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Forum urges decisive action on sustainability

Panelists discuss U.S. energy situation

By JOHN TIERNEY News Writer

The United States has the responsibility to do something to make its energy situation more sustainable, panelists at the Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy said Wednesday.

"We're stuck right now and we're really not doing anything,' General Electric chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt said. "And as everybody in this room knows, to do something you have to do something."

The discussion of what exactly must be done to improve America's energy situation ranged from individuals taking small personal steps to governments working to develop an energy policy. Each panelist echoed Immelt's theme that action is a necessity.

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Panelists Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx, GE CEO Jeff Immelt, MIT physics professor Ernest Moniz and Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter Jr. discuss sustainability issues Wednesday at the forum.

Numbers reveal ND's environmental impact

By AARON STEINER

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of a multipart series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.

University President Fr. John Jenkins has declared sustainability a major goal for the University, but at this point, energy generation and consumption on campus "is not a strong point," Office of Sustainability Director Jim Mazurek said.

The Sustainability office recently calculated the University's carbon footprint, Mazurek said.

The footprint that results from energy generation emissions at the University power plant is currently 172,647

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NDSP, SBPD offer safety tips to off-campus students

Representatives from police departments advise students to follow instincts, trust judgements in confrontations

By EMMA DRISCOLL News Writer

In response to the concerns of students who live off campus or have been victims of crimes, representatives from the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) and the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) met with students Tuesday night in the Dooley

Room of LaFortune to offer tips to help students protect themselves.

Only a handful of students attended the session held by SBPD Crime Prevention Specialist Cpl. Patrick Hechlinski and NDSP Crime Prevention Officer Keri Kei Shibata.

"The two most important things I can tell you are be alert and follow your

instincts," Shibata said. She said that if a student is stopped by a potential attacker who asks him or her for an item, it is usually best to give the person what he or she wants. She reminded students to trust their judgment and listen to what their instincts tell them to do.

'Use your instincts. If you think you need to run, [then] run," Shibata said.

Shibata said that most of the crimes that have been happening to students offcampus are "crimes of opportunity," meaning assaults, larcenies, robberies and burglaries that are not always premeditated.

"People may see a person that they think is vulnerable, so they take advantage," Shibata said. "As individuals, we can reduce opportunity."

Individuals can take steps to ensure their own safety.

'Individuals can do more to protect themselves than police can," Shibata said. "We really depend on you guys to be our eyes and ears, to let us know when something is going on somewhere ... to protect yourselves and each other," Shibata said.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group debates mock elections

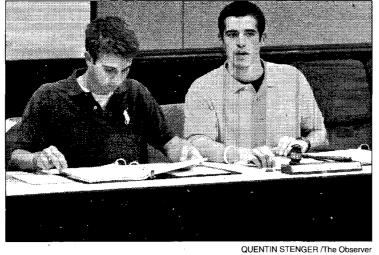
By JOSEPH McMAHON Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate debated whether its upcoming mock election should be conducted with an online survey or in voting booths located throughout campus during its meeting Wednesday.

The mock election, which will serve not only as an informal campus poll but also as way to inform students about the responsibilities of voting, will take place Oct. 7.

"The point of this is activism," student body vice

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Student body vice president Grant Schmidt presides over a Senate meeting. The group discussed its mock election Wednesday.

SMC starts Weight Watchers program

By KELLY DAVIS News Writer

"Stop dieting. Start living," is the Weight Watchers slogan, according to the weight loss plan's Web site. Saint Mary's senior Kelly Gasior, who started a Weight Watchers group on the College's campus this year, said 22 Saint Mary's students, staff and professors hope to do just that.

Gasior worked with Saint Mary's Director of Women's Health Catherine DeCleene to start an "At Work" program.

The program lasts for 17 weeks, with breaks for academic year recesses, so they will meet until the end of February, Gasior said.

DeCleene told The Observer that other students had contacted her over the summer about starting the program on campus. She said Weight Watchers "is a tried and true program which has proven itself in the long run."

According WeightWatchers.com, the program has two different diet

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Inside Column

Down on the farm

When asked about their favorite restaurant, most people will respond with a) somewhere really fancy, b) somewhere only the "locals" would know, or c) Bruno's, if the **Laura Myers** person asked is

on The Observer staff. Sports Writer

My favorite restaurant does not fit into any of those categories. You can have your Italian bistros, your fancy steakhouses, your greasy spoon pubs. For me, I'll take the fine homestyle cuisine of Bob Evans.

If you've talked to me more than once, you know the extent of my love/hate relationship with Bob's, as I like to call it.

I will admit, I've worked there for three years, and a 20 percent discount certainly informs my affection for the place. Aside from a manager who hates Notre Dame and a bad ankle from my Shoes for Crews, my employment was probably the best first job a 16-year-old could get.

The majority of people our age assume Bob Evans is strictly for travelers, families, or members of the geriatric population. False. They also assume Bob Evans is only for breakfast. Also false. (Had to throw in a little The Office homage there, in honor of tonight's season premiere. Yay!)

What Bob Evans has is everything. And it is for everyone. With 196 locations in the great

state of Ohio, or roughly one store for every 55,000 residents, Bob Evans has been a part of my extremely fortunate life for a long time. Many of you have never been there. Well, it's time to discover a Midwest treasure.

Bob Evans has giant pancakes and delicious bacon and eggs. It also has the best fresh fruit you can get from a restaurant, egg white omelettes, and marvelous turkey sausage.

But the amazingness doesn't end there, my friends. What sets Bob Evans apart is its great lunch and dinner food. Most places (IIIOP, Perkins, etc.) have terrible dinner food, regardless. of their breakfast expertise. Bob's is the exception to that rule. Our sandwiches and burgers are perfect. We have great turkey dinners, or steak, or grilled chicken. Our broccoli doesn't have any weird stuff on it. It's just broccoli.

Then you have all kinds of specialty breads, including my personal favorite - pumpkin bread. pies are pretty good, too

Plus, there's the best hot chocolate you'll ever have, for only \$1.69. With free refills. Beat that, Waffle House.

Don't forget to tip your waitress - 20 percent or more — because I can guarantee you'll be getting service with a smile.

Basically, Bob Evans kicks every other restaurant in the loading dock.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer ContactLaura Myers lmuers2@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How scared are you of the skunks on campus?



Matt Gelchion

senior Fisher

"I am extremely terrified. I fear the demand to use my tomato juice bath facilities will be too great."



Andrea Etienne

sophomore Pangborn

"Pretty terrified, but I feel like the same three skunks I see are on the prowl."



Will Guappore

junior Fisher

"Less scared of them than of the girls."



Rachel Washington

sophomore McGlinn

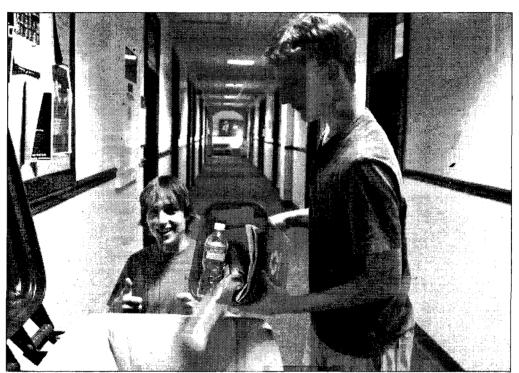
"Not at all. They should be scared of me."



Rebecca Palacios

sophomore . **Pangborn**

"Pretty scared, but more weary than scared. Where did they come from? They were not here last year."



Sophomores Bill Hazel, left, and Tyler Mingo dump Items into a reycling bin in Dillon. Notre Dame converted to single-stream recycling last year.

OFFBEAT

Man cited for buying beer for young sons

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — A father who bought a beer for his 4-year-old son at the Fond du Lac County Fair and shared it with the boy's 2-year-old sibling was cited after becoming belligerent when he was approached by police.

beer tent last July told an officer she thought the man was joking when he asked for two beers one for him and another for his 4-year-old son.

When he was questioned by an officer, he told him it's legal for underage children to drink in Wisconsin, as long as they're with their parents. The officer countered that the boys weren't old enough to know what they were drinking.

Soccer mom loses gun

LEBANON Officials in Pennsylvania have revoked a woman's concealed-weapons permit because other parents complained that she was carrying her loaded handgun at her daughter's soccer games. Meleanie Hain said she's fighting the revocation by the Lebanon County sheriff.

Hain lost the permit and got a warning from local soccer officials after a game on Sept. 11

Sheriff Michael DeLeo says openly carrying a weapon to a youth soccer match shows a lack of judgment.

Hain tells the Lebanon Daily News she's always openly carried a firearm without any problems in the past.

Information compiled from the Associated

IN BRIEF

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity opens today 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.

Saint Mary's College is hosting a book release for communications professor Terri Russ' book "Bi***in' **Bodies: Young Women Talk** About Body dissatisfaction" today at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

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

The Student Stand-Ups are hosting The Student Stand-Up Comedy tonight at 9 p.m. in the Black Lab Theatre on the third floor of Washington Hall. Admission is free but limited to the first 100 people.

The Student Activities Office will host "End Zone: The best of Chicago" Saturday at 10 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom which will include free Chicago Deep Dish Pizza, Chicago Dogs and Italian beef. The event will also feature Chicago trivia.

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

TODAY LOCAL WEATHER

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Saint Mary's explores gender violence issue

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY News Writer

Saint Mary's College will examine the issue of gender violence through a symposium next Wednesday and Thursday, Women's Issues commissioner Becky Faunce said Wednesday at the Board of Governance (BOG)

Several organizations and departments on campus will come together to present a movie Wednesday at 5 p.m. on gender violence in the Vander Vennet Theatre. The following day, a panel session will be held from 5 p.m. to 7, Faunce said.

Professor Luzmila Camacho-Platero, an assistant professor of Spanish at Saint Mary's, organized the speakers for the panel, which includes two Saint Mary's professors, a professor from Ohio State University and a speaker from the YWCA.

"They will be talking about all different forms of violence against women," Faunce said.

Saint Mary's is continuing its Theology on Fire lecture series from last year, Missions commissioner Sarah King said.

The lecture, "What Does it Mean to 'Vote Catholic?" will take place next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Political science professor Amy Cavender will speak.

"Please come show your support, especially considering the school's value of justice this year," King said. Saint Mary's wants its students to be informed by the time the Election Day arrives in November, King said. Saint Mary's Campus Ministry is sponsoring the lecture series.

Sodexho, Saint Mary's food services, is trying to bring a little piece of home to the dining hall. Food services will be accepting students' family recipes and choosing one a month, Student Services commissioner Catherine Meadors said: Detailed plans for the event are preliminary, but students will receive a chef's coat from Sodexho if their recipe is chosen.

Spes Unica, the new academic building on campus, will begin serving lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 2 during the week, Meadors said. It will have a make-your-own deli bar that students can charge as a meal on their plan.

There will be a Salsa Night next Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center Lounge, Student Diversity Board president Adriana Rodriguez said. For the first hour there will someone there to help teach people how to salsa correctly.

Hall Council elections will be held today until 11:59 p.m., Resident Hall Association president Maura Clougherty said. Students can go on PRISM to vote for each residence hall council.

Philosophy prof talks love

O'Connor dissects human love in 'Ancient Wisdom, Modern Love'

Associated Press

The English novelist and theologian Charles Williams offered what he called a "maxim" for any love affair: "Play and pray; but on the whole do not pray when you are playing and do not play when you are praying. We cannot yet manage such simultaneities."

It's difficult not to share this exasperation when trying to think seriously and carefully about something as disorderly and turbulent as whatever it is that goes on between lovers.

So David O'Connor, associate professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, certainly has his work cut out for him. Three afternoons a week, in a fluorescent-lit Nieuwland Hall classroom, he stands before some 200 students enrolled in Philosophy 20214-01, leads a prayer invoking the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and begins to speak about passionate romance, erotic love, and simple friendship.

O'Connor has been teaching the increasingly popular course, "Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love," for a dozen years now. Because his consideration of human love attempts to meld philosophical analysis and literary imagination, his lectures require no less preparation from his students than from himself. The course reading list, for

instance, includes Shelley's translation of Plato's "Symposium" (which O'Connor has edited); Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Othello"; the papal encyclical "Humanae Vitae"; selections from Homer, Sappho and William Butler Yeats; and short stories by Andre Dubus. A half-dozen films are assigned as well.

During the fall of 2006 Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love" was videotaped for inclusion in the online Open Courseware Initiative, in which Notre Dame is a partner, and now it has begun to attract attention far beyond the Notre Dame campus. In, of all places, the September edition of "O: The Oprah Magazine," O'Connor received notice a movie star might envy for the novelty and depth of his lectures. "David O'Connor rethinks common assumptions about love, sex, and marriage," the Oprah reviewer wrote, "and convinces his students that philosophy can make us better, more discerning lovers—that we can fall madly in love without going

In an introductory lecture sandwiched between a viewing of Atom Egoyan's film "Exotica" and an embarkation into Plato's "Symposium," O'Connor reads from Homer's hymn to the god Dionysus and Sappho's hymn to Aphrodite to provide a sample of the atmosphere of that ancient drinking party.

"You'll need to appreciate this atmosphere, because Plato doesn't shout," he warns his students. "Read the 'Symposium' as if your life depended upon it...which it might. Read Plato as you would read a love letter, as you would listen to the voice of a lover, listening even more for what's not there than for what is there."

A concurrent associate professor of classics, O'Connor is at pains to share the nuances often lost in translation of poetry and song from ancient Greek to modern English.

"It can be frustrating," he says. "You lose so much in the explanation, much as when you have to explain a joke. Once you explain it, it isn't funny anymore."

That frustration moves him to blurt a daunting recommendation: "I really wish you'd all just learn Greek," he tells his startled undergraduate listeners. "You'd all be much happier people, and it doesn't cost any more to learn Greek than not to learn it."

Whether or not O'Connor is able to persuade his students to imitate his own mastery of a difficult ancient language, he is undoubtedly exhorting them to an equally challenging ambition.

Fulbright Information Session for Notre Dame graduate students and advisers

Speaker: Joanne Forster

Institute of International Education

September 25

2:00 - 3:00 pm Room 100 McKenna Hall



External deadline for submission of Fulbright applications is October 20, 2008

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"Keep your stuff in your car out of sight," Hechlinski said. "Put your self in the shoes of the bad guy. Walk around the car, look in the windows and see if there is anything that would entice you to break

Hechlinski said that he has seen cases where people broke into cars for items such as cell phone chargers, half-empty packs of cigarettes and spare change in cup holders and bags.

Both Hechlinski and Shibata advised students to keep track of the model and brand number listed on their property.

Hechlinski advised students not to leave boxes for new TVs, stereo equipment, computers or other expensive items in front of their garbage cans outside. These boxes should be broken down and put into garbage cans or

"All {criminals} have to do is drive down the street, and they know exactly what

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NDSP Crime

Prevention officer

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Students should use their alarm systems and be sure to always

said.

keep doors locked, even if people are home inside the house, Hechlinski said.

Shibata suggested that students find a creative way to make sure residents never leave doors unlocked.

"Maybe whoever leaves the door unlocked has to buy pizza," Shibata said.

Shibata advised students who bike to and from campus to never stop for anyone.

"If somebody asks for help, ride on by and call us," she said. "People will use that as a ploy to take advantage of you.'

Having a dog is another effective crime prevention tool, Shibata said.

Students should get to know their neighbors, when it is safe to do so, if possible.

Once you have relationships with neighbors, they are more likely to call if they see something when you're gone," Shibata said.

When walking off-campus, it is important to stay alert.

'Make eye contact with people. Let them know you see them," Shibata said.

NDSP's Rape Aggression Defense classes offer "practical" and "easy" methods of defense against an attacker, Shibata said.

Shibata encouraged students to use the buddy system and to always make sure somebody knows where they are and when they are expected to return home.

"Look out for each other. Look out for your friends, your neighbors," Shibata said.

If students choose to carry Mace, Shibata said, they should be aware of how to operate it.

'Remember that you will Mace yourself whenever you Mace someone else," Shibata

Hechlinski said this happens because wind carries the Mace, and a lot of times it comes back to the person using the Mace for defense.

Hechlinski said that students should not give money to people who come to their doors.

"If you give them money, they're going to come back and tell their buddies about he said. Instead. Hechlinski said that students can call SBPD to help with people who come to their

If students have parties, it is safe to always know the people in attendance.

"If you're having a party at your house, make sure you know everybody who is there," Shibata said. "Some people come with the sole purpose of blending in and

looking at what you have." In order to reduce the risk of crimes against property while students are away on breaks, students can call and tell SBPD that they will be gone and SBPD can check on the residence, Shibata said.

She also said that NDSP can store some valuables for students dur-

> ing breaks. Shibata told students they never deserve have to crimes committed against them, but that she Hechlinski were there to offer tips for

preventing

incidents. "We're never blaming the victim ... as we talk about things you can do. You never deserve to be victimized, Shibata said.

Hechlinski listed crime statistics from South Bend during the meeting.

'Crimes against persons are down. Crimes against property are up," said Hechlinski, citing crime statistics comparing the same fall time frame in 2007 and 2008.

If students have ongoing problems in their neighborhoods, Hechlinski said to contact the SBPD shift commander who works during the time that incidents typically occur.

Hechlinski emphasized the importance of students reporting crimes in order to keep SBDP informed about problems in the community. He said that if an incident is not reported, than police do not know about the problem.

"A lot of people, things happen to them, they don't report it," he said. "If you're not reporting it, we don't know what is going on."

Both Shibata and Hechlinski encouraged students to program the SBPD's number into their cell phones in order to directly reach SBPD in the case of emergencies or to report suspicious behavior. The number is 574-235-9361.

Shibata invited students to contact NDSP with any ideas or to discuss any topics that interest or concern students.

"Let us know, we want to work with you. We want to help you. That's why we're here," Shibata said.

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Senate

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president Grant Schmidt said. "It's a mock election, not simply a poll."

Schmidt said the mock election's ballot would ask students their class, gender, candidate,

most important issue "If we want to do this and how like a real election, we close they might as well get followed the media's hanging chads and election butterfly ballots." coverage. Senators **Gus Gari** also briefly debated **Senate Community**

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Senate oversight

committee chair

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SMC vice president

of student affairs

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Senate University Affairs committee chair Ashlee Wright said access to voting forms would be made available at four booths stationed in the LaFortune Student Center, DeBartolo Hall and North and South Dining Halls. Schmidt said he thought students could access the voting Web site, which is similar to the one used for the student body president election, on insideND as well. This way, students would be able to see the current results of the election.

Many senators and committee chairs, however, felt having the election online defeated the

purpose of the exercise, which they said was to give students the feeling they were actually vot-

ing.
"We want our students to participate in the great Ämerican tradition of

going to the polls to vote." Senate Oversight Committee chair Ian Secviar said.

Howard senator Stephanie Mulhern said the four polling locations would be sufficient for conducting the election, and there was no need to put

the ballot online. 'I think that those locations are definitely enough because the point is to get people to consciously go out and vote," Mulhern said.

Senate Community Relations committee chair Gus Gari disagreed, arguing

turnout would be pitifully low if students were forced not only to go out of their way, but also forced to wait in line in order to cast a vote that would have no impact on the actual election.

"If we want to do this like a real election, we might as well

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Robin Brown

Lewis Hall senator

get hanging chads and butterfly ballots," he said. Gari also

pointed out that "18-to-25-year-olds are the lowdemoest graphic that show up in elections, and doubted off-campus students, who compose 18 percent of h University's

population, would bother traveling to campus to vote.

Lewis Hall senator Robin Brown strongly disagreed, arguing students have a

patriotic duty to make their voices heard, even in a mock election.

"This is your country. You shouldn't lethargic or lazy and just want to sit in your dorm or your off-campus house," she said.

In an informal poll, an overwhelming

majority of senators and committee chairs said they would rather not have the ballots online. Schmidt said he and the University Affairs committee would "need to define formalities" in light of the senators' opinions.

In other Senate news:

 Social Concerns committee chair Michelle Byrne and junior Kelsey Scribner, who is also involved with the committee, pitched the idea of using Domer Dollars to make charitable donations, Although no official vote was taken, the majority of senators supported the idea in an informal poll.

'No one carries money with them on campus, and that's the bottom line" Scribner said. "You can make the decision yourself with how to use Domer Dollars.

Byrne said the some of the negative aspects were the possibility people would feel too pressured to give and parents would be upset with their children donating their money, which Cavanaugh

> Hall senator Robin Link dismissed.

"I have a hard believing that parents Notre Dame students would be upset that their money could be used to donate to charities," she said.

 Schmidt announced that student government was organizing block parties to help students living off campus meet their South Bend neighbors to ease tensions about recent arrests and help establish some sense of community. The first of these took place last Friday outside the Robinson Center.

'We're going to have block parties around South Bend in the areas where students are living," Schmidt said. "It's just a good way to bridge the gap.

Gari, who attended the Robinson block party, said he was in the process of meeting with both Notre Dame Security Police and the South Bend Police Department in order to discuss student safety.

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plans. First, the "Flex Plan" allows participants to eat anything, so long as the "Points Values" for each food are tracked. Each person has a specified number of "points" they should stay under for a given day. The "Core Plan'

requires no tracking of points' because members eat foods specified on a list provided by Weight Watchers. The plan also takes into

account daily activity and exercise.

Another crucial aspect of Weight Watchers is the weekly meeting. Meetings consist of confidential weigh-ins, and time for participants to discuss the program, as well as individual struggles or accomplishments, Gasior said.

Motivated by her mom's loss of 35 pounds on Weight Watchers, Gasior joined last summer and did not want to stop attending the weekly meetings "because the support from the group is really important and it makes a noticeable difference," she said.

"Even though there are several meetings

in the area, bringing the program to campus is the most convenient way to keep up with it and to share this great program with students and

other members of the Saint Mary's communi-

ty," Gasior said.

Saint Mary's senior Emily Croft joined the new program "not only to lose weight, but to learn healthy lifestyle and eating routines that work for my body," she said.

Croft said she is unsure about how she will handle the plethora of options in the dining hall, but Gasior assured her that success is possible.

"It is so easy for me to grab a cookie to munch on while I am browsing the stations to find what I would like to eat," Croft said. "But one of the great things about Weight Watchers is that there is no food that is completely off limits. Weight Watchers is concerned with portion control and not self-denial, which just sets a person up for failure.'

Saint Mary's Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson also joined the program on campus.

"It's a great model for healthy living as opposed to 'dieting' all the time," she said.

Notre Dame also has two "At Work" Weight Watchers programs, sponsored by the Office of Human Resources on campus.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ten killed in Finnish school shooting

KAUHAJOKI, Finland — Police released details Wednesday about the victims of a school massacre in western Finland, saying eight women and two men were killed by the 22-year-old gumman.

They also confirmed the shooter was Matti Saari, a student at the school who was questioned by police a day before Tuesday's rampage about YouTube clips showing him firing a handgun. Saari was released Monday because police said they found no reason to keep him in custody.

The National Bureau of Investigation said all the women were students, while one of the men was a teacher and the other a student. The bureau said Saari also wounded an additional female student before shooting himself in the head.

Georgian schools cancel classes

TBILISI, Georgia — Before Georgia's war with Russia, the parents of Salome Lomadze, a lively 3-year-old with curly dark hair, were planning to walk her up the street to school every morning, starting this month.

But Salome is one of 50,000 Georgian children, government officials say, who won't be attending classes this fall because their schools — mostly kindergartens — now shelter tens of thousands of people who fled the fighting.

Abroad, Russia's crushing defeat of Georgia's military in August severely damaged relations between Moscow and the West. In Georgia, a struggling Caucasus Mountains nation of 4.4 million, it has created a slow-motion humanitarian crisis, with repercussions far beyond the former battlegrounds.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama wants to keep planned debate

NEW YORK — The economic crisis and raw politics threatened to derail the first presidential debate as John McCain challenged Barack Obama to delay the Friday forum and join forces to help Washington fix the financial mess. Obama rebuffed his GOP rival, saying the next president needs to "deal with more than one thing at once."

The White House rivals maneuvered to claim the leadership role in resolving the economic turmoil that has overshadowed their campaign six weeks before Election Day. Obama said he would proceed with his debate preparations while consulting with bailout negotiators and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. McCain said he would stop all advertising, fundraising and other campaign events to return to Washington and work for a bipartisan solution.

Stroke sufferers benefit from medicine

LOS ANGELES — Stroke sufferers can still benefit from clot-busting medicine even if they receive it an hour or so beyond the current three-hour window after symptoms start, an important new study suggests

The finding could potentially extend treatment to thousands more people each year and prevent many from being left disabled. However, it does not change long-standing advice that stroke victims seek immediate help if they feel sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg.

Local News

Sex offenders cannot enter town parks

INDIANAPOLIS — A convicted sex offender has lost again in his bid to overturn a town ordinance that bans him from Plainfield's parks.

The Indiana Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld the 2002 ordinance banning people on the state's sex and violent offender registry from the town's parks. The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a lawsuit in 2005 challenging the ordinance on behalf of a man known in court documents as John Doe. The ACLU argued Doe has completed his punishment including probation and that banning him from the park effectively adds more punishment and violates the state constitution.

Bush: Fast action to save markets

President invites McCain, Obama, congressional leaders to White House meeting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday warned Americans and lawmakers reluctant to pass a \$700 billion financial rescue plan that failing to act fast risks wiping out retirement savings, rising foreclosures, lost jobs, closed businesses and even "a long and painful recession."

His dire warning came not long after the president issued extraordinary invitations to presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain, one of whom will inherit the mess in four months, as well as key congressional leaders to a White House meeting on Thursday to work on a compromise.

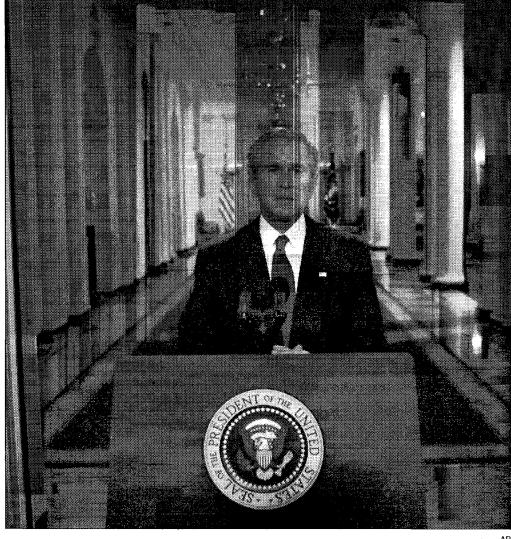
"Without immediate action by Congress, American could slip into a financial panic and a distressing scenario would unfold," Bush said in a 12-minute prime-time address from the White House East Room that he hoped would help rescue his tough-sell bailout package.

Bush explicitly endorsed several of the changes that have been demanded in recent days from the right and left. But he warned that he would draw the line at regulations he determined would hamper economic growth.

"It should be enacted as soon as possible," the president said.

The bailout, which the Bush administration asked Congress last weekend to approve before it adjourns, is meeting with deep skepticism, especially from conservatives in Bush's own party who are revolting at the high price tag and unprecedented private-sector intervention. Though there is general agreement that something must be done to address the spiraling economic problems, the timing and even the size of the package remained in doubt and the administration has been forced to accept changes almost daily.

Seeking to explain himself to conservatives, Bush stressed he was reluctant to put taxpayer money on the line to help businesses that had made bad decisions and that the rescue is not aimed at saving individual companies. He tried to address some of the major complaints



President Bush stands in White House after delivering a prime-time speech on the ailing financial markets.

from Democrats by promising that CEOs of failed companies won't be rewarded.

"With the situation becoming more precarious by the day, I faced a choice: to step in with dramatic government action or to stand back and allow the irresponsible actions by some to undermine the financial security of all," Bush said.

Intensive, personal wheeling and dealing is not usually Bush's style as president, unlike some predecessors. He does not often call or meet with individual lawmakers to push a legislative priority.

But with the nation facing the biggest financial meltdown in decades, Bush took the unusual step of calling Democrat Obama personally about the meeting, said presidential spokeswoman Dana Perino. White House aides extended the invitations

to Republican McCain and to GOP and Democratic leaders from Capitol Hill.

Obama spokesman Bill Burton said the senator would attend and "will continue to work in a bipartisan spirit and do whatever is necessary to come up with a final solution." Senior McCain advisers said McCain will attend, too. The plans of the other invitees were unknown, and the exact details of the meeting, which Perino said was aimed at making fast progress to stem the biggest financial meltdown in decades, were still being set.

In another move welcome at the White House, Obama and McCain issued a joint statement urging lawmakers — in dire terms — to act.

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"Now is a time to come together Democrats and Republicans in a spirit of coop-

eration for the sake of the American people," it said. "The plan that has been submitted to Congress by the Bush administration is flawed, but the effort to protect the American economy must not fail."

The two candidates — bitterly fighting each other for the White House but coming together over this issue — said the situation offers a chance for politicians to prove Washington's worth.

"This is a time to rise above politics for the good of the country. We cannot risk an economic catastrophe," they said.

However, the Oval Office rivals were not putting politics aside entirely. McCain asked Obama to agree to delay their first debate, scheduled for Friday, to deal with the meltdown. Obama said the debate should go ahead.

CHINA

Countries ban, recall dairy products

Associated Press

BEIJING — An industrial chemical that made its way into China's dairy supplies and that authorities blame in the death of four babies has turned up in numerous Chinese-made exports abroad — from candies to yogurt to rice balls.

British supermarket chain Tesco removed Chinese-made White Rabbit Creamy Candies off its shelves as a precaution amid reports that samples of the milk candy in Singapore and New Zealand had tested positive for melamine — an industrial chemical used to make plastics and fertilizer.

Chinese baby formula tainted with the chemical has been blamed for the deaths of four infants and the illnesses of 53,000 others in China. Health experts say ingesting a small amount of the chemical poses no danger, but melamine can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure. Infants are particularly vulnerable.

More than a dozen countries have banned or recalled Chinese dairy products — the latest was France which does not import Chinese dairy products but has halted imports of Chinese biscuits, candy or other foods that could contain Chinese dairy derivatives. The government described the measure as a precaution.

Indonesia on Wednesday also distributed a list of 28 products that it said may contain tainted Chinese milk, including Oreo cookies, Snickers bars and M&M chocolate candies.

U.S. and European consumer safety officials urged Beijing to better enforce product safety standards.

Tesco said that it had withdrawn White Rabbit Creamy Candies off its shelves as a precaution. The candies had been sold in a small number of Tesco's British stores as part of the supermarket's ethnic range.

Energy

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metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

The University's construction projects have increased energy consumption, Mazurek said, but Notre Dame typically uses more energy than what's considered average.

"We are generally considered to be higher users of energy per square foot than our peers," he said.

Director of Utilities Paul

Kempf agreed.

"Based on previous benchmarking efforts of peer institutions, we have found that our energy usage is slightly above average for our peer group," he said.

For example, the University consumes nearly 153,000megawatt hours in one year, enough electricity to power 15,000 residential homes, according to data from the Utilities Department.

The University has been collecting data from all areas on campus. For example, Notre Dame consumed nearly 900 million gallons of water in the most recent fiscal year, according to the same data.

Facilities Operations data shows that over the past six months the University community threw away nearly 2,200 tons of non-recyclable waste, which primarily went to landfills.

Operations Facilities reports using 89.1 million feet of toilet paper per year, OIT reports that there are 25,702 technological devices (ranging from computers to handheld devices) connected to the Notre Dame network, and Food Services reports handling 287.5 tons of food waste from meal trays in one

Notre Dame's Office of Sustainability is using these numbers to focus its efforts.

Mazurek said his office has identified seven "core areas" to work on sustainability issues: energy, waste reduction, design and construction, procurement, transportation, food services and water.

The Office of Sustainability will continue to compile baseline data like the carbon footprint that will help to quantify the University's environmental impact. That data will help give a better sense of "where the University stands," Mazurek said.

Energy generation and use

While higher than usual nergy consumption is cause for concern, Kempf said Notre Dame's methods of oncampus energy generation are relatively efficient and environmentally friendly.

In fiscal year 2007-08, the University power plant generated approximately 52 percent of the electricity used on campus using a process called co-generation, Kempf

"This process begins with the production of steam that is then used to drive ... generators to produce electricity," he said. The exhaust steam is used to heat campus in winter or produce chilled water in summer. Coal, oil and natural gas fuel the generation process.

This process has a cycle efficiency of nearly 60 percent, Kempf said, whereas typical generation methods have cycle efficiencies of approximately 30 percent.

"This increased efficiency not only is of economic benefit, but also provides an environmental benefit as it requires less fuel" which leads to decreased emissions, he said.

The remaining portion of electricity used on campus is purchased from the local electric company, Kempf said.

Water usage

Of the 900 million gallons of water Notre Dame used in the most recent fiscal year, nearly 400 million gallons end up as sewage, Kempf said. The rest, he said, goes primarily to sprinkler heads on quads across campus.

"In general, the balance, or 500 million gallons of water, [is] principally attributable to irrigation," Kempf said. Irrigation systems consume the largest portion of total water consumption, and this portion continues to grow as irrigation "has increased as the developed areas of campus have also grown.'

We would estimate that ... irrigation consumption is roughly two million gallons per day, during the half year irrigation occurs," Kempf

While irrigation has increased over time, water consumption that ends in sewage has remained relatively stable, with only slight decreases.

'Water conservation techniques for toilets, sinks and showers have provided some improvement," Kempf said.

Waste and recycling

Between January and June, the University disposed of nearly 3,000 tons of waste, according to Facilities Operations data. That's nearly 16 tons of waste per day, of which an average of about 75 percent, or almost 12 tons per day, goes to landfills.

But nearly 25 percent of that waste was recycled, and O'Hara, Facilities Operations Central Receiving manager, said that percentage will probably increase in the coming months.

"We pick up recycling throughout campus on a daily basis, and it's just grown by leaps and bound's since students have returned [this semester|," O'Hara said.

Just this week, O'Hara said, a second compacter that was previously used for non-recyclable waste was converted to handle recyclables. He said he expects other compacters to follow suit as recycling

Starting with a student-led initiative in the 1990s, recycling processes on campus now use single-stream recycling, meaning that recyclables need not be separat-

continues to grow.

O'Hara said the University made the switch to single-Waste stream after Management, the contractor that handles waste disposal, was able to accommodate the single stream process.

After personally visiting the recycling center outside Chicago, O'Hara said he was impressed with the machines used to separate recyclables. He said this assured him that recycled goods were properly sorted and recycled and the majority of waste should and could be recycled.

"The bottom line is, if you're in doubt, recycle it,' O'Hara said.

Assessing the total impact, setting strategic targets

In addition to the data collected on waste, water and energy, the Office of Sustainability is gathering and processing data from the other core areas of procurement, design and construction, transportation, and food services.

After compiling a credible set of baseline data, Mazurek the Office Sustainability will develop a set of quantifiable performance targets to work towards.

Mazurek said he is committed to "getting people on board" with the sustainability goals he sets. He said there's no turning back now.

"Not being sustainable is not an option," Mazurek said.

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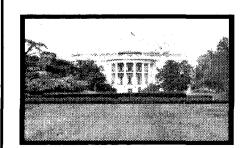
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Spending bill includes budget, aid

WASHINGTON — The House passed a \$630 billion-plus spending bill Wednesday that wraps together a record Pentagon budget with aid for automakers and natural disaster victims, and increased health care funding for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The year-end budget measure also would lift a quarter-century ban on oil drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The legislation, which senators are expected to approve and send to President Bush for his signature, is flying under the political radar compared with the White House's contentious plan to bail out Wall Street.

The spending bill, which passed 370-58, is fueled by a need to keep the government running past the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year. Passage also was greased by 2,322 pet projects totaling \$6.6

House vote increases AMT exemption

WASHINGTON — The House took steps Wednesday to rein in the alternative minimum tax, carrying out what has become an annual ritual to protect millions of people from getting squeezed by the unwanted tax. The House voted 393-30 to increase the AMT exemption in 2008, saving more than 20 million taxpayers from getting hit with a tax increase averaging about \$2,000.

The House separately approved, 419-4, some \$8 billion worth of tax relief for disaster victims.

The votes came a day after the Senate similarly adjusted the AMT as part of a major tax package that included disaster relief, extension of business and individual tax breaks that have expired or will soon expire, and tax incentives for renewable energy investment.

The House is preparing a third bill to address the energy and tax break extension issues. Both the disaster and energy bills differ from the Senate measure, and it will be a challenge for lawmakers to come up with a compromise in the last few days of this session of Congress.

Goldman starts capital-raising program

Plan includes investment from Warren Buffett, common stock offering

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs Group Inc., seeking to improve not only its balance sheet but its standing with investors, has undertaken a huge capital-raising program that includes an investment of at least \$5 billion from Warren Buffett and a common stock offering for another \$5 billion.

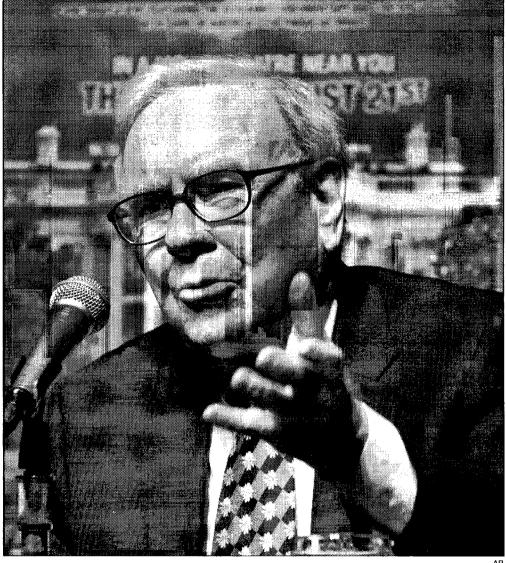
Just a week earlier, Goldman looked to be on precarious ground as its stock price plunged in response to fears that it could not survive as an independent investment bank. But the company contended Wednesday that the current crisis in the financial markets, which sent Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. into bankruptcy court and Merrill Lynch & Co. into a sale to Bank of America Corp., wasn't the catalyst for the deals.

"Although we felt we were under no pressure to raise capital, we've always said if an opportunity arose, we would look at it," Goldman spokesman Lucas van Praag said. Raising capital "gives us greater firepower and greater flexibility," he said. Goldman said Wednesday

it was raising \$5 billion through a common stock offering, doubling the amount it announced just the night before. Goldman priced 40.65 million common shares at \$123 apiece. An additional 6.1 million shares may be sold to cover overallotments, potentially boosting proceeds by \$750.3 mil-

Buffett, considered among the top investors in the world, will buy through his Berkshire Hathaway Inc. \$5 billion in preferred Goldman stock and receive an option to purchase an additional \$5 billion in common stock.

Buffett said during an interview on CNBC "there's no better firm on Wall Street." Buffett acknowledged other investment banks, including Lehman, had approached him in recent months, but he



Warren Buffett speaks during a news conference in Omaha, Neb., on Aug. 21. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is investing at least \$5 billion in Goldman Sachs Group.

passed on those investment opportunities. He declined to discuss the deal beyond the comments made on CNBC.

The investment by Buffett — which Goldman called an anchor for its common stock offering — will likely provide reassurances to a nervous market, said Brad Hintz, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein and a former chief financial officer at Lehman.

Wall Street appeared pleased with the moves. Goldman stock rose \$4.95, or 4 percent, to \$130 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"If one thing is for sure, Goldman knows how to reorient itself for a changed environment, and this move is what was needed now," Deutsche Bank analyst Mike Mayo wrote in a research note. "The result should be increased confidence.

Buffett's investment will be his second major foray into Wall Street. In the late 1980s, Berkshire Hathaway invested in Salomon Brothers Inc. When the investment firm admitted wrongdoing in bidding for U.S. Treasury bonds in 1991, Buffett became interim chairman and helped Salomon reach a settlement with the government before stepping down in 1992. Salomon was later sold to what is now Citigroup Inc. The preferred stock pur-

chase by Buffett will pay a dividend of 10 percent annually and can be repurchased by Goldman at anytime for a 10 percent premium. The warrants to buy common shares are exercisable by Buffett at anytime in the next five years at a price of \$115

Goldman's efforts to raise capital come just two days after the company received approval to convert to a bank holding company, and less than two weeks after the bankruptcy filing of Lehman set off fresh concerns about the fragile credit markets.

House votes to end off-shore drilling ban

marks a major shift by Democrats on

energy policy and a reflection that the

GOP argument for more domestic

energy production had found a support

among voters this election year, even

though coastal states long have wor-

ried that offshore drilling might cause

spills, soil beaches and threaten their

tourist businesses.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House, responding to growing public demand for more domestic energy, voted Wednesday to end a quarter-century ban on oil and natural gas drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, giving Republicans a major victory on energy

An extension of the ban for another year was left off a \$630 billion-plus stopgap government spending bill that President Bush had threatened to veto - possibly shutting down the government — if the anti-drilling measure were included.

The bill was approved 370-58 and now goes to the Senate, where it is likely to be approved within the next few days, also without the drilling ban.

The decision to avoid a fight with the

White House over offshore drilling

Republican presidential nominee John McCain has made expanded offshore drilling a central part of his campaign, arguing that access to an estimated 18 billion barrels of oil in the off-limits Outer Continental Shelf is essential if the country is to become more energy independent.

McCain's Democratic presidential rival. Barack Obama, also has endorsed limited expansion of offshore drilling, but only as part of a broader energy package that boosts use of alternative energy sources and increases efficiency.

Lifting the offshore ban does not itself mean drilling in the offshore waters is imminent. But it could set the stage for the Interior Department to offer leases in some Atlantic federal waters as early as 2011 under its current five-year offshore drilling plan.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement: "Unfortunately, the president's willingness to veto any sensible compromise on offshore drilling, which would have threatened to shut down the government and send a dangerous signal during these hard economic times and a financial crisis on Wall Street, led to the expiration of the current moratorium.'

She made clear the battle over offshore drilling was far from over, saying she looked forward to addressing the issue "with new leadership in the

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"The cost of inaction is what we face everyday," Immelt said.

The action that the panelists urged will involve all of society.

"If we're going to solve something this big, we're going to have to work together," Immelt said.

While solving the problems of the energy crisis requires effort, it is possible, he said.

Sustainability is a solvable problem. There's no reason to think about this as impossible,'

Immelt said. But solving the problems must be accomplished by working through a system, Massachusetts Institute of Technology physics professor Ernest Moniz said.

"We'll have to move a very complex system — I don't mean technologically — I mean politically forward," he said. "We're sitting here watching ... a train wreck instead of taking action.'

Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter Jr., who created the "New Energy Economy" in Colorado, endorses a program he calls the "5 E's" to bring about energy reform. America needs an energy policy that can help us achieve energy security, environmental security, economic security, education and equity, so that "we don't build our energy policy on the backs of the poor," he said.

Majora Carter, the founder of Sustainable South Bronx, has devoted her career to working on the impact of the energy policy on the poor.

The current [environmental] crisis has been felt in the ghettos of our cities for decades," she said. "Whatever economic progress we've experienced has come on the back of our nation's poor.

Building industrial infrastructure that causes pollution in areas inhabited mostly by the poor causes the poor to be more likely to develop health conditions such as asmtha or mental disabilities. It also leads the poor to be more likely to wind up in jail, Carter said.

organizations Sustainable South Bronx have the potential to get the poor involved in cleaning up their communities, which leads them to feel more hopeful about their role in society, Carter said.

"If you know that you have nothing to offer or anything to gain by being a part of a community ... violence is going to happen," she said.

Once former convicts become green collar workers, Carter said they "become alive to the world

They know that they have traveled from societal burden to environmental heroes," she said.

in her opening remarks, Carter connected the mission of environmental justice to the civil rights movement of the 1960s. What Martin Luther King, Jr. "saw lin his dream] was a future that was green for us all, my friends," Carter said.

Much like the civil rights movement of the 1960s, the new movement for sustainable energy is about challenging America, she said, and challenging America takes effective leadership.

"I think you need leadership to enunciate a national energy policy," Ritter said.

Immelt tied the need for leadership to the current presidential campaign.

"We need leadership," he said. "The next president has to say clearly what he believes. And there can't be caveats.'

Senior Lourdes Long, president and founding member of GreeND, echoed the need for leadership in energy issues. "Go out and vote,"

she advised students.

Long also encouraged students to take a leadership role at the grass-roots level.

"Talk to somebody who wasn't here" about the issues of sustainable energy and their impact on the future, she said.

It's time for America to step up on the energy issue, Carter said.

"Aren't we tired of building tributes to all of our collective failures and don't we want to build monuments to hope and possibility?"

The current absence of an energy policy is an American failure, Immelt said, and this failure has consequences.

"The worst of all is we have no energy policy, no call to arms and that people are afraid," he said. "People have a lot to be afraid

What the country needs is for a leader to step up and provide an energy policy, Immelt said. "Right now we have a vacuum and that makes people afraid," he said.

But the energy policy that Immelt suggested would not limit development to certain technolo-

"Let freedom reign," he said. "I wouldn't specify. Then the entrepreneurial capital will do things we've never seen before.

Americans can solve this problem, Carter said.

"It's not like this is the first time America has gone through a crisis, guys," she said, referencing World War II. "We need to call on the great resources we have, [including the] American people, and "expect them to rise to the challenge and the occasion.'

For Americans to take action, Ritter said we need to view energy use as something that has an impact.

We need to think about it in terms of scarcity," he said. "We need to make a case to the people of this country that we have something at stake.

Ritter said he thinks the younger generations need to take ownership of the energy problem. He said one night he woke up and thought, "My children aren't thinking about climate change right now, they're out clubbing.'

This is your problem and it's my problem," he said. "You need to understand you're part of the solution too.'

The energy problem is something that transcends individuals' backgrounds. While Carter spoke about the issue very emotionally, Immelt said that the closest he ever came to spending time outdoors was on the golf course.

Ritter was a prosecutor running for governor when he realized that "the state of Colorado wasn't doing anything we should be," he said.

"We stood by and watched."

He decided to make energy reform a central component of his campaign, and has found that "people were yearning for this to happen," he told The Observer after the forum.

No matter what perspective the panelists brought to the energy issue, however, they agreed that the issue should be a personal one for students.

"It's your world," Moniz said.

Immelt said students can bring any perspective to the energy issue and be able to see that their action is necessary.

"Think about this in terms of what's in your heart and what's in your head," he said. "If you study what's going on, you'll come to a conclusion that this is what's important."

Notre Dame's Energy Use

Forum moderator Anne Thompson, the chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News (NBC News is a division of NBC Universal, which is a subsidiary of Immelt's General Electric) announced at the conclu-

sion of the forum that Notre Dame, which received a D- in a sustainability two years ago, received a B- in the same study released today. The University's students received an A for their involvement in the issue.

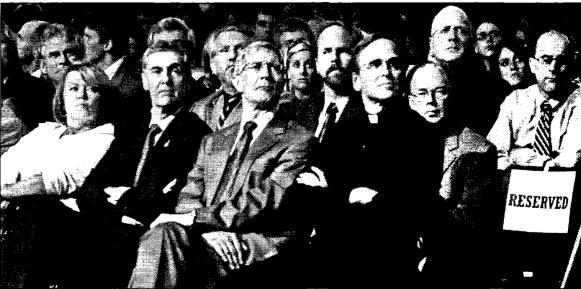
"It's a great acknowledgement of what we've done," Long said about the grade after the forum. "But we're doing a helluva lot more than that. We don't think we need to use report cards to evaluate our programs.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the analysis for the grade is flawed. He said that of the nine areas graded, Notre Dame received poor marks in "shareholder engagement" and "endowment transparency." He explained he didn't think these two areas should be included, because, "to me, that's not environmental issue. Affleck-Graves praised the students who have taken leadership on energy issues on campus. "They should be an inspiration to everybody," he

Aaron Steiner contributed to this report.

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Top, Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx, speaks at the 2008 academic forum on Sustainability Wednesday. Bottom, University President Father John Jenkins attends the forum.



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Residents return to Galveston after hurricane

Texans return to island after two weeks to find no drinking water, scarce electricity, no medical care or sewer service

Associated Press

GALVESTON — Ten days after Hurricane Ike, this devastated beach town reopened to residents Wednesday with stern warnings about what still lurks on the island — rotting cattle carcasses, snakes and swarms of mosquitoes — and what isn't there: drinking water, reliable electricity, medical care or sewer service.

After spending hours in traffic that backed up for 10 miles, some residents found their homes in ruins.

"I wasn't prepared for this," taxi driver Patricia Davis said as she swatted away mosquitoes and surveyed the remains of her apartment, which had its entrance blocked by collapsed walls, wrecked furniture and sodden clothing.

City officials hoped most of the 45,000 residents who fled before the Sept. 13 storm would stay away until more repairs could be made.

"We didn't promise paradise when you came back here. We've got a lot of work to do. You've got a lot of work to do," City Manager Steve LeBlanc said Wednesday.

The city has limited drinking water, few working sewers, limited electricity and minimal medical facilities. Officials extended the disaster declaration for 90 days.

What Galveston does have is

ripening in the tropical heat: Rotting food in piles of debris where houses once stood, millions of mosquitoes and an abundance of snakes. The carcasses of cattle that drowned during the storm are too badly decomposed to be moved; they'll rot in the fields just outside the city limits.

People were warned not to return without tetanus shots — or rat bait.

"Being here today kind of gives me some closure," said Anita Arredondo, who found a pile of rubble where her two-story home once stood. "I have not been sleeping well, worried about what we could save and what we couldn't."

Ken Holman said he wished city leaders had allowed residents to return sooner because it might have allowed him to save more of his mother's belongings from the house she lived in for 56 years. The home was inundated by 4 feet of water.

"Just the fact it took us this long to get in here, that kind of hurts," he said.

The city has opened a shelter for 100 newly homeless residents, and officials hoped to set up more shelters on the mainland for residents whose homes are uninhabitable, LeBlanc said.

The city and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are considering a plan to allow residents to live in FEMA trailers

<u>"No one is doing what Felice is doing." -BBC Radio/London</u>

in their driveways or near their houses during repairs. But LeBlanc noted he would want all trailers removed from the island before the start of the 2009 hurricane season.

But progress was slow: The island's three electrical inspectors and two plumbing inspectors were ordered to inspect every flooded property before allowing residents to turn on the gas or flip an electrical switch. LeBlanc asked other cities to send more inspectors.

"It's not a healthy and safe place to be at this time," said Mark Guidry, county health director.

At Ruby Holman's house, where water lines stained the walls four feet above the floor, daughters Sharon and Ann wore bright yellow gloves and white masks as they carried away buckets of debris, including prized books.

The carpet inside Holman's home was so soggy, it soaked through everyone's shoes. The air inside the house was so choked with mold and mildew, a visit could only last a few minutes at a time.

Diane and Eddie Howard found that one of their homes, which they had bought only three weeks ago, was destroyed by a fire after the storm.

The other home, which they are trying to sell, was flooded by 8 feet of water, ruining the first floor but sparing many of their



A Galveston resident returned to her badly damaged apartment Wednesday nearly two weeks after Hurricane Ike hit.

personal belongings on the second and third floors.

"I've been through all kinds of hurricanes," said Eddie Howard, who was born on the island 77 years ago. "This is the worst one"

At least 62 deaths, 27 of them in Texas, were blamed on the Category 2 hurricane and its remnants. The body of a woman who apparently drowned was uncovered in a debris field north of Galveston.

Nearly 50 residents are still missing, LeBlanc said.

Roughly 45,000 of the city's

"The best new music I've heard all year." -Jimmy Buff/Radio Woodstock

57,000 residents fled Galveston Island, about 50 miles southeast of Houston, along with hundreds of thousands more from other sections of the Texas coast.

Residents of the island's most severely damaged area, on the island's west end, were allowed to visit their homes but not permitted to stay.

Gov. Rick Perry toured damaged areas Wednesday and announced a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance program to help hurricane victime.



Russia emerges in nuclear program dispute

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. has found an emboldened Russia wielding enormous leverage at a critical stage in disputes over the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs, a once-promising partnership with Moscow in doubt.

After a month of bitter exchanges over Russia's war with Georgia, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice came face-to-face Wednesday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and discovered Moscow's cooperation on Iran and North Korea may no longer be a sure thing.

The atmosphere was awk-ward, but not chilly, for the highest-level contact between the two nations since Russia invaded Georgia in August in a dispute over a separatist border region, according to a senior U.S. official who was present.

"There was not shouting, table pounding or histrionics," said Daniel Fried, the top American diplomat for Europe. But neither Rice nor Lavrov were able to agree on anything beyond general statements of support for the Iran and North Korea efforts.

"This was a polite, thorough exchange of views where the disagreements were quite clear," Fried told reporters. Rice outlined the U.S. position on Russia's war with Georgia while Lavrov repeated Moscow's defense of its military action, he

Fried said the United States was unconvinced by Lavrov's arguments and that problems Russia is facing because of its invasion of Georgia "cannot just be wished away."

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Lavrov said it was not "rocky," adding that both sides had agreed to be pragmatic regarding issues that divided them, such as the brief conflict over Georgia in August.

"We agreed that we must not make this situation a rock on which everything else would hit," Lavrov told an audience at the Council on Foreign relations.

While Rice did not expect to sway Lavrov on Georgia, she was seeking Russia's support on Iran and North Korea less than a week after she raised the stakes by publicly denouncing Russia's growing authoritarianism and aggression.

With Iran nearing the ability to arm a nuclear warhead and North Korea moving to restart a disabled atomic reactor, the United States needs Russia more than ever in the international efforts to eliminate the threats.

But Russia on Tuesday scuttled high-level talks on imposing new sanctions on Iran that had been set for Thursday between the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany. Even sanctions opponent China had agreed to the meeting.

U.S. officials, including Rice, have sought to downplay the move, saying the time wasn't right for the session. But they had previously said such a gathering would be useful and necessary to get fourth U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution on Iran

At their meeting, Rice and Lavrov "agreed that there would come a time for another P5-plusone foreign ministers meeting" but did not say when that might be, according to Fried who used the formal name for the group-

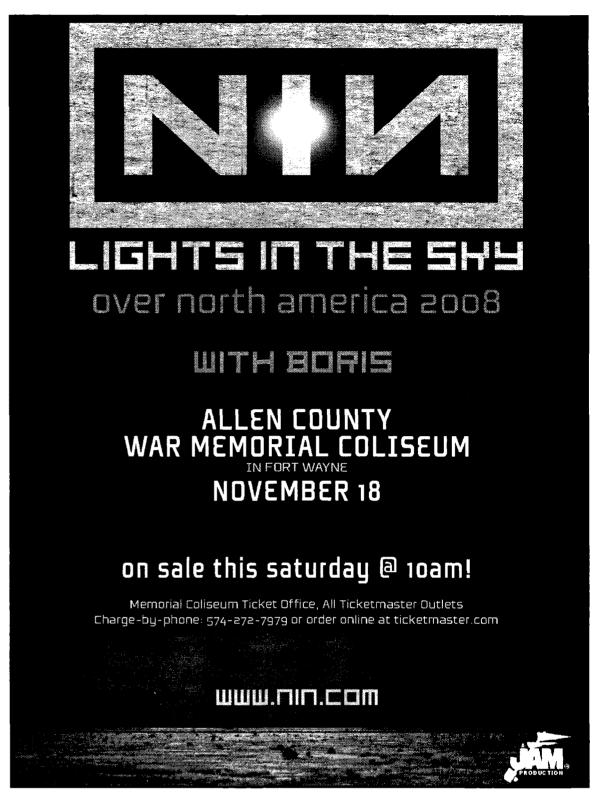
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Fried acknowledged the group was still "grappling with the issue of how to proceed in the wake of recent developments" including Iran's continued defiance of demands to stop reprocessing uranium and how to maintain at least the appearance of unity.

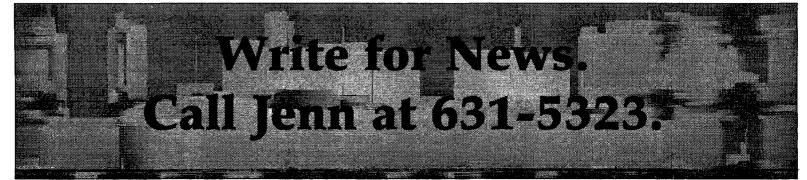
"We did not discuss any sanctions," Lavrov said.

Rice and Lavrov made similar commitments on North Korea, which earlier Wednesday expelled inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency from its main reactor and plans within a week to reactivate the facility.









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It ain't easy being green

Its official. Being "green" is a fullfledged cultural movement.

How can I proclaim this with such uncompromising certainty? Time Warner Cable Channel 1226: Planet

Green. The movement has its own official cable channel (regular and HD).

The channel features all kinds of "green" programming, showing hip, cool people doing hip and cool green projects. From Emril Lagasse's organic cooking show to



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

Tommy Lee and Chris "Ludacris" Bridges eco-tour face off, the channel really does make being green look so fresh and stylish. The crowning show, however, is "Alter Eco." Adrian Grenier, of Entourage fame, introduces a few of his friends who are building a fully green house in L.A.. They then spend the majority of the show helping other high-end designers "green up" the operation.

To their credit, the folks on this show are green machines; they do everything possible to make everything some form of "all-natural" or "environmentally friendly." Popularizing the movement in this way, through television programs and pop culture trends, paints "greenness" as requiring us to drop our way of life to reach eco-friendly nirvana. This is not only inefficient, and a waste of resources — but fairly disheartening to those who feel they are making an effort to do their part.

The truth is, it is easy bein' green. While there are three primary channels through which action can be taken (personal/consumer, government and markets), an average person really only has full control over the first: personal or consumer use. Today, however, even taking control over your personal environmental footprint can seem daunting. Thousands of new products line the

shelves advertising how each is better for the environment than its competitor. There are detergents that are chemical free, paper that is 50 percent recycled, and cars that advertise they can travel a million miles per gallon.

Recently, Terrachoice, an environmentally friendly marketing firm, released a report entitled "The Six Sins of Greenwashing." In it, they concluded that 99.9 percent of consumer products bearing an environmental/green marketing claim were false or misleading. This isn't very reassuring to those hoping to save the world one bottle of \$8 organic/chemical-free/nontoxic/made of wholesome grain laundry detergent at

My advice: Take all of that, throw it out the window and stick to the basics. Rather, work on and fine-tune your basics. These are the practices that have been espoused by bland public service announcements since you were five years old. Unfortunately, in the flood of personal household solar panels and gutter rain barrels, their relative importance seems to have diminished. So to remind us all, here is the short list:

1. Recycle your cans and paper. Currently, paper makes up a full one third of solid waste generated. Over 55 percent of paper is still dumped into landfills rather than recycled. On campus, with bins in all classroom buildings and in each dorm, there is no reason any paper should end up in the trash can. Additionally, only one in four aluminum cans are recycled. That is about eight cans out of a case of Natty. I know this one is harder, but do your best to save the cans and recycle them.

2. Be conscious of your main energy uses. You are probably expecting me to say don't watch TV, leave the lights off until you can't possibly see anything outside or go back to typewriters. Actually, the best way to immediately reduce your energy uses is to simply unplug your electronic device chargers when you aren't using them. Only five percent of energy used by a cell phone charger actually charges the phone.

The other 95 percent is wasted out into the air while it remains plugged in. The same goes for your laptop charger: unplug it. The easiest way to do this is to simply plug all of your chargers into one power strip and when something isn't charging, simply flip the switch.

3. Finally, when the market works out the energy problem (which it eventually will), make the right choice. For the next couple of years, it will be more expensive to use alternative energy than conventional energy. However, drastically cheaper alternative sources are at our doorstep. A Nevada company, Ausra, expects to be able to handle base loads for up to 30 percent of the entire southwest United States within ten years at a price very close to current kilowatt per hour rates. All you have to do, when the time comes, is choose to pay an extra penny or two per unit.

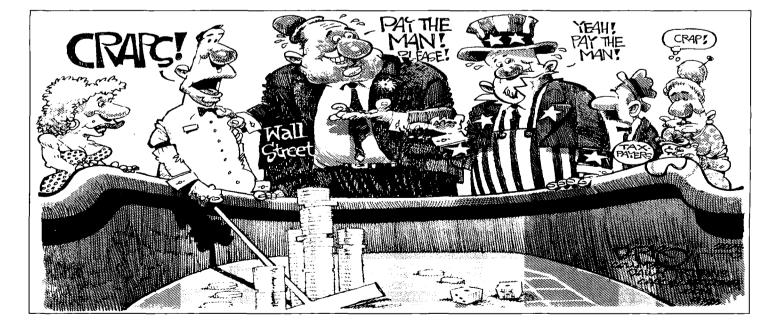
That's all. Over the course of a month, this may only amount to ten bucks. More importantly, it will spur further investment and push profitability thereby adding economic incentive for big business to use and create clean energy even more. After all, oil would have never spread so quickly throughout the world had it not been for Nelson Rockefeller and Standard Oil.

Now, let me put a personal disclaimer in for myself. In no way do I think it is wrong or unhelpful for a person to go above and beyond in following the three basic tenets. However, the cost effectiveness and returns on one individual's environmental obsession is far less helpful than inspiring more and more people to do the basics correctly. So let's not go overboard and frighten people away from making the little changes that can have a large effect; just keep reminding people to unplug chargers and recycle their tests.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[Kyle McCarthy] is so pretty."

Jenn Metz The Observer news editor

VIEWPOINT

To know you is to love you. Really!

Do you ever have recurring nightmares? Some situation you fear that you may not even think about in the midst of busy days, but that rears up again while your unsuspecting brain has let its guard down in your

down in your sleep? Even now, nearly 20 years after the last exam of my educational career, periodically

Faith point

Kate Barrett

I still have a dream in which I show up for a final only to realize that I had somehow neglected to attend the class most of the semester, and am therefore spectacularly unprepared, guaranteed to reveal my stupidity to the professor in a most dramatic fashion.

Many people, even those whom society would consider highly educated, respected and successful in their fields, confess to dreams in which they are discovered to be a fraud, clothed in the appearance of professional capability, but underneath ignorant and unworthy of the trust others have placed in them.

This Sunday's gospel is a perfect opportunity for each of us to ask ourselves if the person we show to the world genuinely represents our true self, or if we're just "getting by" on appearances. Do we sign up for or join a group that we think will make us look good, but then neglect to contribute or participate in a meaningful way? Do we select our classes, or study and prepare for our chosen vocation or career in such a way that we truly become qualified and competent, or does our vision stop at the short-term, just aiming for the best grades we can get on the next test?

The chief priests and elders, representing the well-respected, powerful religious establishment of Jesus' day, must have thought that Jesus himself was their worst nightmare, especially when he came telling parables such as the one we will hear on Sunday. He describes a man and his two sons. The father orders both sons to go out and work in the vineyard. One initially says "no," but then experiences a change of heart and goes out to work. The other says "yes," but fails to follow through on his commitment. Though the leaders can see that the father would much prefer the conversion of the first son to the empty promises of the second, they cannot (or will not) make the connection to their own willingness merely to settle for "talking the talk." Finally, as if he hadn't

irritated them enough already, Jesus gives the chief priests and scribes a distasteful list of society's lowest sinners who, with a true conversion of heart, will enter the kingdom of heaven ahead of them

As often happens in the gospels, we can actually find more comfort and hope in Jesus' words if we can recognize our own sinfulness. We aren't necessarily supposed to put ourselves in the shoes of the chief priests and scribes or of the tax collectors and prostitutes. Surely we each have some characteristics of both. Our task is to listen for the ways God speaks to us - as the father spoke to the two sons in the gospel story — and, as much as we can, respond with a genuine 'yes." Whenever we've just flat out said "no" to who God asks us to be; that is, whenever we've sinned, we can believe that Jesus still waits for us, ready to welcome us when we have a change of

On the other hand, we can also listen for the ways God speaks to us when we respond with an insincere "yes," as the second son does in the gospel. It is oh so easy to do — we might want to impress someone; we might want to fit in to a group; we might want to land a good

grade, a better job or a more substantial-looking resume. The scribes and the chief priests seemingly couldn't even recognize that doing all the "right" things with empty intentions left them with hearts less open to God than even the outcasts of society who had turned away from their sins and toward God in honest recognition of their need.

We are so blessed. We have friends to pray with; opportunities for Mass, reconciliation and retreats; and examples all around us on campus of fellow students, faculty and staff who have committed themselves in faith to service of others. Together we can explore how we will say "yes" to God more sincerely, and how the "no" of our own sinfulness can itself become an opportunity to return our hearts to God's love. Then the person we show to the rest of the world will become just the very person our God knows so intimately and loves so well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forum time conflicting

I want to compliment the University for organizing an excellent forum on the issue of Energy, one of the defining issues of this generation.

I have a problem, however, with the timing of this and past fora. They should occur in the early evening and not interfere with class lectures. Students and faculty should attend this forum and in order to do so, either a faculty member must cancel their lecture or a student must skip the lecture.

Either way, the message being sent by the Administration is that there are certain things which take precedent over lecture. This opens the door to many possibilities.

Perhaps a student believes spending time with family members warrants leaving campus a day earlier for Fall Break. Perhaps a faculty member believes attending a seminar important to their research warrants canceling their lecture which occurs at the same time as the seminar.

The Administration is setting a bad example to students and faculty by timing these fora during lecture periods.

Michael Stanisic faculty professor of Aerospace & Mech Engineering

Don't underestimate Palin

In his Tuesday column "Country Second," Brendan McPhillips writes about Sarah Palin as if she was actually just a hockey mom and not the governor of the largest state in the US.

It's true that Palin is largely unknown outside of Alaska and there are other politicians who have more experience than her, particularly in foreign policy, and would be more qualified vice-presidents based on their political resumes. It is only reasonable to have doubts about someone who is in their forties and has held a significant political office for only two years.

But Obama is also in his forties, has only spent four years in the U.S. Senate (two of which he spent running for president), and has no substantial foreign policy record. At the Democratic National Convention, Bill Clinton supported Obama by noting that the Republicans said he didn't have the experience, especially in foreign policy, to be president. But I think most Democrats agree that didn't stop Clinton from having a successful eight years in office.

So, isn't saying that McCain "shamelessly sac-

rificed the best interests of the American people, putting country second, not first, by choosing Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate" just a little bit unfair?

Also, I don't think any current undergraduate anywhere is "more qualified for the vice presidency then Sarah Palin." In her campaign for governor, Sarah defeated the incumbent Frank Murkowski overwhelmingly in the primary and then defeated the former two-term governor Tony Knowles in the general election. Her approval rating as governor has remained at 80 to 90 percent, the highest approval rating of any United States governor.

Palin has surprised a lot of people with her skills and perceptiveness as a politician, particularly those who have underestimated her, and she will continue to do so.

> Jon Leiner grad student Fischer Graduate Sept. 24

No need to rearrange

Patrick McHugh's thought that the Indiana State Police (ISP) should ignore underage drinking until all the felonies are solved is just another manifestation of the old "oh, it's just alcohol" philosophy ("Rearrang-ing priorities," Sept. 24).

McHugh is absolutely right that the protection of life and property should be the primary focus of the State Police, but it is disconcerting that he doesn't see that this certainly includes situations like this.

Let's remember that the ISP were called into this situation because the party was disturbing other residents of the neighborhood, so these students did it to themselves, and were not the victims of some random act by the police.

In addition, people who drink in off-campus situations often become people who drive after drinking. As someone who lost his mother-in-law because of a drunk driver, I applaud the ISP responding to this situation in an appropriate fashion.

Underage drinking is in fact a serious problem when statistics clearly prove that drunk driving is the leading cause of death for those under 21, and further show that those under 21 are responsible for half of all drunk driving fatalities. So, just maybe, we should be thanking the ISP for doing their duty and protecting all of us (including any potential underage drinker-drivers from themselves).

Rick Klee alumnus Class of '74 Sept. 24

A solution to the Palin problem

When I read the article written by Brendan McPhillips on Sen. John McCain's selection of Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate ("Country second," Sept. 23) I most certainly agreed with him. Palin, like Pedro, lacks political experience. This hurts McCain in his race against Sen. Barack Obama, who is much more qualified to run our great nation.

He's been in the U.S. Senate for nearly four years, which is far superior to ... a little longer than ... Palin's two years as a governor.

And he's done so much for the country too! He's ... uh ... supported the Secure Fence Act! And don't forget the revolutionary Coburn-Obama Transparency Act!

Oh, and I almost forgot how Obama won his first political seat in the Illinois Senate: by default. How smart of him to disqualify the other five candidates, including the heavily-favored incumbent, on fundraising technicalities. I always figured that if I ever wanted to get elected in a democratic system, I too would eliminate any and all competition as well, no matter what it took.

No worries, children. I have given this some thought, and I believe I have a solution to our problem. We are going to need to take action to keep Palin from sneaking into "the second most powerful office in the country, if not the world," as McPhillips so eloquently puts it. Fortunately,

our solution is McPhillips himself!

Your subtlety did not slip by me unnoticed, sir. You said so yourself in your article: "I am more qualified for the vice presidency than Sarah Palin is." So what are we waiting for? Call up McCain! Let him know we have an even better running mate for him!

Nevermind the fact that McPhillips has never governed a state, or held any sort of national office. We already know he is confident that he can do a better job. I can think of no better person to be in what could be the world's second-highest spot.

Alright, let's sum this up. Crisis: "History will write off John McCain's decision to offer the vice presidency to Sarah Palin, as the single most irresponsible decision a presidential candidate has made in the modern era." Solution: History will praise John McCain's decision to offer Brendan McPhillips the vice presidency over Palin as the single greatest turn of events ever constructed by a presidential candidate in the modern era. Crisis averted.

Good work, boys. Let's go home.

Douglas Schuda junior O'Neil Hall Sept. 23

SCENE SCENE

Ani Difranco is Back with RED LETTER YEAR

Time will tell as to the impact

of motherhood on DiFranco's

style and sensibility, but any

earth mother tendencies feel

well incorporated into her

style on this album.

By ANALISE LIBPARI
Scene Editor

Ani DiFranco is back.

Granted, she hasn't really gone inywhere — her new release, "Red Letter Year," is her most recent release on her independent label - Righteous Babe Records — and her 18th studio album in as many years. Still, "Red Letter Year" is DiFranco's first album after giving birth to her daughter, Petah, with partner and producer Mike Napolitano, and it feels like a renewal for the singer-songwriter. As she said recently in a press release accompanying the album, Tve got myself a new mantra ... it says 'Don't forget to have a good

DiFranco herself has looked to the birth of her daughter as a new beginning.

"I heard a quote once that the world is reborn every time a new baby is born," she recently said. "That's how I feel around Petah. 'This is no longer my world. This is your world. Show me how cool it can be.'"

For those who are new to DiFranco and her music, here's a brief biography. A Buffalo, N.Y., native, DiFranco has made a name for herself through her independently produced songwriting. In addition to her studio albums, she has released several live albums,

three EPs and two volumes of poetry. Often engaging in various social and cultural issues in her songwriting, her music is generally guitar-based and powerfully written. Openly bisexual, DiFranco was married in the late nineties to sound tech Andrew Gilchrist, and has been with Napolitano for several years.

DiFranco has made a career on songs of intellectual discourse, sexuality, feminism and politics, and "Red Letter Year" is no exception to her pattern, particularly on

tracks like 'Emancipated Minor." Time will tell as to the impact of motherhood o n DiFranco's style and sensibility, but any earth mother tendencies feel well incorporated into her style on this album. She also

cites the influence of New Orleans and its many musical styles in this album, including help from the Rebirth Brass Band (particularly on the album's final track, the delightful "Red Letter Year Reprise"), C.C. Adcock and pedal steel player Richard Comeaux. Napolitano has also produced for artists like the Squirrel Nut Zippers and Joseph Arthur.

The title track, 'Red Letter Year," opens the album and has a somewhat minor tone. DiFranco opens strong with powerful vocals, a slight electronic edge to the guitar and an effective use of piano. The song nods wryly to the sense of renewal with lines like, "They didn't mention

how much sh*t was gonna change around here." Later, she sings, "when you wake up sick as a dog/With dull eyes and really bad hair... and the water is rising/And it's coming in everywhere/Just remember you were there/You were always there." She plays with sound sensibilities here, incorporating different effects into the recording. The track also ends on an unexpected note of guitar with shades of orchestration.

"Alla This," the second track, reasserts DiFranco's feminist

ideals. "I will not stand immersed in this ultraviolet curse/I won't let you make a tool of me/I will keep my mind and body free." It's clear with "Alla This" that female singersongwriters in her wake, such as Alanis

Morissette, have taken a few leaves from the Ani DiFranco book of songwriting. The song's "stick-it-to-the-man" feel is empowering, especially in light of DiFranco's new motherhood.

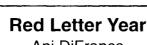
For a new listener, DiFranco's vocal style might seem off-putting. Her vocals, like "Red Letter Year" itself, have a funny habit of growing on you with additional listens. Tracks like "Round A Pole" are surprisingly better the second or third time around.

Other solid songs include "The Atom," with its use of the Indian sitar in the background; "Present Infant," with its sweet mom-daughter themes; "Landing Gear," with its catchy beat and casual vibe; and "Red Letter Year Reprise," an unexpected six minutes of Nola flair to close the album.

"Red Letter Year" will be

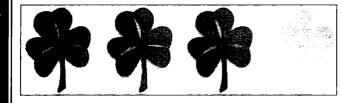
"Red Letter Year" will be released in stores on September 30.

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Ani DiFranco

Label: Righteous Babe **Recommended Tracks:** "Emancipated Minor," "Red Letter Year," "Alla This" and "Land Gear"





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Weekend Events Calendar THURSDAY FRIDAY

Thursday: "Mountaintop Removal" (2007). Browning Cinema, DPAC

If you're one of the hundreds of students to participate in one of the University's Appalachian seminars each fall or spring break, then it's likely that you're familiar with the coal-mining process of mountaintop removal. If you haven't gone on a CSC seminar, maybe if you have, or even if the Forum's got you interested in learning more, visit the Browning Cinema tonight for the latest film in the ND Forum Films series on sustainable energy, "Mountaintop Removal."

Directed by Michael O'Connell, this documentary examines the practice of mountaintop removal and the conflict brewing between coal companies and West Virginian activists over the controversial mining technique. Tickets cost \$3 for students — a small price to pay for being well-informed.

Saturday: Images from the Era of the French Revolution. Snite Museum of Art

If you've got some free time before Saturday's football game, or if you're looking for some high art entertainment away from the gridiron, visit the Snite Museum this Saturday.

The Museum is currently featuring an exhibit called "Images from the Era of the French Revolution," a collection of French drawings and paintings that rose out of the turbulent years of the Revolution and the Terror.

The exhibit is inspired by a collaborative conference to be held in the Annenberg Auditorium in October, "New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies: French-American Colloquium."

Friday: Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp at Football Fridays Block Party — 100 Block S. Michigan Street

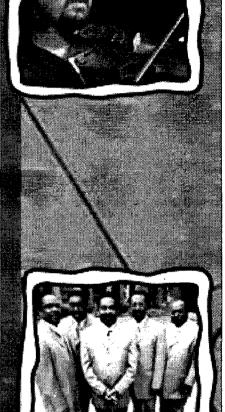
Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp is a nationally known band famous for their Louisiana-style music. Their blend of French Creole, Cajun, Blues and Zydeco style music is heading north to South Bend for the latest in the series of Football Friday block parties being held downtown.

The bandleader, Dennis Stroughmatt, is a Francophone and an expert in French Creole music and culture, often traveling to give seminars and workshops on the French presence in North America. If you're looking for a night of spirited New Orleans soul, look no further. Tickets are \$5 per person, and two-for-one tickets will be sold from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday night. Students can purchase tickets at the College Football Hall of Fame and the South Bend Marriott Hotel.

Sunday: Mighty Clouds of Joy — Visiting Artist Series; Leighton Concert Hall

With almost 50 years of experience singing gospel music, and over 30 albums to their name, Mighty Clouds of Joy are legendary gospel artists. Their impressive praise and worship repertoire gives way to the faith and understanding of the group's members, whose love for their craft is obvious. "Folks find something in gospel that they don't' find in any other kind of music," Joe Ligon, lead vocalist of Mighty Clouds of Joy, told the DPAC Web site. "They know Christ is real — even though they've never seen Him, because they can feel his presence in gospel music." The latest in the DPAC's series of Visiting Artists, Mighty Clouds of Joy will perform at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for students cost a mere \$15, a solid discount given the \$40 price tag for general admission.

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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE

Assistant Scene Editor

Not everyone is going to agree with me on this one, but tuna is delicious. Despite the problems having to do with over-fishing (an issue that sadly and inevitably affects nearly all of the fish we consume) and the research being done concerning mercury levels (though it does seems that they are concluding eating is tuna is fine, as long as it is done in moderation, as with all things), I can't stop myself from eating it. So this week's recipes are a tribute to the versatile and easily accessible tuna.

This week's recipes::

Tuna and Edamame Casserole

I find something really comforting about tuna casserole. It's one of those warm, simple and filling dishes that make you feel at home.

The dining hall only serves it every once in awhile, but make it yourself and you can have it any night you like, and even have the option of tossing in some new flavors that you wouldn't expect.

1. Fill a pasta bowl with short pasta, such as farfalle (bow tie), conchiglie (shell), or fusili (corkscrew). Top it with one of the dining hall's Alfredo sauces. (Go ahead and try something slightly to the right or left too, such as South's Ranchero Alfredo sauce. It will give it a different taste, but a good one. You are looking for a croamy sauce.)

creamy sauce.)

2. Add edamame (Boiled soy beans, for those of you who are unfamiliar. If you aren't a fan, feel free to substitute with a vegetable like peas.), mushrooms and a cheese you like that matches with your pasta sauce (cheddar is pretty reliable) from the salad bar.

3. Mix ingredients together.

4. Heat it all in the microwave for about 45 seconds to soften the mushrooms, melt the cheese and get it all nice and hot.

. 5. Enjoy! This tuna casserole, of course, doesn't get the benefits of that crusty top that comes from baking, but you'll still get to enjoy the same melty inside. Serve it with some good broad.

with some good bread. Tuna and Cream Cheese Bagel

Tuna melts are one of my favorite quick meals. This is a spin on the basic idea, adding in cream cheese and putting it all on a

- bagel.
 1. Fill a bowl with tuna from the salad bar.
- 2. Pick up lettuce, tomato, slice of cheese (provolone or cheddar both work well) and a lemon wedge.
- 3. Toast a bagel.
- 4. Spread cream cheese onto

both sides of the bagel.

- 5. Squeeze the lemon into the tuna; add a dash of pepper and mix.
- 6. Top one side of bagel with lettuce, tomato, cheese and tuna. Close it off with the other bagel.
- 7. If you like, stick in the microwave for a few seconds to heat it all up.

Quick Tip

The dining hall provides a pretty good tuna salad all set to go. Make yourself a quick salad with spinach, red onion, cheese and olives, top it all off with a mound of tuna and you're set to go. Or give in and go for the good old tuna sandwich – tuna, tomato, lettuce, cheese and whatever other condiments you enjoy (I like Dijon mustard.)

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

MLB

Ryan endorses manager for '09 after Rangers' win

Drew returns to line-up for first time since Aug. 17; Red Sox get late run to beat Indians, keep pace with Rays

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — For Nolan Ryan, it has been a long rookie season as president of the Texas Rangers.

Hired in February to revitalize a team that has never won a playoff series, the Hall of Fame pitcher has spent the season evaluating the entire organization and trying to determine what changes need to be made.

But after the home finale Wednesday, a 14-4 victory over the Oakland Athletics, Ryan said he doesn't anticipate changing managers. Ryan expects Ron Washington to return next season along with general manager Jon Daniels.

'In my mind, they're going to be back. I have no reason to think differently," Ryan said in a hastily gathered postgame meeting. "I don't anticipate a change.

Ryan also stuck with Washington after Texas got off to the worst start in team history, 7-16 in April. The team responded by winning seven straight series and got to six games over .500 in early August before a slumping finish that ensured the Rangers (77-82) would have their eighth losing record in nine seasons.

"Ron has done a good job. I think he kept the ballclub playing for him under bad conditions in April, and 1 think it played hard for him all year," Ryan said. "With a

young club, that's the thing that you look for, if the team quits on a manager. And this team didn't do that.'

A 15-28 stretch that ended with Monday night's loss to Oakland ensured a losing record. Texas lost All-Star second baseman Ian Kinsler and outfielder David Murphy to season-ending injuries during that time.

In the home finale, Hank Blalock homered in his fourth straight game and Matt Harrison (9-3) struck out. seven in six innings to become the first Texas rookie lefthander to win nine games.

"It wasn't anything that I worried about," Washington said about his future. "I've always had my focus on the field, trying to make sure we can keep this team focused. ... We didn't win record-wise, but we dealt with a lot this year."

Harrison was one of seven pitchers who made their major league debuts this season with Texas, which used a club-record 55 players (30 pitchers).

While Harrison was a bright spot, Ryan said the emphasis during the offseason has to be pitching — the Rangers had a majors-worst 5.41 ERA. But he doesn't expect the team to be in the big-spending sweepstakes for expected free agents like CC Sabathia and Ben Sheets.

The only AL starters with more victories than Harrison since he made his major



Texas pitcher Matt Harrison throws a pitch during the Rangers' 14-4 win over Oakland Wednesday. Harrison threw six innings giving up two runs and striking out seven.

league debut July 8 are Cleveland's Cliff Lee (11) and Toronto's A.J. Burnett (10).

Blalock's three-run homer, his 11th, erased a 1-0 deficit in the fourth and put Texas ahead to stay. After Blalock was hit by a pitch to start the sixth, Nelson Cruz homered on the next pitch to chase Dana Eveland (9-9).

Travis Metcalf also homered and Michael Young went 4for-4 with a walk for Texas, which has a 1 1/2 game lead over Oakland for second place in the AL West with three games left for both teams.

After missing 91 games this season because of injuries and playing only 58 games last year, Blalock isn't certain of returning with the Rangers. The club has a \$6.2 million option for 2009, or a \$250,000 buyout, on the twotime All-Star third baseman who switched to first base because of shoulder problems.

But Blalock is showing he can still hit, going 17-for-37 over the last 10 games. He has a streak of six consecutive games with an extra-base hit, a run scored and an RBI.

Blalock's homer came off left-hander Eveland, who didn't allow another homer to a left-handed hitter in his 29 starts this season.

"I got into trouble with the home run. ... I gave up some hits on some pitches I thought for four runs in the first were pretty good. You can't make a mistake against this

team. They can swing the bats," said Eveland, donning a platinum blonde wig and female police officer's outfit.

The costume was part of the hazing of 17 Oakland As, who were dressed in female costumes for the trip from Texas to the West Coast.

The last batter Eveland faced was Cruz, whose 422foot homer to left-center made it 7-2 with no outs in the sixth. Texas added six more runs against two relievers, including an RBI single Blalock and Josh Hamilton's two-run double that snapped his 15-game drought without an RBI and upped his season total to 126.

Jack Cust hit his 32nd homer, a solo shot, and had his 192nd strikeout, seven short of the major league record set last season by Philadelphia's Ryan Howard. Daric Barton had two doubles and scored twice for the A's.

Red Sox 5, Indians 4

 Pinch-hitter Jeff Bailey tripled and scored on Mark Kotsay's double to break an eighth-inning tie Wednesday night, leading the Boston Red Sox to a victory over the Cleveland Indians.

One game after the Red Sox clinched a playoff berth and celebrated into the night, they iumped on Fausto Carmona inning, chasing him from the game in his shortest outing in more than a year. But the Indians came back to tie it 4all in the fifth against Boston starter Paul Byrd.

David Aardsma (4-2) earned the victory with 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief, allowing one hit and striking out one. Rafael Perez (4-4) gave up a run on two hits and an intentional walk in one inning.

Perez was the fourth Indians pitcher, taking over to start the eighth and striking out Kevin Youkilis before Bailey lined the first pitch he saw high off the Green Monster near center field for a standup triple. Kotsay, also swinging at the first pitch, lined one down the first-base line and into the corner for an RBI double.

Manny Delcarmen pitched the ninth for his second save.

Carmona pitched Games 2 and 6 against the Red Sox in the playoffs last year and gave up a total of 11 runs in six innings. In all, he was charged with four runs on five hits and a walk while striking

Red Sox outfielder J.D. Drew returned to the lineup for the first time in a month but played just three innings before leaving the game for a pinch runner. Drew went on the disabled list on Aug. 18 with a strained lower back and was nearing a return earlier this month when he left the team because of a death in the family.

Red Sox right fielder J.D. Drew runs to first base during Boston's 5-4 win over Cleveland Wednesday.

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1	NOTRE DAME	8-0-0	1 1
2	UCLA	7-0-1	2
3	North Carolina	7-1-1	3
4	Portland	7-1-0	5
5	USC	7-1-0	4
6	Stanford	8-0-1	6
7	Texas A&M	7-1-1	8
8	Florida State	6-1-1	9
9	Texas	7-0-1	10
10	Duke	8-1-D	11
11	West Virginia	6-1-2	14
12	Oklahoma State	8-0-0	13
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16	Florida	5-2-1	16
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Women's Volleyball Top 25 AVCA Poll

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5	USC	7-2	5
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8	California	10-1	9
9	Washington	9-1	10
10	Florida	8-1	11
11	Oregon	11-1	12
12	Minnesota	10-2	8 1
13	Colorado State	10-1	15
14	Wichita State	12-0	16
15	San Diego	10-2	17
16	Pepperdine	12-0	21
17	Kansas State	12-2	18
18	Wisconsin	10-2	13
19	Purdue	11-1	20
20	Illinois	9-2	23
21	Michigan	12-0	25
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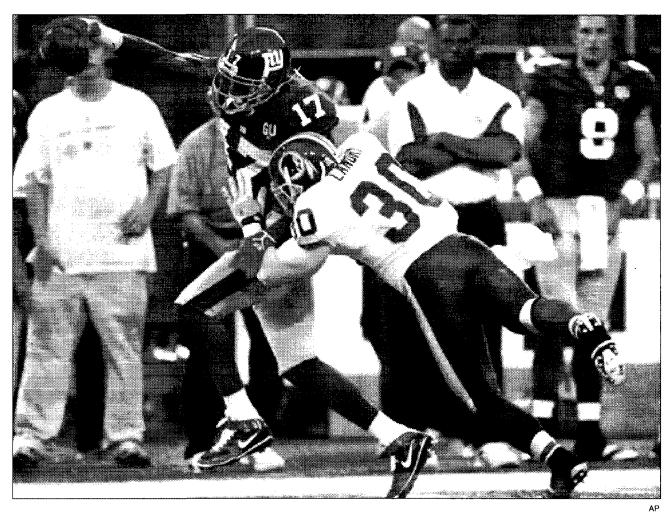
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5	Alma		4-3-0
6	Kalamazoo		4-4-0
7	Trine		3-6-0
8	Albion		2-5-0
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NFL



Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress extends for a first down while being forced out by Redskins safety LaRon Landry during New York's win on Sept. 4. Burress will sit out the Giants' next game against Seattle.

Burress suspended for 1 game

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A yearlong ankle injury could not keep Plaxico Burress out of the New York Giants' lineup last season. The lack of a telephone call this week apparently is going to cost him a game and more than \$235,000.

Less than a month after handing the man who caught the winning pass in the Super Bowl a new \$35 million contract, the Giants on Wednesday suspended Burress for a game for missing a practice and not calling to explain his absence.

Burress' agent insisted

the nine-year veteran had an undisclosed family emergency on Monday and will appeal the ban to the NFL Players Association.

"We have had success here because of the team concept," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said in discussing the suspension, which was handed down during a bye week for the Giants (3-0). "And the team concept means basically that everyone is accountable and responsible and that we don't let the other guys down. And that is what we are trying to do."

As part of the suspension, Burress will not be allowed to practice until

after the Oct. 5 game against the Seattle Seahawks. That means he will miss two weekly paychecks, totaling \$235,294.12 of his \$2 million annual base salary.

The Giants refused to say why Burress was suspended, but agent Drew Rosenhaus claimed Burress had a family emergency that has now been resolved.

Rosenhaus said Burress spoke with Giants director of player development Charles Way on Monday evening, but he added there was "miscommunication" between the player and the team.

When asked specifically

why Burress did not telephone the team or answer repeated telephone calls Monday to discuss the absence, Rosenhaus avoided answering the question.

Burress has had other problems with the Giants since signing as a free agent in 2005. He was benched for the opening quarter against San Diego early in 2005 for being late for a meeting. He said his wife was pregnant and he went with her for a test.

Coughlin and general manager Jerry Reese informed Burress of the suspension Wednesday morning before the team held practice.

IN BRIEF

Sore shoulder sidelines Pettitte for season

TORONTO — New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte is done for the season because of a sore left shoulder.

"It's giving me a little trouble," Pettitte said. "I've thrown enough innings. There's not any sense in going out and continuing to kill myself now, to push myself through anything."

Pettitte had an MRI exam on his shoulder earlier this month, revealing no major damage. He won his last start on Sunday night, beating Baltimore in the final game at Yankee Stadium.

The 36-year-old Pettitte went 14-14 in 33 starts and threw 204 innings. His 4.54 ERA was his highest since 1999, when it was 4.70.

New York was eliminated from postseason contention Tuesday night when Boston beat Cleveland 5-4

Tigers reliever Jones announces retirement

DETROIT — Tigers reliever Todd Jones is retiring, he announced in his own column in the Sporting News.

"So this is it," he wrote in the latest issue of the magazine. "If you're a Tigers fan, I'll never stress you out again. If you're not a Tigers fan, you'll never have me as your ace in the hole, convinced I'll blow a lead against your team."

The 40-year-old Jones went on the disabled list in late July with an injured right shoulder. He was activated for one game in mid-August, gave up five unearned runs, and went back on the DL.

Jones was 4-1 with 18 saves in 21 chances this year and a 4.97 ERA:

Jones has 319 career saves with Detroit, Houston, Minnesota, Colorado, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Florida. He's 14th on the all-time list and his 235 saves for Detroit are a team record.

Packers Harris has "serious" spleen injury

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Cornerback Ål Harris has a "serious" spleen injury that requires a cautious approach, but he hasn't been ruled out for the rest of the season, Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Wednesday.

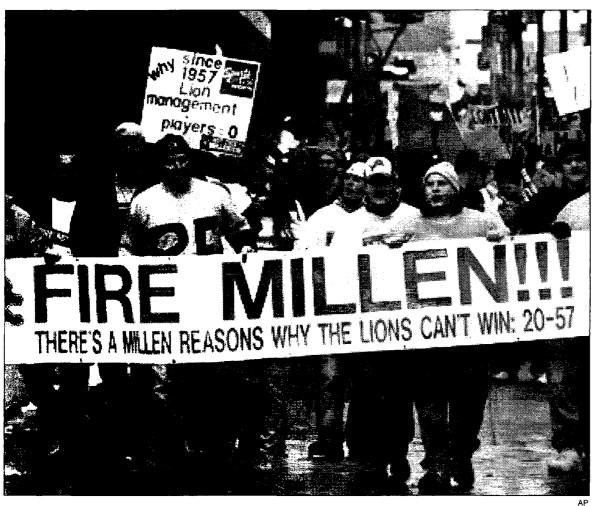
"I'm hopeful he'll be back," McCarthy said. "The time frame just hasn't been established."

Harris was injured in the first quarter of Green Bay's loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night. The injury is believed to be a ruptured spleen, which sidelined then-Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms for the rest of the season in 2006.

Harris, one of the Packers' top defensive players, won't be able to do any significant physical activity for at least a week and will not play in Sunday's game at Tampa Bay.

Harris left Sunday night's game in the first quarter after he collided with Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk. **NFL**

Lions fire President Millen



Lions fans have been calling for Team President/CEO Matt Millen to be fired for several years, including at the Dec. 18, 2005 "Millen Man March" in Detroit.

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matt Millen insisted he would stick with the tough job of turning the Detroit Lions into a winner instead of returning to the broadcast booth to make easy money.

So the Lions got rid of him. Finally.

Finally.

The Lions fired Millen sevenplus years after the acclaimed TV analyst and Super Bowl-winning linebacker took over as team president for one of the NFL's mediocre franchises and made it the worst.

"I have relieved Matt Millen of his duties effective immediately," Lions owner William Clay Ford said in a statement Wednesday afternoon.

Messages seeking comment were left on Millen's cell phone.

Millen's teams won a leaguelow 31 games since he took over in 2001, but his boss refused to get rid of him until now.

Bill Ford, son of the team owner, said Monday he would fire Millen if he had the authority.

Detroit was routed in each of its first three games this season, falling behind 21-0 twice and 21-3 once en route to lopsided losses going into its bye week.

"I am very disappointed with where we are as a team after our start this season," Ford added in his statement. "Our sole focus now is preparing for our next game against Chicago."

The 0-3 record dropped Millen to 31-84 overall, giving the Lions at least 10 more losses than any other NFL team since 2001, one of the worst stretches in league history. They gave up a league-high 25.3 points and ranked 30th with 18.3 points a game under Millen, according to STATS.

After winning just five games in his first two seasons, Millen bristled when a reporter told him some people were already predicting he would eventually walk away to get paid stressfree millions as a broadcaster again.

"Those people don't know me

that well," Millen said in a 2003 interview with The Associated Press. "I can't not finish something that I started. That bugs me. I've got to get this finished.

"This gray hair shows how much I care. Look at me. I look like Kris Kringle!"

The Lions' front office will now be led by executive vice president Tom Lewand, who will report to the owner on business issues, and new general manager Martin Mayhew, who will report to the owner on football matters.

"These decisions are for the duration of the 2008 season," Ford's statement said. "Once the season is over, we will undergo a thorough and comprehensive evaluation of our entire football operation and put together a plan that we believe will transform this team into a winner."

William Clay Ford also has been the target of criticism because since his first full season in 1964, the Lions have won only one playoff game. He has hired and retained people to lead the franchise, such as Russ Thomas and Millen, who weren't able to build a consistent winner.

In a rare interview late in the 2003 season, the owner said he hadn't considered firing Millen.

hadn't considered firing Millen.
"I want him. I don't need any
more reason than that," he said.

The tipping point might have been public comments made by the owner's son. Lions vice chairman Bill Ford said Millen should leave the team, and the Ford Motor Co. executive chairman said if he had the authority, he would make moves.

"I think the fans deserve better," Bill Ford told reporters.
"And if it were in my authority, which it's not, I'd make some significant changes."

His father finally agreed that Millen had to go.

Drivers of vehicles whizzing past the Allen Park facility beeped their horns and gleefully yelled out about the end of the Millen era.

Eddie Gates drove through the team's parking lot in his minivan as his girlfriend, Sue

Stanton, held a sign, "Millen Must Go To Get a Super Bowl," out the window.

"I've been a season-ticket holder for 28 years and because they fired Matt Millen, I'm going to renew," said Gates. "This is the happiest day of my life."

The Fords — father and son — were thrilled when they lured Millen out of the broadcast booth to run their hapless franchise.

"I'm willing to stake my reputation on Matt's success," Bill Ford said after Millen was introduced at a news conference in January 2001.

Millen was the team's first general manager since Thomas left in 1989. The Lions allowed their coaches — Wayne Fontes, Bobby Ross and Gary Moeller — to run the football operation after Thomas resigned.

"We've been pretty much stuck on dead center for quite a few years," William Clay Ford said when Millen was hired. "Matt offers us an opportunity to move ahead."

Coach Rod Marinelli will be left with the task of salvaging something from the final 13 games of the season. But he and the players haven't inspired much confidence with an NFC-worst 10-25 record since 2006.

Ultimately, the Lions are left with Millen's mess that led to a pitiful era that compares only to Tampa Bay's 12 straight double-digit loss seasons from 1983-94.

This offseason was productive and the practices were great, Millen and Marinelli insisted, but that didn't make a difference on Sundays.

The Lions are winless, and 1-10 dating to last season. The latest loss at San Francisco dropped Marinelli to 3-15 on the road and dropped the Lions to 8-60 as visitors with Millen in charge.

The former Penn State standout was an NFL linebacker from 1980-91 with the Raiders, San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins. He won the Super Bowl four times.

FoxSports.com was the first to report Millen's departure.

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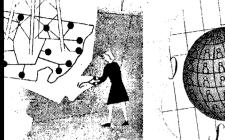


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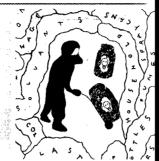
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MLB

Omens abounding as baseball playoffs near

Associated Press

A black cat slinking across the field. A surprise note from a former star. An innocent ground ball that takes an incredible hop

Sure, a big bop from Manny Ramirez, Ryan Howard or Evan Longoria can help a team make the playoffs. But oh, those little omens can really push a team toward October.

'Sometimes you hope fate falls in your favor,' Milwaukee center fielder Mike Cameron said after a late comeback. "Baseball's a funny game. It builds character. It'll bring you joy. It'll bring you a lot, a lot of anger sometimes.

No such worries at Wrigley Field and Fenway Park stadium workers can begin putting up the decorative bunting. Also ready is devilish Tropicana Field, where the Tampa Bay Rays have sold out the first two postseason games in team history.

With less than a week left,

races remain. Time to make a move or succumb to, as Mets manager Jerry Manuel conjured up, "the burden. the clouds, the demons, whatever you want to call them."

That is, for people who believe in such things.

"Good teams don't need omens, bad teams are looking for them," Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt said in an e-mail Wednesday.

More on him later, by the

So either the Chicago White Sox or Minnesota will win the AL Central, the loser is out. Same goes for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona in the NL West.

The Mets still hope it's their season, a year after one of the biggest collapses in history. Having blown another late division lead to Philadelphia, they're trying to fend off Milwaukee for the wild card.

And that's where that little grounder came into play.

It definitely didn't look like the Mets' night Tuesday, when they fell behind early against the NL Central champion Chicago Cubs. Needing a big hit, they got it in the most unlikely way.

Or, as Cubs manager Lou Piniella called it, "a magic

Mets pitcher Johan Santana hit a hopper up the middle that looked to be a certain out. But his black maple bat shattered, and the barrel went skipping past the pitcher's mound. As shortstop Ronny Cedeno got ready to field the ball, it somehow glanced off the tumbling, broken piece of wood. The ball deflected off Cedeno's glove and went for an infield

"It should count for two hits," Santana said. "I was

No one could recall seeing quite such a play and, no surprise, it keyed a fifthinning rally that led to a vic-

tory.
"A fickle, funny game," Mets third baseman David Wright said.

Older Cubs fans didn't find it so whimsical. They still remember all too well another night at Shea Stadium.

Back in September 1969, the hard-luck Cubs brought a narrow lead into New York. Then in the first inning, with Tom Seaver pitching against them, Chicago saw something more scary: a black cat skittered onto the field and stared up close at several players in the dugout.

Later, a few of the Cubs admitted it kind of spooked them to see that slinky feline. Within a matter of days, the Cubs fell out of first place and the Mets were on their way to an improbable World Series championship.

The Phillies got a boost earlier this month when Schmidt e-mailed a note to

"Sometimes you hope

fate falls in your

favor. Baseball's a

funny game. It builds

character. It'll bring

you joy. It'll bring you

a lot, a lot of anger

sometimes."

Mike Cameron

Brewers centerfielder

manager Charlie Manuel before a series Shea Stadium. Manuel promptly posted the message on the inside door of the clubhouse

'One pitch, one at bat, one play, one situa-'small' and 'big'

result, tough at-bats, lots of walks, stay up the middle with men on base, whatever it takes to 'keep the line moving' on offense, 27 outs on defense, the Mets know you're better than they are,' Schmidt wrote.

And then, in a poke at the Phils' rivals, he added: "They remember last year. You guys are never out of a game. Welcome the challenge that confronts you this weekend. You are the stars. Good

Given their druthers, the players would rather control

'Broken-bat contact in clutch situations is usually an out. One time is luck. Next time, sit down," Schmidt wrote Wednesday. "Omen is over.

'The omen you are referring to is driven by hindsight, after a victory," he said. "It wasn't an omen until the game was over and the team

The Dodgers won Tuesday night, getting a big home run from Nomar Garciaparra to beat San Diego.

"You want it to be in your hands," Garciaparra said.

Garciaparra also had a message for his young teammates in their first pennant

"Enjoy it. Don't take it for granted because you may never have this opportunity again. There's a lot of people in this clubhouse that have gone a lot of years and never been in the playoffs," he those people don't know 'ne

OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS

Chinese investigation to include 2000 squad

Associated Press

China's gold medal gymnasts aren't the only ones whose ages are getting a closer look.

The investigation into the eligibility of the Chinese women's team in Beijing has been expanded to include members of the 2000 squad, which won the bronze medal in Sydney, The Associated Press has learned.

International gymnastics officials are examining whether Yang Yun and Dong Fangxiao, in particular, were old enough to compete.

'If we had a look at all the articles that came before, during and after the games, there were always rumors about the ages of China's athletes in Sydney," Andre Gueisbuhler, secretary general of the International Gymnastics Federation, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We did not have another choice," he said. "If we want to remain credible, then we have to look into things.

No other Chinese teams are being investigated, Gueisbuhler

"At this moment in time, we just have concerns about 2000 and 2008," he said.

The investigation is ongoing, a month after the Beijing Games ended, and there is no timetable for when it will be finished.

"It's a work in progress," said Emmanuelle Moreau, spokeswoman for the International Olympic Committee. "Until the work has been completed, there is nothing we can say."

Yang's age has long been an

issue for debate.

In a June 2007 interview that aired on state broadcaster China Central Television, Yang said she was 14 at the Sydney

Gymnastics rules require athletes to be 16 during an Olympic year in order to compete.

"At the time I was only 14," she said in the interview, done in Chinese. "I thought that if I failed this time, I'll do it again next time. There's still hope.

That interview, which has been widely reported, contradicts her official birthdate, which is listed as Dec. 2, 1984 and made her eligible for

Dong's birthdate is listed as Jan. 20, 1983, making her 17 at the time of the Sydney Games. Her blog, nowever, includes a reference to being born in 1985.

Yang is now engaged to Olympic all-around champion Yang Wei. Dong was a national

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technical official at the Beijing Olympics, serving as the secretary on vault. She was not part of any judging panel.

Kui Yuanyuan, Ling Jie, Liu Xuan and Huang Mandan were the other members of China's

Age falsification has been a problem in gymnastics since the 1980s, after the minimum age was raised from 14 to 15 in an effort to protect young athletes, whose bodies are still developing, from serious injuries. Younger gymnasts are also thought to have an advantage because they are more flexible and are likely to have an easier time doing the tough skills the sport requires. They also aren't as likely to have a fear of fail-

The minimum age was raised to its current 16 in 1997.

There were questions about the ages of China's Beijing squad months before the games, with media reports and online records suggesting several of the gymnasts on the six-woman squad might be as young as 14.

In August, The Associated Press found registration lists previously posted on the Web of the General Administration of Sport of China that showed He Kexin and Yang Yilin were too young to compete. A Nov. 3 story by the Chinese government's news agency, Xinhua, suggested He was only 14.

But Chinese officials insisted – repeatedly and heatedly that all of its gymnasts were old enough, and they had not cheated their way to their first Olympic team gold. The FIG and IOC hoped the matter had been put to rest before the games, when the IOC said it had checked all of the girls' passports and found them to be

The controversy never went away, though, and the IOC announced three days before the games ended that it had asked the FIG to investigate one more time.

China turned over birth certificates, passports, ID cards and family residence permits for He, Yang, Jiang Yuyuan, Deng Linlin and Li Shanshan.

"The international federation has required the delivery of birth certificates and all the documents like family books, entries in schools and things like that," IOC president Jacques Rogge said on the final day of the games. "They have received the documents, and at first sight it seems to be OK.'

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NFL

Saints' WR depth to be tested

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Drew Brees keeps repeating what a quarterback should say when his best receivers get hurt.

"I'm confident in every guy who's going to step on the field on Sunday, whether it's a starter, a backup, and third-stringer, a scout team guv - it doesn't matter," Brees asserted after practice on Wednesday. "All those guys have put in the time and they're going to

be prepared. "Ît's never about one guy."

How about two guys? In particular, wide receiver Marques Colston and tight end m y J e r e Shockey?

Colston has led New Orleans in receiving each of the previous two seasons and Shockey is a former Pro Bowl player who was the Saints' second leading receiver through the first three games this season.

Imagine how coach Sean Payton and Brees must have salivated at the though of Colston and Shockey on the field together, stretching defenses already preoccupied by Reggie Bush's versatility as both a running and receiving threat.

Then Colston tore ligaments in his left thumb on opening day, sidelining him up to six weeks, and now Shockey is sidelined for a month or longer with a

sports hernia.

"It's never about

one guy."

Drew Brees

Saints quarterback

It could be even worse when New Orleans hosts San Francisco this Sunday. Veteran starter David Patten, who has eight catches for 106 yards and a TD, hurt his left groin during New Orleans' 34-32 loss at Denver last weekend and did not practice Wednesday.

"Obviously, it's an opportunity for some young guys to step up and get a lot of playing time," Brees said. "I have

> all the confidence in the world in that group though. ... They deserve this opportunity."

One player likely to see more action Robert Meachem. If there

ever a time for him to prove he deserved to be the Saints' first-round draft choice in 2007, now would be it.

Meachem couldn't get on the field during his rookie season. He finally made his regular season debut in Washington two weeks ago. His first NFL catch was a 19yard touchdown.

In Denver, he beat single coverage and hauled in a deep throw from Brees for a 74-yard gain that set up a touchdown.

Meachem, who now has three catches for 105 yards in his young career, said he doesn't see any need to change his approach this week.

"At receiver, that's probably one of the cockiest positions on any team," he said. "We have to step up, but all our goals are high anyway. ... We're going to make our plays. We're going to dive. We're going to do everything in our power to make sure Drew's happy."

Patten said he hoped to be ready by Sunday, calling his day-to-day. status Meanwhile, Terrance Copper, a special teams regular who has started sporadically since 2006, was limited in Wednesday's practice because of a hamstring pull that sidelined him for the Denver game.

If they are unable to play, the Saints remaining healthy receivers would be Devery Henderson, Lance Moore and Meachem. The Saints also could activate Skyler Green or Joe West from the practice squad, but would have to temporarily terminate a veteran player's contract to make room. At tight end, the Saints will rely on Billy Miller, who was temporarily released during Week 2, then brought back last week. He caught two passes for 41 yards in

Payton conceded that losing two top receivers presents "a lot of challenges." Yet, he also noted that most of the receivers who remain have been effective when given a chance.

"Robert's been able to get more snaps. He's done a good job. He made a big play for us last week," Payton



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between this year and years past is that her confidence is extremely high right now, she's playing that way and I think she's got the confidence of the team and

"The defense is

absolutely amazing ...

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Kelsey Lysander

Irish goalkeeper

"She's been able to

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keepers."

Dawn Greathouse

Irish assistant coach

she's been strong everything she's been able to do," assiscoach tant \mathbf{a} w n Greathouse said.

The junior has turned her game from being strictly a

shot stopper to an all-around keeper. And her consistency as an all-around keeper has proven itself as the season has progressed helping the Irish maintain a perfect 8-0 record.

"It's really just being consistent on the little things and then also being able to pull out the big game winning save, and I think she's been able to do that and she has done Greathouse "And said.

when you're able to do those things it really radiates to the entire team and it sets a tone and a mentality and I think that has a lot to do with how well the team has done overall when you have that kind of confidence in your goalkeeper, you just play that much stronger, and I think our defense as a whole feeds of that mentality.

And Lysander knows she's gotten better with time.

"Every aspect of my game has gotten better has gotten sharper," she said. "Handling definitely was a big thing, just catching the ball cleanly and coming out on crosses, and

just being a presence in the

But Lysander points out she's had help in front of her. The Irish defense, led by senior captain Carrie Dew, has kept opponents' shots on goal to a minimum. In

3-1 win their over Penn State, the Irish allowed only four shots on goal, and Lysander came up with three saves.

"The defense is absolutely amazing, they make my job a

million times easier than it should be,' Lysander said. "They don't even let shots get off."

But Lysander deserves credit for the saves she has made – ones where she's come off the line to turn the game

"She's been able to pull out some great saves and be consistent and that's all we ever ask of our keepers, and she's really stepped up into that role," Greathouse said.

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Dike

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into the box.

Additionally, Notre Dame's balanced scoring attack has tended to dry up and become inbalanced against the stiffest competition. Last season, in their six games against top-20 teams, the Irish scored only seven goals - well below their seasonaverage of 1.50 goals per game. One player, graduated star Joseph Lapira, scored five of those seven goals.

And that brings us back to

If the Irish hope to improve upon the past two seasons and reach the program's first-ever Final Four, they need Dike to be a gamechanging presence and the motor that runs their offense.

The teams competing with Notre Dame for those Final Four births will all be wellorganized and extremely talented defensively. Often, breaking through those defenses depends on a moment of individual brilliance — moments that Dike can provide.

The Irish failed to score in both of their games this year against top-ten opponents a scoreless draw with No. 4 St. John's and a 3-0 seasonopening loss No. 9 Akron – yet it was Dike that looked most dangerous in each contest. Dike led the team in shots in both games, and Clark went as far as to single out Dike's performance as one of the lone bright spots against the Zips.

"I don't think any team so far this year has been able to handle him," Clark said.



Dame's 4-1 home victory over Marquette on Sept. 11.

"Now he just needs to go and find his goals."

Indeed. Four goals in seven games is hardly a goal-scoring drought, but what the Irish really need from Dike will be goals in the key moments.

With 2.6 goals per game so far this season. Notre Dame has proven it can score against middle-of-the-road teams.

When Connecticut, Maryland or Wake Forest come calling, though, the Irish attack will be put to the test. Dike is the player most likely to break through.

The extent to which he does so will play a large part in how far Notre Dame goes this season.

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Lance looking to prove he's clean

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lance Armstrong is chasing an eighth Tour de France title and an elusive feat: persuading everyone he's clean.

As Armstrong reunites with his close friend and Astana team director Johan Bruyneel, the man behind his yellow jerseys, he's also adding a new member to his support group. Anti-doping expert Don Catlin has been hired to test Armstrong anytime, anywhere — and to post the results online for the world to see.

"I think it's the first time an athlete can actually be totally validated on the chance he's successful," Armstrong said Wednesday. "In my opinion, Don Catlin is beyond reproach."

Armstrong revealed details of his comeback two weeks after saying he would end a threeyear retirement. He'll ride for Astana and will compete in the Tour Down Under in Adelaide, Australia, in January.

The setting was the Clinton Global Initiative, the annual meeting of former President Bill Clinton's foundation. Armstrong held a news conference to talk cycling after announcing a new worldwide campaign to fight cancer before an audience of political and corporate leaders.

As he described his 2009 Tour plans, the 37-year-old Armstrong sometimes made it sound as though this was more a publicity move to raise awareness about the fight against cancer than a legitimate shot at winning an eighth title.

"I think we're sure we'll have success with the movement, because we need it," he said in an interview with The Associated Press, "but I'm not sure I'll be the fastest cyclist in the world."

Astana was banned from this year's Tour because of past doping violations. But Pat McQuaid, the leader of cycling's governing body, said he believed the team would be allowed to return in 2009.

The Amaury Group, which owns the company that organizes the Tour, has confirmed in writing to UCI that Astana is on its list of teams "that they say are guaranteed to ride to the Tour de France in 2009 and 2010," he told the AP.

Tour director Christian Prudhomme didn't respond to messages.

The makeup of the 2009 Astana team is unclear. Alberto Contador, the 2007 Tour de France champ, suggested in AS newspaper Tuesday that the two elite riders couldn't coexist on the same team.

In a statement released by Astana on Wednesday, Contador was conciliatory but didn't commit to remaining on the team.

"Right now people are looking to make up controversy, but honestly I have no ill will towards Lance," he said. "I identify with his passion for the sport. He has certainly been a role model for me and others throughout the world, and I imagine having him on Team Astana will only motivate me further."

Contador, signed with Astana through 2010, won the Spanish

Vuelta on Sunday. Combined with his 2008 Giro d'Italia title, he became just the fifth cyclist to win the three highest-regarded Tours.

"I think there's room for all of us on that team," Armstrong

Another Astana rider, American Levi Leipheimer, is a former Armstrong teammate with U.S. Postal Service.

"He will make everyone on the team better, and that is a good thing," Leipheimer said from the cycling world championships in Varese, Italy.

Armstrong also hopes to improve the next generation of cyclists, starting an under-23 team that will include 18-year-old Taylor Phinney. Phinney, the son of 1984 Olympic medalists Connie Carpenter-Phinney and Davis Phinney, finished seventh at the Beijing Games in the individual pursuit. Axel Merckx, son of cycling great Eddy Merckx, will lead the development team.

Armstrong, the greatest rider of his generation, is counting on Catlin to help cement his legacy. Catlin will be paid by Astana, but McQuaid had no problem with that.

"I would have every faith that the results that he will find will be correct and transparent," McQuaid said in a telephone interview. "He wouldn't suffer fools, and he wouldn't be a man that would be involved in anything unethical or incorrect."

Catlin oversaw testing for anabolic agents at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and ran the country's first anti-doping lab at UCLA for 25 years. He now runs Anti-Doping Research, a non-profit organization he founded to research performance-enhancing drugs, uncover new drugs being used illegally and develop tests to detect them.

Armstrong said he didn't know what kinds of tests Catlin would use.

Catlin did not immediately return messages and emails left by The Associated Press.

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"I think this will be the most advanced anti-doping program in the world," Armstrong said.

"I'm going to talk about it today; beyond today, I'm not going to tell you how clean I am, and I'm not going to insinuate how dirty the others are.

"I'm going to ride my bike, I'm going to spread this message (about the fight against cancer) around the world, and Don Catlin can tell you if I'm clean or not."

Kazakh Cycling Federation deputy chief Nikolai Proskurin said Armstrong agreed to ride for the Kazakhstan-based team for free the first year and has signed up to take part in five races. Armstrong wouldn't rule out competing beyond 2009, but for now that's all he's committed to

His goals for his charitable work are clearer. Armstrong plans to hold a global summit on cancer in Paris after the Tour. He hopes to draw nearly a dozen world leaders, including the next U.S. president. His schedule in the months leading up to the Tour will be influenced by the campaign to expand his foundation's fight against cancer to underserved parts of the world.



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PGA Tour

Ryder Cup casts shadow over FedEx Cup finale

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chad Campbell tipped over a small bucket of balls Wednesday and hit 5-irons across the pond on the practice green at East Lake, none quite as true as the one he struck five days ago at Valhalla that earned a crucial point in the Ryder Cup.

Campbell, the last player to qualify for the 30-man field at the Tour Championship, will be the first to tee off Thursday. He'll understand if his game doesn't arrive until sometime later in the week.

"It's going to take a few days," he said. "I think once the tournament gets going, I'll be good to go. But everybody is a little bit worn out. There are some guys here who are fresh. I just don't think you can name any of them who were at the Ryder Cup."

Ten Americans who were spraying each other with champagne on Sunday are trying to remind themselves that this, too, is a big week. The Tour Championship features a \$7 million purse, and for many players, their final PGA Tour event of the year.

The only two missing at East Lake from the U.S. team are J.B. Holmes and Boo Weekley. Sergio Garcia is the only Ryder Cup player from Europe who qualified for the Tour Championship.

"It is different," said Hunter Mahan, who made his Ryder Cup debut going unbeaten in five matches. "It's weird going through that and then having to come to such a big event like this. We get a couple days to kind of fall back to earth and just back to the grind a little bit, so it should be good. It may take a round or two to actually get back into the flow of playing tournament golf again."

The Ryder Cup is only one component that has taken the sizzle out of the FedEx Cup finale.

A new points system during the PGA Tour Playoffs brought the kind of volatility the tour wanted, but it knocked out several players that otherwise would have had a right to be at East Lake.

Padraig Harrington missed the cut in his first two playoff events, and for that he becomes the first PGA Tour member to win two majors in one year and still not qualify for the Tour Championship. Also missing is Adam Scott and Geoff Ogilvy, along with the Weekley, who might be the most popular man in golf these days for his antics and shotmaking during the Ryder Cup.

As for the drama over who wins the FedEx Cup and the \$10 million prize?

They could have started engraving Vijay Singh's name on the trophy two weeks ago. He won the first two playoff events, and now only has to complete four rounds at East Lake to capture the FedEx Cup. Riveting stuff.

"It's nice to know that all you need to do is finish the round," Singh said. "It's been kind of strange in a way that your friends and your family and your trainer keep saying, 'Don't over exercise. We'll have to just

keep it nice and easy this week.' Gets in your head a little bit."

It's hard to blame the tour for someone as talented as Singh winning two straight tournament, just as Tiger Woods won two straight events last year to take the drama out of the final week.

"Honestly, if you look back and think about it, every system could have provided a very exciting finish," Jim Furyk said. "You just had a player ... Tiger Woods goes out and wins twice and finishes second. You had a player that separated himself. This year, even though the system was totally different, it could have provided a really exciting finish. It did not."

Furyk at least is motivated by trying to pick up his first victory of the year, a goal that applies to 15 other players in the field, such as Steve Stricker, Ben Curtis, Mahan, Campbell and Trevor Immelman.

Even someone like Singh, who won the Tour Championship in 2002, wants to finish off the season with another win.

"This is a big event for us," he said. "Two years ago, three years ago, this was one of the major events on tour. That's the way I still look at it."

But his comment was telling.

Is the Tour Championship no longer one of the big events on the PGA Tour? It sure doesn't seem like one now, with one guy assured of the FedEx Cup simply by showing up, a field that includes first-timers Kevin Sutherland and Ken Duke, and a bunch of Americans suffering from Ryder Cup hangover.

What once was considered golf's version of the All-Star game has all the atmosphere of a corporate outing.

And just imagine if the Americans had lost the Ryder Cup.

Two years ago, a World Golf Championship was held in London a week after the Ryder Cup. Furyk recalls being angry about losing, and after taking a day off, getting back to work to fix what was wrong.

"Any time I've had a close call or lost in a playoff, it's usually about a day or two and then I get back to work," he said. "After you have a big win on tour, it's a little bit of a hangover the next week, and emotionally, it's tough to get up and get ready."

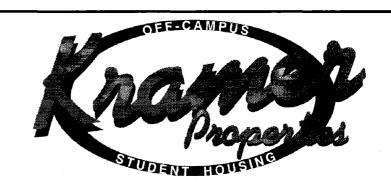
The tour brought this problem on itself, and for that, 10 Americans are thankful.

Remember, the Tour Championship was supposed to be the week before the Ryder Cup, but PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem agreed to move it back two weeks so the Americans (and some Europeans) would be fresh for the event that doesn't pay a dime

Finchem said he expects a good week and big crowd, and it helps that Saturday's round will be played early, so as not to conflict with the NBC broadcast of Notre Dame football. Thankfully, Georgia plays Alabama on Saturday night.

In the meantime, he said changes to the FedEx Cup appear imminent.

"We've got to have a climactic finish," Finchem said. "It's going to build to a finish."



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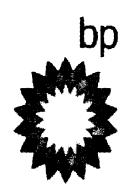
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doesn't look to be a factor against Badin.

"Farley's win was very impressive on Sunday," Bullfrog captain and quarterback Katie Rose Hackney said. "But we're looking to prevent big plays from their offense and senior safety Kelsey Young will play a big part in doing that."

Rose is also very confident in the Bullfrogs' wide receiver corps.

"We have great receivers in Carli Fernandez, Ryan Cooney and Courtney Raines," she said.

Despite both Fernandez and Cooney being freshman, Rose expects them to be an integral part of the passing game and continue to have an impact throughout the season. Fernandez caught a touchdown pass in Badin's 6-6 tie with Breen-Phillips in their previous game.

With their last game ending in a stalemate, Hackney was eager to finally put a game in the win column.

"After the tie on Sunday, we're looking to go out and get our first win of the season," she said.

Walsh vs. Pangborn

Both Pangborn and Walsh will be looking to rebound from shutout losses when the two meet tonight at 9.

Both teams are young and their inexperience played a key role in each team's respective losses last week.

Pangborn lost 14-0 to Welsh Family, but the coaches seemed pleased with the effort, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Middle linebacker Andrea Ragsdale led the defensive push, slowing the vaunted Welsh Family offense.

"The defense was solid and carried us last week," Phoxes coach Ryan Bell said. "Welsh Family has one of the best offenses in the league and we were able to contain them"

He also mentioned that while defensive coordinator Mike Perry was pleased with results of last week's game, he wants to see more emotion.

"Perry is looking to create a Sergio Brown, 'Crank me up' type of intensity on the defensive side of the ball," Bell said.

Despite the defensive effort, the Phoxes failed to score any points, making the offense this week's prime focus.

"We have been working on getting the offense on the same page," Bell said. "We have to be able to take advantage of the opportunities we are given."

Like their opponents, the Wild Women will be looking to put last week's loss behind them.

Walsh lost to Farley 26-0 but showed encouraging signs on the offensive side of the ball. Despite failing to score, sophomore quarterback Amy Longnecker was able to move the ball down the field and find the open receiver effectively. Longnecker and the rest of the offense will work on completing their drives and finding a way to put points up on the scoreboard.

The Wild Women also hope to see improvement in their freshman athletes, many of whom got their first game experience in the loss last weekend. With some game experience the Wild Women hope to look more aggressive and physical on the field.

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Kaelin

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well in each and every match, as opposed to having flashes here and there.

"I think I need to play a little bit more consistently," she said. "I've had some really good matches and also some matches where I didn't play up to my potential."

Kaelin also pointed out that the message of consistency translates to her team's play as well. The Irish have shown that they can play with anyone in the country, like when they took No. 4 California to five sets. But they also have let a few matches get away, such as Sunday, when they allowed Western Michigan to come back and win after being down by two sets.

"I think that in spurts, we've played some really good volleyball," Kaelin said "I think we just need to work on our consistency."

"One of our to go und the Big

Consistency will be crucial as Kaelin and the Irish hope to improve on last season,

which she considered to be largely unsuccessful. The Irish finished with a final record of 15-13 and fell to Louisville in the second round of the Big East tournament.

"I think last year we see as somewhat of a disappointment because we didn't reach the goals that we had set," Kaelin

"One of our goals is"

to go undefeated in

the Big East."

Christina Kaelin

Irish outside hitter

said. "But I feel that it's also like a learning experience. We don't want to be there again."

Kaelin said she used last season's shortcomings as motivation during the spring and summer months to

make sure that this year had a different outcome.

"In the summer we really hit the weight room hard," she said.

Now, Kaelin is focused on just

one thing on her mind: making Notre Dame a dominant force in the Big East.

"Going into the Big East this weekend," she said. "One of our big goals is to go undefeated in the Big East."

The graphic design major knows exactly what she has to do to get the Irish to that goal.

"I think I need to have strong hitting performances every time I go on the court," she said. "Also, I need to play pretty good defense, especially on the front row, doing some good blocking.

"We're going to show that Notre Dame is a force to be reckoned with in the Big East."

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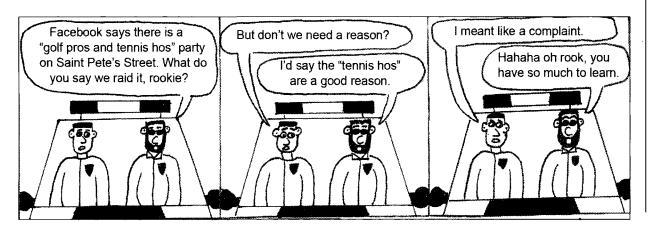


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(Answers tomorrow)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your competitive attitude will lead to success. The more exhilarating the event, the harder you will be to beat. A challenge will help you realize your calling. Memories of activities you used to enjoy will lead to a new venture, 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't rule out learning something new. It may help you get ahead professionally or financially. Don't let emotional uncertainty cause added stress and don't make a decision if someone is pressuring you. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Network, talk to colleagues and generally take charge of your future. Explain your goals and intentions and you will get valuable insight and aid in reaching your target. Discussing your plans with people who can help will motivate you to do more. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expect the unexpected and you will be able to manipulate the situation in your favor. A partnership, although difficult, may aid you in holding on to what you have. Don't fall for products that promise the impos-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wasting time waiting for someone or something to happen will set you back. You have to be the one to take control if you want to get ahead. Make home improvements that ensure everyone has his or her own space. 3

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friendship will be on shaky ground if you are being asked to do too much and your attitude becomes uncertain or distant. Someone from your past may be what's causing your confusion. Consider everyone's motives, including your own. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Nice, not nasty, will get you what you want. With a little Libra charm you will be well on your way to success. When it comes to a partnership, you could get caught in the middle of someone else's agenda, leading to a parting of the ways. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Choose your battles wisely. If you can't win, don't even step into the ring. There is a lesson to be learned by being the observer for a change. Give attention to what you can enforce and move forward. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too eager to take advantage of someone who's being generous. What this person will want in return may be more than you're willing to offer. Put money aside in case you need to bail yourself out of a mess. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may lead you astray because he or she wants something from you. Promises made are likely to be broken. Stick to conservative deals and people you can count on to give you good advice. Stay in control of all money matters. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talk about your plans, intentions and commitments. It's time to be honest with the people around you regarding how they fit in to your intended direction. Get started on something you have longed to do. 1 star

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get along with your colleagues, peers and friends, no matter how difficult some of them may be. Don't play with fire when it comes to love. Being enticed by someone who isn't really available will lead to distraction.

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ND Women's VolleyBall

Hitting her mark

Kaelin racking up kills with major efficiency

By SAM WERNER Sports Writer

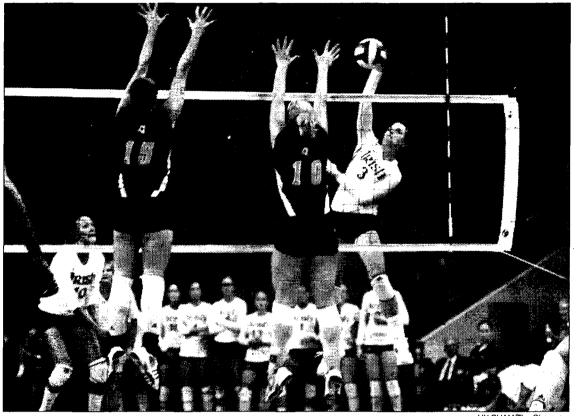
This weekend, Christina Kaelin not only led the Irish past Liberty and UC-Irvine, but the junior outside hitter also spiked her way into the Notre Dame record books.

Against Liberty, Kaelin tallied 11 kills and no errors, notching a .733 hitting percentage, the 10th-highest single-match percentage in Irish history. The Louisville native didn't let up the next night against UC-Irvine, registering 17 kills and .519 hitting percentage.

"This weekend was one of the better weekends I've had so far," Kaelin said. "I think it was because of my consistency.'

Consistency is key for Kaelin, who noted that the one aspect of her game she wants to improve is her ability to play

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Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin spikes the ball during a 2006 match against Bowling Green. Kaelin notched a .733 hitting percentage in Friday's win over Liberty.

ND Women's Soccer

Lysander dominant in Irish net

By DEIRDRE KRASULA Assistant Managing Editor

A total of two goals eight games into the season isn't something to brag about unless you're Irish goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander.

The junior garnered the starting keeper spot for the 2008 season and has proved she deserved it, leading topranked Notre Dame to six shutouts and allowing only two goals in its so far undefeated season.

Lysander played behind goalkeeper Lauren Karas, who graduated last spring, as a freshman and sophomore, and rather then letting her nerves take over, she's stepped up and into the starting position.

"I think the difference

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Lewis to open with Welsh Fam; Farley looking to dominate

By CHRIS WYNKOOP, RYAN O'CONNELL and MATT WILSEY

As Welsh Family looks to build off a solid performance, Lewis is eager to prove what it can do when the teams collide tonight at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

The Whirlwinds are coming off a 14-0 victory over Pangborn Sunday. Welsh Fam captain Jenni Gargula attributed the win to both a stifling defense and a proficient passing game.

"We were solid on both sides of the ball," Gargula said. "On offense, both our touchdowns were through the air, and all our receivers contributed.

Gargulá said she believes the attitude of the team is also an important factor.

"We are confident going into every game," she said. "Regardless of who we're playing, we think we can go out and win.'

The Whirlwinds will face a Lewis team that also has great confidence in its passing attack but has not yet played a game.

"Going into the season, I would say that our passing will be our biggest asset on offense," Chicks captain Katie Sushinsky said. "We are returning our quarterback and many of our receivers from last year, and they have great chemistry."

Sushinsky said the team has been practicing very hard for this game on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

"We've had several practices this week, doing a lot of scrimmaging and finalizing our playbook," Sushinsky said. "We're definitely ready.'

The prospect of facing a dangerous team in Welsh Family does not seem to be fazing Sushinsky or the Chicks.

"We're not afraid of Welsh Fam," she said. "We're going to do what we need to do to go to the Stadium."

Farley vs. Badin

Farley will try to maintain its undefeated record tonight when it

takes on Badin tonight at 8 p.m. "We have a really strong quarterback in Emily Murphy, who's been doing a great job so far," Farley captain Jenny Rolfs said. "And great receivers in myself, Kelly Weber, Molly Casanova and others.

Farley's secondary also figures to make an impact on the game after defensive back Emma Closterman had a late interception to seal the team's 26-0 win against Walsh.

Farley appears to be primed for a strong season, but intimidation

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Men's Soccer Commentary

Irish may have Bright future

In seven games so far this season, senior forward Bright Dike has scored four goals not bad for someone who didn't play a minute last season.

But Notre Dame will need Dike this

year. As Irish coach Bobby Clark has said many times, it takes a complete squad combined with a little bit of



Sports Writer

luck to go deep into the postseason. Still, a game-breaker never

At 6-foot-1 and 200 lbs. of solid muscle, Dike is a physical presence defenses aren't accustomed to seeing. Running after balls, he reminds you of Vince Young he doesn't look like he's running that hard, yet he's

faster than everybody else on the field. When other defenders try and body him for the ball, they seem to just bounce off. Many of the fouls called on

Dike are not really actual infringements but rather referees' disbelief that one player is that much stronger than the competition.

"It's like running into a brick wall," Irish coach Bobby Clark said of Dike. "You can't push him around, so that causes defenders a lot of problems.

Although Dike is tied for the team lead in goals, the Irish offense has been a pleasantly balanced attack so far this season with a variety of players making significant contributions.

Midfielders Dave Donahue and Michael Thomas share the team lead in goals with Dike at four, and eight players have found their way onto the score sheet.

Still, don't expect Thomas and Donahue to be at the top of the scorer's chart at the end of the year. Thomas' role is more of an attacking playmaker while Donahue looks to get wide and serve balls

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SMC GOLF

Belles fall just short of first in MIAA Jamboree

By ALEX BARKER Sports Writer

Saint Mary's placed two golfers in the top four overall but took second by two strokes to Olivet in Wednesday's secondplace finish at the MIAA Jamboree at Thornapple Pointe Golf Club in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sophomore Rosie O'Connor shot a 78 to tie for first in the individual standings. Freshman Jackie Dill posted a career-best 80 to claim a fourth-place finish overall. Senior Perri Hamma recorded the Belles' third best score with an 86.

Saint Mary's was once again plagued by its inability to post top-quality rounds from its fourth and fifth golfers. Freshman Natalie Matuszak, who has been a major contributor so far this season, battled through a tough day to card an 87, and fellow freshman Christine Brown rounded out the Belles' scoring five with a 90.

With one Jamboree and a tworound championship yet to be played, the Belles find themselves with 41-stroke deficit behind reigning champion Olivet.

The Belles will compete in the fourth MIAA Jamboree, hosted by Adrian College Sept. 30, before playing for the MIAA Championship Oct. 10.

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