment to football.

All that concern over his mental state? He says he was upset as he dealt with his first serious injury, and he didn't realize he had to tell his mother where he was going anymore.

Then the media went overboard.

Young spoke publicly Thursday for the first time since Titans coach Jeff Fisher called police for help in locating the quarterback Monday night

because of concerns over his emotional well-being. His mother, Felicia Young, also told a local newspaper that the quarterback had indicated he didn't want to play football anymore because of all the negativity he faced.

"I was never depressed," Young said.

He took questions from reporters for 16 minutes after watching his teammates practice. His message? Don't question his commitment.

"Football, this is my life. This is my dream. All I did all these years growing up to get to this point and never had an injury like this before in my life," he

said. "It's a hard time because I'm a competitor, and I definitely want to be out on the football field with my teammates."

Questions about his mental state and attitude started Sunday when the third-year quarterback was booed heavily by fans upset at his second interception, and he appeared as if he didn't want to return to the game. Fisher pulled his headset off and talked to him before the quarterback joined the rest of the offense.

Four plays later, Young sprained his left medial collateral ligament when Jaguars linebacker Daryl

Smith crashed into his left knee.

Young didn't go to the Titans' headquarters Monday, and Fisher went to his quarterback's house. The Titans also sent a psychologist and another team official to talk with Young. He was described as being emotionally down. Young said Thursday that lasted half a day and he was upset over his two interceptions.

Fisher told Young to go take the MRI exam needed to determine the extent of the damage to his knee. Young didn't go. But with so many people at his house, Young said, he needed space to think.

IN BRIEF

Saints release Thomas, include option for return

METAIRIE, La. — The New Orleans Saints reached a settlement with injured defensive tackle Hollis Thomas, allowing the 12-year veteran to come back later this season with the Saints or any other team.

"He knows if he gets this thing rehabbed and is able to come back 100 percent, then (returning to the Saints is) certainly an option," coach Sean Payton said after Thursday's practice.

Payton initially announced on Wednesday that Thomas, who had surgery to repair a torn right triceps, was going to be placed on injured reserve. That would have ended the defensive tackle's season, but also would have kept him under contract with New Orleans in 2009.

However, Thomas agreed to an undisclosed payment in order to get his release.

Brewers' Kapler tears muscle, could miss rest of season

MILWAUKEE — Brewers right fielder Gabe Kapler has a torn muscle in his right shoulder and could miss the rest of the season.

Kapler will stay in Milwaukee and undergo physical therapy with the team in an effort to determine whether he can return this year.

The team said Thursday that Kapler is hopeful he can return this year, but gave no timetable for his recovery.

He left Wednesday's game after making a hard throw to the plate in the sixth inning against the Cincinnati Reds.

With the Reds leading 3-1, Kapler's throw kept Edwin Encarnacion from attempting to score on Jay Bruce's single, but Kapler, in the lineup for struggling All-Star Corey Hart, immediately winced in pain and grabbed for his shoulder.

OSU's Wells downgraded to doubtful for USC game

COLUMBUS — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Thursday it is doubtful that starting tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells will play Saturday night against No. 1 Southern California.

Tressel said there was lingering soreness for Wells in his right foot after he worked out on Wednesday night. Wells did not practice with the team Thursday morning just before it departed for Los Angeles.

"We were hoping he'd wake up this morning and feel even better than yesterday," Tressel said shortly before boarding the team bus to the airport. "But it didn't happen. We'll see from here."

Wells injured his right foot in the fifth-ranked Buckeyes' opener against Youngstown State, did not play last week against Ohio and has not had contact in partial practices this week. He flew with the team on Thursday afternoon.

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NHL

Staal signs seven-year extension with Hurricanes

Carolina reaches new long-term agreement with 23-year-old All Star center worth nearly \$58 million

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolina Hurricanes signed Eric Staal to a seven-year contract extension Thursday.

The deal worth \$57.75 million will pay the center an average of \$8.25 million starting in 2009-10 and will last through the 2015-16 season.

“When you get a player this young that’s this good, you have to make sure you keep him long term,” general manager Jim Rutherford said.

“And if you don’t, your team, your franchise will go backwards.”

Rutherford said the parties “fine-tuned” the deal’s basic terms Wednesday, a day before Staal publicly signed the contract during an elaborate ceremony at the RBC Center that included a 2-minute video tribute.

The 23-year-old two-time All-Star, MVP of last year’s All-Star game and key component of

the Carolina team that won the 2006 Stanley Cup had been discussing the new deal with team officials all summer, with Rutherford making a long-term deal one of his top priorities heading into training camp, which starts next week.

“I wasn’t stressing and wanting to make sure it was done before camp,” Staal said. “But it is a nice feeling now to have it out of the way and not get the questions the whole season about an extension ... and focus on the hockey.”

“Obviously, for me at a young age, to be able to lift the Stanley Cup over my head was something that I dreamed out my whole life,” he added. “I want to do it again.”

Staal will get a \$1 million raise next year and will make \$6 million during the first year of the deal, with his salary escalating to \$9.5 million in 2015-16, Rutherford said. The Hurricanes’ first-round draft pick in 2003 is entering the

final year of the three-year deal he signed in 2006 that will pay him \$5 million this season.

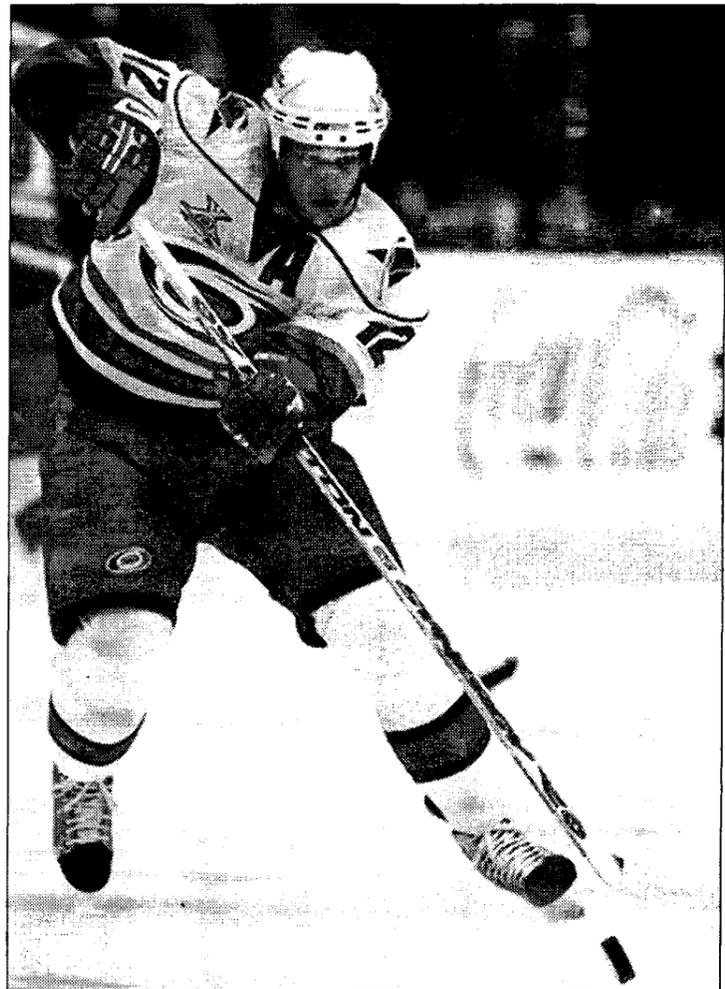
Staal, the center of coach Peter Laviolette’s No. 1 line, had 100 points three seasons ago in leading Carolina to its first Cup. The Hurricanes haven’t made the playoffs since, though he bounced back from a subpar 2006-07 season with 38 goals and 44 assists last season.

“Over the last couple seasons, it’s been a ton of fun. Obviously, the last two not as much fun as the year before that,” Staal said. “We’ve got to get back to the playoffs, back to where we should be, and I’m very grateful for this and for being here a long time.”

The lucrative deal likely means Staal — the team’s highest-paid player — will remain in the leadership role in which he blossomed last season, earning a permanent “A” on his sweater.

Rutherford insisted the rich contract won’t hurt the team’s bottom line in the future, stressing the Hurricanes would be significantly worse off had they allowed Staal to test free agency.

“We think over time, the way the market has responded to this team and to hockey, that we’ll be in a stronger position financially to do this,” Rutherford said.



Carolina Hurricanes’ center Eric Staal makes a pass during a game against the Toronto Maple Leafs January 15.

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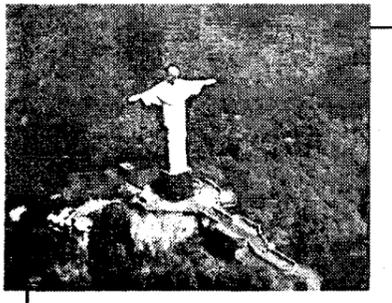
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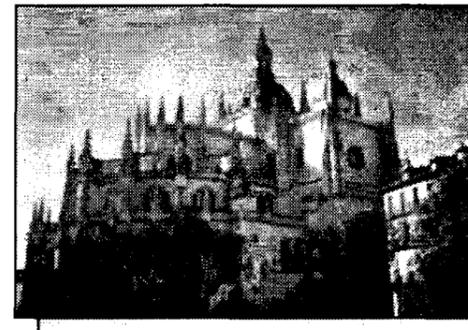
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NFL

Williams negotiated own contract extension

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Always one to go against the grain, Ricky Williams negotiated his own contract extension with Bill Parcells and the Miami Dolphins, including a verbal agreement regarding a performance bonus.

Williams, 31, said he didn't ask the Dolphins to forgive the \$8.6 million he has owed them since a 2004 ruling by an arbitrator. He said the extension upset his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

"He's mad because I didn't talk to him about it," Williams said Thursday. "He was looking forward to me becoming a free agent."

Williams could have tested free agency for the first time after this season. Instead, on Aug. 31 he signed a contract that included a one-year extension through 2009.

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner and 2002 NFL rushing champion said Parcells offered the extension, and the deal was done in less than a week.

"I trust my gut feelings about it," Williams said. "I thought about it, I talked to my family, I talked to my financial advisers, and my only concern was if I had a pretty good year, then I might feel like I was undercompensated. I brought that up to Bill, and he agreed, and we

came to an agreement."

The verbal agreement is for a bonus of more than \$1 million if Williams rushes for more than 1,100 yards this year, he said. That will be difficult because he's splitting carries with Ronnie Brown.

Williams was to earn the veteran minimum of \$730,000 this year. The new contract adds a \$93,000 roster bonus per game, which could bring his 2008 salary to \$2.2 million. Next year his salary will be \$3.3 million. None of the money is guaranteed.

The Dolphins and Steinberg declined comment. Williams said his independent approach to the negotiations might not be right for most players.

"It's rare to have a situation where you can trust management," he said. "The assumption most people make is that a team is going to look out solely for their own best interests."

Williams has always had an unusual approach to his career. The rapper Master P's agency negotiated Williams' first NFL contract, and most of that seven-year, \$68 million deal with the New Orleans Saints was based on incentive bonuses difficult to earn.

An abrupt one-year retirement and violations of the league's substance abuse policy have limited him to 13 games since 2003.



Miami Dolphins runningback Ricky Williams attempts to fight off a tackle by defensiveback Drayton Florence during a preseason game against the Jacksonville Jaguars August 16.

An arbitrator ruled Williams breached his contract by retiring, and he was ordered to repay the Dolphins \$8.6 million in bonus money. The Dolphins have never tried to collect, and while they could garnish his wages, Williams

said he saw no reason to raise the subject in contract talks.

"It never for one day has ever been an issue," he said. "As long as the Dolphins and I have a good relationship — from Day 1 since I came back, it has never been an

issue."

Williams said the new contract means he's set for life financially, allowing him to support his three children and attend medical school when he retires from the NFL.

NHL

Roy to have No. 33 Canadiens jersey retired Nov. 22

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Patrick Roy will have his No. 33 retired by the Montreal Canadiens on Nov. 22 before the team's game against the Boston Bruins.

Roy, who previously had his number retired by Colorado, is the NHL's only three-time winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy, awarded to the MVP of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It's a great day, it's a great honor to have the chance to come back with the organization and the family of the Montreal Canadiens," Roy said Thursday. "I

think when you talk about the Canadiens, you have to put the word family in front of it."

A fiery competitor, Roy parted ways with the team on bad terms during the 1995-96 season, forcing a trade after he was left in goal by head coach and former teammate Mario Tremblay during a blowout loss to Detroit on Dec. 2.

During Wednesday's press conference at the Bell Centre, Roy welcomed the opportunity to turn the page on the events that brought about the trade, and hopes the team's fans will do the same.

"It was more difficult than people might think to leave Montreal," Roy said. "Yes, I would have liked to leave on a different note but there is nothing you can do today and the message that I want to send is it's time for me to move on, and I hope it is the same for them."

A four-time Stanley Cup winner, Roy led the Canadiens to his first title as a 20-year-old rookie in 1986. He won his second Cup and second Conn Smythe Trophy in 1993 as Montreal won a record 10 straight overtime games in the playoffs.

"I always have been proud of

my 10 years in Montreal," said Roy, who starred in goal for the Canadiens from 1985 to 1995. "I learned a lot. This is where I learnt to be a winner."

Dealt to Colorado four days after his famous meltdown, Roy went on to claim his third championship with the Avalanche that spring. He added his third playoff MVP award and fourth Cup in 2001.

Roy, the winningest goalie in league history, retired following the 2002-03 playoffs. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2006.

Colorado Avalanche president Pierre Lacroix said Roy's honor

was well-deserved.

"To have No. 33 hang from the rafters in Montreal, a place where the game's greatest goaltender began his career, is truly special," said Lacroix, a Montreal native. "For me, it's another reminder of the legacy that Patrick has left behind. I know fans in the Quebec province appreciate his contributions and many will remember how far he came from his early days wearing the Canadiens' sweater. We were able to witness the creativity and style that he developed and realized that he was in a league of his own at an early age."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Yates leads UNC to blowout win at Rutgers

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Butch Davis has North Carolina back on the road to respectability.

T.J. Yates threw three touchdown passes and the Tar Heels won for the first time outside North Carolina since 2002, beating error-prone Rutgers 44-12 in a nationally televised game that pitted Davis against his former pupil, Greg Schiano.

Yates found a wide-open Hakeem Nicks on touchdown passes of 9 and 11 yards and connected on a 69-yard scoring play with speedster Brandon Tate, who also scored on a 12-yard end around.

The Tar Heels intercepted four passes, including three by starter Mike Teel. Linebacker Bruce Carter returned a bobbled pass 66 yards for a touchdown as the Tar Heels (2-0) handed Rutgers (0-2) its worst loss since a 56-5 loss to Louisville on Nov. 11, 2005. Freshman Jay Wooten added field goals of 43, 29 and 27 yards.

The victory was the Tar Heels' biggest since a 52-17 win over Duke in 2001.

The start is the best since 2000 for North Carolina, which is looking for its first winning season since 2001. The Tar Heels were 4-8 a year ago in Davis' first season.

The start is worst for the Scarlet Knights since 2002,

when they finished 1-11 in Schiano's second season. It also was the worst home loss since being thrashed 40-0 by West Virginia that same year.

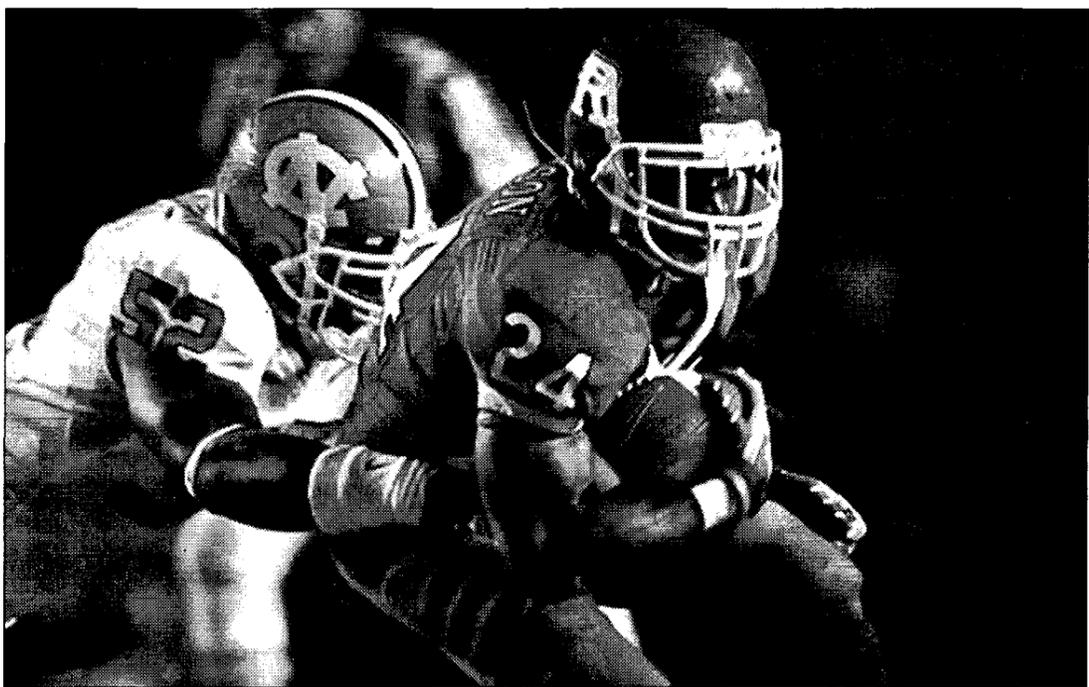
In many ways, the Scarlet Knights looked like the Rutgers of old. They blew pass coverages on all three of Yates' TD passes, had a bad punt lead to a North Carolina score and saw their senior quarterback turn the ball over three times.

By the time the third quarter was over, North Carolina had a 38-6 lead and only a couple of thousand fans from the sell-out crowd of 42,502 were on hand for a derisive cheer when Teel threw a fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Kevin Brock.

San San Te kicked field goals of 34 and 32 yards for Rutgers, which came into the season looking for a fourth straight bowl trip. After losing two at home, the Scarlet Knights need to turn things around quickly.

Davis, who hired Schiano as his defensive coordinator at Miami, saw his team improve markedly after struggling in the season opener against McNeese State.

Yates finished 14-of-22 for 221 yards and matched his career high with the three TD passes. Tate caught four passes for a career-best 138 yards. His 69-yard touchdown catch was the longest of his career.



Rutgers running back Mason Robinson tries to get away from a tackle by North Carolina's Quan Sturdivant during their game Thursday night. UNC defeated Rutgers 44-12.

Nicks added six catches for 63 yards with the two TDs, tying his single-game high.

North Carolina took control of the game with 38 points in the second and third quarters.

The Tar Heels scored on three straight possessions in the second to take a 17-6 half-time lead.

An interception by cornerback Charles Brown, set up Wooten's longer field goal that

tied it at 3.

A 25-yard punt by Teddy Delleganne gave North Carolina the ball at its own 49 on the next series. Five plays later, Yates found a wide-open Nicks in the corner of the end zone for a 10-3 lead.

A 12-yard run by backup quarterback Jabu Lovelace and passes of 16, 11 and 10 yards by Teel led to Te's 32-yard field goal that got

Rutgers to 10-6.

On the ensuing play from scrimmage, Tate ran by cornerback Jason McCourty and Yates lofted a pass down the right sideline for the 69-yard catch and run.

North Carolina blew the game open in the third quarter as Tate scored on the end around, Carter tallied on the interception and Nicks had his second TD catch.



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NCAA BASKETBALL

Community mourns death of former coach

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Thousands of people filled the Don Haskins Center on Thursday night to remember the basketball coach in a memorial service that took on the atmosphere of a college game.

The arena's television screens showed a 1997 roast of Haskins, known to the basketball world as "The Bear" and to fans and players as simply "Coach," while a spotlight shone on the 1966 NCAA national championship banner.

The scoreboard was lit up with the final score of that game — Texas Western College, 72, Kentucky 65 — as it was during a public viewing for Haskins on Tuesday.

Haskins died Sunday. He was 78.

The Texas-El Paso marching band was on hand and former referee Irv Brown even stood guard with a whistle to cut off speakers who went over their allotted time in a service that was expected to last three hours.

Former players, coaches and others praised Haskins for his dedication to his players and offered censored versions of stories of a coach known as much for his skill as his colorful language.

"Coach Haskins lived to be a winner not just in the Xs and Os," said Nevil Shed, one of Haskins' starters on the 1966 team. "And he instilled in us that on the court you had to do your best, but after all this basketball you have to be a winner in life. Each and every one of his players still has a good portion of Coach Haskins in them."

Shed, the first to get the foul whistle from Brown, recalled fondly that while there were times — mostly in the midst of seemingly endless practice — he hated Haskins

he's a better man for having played for him.

"I can always say I thank God for my mother and father and I can say thank God for Don Haskins and all he did for me,"

"Coach Haskins lived to be a winner not just in the Xs and Os. And he instilled in us that on the court you had to do your best, but after all this basketball you have to be a winner in life."

Nevil Shed
Former UTEP basketball player

Shed said.

Nolan Richardson, who played for Haskins during his first two years in El Paso and was a national champion as a coach at Arkansas, recalled seeing Haskins and his wife, Mary, arrive as a young coach in 1961. He said Haskins told him he couldn't "guard a telegraph pole" and suggested he stick to football.

"He was not political and you loved him for it," Richardson said. "What you saw was what you got. And I loved that so much. I tried to emulate that in my career. The championships



Fans and friends pay their respects to UTEP Hall of Fame college basketball coach Don Haskins at the Haskins Center Thursday. Haskins passed away Sunday night at the age of 78.

we won (at Arkansas) with our kids, it all came from The Bear."

Before taking the podium Thursday, Richardson described Haskins as a "mentor and a good friend."

"You are talking about a crown jewel," Richardson said. Richardson said while Haskins never acknowledged knowing what it meant for him

to start to five black players in the 1966 championship game against an all-white Kentucky squad, he believes Haskins always knew what he was doing.

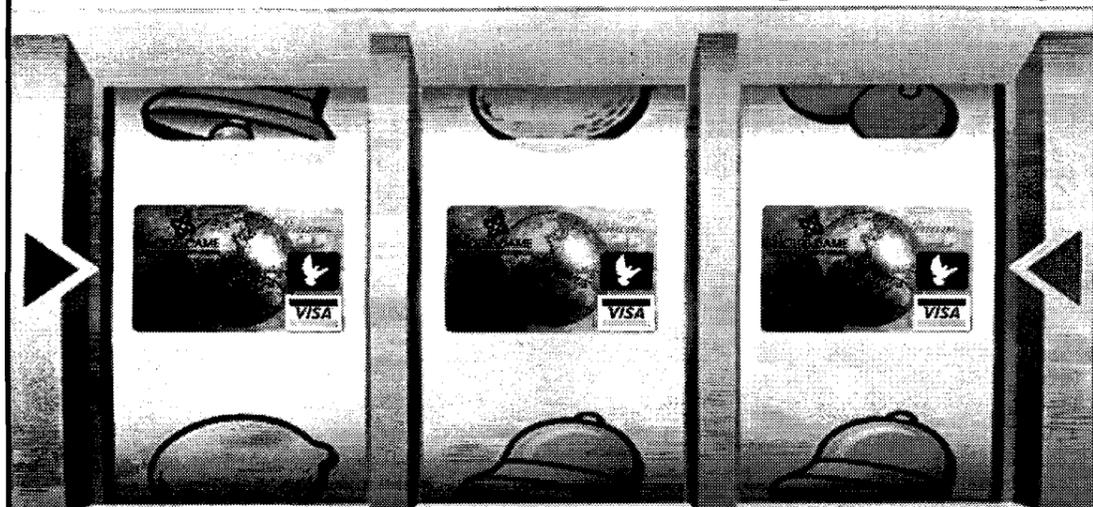
"He was a simple man with values," Richardson said. "Had he known the values he had maybe he wouldn't have been so good."

Countless friends and former

players, including Tim Hardaway and Antonio Davis, filled the arena's floor Thursday.

Those who knew Haskins best said this week that he would have hated the spectacle of thousands of people paying tribute to him. But family friend Jim Paul said this was the one time they didn't give Haskins a vote.

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a touch, and beat Marquette keeper Matt Pyzdrowski near post.

The rest of the first half saw the game settle down into a more back-and-forth contest between both teams, and the Irish would enter the locker room with a 1-0 half-time lead. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he wasn't satisfied with the halftime lead.

"We talk about coming out strong every game, and we certainly drew [the players] attention to the fact that their performance dropped off quite drastically in the second half of the first half," Clark said.

Clark's words certainly seemed to re-energize his squad as Notre Dame turned a tight game into a blowout within the first 10 minutes of the second half. At the center of it was once again was Donahue.

Four minutes into the second half, defender Jack Traynor hit an in-swinging

free kick flicked on by midfielder Michael Thomas into a scrum of bodies in front of the Golden Eagles net. Donahue was quickest to react and jammed the loose ball into the back of the net for his second goal of the evening.

Six minutes later the junior midfielder turned provider as his low cross was received at the top of the box by Thomas, whose deft touch created enough space to fire far-post past Pyzdrowski. Donahue would complete his evening in the 64th minute when he poked home a loose ball after reaching it first.

"You score one goal and you're happy as a wide midfielder player, so to score three goals is special," Clark said of Donahue's hat trick. "[Donahue's] served his time coming off the bench. Now he's in a starter's role, and he's really taking advantage of that."

Although Donahue's performance will be most remembered for his hat trick, the wide midfielder also looked dangerous in his more traditional role of get-

ting wide and serving balls into the box — a point that Donahue emphasized.

"My main job is to be stepping on their backs and midfielders, just taking a touch and serving balls into the box to our big guys," Donahue said. "Last year, my role was more coming off the bench and raising the tempo. This year I've earned a starting spot, and hopefully I can keep the tempo raised from the start."

About the only negative on the evening for Coach Clark and his squad came near the end of the first half when starting forward Jeb Brovsky left the game because of an injury. Clark said Brovsky felt he could have returned in the second half, but the doctors wanted to him out as a precaution.

Regardless, Brovsky should have plenty of time to let his injury heal as Notre Dame's next game isn't until Sept. 19, when the Irish welcome St. John's to Alumni Field.

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SMC CROSS-COUNTRY

Field of 400 awaits Saint Mary's in Peoria

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish will test their mettle against more than 400 runners today at the Bradley Invitational in Peoria, Ill.

Belles coach Jackie Bauters said she wants the team to get a good base time for the 5-kilometer race.

"The team is looking great," Bauters said. "We have work to do, but I'm very happy with the start of the season."

Earlier this season the Belles hosted the Alumnae Exhibition race. It was the first time the team ran together in a competitive format since losing its top two runners from last season.

"I think the team ran great together during the alumnae race," Bauters said. "And while I believe they are all working very hard, without much outside competition I think it isn't as true of a representation of what we're capable of at this time."

Last weekend the Belles took fourth place at the Hokem Karem in Crawfordsville, Ind. The race was a relay format with the top three finishing teams contributing to the team score. Many upperclassmen stepped up to help the Belles finish fourth. Junior Megan

McClowry and freshman Adrienne Rodriguez, who finished 10th overall with a time of 23:45, led the team. NAIA team Indiana Tech claimed the crown.

One strength for Saint Mary's this year is its good mix of upper and underclassmen.

"I thought they were great at the Hokem Karem," Bauters said. "Everyone really pushed themselves as hard as they could and I believe not knowing the caliber of the other teams was of benefit to us."

Bauters said she is looking for her team to go out hard and race well against the vast competition.

"I want to see the team go out on the course and not hold back," Bauters said. "We will be tired but I still want to see them mentally go in ready to compete."

So far this season, the team is what Bauters expected it to be. She said there have yet to be many surprises and that no one has really stepped up, but instead runners have filled the voids left by the graduation of Megan Gray.

The Belles head to the Calvin Invitational on Sept. 20.

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10. Brown was an All-American at USC and coached Arizona State.

Up first today at 3 p.m. is No. 16 Cal Poly (4-2), who in coming off a tough loss to No. 2 Nebraska. Senior opposite Kylie Atherstone, who earned her conference-record tenth Big West Player of the Week honors last week, leads the Mustangs. Atherstone averaged 3.78 kills and 1.11 aces per set and had a .342 hitting percentage as Cal Poly posted a 2-1 mark at its Sept. 5-6 Paso Robles Marriott Invitational.

Before this year, junior setter Hailey Fithian's had earned just 125 total assists in 34 sets of action. Overcoming her inexperience, Fithian has already compiled 251 assists through six matches this year and features a 10.46 assists-per-set average that ranks second among Big West players and 47th in Division I.

Things do not get any easier for the Irish on Saturday, when they face No. 4 California (5-0), Notre Dame's

highest ranked opponent of the year thus far. The Irish took the Bears to five sets after losing the first two in a neutral-site match last season.

Cal leads the all-time series against Notre Dame, 2-1.

The Bears kept their season flawless last week by winning three matches without dropping a set at the 2008 Golden Bear Invitational, defeating James Madison, DePaul and UC Riverside.

Finishing up the weekend on Sunday is an equally formidable Minnesota (5-1) squad playing on their home court.

Last weekend at the Honolulu Advertiser Classic the Golden Gophers defeated Cincinnati (3-0), Wyoming (3-0) and lost to No. 11 Hawaii (2-3).

Leading Minnesota is sophomore outside hitter Brook Dieter, who averages 3.22 kills per set, 1.94 digs per set and 0.83 blocks per set.

The Golden Gophers are out-hitting their opponents .279 to .133, and out-blocking them 2.95 to 0.95 blocks per set.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Panel to analyze performance

CEO Logan forms a committee to investigate low medal count

Associated Press

The new leader of USA Track and Field analyzed the team's underwhelming performance at the Beijing Olympics — including dropped batons and a record-low men's gold medal count — and judged the federation's overall performance to be "seriously deficient."

After watching both U.S. relay teams drop the baton in the 400-meter preliminaries and seeing the U.S. men win only four gold medals, CEO Doug Logan has decided to form a panel of former athletes and coaches to analyze USATF's high-performance programs.

"This will probably be an uncomfortable exercise," Logan wrote Thursday in his blog on the USATF Web site. "But, this is not a 'knee jerk' reaction, or a 'witch hunt,' or an attempt to castigate anyone. Indeed, this panel may determine that the factors leading to less-than-optimal performance were beyond anyone's control."

The Americans took home 23 medals from Beijing —

most of any country — but the results were still disappointing on many levels.

Bernard Lagat (1,500 and 5,000), Reese Hoffa (shot put), Tyson Gay (100 and 200), Brad Walker (pole vault) and Jeremy Wariner (400) were the 2007 world champions who failed to defend their titles at the Olympics.

Lagat and Gay, who were fighting injuries, joined Walker and Hoffa in failing to win medals.

Sanya Richards (400), Allyson Felix (200) and Lolo Jones (100 hurdles) were other favorites who did not win. Wariner was beaten by another American, LaShawn Merritt, in the 400.

Logan did his own analysis of the results and the numbers were no better.

Not counting relays, he said there were 66 individual performances in men's competition and 65 in women's. Only seven of the men (10.6 percent) and 11 of the women (16.9 percent) performed at their peak level for 2008 in Beijing.

Meanwhile, the relays that have long been considered

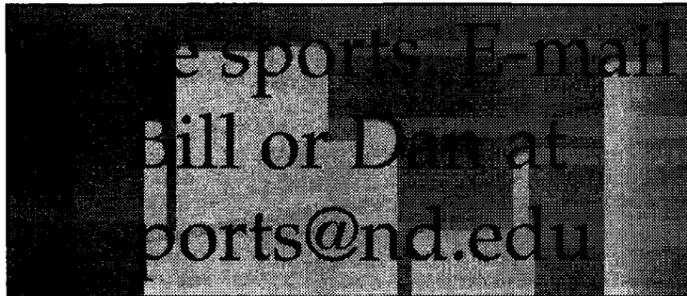
America's signature event resulted in stunning disappointments, at least in the 400-meter races. Gay and Lauryn Williams were both involved in bad exchanges that knocked the U.S. team out in the preliminary round. Gay did not participate at the U.S. training camp in Dalian, China, where two intensive relay practices were held.

"The expectation is that we should dominate" in relays, Logan said. "They are also the activity that we, as an organization, should have the greatest control over. We select the athletes and train and coach them."

Logan noted that since 2003, in world championship and Olympic competition, there have been eight 400-meter relay medal opportunities. In four of the eight, the U.S. teams failed to make the finals. From 1999 through 2003, Americans won medals in seven of eight 400 relays.

"We need to determine what has changed in the last four years," Logan said.

The Americans did salvage things by winning both 1,600-meter relays, but their seven overall gold medals were one fewer than the previous two Olympics and only one more than their worst showings in 1972 and 1976, when there were fewer events.



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During his NBA career, Garrity averaged 7.3 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. His best years came in 2001-02 and 2002-03, when he averaged 11.1 and 10.7 points per game, respectively, and started in 96 games during the two seasons.

At Notre Dame, Garrity averaged 18.8 points per game over four seasons and was named Big East player of the year for the 1996-97 campaign, his junior year, when he averaged 21.1 points per game.

As a senior, he was named a second-team All American. He is third on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, behind only Austin Carr and Adrian Dantley.

"Playing with and against the greatest basketball players in the world has been an experience which has given me some of the fondest memories of my life," Garrity said.

Meanwhile, former Irish forward and 2008 graduate Rob Kurz signed a contract with the Golden State Warriors and will attend their training camp.

For Kurz, the contract comes near the end of a hectic summer, filled with tryouts and workouts with vari-

ous teams.

"You're always working, you always have to stay ready. I wasn't sure what was going to happen, if I was going to be taking off for overseas or going to another team or what was going to happen..." Kurz said in a phone interview Thursday. "Everyday you really didn't know what was going to happen, but whatever happens I just tried to make the best of the situation."

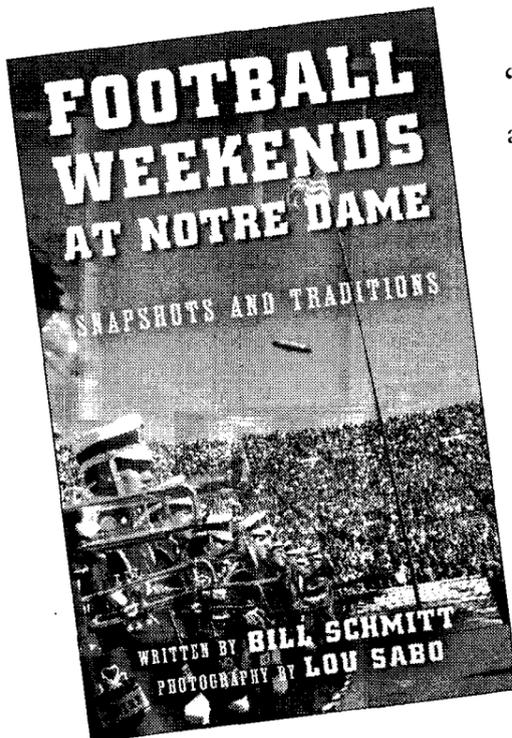
Kurz was the heart and soul of the Irish last season and helped Notre Dame to a tie for second place in the Big East and a second-round appearance in the NCAA Tournament. During his junior and senior years, Kurz averaged over 12 points and seven rebounds per game.

Golden State currently has 18 players under contract and will have to cut that down to 15 before the season starts. Kurz was one of three undrafted rookies the Warriors signed this offseason - DeMarcus Nelson from Duke and Dion Dowell from Houston were the others.

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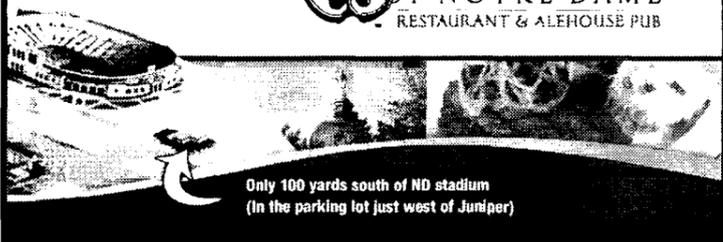
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Recruits

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to know some of the players that they'll be lining up against."

For some of these recruits, it's the first time they will have ever set foot on the Notre Dame campus. Because of this, the coaching staff will have to pull out all the stops to make an impression.

Four-star defensive end Davon Custis out of Columbus, Ohio, is a first-time visitor. The Saint Francis DeSales High School product liked the Irish early in the recruiting process, but later faded after some miscommunication with the Irish coaching staff. After the problem was solved, Custis is now on good terms with Notre Dame, and this visit could be what the Irish need to pick up another commitment.

"Custis has never been to Notre Dame, so this first impression will be crucial," Frank said. "He's a smart kid, came from a similar environment in a Catholic high school, so he could like the campus. He's a big-time player that a lot of programs

are after and could fit in nicely in this class."

Another player that has yet to see Notre Dame is Nyshier Oliver, a safety from Jersey City, N.J. Oliver originally committed to Tennessee, but later reopened his recruitment and saw an Irish offer come rolling in the following morning. Frank said he thinks this could potentially be a case in which a visit went a long way to swaying the player.

"Nyshier hasn't been either, but he has a strong interest in the Irish," he said. "This is the first shot the coaching staff really has to impress him, and I think he's seriously considering Notre Dame. He's definitely going to take a serious look when he's on campus."

Chris Bonds is a defensive end from Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, S.C., who will also be in attendance. Bonds is hearing from most of the schools in the Southeastern Conference and will need to see some impressive features of the Irish program if Notre Dame is to stay in the race.

Not only will high school seniors considering the Irish be present against Michigan, but also juniors, who are

beginning to receive their initial offers, will be there. For these recruits, it's essentially the first time many of them will be taking visits.

A pair of Illinois blue-chippers, defensive end Chance Carter out of Loyola Academy and offensive lineman Christian Lombard from Fremd High School, are both visiting and stand in high regard in the coaching staff's eyes. If Notre Dame can showcase its program well, these visits from juniors could give the Irish an advantage in landing both of them.

During these visits, the coaching staff will give the prospects a tour and field their questions.

"It's not as intense as an unofficial visit," Frank said. "Because the coaches have to worry about the game, they won't have a lot of time to be around the recruits. They'll probably take them around campus, show them the [Guglielmo Athletics complex,] and meet with some professors. For the 2010 kids, these first impressions are real important to put the program on the map."

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will be playing with their new No. 2 ranking. But Waldrum said the team isn't concerned with the number.

"One thing that we've never really done is worry a whole lot about the rankings. ... It's something we haven't spent a lot of time and we don't really talk about it with the team," Waldrum said.

"At the end of the day I think all of our players have been here long enough and the staff's been here long enough to know that it's how you end and not where you are in terms of the rankings."

But there's a reason the Irish enter tonight's contest as the second-ranked team in the nation. Last weekend, when Notre Dame was ranked No. 4, beat then-No. 3 North Carolina and No. 12 Duke.

SMU enters tonight having last lost to No. 21 Kansas 1-0.

And Waldrum said he recognizes that the Mustangs challenged Kansas and are likely to do the same against Notre Dame.

Holding the No. 2 ranking comes with a price, in the shape of a bullseye on Notre Dame's back. Waldrum said the Mustangs have likely been preparing to defend the aggressive Irish offense.

"A lot of teams bunker in on

us, and a lot of teams spend a lot of time defending on us," Waldrum said.

But that doesn't mean the Irish have altered their style of play.

"We're not doing a lot of things differently than what we normally do in training because we see those styles an awful lot as we go through the season," Waldrum said. "But I think the key for us is just coming out with the intensity that we need to come out with and that we play with the speed we need to play with."

And while the Irish have no intention of changing their tactics, that doesn't mean they

won't look to get some different players on the field. Notre Dame has started five different lineups in its past five games, and Waldrum said he plans to start yet another new lineup tonight.

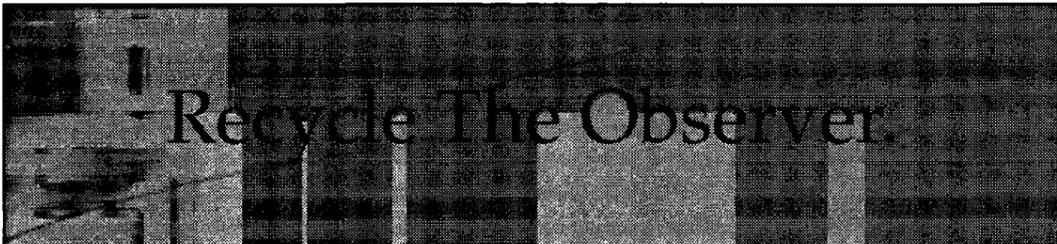
But the one thing that's remained consistent in the Irish lineup is their defense. Carrie Dew, Schuveiller and Elise Weber have all remained in the backfield. Waldrum said if possible, he'd like to give the trio some time to rest. And since Dew and Schuveiller both played a full 90 minutes against North Carolina and Duke, a little time on the bench might be a warmed welcome.

Tonight's game kicks off at 7:30 at Alumni Field.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Three's company

Junior Donahue's hat trick spearheads a 4-1 win over Marquette in first conference game

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Last year Notre Dame won a share of the Big East Blue division title. If Thursday night was any indication, the Irish are in no mood to give up their crown.

No. 5 Notre Dame welcomed visiting Marquette with a convincing 4-1 defeat at Alumni Field in both team's first game of Big East conference play.

The Irish started the game with a flurry of offensive chances serving multiple dangerous balls into the box, but it wasn't until the 17th minute that Notre Dame broke through. A couple of one-touch passes found wide midfielder Dave Donahue, who served a cross into the path of a crashing Bright Dike. The forward's volley was blocked, but Donahue collected the clearance, took



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Junior midfielder Dave Donahue, right, celebrates a goal with defender Jack Traynor, center, during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Marquette Thursday. Donahue had three goals in the game.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Battle of Texans vs. Mustangs

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Tonight is likely to be a Texas showdown — well, sort of.

The No. 2 Irish are set to take on Southern Methodist University, but they won't be the only Texans on the field.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum is a native of Irving, Texas, an alum of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, and oh, before he came to Notre Dame, he coached at Baylor. Assistant coach Dawn Greathouse played for Waldrum at Baylor and graduated in 2001. But the list goes on. The Irish roster is composed of eight Texas natives, including stand-outs Kerri Hanks and Jessica Schuveiller.

Aside from a case of good 'ole Texan competition, tonight's game is the first time the Irish

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Convincing win could help sway recruits

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

If the Irish can pull off a convincing triumph this weekend against Michigan, those in attendance will see the program as one that is on the rise. None of these spectators will be more important than the 20 high school talents that are visiting campus for unofficial and official vis-

its.

This Saturday could be a game that carries heavy implications as to the direction the program is headed, based on the quantity and quality of recruits that will be watching closely. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame for Scout.com, said he believes this could be a turning point for the Irish.

"I think it's a very, very important game for Notre

Dame," Frank said. "It's a rival game, so the atmosphere will be electric, and if the Irish could beat Michigan and go 2-0, they could go on a little roll. This is definitely a statement game. If they can beat Michigan, it will tell everyone, 'We're back.'"

That is precisely what the coaching staff intends on doing come Saturday. Of the 20 recruits coming into town, six of them have already ver-

bally committed play for the Irish. These include cornerback E.J. Banks from Pennsylvania, offensive guard Alex Bullard from Tennessee, tight end Jake Golic from Connecticut, tight end Tyler Eifert from Indiana, offensive tackle Zach Martin from Indiana and running back Theo Riddick from New Jersey.

Although all of these players have decided to play for

Notre Dame, they still want to come back one final time to view the game day atmosphere and meet some of their future teammates.

"They're just coming to check out Notre Dame one last time," Frank said. "They want to see what the atmosphere is like during a Saturday and get closer to the team. They also want to get

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish tackle three ranked opponents after split

First slate of tough teams for ND squad

By JARED JEDICK

Coming off a tough weekend in Idaho, there is no rest for the weary as the Irish are gearing up to face their stiffest test of year at the Diet Coke Classic in Minneapolis.

On the docket for the Irish (3-3) are three ranked teams in the CBS College Sports Network/AVCA Division I Coaches Poll: No. 16 Cal Poly, No. 4 California and No. 11 Minnesota.

Leading the team is junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin's 60 kills and freshman defensive specialist/libero

Freny Silva's 88 digs.

Notre Dame's three victories have come against IPFW, Nevada and Washington State this year, but they have yet to face teams with the talent they are going to face this weekend.

The Irish are coming off a 3-0 loss to Idaho in which they were only able to manage a .074 hitting percentage while committing nine service errors and six serve-receptions errors. Idaho put 15 team blocks on Notre Dame in the sweep.

Coming into the weekend series, Irish coach Debbie

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

As one leaves, another enters

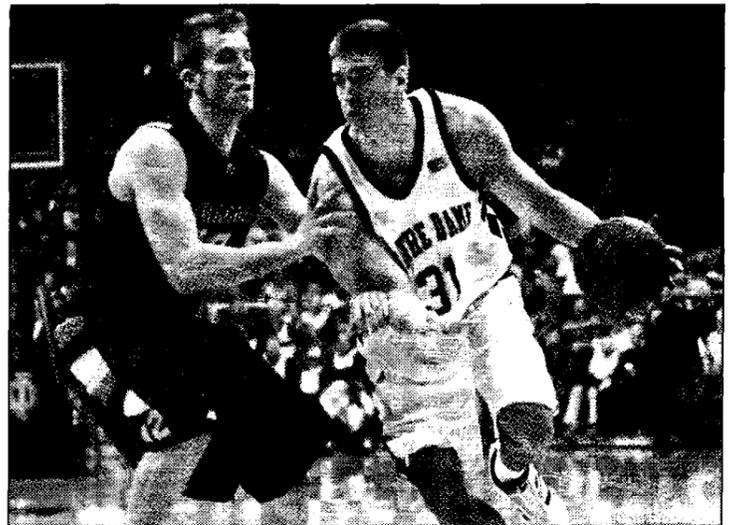
Garrity retires after 11 years; Kurz signs contract with Warriors

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

As one former Notre Dame hoopster retired from the NBA, another came a step closer to getting in the league.

Pat Garrity, who spent 10 seasons in the NBA, nine of them with the Orlando Magic, and played at Notre Dame from 1994-98, announced his retirement from the league Thursday.

"As a professional athlete, I have always been aware that the time would come for me to begin another chapter in my life," Garrity said in a statement released by the Magic. "That time has come and I look forward to the exciting challenges



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Former Irish forward Rob Kurz drives the basket during a game against Syracuse on Feb. 24.

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