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Yeatman suspended for rest of 2008 season

Office of Resident Life and Housing told tight end he won't be allowed to play or practice for the remainder of year

By DAN MURPHY
News Writer

Irish sophomore Will Yeatman has suited up for the Irish football team for the final time in 2008.

According to the South Bend Tribune, which verified the story Tuesday with Yeatman's father, Dennis, Yeatman was told by the Office of Residence Life and Housing that he would not be allowed to play or practice with his team for at least the remainder of this season. The decision was made following Yeatman's arrest on Sept. 21 at 702 Colfax

Ave, where he was one of 37 students arrested at a party.

The South Bend Tribune also reported that Yeatman will stay at Notre Dame and will not transfer.

He was charged with minor in consumption of alcohol, resisting arrest and false informing. The 36 other Notre Dame students, 21 of them varsity athletes, were also charged



Yeatman

at the party. All but three were allowed to choose a voluntary diversion program to avoid the formal charges.

Yeatman was skating on thin ice after his Feb. 25 arrest for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving. He was placed on one-year probation, provided that he committed no further criminal offenses.

The false informing and resisting arrest charges were dropped two weeks ago, but his consumption charge was not. Any punishment Yeatman has received at this point is from the University but not from the legal

system. Charges are still pending on all students.

Yeatman continued to practice with the team during the three weeks before a ruling came from ResLife. The tight end had two catches for six total yards in Notre Dame's first three games of the season. His final appearance was the 23-7 loss to Michigan State the afternoon before his arrest.

Because he has only played three games and sustained an injury in his final game — a broken nose — Yeatman is technically eligible for a medical red-shirt that would give him one extra year of eligibility. It is up to

the University whether or not to grant him a fifth year.

Yeatman will be eligible to play lacrosse for the Irish this spring. Last season, he led the team in points (46) and assists (25).

Neither Yeatman, football media relations director Brian Hardin, nor Irish coach Charlie Weis were available for comment following the University's ruling. University spokesman Dennis Brown could not be reached for comment regarding possible punishments for other students involved.

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Exec stipend draws criticism at Saint Mary's

Revised Student Government budget to be voted on at meeting tonight, Student Diversity Board secretary resigns

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Two weeks ago the Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board voted to approve the 2008-2009 SGA budget during a meeting that left student body president Mickey Gruscinski feeling "disillusioned" and caused her to "strongly consider resignation."

While Gruscinski has since told The Observer she has rethought her declaration that she would resign, she has publicly spoken out against the budget, which contains a \$20,000 stipend that executive treasurer Mo Weaver said "the executives would receive for being executives" at a Board of Governance (BOG) meeting on

Oct. 1.

The budget failed to pass with the two-thirds majority required for approval at an Oct. 8 meeting. The Executive Board had to then go back and revise the budget and that revised budget will be voted upon at tonight's BOG meeting.

The Executive Board meeting, BOG meeting and subsequent discussions on the topic among members of BOG and the student body has caused some students to question whether or not the Executive Board should receive a stipend and one student serving on a board under one of the Executives resigned for "personal reasons and beliefs" dealing with the stipend.

Jasmine Saavedra, the secretary of the Student Diversity Board (SDB) announced her resignation from the position on

Tuesday.

"I have become aware that a stipend is being awarded to the president of all the major boards with the justification that they will be too involved to have an on [or] off campus job," Saavedra said. "In my opinion I don't think that is justification at all, not to mention that paying a student for involvement on campus will soon take the meaning away of leadership."

Saavedra said she doesn't believe it is fair for the president of a group to receive a stipend when the entire board works together to organize programs.

"I am simply making sure that students recognize that this stipend will break the unity that [Saint Mary's] so very much stands for and I want to have no involvement with that," she said.

Students are also questioning

the SGA Constitution, which does not specifically state that the Executive Board can set aside a stipend for themselves, but also does not state that they cannot.

Student funds

According to the SGA Constitution, the Executive Board, consisting of Gruscinski, Weaver, student body vice president Sarah Falvey, chief of staff Lauren Theiss, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Maura Clougherty, Student Activities Board (SAB) coordinator Michele Peterson, SDB President Adriana Rodriguez and executive secretary Jenny Hoffman, who has previously written for The Observer, is the Budget Committee which has to "recognize, amend if necessary and approve the SGA budget and

allocations of funds prepared by the executive treasurer."

This budget lays out the allocation of funding for the \$243,040 that SGA received from the \$160 student government fee each full-time student is required to pay in her tuition.

Gruscinski sent an e-mail to the Executives, after their first meeting as a Budget Committee before they approved the budget in a 6-2 vote, explaining her position against the stipend. She showed The Observer this e-mail.

Gruscinski said she originally told the Executive Board that she would be fine with them allotting themselves a stipend "to appease everyone" but she would not accept the money.

However, after thinking about

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Bike thefts are on the rise

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Cycling-enthusiasts around campus may want to be more careful about how they lock their bikes because according to assistant director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) Dave Chapman, bike thefts are on the rise.

"From Aug. 2006 to Aug. 2007 we had quite a drop in the number of bikes being stolen, and now we see an increase [in bikes being stolen]. I don't know why," he said.

Chapman said there were 67 bikes thefts reported this past Sept. — 26 more than



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Student bikes are parked outside of DeBartolo Hall. NDSP said there has been an increase in bicycle theft on campus.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group says pep rally format will be changed

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Football pep rallies will become more student-friendly, Hall Presidents Council (HPC) athletic committee co-chairs Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez announced at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Tuesday.

The change follows growing student dissatisfaction with the football Friday events, highlighted by Sorin College's boycott of the Stanford pep rally.

After Burdick and Sanchez talked with football coach Charlie Weis, they decided the pep rallies need to promote a "student-football relationship," Burdick said.

"Part of that is us not sitting there for an hour and a half before the football team comes out," Burdick said.

However, the pep rallies cannot completely reject the role of the alumni and other fans. According to the new proposed pep rally structure, the alumni

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INSIDE COLUMN

Boring
Scranton

In Tuesday's paper, scene writer Mary Frances Popit advised you to go to Scranton or fall break. I'm here to save you from making that terrible decision.

See, I'm from West Pittston, Pa., a town that is about a 15-minute drive south of Scranton and a 15-minute drive north of Wilkes-Barre, or as I like to call it, the poor man's Scranton.

Chris Hine

Editor-in-Chief

Let me make something clear to those of you not from Scranton. Even though I'm not officially from Scranton, West Pittston is in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, or as its other-wise known, NEPA (Northeastern Pennsylvania). So I'm allowed to say I'm from Scranton under the NEPA corollary: If you're from the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, you're allowed to say your from Scranton. So really, when people say Scranton, they're usually referring to all of NEPA. If you lived there, you'd know what I'm talking about.

It's one of the many screwed up things about Scranton and the area surrounding it so humorously lampooned on "Saturday Night Live" last week. I did a spit-take when I saw the SNL version of Joe Biden say, "You wouldn't want to spend a weekend there."

You wouldn't. Believe me.

There's not much to do there besides eat pizza, (though pizza is one of the few things Scranton has going for it) go to the movies or go the bars. My, how NEPA loves its bars. Mary Frances said thought it was unusual that college kids and 50-somethings were hanging out at the same bar. Well, if you come to NEPA, get used to it, it's the norm. I've run into many friends of my parents out at bars in NEPA. And then there's the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre, a slightly classier version of Club Fever. That's about it. (Hmm. All there is to do is go to bars and the occasional nightclub. Sound familiar?)

One day out of the year, NEPA is legitimately fun, and that's St. Patrick's Day. Do go there for that. It's crazy. I spent New Year's Eve on Bourbon Street in New Orleans in 2006 and I have to say, St. Patrick's Day in Scranton is right up there with that. Other than that one day, though, it's up to you to make your own fun.

NEPA puts too much stock in its high school sports, (if you've ever seen "Friday Night Lights," the movie or TV show, you get the idea) and is a town where you have to be politically connected to get anywhere. Wilkes-Barre and Scranton have been underdeveloped for decades and despite recent attempts at revitalization, especially in Wilkes-Barre, there's still not much there to attract people to the area, outside of presidential candidates, who fight for the swing votes of these Catholic voters.

That being said, where am I going for fall break? You guessed it — NEPA.

You can never leave NEPA, no matter how much you say you don't like it there. After all, it's home. It's where I grew up, it's where my family still lives and whenever I hear it mentioned on "The Office," a part of me still swells with pride that I'm from there.

NEPA is like any other place — you miss the people and the friends you've made there. Any city can seem boring and depressing if you don't know anybody there.

NEPA may be boring, but that won't stop me from going back.


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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE NICEST THING YOU'VE DONE ALL DAY?



Kevin Godshall

junior
Zahm


"I held a door open for someone."



Mason Roberts

freshman
Morrissey


"I helped a friend with a displaced knee get up a flight of stairs."



Michael Ferguson

freshman
Morrissey


"I've done nothing nice today. I slept all day."



Jenna Heffernan

freshman
Walsh

"It was my roommate's birthday and I bought her candy"



Leon Zhou

freshman
Stanford

"I helped a random parent move crates into his son's room. I don't know his son either."



TOM LA/The Observer

South bend children and Notre Dame students operate a lemonade stand on the Fieldhouse Mall benefitting the Riley Hospital for Children.

OFFBEAT

Fake eye gives miniature horse hope for career

LAWTON, Okla. — A miniature horse has been given a second chance for a career as a show horse — thanks to a prosthetic eye.

The 65-pound horse, named KBuck, was born June 1 at Lil Chums Miniature Horse Farm in Lawton and lost its eye a few days after birth. Owner Kelsey Chumbley, 12, said she suspects the young horse was the victim of a swift kick from its mother.

"We thought he was going to end up being a backyard pet" instead of a show horse, Kelsey said.

"When we found out he had a second chance I was really excited for him."

Veterinarian Jeff Hammond of Marlow tried in June to save the young horse's eye. When it became evident the surgery didn't work, Hammond suggested the cosmetic alternative.

KBuck's prosthetic eye was handcrafted by designers at La Fuente Ocular Prosthetics in Oklahoma City.

Woman leaves 32 cats at vet with anonymous note

OPELIKA, Ala. — Five veterinary clinics in eastern Alabama received 32 surprises in the last week: Healthy cats in containers and carriers, along with notes from an anonymous donor saying she is dying from cancer.

The notes signed by "Miss R" beg the vets to find her pets new homes.

"My time is very, very short," the donor wrote.

"There is not enough time to find homes for my children another way. I beg you not to let them die because I have to, please!"

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The documentary film "The Price of Sugar" will be shown tonight at 7 in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Class of 2009 Class Council.

John Schwarz, Harold Brown Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology will be delivering a lecture on "Connecting String Theory to the Real World" today from 4 to 5:25 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland.

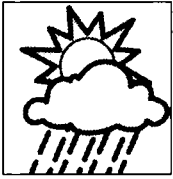

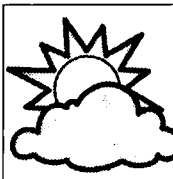
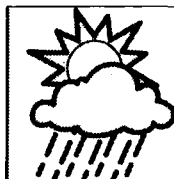
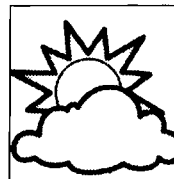
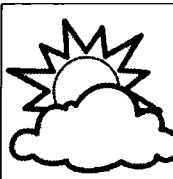
"Move Your Body" will take place today with a free Yoga session from 3 to 4 p.m. in Rockne Memorial 205. There will also be a Dance workshop from 6 to 7 p.m. at the North Quad Fieldhouse Mall. Students can learn dance moves from FASO, Project Flesh and the Ballroom Dance club.

The film "Rashomon" will be shown Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet theater at Saint Mary's. The film is a part of the Professor's Choice Film Series and is free and open to the public.

The film "Tell No One" will be shown on Thursday, Oct. 16, Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

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Club hosts winner of business award

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, winner of the 2007 Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement Award, said it is possible to help out poor communities while at the same time making a profit in a lecture hosted by the Entrepreneurship Society Tuesday.

Ayala spoke to students about how he has developed business solutions that engage impoverished areas while still moving forward with economic growth.

Ayala is the CEO of the Ayala Corporation and received the award for providing water for poor areas in his home country, the Philippines.

At the start of this project in 1999, only 26 percent of people in the Philippines received water 24 hours a day, Ayala said. In 2007, after Ayala and his corporation had completely redesigned the project, the number rose to 99 people. At the same time, the company made a profit, he said.

"Originally in 1999, we invested \$67 million into the project. The company now makes \$50 million per year off this venture," Ayala said.

He said this new way of doing business is exciting and it also does a lot of good for those in need.

Ayala said business ventures that create a social development agenda will help to allevi-

ate poverty in some of the poorest areas of the world, but the process will not be without its hardships.

"Businesses will face both operational and cultural challenges," Ayala said. "They have to take their social development agenda and integrate it with a business strategy."

In order to do this, Ayala said businesses must know about the culture and the people they are trying to do business with and remember that, in some cases, they are working with people living below the poverty line.

"Businesses that are setting out on these ventures need to expand their market but also reach people who have less money to spend," Ayala said. "They need to think of whole new ways to bring costs down."

"You want to touch communities at the lowest level of income and make them your customers," Ayala said. "In order to do that, you have to make it beneficial to them."

The biggest challenge that companies will face is changing the way that they do business and adapting their methods so that they will fit with the community and people that they are trying to reach, Ayala said.

"The companies that enter into this have to work with these low-income communities in different ways than they normally would," Ayala said. "These are markets that are growing around the world and we have to deal with them in whole new ways."

He said this new way of doing business is doing a lot of good for less fortunate people all over the world and is also profitable when the companies approach the enterprise in the right way.

"There are great opportunities to get good returns by expanding into

these poorer areas," Ayala said. "If you tackle these areas correctly, you will make a huge profit."

Ayala said companies must consider people as well as money when they make decisions about their business ventures.

"Business is not just dealing with numbers and marketing; it also deals with people," Ayala said. "We can have capitalism that fulfills social development and addresses the needs of people around the world."

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Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala
Ayala Corporation CEO

Notre Dame will hold celebrations

Special to The Observer

Community-wide celebrations will be held to mark both the opening of Irish Green from 4 to 6 p.m. tomorrow in front of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the fifth anniversary of Notre Dame Downtown from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at 217 S. Michigan St. in South Bend.

Free entertainment, children's activities and food will be provided Thursday in celebration of the completion of the 16-acre Irish Green on the south side of the Notre Dame campus. A performance by the N-E-W Trio will follow at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets to the concert are \$32 general admission, \$26 for faculty and staff, \$24 for seniors and \$15 for students.

The Notre Dame Downtown celebration will include live music at 4 p.m. by the Herb Wilson Ensemble and at 5:15 p.m. from the Merriman Jazz Trio. Activities for children and food from downtown restaurants will be provided free of charge.

Underwritten with a gift from Notre Dame Trustee Fritz L. Duda and his wife, Mary Lee, Irish Green unfolds from the DeBartolo Center to Angela Boulevard, linking the campus to the community. It is populated by maple, elm, oak, beech and other trees and shrubs, and walkways lined with benches wind through

the park.

"Irish Green is a wonderful new gathering spot for members of both the University community and, as importantly, the greater Michiana community," said Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president. "We are grateful to Fritz and Mary Lee for making this beautiful addition a reality."

In addition to serving as a venue for outdoor receptions, picnics and recreational and other activities, Irish Green will provide a convenient route from many parts of the Notre Dame campus to Eddy Street Commons.

Notre Dame Downtown, a 10,000-square-foot venue located across the street from the State Theatre in a section of the old Robertson's department store building, houses the University's Office of Community Relations. Under the direction of Jacquelyn Rucker, the office serves as the primary administrative link between Notre Dame and the local community. It embodies the University's goal to be responsive to its neighbors and to support the local community's efforts to create a prosperous, healthy environment in which to live.

Notre Dame Downtown also is home to The Crossroads Gallery, which is operated by the Snite Museum of Art, Institute for Latino Studies and Community Relations and showcases art as a community outreach tool.

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Bikes

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the 41 reported in September 2007. He said a variety of factors could be contributing to the rise in thefts.

"Maybe there's more bikes on campus, maybe it's because the weather is a little bit nicer this year. It's just a combination of things," he said.

Other students are the most likely culprits in most cases, Chapman said.

"The majority of bikes that are being taken are, unfortunately, being taken by fellow students," he said. "What we think is happening is that students are leaving class or leaving their dorms and not wishing to walk across campus so they hop on a bike that is available, ride it to where they need to ride it and then leave it there."

Chapman also said any student caught stealing a bike could face serious consequences, including prosecution.

"They can be criminally charged with theft and that would go to the prosecutors office. Also, ResLife becomes involved because it involves a student taking another's property," he said.

Chapman said most recovered bikes are found abandoned next to buildings around campus.

"We recover many bikes that have been taken around campus and students often find their bikes that have

been taken lying next to buildings," he said.

However, Chapman said NDSP has also apprehended several members of the South Bend community who have stolen bikes on campus, including recently when officers arrested three juveniles.

"We arrested them and they're in the court system now, so it's not all the [Notre Dame] community doing it," he said.

Not all students report the theft of their bike to NDSP. Sophomore Scott McIntosh said his bike was taken from the courtyard between

Alumni and Dillon, but chose not to report it because he thought there was little chance of it being recovered.

"When I went to go find it the lock was just sitting on the ground. I looked

around campus for a little bit but there was really no chance of finding it," McIntosh said. "I know it's happened a lot around campus and I just assumed that it's the way things work."

Senior Drago Flores said when his bike was stolen two years ago, he made a Facebook group entitled "Little Red Riding Bike," encouraging his friends to look for his bike around campus. Although someone eventually found his bike, the story didn't have a happy ending.

"It was just kind of a fun, spur of the moment thing that worked," Flores said. "It ended up getting stolen from me about three weeks afterwards again."

Chapman said Flores' case is not unique. Often students report their bikes being taken multiple times.

"We've had students who have had their bikes stolen two or three times this year," he said.

Chapman said one of the best ways to protect a bike was to buy a steel U-lock, which unlike cable locks cannot be easily broken.

"The best locks for bicycles are the big U-locks because those can't be cut. The other chain locks and combination locks can be cut very easily and very quickly," he said.

Chapman also stressed it is very important for students to register their bikes with NDSP, or else, unless they have the bike's serial number, NDSP is forced to hold on to the bike because they do not know whom to return it to.

"If you don't register your bike and you don't have a serial number, then even when we find a bike that looks like yours, if you can't prove it's yours then we can't give it to you," he said.

Currently, NDSP is holding more than 600 bikes that have been found on campus.

"We collected over 600 bikes at the end of the school year last year that were left laying on campus," Chapman said.

Ultimately, Chapman said his major goal is simply making sure students are able to protect their bikes.

"We want students to have their bikes," he said. "It's a convenience for them to have their bikes to ride to class or wherever they need to, and we're trying everything we can do to push registration and locking your bike up."

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Anonymous fliers encourage boycott

Disgruntled diners call for students to protest food quality served at Noble Family Dining Hall

By MANDI STIRONE
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Monday morning Saint Mary's students living on campus woke up to find small fliers that had been slid under their doors the night before. There were no names or groups identified as being responsible for the fliers.

The fliers called for students to take action against the Noble Family Dining Hall by boycotting dinner Tuesday night.

"Join with the rest of the student body to show your dissatisfaction. Eat at Cyber [Café] Dalloway's [Coffee House] or order out," the fliers said.

They compared the meal plan at Virginia Tech to the meal plan at Saint Mary's, calling what the Dining Hall serves "fake meat," as opposed to the "lobster and steak" the fliers said Virginia Tech supplies to its students.

Barry Bowles, General Manager of Sodexo at Saint Mary's, said he was surprised to hear of the protest.

"I would expect they'd come talk to me," he said. "Nobody's really contacted me at all this year about major dissatisfactions."

As to the fliers' claim about Virginia Tech, the writers are making a comparison of "apples to oranges," Bowles said.

"I don't think they're comparing similar meal plans," he said.

With the Virginia Tech meal plan, students pay for each individual food item instead of being guaranteed a certain number of meals a week, he said.

"They're a state school and it's a huge school, much larger than Notre Dame ... [you're] talking about state subsidized items," he said.

Instead of boycotting the Dining Hall to show dissatisfaction, the students who are upset should approach him, Bowles said.

"Students would be much better served for the individuals to come and talk to me," he said.

Before dinner, the Dining Hall did run out of co-exchange tickets for students to have a meal at

Notre Dame, by 9 a.m., he said.

Sodexo won't be able to tell exactly how many students went to the Dining Hall last night until they get the weekly report on Friday, Bowles said.

In the Noble Family Dining Hall during the dinner hours, some students did decide to ignore the fliers and eat dinner in the Dining Hall.

"The reasoning for boycotting is not a valid reason," sophomore Katie Brown said. "I don't think the food's horrible."

Other students decided to go to dinner because they disagreed with the methods the people who created the fliers were using to be heard.

"I don't think the students have taken into consideration the effects of boycotting," sophomore Christina Posadas said. "Workers could be laid off."

Others found issue with the flier's anonymity and the information presented on the fliers.

"Virginia Tech is a bad example because it's 38 thousand kids. It's a huge state school," junior Allie Greene said.

She added that she thinks the claims about "fake meat" were ridiculous.

"I've been here for three years, never once have I eaten fake meat," she said.

Some students did opt to eat in Cyber Café as part of the boycott, however to protest the quality of the food offered in the Dining Hall.

"The food is not very appetizing and it seems like it's repetitive," junior Patricia Luna said.

Both the student body president and vice president, Mickey Gruscinski and Sarah Falvey respectively, decided to not follow the boycott as well.

"We should not be not using our tuition money," Gruscinski said. "It's already paid for."

Falvey agreed, adding that student government wasn't involved in the boycott.

"I don't think visiting Sodexo-sponsored locations would be the best way to boycott," she said.

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will arrive at the pep rally first. They will continue to feature the video montages and Chuck Lennon, according to Burdick.

The pep rally experience for students will begin at the Golden Dome with the Band of the Fighting Irish, Burdick said. The students and the band will march to the Joyce Center together. The band will form a tunnel outside the Joyce Center through which students will enter the arena.

Once inside the Joyce Center, the atmosphere will be different than what students currently experience, Burdick said.

"It'll be more of a mosh pit set-up," she said.

The football team will enter the arena about 10 minutes after students do, Burdick said. They will be able to directly interact with students

during the rally.

When the students enter, "the alumni will have already gotten their money worth," she said, quoting Weis.

The new plans are not yet finalized, but "it's all in the works," Burdick said.

Burdick and Sanchez are still unsure about the role of the dorms in the new pep rallies. One group of dorms still has not hosted a pep rally this year, and they will do so for the Pittsburgh game.

At Syracuse, however, the emphasis might be less on the dorms and more on Notre Dame. "The camaraderie is about Notre Dame Football," Burdick said.

COR also unanimously confirmed the appointment of Matt Barloh as president of The Shirt 2009. Barloh is the current president of Knott Hall, served as chair of The Show 2008 and has worked with The Shirt for the past two years.

Barloh will "give everything he has to ensure project con-

tinues on upward path it's been for past two years," The Shirt 2008 president Jason Gott said.

By accepting the position as The Shirt president, Barloh will be forced to relinquish his Knott Hall presidency because it is an "enumerated position," which is a student government position already listed in the Student Constitution, according to Student Body president Bob Reish.

Barloh said "it has always been my contention that [president of The Shirt] is not an enumerated position," but he will not protest Reish's interpretation of the Student Constitution.

Reish insisted that he will enforce his interpretation of the enumerated positions.

"This is an enumerated position. You will be stepping down," he said.

Barloh said that while detail of The Shirt must remain secret, students can expect something special this year.

"It's the 20th anniversary of The Shirt," he said. "We would be remiss to not do something to honor that."

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Sodexo

"The reasoning for boycotting is not a valid reason. I don't think the food's horrible."

Katie Brown
sophomore

"[The pep rally will be more of a mosh pit set up.]"

Laura Burdick
HPC athletic committee
co-chair

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Real estate booms, segregation stays

BAGHDAD — An arrow in central Baghdad points down a side-street to a glass door with a sign that reads: "Ali's Office."

That's where real estate broker Hadi Abbas Ali has greeted clients for 25 years. Now Ali is witnessing a boom of sorts in the Iraqi capital, where real estate prices have doubled in some areas.

But a sectarian shadow hangs over the boom. Buyers don't look for a river view or simply the best deal in town. Safety-conscious Shiites seek housing in walled-in areas dominated by their sect, and Sunnis stick to their own as well.

With little new construction afoot, there are far more buyers or renters than available homes in places like Karradah, a mostly Shiite area where Ali is hard-pressed to shrink his waiting list.

"The business in the area is not so good now because there is high demand but not much supply," said Ali. He noted that the monthly rent for a two-room apartment in Karradah, where attacks still occur, is about \$400, double the price in 2006.

Astronaut's son visits space station

KOROLYOV, Russia — A Russian spacecraft carrying an American computer game designer and two crewmates has docked with the international space station.

The Soyuz TMA-13 is delivering Richard Garriott for a 10-day stay on the station. The paying space tourist says it is a lifelong dream for the first child of a U.S. astronaut.

The Soyuz automatically latched onto the station a few minutes ahead of schedule Tuesday after a two-day journey from Earth.

Garriott's father Owen applauded as he watched the docking from Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

NATIONAL NEWS

"Too fat to die" inmate executed

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — The first inmate to die by lethal injection in Ohio in more than a year argued to the end that his obesity would make it difficult for prison staff to find suitable veins in his arms to deliver the deadly chemicals.

During preparations for his execution Tuesday, Richard Cooley shouted for one of his attorneys as prison staff tried to insert a shunt in his left arm.

"He was worried that we were on the brink of another botched execution," said Greg Meyers, an attorney with the Ohio Public Defender's Office.

There were no difficulties, said Larry Greene, a spokesman for the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, where Cooley was executed for killing two University of Akron students in 1986. He was one of two people executed nationwide Tuesday.

Soccer mom gets gun permit back

LEBANON, Pa. — A mother who angered fellow parents when she openly carried a pistol to her 5-year-old daughter's soccer game got her concealed weapons permit back Tuesday after a Pennsylvania judge overruled a sheriff's decision to revoke it.

Meleanie Hain lost the permit after other parents complained about the presence of the gun during a soccer game on Sept. 11. Lebanon County Judge Robert Eby, who said he also is a gun owner with a concealed weapons permit, said the law required him to return Hain's permit.

LOCAL NEWS

Candidates for Ind. governor debate

BLOOMINGTON — The three candidates for governor squared off Tuesday night in their final debate before the election.

Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels recalled a night he spent in jail while in college, saying the worst part was later facing his father.

Libertarian Andy Horning said he was "basically an idiot" until he turned his life around at age 31 and became a different person through his religion.

Democrat Jill Long Thompson said her family's struggles to keep their northern Indiana farm during the 1980s made her "extremely sensitive" to the economic well-being of the state.

IRAQ

Deliberation over security pact complete

Iraqi officials review "final draft" with U.S. to govern use of troops in nation

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister and president reviewed on Tuesday the "final draft" of the security pact with the United States — a first step in a process that could finally end in an agreement governing U.S. troops in Iraq.

Yassin Majid, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, did not say whether the draft resolved the contentious issue of legal immunity for U.S. troops, the last major obstacle standing in the way of a deal.

Although Iraqi officials had said the issue was unresolved, Majid's use of the phrase "final draft" suggested that negotiations have ended.

American and Iraqi negotiators have been working for most of this year to hammer out an agreement setting down rules for the U.S. military mission beginning next year.

The meeting with President Jalal Talabani as well as the Sunni and Shiite vice presidents lasted for several hours and was the first in a series of planned sessions aimed at measuring political support for the agreement before al-Maliki submits it to parliament for a final decision.

An official statement said al-Maliki, Talabani and the two vice presidents — Tarik al-Hashemi and Adil Abdul-Mahdi — studied the draft "in depth and in detail" but have no indication how the participants reacted to details of the document.

Majid told The Associated Press that the prime minister will show the draft Wednesday to the National Security Council, a consultative body that includes the



Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, right, meets with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Baghdad in September to discuss the Iraqi-U.S. pact.

prime minister" president" the two vice presidents" the leaders of political blocs and the parliament speaker.

If those groups are favorable" he will then submit the draft to his Cabinet and ask for their approval by a two-thirds majority.

The final step will be parliament's approval.

The official statement issued several hours after Majid spoke to the AP confirmed these steps as al-Maliki's road map for adopting the security pact" but gave no time frame.

Aides to al-Maliki" who

explained the strategy" said the prime minister wants to make sure he is on solid ground politically before risking his political career on an agreement which would keep American troops on Iraqi soil nearly six years after the U.S.-led invasion.

The aides said the draft calls for U.S. troops to pull out of Iraqi cities by the end of June next year and leave Iraq by Dec. 31" 2011" unless the Baghdad government asks them to stay. The aides spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are sensitive.

Followers of Shiite cler-

ic Muqtada al-Sadr" who control 30 of the 275 parliament seats" oppose any agreement that would keep U.S. soldiers here. Shiite-dominated Iran" which wields considerable influence among some Shiite parties" also opposes the agreement.

The major obstacle has been jurisdiction over U.S. troops. The United States had demanded exclusive right to prosecute U.S. troops for offenses committed here. The Iraqis had insisted on the right to try Americans — at least in offenses committed off American bases.

UNITED KINGDOM

Britain's PM seen as economic savior

Associated Press

LONDON — Once dismissed as Britain's ditherer-in-chief, Prime Minister Gordon Brown has taken decisive action to rescue the nation's banks, charting the way for bailout packages in the U.S. and the European Union.

If the coordinated push to save the global economy works, history may look back on Brown as a savior.

For the moment Brown may have more modest hopes: reviving his political fortunes on the back of the widespread praise he has received for his bold decision to take ownership stakes in ailing banks in a

bailout worth \$63 billion.

"Gordon Brown: European Superhero," declared a column in Le Monde, which ran a poll showing the French had more faith in Brown to rescue the world's economy than in their own president, Nicolas Sarkozy.

Paul Krugman, this year's Nobel economics prize laureate, praised Brown and his team in his New York Times column, saying they "defined the character of the worldwide rescue effort, with other wealthy nations playing catch-up."

Brown — often caricatured as dour and cheerless — soaked up the accolades as he took questions from

the foreign press Tuesday. One reporter asked whether he should be referred to as "Gordon" or "Flash Gordon" — the quick-footed science fiction hero.

"Just Gordon, just Gordon, I can assure you," chuckled a blushing Brown.

For the British leader who has gone from political has-been to hero, it has been a remarkable turnaround.

Since he replaced Tony Blair in June last year, Brown's Labour Party has suffered crushing defeats in a series of special elections and lost control of London's City Hall to the main opposition Conservatives.

Budget

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the issue, she wanted to "fight against receiving any sort of stipend from student activity fee money."

"I believe it is unethical, no matter how much we would allocate to ourselves or how we try to justify it, to pay ourselves out of student money," Gruscinski said.

When the budget was first presented to BOG many commissioners were opposed to the stipend for this same reason.

Health and wellness commissioner Pauline Kistka said her primary issue with the Executive Board taking a stipend is the fact that it will be coming out of these student fees.

"I don't see how we can take money we get out of tuition and pay other students," she said.

Class of 2009 president Jenny Antonelli added: "I have an issue with it coming out of student funds that can be used towards another activity on campus or some type of thing that could benefit the entire student body," she said at the meeting.

Senior Katie Cahill said she doesn't agree with the Executive Board taking a stipend out of student funds because that is not what she believes the student fees are supposed to be used for. "I feel it's wrong because if people knew what their parents' hard-earned money and their student loans were going to, they wouldn't pay it," Cahill said. "It's as simple as that. When something is called a student government fee, it implies that the money goes to the student government for student activities, not someone's salary."

Conflicts of interest

Many BOG members also said the fact that the Executive Board will receive a stipend from the budget they voted on is a conflict of interest.

Kistka said at the Oct. 1 BOG meeting that she doesn't know how she feels about this fact.

"We were not informed of this [happening] last year," she said. "My concern is that I know that six people — and I'm not saying you guys, I'm saying on boards

prior — were given the option to receive money. If the decision was in their hands and they're the ones going to receive the money, I don't see the open-mindedness of the decision or an unbiased decision regarding it. I guess I kind of see a conflict in getting money in general."

Class of 2009 vice president Taryn Pabst said she is surprised by the fact that the eight people receiving funds are the eight people who make the decisions on the budget.

"Considering the fact that I am the vice president of Senior board, I have the power to take funds from my class's bank account, but that thought never crossed my mind," she said. "I'm coming from a position where I could do this myself and I think they're using their power for negative things."

BOG public relations commissioner Katie Danko asked if it would be possible for Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson, director of Student Involvement and BOG advisor Patrick Daniel, the director of Residence Life Slandie Dieujuste and College President Carol Ann Mooney to decide whether or not the Executives should receive a stipend.

"I don't think it's ethical for students to decide this," Danko said.

Johnson, however, said the SGA Constitution states that the Executive Board is the Budget Committee and are responsible for the budget.

She said that when she came to Saint Mary's three years ago she was shocked that they gave the Executive Board close to \$250,000 to budget with no college oversight and that much trust was put into students; however, they have done a good job budgeting the money, at an Open Forum on the topic.

Johnson also told students that last year was not the first year the Executive Board took a stipend.

Last year's Executive Board

allotted themselves a \$40,000 monetary stipend, and Executives serving SGA prior to that would often take a trip to Chicago where they would "stay at five-star hotels, eat at nice restaurants, see shows and go shopping," Johnson said.

Johnson said she did not control what previous Executive Boards did with the money they were given to budget. Her only involvement was making sure they taxed themselves on the money they received and made sure the Executive Board did not get audited.

"I did require [last year's Executives] to allow us to pay them so as to be in line with IRS issues," she said. "I am not opposed to a stipend for Student Government Officers and was not last year."

Past Boards

The 2007-2008 Executive Board, under the leadership of former student body president Kim Hodges, was the first Executive Board to receive the stipend.

Hodges said the entire team of Executives thought about allotting and accepting a stipend through thoroughly and the \$40,000 was a residual amount left over in the budget after the SGA's major programming had been completed for the academic year.

"The entire first semester was devoted to researching comparable institutions and their student government structures," she said. "Most other institutions give students [serving student government] free room and board, stipends, tuition breaks and much more or a combination of those."

Hodges said her board petitioned the idea of receiving free room and board directly to the College, but the idea was not approved due to internal budget restrictions at Saint Mary's.

Dieujuste, however, said The Observer's inquiries into the subject were the first she had heard about the subject. "This is the first Karen Johnson and I are hearing about this petition," she said. "There were no discussions about this last year."

"I am simply making sure that students recognize that this stipend will break the unity that [Saint Mary's] so very much stands for and I want to have no involvement with that."

Jasmine Saavedra
Former SDB secretary

a proposed budget to BOG and BOG voted to approve the budget."

Constitutional discrepancies

The SGA Constitution states that "once approved by the Executive Board, [BOG] provides final approval for the distribution of student government funds by approving the Executive Treasurer's [SGA] budget."

While BOG provided final approval to the budget approved by McIllduff's Executive Board, it did not provide final approval to the budget under Hodges' Executive Board.

"Both Patrick and I interpret [that section of the Constitution] to mean the Executive Board," Johnson said.

Gruscinski, however, disagreed with that interpretation and presented the budget to BOG for approval on Oct. 8.

"There's a discrepancy in the Constitution," Falvey said at the meeting. "In some places it says the execs approve it as the budgeting committee and in some it says that Board of Governance has a say."

Falvey said the Constitution Oversight Committee, which she chairs, will be trying to implement a system of checks and balances through an amendment to the Constitution throughout the year which will address the issue of a stipend.

In order to put a system of checks and balances in place, though, 10 percent of the student body would have to vote in approval of the amendment, Daniel said.

The revised budget will be presented at tonight's BOG meeting and voted upon once again.

"I think we need to let the processes work," Johnson said. "As I mentioned [last week at the Open Forum] this is the first time in my short history here that people are even interested. Now is a great time to revise the Constitution, institute policies and develop job descriptions for the officers."

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"I, personally, had unmet need by the end of my first semester. I had no idea how [that need] would be paid because I did not have time to have a campus job."

Kim Hodges
Former student body president

Wildfires prove difficult to control in California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Flames whirled dangerously close to homes Tuesday as gusty Santa Ana winds sent the biggest of southern California's wildfires flaring in hilly brushlands on Los Angeles' northern edge and along subdivisions to the west.

Firefighters with hoses guarded houses as helicopters unleashed loads of water on hot spots of the more than 20-square-mile blaze charring slopes above the San Fernando Valley communities of Porter Ranch and Granada Hills.

Flames then pushed west to the rolling grasslands of Ventura County and made runs toward Simi Valley neighborhoods of modern homes defended by a broad firebreak, heli-

copters, airplanes and ground crews.

The fire is one of three major blazes that have burned more than 34 square miles of Southern California, destroyed dozens of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes this week. One man died in the flames, and a motorist was killed in a crash as a fire neared a freeway.

Fifteen homes and 47 outbuildings were destroyed in the Porter Ranch area, and another six homes were damaged, said Los Angeles County fire Inspector Ron Haralson. Officials said Tuesday night they did not know how much of the fire was contained.

Ten miles away, there was major progress against Los Angeles' other big wildfire.

A 7-square-mile blaze in the northeastern San Fernando Valley was 80 percent contained and some evacuees were allowed to go home. But people who lived in an area where 38 mobile homes were destroyed were not permitted to return.

Teresa Escamilla, 47, lay on a cot in a Red Cross shelter, thinking the worst. She believed she lost everything including a shoebox containing five years of savings.

"It feels like it's not real," the nursing assistant said in Spanish. "It's a nightmare."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa acknowledged the uncertainty facing residents of the fire areas.

"Many still don't know when they are going to return home," he told a news conference. "Our

hearts and prayers are out with all of them."

On the north coast of San Diego County, a 3,950-acre fire at the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton was 60 percent contained. Most evacuation orders were lifted for residents of about 1,500 homes in neighboring Oceanside and many Marine Corps personnel and family members in military housing, but some remained in emergency shelters.

In eastern San Diego County along the U.S.-Mexico border, a fire burned 200 acres and forced residents from 300 homes in the community of Campo before it was contained Tuesday night. Firefighters kept watch for flare-ups overnight. Two were injured battling the blaze.

The outbreak of fires followed the weekend arrival of the first significant Santa Ana winds of the fall.

The National Weather Service said the intensity of the winds was diminishing but warned there would still be strong gusts. Warnings for critical fire weather conditions were to remain in effect until Wednesday night.

The Santa Anas usually sweep in between October and February as cold, dry air descending over the Great Basin flows toward Southern California and squeezes through mountain passes and canyons. The extremely low humidity levels, which make vegetation easier to burn, and high windspeeds combine to whip fires into infernos.

MARKET RECAP

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IN BRIEF

PepsiCo to cut jobs, close plants

NEW YORK — PepsiCo announced plans on Tuesday to cut 3,300 jobs and close six plants as it deals with lagging U.S. drinks sales and a surging dollar, which will hurt profits from its rapidly growing international business.

The announcement came as the global snacks and drinks maker reported a 9.5 percent drop in third-quarter profit that missed Wall Street expectations. It also offered a downbeat profit outlook.

The job cuts amount to roughly 1.8 percent of PepsiCo's global work force of about 185,000 employees. The cuts will affect managerial and factory jobs both in and outside the U.S. Most will be eliminated in the coming months, Chief Financial Officer Richard Goodman said.

The nation's second-largest drink maker — which also owns the Frito-Lay, Tropicana and Quaker brands — said the cuts would generate pretax savings of more than \$1.2 billion over the next three years. It plans to save \$350 million to \$400 million in 2009.

Credit markets face slow improvement

NEW YORK — The government's efforts to crank open the credit markets have led to some mild improvements in lending rates and Treasury bill yields. But it will probably take months, and perhaps a few years, before lending returns to healthier levels.

It was clear Tuesday that there is still plenty of fear in the lending business — one indicator, the difference between the rate at which banks lend to other banks and the rate at which they buy U.S. government debt remains near a 25-year high.

But analysts believe that as long as conditions keep improving, the economy should be able to grow.

"I don't think we need to have credit conditions come back to normal before we see signs that the economy is recovering," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group. He said he believes the financial system won't be fully restored until at least 2010, but that he expects the economy to turn around in the second half of 2009 after the housing market bottoms.

Feds buy partial ownership of banks

Bailout becomes buy-in as federal government pours billions into banks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Big banks started falling in line Tuesday behind a rejiggered bailout plan that will have the government forking over as much as \$250 billion in exchange for partial ownership — putting the world's bastion of capitalism and free markets squarely in the banking business.

Some early signs were hopeful for the latest in a flurry of radical efforts to save the nation's financial system: Credit was a bit easier to come by. And stocks were down but not alarmingly so after Monday's stratospheric leap.

The new plan, President Bush declared, is "not intended to take over the free market but to preserve it."

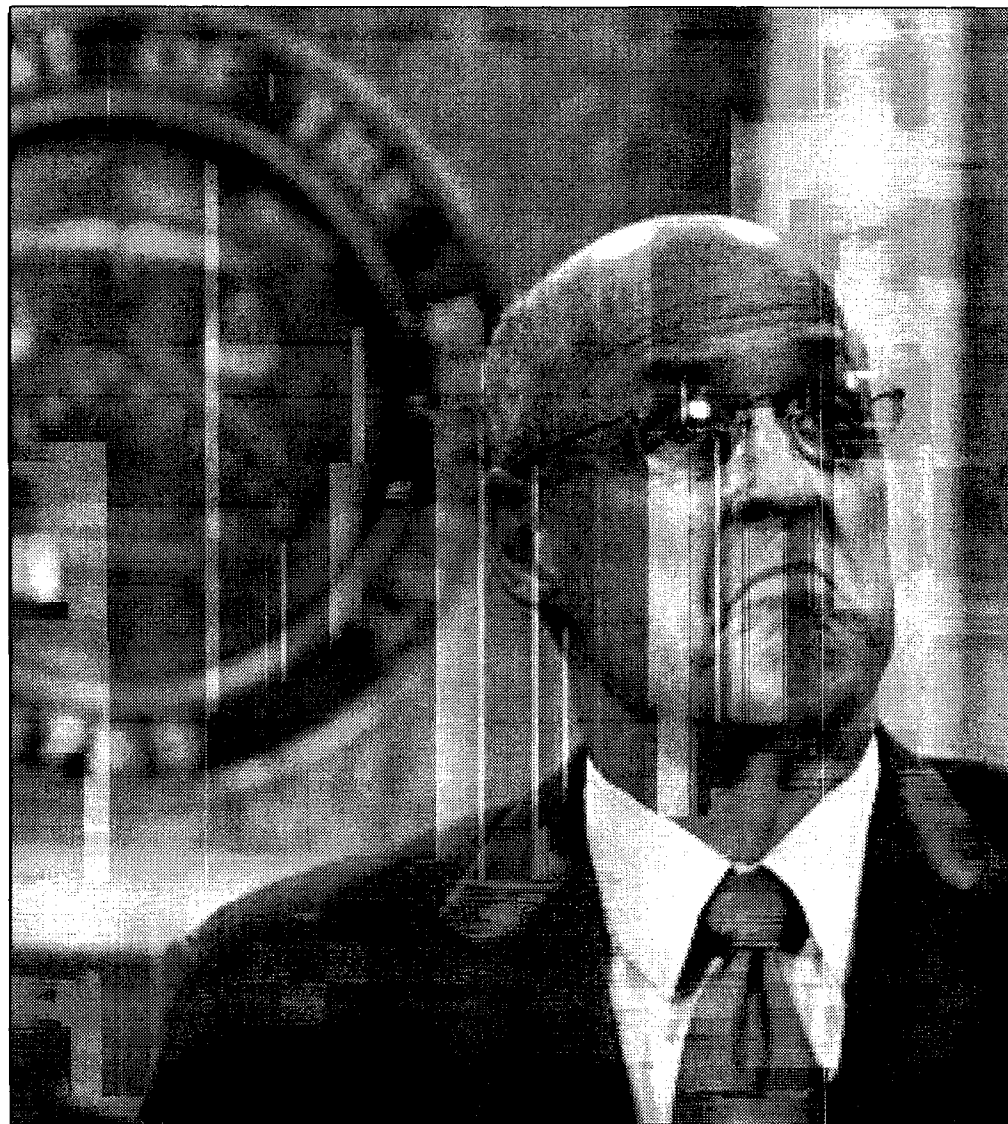
It's all about cash and confidence and convincing banks to lend money more freely again. Those are all critical ingredients to getting financial markets to function more normally and reviving the economy.

The big question: Will it work?

There was a mix of hope and skepticism on that front. Unprecedented steps recently taken — including hefty interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve and other major central banks in a coordinated assault just last week — have failed to break through the credit clog and the panicky mind-set gripping investors on Wall Street and around the globe.

The Dow Jones industrials declined 77 points on Tuesday after piling up their biggest point gain ever on Monday on news of Europe's rescue plan and in anticipation of the United States' new measures.

Initially the U.S. government will pour \$125 billion into nine major banks with the hope that they will use



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson speaks at a press conference at the Treasury Department in Washington Tuesday.

the money to rebuild their reserves and to increase lending to consumers and businesses. Another \$125 billion will be made available this year to other banks — if they need it — for cash infusions.

In return, the government will get ownership stakes in the financial institutions. Banks, meanwhile, will have to accept limitations on executives' compensation.

"Government owning a stake in any private U.S. company is objectionable to most Americans — me included," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson

said in announcing the initiative. "Yet the alternative of leaving businesses and consumers without access to financing is totally unacceptable."

Whether the \$250 billion will be sufficient to encourage banks to lend again is hard to tell, said Anil Kashyap, professor of economics and finance at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. The Treasury Department arrived at the \$250 billion figure after consulting with banking regulators.

"This plan will work if we wind up with everybody

pretty well capitalized," Kashyap said. "But if it doesn't reach that point, we'll be back in soup down the road."

The government is counting on banks not to just clutch onto the cash, which aggravated the credit crisis to begin with.

"The needs of our economy require that our financial institutions not take this new capital to hoard it, but to deploy it," Paulson said.

Treasury switched gears deciding to first use a chunk of the \$700 billion from the recently enacted financial bailout package to

Federal budget debt hits historic high

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal budget deficit soared to \$454.8 billion in 2008 as a housing collapse and efforts to combat the economic slowdown pushed the tide of government red ink to the highest level in history.

The Bush administration said Tuesday the deficit for the budget year that ended Sept. 30 was more than double the \$161.5 billion recorded in 2007.

It surpassed the previous record of \$413 billion set in 2004. Economists predicted a far worse number next year as the costs of the government's rescue of the financial system and the economic hard times hit the nation's balance sheet.

Some analysts believe that next

year's deficit could easily top \$700 billion, giving the next president a formidable challenge.

The administration blamed this year's record deficit on a litany of economic woes. The prolonged housing slump sharply reduced economic growth and has sent the unemployment rate rising, developments that reduce tax revenues.

"This year's budget results reflect the ongoing housing correction and the manifestation of that in strained capital markets and slower growth," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said in a statement accompanying the deficit report. "While it will take time to work through this period, we will overcome the current challenges facing our nation."

Democrats said the administration's economic policies were

responsible for the growing deficit. They noted that when Bush took office in 2001, the budget was in surplus with projections that total surpluses over the next decade would reach \$5.6 trillion. Those surpluses never materialized. The economy fell into a recession and then faced unexpected costs such as fighting wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and dealing with the aftermaths of Hurricane Katrina. Democrats also cite the costs of Bush's 2001 and 2003 tax cuts as further reasons for the budget imbalances.

"The eight years of this administration will include the five biggest budget deficits in history," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt, D-S.C. "The resulting debt will be passed to our children and grandchildren."

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Eat Reese's, light your fire

A few days ago I was passing through the very busy sidewalk between the main gate of Trinity College and Dublin's pedestrian shopping area. It was a cool afternoon, damp-aired but not raining, and the sky, I'd noticed earlier, was a few shades lighter than the sidewalk. I was looking down at the sidewalk now, watching people's shoes as they passed — women in this city have some pretty awesome boots — and admiring the gray slabs of pavement, when my eye caught a patch of dingy gold laid in a gutter.

It was a small, trampled-down pile of leaves.

Very briefly I stopped walking.

Then, with the human traffic at my back, I started again. As I walked, I finally looked up. I saw an entire tree whose leaves had gone ochre.

I thought, "Wow. It's fall."

And then, "Really? Seriously? Fall? Already?"

See, we only just started class this past week. For the entire month of September, Notre Dame students at Trinity have done next to nothing resembling schoolwork. So maybe it's understandable that the first third of autumn had slipped past me unnoticed.

Don't let this happen to you.

Of course, there is no part of the year, not even the nastiest depths of winter, that should pass by us unnoticed and unexperienced. At two o'clock on a snowy January morning, for instance, when someone downstairs sets their bag of popcorn on fire and the harsh blare of the fire alarm yanks you from your snug deep sleep, you can still find beauty and meaning even in standing outside, barefoot in the slush, for 20 minutes. At the very least, you can laugh at your more unfortunate dormmate who was in the middle of a nice hot shower when

those clueless freshmen fatally mismanaged the microwave.

But autumn, in which the setting off of the fire alarm would be admittedly much less dire (I'm told it's unseasonably warm in South Bend this year), deserves acknowledgement as a turning point as well as a season. It's the beginning of the school year, and it's the end of summer. Enjoy it for what it is, but don't forget what it all means.

For many, it means enjoying football season, the thrill of experiencing either disgrace or glory on a weekly basis. Ditto the spirited roar of the pep rally or voluntary lack thereof. You live in the midst of a legendary heritage; by all means continue to carry it on.

Though you've carried through September already, and now September has flown there's another aspect of fall to enjoy, and reflect on.

This is, after all, October. Halloween looms before us.

I think the aura of Halloween makes October a time of purgation. When I was little October was a time to get ridiculously excited about wearing costumes and getting scared: much later, when I got involved with the haunted attraction business, it was a time to get ridiculously excited about wearing costumes and scaring other people. And of course there's more to Halloween, and the surrounding season, than that: The cool dark neighborhood streets made unrecognizable by decorations, the sudden influx of free Reese's cups, the helping little fairies and Buzz Lightyears throwing beanbags in the church gathering hall, the sitting in Spanish class imagining what food I'd bring to a picnic at my great-grandmother's gravesite, etc.,

That these things, as well as your own images of October (and early November, if you're fortunate enough to have actually attended family picnics at your great-grandmother's gravesite) should be cathartic is hardly unsurprising.

Halloween did originate as the day the living paid tribute to the dead; now the customs of this time of year allow us to explore our own mortality.

So this October, keep exploring. Dress up. Hang cobwebs and lights around your door. Dance. Drink (sensibly, and preferably something interesting). Eat Reese's cups, Smarties, pumpkin pie and caramel apples (we don't have these things in Dublin), and provide a large selection of the best goodies for trick-or-treaters. Find a party to volunteer at. Brave the Niles' Scream Park. Treat yourself to laughter, creativity, adrenaline, hangovers, smiles, joy. Whether you're watching a kid's face light up as you drop a Twix into their plastic pumpkin bucket or refurbishing a strictly-functional function room with black and orange crepe paper or facing death in the form of the chainsaw-wielding zombie who's just jumped onto your hay wagon, cherish that moment as one that proves your physical, fallible, soul-granted humanity.

Next month, you may be grateful you're alive and blessed: the month after, you may celebrate that life and blessing run higher and deeper than we can, while on Earth, understand. But now, October, the middle of fall, is the time to really feel what being alive means.

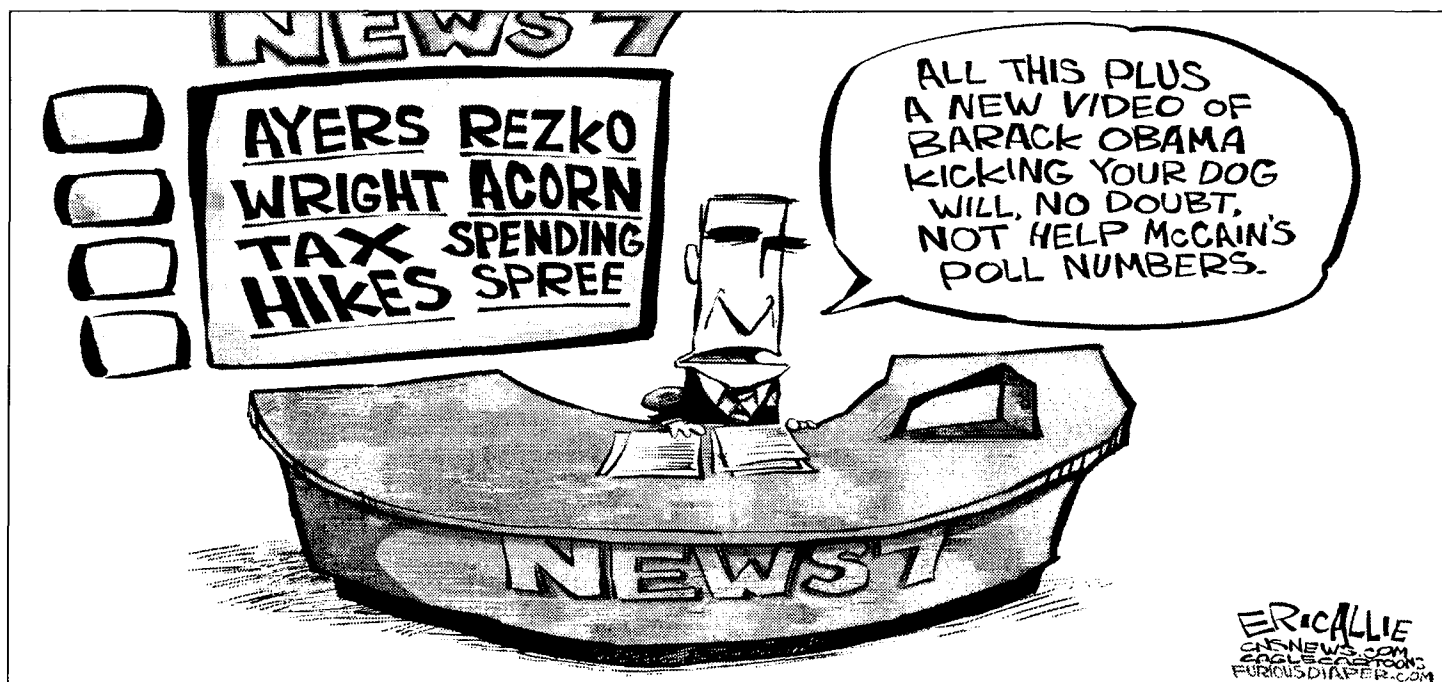
It's the time to remember those who've gone before us, both the people and the summers, and to enjoy and anticipate the time, the loved ones, and the life we have now and will have a while longer.

January's not far away. Look up. The leaves are blazing now.

Katherine Khorey is an English major and Russian minor spending her junior year abroad in Dublin. She's sorry if this column was a bit ponderous, and promises you something completely frivolous next time.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep."

W.H. Auden
poet

Environment, image and Notre Dame

Notre Dame has entered a new era of environmental stewardship, signaled by a new Office of Sustainability, the recent Forum on that topic and a serious recycling program energized by student participation. Efforts to recycle wastes, to conserve electricity and to install energy-efficient equipment are commendable and should be continued. But such efforts are quantitative (how many pounds recycled?) rather than qualitative, and are already commonplace among Notre Dame's peer institutions. To assume a position of environmental leadership, Notre Dame will have to make qualitative changes as well. A few suggestions follow.

Kenneth Sayre

Guest columnist

Policy and planning

Power Generation — During the 1990s, as reported in the most recent Scholastic (Sept. 18), Notre Dame's coal-burning power plant was in violation of the Clean Air Act, resulting in a large fine by the EPA. Rather than rest content that no fines have been levied since then, the University should seriously consider shifting to less polluting forms of energy. Reliance on clean energy might involve extra expense initially but certainly would reduce Notre Dame's ecological footprint.

Ecological Footprint — The concept of carbon footprint is now established in public awareness. But carbon emissions are not the only burden the University

places on our beleaguered environment. Others are the ozone-depleting halogens released in manufacturing the hundreds of computers we buy annually, toxic chemicals applied by factory farms providing food for our dining halls and non-biodegradable plastics used in many aspects of campus life. These all contribute to the University's total ecological footprint. An environmentally alert institution would strive to keep a complete tally of its ecological footprint and would take serious steps to keep it at a minimum. ★★

Avoiding Need to Recycle — A better policy than simply recycling is one of avoiding materials that require recycling. A few examples of things to avoid are glossy reports issued by centers and institutions, single-use manila envelopes containing routine notices, and vending machines selling things in plastic bottles. The University's goal in this regard should be to recycle as little as possible while at the same time recycling everything that needs it.

Instruction

Course Offerings — All undergraduates at ND should have opportunity to take a full-credit course exploring humankind's tenuous relation to the rest of the biosphere. For students in some disciplines, such a course should be required. One possibility is to make environmental instruction part of a mandatory Freshman Seminar. The format of such an offering should be broad enough to be taught through any department that

chooses to participate.

Learning by Doing — Notre Dame students learn about social issues by participating in programs sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. The University should consider establishing a similar center to help students learn about environmental issues. Such a center could set up cooperative arrangements with near-by organic farms, could arrange internships with state and federal environmental agencies, and could train students to provide assistance to businesses concerned with their ecological footprints.

A Demonstration Ecosystem — In most learning situations, doing and observing go hand-in-hand. Before its property is all taken up by buildings, the University should set aside 20-30 acres on which to enable a self-sufficient ecosystem (an "ecopark") of native woodlands, meadows, and wetlands. Once established, this demonstration ecosystem would be kept mostly free from human management. While the area would be available for field trips by appropriate groups, its main purpose would be to provide students a place to "commune with nature" and thereby to learn more about how nature works.

Student Life

Consuming Less — Consuming less water and electricity in dorms is a good beginning. A good continuation would be to reduce dependency on environmentally damaging consumer items like red meat and bottled drinks. A side benefit is

that cutting back on beef and giving up soda pop is good for one's health. Other consumer items that could be cut back include fashionable clothing (e.g. The Shirt) and video games.

Living without Cars — Few modern conveniences contribute more to a heavy ecological footprint than private automobiles. On a truly green campus, people would limit use of cars to occasions of genuine need. Walking, riding bicycles and taking buses are adequate for most purposes. Notre Dame students should take pride in cutting reliance on automobiles to a bare minimum.

Life-style changes — To help Notre Dame gain preeminence in environmental stewardship, its student body will have to go beyond recycling and turning off light switches — beyond even avoiding red meat and foreswearing soda pop. Concerned students will want to adopt life-styles devoted to "walking lightly on the earth." This includes living simply (minimum use of devices run by motors), reducing material needs (fewer trips to the mall) and becoming more aware of other creatures (listening to birds rather than ipods). With examples like these in its midst, the University could learn from its students and assume leadership in its witness of environmental values.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop generalizations

As a 2001 alum, it was good to see Darryl Campbell's column appear in The Observer ("Community building, common-council style," Oct. 13) in response to the article from Oct 10's article titles "University addresses community relations."

It's pretty clear that the community relations between Notre Dame students and South Bend need a sweeping overhaul, but it's likely not going to get anywhere until the council members and community leaders understand how their stances comprise of unjust, sweeping generalizations.

It's funny, I think the article on Oct. 10 was meant to "educate" students about how poor their judgement is and unless they start acting

differently then nothing will improve. The article probably did more harm than good and the leaders of South Bend might need to take a look in the mirror.

Back in the winter of 2000-2001, a friend of mine who was visiting from another school referred to South Bend as "Russia" in reference to the cold weather. Sounds like nowadays, a statement like that has more than one meaning. Just wanted to say thanks for running Mr. Campbell's article sticking up for the students.

Patrick Schaffler
alum
Class of 2001
Oct. 13

Speak out against stipend

As the proud parent of two Saint Mary's students, I am appalled at the stipend issue that has arisen and the subsequent delay in student activities funding as a result.

This issue should not be holding student activities hostage by insisting that they receive a stipend in the budget.

To the nine students that voted no: Congratulations for standing up for your beliefs in the face of tremendous pressure.

To the Executive Board: The issue is not how much of a stipend you should receive. Rather, the question is should you receive a stipend at all? This flies in the face of a proud and honorable tradition at Saint Mary's.

The only way this should be implemented is with a referendum type vote and if your student body agrees with the action, then fine. To the argument that other schools do this, since when does Saint Mary's want to be like every other school?

Last I read, the ad campaign says "She's Saint Mary's" and the "She" represents every student who attends this outstanding college. The campaign does not proudly proclaim "We're Like Every Other School You Will Visit".

You have been given the privilege of representing the student body and should be voting on a budget that is for the greater good. Not for a select few of you to receive money in a vote that only you can cast. This issue calls for thoughtful discussion and input from every corner of campus.

To Saint Mary's students: Last year's outrageous aberration is a call for more vigilance in watching your representative's actions. Indeed, a prime example of why we should all pay attention to government action at every level.

Please make your voice heard prior to the upcoming meeting and contact your student representatives with your feelings on this issue. Make your voice heard.

To Saint Mary's parents: Please support our student groups in any way possible; so that events are able to continue if they do not receive funding in a timely manner due to this issue. The Saint Mary's spirit will prevail.

Thank you,

Sandy King
Green Bay, Wis.
Oct. 12

More reasons not to vote

Sure, I watched the debate last week, and I was taken aback for the 20 seconds where I heard one of them start to answer the question they were given. The only reason I watched the debate is so that Saturday Night Live is funny.

The point is: When will politicians start answering questions? Why is a bail out needed? Here is my attempt: because without the bail out, credit is hard to come by which is necessary for businesses to do a lot of their business and some times all of it. Therefore, if they can't get a loan, then they can't do business, then some people are going to lose their jobs. I think that's pretty accurate, and yet, I only heard part of that answer in the debate. When I ask a question, and you answer a different question, you're telling me that my question was stupid, and I'm not smart enough to know what to focus on. So as I see it, these two politicians are telling me that I'm an idiot. If I'm asking the question, it is because I expect an answer. So what can you do about it? I don't know, but I can tell you what I'm going to do about it.

I'm not voting this year just like four years ago. I'm not voting until politicians stop answering questions I didn't ask. I'm not encouraging anyone else not to vote, and I was about to vote in this election. I was told it was important, and I was going to vote for a third party even though I know that's basically wasting my vote. I'm enslaved to one of two parties who are mostly the same.

As Lewis Black says, you have the republicans on one side who say, "We have a really bad idea", and the democrats on the other side who say, "And we can make it worse!" Thank God for George Carlin on voting: "You may have noticed that there's one thing I don't complain about: Politicians. Everybody complains about politicians. Everybody says, 'They suck.'"

But where do people think these politicians come from? They don't fall out of the sky. They don't pass through a membrane from another reality. No, they come from American homes, American families, American schools, American churches, American businesses and they're elected by American voters. This is the best we can do, folks. It's what our system produces: Garbage in, garbage out.

I have solved this political dilemma in a very direct way: I don't vote. On Election Day, I stay home. I firmly believe that if you vote, you have no right to complain. Now, some people like to twist that around. They say, "If you don't vote, you have no right to complain," but where's the logic in that? If you vote, and you elect dishonest, incompetent politicians, and they get into office and screw everything up, you are responsible for what they have done. You voted them in. You caused the problem. You have no right to complain.

I, on the other hand, who did not vote — who did not even leave the house on Election Day — am in no way responsible for that these politicians have done and have every right to complain about the mess that you created.

Robert McKeon
grad student
off campus
Oct. 8

A look at this fall's

Crusoe

Fridays 8/7c

NBC

Based on Daniel Defoe's legendary novel, "Crusoe" tells the story of the world's most famous castaway, Robinson Crusoe. With the success of miniseries like "John Adams" and "Into the West" and shows like "Rome" and "The Tudors," NBC is trying to see if a historical drama can make it in the mainstream. The trailers for "Crusoe" are definitely stirring and nothing can beat his house in the trees, so let's hope the show stands up to its potential. "Crusoe" includes familiar faces such as Sean Bean and Sam Neil and some rising stars such as Philip Winchester and Anna Walton. The pilot premieres this Thursday.

Eleventh Hour

Thursdays 10/9c



Another remake of a British series, "Eleventh Hour" is a Jerry Bruckheimer machine that has the potential to pull out all the stops. Rufus Sewell ("The Holiday") plays Dr. Jacob Hood, a biophysicist who also happens to be a Special Science Advisor to the FBI. Marley Shelton ("Sin City") is his female counterpart, an FBI agent assigned to protect Hood as he investigates high-profile scientific crimes. The pilot's production costs were recently valued at over \$4 million, leading viewers to wonder how far the producers will go.

Gary Unmarried

Wednesdays 8:30/7:30c



CBS' new sitcom, "Gary Unmarried," follows the recently divorced Gary Barnes (Jay Mohr), whose ex-wife wife, Allison (Paula Marshall), is engaged to their formal marriage counselor. They share custody of their two kids: 14-year-old Tommy, who is petrified of girls, and 11-year-old Louise, who hangs pictures of Al Gore and Mahatma Gandhi on her walls. That the show has the makings of a one-season hit is a shame, because it's surprisingly funny. Though occasionally crude in his buffoonish humor, Gary is charming, and at times, perceptive. At one point his new girlfriend, Vanessa, chides him for eating dinner on paper plate placed inside a Frisbee. "What?" he exclaims, "When I'm done I throw it on the lawn and the sprinkler cleans it." The show focuses on Gary's struggles to become a responsible single parent.

Kath & Kim

Thursdays 8:30/7:30c

NBC

If this season is any indication, American writers and producers have been scrambling for story ideas from everywhere but the good ole' U.S. of A. "Kath & Kim" is yet another sitcom remake, this time coming from an Australian sitcom of the same name. The stateside version of "Kath & Kim" stars Molly Shannon as a wacky, 40-something mother and Selma Blair ("Hellboy," "Cruel Intentions") as her celeb-obsessed 20-something daughter. The early prognosis on NBC's "Kath & Kim" is uncertain, but the Australian stars, Jane Turner and Gina Riley, are serving as executive producers.

My Own Worst Enemy

Mondays 10/9c



The pilot for "My Own Worst Enemy" contained all the signs of a hyped-up premier episode, including overly sentimental writing and over-the-top stunts, but there were times when it distanced itself from all the shows this season that touch on lost identity and secret government projects. There were moments when one could feel the same pulse you get when watching a Borne movie. Christian Slater's portrayal of the split-personality main character isn't remarkable, but his performance doesn't detract from the show as a whole either. The show has lots of potential and room to grow, making it worth turning in next week.

Privileged

Tuesdays 9/8c



"Privileged," a new show on the CW, was adapted from the popular novel, "How To Teach Filthy Rich Girls," by Zoey Dean. The show follows Yale graduate Megan Smith (Joanna Garcia) as the tutor to the fabulous, rich, socialite Baker twins with the goal of getting them accepted into Duke. Megan wants to be a writer, and takes the job hoping to learn from and make connections through the twins' grandmother, but elder sister Sage (Ashley Newbrough) does not take to Megan as quickly as her sister Rose (Lucy Hale). Megan must navigate Sage's terror, the girls' outlandish antics and her jumbled love life that includes her best friend Charlie (Michael Cassidy), who is secretly in love with her, the hot billionaire neighbor Will, who is casually dating her sister (Brian Hallisay), and her current beau, the girl's principal (David Giuntoli). Joanna Garcia demonstrates that she can play more than Reba's dim-witted daughter as the anchor of this new soap.

premiering shows

The Ex List



Fridays 9/8c

Filmed in beautiful San Diego, California, "The Ex List" tracks Bella Bloom (Elizabeth Reaser, Ava from "Grey's Anatomy"), a young woman whose chance encounter with a psychic may or may not determine her future. The psychic tells Bella that she has already dated her future husband, and that if she does not find him within a year, she'll spend the rest of her life single. With the show's storyline providing a potential one-year shelf life, it's up to the talent and creative team of "The Ex List" to keep each episode fresh.

Fringe



Tuesdays 9/8c

"Fringe," just picked up for the entire season, is a new sci-fi show that boldly goes to the extreme. If you liked "The X-Files," you will love this program. The show follows Agent Olivia Dunham (Anna Torv) as she attempts to solve the crimes that deal with 'fringe' science. Central to any type of success is her collaboration with Dr. Walter Bishop (John Noble) as the brilliant, yet crazy scientist recently released from a mental hospital under the care of his sarcastic, genius son Peter (Joshua Jackson). Jackson is hilarious and his chemistry with Torv is striking. 'The pattern' of unexplained phenomena and a mysterious company that is somehow always involved keeps the viewer guessing. For example, in the pilot, Agent Olivia discovers her partner and lover John Scott (Mark Valley) is a double agent of sorts and he is subsequently killed - but the audience is left wondering if he is really dead.

Life on Mars



Thursdays 10/9c

"Life on Mars," an American remake of the BBC series, premiered last Thursday on ABC. Detective Sam Tyler (Jason O'Mara) is sent back in time to 1973 when he is hit by a car. The pilot follows him solving the crime of a serial killer whose copycat kidnapped his girlfriend (Lisa Bonet) in the present day. Sam thinks he must be dreaming but the cast of characters surrounding him appears to be real. Harvey Keitel stars as Lt. Gene Hunt, the hard-nosed boss of the 70's police force, Gretchen Mol as a Cid Woman Detective that receives no respect, and Michael Imperioli as a fellow detective who is the ladies man of the station. Sam must struggle to find a way out of the past to get back to his girlfriend. The premiere received respectable ratings and looks to be a promising twist on the procedural crime drama.

The Mentalist



Tuesdays 9/8c

Simon Baker stars as Patrick Jane, a man who pretended to be a psychic until a real serial killer murdered his family. This "mentalist" is now a private detective, helping the California Bureau of Investigation as a "skilled observer." "The Mentalist" may or may not amount to little more than a serious version of USA's "Psych," but with an actor of Baker's quality and a premise ripe for storylines, this procedural may yet turn out to be a success.

Sanctuary

Sci Fi

Fridays 10/9c

In order to succeed a science fiction show needs good characters, deeper themes to explore and loads of cool moments. SciFi channel's "Sanctuary" looks set to fill the bill (as long as you can suspend your disbelief). The pilot tempts the audience with tastes of the mysteries that will thread through the show, characters with a healthy dose of wit and humor, and some neat special effects. "Sanctuary" tells the story of Dr. Helen Magnus, her daughter Ashley, and a forensic psychologist Dr. Will Zimmerman as they track down, study and protect some of the strange creatures lurking in our world. Fans of the long running "Stargate" will recognize Amanda Tapping in the lead role, taking on a new accent and darker persona. The two part pilot and the second episode are still available on-line.

Worst Week



Mondays 9:30/8:30c

The latest edition to CBS' growing Monday night comedy lineup, "Worst Week" is an adaptation of a British sitcom called "The Worst Week of My Life." The show is a family comedy revolving around a young man (Kyle Bornheimer) and his comical relationship with his in-laws. "Worst Week" also provides the much-needed return of Kurtwood Smith, also known as Red Foreman from "That 70's Show," to a steady sitcom. The concept isn't fresh, and previous remakes of British sitcoms have gone down in a blaze of glory (see: "Coupling"). Still, the potential and expectations for this cast are high.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Tressel, team at odds about quarterbacks

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel has no doubt Terrelle Pryor is the best quarterback to lead the Buckeyes.

Not all his players agree.

Tight end Jake Ballard said it could help the Buckeyes' struggling offense to turn back to former starter Todd Boeckman and have him share the job with Pryor. The freshman has shown flashes of skill, but is still a work in progress.

"The senior leadership that Todd brings to the table and just how he commands the huddle would definitely help us out," Ballard said. "And he could make some big throws for us. ... I don't think a two-quarterback system would be a bad idea."

No. 12 Ohio State (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten) will be facing one of its biggest tests of the season Saturday when it plays at No. 20 Michigan State.

The Buckeyes are last in the Big Ten in passing and next to last in total offense.

But Tressel clearly is committed to Pryor going it alone, though he said Tuesday he wants to play Boeckman. The senior has not played either of the last two games, both Ohio State victories.

"(I) haven't determined that that was the right moment (or) situation," Tressel said tersely.

Boeckman led Ohio State to a Big Ten title and a spot in the BCS national championship game last season. This season, he had the job for three games before Pryor, who was playing high school ball in Jeannette, Pa., a year ago, was promoted.

Boeckman said the transition has been painful but he's tried to make the best of it.

"When you're on the sidelines, you always want to play," Boeckman said. "You always want to be that guy out there. Terrelle is doing some good things out there. He's getting better each and every week. I'm doing what I can. If my number's ever called, I'm going to be there, ready to go."

The Buckeyes have won all four of Pryor's starts, but the offense has sputtered. Pryor is only permitted to speak with reporters after games and not during weekly interview periods.

A unit that returned nine starters stands 94th in total offense in major college foot-

ball, including 108th in passing.

"If an apology is what you'd like, we can all go to lunch," Tressel cracked. "I apologize. And we'll try to get better."

But at the same time, he knows it's no laughing matter. The Buckeyes have totaled 18 touchdowns in their first seven games; a year ago at this point, they had 31.

Buckeyes fans on radio call-in shows and Web sites are calling the offense unimaginative and predictable. Several Southern California players said they knew what the Buckeyes were going to do on almost every snap after USC pounded Ohio State 35-3 in Boeckman's last start.

Even Tressel seemed to question his own approach on Tuesday.

"You always have to start by being troubled by the plan, because there's got to be some reasons why you're not executing," he said.

A porous offensive line might be Ohio State's biggest problem. The Buckeyes are 106th in the nation in sacks allowed.

Tressel has taken an increasing interest in the line in recent weeks, even dubbing himself the "assistant offensive line coach." Usually reserved on and off the field, Tressel has strained his voice yelling at the linemen to be quicker and hold their blocks longer.

But the sacks aren't all the lines' fault.

Pryor is dangerous runner — able to dodge or outrun onrushing defenders. Yet he sometimes doesn't know when to throw a ball away to avoid trouble. He was sacked three times on Saturday in a 16-3 victory over Purdue, a game in which the Buckeyes' didn't score an offensive touchdown.

"He can make big plays with his feet but he has to realize it's not high school, he can't make big plays every single time for 20 yards or more," Ballard said. "He's not always going to get big plays."

He said the Buckeyes can't continue playing the way they have been.

"It's frustrating. Everybody thinks it's frustrating," he said. "But we're not worried about it as much as maybe others are because we know it's things that we can change, to turn around the way the season is going right now."

MLB

Stairs is Phillies' ironman

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — One day after hitting the most significant home run of his career, Matt Stairs went about his business as though nothing ever happened — which helps explain why he's still around at age 40 after 12 full seasons in the big leagues.

No huge celebrations for the pinch-hit homer Monday night that broke an eighth-inning tie and sent the Philadelphia Phillies over Los Angeles 7-5 for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Instead, he stood in the outfield at Dodger Stadium during an off-day workout and shagged fly balls and joked with teammates. He also tried to answer the 40 messages on his cell phone, including a few from guys he coached in hockey back in Maine.

"I enjoyed it last night when I left the ballpark. My wife and two of my daughters are here, so it was fun to talk to them about it. But my point of view, it was over with," Stairs said.

"I mean, we didn't turn on SportsCenter, I didn't read any newspapers — nothing. It happened yesterday," he said. "That's what I've always learned. You can't live in the past."

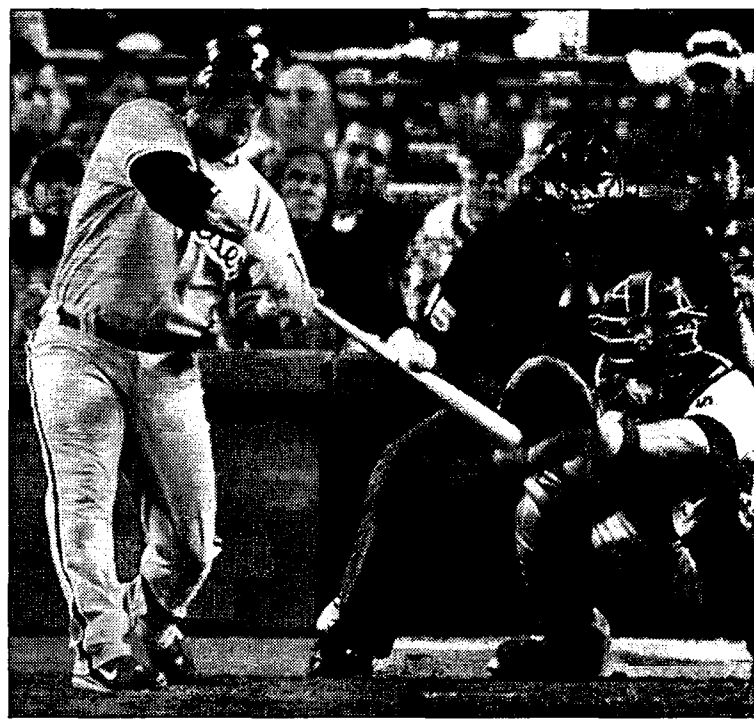
A lesson well learned in a career that's taken him to 11 different major league teams, starting with the Montreal Expos in 1992. He got this chance with the Phillies because of a trade Aug. 30 with Toronto for a player to be named.

Some of his former Blue Jays teammates called to congratulate the Canadian-born Stairs. The shot off hard-throwing Jonathan Broxton was Stairs' 15th career pinch-hit homer.

Stairs launched it from the same batter's box where one of the most famous pinch-hit homers ever was hit, Kirk Gibson's shot in the 1988 World Series. Stairs' homer came two days before the 20th anniversary of Gibson's drive.

Yet the compact slugger with the powerful left-handed swing tried to stay humble. He has 254 regular-season homers in the big leagues — and now one in the postseason.

"Even the year I hit 38 homers (with Oakland in 1999), I didn't think about what I did," Stairs said. "This game can bite you in the butt. You can have a



Phillies pinch hitter Matt Stairs hits a two-run homer to take the lead against the Dodgers on Monday in Philadelphia's 7-5 win.

great day yesterday and all of a sudden go 0-for-20."

Dodgers manager Joe Torre was well aware that Stairs was a dangerous threat off the bench because of all the years he managed against him in the American League. Stairs twice had more than 100 RBIs in a season and even drew some MVP votes.

"He's one of those guys who has made his presence necessary," Torre said. "He has done a great job accepting whatever role is given to him. He knows he can hit. The biggest thing for me is he has a plan at the plate."

Stairs has a unique hitting approach. He swings for the fences every time up. Most players will tell you that they can't hit a home run if they try for one.

"Certain people for certain swings," Stairs said. "I swing as hard as I can. My goal when I get into the batter's box is to see how far I can hit the ball. I'm not going to lie. I try to hit home runs. It carries over from batting practice I try to hit every ball out of the ballpark."

An outfielder, first baseman and DH most his career, he accepted his role as a bench player for the Phillies.

"I was excited when they told me I was going to Philly," Stairs said. "It was a great team and it was heading in the right direction. I knew I was coming to an organization that needed a pinch-hitter."

"When you come to a new team, you want to do something big to fit in real nice. You want to contribute as

much as possible. And I think last night was a good way to jump into the fire. That home run really helped us, so you feel like part of the team. But by no means did I feel like an outsider here before that."

Asked why he's ended up with so many teams after others cut him loose, he just shrugged and pointed out that the other 10 teams didn't want him anymore.

"I think I bring a positive attitude," he said. "Nothing negative comes out of my mouth. I enjoy the game. I enjoy being here early and talking to guys about hitting and give them my point of view. This is the way I approach the game and play the game — to always have a smile on my face and not let things bother me."

This is Stairs' third trip to the postseason and his first to the LCS. He was with the Boston Red Sox in 1995 when they lost to Cleveland, and played for Athletics in 2000 when they were eliminated by the Yankees.

Once he's done playing, Stairs wants to stay in the game as a manager or hitting coach. Phillies manager Charlie Manuel thinks it'll be an easy transition.

"I think he's definitely got the qualifications and the resume," Manuel said. "He's been in the game a long time, he's got a lot of experience and he's been a lot of places, so I'm sure he's got a lot of stories to tell."

"He's got a baseball eye, and if you talk to him, you can tell how much he loves the game," he said.

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4 Portland	314
5 Wisconsin	313
6 Alabama	293
7 Iona College	288
8 Georgetown	261
9 Michigan	250
10 Stanford	247
11 Iowa State	232
12 Virginia	214
13 Florida State	208
14 Minnesota	200
15 North Carolina St.	181
16 Auburn	176
17 Northern Arizona	176
18 BYU	170
19 Tulsa	142
20 Texas A&M	121
21 Texas	119
22 Providence	110
23 UCLA	89
24 William & Mary	77
25 California	76

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team	points	record
1 Penn St. (60)	1500	16-0
2 Nebraska	1440	15-0
3 Texas	1371	10-2
4 Stanford	1307	13-2
5 California	1229	10-2
6 Hawaii	1175	12-2
7 Oregon	1083	13-3
8 UCLA	1052	11-3
9 Florida	996	12-1
10 Washington	935	11-3
11 USC	919	7-4
12 Minnesota	858	14-2
13 Colorado State	835	13-1
14 Wichita St.	706	16-0
15 San Diego	620	12-2
16 Kansas State	557	14-3
17 Pepperdine	485	13-1
18 Purdue	436	13-3
19 Illinois	417	11-4
20 Santa Clara	355	10-3
21 Wisconsin	318	12-4
21 Cal Poly	183	9-6
23 Michigan	163	14-2
24 Oregon State	139	12-5
25 Kentucky	88	15-2

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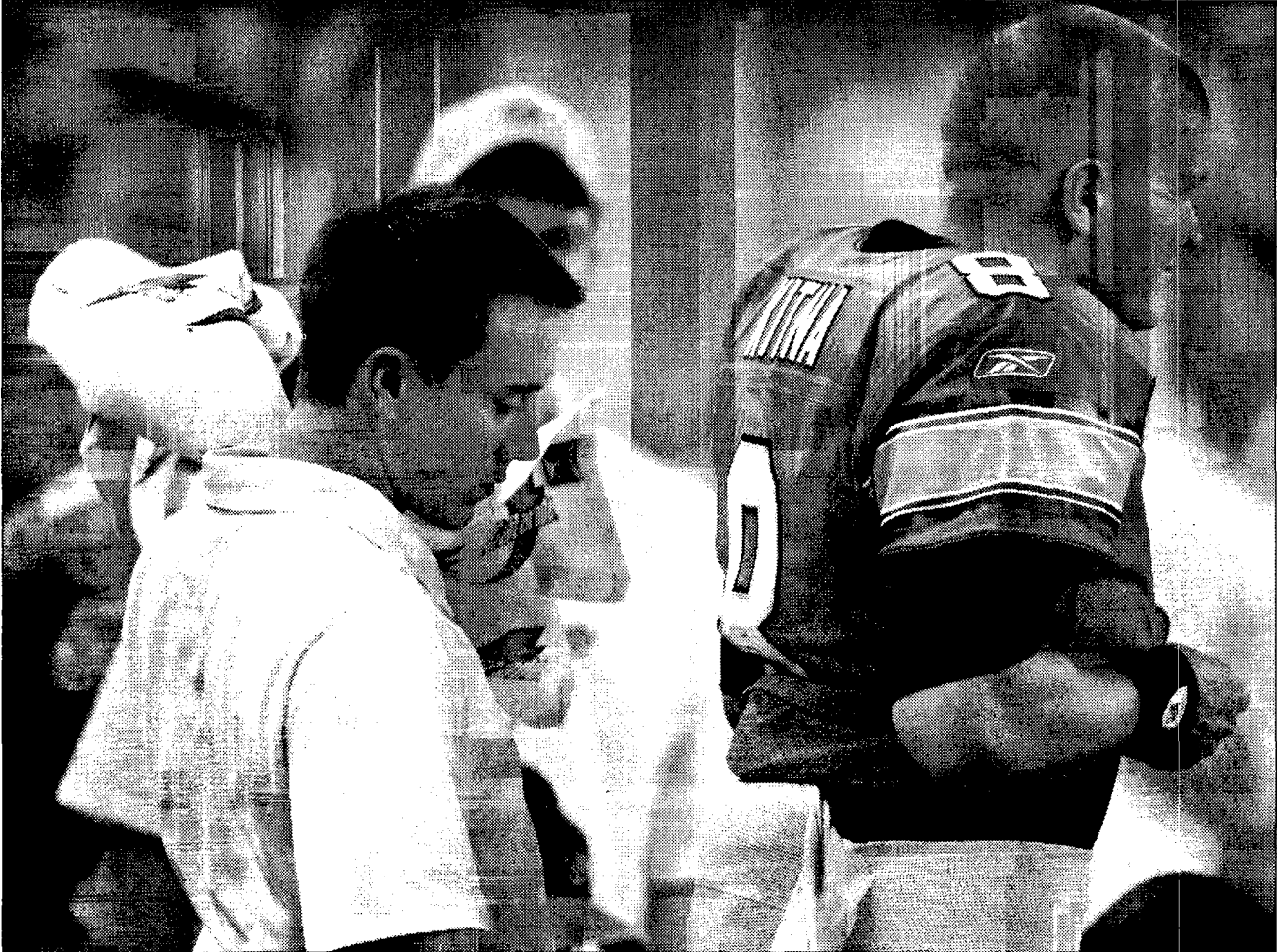
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6 NOTRE DAME	4-2 9-9
7 Louisville	4-2 8-9
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In his last game this season, two weeks ago, Jon Kitna has an ice pack removed from his injured back. The Detroit Lions designated Kitna to the Injured Reserve on Tuesday, ending his season.

Lions place Jon Kitna on IR

Associated Press

DETROIT — The winless Detroit Lions placed quarterback Jon Kitna on injured reserve Tuesday, ending his season.

The move could raise questions about Kitna's future in Detroit.

There had been speculation the Lions (0-5) might trade Kitna and rely instead on backups Dan Orlovsky and Drew Stanton. But a trade didn't materialize. Instead, the Lions sent wide receiver Roy Williams to Dallas for draft picks.

Kitna suffered a back injury in a loss to Chicago two weeks ago. He did not

play last week against Minnesota.

Orlovsky played in Kitna's place against the Vikings. He likely will make his second career start at Houston on Sunday.

Kitna declined comment Tuesday, but had told The Associated Press on Monday he expected to play again this season and that his injury wasn't that serious. Also on Monday, Coach Rod Marinelli wouldn't answer questions about Kitna's health.

"After extensive examination and consultation with the team medical staff, it became clear that placing Jon on injured

reserve was the right decision," Lions general manager Martin Mayhew said in a statement. "Jon and I met today and discussed moving forward with respect to his rehabilitation which will be done in coordination with our medical staff."

The Lions said Kitna's injury represents "an acute exacerbation of a chronic condition."

Kitna had 758 yards passing this season with five touchdown passes and five interceptions before back spasms sidelined him against Chicago on Oct. 5.

Kitna had started 36 straight games until

Orlovsky played in Sunday's 12-10 loss at Minnesota.

Orlovsky was 12-of-21 for 150 yards and a score. The fifth-round pick from Connecticut in 2005 also rolled out of the end zone for a safety.

Stanton has not played in the regular season as a pro.

Kitna had an MRI last week and was evaluated by a specialist, but had declined comment on his health.

Kitna had 4,000-plus yards passing in each of the past two seasons in Detroit and combined to throw 39 TDs and 42 interceptions.

IN BRIEF

Ward fined \$15,000 in last two weeks

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are asking the NFL to clarify why Hines Ward, one of the league's best-blocking wide receivers, was fined \$15,000 the past two games for unnecessary roughness despite not being penalized.

Ward was fined \$10,000 following the Steelers' 26-21 win at Jacksonville on Oct. 5, a week after drawing a \$5,000 fine for a play in which he stepped over Baltimore cornerback Corey Ivy on Sept. 29. Ward did not draw a penalty on either play.

Also following the Jacksonville game, Steelers linebacker James Harrison was fined \$20,000 for criticizing referee Brian Winter for calling a roughing-the-passer penalty against him. Two other Steelers also drew fines for that game, safety Ryan Clark \$7,500 for unnecessary roughness — a late hit — and wide receiver Nate Washington \$7,500 for taunting. Among the four players, the one-game fines totaled \$45,000.

Telfair suspended three games for 2007 offense

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Timberwolves point guard Sebastian Telfair was suspended on Tuesday for three games after pleading guilty to criminal possession of a weapon.

Telfair was sentenced last month to three years' probation. He was arrested in April 2007 when police found him carrying a loaded gun in his car while he was a member of the Boston Celtics.

The Celtics traded him to Minnesota in the deal for Kevin Garnett, and Telfair had a solid and incident-free first season in Minnesota. He signed a three-year, \$7.5 million deal this summer to remain with the Timberwolves. He is the top backup to starter Randy Foye.

"I've talked to Sebastian about the incident. This is something that happened in the past, and he is looking forward to putting this behind him," Timberwolves vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale said. "Since he has been a member of the Timberwolves, Sebastian has been a great teammate and has been actively involved in the community."

Gonzalez stays in KC as trade deadline passes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tony Gonzalez is staying with the Chiefs.

Just minutes after the 4 p.m. EDT trade deadline Tuesday, Kansas City coach Herm Edwards said no deal had been struck for the nine-time Pro Bowler. His announcement ended 10 days of tension for the player and his fans in Kansas City, most of whom were hoping he would get what he wanted and be traded to a contender.

Gonzalez, 32, asked the Chiefs to explore trade possibilities after deciding the rebuilding Chiefs (1-4) would probably not reach championship caliber before time ran out on his career.

Neither Gonzalez nor Chiefs president Carl Peterson was available for comment. Edwards said he did not know how close Peterson came to reaching an agreement with anyone. Arizona, Buffalo and Philadelphia had all expressed interest. Peterson had indicated he would not let Gonzalez, who has been the face of the struggling franchise, go cheaply.

NFL

'Pacman' Jones earns another suspension

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones once again must earn his way back into the NFL, and it likely will take more than being on his best behavior.

The NFL suspended Jones for at least four games Tuesday for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension after the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16.

"If he earns his way to a point that he can be considered to play again, then I would support that," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Frankly, just as he earned through his behavior the right to get back in and play a few weeks ago, he would have to earn that."

The league said reinstatement will depend on strict compliance with treatment plans by the NFL and the Cowboys and an evaluation by "clinical experts."

"The question really is, can he address his issues he needs to address. He does need treatment," said Jerry Jones, adding any treatment would be voluntary. "I do agree with the commissioner in that he needs to address some things and show that he's aware of that and address those things."

After repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans, Adam Jones was traded six months ago to Dallas, where he had stayed out of trouble until an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party.

In a letter to Jones on Tuesday, Goodell cited a "disturbing pattern of behavior and clearly inconsistent with the conditions I set for your continued participation in the NFL."

The disturbance at an upscale Dallas hotel came only six weeks after Goodell reinstated Jones from a 17-month suspension.

"It's terribly disappointing to me that we're dealing with this again and that he's reflecting so poorly on all of the players in this league, which they don't deserve," Goodell said at the NFL meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The player's agent, Worrick Robinson, didn't return messages left with his assistant and on his cell phone.

Jerry Jones called the Oct. 7 incident an "aberration"

and said the Cowboys didn't plan any discipline because no team rules were violated. But he knew the NFL might have a different view.

"He was brought back into the league with the understanding that we would have a zero tolerance relative to such things as publicly having a negative issue under any kind of circumstance," Jerry Jones said.

In the latest incident, Dallas police said officers responded

around 11 p.m. Oct. 7 and that the matter was over by the time they arrived. Hotel employees had reported hearing a tussle in the men's restroom in the lobby.

The player and the bodyguard, Tommy Jones, said

everything was OK. Police said both were driven from the hotel by an acquaintance, and the bodyguard, part of a security detail provided by the Cowboys, didn't want to press charges.

Jerry Jones said last week banter between the player and his bodyguard got out of hand, resulting in the scuffle. A small glass item on the vanity in the restroom was damaged.

The owner acknowledged that alcohol was served at the party, but that witnesses told him the player's "conduct should not be interpreted as over drinking."

Before getting traded to Dallas, the cornerback was arrested

six times and involved in 12 instances requiring police intervention after Tennessee drafted him in the first round in 2005.

Jones has started all six games for the Cowboys, partly because Pro Bowl cornerback Terence Newman has been injured. Jones has 25 tackles and 11 pass deflections, and has averaged 5.0 yards on 16 punt returns.

Tennessee got a fourth-round pick from the Cowboys in the April draft and was supposed to get a sixth-rounder next year for Jones. But because Jones has been suspended again, Dallas will instead get the Titans' fifth-round pick next April.

Jones was an elite cornerback and kick returner in his first two seasons with the Titans, but the accumulation of arrests and legal problems, including his connection to a shooting at a Las Vegas strip club, led to his suspension without pay in April 2007.

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NFL

Eli suffers bruised chest

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants left Cleveland battered, and with a bruised quarterback.

Eli Manning bruised his chest in the Giants' embarrassing 35-14 loss to the Browns, and coach Tom Coughlin was not certain about the extent of the injury although he gave indications that the Super Bowl MVP would practice for this week-end's game against the San Francisco 49ers.

"I'm not going to know until I hear some things," Coughlin said Tuesday. "From time to time, obviously for anybody who plays that position, you're going to have some things that don't allow you to perform at your best. Injuries do occur. I don't know whether this is (a serious injury) or not."

"Eli has played very well with soreness and that type of thing," Coughlin said. "I'm sure that will be something he'll go ahead and practice and play with, but we'll see. I don't have a lot of information now."

Coughlin said he thought Manning was hurt early in the third quarter, although the quarterback was driven into the ground by Browns defensive tackle Shaun Rogers early in the second quarter after throwing a pass to Plaxico Burress.

Manning, who threw three interceptions in the Giants' first loss in eight games dating to last season, did not miss a play in the game. He complained of chest pain after the game ended, Coughlin said.

Manning received treatment and underwent further examination at Giants Stadium on Tuesday. However, players were not available for comment.

Manning has played in pain, as recently as last season. He

sprained his shoulder in a season-opening loss to Dallas last year and did not miss a game.

Coughlin didn't know if the injury contributed to Manning's three interceptions, including Eric Wright's game-clinching 94-yard touchdown return in the fourth quarter.

"I can't tell you it wasn't," Coughlin said. "He is certainly very good at masking all of that."

Coughlin said that on Wright's touchdown, Manning was under pressure and there was a timing issue. On the other two picks, Coughlin said the Giants (4-1) had chances, but the Browns made the plays.

Coughlin was frank in saying that the Giants were thoroughly outplayed in the game that ended their 11-game road winning streak — 12 if you count the Super Bowl — come to an end.

"Any time where you have a game where you don't stop the run and then you turn the ball over on the other side of the ball, you are not going to have

much of a chance to win and that's exactly how the game played out," Coughlin said. "We play a game that calls for us to run the ball, stop the run and win the battle of turnovers and we didn't do

any of those."

Coughlin said the Giants also didn't use good technique, had mental errors and were not physical against a team that played very well with two weeks preparation.

"It was a disappointing game, disappointing loss, and the film certainly does not change your opinion from last night," Coughlin said.

One concern was the performance of the defense, which came into the game giving up an average of 236 yards.

The Browns gained 278 yards in the first half and finished with 454 yards in total offense. Cleveland converted on 9 of 13 third-down chances. Even more troubling, the front seven barely touched quarterback Derek Anderson all night.

"I really don't think for the last two weeks we have had much pressure on the quarterback," Coughlin said. "I think there has to be a lot of self-analysis there in terms of not only how we are going about our business but exactly who is doing what. I think we need to look hard at that and we are talking about that."

Coming off a very impressive win over Seattle the week before, the Giants went to Cleveland knowing that the Browns (2-3) would be desperate.

The Browns played that way. Coughlin was disappointed the Giants did not match the intensity.

"This team will bounce back. I believe that," Coughlin said. "I think it will be a good week of focus and a good week of practice. It is disappointing to fall into whatever lapse we fell into in not playing as well as we have been playing."

Three other Giants also were injured in the game. Weakside linebacker Gerris Wilkinson had a mild knee sprain. His status is uncertain. Safety James Butler aggravated a biceps injury and middle linebacker Antonio Pierce aggravated a quad that he hurt last week.

Center Shaun O'Hara was treated at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York for an infected toe on Tuesday.

Receiver David Tyree, who made the key catch off the top of his helmet in the Super Bowl win over the Patriots, has recovered from knee injury and was activated off the physically unable to perform list. He will practice this week. The team has three weeks to decide whether to place him on the active roster, put him on injured reserve or cut him.

NFL

Cowboys receive WR Williams in Lions trade

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Roy Williams headed home to Texas on Tuesday in the NFL's biggest trade before the deadline, giving the struggling Dallas Cowboys another proven receiver opposite Terrell Owens.

The winless Detroit Lions traded their unhappy 2004 first-round pick and one-time Pro Bowler for three draft picks, from the first, third and sixth round in 2009. Detroit also gave the Cowboys a seventh-rounder next year.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he struck the deal two minutes before the NFL trade deadline.

"I'm more happy to be a Dallas Cowboy than when I got my first bike," said Williams, an Odessa native who starred at the University of Texas.

Williams' best season was 2006, when he went to the Pro Bowl after catching 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. He has 17 catches for 232 yards and a score this season, and has 262 career passes for 3,884 yards and 29 TDs.

"We felt like right now that was the best thing for us to do as a football team. It gives us something for the future. You're looking at the possibility of having five of the first hundred (2009) picks," Lions general manager Martin Mayhew said. "It was a pragmatic business decision."

Soon after announcing the deal, the Cowboys said that they had given Williams a five-year extension on his contract that was set to expire after this season.

The Cowboys acquired their new star hours after learning they lost another in cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, whom NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Tuesday for at least four games.

Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension

following the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16. Jones was in repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans and was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

Jerry Jones, who has never shied from adding players with checkered pasts to the Cowboys locker room, made a point Tuesday to mention Williams' "outstanding character, no matter who you talk to."

Williams said the first phone call he received after the trade was from Owens, who has complained recently about not getting enough catches in an offense that lost quarterback Tony Romo this week for perhaps a month with a broken finger in his throwing hand.

Jerry Jones said Owens was "elated and beside himself" upon hearing the trade. Williams said he and T.O. talked about winning.

"We got two guys out there that can really run, they're big, but as you know, both of them can really make spectacular catches," Jones said.

Williams is expected to begin practicing with the Cowboys on Wednesday, and play in their game Sunday at St. Louis.

Williams will line up opposite Owens in an offense that has not had a clear No. 2 receiver since waiving veteran Terry Glenn this summer. Tight end Jason Witten leads the Cowboys with 39 catches and two touchdowns after six games. Owens has 23 catches and 5 TDs.

The Cowboys have filled the gap with Patrick Crayton and Miles Austin. Now they will have two of the NFL's biggest, most physical receivers — both worthy of double coverage.

After the trade, Williams talked as if he had found a new mentor in Owens, whom he made clear was "the No. 1 guy."

"I've never had an older wide receiver to show me the way," Williams said.

Jerry Jones said Tuesday he said he'd been trying to pry Williams from Detroit for two years.

The addition figures to further heighten Super Bowl expectations for the Cowboys (4-2), who are only a game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East but have dropped two of their last three games.

Sunday's overtime loss to Arizona was particularly costly for Dallas. Romo broke his pinky finger and rookie running back Felix Jones sprained a hamstring to end a trying week that began with controversy over Adam Jones' run-in with police.

Williams will probably catch his first passes in Dallas from Brad Johnson, the 40-year-old backup whose last start was in 2006 for Minnesota.

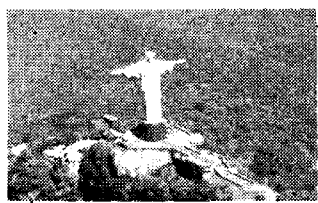
The 26-year-old Williams said it was tough to leave Detroit but said he was ready "to see what the playoffs feel like." Detroit was 21-48 since Williams arrived as a rookie and never made the postseason.

"Going from 0-5 to 4-2, you can't ask for anything better than that," Williams said.

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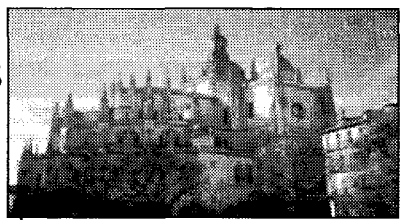
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Red Sox lose reigning World Series MVP

Associated Press

BOSTON — Mike Lowell will undergo surgery on his right hip Monday, depriving the Red Sox of last year's World Series MVP for the rest of their season.

The third baseman, who is not on Boston's roster for the AL championship series, chose to have the surgery as soon as possible so he would have a good chance to be ready for the start of spring training.

"I'm kind of relieved, in a sense, just to get it over," Lowell said in the dugout Tuesday. "I think I was hanging onto something that wasn't really realistic."

Lowell was removed from the playoff roster after Game 3 of the first-round series against Los Angeles, making him ineligible for the ALCS. The Red Sox beat the Angels three games to one to advance.

Boston entered Tuesday night's game against Tampa Bay trailing 2-1 in the best-of-seven ALCS.

Lowell said his hip started bothering him a few weeks before the All-Star break. He was limited to one at-bat in the last 11 regular-season games and went 0-for-8 in two postseason games.

He decided late last week to have the surgery. It will be done in New York.

General manager Theo Epstein told Lowell "there was probably a 99 percent chance I was not on the roster" if the Red Sox get to the World Series, Lowell said before Game 4 against the Rays.

"I don't think we can bank on that one percent and I just didn't want to drag it out and then see if it affects the later

part of spring training or even April of next year," he said.

The arthroscopic surgery involves repairing a torn labrum in the hip and a bone spur on the femur as well as checking and possibly fixing a muscle.

"There's no way he was going to be able to play" this year, manager Terry Francona said. "Any additional time that he can have now so he can come to spring training, he really wanted, and I don't blame him."

Doctors have told Lowell that's realistic.

"They've told me they've cleared NFL players for full contact after four months" following similar surgery, he said. "So I guess I'm banking on that."

Lowell had two stints on the disabled list this year and played in just 112 games. He had a sprained left thumb and a strained left side muscle along with the hip injury.

"I was very happy with two months, May and June," he said. "Obviously, disappointed in April because I got hurt early and it was just really a struggle, I'd say, the last three months."

In last year's World Series sweep over the Colorado Rockies, Lowell was 6-for-15 with four RBIs. And in the last two games he went 4-for-9 with a solo homer in the seventh inning of the finale that gave Boston a 3-0 lead in the clinching 4-3 victory.

Lowell said he expected to be released from the hospital Tuesday and spend the next two weeks on crutches.

"I'd love to be in the dugout here (for) Game 1 of the World Series," he said. "That would be good, as long as no foul balls come in."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall to No. 17 Calvin College

Observer Staff Report

The Belles fell to #17 Calvin College at home on senior recognition night Tuesday.

The Knights swept Saint Mary's 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-21), solidifying their position in the polls.

Junior outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski led the Belles on offense with 15 kills and Meg Rose led the defense with 19 digs.

Slupczynski and senior outside hitter Kaela Hellmann led the Belles early with nine of the team's 12 kills in the first set. Calvin College freshman middle hitter Rebecca Kamp broke a 16-16 tie in the first set, and Calvin College was able to cruise to the end.

In the second set the Belles fell into a quick 10-4 hole. Slupczynski helped to bring the Belles back with four straight points on her serve. The two teams were tied at 13-13, 14-14, 15-15, and 16-16 before Calvin College was able to pull away.

The third set saw the Belles jump out to an early 9-5 lead on the power of Hellmann's kill. The two teams exchanged the lead several times before Calvin College was able to close out the set and the match.

The Belles will travel to Boston, Ma., this upcoming weekend to participate in a one-day tournament at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on Saturday.

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Trine

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"I want to give a lot of credit to Calvin on the game Saturday," Crabbe said. "They are certainly a very good team and it showed in their play why they are one of the top teams in the country."

Part of the Belles' recent struggles can be attributed to mistakes early in matches.

"We have struggled with slow starts to games in particular lately," Crabbe said. "Against both Adrian and Calvin, we gave up goals within the first five minutes of the

game. Especially with a team like Calvin, we cannot allow ourselves to make their job any easier. Our biggest struggles have come from creating quality scoring opportunities. Being behind early in games is certainly not helping that."

Crabbe has made several midseason changes to the lineup that he said will help correct some of the problems that have plagued the Belles all season.

"We have looked at some changes in our lineup recently to try and better utilize some personnel," he said. "I think working through some of these changes will hopefully spark us on the field. We gave some of

these changes a look in the Calvin game and I was encouraged by what I saw."

Looking ahead to Trine and the remaining matches on the schedule, Crabbe said he is optimistic that his team will finish the season on a positive note.

"I believe we have four very winnable games remaining on our schedule," he said. "I would like to see the team generate and finish more opportunities on goal. That being said, we need to limit our mistakes and not allow teams to take an early advantage in games."

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Defense

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son ended — what defense can we play that can help us do that — and I think that we haven't figured it out yet."

The first step in figuring out her team's defense will be to decide what kind of personality her team will have, McGraw said. For much of last year, the Irish played their best defense when pressing opponents, but McGraw said she will give different types of defenses a look when practices begin on Friday.

"We really feel pretty good about that. The question is what type of zone do we want to play," she said. "We will work on our man-to-man, but I don't think we are going to be as aggressive man-to-man as we want to be. So we're going to have to mix it up and keep the [other] team off-balance."

One thing that should help McGraw's team in developing a zone is the new crop of freshmen — guards Fraderica Miller and Natalie Novosel and forwards Erica Solomon and Kellie Watson.

Solomon and Watson will add length to the Irish defense as both are 6-foot-2. Miller and Novosel are no slouches, either: the freshman backcourt tandem checks in at 5-foot-10 and 5-foot-11, respectively.

McGraw said this added

height will make it a lot easier for her team to defend.

"It's amazing how big we can be in the back line. That really says to me that if we can get a good zone, it's going to be hard to throw the ball over us," she said.

Solomon, who echoed McGraw's need to defend against 3-pointers, said she hopes to be strong on the boards for the Irish this season, but that she also has a team-first outlook for the season.

"I'm comfortable on defense. Whatever coach needs me to do, defense-wise, whether it's guarding the guards on the perimeter or guarding the post, whatever she needs me to do, I'm going to do it," she said.

One major change in Notre Dame's defense from the end of last season will look familiar. Sophomore forward Devereaux Peters was cleared for practice after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) on Feb. 10 in a win against Pittsburgh. When she went down, Peters was the Big East leader in blocked shots with 45, and averaged 5.6 rebounds and 9.0 points to go along with 39 steals.

"[Peters] changes the game. When we lost her in the Pitt game, it changed our defense," McGraw said. "Our press wasn't as good. Our defense wasn't as good."

McGraw said that, after watching Peters in training sessions, the sophomore

hasn't lost a step on the court, but may need to be patient before trying to go at full speed too quickly.

Peters said she feels good, but is not quite where she wants to be. She said she thinks she will be back at 100 percent at some point during the season.

She also said she is glad to have the added team height defensively.

"I think it's great. It will be helpful with the taller, kind of skinny guards, because that's what we have now. And I think it will help a lot in the post, too. I think, as far as defense, we'll get a lot more steals and tips," she said.

Junior Erica Williamson returns as the only true center on the Irish roster. The 6-foot-4 Williamson will often be the lone big man in McGraw's four-guard set, but only because Solomon and Watson will be playing on the perimeter.

As the center, Williamson said she wants to be a strong presence under the basket, taking charges — something she excelled at last season.

"I definitely want to get back to taking charges because I really think that offsets the other team a little bit, a little scared to drive the lane," she said. "I just want to be a big presence in the post and be there if something happens to the guards."

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West

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Usher finished in 73rd place, carding a 19-over 235.

For Notre Dame, the sophomore-led effort has been par for the course this season. The younger members of the Irish squad have posted strong scores throughout the season, leading the team in scoring several times so far. Kubinski said he has been happy with the way his underclassmen have stepped up and provided a lift when needed.

"With Josh [Sandman] out after surgery, we're a senior-less team," Kubinski said. "The sophomore class has four very talented players, for sure. None have a great deal of college experience, but our three sophomores are all capable of leading the way."

Notre Dame will close out its fall schedule on Oct. 27th when it travels to the Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., for the UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship.

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MLB

Rays crush Red Sox, take control of series

Associated Press

BOSTON — They fluttered in and rocketed out: Three more homers sent sailing over the Green Monster to help the Tampa Bay Rays blow out Boston for the second straight game and move within one win of their first AL pennant.

Evan Longoria hit his rookie-record fifth home run of the playoffs, and Carlos Pena and Willy Aybar also homered off aging knuckleballer Tim Wakefield on Tuesday night to give the Rays a 13-4 victory over the Red Sox that put the defending World Series champions on the brink of elimination.

Carl Crawford tied an AL championship series record with five hits and Andy Sonnanstine pitched 7 1-3 innings of six-hit ball as Tampa Bay took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven playoff. Aybar had four hits and five RBIs.

After an off day, James Shields and Game 1 winner Daisuke Matsuzaka are scheduled to pitch Thursday night at Fenway Park in a potential clincher for the surprising Rays.

"We've just got to go out there and play our game, not let up on them," Crawford said. "It would be nice to finish it here."

Tampa Bay had never even approached a .500 record during its first decade in the

major before edging wild-card Boston for the AL East title by two games. But the Rays were poised and powerful against a Red Sox team that has made the playoffs in five of the last six years, advancing to the ALCS four times and winning it all twice.

Facing the 42-year-old Wakefield, the oldest pitcher to start an ALCS game, the league's newest team homered three times in the first three innings to take a 5-0 lead. The Rays scored another in the fifth and blew it open with five more in the sixth when seven straight batters reached base to make it 11-1.

"We wanted to be aggressive at the plate," Crawford said. "Guys are just focused right now."

Fans lined up for the exits after the Red Sox went down 1-2-3 in the sixth — the third inning in a row they were retired in order; TV showed horror-master Stephen King reading a book in the stands, bored.

On the field, it was twice as scary.

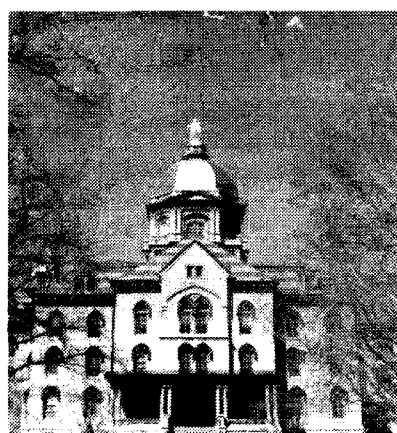
One night after the Rays hit four homers to beat Boston 9-1, they hit three more and totaled 14 hits against five Red Sox pitchers. Wakefield, who was making his first appearance in 16 days, lasted just 2 2-3 innings, giving up five runs, including Longoria's fifth play-off homer to break the rookie record set by Florida's Miguel Cabrera in 2003.

"Sitting through that wasn't a whole lot of fun," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "We've been on the other side. When it happens to you, you've got to get through it the best you can, and we'll need to regroup as quickly as we can."

Red Sox reliever Justin Masterson allowed another run; Manny Delcarmen gave up five more while getting just one out; 42-year-old Mike Timlin gave up two more in the eighth.

Meanwhile, Sonnanstine retired 12 consecutive batters in all after Kevin Cash's homer to lead off the third and make it 5-1. The Rays right-hander, who pitched 13 shutout innings against Boston in a pair of September no-decisions, allowed just two hits before David Ortiz's leadoff triple in the seventh.

Ortiz, who had been hitless in his first 12 at-bats in the series, scored on a groundout to make it 11-2, and Boston chased Sonnanstine while adding two more in the eighth.



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Big East is this year and the midst of what we've been given in the Big East — we're just gonna go to Pauley Pavilion one weekend. We're just gonna take a break and just go play UCLA on the road. Now that's — I should have my head examined on that one."

Regardless of whether Brey was joking about a possible psychiatric assessment, he said he thinks his team is ready to face the test that its Big East and non-conference opponents present. The squad returns four starters and four seniors from a group that reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament a year ago.

"A key for us is pacing this group through a long season. It's the toughest basketball schedule we've ever played in our history, given what the league is and [who we play] in the non-league," Brey said. "So [it is] an exciting challenge, a challenge that this group should have when you've got seven older guys that have contributed."

Brey certainly could echo the "Dive Right In" slogan that coach Charlie Weis presented to the Irish football team before the season began. But Brey said he will retain the mantra that he repeated last season, constantly urging his players to "Dream Big Dreams."

"This group deserves to be able to dream about it and think about it," Brey said. "I mean, that's realistic for this group. They've done some really great things for our basketball program. I want them thinking about it and going for it."

Still, Brey said he is reluctant to rank his team among the top 10 in the country — a group in which some experts have included Notre Dame.

"I don't know if we're that good. The game that sticks in my mind is Washington State ..." Brey said, referring to Notre Dame's 61-41 loss to the Cougars in the second round of last season's NCAA Tournament. "I think we've got top-25 ability [but] I've seen some of the single digit [rankings] and I don't know if I can agree with that right now. We've got a lotta potential, though, and a lot to work with."

Brey said he is not willing to consider his team among the upper echelon in the NCAA because it has not shown enough of a penchant for dirty work on the defensive end.

"The reason I can't agree

with anything single digits or top 10 or top 12 is I just haven't seen us defensive rebound at key times and get key loose balls," he said. "We have not done that consistently enough yet and that's something that they know."

Brey said since the Irish are somewhat undersized in the physical Big East, they must learn to rebound better as a team.

"The way our team is built and against some of the athletes that can get up on the backboard that we play, it's doing it as a unit," he said. "Getting that key loose ball and that key defensive rebound — and I think that's an area where we're weak at right now."

But the Irish have at least seven players that will play significant minutes, so the burden of rebounding and lockdown defense can be spread out. Brey said Jonathan Peoples emerged as one of Notre Dame's top reserves on the team's summer trip to Ireland and gives the Irish even more viable options than they expected to have.

"I almost feel like we have seven starters. I would have said six starters before we went to Ireland but the way Jon Peoples played when we went to Ireland, I feel like we have seven starters," Brey said. "I'm really happy with how he played and how confident he has gotten coming off that trip."

Even with the increased stress on defense and rebounding, Brey warned fans not to expect the Irish to play in too many low-scoring games this season. He said the Notre Dame offense will retain the same up-tempo style that has defined it in recent years.

"That's the way the game should be played," he said. "I just don't know how people can watch 52-48 [games]. I mean, come on, are you kidding me? I mean, we're trying to sell tickets too... [Our style] has become a niche in our league that we've evolved to, to survive and thrive — quite frankly — in the league."

Brey said he has seen improvements in the play of each of the Irish starters and that the experienced squad is constantly looking to improve.

"These are older guys, they're intelligent guys and their basketball I.Q. is really high. It's certainly teaching an honors class when you work with these guys," the coach said. "They want it bad individually and they want it bad as a group."

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Brey wasted no time, jumping at the chance to respond with a wide smile on his face: "I think he's going to have a heck of a year."

In fact, that's exactly what Brey said to Zeller during a brief meeting last spring.

"I think you're going to have a hell of a year," Brey said.

The forward replied: "Yeah, I know, coach."

"Get out of here," Brey said. "I'll see you in the weight room later."

End of meeting.

The 6-foot-10 Zeller's confidence has never been higher, and neither have the stakes for him and his teammates, who will head into the season with a high ranking and Final Four aspirations on their minds. This year, Zeller will be called upon to help Notre Dame replace Rob Kurz.

"Rob did a lot of things and I feel like I can do a lot of things too, to be able to fill in that role," Zeller said.

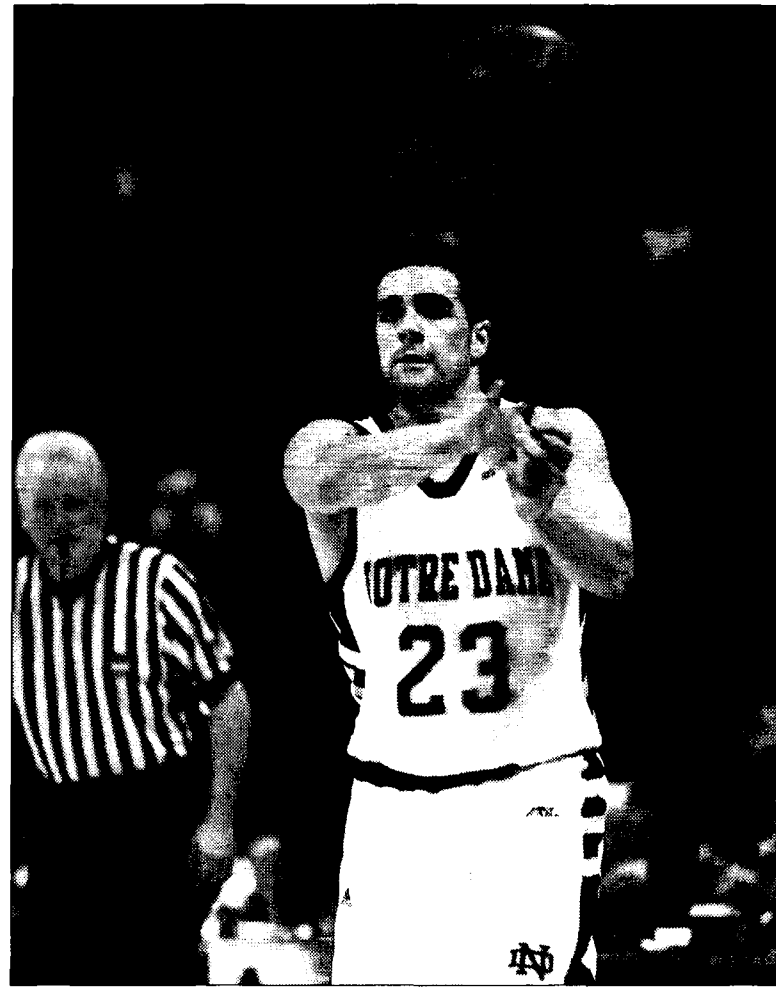
"Maybe not the same way, but fill in a different way and add to the team that way."

And to Kurz's exit also goes Notre Dame's third-leading scorer from a year ago, a guy who was always good for, give or take, 12 points each night. Kurz was able to take some pressure off Notre Dame's leading scorers — reigning Big East player of the year Luke Harangody (20.4 points per game) and first-team Big East selection Kyle McAlarney (15.1 points per game). And by the way, it seems the University has forgiven McAlarney and is no longer ashamed of that thing a few years ago — McAlarney's No. 23 T-shirt jerseys are now on sale in The Bookstore).

Kurz was dependable, someone who Notre Dame could rely upon each night to help out McAlarney and Harangody.

"I'm ready. Our team's balanced and we understand our roles and we're ready to step up. If I'm called upon to step up, I'm definitely ready," Zeller said.

Zeller will have help replacing that production this year. He's one of the players — the others being senior forwards Ryan Ayers, Zach Hillesland and junior guards Jonathan Peoples and Tory Jackson — on Notre Dame who can step up and help Harangody and



Senior guard Kyle McAlarney throws a pass during Notre Dame's 68-50 win over George Mason on March 20.

McAlarney when they're having an off-night.

"We need those guys to step up. There are going to be nights when Kyle and I struggle," Harangody said. "The great thing about this is that guys like Tory, Luke, Zach and Ryan can do that."

Jackson had a memorable game last season that displayed what he might be able to do this season. In Notre Dame's 82-70 victory over Pittsburgh on Feb. 21 at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame seemed on the verge of defeat as they faced a double-digit second-half deficit. Then Jackson took over, ending up with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

This season, Jackson, who averaged 5.8 assists per game last year, is prepared to be more of a scorer if need be. Even though he's hardly the best shooter in the world, Jackson said he has improved his mid-range jumper to complement his ability to penetrate.

"I feel like I've got to figure out a different way to help my team when the two main scorers are struggling," Jackson said. "They're not going to have perfect games every night ... I'm not going to force my shot at all, but the way we played in Ireland [on Notre Dame's overseas tour in August], I felt like

that could be a carry-over for the start of the season. I went over there and took what was given to me. They double-teamed 'Gody or when Kyle wasn't on early, I took it on myself to make the short-range jump shots, to get to the [free throw] line."

Ayers and Hillesland are two seniors with a wealth of basketball smarts who can sense when they might need to step it up offensively and both have shown the ability to do so at key times. And Peoples came through in the clutch last year in Notre Dame's 86-83 win over Marquette on Feb. 9, hitting two clutch free throws late in the game to propel Notre Dame to victory.

Replacing Kurz is not going to be an easy task for Notre Dame. He was someone who added a lot to Notre Dame both on and off the court, and it won't be easy filling in those big shoes.

But the players this year know what they need to do and they have the experience to do it.

No wonder Brey was so excited.

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Threes

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threes. This year, he said, the team wants to correct that imbalance.

"The girls have kind of taken it on themselves as a personal challenge to be more ready and more consistent from the 3-point line," Tsipis said.

Head coach Muffet McGraw said lots of players can step out on the perimeter and hit a shot, and she and Tsipis said two freshmen — guard Natalie Novosel and forward Kellie Watson — will contribute to the perimeter game. How many they make in the game depends on their work beforehand; the players said their ability to hit 3-

point shots depends on getting good practice.

Novosel said she and the other freshmen come to the JACC at night to practice their shooting. A helpful device they call the "gun," a ball retriever that sends basketballs back to the shooter at varying speeds, allows the player to take a high volume of shots in a short amount of time.

"It's really effective," Novosel said.

The beauty of the gun, Novosel said, is it helps her work on her quick release, the biggest shift in the 3-point shot from high school to college.

Watson agreed, saying the gun's variable speed helps her practice getting the shot off quicker.

"If you don't get the shot up in time you'll get hit with it," she

said.

Novosel, a self-described night owl, said the machine also saves energy late at night.

Junior guard Melissa Lechlitner said the gun allows her to take 300-400 shots in a 45-minute period. For her, however, she said taking shots in game situations and building confidence would foster improvement.

"I didn't attempt many shots last season so I think that's going to be something you'll see more from me this year," she said.

What the team needs, Lechlitner said, is the confidence bred from shooting during games.

"We've got a lot of good shooters coming in and I know the returning players have been

working on our threes a lot more," Lechlitner said. "We still have the confidence to knock them down. We know we can hit them, it's just a matter of doing it."

Sophomore guard Brittany Mallory said the 3-point shooting game works in conjunction with the inside game. When the defense expects a drive to the lane, she said, the players can pull up and shoot a three. And should the defender come out to guard the three, the players can drive.

"It goes hand in hand. We've been working on that a lot this year," Mallory said. "It opens up a little more inside because the help's not going to be there. It gets good looks for everybody else."

Tsipis echoed Mallory's asser-

tion that the deep ball opens up the rest of the offense.

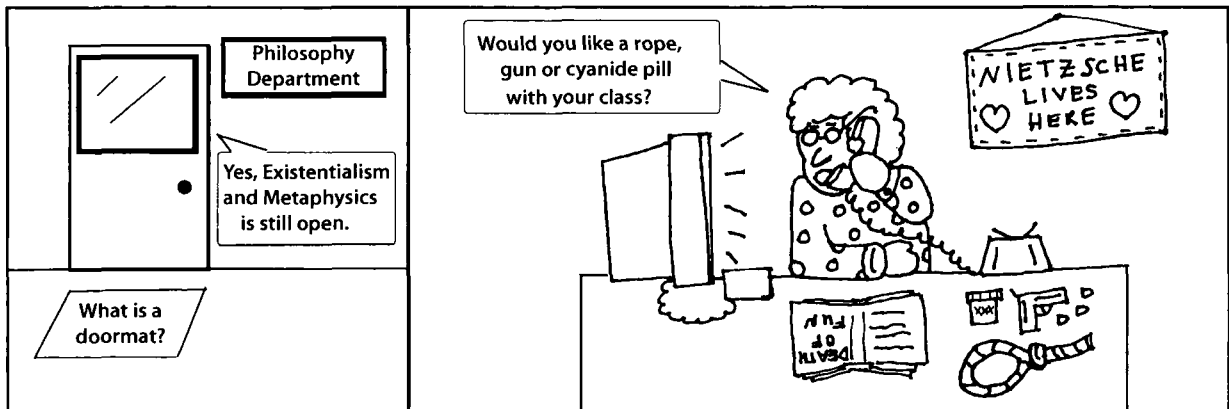
"To just be out there and be a threat, be someone the defense knows is a 3-point shooter, I think that opens everything else up," he said.

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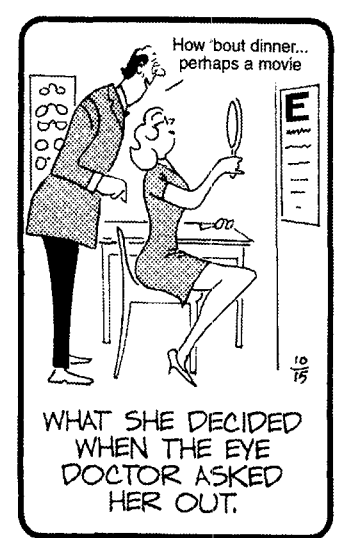
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♦Mallory will miss the team's opener at LSU as a punishment for her incident with law enforcement at an off-campus party. Mallory was one of 37 Notre Dame students, many of them athletes, arrested at a party on Sept. 22.



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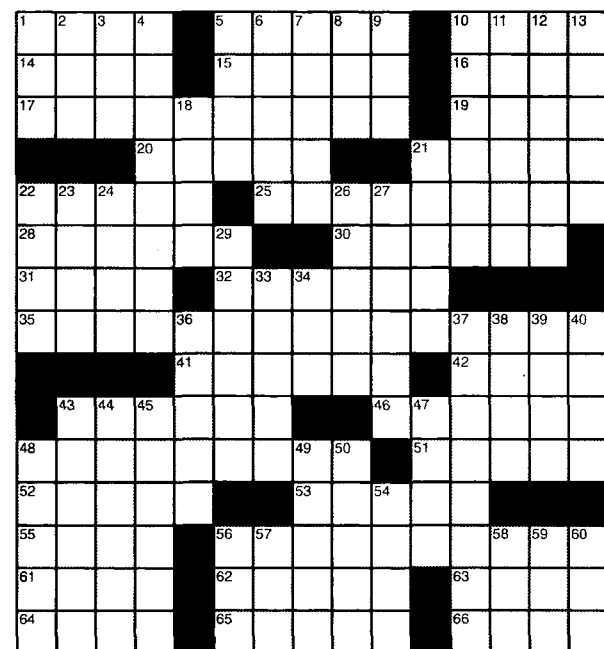
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Calm down or you won't finish what you need to get done. Be motivated and don't let unimportant things eat away at you. The sweetest revenge is your own success. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Prepare to put up a fight if someone opposes your ideas. Chances are, whoever tries to stand in your way is jealous or insecure about your successes. You have the potential to make a difference by making reforms. 3 stars

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): It won't be easy to decide between two people who need your help or which organization to support or even how to discipline a child who has taken a wrong turn. Listen, evaluate and stay calm. You will choose the right words and select what's best for everyone involved. 2 stars

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BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY

Let's play some hoops

Irish men look to build on solid season

By FRAN TOLAN
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Last season, the Irish won 26 games, including 14 in Big East play. Their reward?

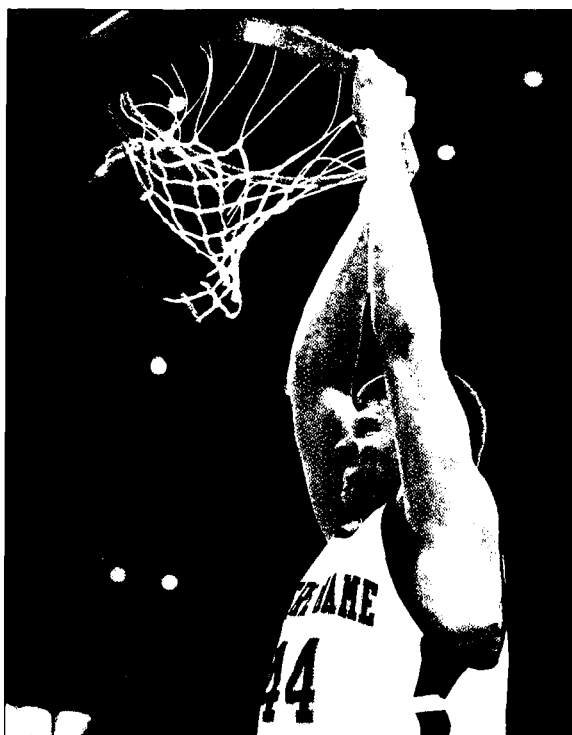
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"At times I've looked at [the schedule] during the summer and wondered what I was thinking when we did all this," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his media day press conference Tuesday. "... The thing that's crazy — in the midst of what the

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Left, guard Tory Jackson saves a ball from going out of bounds during Notre Dame's 89-79 loss to Marquette on March 13. Right, forward Luke Harangody dunks during a 68-50 win over George Mason on March 20.



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Team seeks to fill Rob Kurz's big shoes

Coach Mike Brey said over and over how excited he was about this year's team, but it seemed as though he was chomping at the bit, waiting for someone to ask this one question during his 40-minute chat with the media Monday.

It finally came about 35 minutes into the press conference.

"Coach, Luke Zeller, what are your expectations for him this year?"



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Women's squad looks to improve perimeter shooting and 3-point defense

By BILL BRINK
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Notre Dame's 3-point shooting fell short last season. This season, the Irish have plans to make sure the long-range game comes back on line.

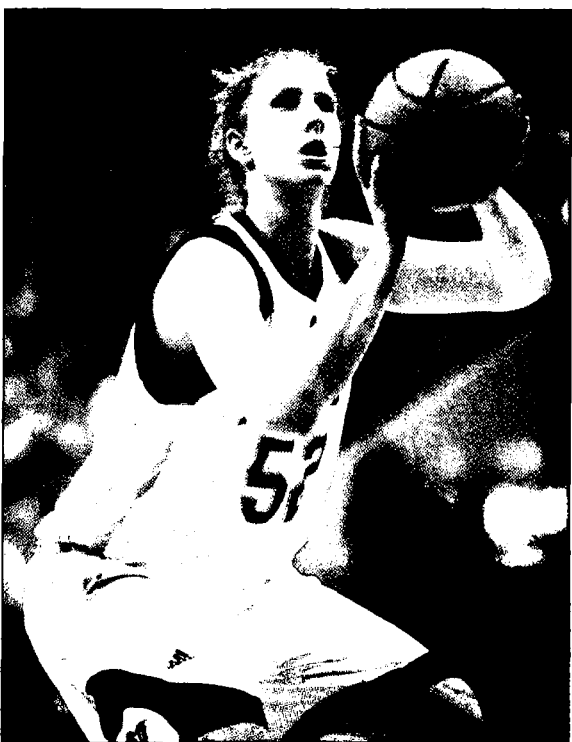
The Irish shot okay from behind the arc in the regular season — they hit 29.2 percent of their threes. In the postseason, however, that number dropped to 23.1 percent. In the final game of the regular season against St. John's, a Big East tournament game against Pittsburgh and a Sweet 16 game vs. Tennessee (all losses), Notre Dame hit only three 3-pointers.

Associate head coach Jonathan Tsipis said last year's problem with hitting 3s stemmed partially from the fact that the team had lots of shooters that could hit midrange jump shots, but not necessarily

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Left, Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner dribbles during Notre Dame's 70-55 win over Seton Hall on March 1. Right, center Erica Williamson gets set to shoot during the victory over the Pirates.



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By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Last season, Notre Dame ranked sixth in the 16-team Big East in team defense, surrendering only 61.6 points per game. But the defense could have been even stronger if not for giving up the third worst 3-point percentage in the conference, allowing opponents to shoot 35.5 percent against it.

All last season, the 3-point defense was a point of emphasis for the Irish, and this season nothing has changed.

"We are going to guard the 3-point line this year. We are determined to guard the 3-point line, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That is the one thing I think we have talked nonstop since the sea-

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MEN'S GOLF

Team finishes in 10th place

By MICHAEL BLASCO
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After opening the tournament with a 17-over par performance on Monday, sophomore Dustin Zhang fired two high-quality rounds for the Irish, carding a 1-under par 71 and a 4-under 68 Tuesday to put Notre Dame in 10th place at the Prestige at PGA West.

TCU claimed first place with a 3-under 861, while UC Davis's Nate Pistacchio and the Horned Frogs' Nathan De Beer took home co-medalist honors with 6-under 210s on the Greg

Norman Course at PGA WEST, in La Quinta, Calif.

The Irish shot 301 and 293 in their final two rounds after Monday's 307. Overall, they tallied a 37-over 901. The result was one of the strongest showings yet from a young Notre Dame squad that has struggled recently.

A horrific 17-over par first round offset Zhang's 5-under performance in the final two rounds, and Zhang finished in a tie for 35th place overall. He collected 11 birdies against only six bogeys to finish the tournament after his high opening round.

Fellow sophomore Connor

Alan-Lee matched his classmate's performance, also tying for 35th place with a 12-over 228. Alan-Lee finished Monday's rounds just 2-over par, but fired a 10-over 82 in his closing round.

Junior Doug Fortner, who has been the most consistent scorer for the Irish this season, shot a 13-over par 229 to finish in 38th place. Junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo's 18-over 234 landed him in 71st place. Coming off his first collegiate tournament at last week's Fighting Irish Gridiron Invitational, freshman Tom

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SMC SOCCER

Belles attempt to end slump against Trine

By ALEX BARKER
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As the final few games of the regular season approach, Saint Mary's is still searching for its first MIAA conference win. The Belles (1-9-1 overall, 0-4 MIAA) will get a promising opportunity to end the drought when they face Trine (3-11, 0-4) today at 4 p.m.

Despite the team's disappointing record so far this season, Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said he still sees a determined effort and unwillingness to back down

from his young team.

"One thing I have been most proud of with this team this season is the fact that they continue to show up every day and work hard to get better," he said. "Even with the frustration of our lack of results on the field in terms of wins, these players continue to compete every time they are out on the field."

The Belles are currently on a six-game losing streak, including last weekend's 4-0 home loss to No. 8 Calvin.

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