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Columbian president given ND award



Former Colombian President César Gaviria Trajillo accepts the Notre Dame Award for Distinguished Public Service to Latin America Friday.

Celebration marks Kellogg's 25th anniversary

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies awarded its prestigious Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America to César Gaviria Trajillo, the former president of Colombia, during a ceremony celebrating Kellogg's 25th anniversary Friday.

"The Kellogg Institute has spent 25 years developing a reputation for the study of democracy in Latin America, and here's somebody who spent 40 years of his career, not studying it, but living it," the Institute's

interim director Ted Beatty said. The award carries a \$15,000 prize as well as a \$15,000 matching grant for a charity of the recipient's choice, which was presented to Fundación Colombia Presente. Both awards are funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Gaviria said he was honored to receive the award and pleased with the work of the Institute in Latin America.

"Well I'm very proud to be honored and to receive this award from the Kellogg Institute. This is a very prestigious university, and the Kellogg

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ROTC trains in Michigan

Bi-annual exercise held at Fort Custer

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Army ROTC cadets returned Sunday afternoon from a weekend-long field training exercise at Fort Custer, located just outside the town of Battle Creek, Mich., according to an e-mail from Cadet Mike Howard.

The event, held twice a year in the fall and spring, focused on developing skills in three main areas: navigation, combat, and leadership, according to the email. The purpose was to provide the cadets in attendance — 46 from Notre Dame, 4 from Saint Mary's and 2 from Holy Cross — with practical experience that reaches beyond the classroom, Howard said.

"In general, the idea is to improve upon what we do in class, to put meaning behind what we do in class," sophomore Kyle Hanratty said. "For juniors and seniors, it's a good way to get experience in the field."

According to Howard, the training exercise will go a long way toward preparing Army ROTC juniors for their Leader Development and Assessment Course next

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MSU loss disappoints students, ND fans

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Hundreds of students made the trip from South Bend to East Lansing, Mich., to support the Irish in Saturday's football game against the Michigan State University Spartans. Although fans enjoyed the game day, many were disappointed with the Irish loss.

"The game day itself was fun, but it was a really disappointing game," senior Tracey Janesheski said.

Some students felt that the game reminded them of the team's performance last year.

"I did not enjoy driving three hours to watch our team lose. I

guess I shouldn't be surprised after last year," senior Luke Derheimer said.

Junior Andrea Teske made the trip to East Lansing as part of the band. She said that the team still played better than it did last year and that it played with heart.

"Sometimes, things don't go in our favor," Teske said.

For Teske, the team's performance this year is still giving her hope.

"It was disappointing that we didn't win... I don't really have any less faith that we're going to win more games than we're going to lose this year," Teske said.

She said the team seems to be

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Students were still "cranked up" during parts of Notre Dame's first loss of the season to Michigan State Saturday.

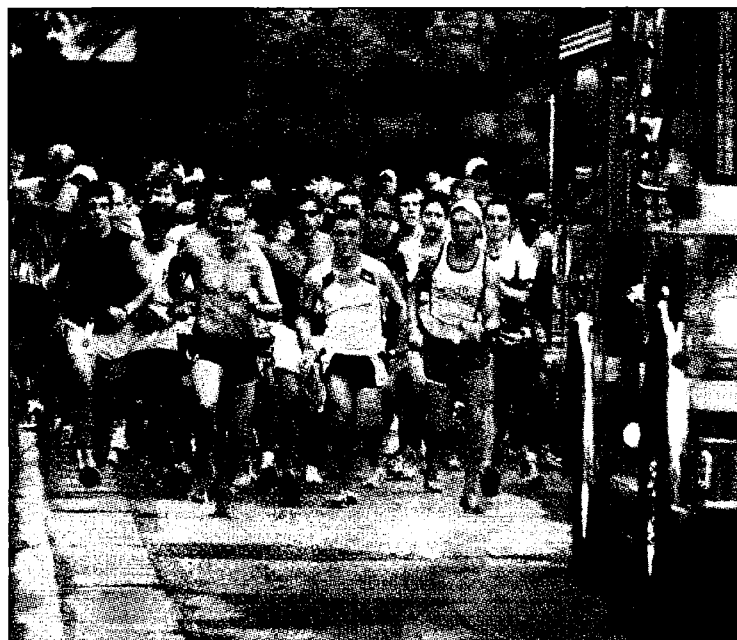
Run benefits cancer awareness

Three- and six-mile event attracts increased participants Saturday

By KELLY DAVIS
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross communities ran and walked in the 25th Annual Domer Run Saturday to benefit Ovarian Cancer awareness and education, race director and assistant director of facilities, special events and family programming, Jeff Walker said. The run, which is held on a designated away football weekend each fall, started at 9 a.m. in front of Moose Kraus drive near the stadium tunnel.

Walker said race participation increased by 15 to 20 percent this year. He credited the growth mainly to online registration, which was instated this year. Although RecSports did not have participant numbers finalized by Sunday, an



A Notre Dame firetruck leads the start of the annual Domer Run Saturday. Over 500 people participated in the event.

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'The Quad' social network site to debut

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

This week, a new Web site made exclusively for college students and meant to be an enhancement of college life will be launched midweek said Jason Schutzbank, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of College Tonight Inc.

The site, which was previously called collegetonight.com, will become thequad.com according to co-founders Zach Suchin, President and Chief Executive Officer of College Tonight Inc., and Schutzbank.

According to the current Web site, collegetonight.com, the site "promotes actual social interactivity rather than the sedentary lifestyle nearly

all 'social networks' relegate its users to behind a physical computer screen. It is what social networking should have evolved into by 2008, but has not."

The two co-founders said The Quad is a service specifically made to make life easier for other college students.

"In conceptualizing all these things, these are all things that I've personally gone through and experienced a need for," said Schutzbank.

Suchin graduated from Emory University in 2006 and Schutzbank will graduate in 2009.

"It is not something that was built by a bunch of 40-year-olds in a room," Suchin said.

Thequad.com will consist of four main aspects: The Scene,

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sex and free will

I spent a good portion of my Frosh-O experience listening to talk about how accepting Notre Dame is of people with different beliefs. But somewhere along the way it was slipped in that if students were caught having sex, they would be "separated from the University."

Sarah Mervosh
News Writer

I almost started laughing when I heard this. I didn't understand how the university could tell us not to do something that is completely legal and within our rights.

I now understand that because Catholicism does not believe in sex before marriage, we are asked to respect that belief by abstaining. But I define respect as speaking and acting in a way that allows others to live their life peacefully. Having sex would not interrupt anyone from abstaining.

Furthermore, the Catholic faith does not believe in reincarnation, but the University would never "separate" my Hindu roommate for practicing her beliefs. In fact, the University would encourage her to do so.

Sex, like faith, is a personal choice. And I believe that the University should let us make that choice.

Disallowing sex is both naïve and ultimately detrimental. People are going to have sex if they want to have sex and should not be seen as bad people for doing so.

Not selling forms of birth control on campus is not going to stop people for having sex. It will only make it more likely that a female will get pregnant.

And this is where it gets weird. The University says we can't have sex, but if a girl gets pregnant, she will not be dismissed. Instead, the University will support her. I agree that she does need support, but she could have used it a lot more back when she should have been buying condoms, but couldn't find them on campus.

I applaud Notre Dame and the Catholic Church's good intentions and their own high morals. But I ask them to accept that we cannot control anyone else.

What is right for one person might not be right for someone else, and we cannot ask others to abide by our own belief system. We also cannot judge others for having a different belief. After all, wasn't it Jesus who said that he who is without sin may cast the first stone?

Therefore, we should instead focus on ourselves. It needn't concern you that the couple down the hall is having sex. Instead, focus on your life and how you can become a better, happier person. We should also support others on the path that they choose to follow. If someone chooses to have sex, they need our support throughout the entire process, not just when things get bad.

God created sex. God also created free will. I simply ask the University to allow us to exercise this free will, and most importantly, give us your support to learn and grow along the way.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Mervosh at smervosh@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Sept. 19 edition of The Observer, the incorrect name for the NDSP crime prevention officer was provided. Her correct name is Keri Kei Shibata. Also, due to an editing error, the headline of the Sept. 19 article titled "Freshman class lacks diversity" was an inaccurate description. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU DISCOURAGED BY THE FOOTBALL TEAM'S LOSS SATURDAY?



Grayson Duren
Freshman
Keenan

"Slightly discouraged, but there's a silver lining. Now our quarterback will become more aesthetically pleasing."



Charles Janini
Freshman
Dillon

"I'm more encouraged by Purdue's struggles with Central Michigan."



Erin Wash
Senior
Off campus

"No! The Irish are still back, baby!"



Erin Islo
Freshman
Breen Phillips

"Yes, because I was there and it sucked!"



Dan Krcmaric
Senior
Dillon

"Yes, and I'm glad I didn't make the road trip."



The Michigan State Spartan dances with the Irish Guard during Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Woman arrested for tending bar naked

DELHI, Ill. — Here's a tip: Bartending nude can get you arrested.

Sheriff's deputies doing a routine check this week at a southern Illinois bar say they discovered a not-so-routine sight. Authorities allege that 33-year-old Janet Brannon was naked while serving bar patrons at the Cabin Tavern in Delhi (DEL-ee).

Brannon was arrested and charged with misdemeanor public indecency. She was freed on \$8,000 bond.

She was the only bar employee working at the time, so the tavern was closed Thursday.

No telephone listing can be found for Brannon, and the Jersey County sheriff's department doesn't know whether she has an attorney.

NY tow trucks set world record for parade

NEW YORK — Talk about towing the line.

Nearly 300 tow trucks rumbled through New York City on Saturday in an attempt to smash the world record for the largest parade of its kind.

Organizers think they hit the mark, with 292 trucks participating. The procession included flatbeds, wreckers and 50-ton rotators.

The trucks departed from Shea Stadium in Queens and cruised down a couple of highways before finishing at an abandoned airport tarmac to spell out "New York."

The previous world record was a parade of 83 tow trucks in August 2004 in Washington state.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The event "Freedom With Friends" will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Haggard Parlor at Saint Mary's. Alumna Justine Ray, '08 will lead a discussion on how women can support each other with body image and eating concerns.

The Ford Program is sponsoring African Underground Tuesday in LaFortune Ballroom. A screening of the film "Democracy in Dakar" will start at 7 p.m. followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers. Live international hip hop, featuring groups from West Africa, will play until 11.

The event "Love Your Body and the Planet!" will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge. Joanna Livieratos will discuss living in ways that are healthy and sustainable.

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity opens Thursday at 4 p.m. with a lecture by Oxford University economist Paul Collier, author of the award-winning book "The Bottom Billion." The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Hesburgh Center auditorium with a reception to follow.

Rescheduled due to rain, Cirque du Lac, hosted by Lyons Hall, will take place Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. on South Quad. The carnival will benefit Hannah & Friends.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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summer.

To improve their ability to navigate terrain, cadets were given a set of coordinates to find with only the aid of a compass, map and their ability to memorize landmarks and count their steps — or in ROTC jargon, “terrain association and pace count,” Staff Sergeant Greg Abbracciamento said.

“The most challenging part of it was that there wasn’t much visibility during the land navigation portion of it,” said sophomore cadet Colin Raymond.

To simulate the unpredictability of combat, cadets practiced carrying out missions that could randomly unfold in various ways, according to Howard’s email.

Abbracciamento explained these combat scenarios.

“All the missions have contingencies. For example, during one leg, we were ordered to execute a recon mission. Instead of just observing, we were ambushed, and the enemy threatened to kill the POW. That required a lot of negotiation on the part of our squad leaders,” he said.

Abbracciamento also described one of the drills designed to foster teamwork and leadership. Known as “leader reaction courses,” these drills put cadets from each class in charge of leading their squad through an obstacle course, he said.



Photo Courtesy of MIKE HOWARD

Notre Dame Army ROTC cadets assault a mock bunker in a simulated mission at Fort Custer, Mich., this weekend.

“Those were a lot of fun. Everyone had a chance to lead a team within a time frame of 30 minutes. For example, we were POWs in an enemy camp. We had to get over the wall unscathed using nothing but a ladder, piece of string, and a pipe,” he said.

Cadets were pleased with the outcome, although the weekend was challenging.

Freshman cadet Ruth Ryan said, “It was good to get some practical experience.

It was nice to meet people and the activities went really well.”

“You’re up from long hours from 6 in the morning till midnight,” Hanratty said. “It’s physically challenging and mentally challenging when you’re leading a squad training exercise, when you’re in control and must have leadership present.”

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Event to examine church-state ties

Special to The Observer

Scholars, jurists and advocates from around the world will gather at Notre Dame for an international conference to discuss church-state relations and religious liberties Monday and Tuesday in McKenna Hall.

The conference provides an opportunity for participants representing Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Italy, India, South Africa, Ukraine and the United States to engage these complex issues from comparative perspectives.

Panelists will consider hypothetical narratives by applying their own constitutional traditions and explore the possibility of convergence across national boundaries. The conference broadens its perspective further with a panel addressing global trends in the jurisprudence of religious liberty.

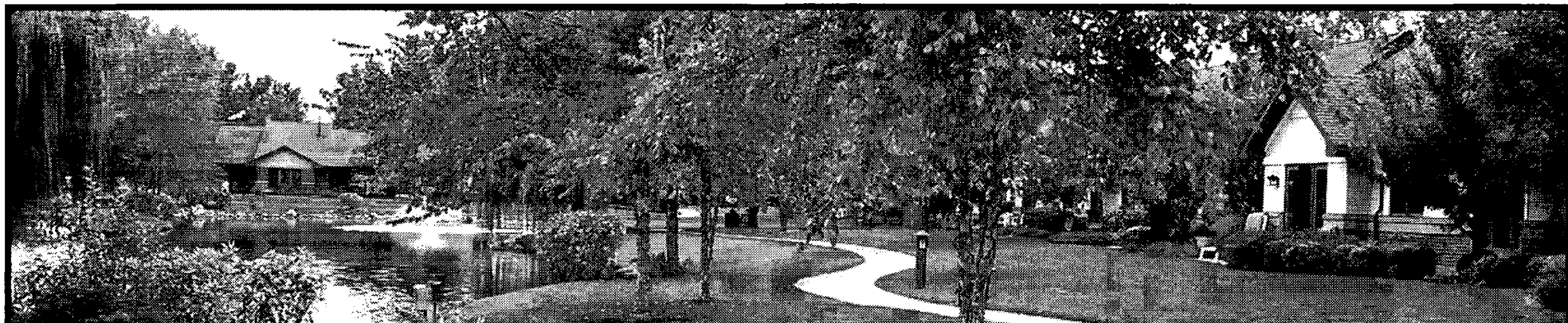
The conference will conclude with a keynote address Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium.

Titled “Protection of Religious Feelings in Liberal Democracies: Reflections on the Experience with the Danish Cartoons,” the address will be delivered by Dieter Grimm, a former justice of the German federal constitutional court. Kenneth Ripple, a judge serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, will offer a response.

The conference will serve as a tribute to Donald P. Kommers, the Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science at Notre Dame until his recent retirement. He served as a member of the faculty since 1963 and a member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty since 1976.

The conference is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Law School, Office of Research, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, and Program in American Democracy.

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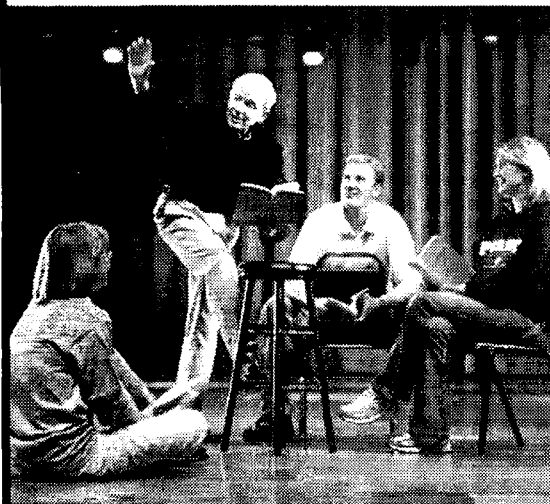
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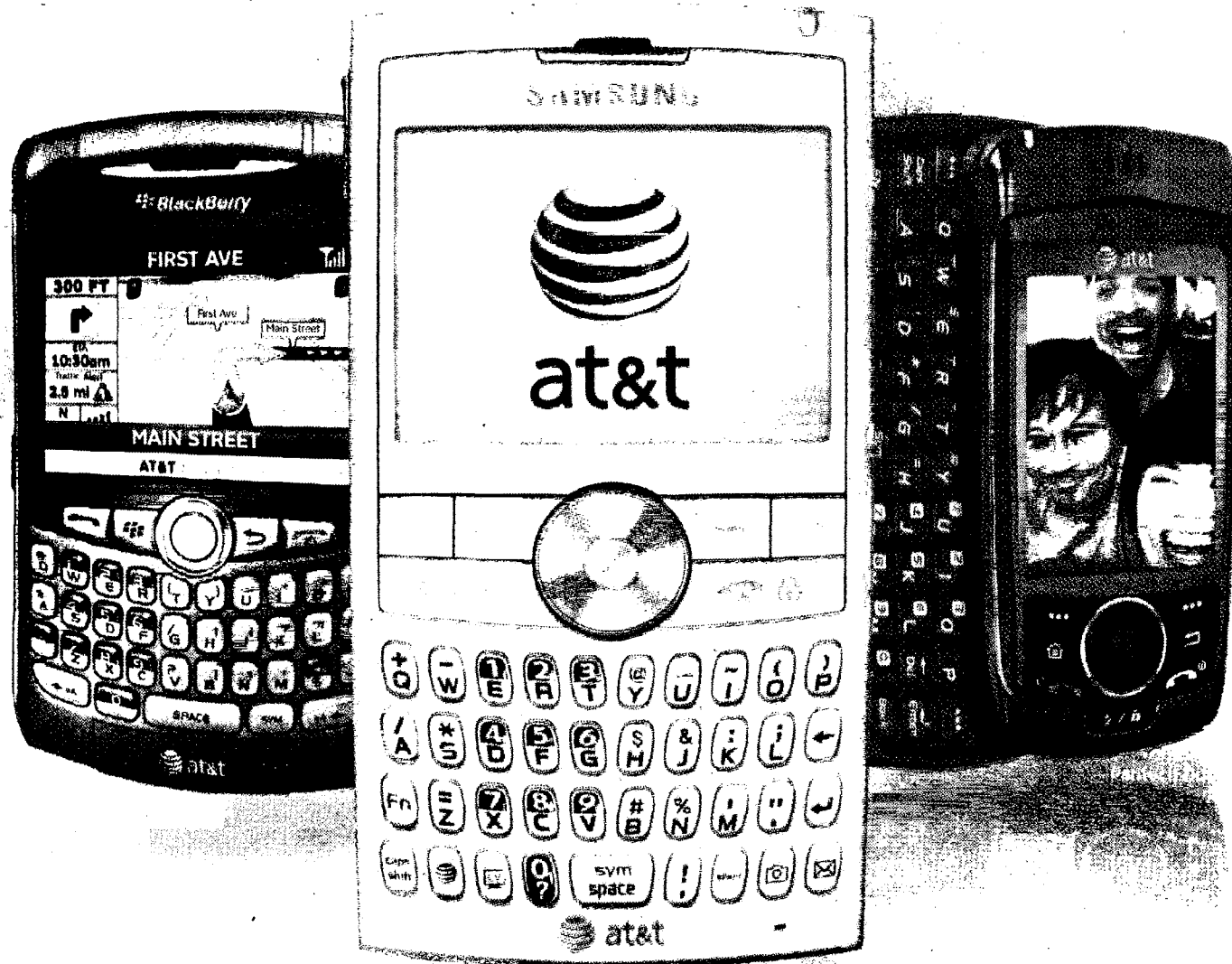


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldier accused of killing Iraqi

CAMP SPEICHER, Iraq — Military prosecutors accused a U.S. soldier Sunday of taking an Iraqi detainee to a remote desert location, stripping him naked, shooting him in the head and chest and then watching as another soldier set fire to the body with an incendiary grenade.

The allegations were made at the opening hearing to determine whether there is enough evidence against 1st Lt. Michael C. Behenna for a court-martial. He has already been charged with premeditated murder of his prisoner, Ali Mansour Mohammed. Prosecutors also accuse Behenna of trying to cover up the killing.

Iran cautions against attacks

TEHRAN — Hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned Sunday the military would strike back against anyone targeting his country's nuclear facilities, during a parade featuring a banner calling for the end of Israel.

The military parade displayed various types of Iranian-made missiles, such as Shahab-3 and Ghadr, and included a truck carrying a huge banner saying "Israel should be eliminated from the universe" in both English and Farsi.

"If anyone allows himself to commit even a tiny offense against Iran's legitimate interests, borders and sacred land, our armed forces will break his hand before he pulls the trigger," Ahmadinejad said during the parade.

The phrase "legitimate interests" is Iranian parlance for the country's nuclear program, which the West says is a cover for developing nuclear weapons. Iran, which denies the charge, already is under three sets of sanctions by the U.N. Security Council over the issue.

NATIONAL NEWS

Palin greets thousands in Fla.

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — Sarah Palin played it safe Sunday on her first trip as John McCain's running mate to the battleground state of Florida.

She went to perhaps the easiest place in Florida to get a large Republican turnout, stuck mostly to the themes she's hit since the Republican convention and took no questions from reporters or the crowd.

But she was welcomed like a star, with tens of thousands cramming into a plaza and nearby streets in this enormous retirement community about an hour north of Orlando. Some waited more than five hours in 92-degree heat to see her speak for 23 minutes.

Obama preps for first debate

CHARLOTTE — Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama undergoes three days of preparation this week for a crucial foreign policy clash with John McCain in the first debate of the general election campaign.

Aides say it will be an opportunity for Obama to demonstrate proficiency in an area where polls have shown voters give the edge to McCain, a 26-year Washington veteran who promotes his ties to leaders around the world.

Obama will head to Florida to prepare for Friday's event at the University of Mississippi.

If Obama can hold his own on foreign policy, it could ease those worries, aides said Sunday as they tried to lower expectations for the first-term Illinois senator.

LOCAL NEWS

Food stamp fraud found at Gary store

GARY, Ind. — A Gary convenience store owner has been indicted in an alleged food stamp fraud scheme.

The 24-count federal indictment alleges that 52-year-old Mark Prusinski of Wheatfield paid customers at Mark's Food Mart about 65 percent of the face value of their food benefit debit cards issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, then redeemed the cards himself at full face value. Prusinski is scheduled to appear Oct. 2 in U.S. District Court in Hammond on charges of wire fraud and money laundering.

PAKISTAN

Al-Qaida may be linked to attack

Explosion at Pakistani Marriott kills more than 50; no group claims responsibility

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Taliban militants based near the Afghan border and their al-Qaida allies are the most likely suspects behind a massive truck bombing at Islamabad's Marriott Hotel, officials and experts said Sunday. At least 53 died in the explosion, including two U.S. Defense Department employees and the Czech ambassador.

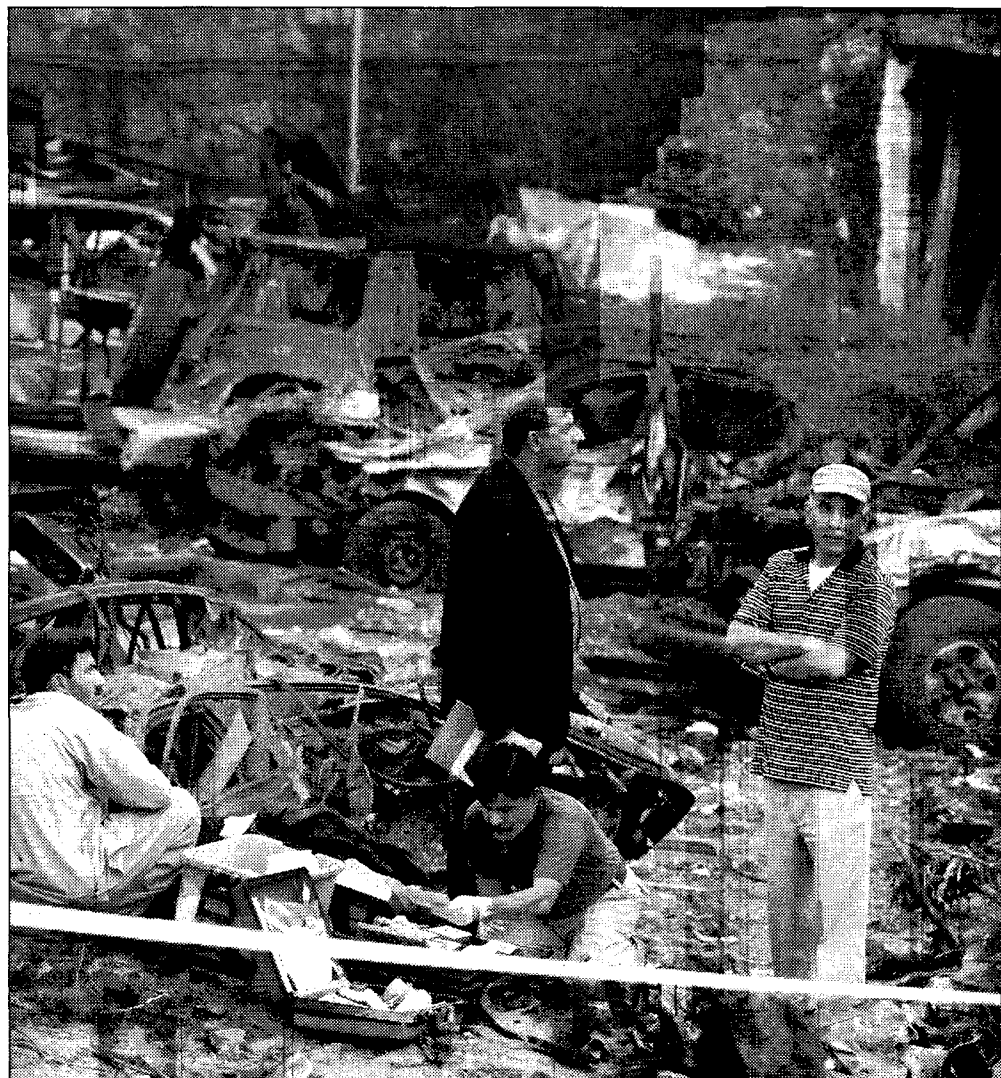
The truck sat burning and disabled at the hotel gate for at least 3 1/2 minutes as nervous guards tried to douse the flames before they, the truck and much of the hotel forecourt vanished in a fearsome fireball on Saturday night, according to dramatic surveillance footage released Sunday.

The attack on the American hotel chain during Ramadan, among the deadliest terrorist strikes in Pakistan, will test the resolve of its pro-Western civilian rulers to crack down on growing violent extremism which many here blame on the country's role in the U.S.-led war on terror.

While no group has claimed responsibility, the scale of the blast and its high-profile target were seen by many as the signature of media-savvy al-Qaida.

Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik said "all roads lead to FATA" in major Pakistani suicide attacks — referring to Federally Administered Tribal Areas, where U.S. officials worry that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri are hiding.

Mahmood Shah, a former government security chief



Investigators collect evidence Sunday from the site of Saturday's massive truck bombing at the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan.

for Pakistan's tribal areas, said that while the attack had "all the signatures" of an al-Qaida strike, home-grown Taliban militants probably had learned how to execute an attack of such magnitude.

Al-Qaida was providing "money, motivation, direction and all sort of leadership and using the Taliban as gun fodder," he suggested.

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A Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak on the record to media, said investigators were examining just that theory.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said the attack was an attempt to "destabilize democracy" in

Pakistan, which this year emerged from nine years of military rule, and destroy its already fragile economy.

Gilani also claimed that the bomber attacked the hotel only after tight security prevented him from reaching Parliament or the prime minister's office, where President Asif Ali Zardari and many dignitaries were gathered for dinner.

SOUTH AFRICA

President resigns after power struggle

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN — South African President Thabo Mbeki told the nation Sunday that he had resigned, having lost a power struggle to a rival tainted by allegations of corruption but poised now to lead the country.

In a somber but dignified speech focusing on the successes and shortcomings of his nine-year presidency, Mbeki said he had submitted a letter to the speaker of Parliament "to tender my resignation from the high position of President of the Republic of South Africa."

He said he would stand down at a date to be determined by Parliament, which will convene in the coming days to select an interim president to serve until next year's elections.

National Assembly speaker Baleka Mbete, who is also chairwoman of the African National Congress, is widely tipped to become the interim head of

state, paving the way for Mbeki's nemesis, Jacob Zuma, to take over after the elections.

The ANC has a huge majority and is expected to romp to victory in the polls despite its upheavals.

"I am convinced that the incoming administration will better the work done during the past 14-and-half years so that poverty, underdevelopment, unemployment, illiteracy, challenges of health, crime and corruption will cease to define the lives of many of our people," Mbeki said.

Mbeki, 66, lost the final battle in the long struggle against ANC President Zuma, his former deputy, on Saturday. Mbeki was pressured to quit after a judge threw out a corruption case against Zuma earlier this month on a legal technicality and implied that Mbeki's administration had put political pressure on prosecutors.

In his television address, Mbeki

said "categorically" that he had never interfered in the work of prosecutors. He said that included "the painful matter" of the Zuma case. Zuma has been under a cloud for the past eight years from allegations relating to a big arms deal.

A senior ANC official, Matthews Phosa, said the party had asked the Cabinet to remain on the job.

"We want the Cabinet to stay," Phosa said. "We want stability and we want them to stay ... but we cannot enforce things upon them," he said on South African television.

Early indications were that most Cabinet ministers had agreed to stay, including Finance Minister Trevor Manuel, who is important to investor confidence in South Africa.

Phosa also said the party wanted Mbeki to continue as mediator in Zimbabwe, where he recently persuaded President Robert Mugabe to share power with the opposition.

Kellogg

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Institute is very well known in the academic world for all the work it has done in Latin America," he said. "Democratic issues are very, very important, and I am happy that this university is interested in democratic issues in Latin America."

In his acceptance speech, Gaviria said Latin American countries would continue to need help in developing democratic governments through "political globalization."

"Latin America needs solidarity. The political systems of many countries need help," he said.

Gaviria served as president of Colombia from 1990 to 1994 and as head of the Organization of American States (OAS) from 1994 until 2004, where he developed a reputation as one of Latin America's great advocates for Democracy.

"It was really under his leadership that the OAS became a very important actor for democracy in our hemisphere," Beatty said.

University President Emeritus Ted Hesburgh, who along with Edmund Joyce helped found the Kellogg Institute, said Gaviria was well deserving of the award because of his work with OAS.

"I think OAS is a very, very important part of the whole hemisphere," he said. "The OAS isn't a perfect group, and like all such things it has had a lot of problems, but I think it's absolutely important that we have the OAS in Washington, D.C., right next to the White House."

Gaviria's task has often been difficult, having been faced with and overcoming violent threats and intimidation by drug cartels.

"This someone who started his political career very early and has devoted his entire career to working for democratic politics, often in Colombia in very difficult circumstances where political

violence and conflict were very prevalent," Beatty said.

James McDonald, counselor to the University president agreed, calling Gaviria "one of the most courageous advocates for democracy in America."

Although Gaviria retired from the OAS four years ago, he still holds a great deal of influence in Colombia and has continued to work for democracy in the region.

For Hesburgh, the night also marked the incredible growth of the Kellogg Institute.

"[The Kellogg Institute] was a dream, of course. But when we started it, we didn't have any money," he said.

After securing \$10 million from the estate of Helen Kellogg, Hesburgh and Joyce founded the institute that would eventually develop into one of the leaders in researching world peace.

"They now have over a \$100 million endowment. I think it's the best institute of its kind in the world," Hesburgh said. "That's the kind of thing a Catholic university ought to do. And we have wonderful people running these institutes and participating in the research, so I can't think of anything more fitting for a Catholic university to do than to work for world peace."

The matching prize to Fundación Colombia Presente was presented by Rodrigo Calderón, vice president of public affairs and communications for Coca-Cola Latin America.

Calderón said the organization played in major role in helping Colombia establish a more democratic society.

"It is in this context that Fundación Colombia Presente was created in 1993, and it has reformed Colombian society by raising the awareness of social needs," he said. "It is my great pleasure to hand this year's grant to Fundación Colombia Presente."

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Run

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estimated 550 to 575 competitors either ran the six-mile or three-mile race, or walked two miles, he said.

"One thing that makes this race unique is that it a three-mile and six-mile instead of 5K and 10K," said Walker. "Twenty-five years ago, kilometers weren't typically used to measure race distances. Very much like Notre Dame, it is traditional."

Before the race began, recently ordained priest and Notre Dame Law School Dean Emeritus Dave Link said a blessing over the runners in memory of his late wife, Barbara Link. Link, a Notre Dame alumna, battled ovarian cancer before her death in 2003. The race was held in memory and honor of both Link and Ruth Boutelle, a former member of the Domer Run Committee who died of ovarian cancer in 2006.

The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 23,400 new cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed and 15,000 women die of ovarian cancer each year according to the informational pamphlet provided at the run. The overall 5-year survival rate for women with ovarian cancer is only between 35 and 49 percent, according to the pamphlet.

The money raised from the registration fees and donations will be given toward the cause. As of Sunday night, no figures were available, a RecSports representative said.

The course, available in map

form online at the RecSports Web site, took runners around Main Circle then over to Saint Mary's Lake, where the three-milers and six-milers split off. The three-mile course went in front of main building, along main quad, and finished in front of Hesburgh Library. For the first time this year, the six-mile course, instead of doing two laps on the three-mile route, ventured east along Twyckenham and Edison roads. "I wanted to experience the challenge of the Domer Run," sophomore Andrew Mrugala said. Having never run six miles consecutively before, Mrugala said he entertained himself by "singing the fight song over and over again in my head."

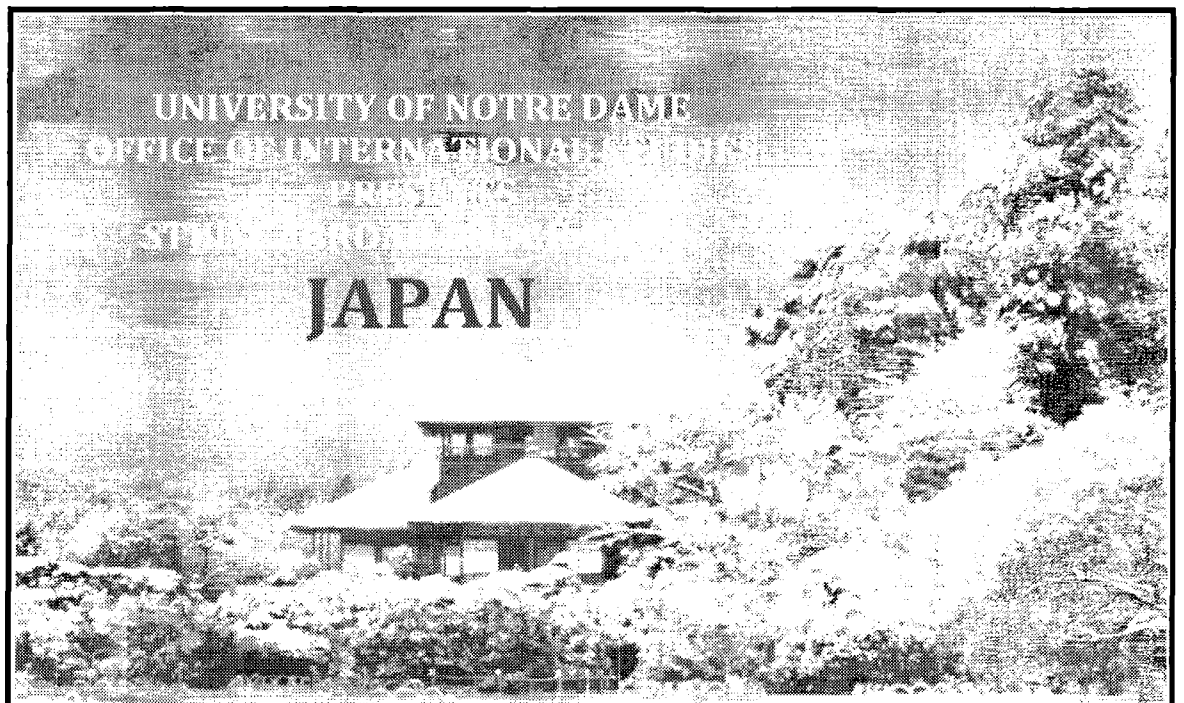
Sophomore Chris Harvan participated in the three mile run this year.

He said he ran because "its for a good cause and I had participated last year," and he wanted to "just go out and have an enjoyable run with friends, really."

After completing the run or walk, participants were given a complimentary pancake breakfast, courtesy of Legends, and T-shirts, Walker said. Traditionally, the Domer Run t-shirt features "a view of the dome and a representation of running," said Walker. This year's white, gold and teal shirts fulfilled the practice.

As added incentive for students to participate, a pizza party and hall points will be given to the hall with the highest representation. The winning hall was yet to be determined Sunday night, Walker said.

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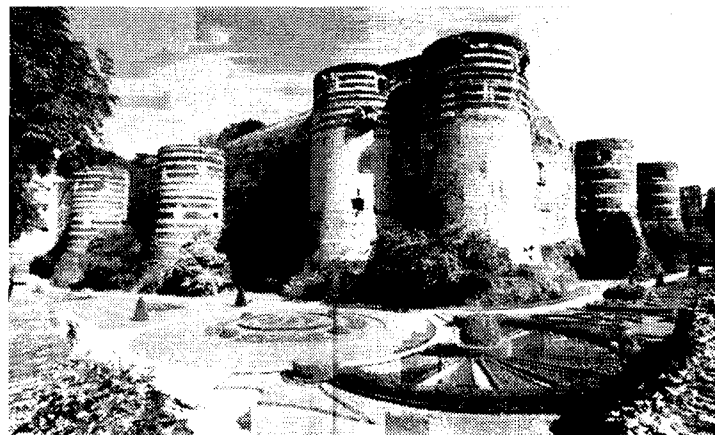
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Tests find chemicals in Nestle milk

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong government says its tests have found melamine in Chinese-made Nestle brand milk.

The government said late Sunday it found the industrial chemical in Nestle's Dairy Farm brand pure milk for catering use. It said the milk was made by Nestle's division in the Chinese coastal city Qingdao.

But the statement said the tests only found a small amount of melamine and that the milk does not pose a serious health risk.

It recommended, however, the milk not be fed to young children.

More than 6,200 infants have become sick and four babies have died in China after being fed melamine-laced baby formula. One toddler has become sick in Hong Kong — the first victim reported outside the Chinese mainland.

Bush pushes for Colombian trade deal

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe renewed their push on Saturday for Congress to approve a free-trade deal before lawmakers leave town to campaign for re-election.

"It's in our economic interest that we continue to open up markets in our neighborhood, particularly with a nation that is growing like yours," Bush told Uribe in the Rose Garden. "And yet we can't get a vote out of Congress. I've been asking the Democrat leadership in Congress for a vote, and they've consistently blocked the vote."

Congressional Democrats say they are delaying votes on trade deals involving Colombia, Panama and South Korea until the Bush administration resolves questions about the impact on U.S. jobs and other issues. But time is running out on the legislative calendar. The Colombian pact was negotiated in late 2006.

Bush urged lawmakers to reconsider their opposition, but seemed resigned that it might not happen on his watch. Bush called Uribe an "honest man" who has responded to U.S. concerns about crime in Colombia and has been successful in reducing homicides, kidnappings and terrorist attacks.

Bailout excludes household help

Paulson resists provision to aid individuals, calls for 'clean and quick' action

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson is resisting a Democratic push to add additional help for households to the \$700 billion bailout bill.

Paulson said Sunday that because financial markets remain under severe stress there is an urgent need for Congress to act quickly without adding other measures that could slow down passage.

"We need this to be clean and to be quick," Paulson said in an interview on ABC's "This Week."

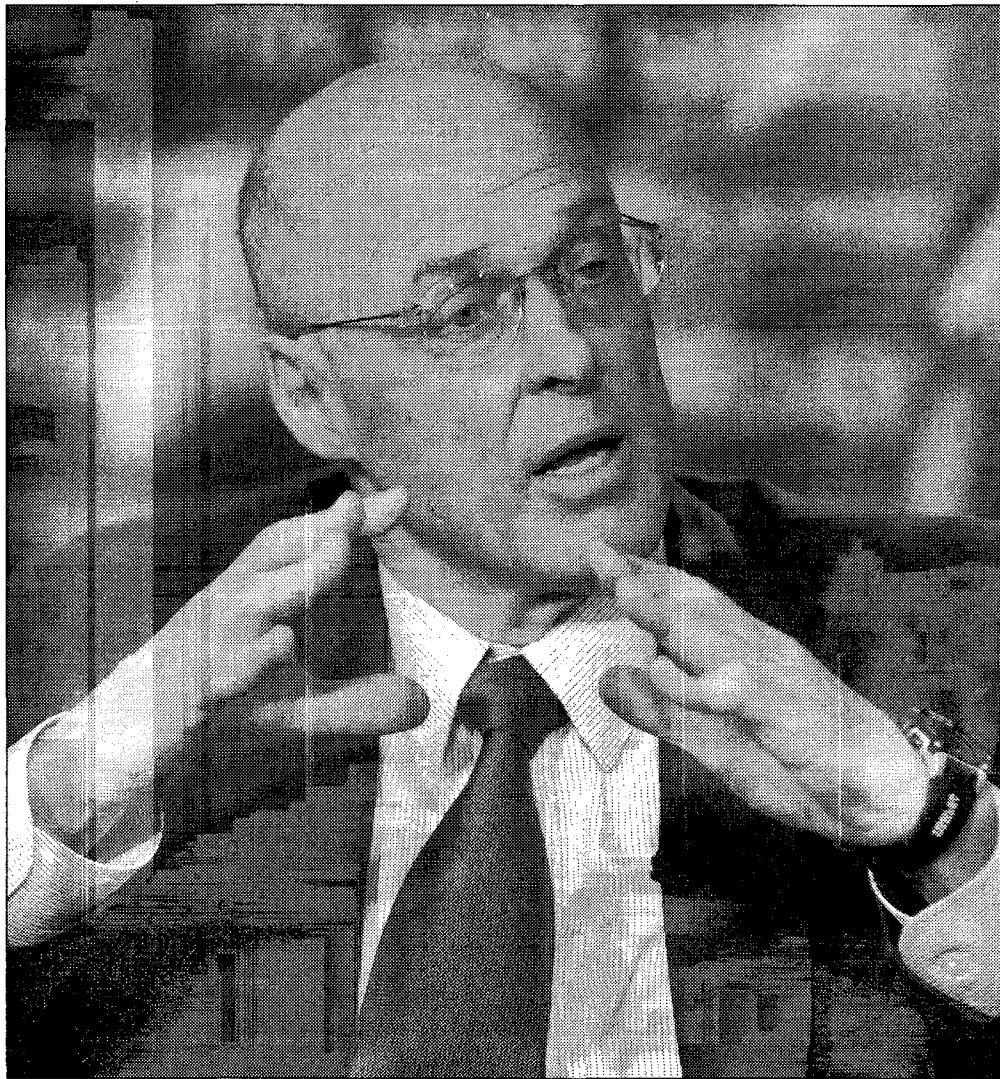
Paulson resisted suggestions being made by Democrats that the program be changed to include further relief for homeowners facing mortgage foreclosures and to include an additional \$50 billion stimulus effort. Some Democrats have also suggested capping compensation of executives at firms who get the bailout help.

Paulson said he was concerned that debate over adding all of those proposals would slow the economy down, delaying the rescue effort that is so urgently needed to get financial markets moving again.

"The biggest help we can give the American people right now is to stabilize the financial system," Paulson said.

However, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said that he believed there would be changes to the three-page Paulson plan and that agreement could be reached quickly.

Schumer said that he was pushing to get a provision where the government would receive stock warrants in return for the bailout relief and for creation of a government oversight board to supervise the huge operation, which under Paulson's



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson appeared on several Sunday talk shows to discuss the finance crisis. He is shown here on "Fox News Sunday."

plan would be run out of the Treasury Department. He said Paulson seemed receptive to changes when he had discussed his ideas with him.

"I have told him ... we need changes related to housing, we need to put the taxpayer first ahead of bondholders, shareholders," Schumer said on "Fox News Sunday."

Paulson said in the interviews that he had been talking to other governments about the need for them to offer similar relief because the current financial crisis is global.

"The credit markets are still very fragile right now and frozen," Paulson

said in an interview on NBC's Meet the Press. "We need to deal with this and deal with it quickly."

Paulson said that the nation's outdated regulatory system for financial markets must be overhauled but the first job is to get the most sweeping rescue package since the Great Depression passed by Congress in coming days.

Paulson made the rounds of the television talk shows on Sunday to stress the need for speed in getting the bailout package approved. The administration was negotiating the details of the proposal with members

of Congress with the expectation that it can be passed in the next week.

Paulson said that "it pains me tremendously to have the American taxpayer put in this position but it is better than the alternative."

Both Paulson and President Bush have argued that the alternative would be credit markets that remain frozen, meaning that businesses will fail because they can't get the loans they need to operate and the economy will grind to a halt because consumers won't be able to get loans to make the purchases that keep the economy moving forward.

Judge: Lehman can sell units to Barclays

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy judge decided early Saturday that Lehman Brothers can sell its investment banking and trading businesses to Barclays, the first major step to wind down the nation's fourth-largest investment bank.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge James Peck gave his decision in a courtroom packed with lawyers at the end of an eight-hour hearing that extended into the wee hours, capping a week of financial turmoil.

The deal was said to be worth \$1.75 billion earlier in the week but the value was in flux after lawyers announced changes to the terms on Friday. It may now be worth closer to

\$1.35 billion, which includes the \$960 million price tag on Lehman's Midtown Manhattan office tower.

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history Monday, after Barclays PLC declined to buy the investment bank in its entirety.

The British bank will take control of Lehman units that employ about 9,000 employees in the U.S.

"Not only is the sale a good match economically, but it will save the jobs of thousands of employees," said Lehman lawyer Harvey Miller of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Barclays took on a potential liability of \$2.5 billion to be paid as severance, in case it decides not to keep certain Lehman employees beyond

the guaranteed 90 days. But observers have said Barclays' main reason for acquiring Lehman is to get its people and presence in North America, making widespread layoffs less likely.

"It's unimaginable to me that they can run the business without people," said Lehman's financial adviser, Barry Ridings, of Lazard Ltd.

Barclays had little competition to land the deal.

Miller said that before it filed for bankruptcy, Lehman had negotiated with just one other bidder, Bank of America Corp. BofA instead announced Monday that it would buy Merrill Lynch & Co., saving it from a fate similar to Lehman's. That deal was originally valued at \$50 billion.

Football

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growing together and that it gives her a lot of hope for next season.

Derheimer disagreed and felt that the team's performance against the Spartans left him with less to anticipate from the rest of the season.

"I guess it takes the anxiety out of [the rest of the season]. I don't have to hang on every play... I can relax now and enjoy the

games," Derheimer said.

Senior Kate Erdle said she felt that the atmosphere was upbeat before the game started and got a lot quieter as the game progressed.

"The mood just went downhill and everybody just got real quiet the rest of the game. There was also kind of an aspect where I felt like the crowd was still trying to get the team back in it," she said. Erdle said that the crowd's confidence was high after the first touchdown.

Erdle said that the game was

"lackluster in general."

"People left the game feeling like they didn't see too much," she said.

Erdle said that she knew that the game would be close so that the results were not "all that surprising."

"Overall it was a lot of fun, I just wish the game could have been a little better," she said.

Teske said that she enjoyed the day at MSU and that the experience of being at an away game is different from watching the team from the Notre Dame stadium.

"I really like going to away games... You kind of feel like an outsider, so you have to cheer really loud," Teske said.

Senior Tracey Janesheski said she felt like the team lost momentum in the second half of the game.

"It looked like a different team [than last week]," Janesheski said. "It looked like we were outplaying Michigan State for the first half. Then it was like something was missing in the second half."

Early on it looked like the team

might have had a chance, but gradually things got more depressing, she said.

"It was pretty promising when it was 13-7. Then it got a lot quieter in our section," Janesheski said.

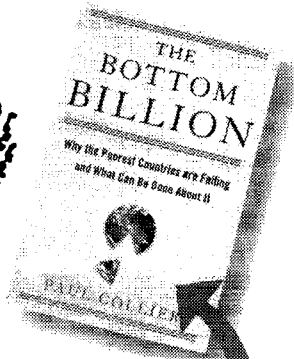
Janesheski attended the Alumni Association's tailgate before the game and said she enjoyed the camaraderie between the Notre Dame fans, she said.

"There were a lot more Notre Dame fans than I thought there would be," Janesheski said. "You would start talking to other Notre Dame fans even if you had no idea who they were. You could still bond on the fact that you were wearing The Shirt or a Darius Walker jersey," she said.

Janesheski said she did not encounter any significant problems with MSU fans while at the game.

"It wasn't as hostile as people made it sound to be before the game, it was just afterward when [MSU fans] knew they could gloat to us that they started getting unfriendly," Janesheski said.

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The Shop, Academics and Greek life, he said.

These four aspects are essentially "the four ends of the quad," said Suchin.

"The reason we call it 'The Quad' is because the quad is the heart of the campus at most schools. The quad in this case represents to us the center of college life," he said.

The Scene will be the social aspect of The Quad, and is what collegetonight.com used to be, said Suchin.

It is a place where students can see what their friends are doing or events that are going on in the area, he said.

The Scene is not meant to replace the popular social networking site, Facebook.com, he said.

"We aren't naïve. We don't think people are going to leave Facebook and come join another site. I wouldn't do that myself," said Suchin.

There are problems with Facebook, specifically the Web site's growth to include members outside of college, he said.

"Facebook has become something that is much bigger and a lot of ways better for the adult, but not necessarily for the college student," he said.

The Quad will have new features and tools that Facebook doesn't provide to members, he said.

"Let's say, you want to know what the specials are at Steve's Bar and Grill, you could get a text message telling you what it was," he said.

Junior Sarah Rodts, who had not heard of The Quad, said she feels that the timing of the Web site's launch is good.

"They're lucky it's coming out now because everyone is fed up with Facebook," she said.

Rodts said she doesn't like the new Facebook and is interested in "another way to connect with people socially."

Freshman Bobby Abdo thought that the new Web site might have potential, but that it would have to gear towards Notre Dame.

"If it actually provides a service different from Facebook, more specific to Notre Dame, I'd definitely use it," he said.

Junior Katie Weber also said that she was fed up with Facebook and that she believes that others are as well.

"I think people will be really receptive to something different," she said.

Other students, like freshman Kaye Lushutka, said she felt that students wouldn't want put forth the effort to become familiar with the new Web site.

"I'm already so used to Facebook, so it would be easier to use what you're familiar with," she said. "It would be more effort to learn how to use the new system. It would save more time just to use what you already know. You already have a good way to talk to people."

The academic aspect of the Quad is made to make schoolwork, especially group work, easier for college students said Schutzbank.

For example, he said if four students need to work on a PowerPoint project, they can log onto the academic side of the Quad and work on it together and it will edit in real time.

Group projects aren't always the easiest thing to do," said Rodts. "if you can get things done online, that's awesome."

The Shop is the retail side of the Web site, whose primary focus is on selling beer pong tables, which are called "quad pong," said Schutzbank.

"They are pretty durable and you can completely customize them. It is shipped to you within two weeks," said Schutzbank.

A buyer does not need to be 21 years of age to purchase a table, he said.

"We call them multi-purpose tables so you can use them for anything, but they are regulation size beer pong tables," said Schutzbank.

Lastly, Greek Life focuses on making it easy to keep business records and create social events for fraternities and sororities, Suchin said.

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DNA sheds light on first Americans

Associated Press

PAISLEY, Ore. — For some 85 years, homesteaders, pot hunters and archaeologists have been digging at Paisley Caves, a string of shallow depressions washed out of an ancient lava flow by the waves of a lake that comes and goes with the changing climate.

Until now, they have found nothing conclusive — arrowheads, baskets, animal bones and sandals made by people who lived thousands of years ago on the shores of what was then a 40-mile-long lake, but is now a sage brush desert on the northern edge of the Great Basin.

But a few years ago, University of Oregon archaeologist Dennis Jenkins and his students started digging where no one had dug before. What

the team discovered in an alcove used as a latrine and trash dump has elevated the caves to the site of the oldest radiocarbon dated human remains in North America.

Coprolites — ancient feces — were found to contain human DNA linked directly to modern-day Native Americans with Asian roots and radiocarbon dated to 14,300 years ago. That's 1,000 years before the oldest stone points of the Clovis culture, which for much of the 20th century was believed to represent the first people in North America.

The idea that coprolites contain valuable information is not new, but extracting DNA from them is. When the findings were published this year in the journal Science, they plopped Jenkins and his colleagues in the middle of one of

the hottest debates in North American archaeology: Just when did people first come here, and how did they get here?

For many years the prevailing view was that the Clovis people walked from Siberia across a land bridge exposed by the Ice Age to Alaska and spread south through an ice-free corridor down the center of the continent exposed 10,000 years ago by warming temperatures.

The Paisley coprolites indicate people had found another way, perhaps crossing the land bridge but then walking down the coast, or even crossing the ocean by boat, the way people went from New Guinea to Australia thousands of years earlier. The findings kill the suggestion some of the earliest Americans came from Europe.

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Have you ever had anyone just ask you a fully open-ended question other than when professors lay the floor open to get you to think for yourself? In that circumstance, you know what the reading was about, you know the general topic of discussion.

But when you aren't ready, when you're just having a normal conversation with a friend, these are the times that try men's souls ... or okay, maybe their intellects. People's intellects.

I was hiking through the Austrian Alps the other day (just rubbing it in for all of you who find the new west quad change in elevation exciting) and a fellow hiker of mine asked me one of these questions. She is actually American, so I was lucky enough to explain myself in English. It was a straightforward question — one I don't get very often at Notre Dame — where everyone assumes a certain amount of background knowledge and then goes from there.

"Jackie," she began (that's my name, even though your eyes may already have made the trip back to the top of the page), "Do you feel like talking about politics?"

Do I feel like talking about politics?! Is Lou Holz going to pick Notre Dame to win next Saturday? I decided to go for the polite route, however.

"Well, yeah, but what are you thinking?" I needed some direction. A little bit of help.

"Anything. Everything. I really don't



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know that much about politics, and I want to be able to base my vote on something. Just tell me about McCain and Obama. I want to know anything I can."

Talk about the motherload. A gift, yet a challenge. An opportunity where someone wants to shut up and just listen to what you have to say. It's so unique that you have to be a little careful, lest you ramble and never touch upon the points you are actually trying to make (Note: resist the urge to compare such rambling to this article).

I had no idea how to approach this. How do you put together years of classroom experience, your parents' political views, Internet articles and friends' rants and apply them collectively to two candidates, in what is becoming the identifying historic presidential election of our generation? Then there's the obligation to be realistic, but your covert urge to slyly goad their newly-emerged political consciousness to the side of your personal tendencies. I'm admitting the bias to you, beloved reader, only because I am writing on the Viewpoint pages. Otherwise, I'd be a total blank slate like all the other objective journalists.

After she posed the question, I naturally stumbled for a minute (not down the mountain, no worries, bitte), but then I regained my stature and started on a 30-minute question-and-answer session about Conservatives, Liberals, healthcare, environmental policies, the military and financial crises. I quickly became introspective, especially about those basic questions that no one pushes on you when you're at a University — what do I know about the war in Iraq that I wasn't hand-fed by politicians or the media? How can I explain why we need to change our energy infrastructure in two sentences? When you start on your famil-

iar rant, then someone presses you with, "But what will Obama do to change that?" and you don't have an answer, then aren't you just as uninformed as the "uninformed masses" about which every political junkie complains?

Someone once told me that for causes and ideas that you truly believe in, you should have an "elevator conversation" prepared. That when someone asks you why you spend the majority of your life devoted to _____, you should be able to say in 60 seconds why your time spent is worthwhile. You may risk sounding like a broken record, but it's better than being a James Michener book on tape.

So think about it. If it was a class, you could go home and write it down on an index card. Why are you voting a certain way this fall? How will your vote better our nation? Platforms are unreliable; promises can easily be broken. Theories, thought processes and political character are accurate representations of what a candidate might do once in office. Here in Europe, it's easy to see the importance of positive international ties in an increasingly global society. When you're out of the bubble, when you're not in the American academic universe, there is no presumed knowledge on which you can fall back. You have to really be able to answer those open-ended questions.

So tell me about your politics.

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"The danger from computers is not that they will eventually get as smart as men, but we will meanwhile agree to meet them halfway."

Bernard Avishai
contributing Editor of Harvard
Business Review

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame not truly a place where "learning becomes service to justice"

Pope Paul VI, in *Populorum Progressio*, states that when one gives to the poor, "you are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich" (par. 23). Hence, when Fr. Jenkins at Wednesday's Town Hall Meeting claimed that "the Catholic mission of Notre Dame should be seen as 'a guide, something that makes the university distinctive,'" yet the majority of our campus workers, those who scrub our toilets, desks, floors and dishes still fall under the poverty level or make a wage that is less than livable. How are we "embracing the dignity," as Jenkins says, of our campus workers? When the wage difference between the highest- and lowest-paid employee on campus is 1:49 (Living Wage Report from 2007), how are we working as a family for the common good of everyone?

Maybe, then, it is time we stop calling "renovations to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart" (John Affleck-

Graves) "a hallmark of Notre Dame" and our Catholic character. Maybe it is time we start actually putting into practice what Paul VI commands us as Catholics to do and start handing back to workers at Notre Dame what is truly theirs.

It is great and commendable that the University has implemented a new program where employees can take classes while employed at the university, but when will we address the deeply rooted social inequalities that exist right in our own backyard? When will we, instead of committing ourselves passively and easily to lives of "service to the world," commit ourselves to an active life of change where "learning becomes service to justice" and not passivity? Where we question why the people who actually serve our community in our dorms, academic buildings and dining halls are standing in line at food banks or in line at grocery stores with food stamps? Or why they sleep on the floor of a basement in a home not their own so they can feed and educate their children? How long are we going to cover up this injustice with sugar-coated

words and nice luncheons at the new Irish Green?

I am a student at this university, I am an employee at this university and I am a member of this family. Hence, I say with great disappointment that I am ashamed of how my family — this university — is living out what we call "Catholic character." To me, Catholic character is not spending millions repainting the golden dome or refurbishing the basilica, but rather making sure the least among us are dignified and not forgotten or exploited. So until our actions are equivalent with our words, I remain strong in my statement when I say I am ashamed today of my university, of myself and of my fellow Notre Dame family members for not doing more to genuinely use our voices to dispel injustice and implement justice in our own home, our own family and our own university.

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Compassion the true spirit of Notre Dame

When my autistic son was severely depressed, I called on Maura and Charlie Weis for support. My son is a huge Notre Dame fan. His grandfather taught here and I graduated from Notre Dame. When I told my son the new coach and his wife had a special needs daughter named Hannah, he listened. I told him, you need to look at the Hannah and Friends Web site with me.

The Weis family is going to change our community, especially how people view people with different abilities, as Maura Weis so fondly refers to them. Coach Weis took time out of his hectic schedule, (because his wife asked him to) to boost the morale of a lost autistic young man who was caught in between two worlds. He is so high functioning, that he longed to be that neurotypical honor role student on the high school football team. That autumn day, my son no longer was autistic; he had only abilities — to be one-on-one with Coach Charlie Weis, his mentor.

Yes, I believe they got the right coach to do the job. No doubt in my mind. The University should be proud that sometimes it's not always about football or getting the perfect job. It is about education, compassion, making the world a better place to live, uniting racial differences and educating the poor and the mentally challenged.

So whether the Irish are up or down on their luck, when you paint your body blue and green or wear the Golden Dome on your head, you are also celebrating the spirit of a much bigger pic-

ture which I believe is what Notre Dame is all about. The Weis' are building a home for our true unsung heroes and heroines, who cannot make a life for themselves, go to college or even some who cannot even wash their own bodies. The Weis family is building them a home in which they can grow old and fill their time with fun things to do, surrounded by love every day. They will be respected, cared for and celebrated. If you spend time with these gentle souls, you will learn more about God, Heaven and why you are fortunate enough to share the planet with them. They only know love and want to be your friend. Unfortunately, they have learned fear, cruelty and indifference.

Yes, I believe they got the right Coach to do the job. No doubt in my mind. The true Spirit of the Irish is in helping those who cannot help themselves. One day you may give birth to a Downs baby, or your son or daughter will be confined to a wheelchair from an auto accident. My education from the University of Notre Dame and from my parents helped me deal with what I thought was a tragedy. I educated myself on autism and tried everything possible to help my son make sense of our world. I see what a true blessing my son is. I am honored God chose me to help raise an angel, against the odds. I did win overall.

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The opiate of the people

One of the most frequently quoted statements of Karl Marx is: "Religion is the opiate of the people."

In context, Marx was speaking of religion as a condition that arose to help humanity cope with its struggles. He believed that calling on mankind to give up religion would mean calling upon them to give up the conditions of life that require what he saw as a coping mechanism.

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There is a measure of ambiguity about the usage of opium in the statement because in Marx's day, opium was legally available and widely prescribed.

In any case, the metaphor of opium can be seen as Marx's view of religion as being a painkiller and something that dulls the mind.

More than a century and a half later, I would like to amend Marx's statement to better fit our modern

American context: Politics is the opiate of the people.

What do I mean?

There is this false optimism that somehow our political process will offer the cure for all that ails our society. If we only elect the right candidate, we can solve the problems we face. What ensues is mostly an attempt by either candidate to cast the other as a wrong choice that will bring certain doom.

This year is more of the same. In the end, there are no substantial differences between either John McCain or Barack Obama that will result in any real discernible outcome for the American people.

You will either get more war in Afghanistan or more war in Iraq. You will either get more spending on expansive government programs or more corporate welfare. Both will push for more regulation on financial institutions without addressing the subsidies and easy credit offered by the government to many of these institutions. Both will offer more aid to countries such as Georgia while aggressively posturing against Russia and Iran.

The only real division that can be drawn between these candidates is concerning social and moral issues, most of which have no business being in the federal domain. That is where people line up to make their stand, fighting for the "heart and soul" of the nation.

This is the opiate of the people. They are drugged into believing that these are the issues that will guarantee the future vitality of our nation. They are corralled into voting booths to support the candidate that supports their issue, or vote against the candidate that opposes their issue.

I cannot count the number of times I've talked to Republican-voting people who curse those "liberal Democrats," or how many times I've listened to Democrat-voting people curse the Republican policies.

The reality is that most people are not Republicans and Democrats; they are anti-Republicans and anti-Democrats, and they vote accordingly. They are convinced by the campaigns not to vote for what they believe in, but to vote against what they do not.

This is what is passing for democracy in our nation, and the people are distracted by the false feud that exists between the two parties.

That is not to say that we do not need the voices of Democrats and Republicans, but we do not need them to be our only voices, especially when much of what they are saying is the same.

Until we can break the stranglehold these two entities have on our politics, we'll never see true "change" in this country.

It is an uphill battle, for sure, but one that is definitely worth fighting, for the sake of principle, and to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" as our Founding Fathers put it.

And yet, we still find ourselves taking the opium every election cycle, hoping that somehow this dose will do for us what the last dose didn't.

Here's to hoping we'll leave the bottle on the shelf the next time around.

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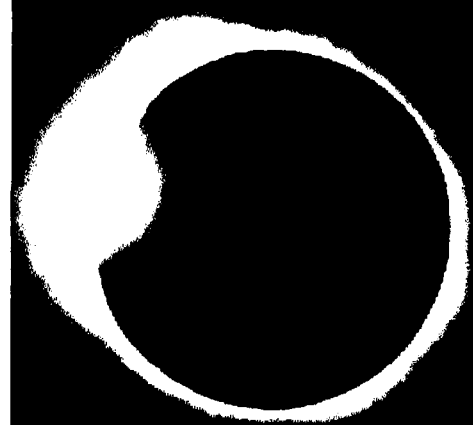
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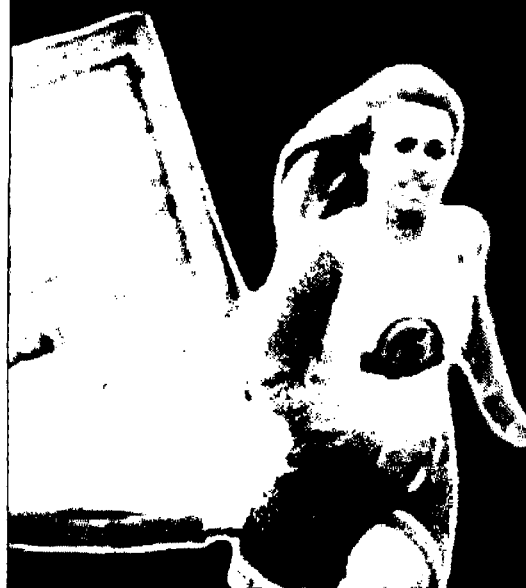
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A new season of "Heroes" begins tonight on NBC

RECAP: THE FIRST TWO SEASONS OF "HEROES"

By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

"Heroes" is a complex science fiction series that incorporates an abundance of unique characters. When "Heroes" premiered in the fall of 2006, ordinary characters were first discovering that they had extraordinary powers.

Some of these ordinary people chose to ignore their abilities, like Nathan Petrelli (Adrian Pasdar), a politician running for office who can fly. Others embraced their abilities and sought understanding, like Nathan's younger brother Peter Petrelli (Milo Ventimiglia). Peter is like a sponge, absorbing the powers of those around him.

Then, there are heroes like Hiro Nakamura (Masi Oka), once a bored office worker who now knows he was meant for something greater. To fulfill his destiny as a hero, he uses his ability to bend space and time. Still others were trying to be normal, like teenage cheerleader Claire Bennet (Hayden Panettiere), who can heal herself even after 'death.'

This premise soon expanded to present an intricate mythology surrounding the genetic mutations that give these individuals superhuman abilities. As "Volume 1: Genesis" began, random people across the world were discovering that they had secret abilities. Dr. Mohinder Suresh (Sendil Ramamurthy) searched for truth in the scientific work of his father, a geneticist who mapped the superhuman gene. After his father was killed, Mohinder struggled to understand the secrets he left behind.

A greater mystery surrounded the characters' lives in the form of

Linderman (Malcolm McDowell), the leader of a seemingly evil corporation known to the public as the Primatch Paper Company.

The first season centered on the infamous tagline "Save the cheerleader. Save the world." Several characters worked to prevent Sylar (Zachary Quinto), an evil villain who slices open people's heads in order to steal their powers, from killing Claire. Much of this plotline was fueled by paintings that depicted the future, including one image of the destruction of New York City by bomb. Presumably, if the heroes could save Claire, then they would prevent New York from certain doom.

Episode 20 in season one was exceptionally brilliant. Titled "Five Years Gone," it sent Hiro and his best friend Ando (James Kyson Lee) five years into a future in which they failed to stop the bomb. The ramifications of their failure were widespread — Nathan, now President of the United States, was persecuting people with powers as "terrorists."

When Claire finally confronted Nathan, he was revealed to be Sylar masquerading as the eldest Petrelli brother. When Peter discovered the deception, an epic confrontation followed, and the episode concluded with Hiro returning to the past and vowing to kill Sylar.

In the season one finale, the heroes banded together against Sylar, who was presumed to be the "bomb" that would blow up New York City. In an uncharacteristic plot twist, Peter, not Sylar, was discovered to be the bomb. When he lost control of his abilities, Nathan flew him into space to save New York, saying, "You saved the cheerleader, so that we could save the

world." This caused Peter's subsequent amnesia in Season Two, as well as Nathan's depression and alcoholism over the possible death of his brother.

"Volume Two: Generations" began four months after Peter and Sylar's confrontation in New York. Viewers knew that the heroes were plotting to defeat Sylar and save the world, but the second season quickly became more complicated. A new villain entered the picture, Adam Monroe (David Anders), an immortal man first introduced to viewers in an earlier time-traveling episode.

In the second season finale, Monroe sought to get his hands on the dangerous "Shanti virus," which was being held at Primatch Paper. Through an episode foretelling the future, viewers learned that the virus would kill 93 percent of the world's population. Monroe tried to convince the amnesiac Peter to help him gain the virus, but Nathan and another hero, Parkman (Greg Kinnear), foiled his plan.

Using his powers of teleportation, Hiro buries Monroe alive in a Japanese cemetery — the perfect punishment for the immortal villain. Peter, finally regaining his senses, destroyed the killer virus strain.

There were various other plotlines in the second season, but few reached their full potential due to the writer's strike last year.

"Heroes" weaves a complex web of mysteries and surprises, more of which are expected in season three. Before the third season premieres tonight at 9 p.m., a brief recap of seasons one and two, including interviews with the cast, will air on NBC.

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HEROES FACE NEW VILLAINS IN TONIGHT'S PREMIERE

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Tonight, "Heroes, Volume 3: Villains" will make a two-hour debut with revelations that will redefine familiar characters and potentially shake up the entire series.

Last season, viewers were left with the attempted assassination of Nathan Petrelli (Adrian Pasdar) as he was about to publicly announce that he, among others, had special "super" abilities. The premiere episode, "The Second Coming," picks up right after that tumultuous incident, answering the lingering question: Who shot Nathan? Though fans might be bombarded with new plot twists when season 3 opens, creator Tim Kring assured viewers that lingering matters from past seasons will be resolved by the second week. After a disappointing second season, audiences wait in hope that the wonder and fun of the original season will be back tonight.

Several cast members have hinted that some of the individuals we view as "heroes" could be villainous, and vice versa. This season, several characters

will struggle with their identities including Peter (Milo Ventimiglia), Sylar (Zachary Quinto), and Mohinder (Sendil Ramamurthy).

In the second hour of the premiere, "The Butterfly Effect," a dozen villains with unimaginable power are unleashed after "the company" is attacked. The heroes are in for a dangerous run with these new villains, as cast members have commented that Sylar is hardly the worst of their enemies. While much attention will be paid to our original heroes, these twelve new figures will definitely make an impression.

The additional characters will also have novel, incredible abilities. Expect the mysteries to continue with new personalities like Flint, the German, the Speedster and puppet-master Eric Doyle.

But have no fear, faithful "Heroes" fans — the main cast will be working together much more this season.

The duo behind Adult Swim's hit show "Robot Chicken," actors Seth Green and Breckin Meyer, will guest star this season. Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars") will resume her role as Elle Bishop, and will most likely appear in

several more episodes. A fellow "Veronica Mars" alum, Francis Capra, will also guest star.

With complaints of season two being lackluster in action and storylines, expect the unexpected this time around.

SPOILER ALERT: The first few episodes include Sylar opening the head of a beloved hero and explaining whether or not he actually eats brains. Mrs. Petrelli, Nathan and Peter's mother, reveals a secret that may drastically change the show. Nathan will somehow find God, and Peter's personality will grow and develop. Hiro has his mind wiped; Peter and Sylar might work together; and, in a look into the future, Sylar has a child whose mother is already well known to viewers. Another eclipse will deeply affect the heroes' powers, and viewers will finally understand why Maya (Dania Ramirez) is a crucial character.

One promotion for season three teases, "Good will battle evil. Choose a side." Tune into NBC tonight at 9 for the premiere to decide for yourself.

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The Coen Brothers return with

BURN AFTER READING

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How do you fit the Coen brothers into a definitive genre?

Are their films merely dark satires interjected with a rush of nail-biting suspense, or gritty shock-and-awe thrillers that leave audiences laughing one moment and gasping in shock the next? It seems a grave injustice to even try and fit the Coen brothers' films into a genre, for their work is unlike anything else in the film industry.

As they have proven time and time again, from the opening scene in "Blood Simple," all the way to the closing moments of "No Country for Old Men," the Coens transcend Hollywood. Their newest film, "Burn After Reading," a return to their Fargo-like brand of cruel, dark humor with ever-elevating momentum is no different.

The question is: is "Burn After

Burn After Reading
Directed and Written by: Joel and Ethan Coen



Reading" a comedy veiled as a thriller, or a thriller veiled as a comedy?

To say that "Burn After Reading" features big-name actors is a vast understatement. It is in fact a huge A-list vehicle starring the likes of George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, Coen brothers favorite Frances McDormand, J.K. Simmons and John Malkovic. The plot, which is meticulously crafted, starts when ex-CIA agent Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) loses a CD containing his memoirs.

Two dimwitted, over-the-top gym employees (Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt) wind up finding the CD and blackmailing Cox for it. To make matters worse for Cox, his wife (Tilda Swinton) is having an affair with sex-addict Harry Pfarrer (George Clooney).

From there the film progresses in such a brilliantly inauspicious way, with dark humor painting the corners while the characters' paths cross and double-cross each other, allowing the film to twist and turn in such a way that it is intricate and engaging, yet understandable to mass audiences.

"Burn After Reading" appears to be the Coen brothers' most commercial project, which seems prudent following the massive success of their last film, "No Country for Old Men." It features a well-measured mix of satire, cringe-worthy violence (a Coen trademark) and a plotline that allows for an edge-of-your-seat

experience. More importantly, the actors seem to be genuinely enjoying themselves, which is a breath of fresh air in today's film industry. It also doesn't hurt that the entire cast hits the ball way out of the park, especially John Malkovich and J.K. Simmons, who regrettably didn't get enough on-screen time.

Although entertaining and well made, "Burn After Reading" is by no means in the upper echelon of the Coens' works. It's no "No Country for Old Men," nor should the two films be compared to each other. The reason being that "Burn After Reading" is, in its purest form, a light-hearted movie with a darkness hidden beneath its surface, while "No Country" and the Coens' similar movies are dark films with only a hint of daylight hidden beneath the surface. The film is better compared with "The Big Lebowski" or "Fargo," not measuring up to either. Only because it's the Coens and not some run-of-the-mill Hollywood director does "Burn After Reading" not shine as a truly great film. Following up one of the greatest films in recent history is no short task, and while the Coens certainly don't strike pure cinematic gold for the third time in the celebrated careers, they do, however, make for a 97-minute roller coaster ride of a movie that most definitely is worth the price of admission.

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After an award-winning year for their film "No Country for Old Men," Joel and Ethan Coen have made their return to comedy in "Burn After Reading." The fraternal filmmakers have a long history in Hollywood, ranging from dark comedies to more serious projects.

The Coen brothers have been in the business for more than two decades, but have been interested in film since their youth. Joel got his first shot in the industry working in film editing with director Sam Raimi on his film "Evil Dead." From there, with the help of Raimi, the Coens were able to write and direct their own first film, 1984's "Blood Simple." Like many of their future projects, "Blood Simple" paid homage to various past films that they enjoyed, combining horror and noir aspects.

Their next film, 1987's "Raising Arizona," was a comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter. With its comedic timing and unique style, it developed the Coens' style. With outlandish characters and dark entertaining plots, "Raising Arizona" depicted a couple that so desperate for kids that they kidnapped one.

The pair's filmmaking careers continued with 1990's "Millers Crossing," a gang-oriented noir. The duo followed that project with 1991's "Barton Fink," the

brothers' ode to writer's block. In "Barton Fink," they further mastered their sense of the bizarre with a brilliant, character-driven storyline chock full of symbolism and allusions to such films as "The Shining" and "Eraserhead."

The brothers are well known for their classic 1996 film, "Fargo." "Fargo" was a crime thriller with dark comedic elements mostly set in Brainerd, Minn. With characters ranging from stupid goons to desperate car salesmen, the Coens were once again merciless to the characters they created and effectively created a memorable plot built on their various failures. With "Fargo," the Coens proved themselves to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Collectively the duo received seven Academy Award nominations that year, and the film came home with two Oscars.

"Fargo" was followed in turn by their most popular comedy, "The Big Lebowski." The story of "The Dude" and his escapades has entertained audiences since the film's release in 1998, earning a permanent place within cult filmdom.

More recently, the Coens released "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" a bluegrass-tinged comedy loosely based on the classic Greek myth "The Odyssey." 2003's "Intolerable Cruelty," a romantic comedy, and "The Ladykillers," a remake of a 1955 film. Their most recent success was 2007's "No Country for Old Men," an epic

adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's novel of the same name. The film three Academy Awards and cemented the brothers' place in the history of American film.

The brothers are known as much for their techniques as they are for their films. Examples of such trademark stylistic elements include similar casting choices, strong dialogue, and a fond appreciation for old films. Many of their films star the same actors, including Frances McDormand, Steve Buscemi, John Turturro, John Goodman and George Clooney. The characters in their films are also usually strange or off-kilter, either in their mannerisms or speech. The Coens also have a tendency to set their projects during time periods in which the characters are facing extraordinary crises. The wit and banter they write for their characters is often quoted and cited, and their character work is some of the best in the film industry.

The Coens have successfully made a wide range of films while dabbling in a variety of genres. With several new films planned for the future, including an adaptation of Michael Chabon's novel "The Yiddish Policemen's Union," fans of film can look forward to many more "Dudes" and Anton Chigurhs on the big screen.

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NFL

Dolphins snap Pats' regular season win streak

Defense leads Eagles to injury-filled win over Steelers; Browns' Anderson struggles in loss to Ravens

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Fans booed the Patriots. Many left early. The record winning streak of their favorite team was ending with a stunning domination by the lowly Dolphins.

Ronnie Brown scored a team-record four touchdowns rushing and threw for another — with four of the scores coming on direct snaps to the running back — as Miami shocked New England 38-13 Sunday.

"It's brutal, man, brutal," Patriots defensive end Ty Warren said.

The loss ended the Patriots' NFL mark of 21 straight regular-season wins that began after a 21-0 loss to the Dolphins on Dec. 10, 2006, in which Tom Brady, now sidelined for the season with a knee injury, was sacked four times. It also ended New England's chance for a second straight unbeaten regular season.

The Dolphins, who lost their first 13 games last year and finished 1-15, won for just the second time in 22 games. It was the first victory for new coach Tony Sparano, and it was a stunner.

"That was fun. It was obviously a pretty emotional deal," he said. "They executed the game plan on both sides of the ball to perfection."

The Patriots kept getting fooled by the same trickery: six direct snaps resulting in four touchdowns after the Dolphins didn't use the play in their other two games.

"When they get settled, they're pretty fundamentally sound as a defense," said Brown, who scored on runs of 2, 15, 5 and 62 yards. "So we wanted to give them something to adjust to."

The Patriots never did. "I don't know why in the world we couldn't stop that play. They

just came in and beat our butts," safety Rodney Harrison said. "You've got a bitter taste in your mouth. The only way to get rid of that bitterness is to come in and work hard. You get bitter and you get better."

The Patriots didn't have Brady to lead a winning comeback as he's done 28 times in the fourth quarter. They had to rely on Matt Cassel and an offense missing running back Laurence Maroney to a shoulder injury, and that was far from enough.

Brown gained 113 yards on 17 carries and the Dolphins outgained the Patriots 461 yards to 216 in both teams' last game before their bye week.

Miami's Chad Pennington went 17-for-20 for 226 yards. Cassel completed 19 of 31 passes for 131 yards with one touchdown, one interception and a lost fumble.

"We have to go out and regroup," Cassel said. "It is a learning situation for me playing from behind."

Both New England (2-1) and Miami (1-2) have changed dramatically since last season.

Brady was lost for the year in the first quarter of the opener, and Cassel made his first start since high school in a 19-10 win at the New York Jets. Pennington is one of 27 Dolphins who were not on the team at the end of last season.

After the Dolphins punted on their first series, the former Jets quarterback led them on drives of 74, 79 and 77 yards, ending in Brown's first three touchdowns. The Patriots managed just two field goals by Stephen Gostkowski, covering 37 and 44 yards, and trailed 21-6 at half-time.

The Patriots got tricked again when Brown took another snap, rolled out and threw a left-hand-

ed pass to Anthony Fasano for a 19-yard touchdown as Miami opened a 28-6 bulge in the third quarter.

"You should have seen his last pass in practice," Pennington said with a smile. "It wasn't very pretty."

The Patriots' play was downright ugly.

"Believe me," coach Bill Belichick said of Brown's pass, "there were a lot of other problems besides that."

Cassel then threw his first touchdown pass of the year in 11 quarters of play when he connected with Jabar Gaffney for 4 yards.

The Dolphins got that back with a big, and familiar, play: a direct snap that Brown carried 62 yards to the final touchdown.

Eagles 15, Steelers 6

Ben Roethlisberger had a bandage on his throwing hand and winced while dressing. Considering he was persistently chased, battered and stomped by the Philadelphia Eagles, the damage could've been worse.

With Brian Westbrook sidelined and Donovan McNabb hurting, the Eagles did it with defense.

A swarming D had nine sacks, forced a safety and got three turnovers, and Philadelphia beat the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday.

"We can't thank them enough for how they played," running back Correll Buckhalter said. "They bailed us out."

Just six days earlier, Philly's defense couldn't stop anybody. The Dallas Cowboys moved the ball at will in a 41-37 victory last Monday.

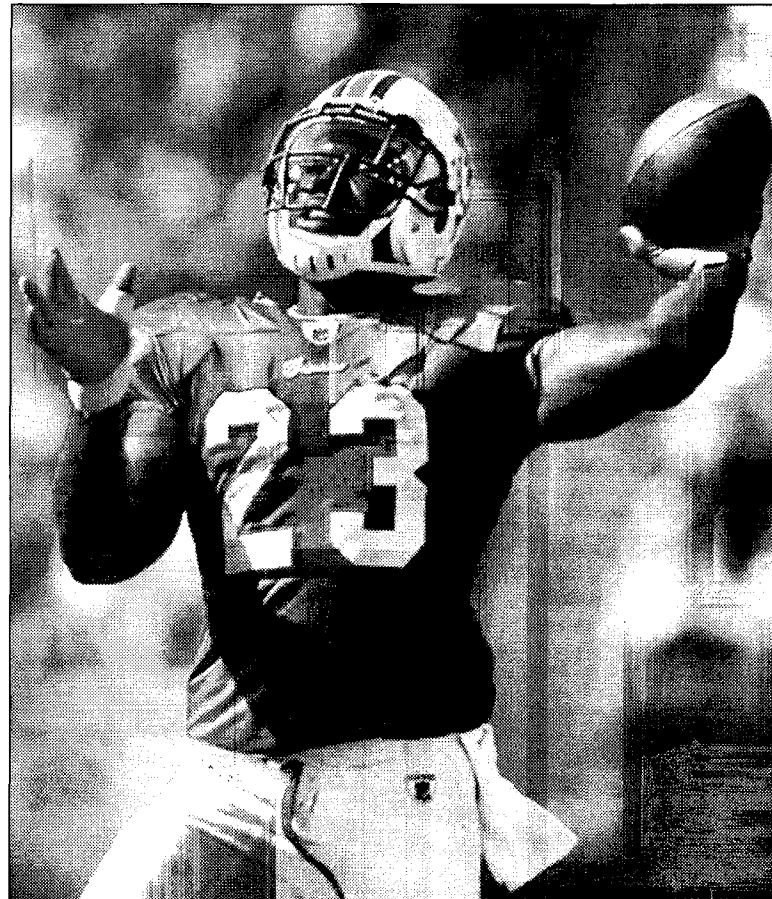
But this unit was rejuvenated against the Steelers (2-1). Roethlisberger had no time to throw and Willie Parker couldn't find any room to run. Juqua Parker had 2 sacks as the Eagles kept blitzing Roethlisberger, banged him around and eventually knocked him out of the game.

"Defensively, it was a phenomenal job," coach Andy Reid said. "They were coming off a game they were disappointed in their performance. To rebound like that, I'm proud of them."

Clinging to a 10-6 lead, the Eagles pinned Pittsburgh at the 6 following a 54-yard punt by Sav Rocca. Three plays later, Roethlisberger was under heavy pressure when he threw the ball away in the end zone for a safety.

On Pittsburgh's next possession, Brian Dawkins made a flying sack, swatting the ball out of Roethlisberger's hand and recovering at the Steelers 18. David Akers kicked a 31-yard field goal to ice it.

Roethlisberger hurt his throw-



Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown throws a touchdown pass in the third quarter of Miami's 38-13 win over the Patriots.

ing hand on the last sack and was replaced by Byron Leftwich when the Steelers got the ball with just over 2 minutes left. Coach Mike Tomlin said X-rays on Roethlisberger's hand were negative and he's expected to play next week.

"You've got to give it to them," Roethlisberger said. "They are a very good team. They got after us."

Ravens 28, Browns 10

The Baltimore Ravens were struggling to score, and then Derek Anderson came to the rescue.

Unfortunately for the Cleveland Browns, Anderson is their quarterback.

Baltimore turned two of Anderson's interceptions into a pair of touchdowns during a 50-second span of the third quarter, and the Ravens further damaged an already agonizing season for the Browns with a victory Sunday.

Ed Reed returned one of the interceptions 32 yards for a score, and Le'Ron McClain scored his first two NFL touchdowns on a pair of 1-yard runs — both during a 21-point third quarter that enabled Baltimore (2-0) to turn a 10-7 halftime deficit into an 18-point lead.

"I knew it was just a question of when," said Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs, referring to

the big plays by the defense.

Anderson had another trying day in an effort to generate some offense for Cleveland, which was picked by many to be a contender in the AFC North. Anderson went 14-for-37 for 125 yards, was sacked five times and threw three interceptions.

"We didn't execute and pretty much gave them 14 points off turnovers," he said. "I'm just frustrated. I expect more out of myself."

The Browns (0-3) have scored only two touchdowns in their three defeats. The last team to reach the playoffs after losing its first three games was the 1998 Buffalo Bills.

"I don't know whether we're trying to live on the success we had last year, but it's not working," coach Romeo Crennel said. "So we're going to have to do a lot better, or this thing is really going to get away from us."

Back from a knee injury, Willis McGahee rushed for 64 yards and a touchdown for the Ravens, who were forced to take last week off when Hurricane Ike postponed their game at Houston.

Maybe it was the layoff, but Baltimore looked sluggish in falling behind 10-7 at halftime. But the Ravens took the lead for good by taking advantage of a turnover on the Browns' first possession of the third quarter.



Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is sacked by Eagles defensive end Trent Cole in the first half of Philadelphia's 15-6 win.

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NCAA Football
AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	USC (61)	1,621	2-0
2	Oklahoma	1,484	3-0
3	Georgia (2)	1,475	4-0
4	Florida (1)	1,442	3-0
5	LSU	1,363	3-0
6	Missouri	1,360	4-0
7	Texas	1,174	3-0
8	Alabama	1,132	4-0
9	Wisconsin	1,091	3-0
10	Texas Tech	962	4-0
11	Brigham Young	919	4-0
12	Penn State	891	4-0
13	South Florida	798	4-0
14	Ohio State	790	3-1
15	Auburn	785	3-1
16	Wake Forest	711	3-0
17	Utah	574	4-0
18	Kansas	555	3-1
19	Boise State	363	3-0
20	Clemson	300	3-1
21	Vanderbilt	242	4-0
22	Illinois	224	2-1
23	East Carolina	201	3-1
24	TCU	117	4-0
25	Fresno State	105	2-1

NCAA Football
USA Today Coaches' Poll

	team	points	record
1	USC (56)	1,517	2-0
2	Oklahoma (2)	1,424	3-0
3	Georgia (2)	1,388	4-0
3	Florida (1)	1,345	3-0
5	Missouri	1,284	4-0
6	LSU	1,247	3-0
7	Texas	1,143	3-0
8	Wisconsin	1,041	3-0
9	Texas Tech	944	4-0
10	Alabama	839	4-0
11	Brigham Young	931	4-0
12	Penn State	818	4-0
13	Ohio State	744	3-1
13	South Florida	721	4-0
15	Wake Forest	678	3-0
16	Auburn	650	3-1
17	Utah	528	4-0
18	Kansas	506	3-1
19	Clemson	378	3-1
20	Boise State	265	3-0
21	Illinois	233	2-1
21	Oregon	174	3-1
23	TCU	151	4-0
24	Fresno State	117	2-1
25	Vanderbilt	103	4-0

MIAA Women's
Volleyball Standings

	Team	Record	
		league	overall
1	Hope	6-0	11-3
2	Calvin	3-1	9-3
3	Alma	4-1	12-5
4	Adrian	2-2	6-6
5	SAINT MARY'S	2-2	8-5
6	Albion	2-3	9-7
7	Kalamazoo	2-4	5-11
8	Trine	1-4	4-9
9	Olivet	0-5	3-11

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MLB



Yankees catcher Jorge Posada walks off the field with former Yankee and Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra after the pregame festivities celebrating the final game at Yankee Stadium.

Yanks close Stadium with win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After all those championships in this celebrated place, all those unforgettable moments, the New York Yankees weren't about to be knocked out of the playoff race on a night like this.

Mariano Rivera finished what Babe Ruth started 85 years ago, and New York bid farewell to fabled Yankee Stadium with a 7-3 victory over Baltimore on Sunday night that prevented post-season elimination — at least for a day.

Derek Jeter was pulled with two outs in the ninth inning and jogged off the field to a raucous cheer

before coming out for a curtain call. When the game was over, he walked to the mound and addressed the crowd while surrounded by his teammates.

"We just want to take this moment to salute you, the greatest fans in the world," Jeter said.

Then the Yankees took a lap around the field, waving their caps to the fans as Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" blared over the sound system one last time in this park.

Security officers got busy, too, with police on horseback lining the field to make sure treasured artifacts didn't start disappearing before the ballpark does.

A loss would have officially ended New York's run of 13 straight playoff appearances, and a Boston win Monday night against Cleveland would still do the trick. But on a beautiful Bronx night dripping with history and nostalgia, the Yankees refused to ruin the grand festivities.

Johnny Damon and Jose Molina homered to back Andy Pettitte (14-14), a fitting winner after he helped pitch New York to four World Series titles and six AL pennants from 1996-2003.

Joba Chamberlain worked 1 2-3 hitless innings and Rivera closed out the final regular-season home game

before New York moves next year into a \$1.3 billion palace rising across the street.

So it ended as it should have, after the Babe opened the ballpark on April 18, 1923, with a home run in a 4-1 victory over the Red Sox that sent the Yankees on their way to the first of a record 26 World Series championships.

New York finished 4,133-2,430-17 at Yankee Stadium, originally built in 284 days for \$2.5 million. It was the first sports venue to be called a stadium, the team noted.

"I feel like I'm losing an old friend," Reggie Jackson said. "I'm glad I was here."

IN BRIEF

Sharks center breaks leg, out for two months

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Sharks center Torrey Mitchell will be out at least two months after breaking his left leg Sunday during the second practice of San Jose's training camp.

Mitchell, who had 10 goals and 10 assists as a rookie last season, broke both major bones in his lower leg when he crashed into the post while driving to the net during a scrimmage. He was scheduled to undergo surgery Sunday night.

San Jose doesn't expect Mitchell to return to the ice until mid-November at the earliest, keeping him out for at least the first five weeks of the regular season.

Mitchell was expected to center the Sharks' third line this season, but his injury will open a roster spot for the defending Pacific Division champions. Former San Jose forward Jeff Friesen is competing for a job alongside several prospects.

X-rays negative on Westbrook, MRI to follow

PHILADELPHIA — Eagles running back Brian Westbrook strained his ankle in Philadelphia's 15-6 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday and will have an MRI on Monday.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said X-rays on the ankle were negative but the team would do more tests.

Westbrook did not speak with reporters but was on crutches in the locker room after the game.

Westbrook appeared to get hurt while hurdling a teammate on a 2-yard run early in the second period. He limped off the field and was attended to on the sideline before walking to the locker room. He did not return.

The Eagles scored on the possession, with backup running back Correll Buckhalter hurdling a defender to get into the end zone after taking a pass from Donovan McNabb.

Hamilton hopes to get Belgian victory reinstated

PARIS — Lewis Hamilton hopes to get his Belgian Grand Prix victory reinstated when he appears before a FIA appeals court Monday.

The hearing at governing body headquarters in Paris was sparked by McLaren's decision to appeal the Formula One leader's 25-second time penalty, given when the British driver was judged to have gained an advantage by cutting a chicane on his way to the victory at Spa this month.

The victory went to Hamilton's main championship rival Felipe Massa of Ferrari and narrowed the championship gap to two points. Hamilton's lead over Massa was down to one after last week's Italian GP.

McLaren bosses were expected to join Hamilton, who flies to Singapore for F1's first ever night race on Tuesday.

RYDER CUP

Americans win first Ryder cup since 1999

Anthony Kim shoots a 30 on the front nine, Weekley makes five birdies and an eagle, Mahan sinks 60-foot birdie putt

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boo Weekley traded his beloved beer for champagne, filling flutes for fans who turned the familiar European chant "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole" into "No way, no way."

Phil Mickelson draped an American flag over his shoulders as he sauntered up the 18th fairway. U.S. captain Paul Azinger sprinted up the stairs to the clubhouse balcony at Valhalla, grabbed the biggest bottle of bubbly he could find and joined a party that plays out every two years at the Ryder Cup.

Finally, it was the Americans' turn to celebrate.

"I never tried to think about what the outcome might be, and I started to dream about it a little bit today, thinking this could actually happen," Azinger said with the shiny gold trophy at his side. "It just feels great to have it back on our soil."

The Americans didn't need a miracle putt or an amazing comeback like their last victory in 1999.

They didn't even need Tiger Woods.

Strong as a team, equally mighty on their own, they rode the emotion of a flag-waving crowd and their Kentucky heroes on Sunday to take back

the Ryder Cup with a 167-117 victory, their biggest margin over Europe in 27 years.

This Ryder Cup was all about role reversal.

It was the Americans who played as a team, with Azinger splitting them into three pods of personalities and keeping them together from the time they arrived at Valhalla.

The biggest putts belonged to the Americans, whether it was Hunter Mahan making one from 60 feet across the 17th green or Kentucky native Kenny Perry making just about everything in the defining moment of his career.

They even found someone to get under Sergio Garcia's skin — Anthony Kim, who refused to concede anything, revved up the crowd and handed Europe's best Ryder Cup player his biggest loss.

The biggest change of all? Those were Americans huddled around Azinger on the stage at closing ceremonies, stretching to touch that 17-inch chalice.

"Their team was more of a European team," Padraig Harrington said.

They sure got a European result.

"I've been on the other side when they made the winning putt and it's no fun" said Jim Furyk, whose 2-and-1 victory

over Miguel Angel Jimenez gave the Americans the final point they needed. "I had a pretty rotten look on my face during this press conference. And now, I'm pretty damn happy."

Perry, the 48-year-old native son who dreamed of playing a Ryder Cup before a Bluegrass crowd, delivered a 3-and-2 victory that was part of an early push that swung momentum toward the U.S. team.

"I figured this was going to define my career," he said. "But you know what? It made my career."

J.B. Holmes, legendary in these parts for making his high school team in tiny Campbellsville as a third-grader, showed off his awesome power with two final birdies that set up the Americans for victory.

For all the birdies and spectacular shots over three inspirational days at Valhalla, the Ryder Cup ended with handshake.

Jimenez conceded a short par putt, giving Furyk a 2-and-1 victory and the Americans the 147 points they needed to show they can win on golf's biggest stage — and without Woods, out for the year with a knee surgery but staying involved by text messaging Azinger throughout the final day.

"They just took an everything-to-gain attitude into this competition," Azinger said. "And I couldn't be happier."

This truly was a team effort.

Kim set the tone with a 30 on the front nine that demoralized Garcia. Weekley galloped off the first tee using his driver as a toy horse, drawing laughter for his antics and cheers for his five birdies and an eagle he holed from the bunker.

Mahan, who criticized the Ryder Cup earlier this year as a money-making machine, was the only player to go all five matches without losing at Valhalla. His match was the only one to reach the 18th green, all because of a 60-foot birdie putt from Mahan that slammed into the back of the cup on the 17th hole.

He wound up with a halve against Paul Casey, and a new appreciation for this event.

"It's an incredible, incredible experience," said Mahan, who went 2-0-3 and tied a U.S. record for most points as a captain's pick. "I wish every golfer could experience this, because it's amazing."

Ben Curtis and Chad Campbell, the final player picked for this U.S. team, won the final two matches against Lee Westwood and Harrington for a lopsided score that for the last three years had been post-

ed in European blue.

It was the largest margin of victory for the Americans since 1981.

Despite his misfit collection of stars — from the backwoods Weekley to the street-smart Kim — perhaps no one made a greater impact on the U.S. victory than Azinger.

It was his idea to overhaul the qualifying system, which he felt was keeping the Americans from fielding their best team. He also doubled his captain's picks, and those four players produced one-third of the points.

And those six U.S. rookies? They went 9-4-8.

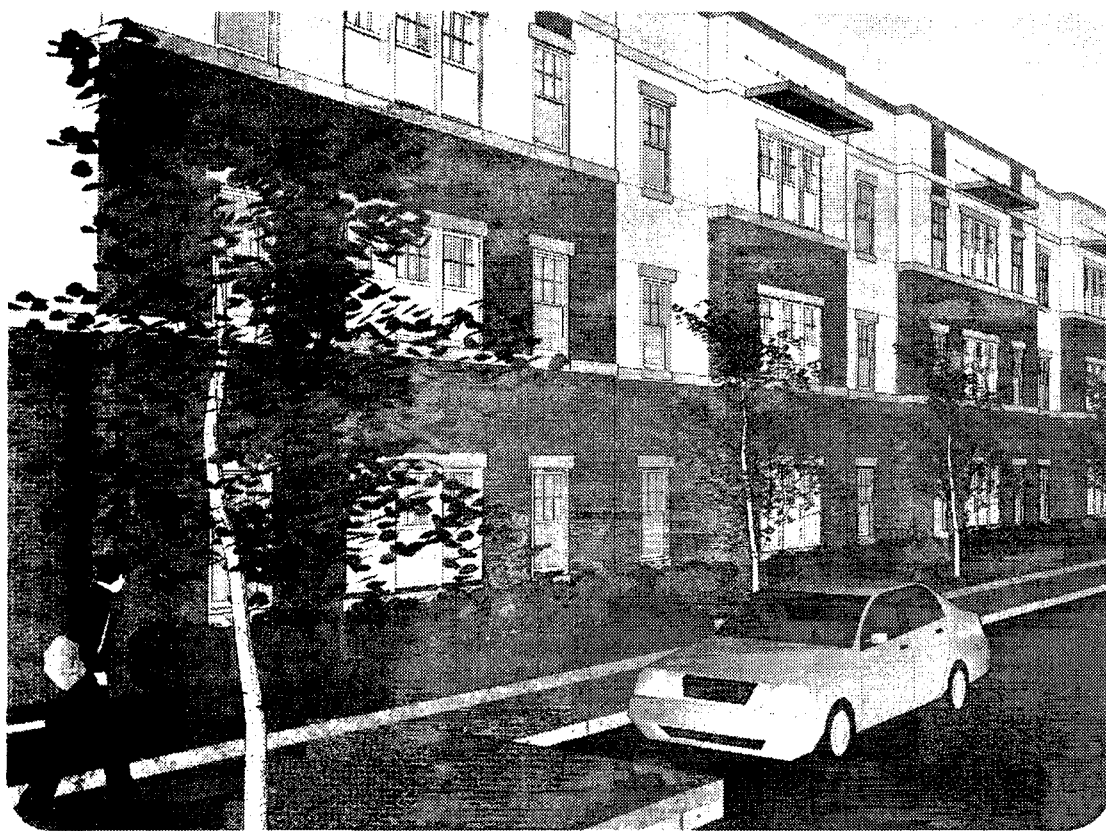
"I poured my heart and soul into this for two years," Azinger said, his voice cracking. "The players poured their heart and soul into this for one week. They deserved it. I couldn't be happier."

European captain Nick Faldo won't get off that easy.

The British press blistered him for benching Garcia and Westwood — the most successful European tandem — on Saturday, the first time either of them had ever missed a match in the Ryder Cup. Even more peculiar was putting three of his strongest players at the bottom of the lineup — Ian Poulter, Westwood and Harrington.

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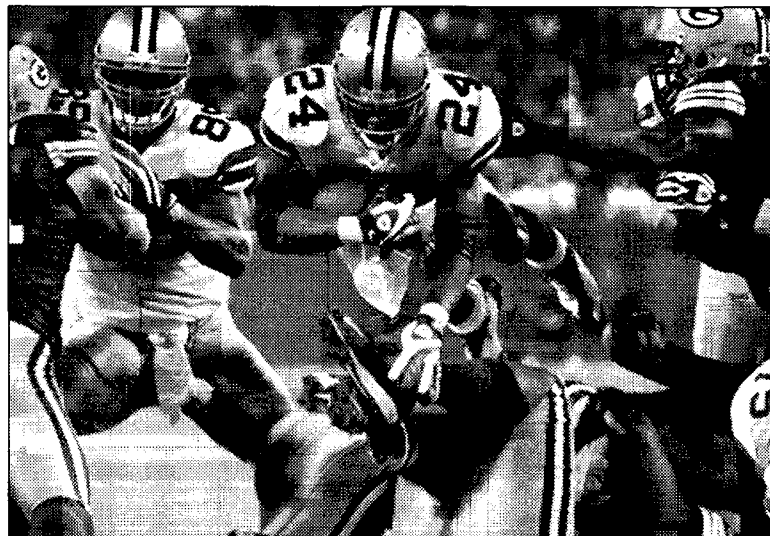


That's what she said.

NFL

'Boys reveal 'secret weapon' in victory

Seldom-used receiver Miles catches TD pass



Cowboy running back Marion Barber leaps between Green Bay defenders during the first half of Dallas' 27-16 win.

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — On an uncharacteristically quiet night for Terrell Owens, the Dallas Cowboys leaned on their defense and running game — then unleashed little-known wide receiver Miles Austin to put away a 27-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night.

Marion Barber ran for a career-high 142 yards and a touchdown, and rookie Felix Jones added a 60-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Austin, a backup who plays mostly on special teams, sealed the win with a 52-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

"Just taking advantage of the double-teams on T.O. and (Jason) Witten," Austin said. "It's an advantage to me to have them on the team because they're going to take a lot of the pressure off me. I'm just going in there and trying to make plays when I can, and I'm fortunate enough that the coaches have trust in me, and the quarterback trusts me to give me the ball."

Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, who grew up in Burlington, Wis., was 17-of-30 for 260 yards and Owens was held to two catches for 17 yards as Dallas (3-0) joined the reigning Super Bowl champion New York Giants as the NFC's only undefeated teams.

"He played great," Romo said of Austin. "He did a great job, and we're excited to have him."

It was the Cowboys' first win at Lambeau Field, and it came with former Packers stars such as Bart Starr and Paul Hornung watching from the sidelines. It also was a bump in the road for new Packers starter Aaron Rodgers, who completed 22 of 39 passes for 290 yards. However, he wasn't able to put together consistent scoring drives against Dallas' defense after standout performances in his first two games this season.

"The Dallas Cowboys are farther ahead than we are right now, and that's the facts," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

Rodgers scored on a sneak to cut Dallas' lead to 27-16 with 2:11 remaining, but the ensuing onside kick was touched by the Packers before it traveled 10 yards and the Cowboys got the

ball back.

Green Bay (2-1) trailed 13-6 at halftime, but Rodgers connected with Donald Driver on a 50-yard pass early in the third quarter that set up a field goal to cut Dallas' lead to four.

Romo answered with a 63-yard pass to Austin to set up first-and-goal at the Green Bay 3. Barber found the end zone two plays later for a 2-yard touchdown run that put Dallas ahead 20-9.

Romo again turned to Austin to put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter, tossing a 52-yard touchdown into double coverage down the right sideline to give Dallas a 27-9 lead with 9:17 remaining.

The long passes to Austin were two of the Cowboys' few downfield plays all night. The Packers held Romo to nine completions for 75 yards at halftime. Owens caught two passes in the first half, then was silenced in the second.

Packers cornerback Charles Woodson stuck to Owens all night, with significant help from the safeties. The Packers' pass defense played most of the game without star cornerback Al Harris, who went to the locker room with cramps just before halftime.

But with Green Bay's defensive backfield preoccupied by Owens, Dallas got consistent production from Barber and a big play from Jones.

With the Cowboys trailing 6-3 midway through the second quarter, Jones broke free for a 60-yard touchdown run that gave Dallas a 10-6 lead.

The Cowboys had a chance to add to their lead just before halftime, but Romo was sacked on a second-and-4 play at the Packers 5-yard line and had to settle for a field goal.

Romo had another misstep in the red zone in the first quarter, throwing an interception in the end zone to safety Nick Collins. Collins ran the ball back 61 yards, setting up Mason Crosby's field goal that put the Packers ahead 6-3 early in the second quarter.

Cowboys cornerback Adam Jones started the game with a big play, stripping the ball from running back Ryan Grant on the Packers' second play from scrimmage and returning it to the Green Bay 14-yard line. That set up the Cowboys' first field goal.

NFL

Scobee's field goal lifts Jaguars over Colts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Josh Scobee savored every part of Sunday's victory celebration.

Even the wrestling match with the ball boy.

Scobee, who produced Jacksonville's only other win in Indianapolis with a 53-yard field goal in 2004, did it again Sunday by making a 51-yarder with 4 seconds left to beat the dreaded Colts 23-21. And this time, he took the ball.

"My holder went to give me a high-five and I took off running," said Scobee, who left the ball from his other winning kick in the Indianapolis locker room and never got it back. "I tried to get the ball from the ball boy and he didn't recognize me. He wouldn't let go of it, so I had to rip it away from him."

Just like he snatched a second straight comeback out of the Colts' grasp.

The ramifications of Scobee's kick may last far longer than

any postgame party. The victory allowed Jacksonville (1-2) to avoid the franchise's first 0-3 start in five years and get out of what would have been a huge hole against the five-time AFC South champs.

Instead of being two games behind Indy, they've drawn even with the Colts (1-2) and now hold the first chip in the tiebreaker.

But it took far more than Scobee to shrug off their biggest nemesis.

David Garrard impressively evaded the Colts' pass rush to buy more time and find receivers during the final 67 seconds.

The powerful running tandem of Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Taylor, who each topped 100 yards despite being nicked up with minor injuries, got the offense out of neutral for the first time this season. Jacksonville had the ball for more than 41 minutes.

Unknown fullback Montell Owens just happened to be in the right place at the right time when Garrard's pass appeared to be tipped and fluttered toward midfield. Somehow Owens cradled it in his arms for a 10-yard gain and a first down.

And, of course, there was Scobee.

"That thing was drilled," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "It would have been good from 65 yards."

Scobee disagreed, noting he had the distance but was a little

concerned it may not stay inside the right upright.

"I'll take 51, that's good enough," he said. "It's too close to the pole to be kicking it from any further."

Still, it didn't appear Jacksonville would need Scobee's long kick to win it after a marathon drive that consumed more than 12 minutes to open the fourth quarter.

But as the Jaguars know all too well, two minutes is an eternity for Peyton Manning, who nearly staged his second straight improbable comeback.

The two-time league MVP ran his first play of the fourth quarter with less than 2:30 to go, and in 86 seconds, he had given the Colts a 21-20 lead when Joseph Addai scored on a 2-yard run.

Garrard followed that with his impersonation of Manning, getting an assist from an 11-yard pass interference call when a fourth-and-1 throw fell incomplete with 25 seconds to go.

"On the sideline, I said, 'This is our time now,'" Garrard said. "Just believe. I kept telling them, 'Just believe.' I told the offensive line to get them off my back."

Jacksonville won this one the old-fashioned way.

Taylor carried 26 times for 121 yards, while Jones-Drew ran 19 times for 107 yards and one score and caught four passes for 59 yards. In all, the Jaguars ran for 236 yards and kept the ball for more than 41 minutes.

Manning was 15-of-29 for 216 yards with one TD and two interceptions, and the Colts ran only 48 plays. Jacksonville had 48 carries, the second-most in franchise history.

"I kept telling them, 'Just believe.' I told the offensive line to get them off my back."

David Garrard
Jaguars quarterback

"We had plenty of chances to stop them, on that drive and on drives before that," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "Their guys make guys miss, and they made us miss today."

The Colts looked like they would finally get back in sync when Manning opened the game with a 4-yard TD pass to Marvin Harrison. It was Harrison's first score in more than 12 months.

But Jacksonville rallied with Rashean Mathis' 61-yard interception return for a score, an incredible 34-yard run by Taylor to set up Jones-Drew's 6-yard TD run and, of course, the winning kick.

"I had no doubt Scobee had the leg for it," Garrard said. "There was a lot of energy in that kick."

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Top teams meet in Calvin for Invite

McClowry's personal best leads the Belles

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's ran a tough race this weekend at the Calvin Invitational, finishing ninth amongst a strong field of competitors.

The Belles were up against three of the top teams in Div. III according to the USTFCC-CA polls: No. 2 Calvin, No. 10 Case Western and No. 20 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The field also included several teams that are ranked nationally in Div. II including No. 3 Grand Valley State, No. 6 Ohio Northern and No. 8 Baldwin Wallace.

"It was a pretty stacked race with some ranked Div. III teams," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "It's not necessarily about seeing the team place well so much as seeing them work on the things we've been talking about and hopefully with the caliber of the meet, have some really great times."

The Belles traveled in packs on Saturday with their top five runners all finishing within 35 seconds of each other.

Junior Megan McClowry led the Belles to the finish line once again this season with a time of 20:22 — a season best for McClowry.

"The difference for me this season is due to summer training," she said. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at workouts this season."

McClowry has been the front runner in each of the races the Belles have competed in this season.

Freshman Joanne Almond and sophomore Catie Salyer finished within a second of each other with times of 20:29, and 20:30 respectively.

Senior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel was close behind that pair by running her own personal best time of 20:32. Fellow senior Erin Seidelmann also set a personal record and finished with a time of 22:59.

Freshman Arianne Rodriguez rounded out the top five runners for the Belles with a time of 20:57.

Freshman Hanna Vicary and sophomore Clare McVey also finished with times of 21:09, and 21:16 for the Belles.

"One of our goals for the team this year is to improve upon our finish in the conference," McClowry said. "Last year we got fourth place, which was the highest place we had gotten, and we hope to better our place this year. One of my goals, along with some of the other girls is to consistently break the 20 minute barrier in the 5k."

While McClowry and her teammates did not break the 20 minute barrier in this race they will be hosting the MIAA Jamboree this coming weekend on Saint Mary's campus. The men's race will begin at 5 p.m., with the women's race beginning at 6 p.m.

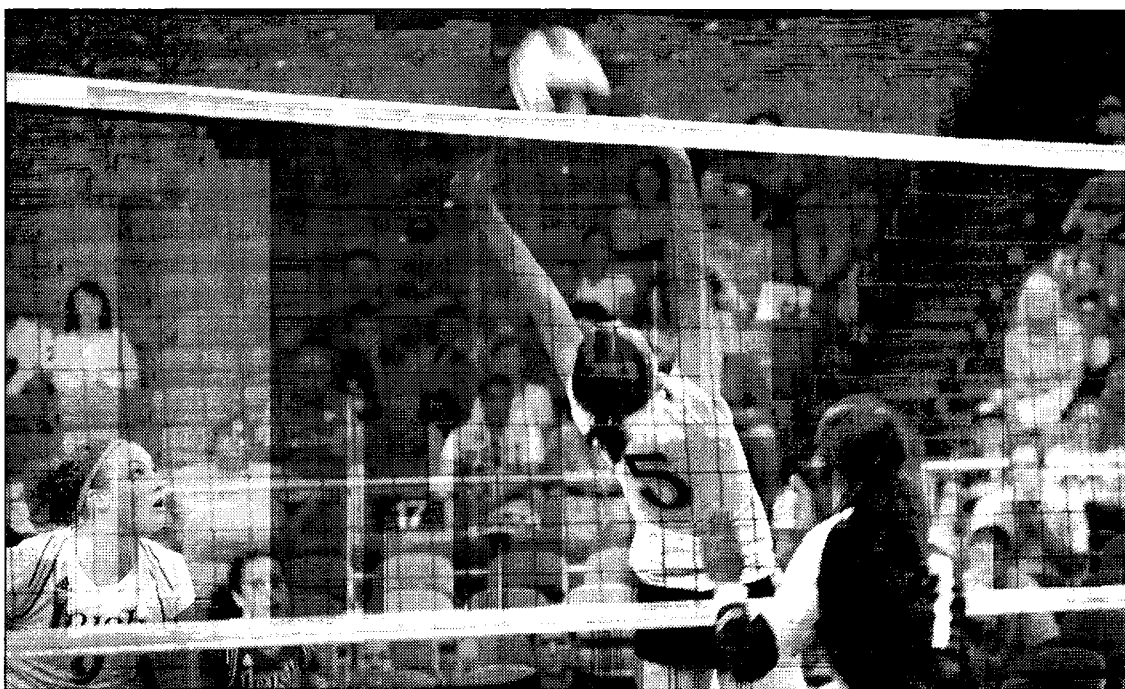
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Megan McClowry
Belles junior

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish lose in finals of tournament



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Irish freshman Beth Wildermuth, center, sets a ball for teammate Megan Fesl, left, during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Nevada on Aug. 30 in the Joyce Center.

Team beats Liberty, UC Irvine at home

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

The Irish took down Liberty and UC Irvine before falling just short against Western Michigan this weekend at the Golden Dome Invitational.

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin led the Irish (5-7) with 40 kills on the weekend. Against Liberty, the Louisville native posted a .733 hitting percentage, 10th-highest in Notre Dame history.

"Kaelin was outstanding the first two matches, for sure," Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said. "She carried a huge offensive load for us, and she's one of those players who wants the ball every time. She's aggressive and mixes up her shots."

Kaelin said it was just a matter of fundamentals.

"I was really working on keeping the ball in front of me and taking nice, high, aggressive swings," she said.

Friday night against the

Flames (9-4), the Irish put in a dominating performance, winning 25-10, 25-20, and 25-17. Notre Dame played a nearly flawless offensive game, committing only one hitting error the entire match. The Irish were almost equally as dominant on the defensive side, holding Liberty to a .090 hitting percentage. Chelaine McCarty led the Flames with 11 kills.

The next night, UC-Irvine (5-8) put up a better fight, but the Irish again prevailed, and once again it was Kaelin leading the way.

The all-tournament team honoree posted a match-high 17 kills against the Anteaters, good for a .533 hitting percentage.

In a match Notre Dame won 25-22, 25-23, 25-23, UC-Irvine certainly staged their fair share of rallies, forcing 31 ties and 11 lead changes. The second set was even tied 23-23 before a pair of Anteater errors swung the match in favor of the Irish.

After two convincing wins, the Irish looked to complete the weekend sweep against Western Michigan. They got off to a good start, winning

the first two sets 25-16 and 25-17.

Something happened after the second set, though, and the Broncos came out firing in the third. After falling behind 8-4, Western Michigan ripped off a 15-3 run to stake a 19-11 lead that they never relinquished, taking the set 25-16.

The Irish appeared to right the ship when they claimed a 7-3 lead in the fourth set, but again the Broncos rallied to claim a 11-10 lead. Notre Dame probably had its best chance to close out the match when they trailed by only three late in the set, but the Irish couldn't complete the comeback, and lost the set 25-20.

Two key blocks by senior Justine Stremick gave Notre Dame hope in the fifth set when they trailed 12-9, but, again, the Irish couldn't finish the job, falling 15-9.

"I think as much as anything, Western turned it up after the first two games," Brown said. "They played a lot better."

After the second game, the Broncos focused on loading up the middle, which, in turn, opened up seams on the outside, Brown said.

Brown also said that she wouldn't say much to her team after the match.

"Everyone's down already so we don't need to blast them," she said. "We know it's not what we wanted to do."

This weekend concluded preseason play for the Irish, who have competed in tournaments in Minneapolis and Idaho, as well as two in South Bend.

Notre Dame begins Big East play next weekend with a Friday night matchup against South Florida in Tampa. Brown said her team was full of potential, but heading into the conference season, she wasn't sure if they always capitalized on that potential.

"We keep getting these glimpses of what we can do, and then we stumble," she said. "I think that our confidence probably isn't as high as it could have been if we had finished out strong [against Western Michigan]."

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improvement before the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 3.

"The pack slipped apart after two miles," he said. "We will run with more experience in two weeks."

The Irish women had a good day as well, capturing first in the team category with a near-perfect 21 points. Dayton, the second-place team, finished with 107 total points.

Junior Lindsay Ferguson took first in the 283-woman field with a time of 17:31 on the three-mile course. Sophomore Marissa Treece finished second with a time of 17:53.

"I felt really good the whole race," Ferguson said.

Ferguson and Treece pulled in front almost immediately, and ran together for the first two miles before Ferguson took off.

"[Treece] did really well," Ferguson said. "We work really well together, it's awesome that she was right there."

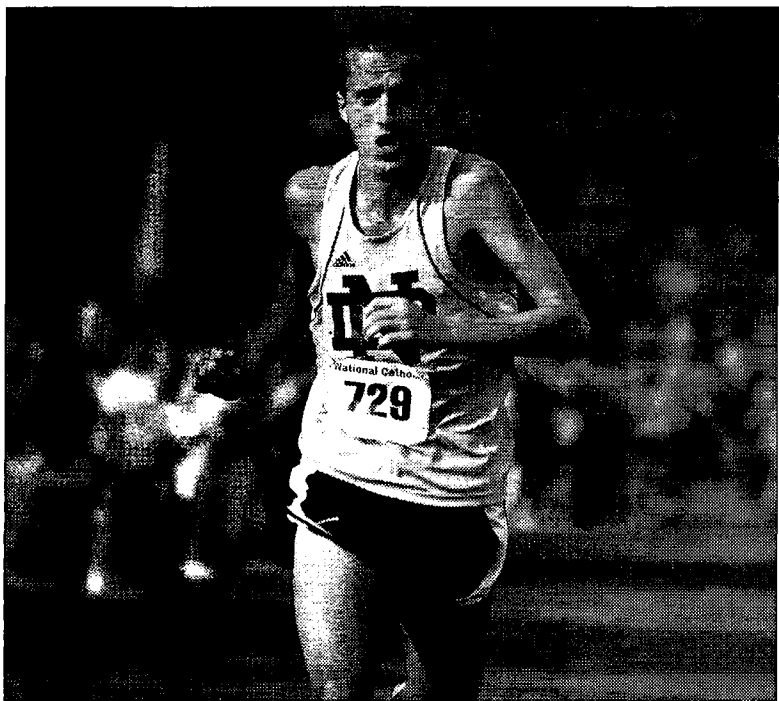
The pair reversed roles from the 2007 NCC when Treece finished first and Ferguson finished second.

Freshman Rachel Velarde finished fifth, senior Becca Bauman finished sixth, sophomore Abby Higgins finished seventh, and junior Emily Wauford finished tenth for the Irish.

Women's head coach Tim Connelly was not entirely pleased with the race, even though the Irish had seven runners finish in the top 11.

"Lindsay did well, a whole pack did well," he said, but "it wasn't what we wanted to see. The Notre Dame Invitational is a whole different world, and we've got to get a lot better before then."

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish sophomore Paul Springer runs to a first place finish at the National Catholic Championships on Friday at Notre Dame.

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Donohue put Notre Dame ahead for good and tied him with Donohue and junior midfielder Michael Thomas for the team-lead with four goals.

Thomas made it 2-0 when he drilled a free kick from the left side low toward the far post, and junior forward Tamba Samba capped the scoring with his first career goal early in the second half.

"It was a very good offensive performance," Clark said. "The big thing today was the play of [sophomore forward] Steven Perry and Tamba Samba... They came on for the first time this season [and] I feel they really stamped their authority in a game, and that was terrific."

Perhaps more impressive for the Irish was the continued dominance of their defense. Quinn recorded his second straight shutout and third of the year in just Notre Dame's seventh game.

Quinn made a career-best eight saves and has now allowed just one goal over the last four games, all against Big East teams. The Irish beat South Florida 5-0 on Sept. 7 during the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament in a



JESS LEE/The Observer

Irish midfielder Justin Morrow fights for a ball during No. 3 Notre Dame's 5-0 win over USF on Sept. 7 at Alumni Field.

game that did not count toward the conference standings.

The Irish have allowed seven goals in seven games but only four over their last six.

"[Central defenders Matt] Besler and [Aaron] Maund also deserve special mention today," Clark said. "[Syracuse is] a huge team and a very

physical team. I thought both Maund and Besler handled that physical challenge superbly."

After five straight home contests, the Irish begin a three-game road stretch that begins Friday at Cincinnati in a Big East match.

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Watson also had a solid game with nine kills and a pair of block assists of her own. Sophomore Meghann Rose helped carry the defense with 27 digs.

The nail-biting victory put the Belles into the third place match for their final contest of the tournament. Gallaudette, who narrowly escaped their morning match against Rose-Hulman, came out flat-footed as Saint Mary's rolled over them in the first two sets to gain a 2-0 advantage.

The Bison collected themselves and evened the match with two hard-fought wins in the next two sets as the normally stout Belles defense crumbled. Saint Mary's stamped out any notions of a Gallaudette rally with a dominating 15-7 final set to clinch third place.

Four different Belles had at least 10 kills in the victory.

Slupczynski led the way with 13 kills, while senior Kaela Hellmann added 11. Watson and Kurczak both had 10 kills to round out the Saint Mary's attack. Freshman Danielle Brink contributed a solid effort with four kills in 12 attempts, 25 assists, six digs, a service ace, and two solo blocks.

Schroeder-Biek said she was pleased by the team-wide effort. She has emphasized emotion and teamwork in the play of her young squad.

"What I think it comes down to is connections," Schroeder-Biek said. "We need to stay connected with our teammates, we need to celebrate our successes on the court and pick each other up when we are down. We need to connect as teammates before we can expect to really compete as a team."

The Belles return home to host Kalamazoo College for an MIAA match on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Junior tight end Will Yeatman runs through drills during a practice on Aug. 23. Yeatman was arrested on Saturday night.

Arrest

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Weis said in a statement, according to The Chicago Sun-Times.

Police took Yeatman and Golic to St. Joseph's County jail, but the AP said neither stayed there until Sunday night.

Yeatman was arrested earlier this year for driving drunk on campus. He pled guilty to drunken driving and reckless driving and entered a year-long probationary period. If he had completed the probation, the state would have moved to drop a criminal recklessness charge, the AP reported.

The University suspended Yeatman from athletics for the spring semester. Yeatman also plays lacrosse for the Irish and is regarded as one of the top attacks in the nation. Yeatman was named LaxPower's Rookie of the Year in 2006 along with his first team All-Conference honors.

Golic's father, Mike Golic, Sr., was a defensive lineman for Notre Dame and played for the Houston Oilers, Philadelphia Eagles and Miami Dolphins. He is now a co-host of ESPN Radio's "Mike and Mike in the Morning."

Golic's uncle, Bob, also played for Notre Dame, and his younger brother Jake is a senior in high school who has committed to play for the Irish.

Yeatman has two catches for six yards so far this season. He is currently second on the depth chart behind freshman Kyle Rudolph. Golic has not yet played.

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300th win with the Irish because he did not name an interim head coach for the Penn State game. Notre Dame assistant coach Ken Nuber said that the players had their head coach in mind as they remained undefeated.

"All of our hearts are with [Waldum] and his family," Nuber said. "That was definitely in the back of everyone's head in that game."

When Hanks slammed home a left-footed shot in the 78th minute against DePaul, not only did she provide the Irish with the only goal of the game. The senior from Allen, Tex., also became the fourth Div. I player to post 70 goals as well as 60 assists. The score also gave Hanks 200 career points and tied the Notre Dame record for game-winning goals with 19.

"She's been great her whole career; she's just an incredible player," Nuber said. "A lot of our goals are the result of all the hard work she puts in."

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Ken Nuber
Irish assistant coach

The Irish dominated DePaul for the duration of the contest, amassing a 24-2 advantage in shots taken. However, only when Hanks capitalized on a return pass from Notre Dame sophomore midfielder Erica Iantorno did the Irish punch one in.

"It was a great give-and-go," Nuber said. "Erica [Iantorno] posted high on the 18-yard line and took a pass from [Hanks] and held it and when she gave it back, it was just a great finish."

Nuber said the Irish were unlucky not to score until so late in the second half.

"It's a very difficult place to play; it's a very small, Astroturf field," Nuber said. "[DePaul]

played with a very defensive posture, especially as it got late in the game. ... I would say they weren't necessarily playing for a tie but I think they would have been happy with a tie."

After notching their first Big East win against the

Blue Demons, the Irish flew to Penn State and took care of business in their final non-conference game.

Notre Dame held off several early Penn State chances before notching three first-half goals to take control of the con-

test.

"We struggled a little early; they were really pressuring and attacking us well," Nuber said.

Freshman forward Melissa Henderson struck first for the Irish, converting a header on a cross from sophomore defender Julie Scheidler in the 18th minute. Hanks put in yet another goal less than two minutes later. The senior's initial effort failed but she stuck with the play and eventually hit the ball into the back of the net.

"She did a good job of holding the defender off her; the ball was served in and her first shot with her right foot got blocked," Nuber said. "But she got it again and put it in. It was just another example of her working hard for a goal."

Irish junior forward Michele Weisenhofer provided insurance for Notre Dame when she hit home a volley that Nuber called the "goal of the day."

"Erica [Iantorno] served it across and Weisenhofer was getting pulled down by a defender who was pretty much waterskiing on the back of her jersey," Nuber said. "The ball was about waist-high and she just hit it in."

After another successful weekend, the top-ranked Irish will get ready to return to action at Alumni Field Friday night against Louisville.

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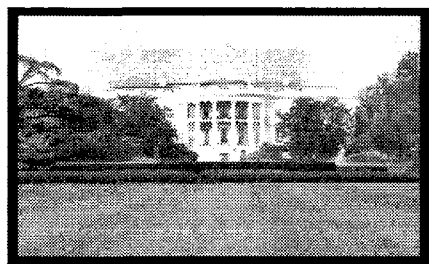
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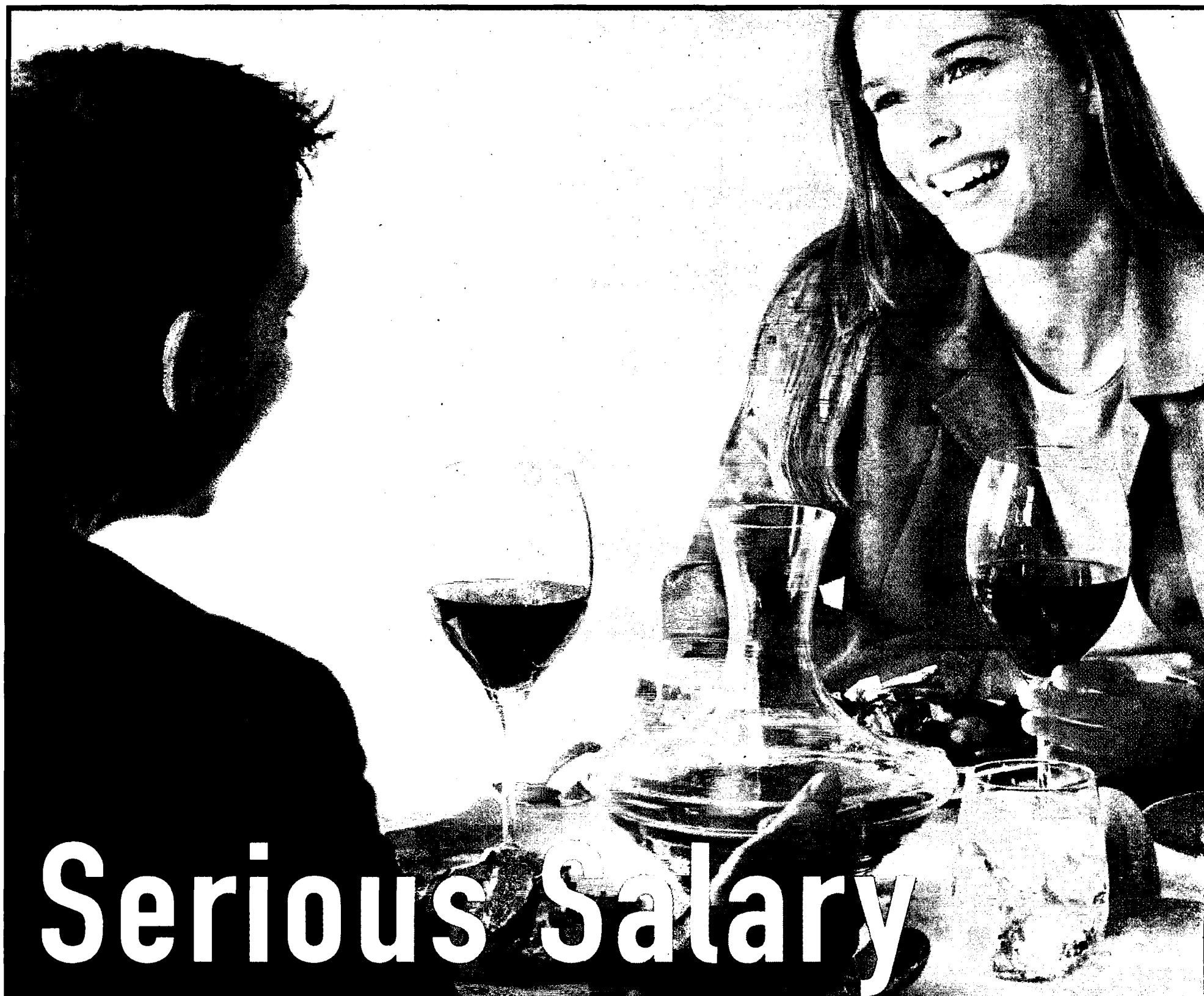
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Hanks continues to pile up records in win

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The hits just keep on coming for Kerri Hanks and No. 1 Notre Dame. A week after becoming the sixth player in NCAA Div. I history with 60 career goals and 60 assists, the senior forward scored two more goals and added several additional milestones to her resume.

What's more, the Irish won their first Big East game by downing DePaul 1-0 Friday and defeated No. 16/17 Penn State 3-1 Sunday. The successful road trip ran Notre Dame's record to 8-0-0, including 4-0-0 away from home.

The wins were bittersweet for the team, though, as head coach Randy Waldrum was not with Notre Dame Sunday due to a death in his family.

Waldrum got credit for his

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Freshman forward Melissa Henderson dribbles downfield during No. 1 Notre Dame's 5-0 win over SMU on Sept. 12. The Irish are now 8-0-0 on the season.

FOOTBALL

Golic, Jr., Yeatman arrested

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Police arrested junior tight end Will Yeatman and freshman center Mike Golic Jr. Saturday night, along with 39 others, at an off-campus party, the Associated Press reported Sunday night.

Yeatman, 20, and Golic, 18, were charged with consuming alcohol as a minor, Sgt. Al Taylor of the Indiana State Excise Police told the AP. Members of Notre Dame's soccer and lacrosse teams were also arrested, the AP said. Excise, South Bend and St. Joseph's County police were all involved, The AP reported.

"I was made aware of the situation early this afternoon and am currently looking into the matter," Irish coach Charlie

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish shutout two Big East opponents for win and draw

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame held a pair of Big East opponents scoreless as the Irish (5-1-1, 2-0-1 Big East) continued their five-game unbeaten streak dating back to a season-opening 3-0 loss to Akron Aug. 29.

The Irish played No. 5 St. John's (6-0-2, 1-0-1 Big East) to a scoreless draw Friday before getting goals from three different players in a 3-0 victory over

Syracuse (4-1-2, 1-1-0 Big East) Sunday.

Despite out-shooting St. John's 22-10, the Irish couldn't breakthrough in the Red Storm's Big East opener. Senior forward Bright Dike led the Notre Dame attack with six shots, with four of them on target.

"I thought it was a very, very strong performance and I thought we were very unlucky not to come out with the victory," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Dike could have had sev-

eral goals tonight. He caused havoc up there."

The Irish dominated possession and pressured the St. John's defense, but Red Storm goalkeeper Neal Kitson made 11 saves to thwart several strong chances for Notre Dame.

Four minutes into the second half, Kitson deflected Dike's first near-goal high over the crossbar. Six minutes later, Dike's deep free kick ricocheted off the crossbar.

Midway through the second half, Dike had another strong

effort go right into Kitson's hands from 18 yards out.

Kitson's most crucial save came early in the second overtime when he tipped sophomore midfielder Jeb Brovsky's header over the bar, preventing what may have been the game-winner for the Irish.

"Full marks to St. John's," Clark said. "They're a tough, resolute team and that's why they're undefeated."

Notre Dame senior keeper Andrew Quinn tied a career high with five saves, including

one diving effort in the second overtime that kept the game tied.

"Quinn came up with two vital saves," Clark said. "It was a good team performance. All the players that played were very solid."

After his several near-misses Friday, it didn't take long for Dike to get the Irish on the board Sunday afternoon.

His goal in the third minute from junior midfielder Dave

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take third in Calvin

Slupczynski garners All-Tourney honors

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After winning three of their last four matches, including two conference victories, the Belles came into the DePauw Invitational sharp and determined.

Saint Mary's (9-4, 2-2 MIAA) scratched and clawed its way to a third place finish at the tournament, finishing 3-1 on the weekend, with junior Lorna Slupczynski earning All-Tournament honors for the second time this season. Heidelberg College cruised to a first-place finish, besting

three of four opponents in straight sets to claim victory at the DePauw University-hosted tournament in Greencastle, Ind.

While the Belles' defense has been outstanding all season long, the squad has struggled at times offensively. Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was proud of her team's offensive consistency over the weekend.

"We have been struggling through a few things offensively," Schroeder-Biek said. "Primarily with just learning each other, new setters learning the tendencies and strengths of their attackers, attackers learning the same things about the setters. Over the weekend, we worked very well together, and our attack

was strong."

On Saturday, the Belles split their first two bracket matches. Saint Mary's brushed aside North Central in four sets (25-14, 20-25, 25-21, 25-15) before dropping a closely fought match against eventual runner-up DePauw (27-25, 21-25, 25-23, 25-21).

The Belles triumphed over Anderson in their final and crucial bracket match Sunday morning, rallying from an early deficit in the five-set victory (17-25 25-16 25-17 23-25 15-13). Senior Cathy Kurczak led the offense for Saint Mary's with 13 kills, two service aces, and three block assists, while emerging play-maker sophomore Jacee

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Springer wins Invite, team finishes second

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Sophomore Paul Springer had the power of the Holy Spirit with him on Friday. Carrying a sign that read "Run for Jesus!," Springer left his competition in the dust to take home first place in the National Catholic Championships at the Burke Golf Course at Notre Dame.

Springer, who completed the five-mile course in 24:54, helped his team to a second place finish just behind overall winner Duquesne University. Duquesne squeezed out a 45-44 victory for the win.

Springer and freshman teammate Joe Miller pulled ahead of

the pack at the three-mile mark, along with two Duquesne runners. Miller finished in second place with a time of 24:58.

"We wanted to get to the front of the pack, which we did," men's head coach Joe Piane said.

Of the seven men who ran for the Irish, only Springer had ever run in a collegiate race before. In total, Notre Dame ran two sophomores and five freshmen.

"[Miller] had a real solid race. We fed off each other," Springer said.

Piane said he is ecstatic with Miller and sophomore Ryan Gamboa, who finished sixth. However, he saw room for

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