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Jenkins thanks staff during town hall

President and executive vice president discuss community initiatives, the University's fiscal standing

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins and Executive Vice president John Affleck-Graves thanked members of the Notre Dame staff for their contributions last year and updated them on University projects at the annual town hall meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Jenkins began his address by thanking members of the Notre Dame staff for their hard work last school year.

He said last year was his "most challenging and most rewarding year," citing the world financial crisis and President Barack Obama's

Commencement speech as two key components.

"Our Commencement was probably the most watched commencement in the history of higher education," Jenkins said.

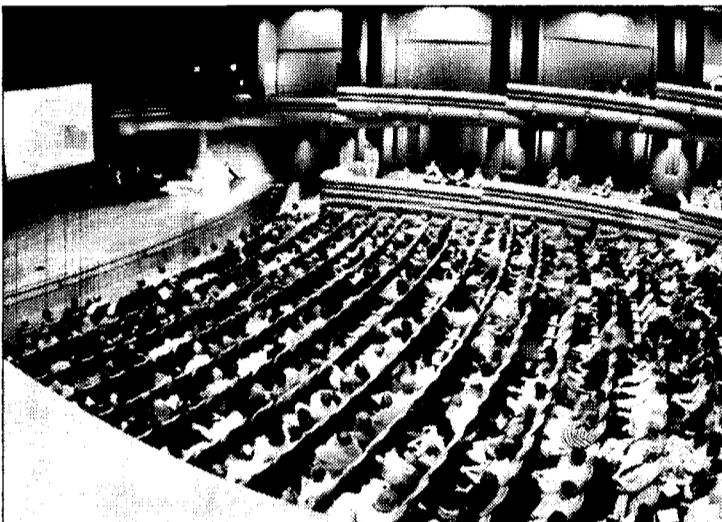
Jenkins said the Commencement speech demonstrated the special role of Notre Dame in higher education.

"What other campus could focus with such discipline, faith and community?" he said.

Jenkins also thanked the members of the financial team for their efforts in helping Notre Dame to deal with the financial crisis.

"We have been blessed with an approach to spending that is

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Fr. John Jenkins addresses the Notre Dame faculty and students at Wednesday's town hall meeting.

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Career Fair Expo packs Joyce Center

Thousands of students, hundreds of companies come together for annual employment convention



Students network with prospective employers at Wednesday night's Career Fair in the Joyce Center.

KATIE GREENSPON/The Observer

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Thousands of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and alumni, along with representatives from more than 150 companies, packed into the Joyce Center Fieldhouse Wednesday night from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the annual Fall Career Expo.

In a change from last year, the Fall Career Expo and the annual Engineering Day career fair were combined into one event that was open to students of all majors.

While the recession has certainly impacted hiring practices, Associate Director for Alumni Career Programs Kevin Monahan said the job prospects have improved from last year.

"Investment banks last year came just for interns — this year it's for full-time positions and interns, so there are some positive signs," he said.

The Career Expo allowed students to meet with prospective employers and form networking connections in hopes of landing either an internship or full-time position.

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Students pursue research activities

Undergraduates explore their academic passions through outside investigation

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Notre Dame students have long had the reputation of being bright and curious scholars, but some take their interest to the next level by participating in the University's Undergraduate Research Program, an opportunity for students to pursue their academic interests beyond the classroom.

The University hopes to encourage more students to participate every year and present their work at the annual University Scholars Conference, which takes place each spring.

Cecilia Lucero, assistant direc-

tor for Undergraduate Research, said the amount of students who normally participate is difficult to gauge.

"For the Undergraduate Scholars Conference, at least, I would say 250 students," Lucero said. "Same with REU [Research Experiences for Undergraduates] and other summer programs."

Lucero said the program attracts students from all grade levels.

"Fewer first-year students," Lucero said. "But we did have a handful present at the Undergraduate Scholars Conference in the last two years."

The program draws students from a wide variety of majors,

Lucero said, but most from natural sciences like biology as well as social sciences like psychology.

"There are few business students, though, who undertake academic research in business fields, and we're trying to change this," Lucero said.

The process of undergraduate research, Lucero said, is a long one — from brainstorming ideas to finding a faculty mentor to finding and applying for funding.

"There's plenty of advantages," Lucero said. Some include, she said, the thrill of discovery, understanding of how scientists and scholars work, enhanced job

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Law professor Carozza travels to Honduras

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The June 28 Honduran military coup that ousted then-President Manuel Zelaya received criticism from the United States and several international organizations, but a Notre Dame Law professor saw a bitterly divided country on a recent fact-finding trip to Honduras.

Paolo Carozza, an associate professor of Law and member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), helped investigate how the

human rights situation in the country has fared since coup d'etat during a trip from Aug. 17-21 with the Commission.

"It was just difficult on a very basic human level because it's a country in which there's so much polarization and conflict and very passionately and deeply held convictions on both sides about what happened and who was to blame and all of this," he said.

As part of IACHR, Carozza said he observed the country's current political and

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Pierce receives Sheedy award

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Richard B. Pierce, history professor and director of Notre Dame's Africana Studies program, has received the 2009 Charles E. Sheedy Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

The Sheedy Award, which is awarded annually to an Arts and Letters faculty member who has "profound influence on undergraduate students through sustained exemplary teaching," is named for a beloved former dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Pierce, who has been a Notre Dame faculty member for 12 years, said his initial reaction to learning that he won this year's Sheedy Award was one of shock.

"I was surprised and humbled," Pierce said. "Surprised first and humbled thereafter."

Pierce received his undergraduate degree at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. and his









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The Career Center held a number of resume review sessions and mock interviews with students prior in the weeks leading up the Expo.

"Workshop attendance has been greater at the Career Center," said Laura Flynn, assistant director for the Colleges of Engineering and Science. "Students tend to be taking action sooner."

Flynn also said one of the most important things she tells students is to "manage their expectations, due to the economic recession."

Monahan said that while employers are still coming to the Career Expo, "Nobody walks out with a job or internship in hand, but face to face time still counts in recruiting."

When asked about the options for non-business majors at the Fall Career Expo, Mr. Monahan said, "There are opportunities in marketing, teaching programs, and government agencies."

Senior biology major Mary Bruels said, "This is the first time I've been here, so it's a little overwhelming, but I'm hoping I'll have some luck out of it."

When asked about his experience at the Fall Expo, senior Political Science major Aidan Gillespie said, "I'm really interested in post-graduate service, so I visited MatchCorps and Teach for America."

Brittany Rose, a senior accounting major, said she "didn't have time to visit everyone I wanted to because of the long lines, but I did get to meet with some people I didn't expect."

The Career Center also held a debriefing session for students at 10 p.m. in Flanner Hall to focus on interview preparation.

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College to offer on-the-go career advice

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

For students with tight schedules, the Career Crossings Office (CCO) of Saint Mary's is now offering CCO on the Go from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the atrium of the Student Center for those who want quick career advice without having to set up an appointment.

The Career Crossings personnel in the atrium offer the same services during this lunch period that they do in the office, but CCO on the Go is intended to answer more

immediate needs, Tricia Dunton Assistant Director of the Career Crossings Office, said.

Topics addressed by CCO on the Go include internship and job searches and resume reviews, Dunton said.

"Students can drop off their resumes and have us look over their resumes while they eat lunch," Dunton said.

The wait is usually no longer than five minutes, Dunton said. If students have more in-depth questions, she advised them to make an appointment at the CCO.

Senior Communications major Emily Van De Somepele used CCO

on the Go Wednesday to revise her resume in time for the career fair that took place later that night.

"I used it [CCO on the Go] as a follow-up from a meeting I had at the office in order to make sure my resume looked right," Van De Somepele said.

She said juniors and seniors should seriously consider turning to the CCO for help.

"It's really important for juniors and first-semester seniors to start solidifying things and looking for a job," Van De Somepele said. "Juniors can start looking for internships through CCO."

Juniors and seniors are not the

only ones who can benefit from the services offered. Freshmen often ask about internships and what they can do to position themselves in their chosen career field, Dunton said.

Dunton said CCO on the Go is valuable to the Office's mission.

"I think it is important to remind people that we are here," Dunton said. "It's to remind them that we can answer a quick question, and they don't want to have to wait for a week to wait for an appointment."

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Pladomon lecturer speaks on feminism

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Feminism is considered a dirty word in today's discourse, said Susan Douglas, chair of the department of Communication Studies at the University of Michigan, during the Pladomon Lecture Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

Douglas explored the roles of feminism and sexism in the media during the lecture, explaining that the media portrays "have it all" women.

The media, according to Douglas, depicts women as powerful, strong leaders who have control over men. These television shows, however, present the false presumption that the goals of feminism are no longer relevant.

"What the media have been giving us then, my dears, over the past 15 years are

fantasies of power," Douglas said. "Now the media illusion is that equality for girls and women is a complete accomplished fact when it is not. Since the early 1990s much of the media have come to overrepresent women as having made it completely in the profession, and having gained sexual equality with men, and having achieved a level of financial success and comfort."

Highlighting the examples of Katie Couric, Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin, Douglas argued that the media celebrates these women so as to create the impression of a general trend, rather than revealing them as exceptions.

In reality, though, women who have just graduated from college make only 80 percent of what men make, Douglass said.

"In 2007, when presumably some of the privileged girls who had advantages over boys had entered the workforce, they were still, secretary in first place, followed by registered nurses, elementary and middle school teachers, cashiers and retail salespersons," Douglas said. "Not a CEO or hedge fund manager in sight."

Douglas argued that the media does not accurately portray women's roles in society.

"Slithering just below the shiny mirage of power is the dark, sneaky serpent of sexism," Douglas explained. "The objectification of women is now fine."

Women also are portrayed as tyrannical if they are able to achieve power, Douglas said.

"Still despite everything, that pulses through our cul-

ture is the belief and the fear that one woman have power they turn into Cruella Deville. Evil, tyrannical, hated, unloved."

Another problem with the media's portrayal of women is the idea that women should find power from buying the right accessories, Douglas said.

"True power comes from shopping, having the right logos and being hot," Douglas said.

Douglas said women should come together to oppose what she saw as false portrayals.

"The only way women can straddle all this is to be super women. To pull back the curtain on fantasies of power. I say, girls, we are all in this together," Douglas said.

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“conservative,” he said. “We have been able to respond to crisis in an even keeled way.

Jenkins also congratulated the audience of staff members for making Notre Dame one of the top-10 universities to work for in the country.

He highlighted job satisfaction, employee benefits, quality facilities, safety and the employees’ commitment to the University’s mission as key factors in placing Notre Dame high on the list.

Jenkins said Eddy Street Commons is a development that will help to integrate the University into the South Bend

community.

“The Eddy Street Commons is a beautiful facility,” he said. “It is a bridge between campus and the city.”

He also said the University is continuing to work on the opening of Innovation Park, which he hopes will enhance the local economy.

In addition to these two initiatives, Jenkins said the University continues to work on the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization as well as the Robinson Community Learning Center as part of Notre Dame’s financial commitment to the community.

Affleck-Graves addressed the audience about the University’s economic situation.

He said last year was chal-

lenging, but also an opportunity for the University to demonstrate the strength of its community in the face of adversity.

“What was most gratifying was everybody pulled together to get us through,” Affleck-Graves said.

He said the University is not alone with its fiscal struggles, citing other top universities that are also feeling the effects of the crisis.

“In the industry of higher education, this is still a very difficult time,” he said.

Notre Dame’s endowment has decreased from \$7.18 billion to \$5.58 billion, and donor gifts are down 34 percent from the 2008 fiscal year to the 2009 fiscal year.

“People’s individual wealth is

down. Therefore giving is down,” Affleck-Graves said.

He said Notre Dame needs to remain vigilant about controlling costs and that job protection remains one of the University’s top priorities.

Affleck Graves said the University is also working on three initiatives to benefit its staff: ND Renew, ND Voice and Improve ND.

ND Renew is a project in its design phase that is headed by human resources. Its goal is to ensure that all employees have a market-competitive salary. Affleck-Graves said they hope to implement it in the spring semester.

The second program, ND Voice, solicits feedback from employees. Affleck-Graves said

there was a lot of positive feedback, but it also enabled the University to identify areas of improvement.

These include accountability, teamwork, and respect and fairness for all employees.

Improve ND, the third initiative, was a study conducted to gather feedback about University services, Affleck-Graves said.

He said the results were positive overall, but one key area they needed to make better was value and pricing.

“We (have to) explore how do we balance price, level of service, and the way we look after employees,” he said.

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Research

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and graduate school preparation and meaningful relationships with faculty, among others.

The new Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE) helps students through the research process.

“CUSE also sponsors the annual Undergraduate Scholars Conference and supports student academic journals and other symposia where students can present their intellectual work,” Lucero said.

This year’s research students are enthusiastic about the prospect of scholarly discovery.

James Masters, a senior chemistry major, is conducting his research on the transition of metal-catalyzed reactions of organic compounds.

Masters became interested in the topic after taking organic chemistry his sophomore year.

“I quickly realized that I wanted to perform groundbreaking research in the field,” Masters said. “It’s inspiring to think that our research may result in the synthesis of entirely new pharmaceuticals or in more efficient synthesis of existing pharmaceuticals.”

Eleanor Huntington, a senior who majors in History and Film, conducted research at the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Mbarara, Western Uganda, for her senior history honors thesis. She is writing her thesis on the Hutu Rwandese refugees following the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

“I wanted to learn more about the genocide after visiting the country during my 2008 fall study abroad program in Uganda,” she said.

Tim Reidy, a fifth-year architecture student, also chose to focus on Uganda as a subject of his research project. He plans on designing a marketplace for a town in northern Uganda.

Reidy visited Uganda for the third time this past summer.

“I would love to continue my work with Uganda, possibly through a Fulbright Fellowship [after graduation],” Reidy said.

Master, Huntington and Reidy all received funding for their studies. The University also often awards credit to students who participate in undergraduate research.

In addition to a grant proposal workshop held Wednesday, Undergraduate Research will hold a grant another workshop Wednesday, September 30, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The deadline for submitting fall research proposals is Friday, October 2.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico frees Indian woman

MEXICO CITY — An Indian market vendor whose kidnapping conviction sparked an international protest walked out of prison Wednesday after authorities decided not to contest an appeal of her 21-year sentence.

Jacinto Francisco Marcial's release was announced by the Mexico-based Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez human rights center, which has championed her defense.

Marcial served three years in prison after being convicted of kidnapping six federal agents.

Rights activists say her trial was full of irregularities, and that Marcial, an Otomi Indian, wasn't given access to an interpreter as required by law.

Fall election in Canada is unlikely

TORONTO — A fall election in Canada grew increasingly unlikely Wednesday after the opposition New Democratic party said it would prop up Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government long enough to pass legislation to help the unemployed.

The decision comes one day after the Bloc Quebecois party also said it would support Harper, and all but rules out an election this fall.

The main opposition Liberals have vowed to try to topple Harper's minority government in a no confidence vote and planned to introduce a no confidence vote in late September or early October. However, they need the support of one of the other opposition parties to topple the government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Students protest coal use on campus

COLUMBIA, Mo. — College students from Missouri to Oregon are urging their schools to stop using coal produced at campus power plants or purchased from private utilities in favor of cleaner energy sources ranging from wood chips to geothermal power.

On Wednesday, students at the University of Missouri and other campuses across the country mounted a Sierra Club-led Coal-Free Campus campaign. The campaign began the same day a group of college presidents rallied in Washington in support of clean energy legislation.

Student organizers said colleges have a societal obligation to reduce and eventually eliminate coal use in favor of renewable energy. At Missouri, the school used more than 48,000 tons of coal to generate electricity.

Woman spanks stranger's son

CINCINNATI — A woman took a stranger's toddler son over her knee and spanked him three times inside a Salvation Army store after he said something that annoyed her, police said Wednesday.

Gloria Ballard was arrested on an assault charge in the Tuesday incident. In a court appearance Wednesday, she asked for a public defender and a not guilty plea was entered for her. She was also ordered to stay away from 2-year-old Sean Goode and his mother, Donnay Jones.

Outside court, Ballard denied wrongdoing and said she gave the boy a hug and gently patted his backside because he was upset.

Jones said her son got spanked after Ballard told her she should make him behave.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana exam scores are under par

INDIANAPOLIS — State schools chief Tony Bennett wants a renewed commitment from parents, students and schools to improve test scores after results released Wednesday showed that about 70 percent of Indiana students passed their spring exams.

Bennett believes 90 percent of students should be passing the statewide tests in math and English, and said everyone involved with teaching children should take responsibility for the scores and act to improve them.

"I'm sympathetic to circumstances that affect a child's ability to learn, but that cannot stop us from having high expectations."

Anti-abortion activist remembered

James Puillon praised for his dedication to pro-life cause after his death

Associated Press

OWOSSO, Mich. — An anti-abortion activist gunned down in a drive-by shooting was praised Wednesday as an unwavering worker for his cause, even if some people didn't agree with his approach of holding a sign depicting a dead fetus.

More than 250 people, including family, friends and other activists, gathered at an Owosso football field to remember James Pouillon, who was shot last week while holding his sign at one of his usual spots across the street from the school.

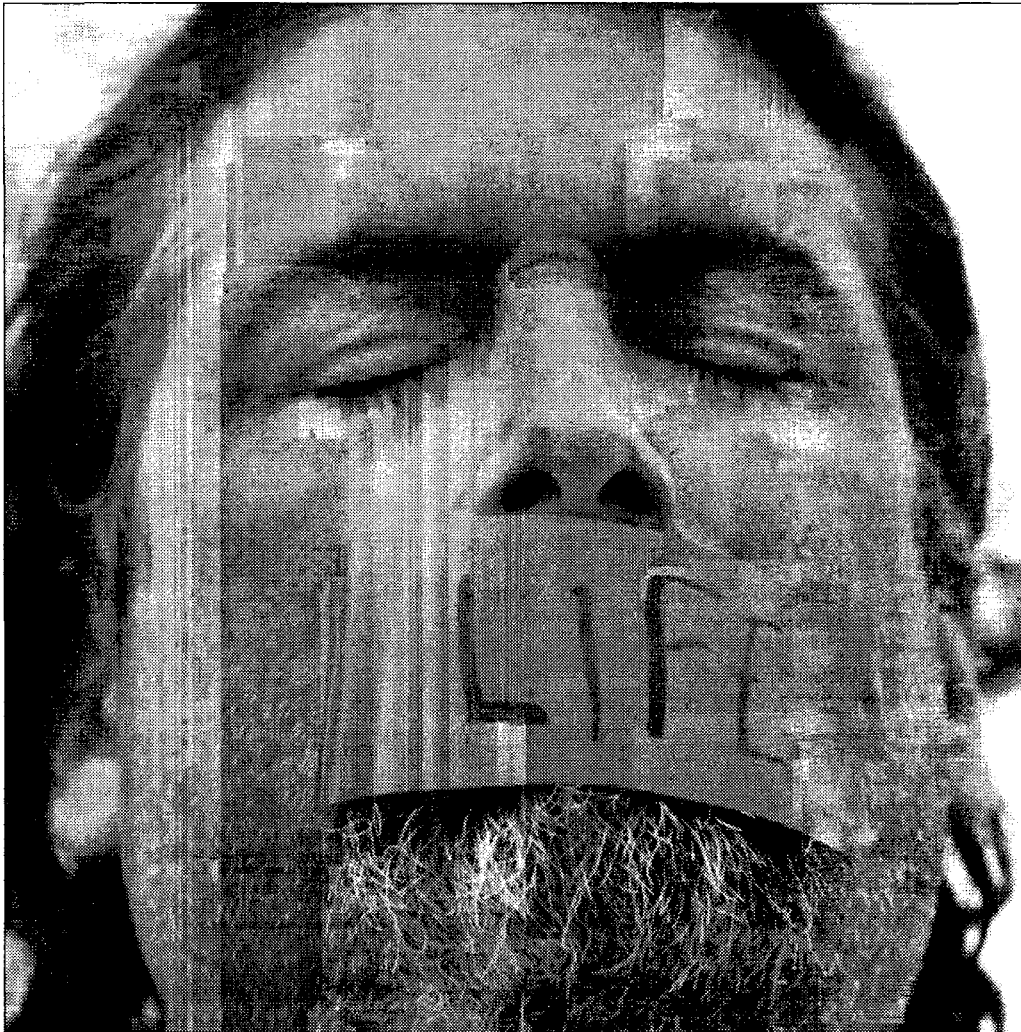
"You may not have agreed with his tactics or his methods. But you could not — not — miss his commitment or his passion," pastor David Knox of Abba's House, a local church, told those gathered at Willman Field. "Jim shouted to the world what he was living for."

Pouillon was the first of two people shot and killed Friday by 33-year-old trucker Harlan Drake, prosecutors said. Drake found Pouillon's methods irritating, especially when he'd protest near the high school, police said.

Drake is charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Pouillon and 61-year-old gravel company owner Mike Fuoss. Drake's family says he suffers from depression and was having trouble with his medicine.

Some of those who attended Wednesday's service here about 70 miles northwest of Detroit wore shirts emblazoned with anti-abortion messages.

The service was held at the stadium to accommodate the crowd, a decision some residents criticized. The Owosso Public Schools' leasing of the field to the funeral home that conducted the service for Pouillon was "strictly a contractual agreement," not an endorsement of his views, Superintendent Chris Hammill said.



Bud Churchill wears red tape over his mouth to remember anti-abortion protester James Pouillon, 63, who was killed in a drive-by shooting last week during a memorial Wednesday.

Matthew Trehwella, 49, and his wife Clara drove six hours from Milwaukee with nine of their 11 children. He last saw Pouillon in August at an abortion protest at the Woodward Dream Cruise, a popular event near Detroit that celebrates car culture.

"If every town had a Jim Pouillon in it, like Owosso did, abortion would be illegal," Trehwella said. "Most people play bingo at his age, but here he was using an oxygen tank and speaking for the unborn."

Officers from Owosso, the county sheriff's office and state police stood watch but there were no disturbances. Three trucks with anti-abortion messages and photos moved through the streets surrounding the stadium.

"Fortunately for us as a school district, even though this was a great community tragedy, things are back to normal," Hammill said. "Students are back in class. The kids are moving back into their normal routine."

For more than 20 years, Pouillon protested outside schools, City Hall, the library and even the athletic field where he was remembered. The Vietnam veteran's activism began in 1988 when he traveled to Atlanta to protest abortion, his daughter, Mary Jo Pouillon, said before the service.

Mary Jo Pouillon said she harbors no ill will toward Drake.

"He needs Jesus just like I do," she said. Her father's body was cremated earlier

this week.

Pastor Elmer Cox, of Church in the City in Lansing, began the service with a prayer and asked for forgiveness for Drake.

Some of those who attended the service later gathered outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in Owosso, holding up the types of signs that made Pouillon well-known here. The clinic does not perform abortions but it refers people to clinics that do.

"Peaceful protest is a hallmark of democracy, and violence should always be rejected regardless of political or social motivation at any time or location, and especially near a school," Lori Lamerand, president of Planned Parenthood of East Central Michigan, said.

SLOVAKIA

New language law creates tension

Associated Press

NOVE ZAMKY, Slovakia — In a borderless European Union that boasts 23 official languages, one member, Slovakia, has enacted a law that limits the use of the languages of some fellow EU members.

The extraordinary step has roots in animosities that go back to the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and has Slovakia's large Hungarian minority afraid of being pursued by the language police.

Slovakia was once part of Hungary and is home to a population of 520,000 ethnic Hungarians who complain of discrimination by the Slovak

government.

Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico has said the law does not apply to private individuals — only to officials and state institutions — but there are clear signs the legislation has started to affect everyday life.

"Some people are beginning to abuse this law," said Eva Szucs, a saleswoman at a shopping mall in Nove Zamky, a Slovak town with a large Hungarian population some 35 kilometers (21 miles) north of the border with Hungary.

Since the law came into force on Sept. 1, Szucs said she'd been involved in several incidents at her workplace. On one occasion, she was

at the cash register and speaking in Hungarian to one of the buyers when someone in line warned her about her choice of language.

"She said 'In Slovakia, Slovakian,'" recalled Szucs, adding that she had never before faced such problems since she started working at the mall in 1971.

The law, which took effect on Sept. 1, limits the use of Hungarian and Slovakia's other minority languages, in public and calls for fines of up to euro5,000 (\$7,300) for anyone "misusing" language. The terms of the law are ambiguous, and officials have yet to spell out what constitutes an infraction.

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Ph.D. from Indiana University in Bloomington. He is a lifelong Indiana resident and was born in Ft. Wayne, about two hours southeast of Notre Dame.

Pierce said he did not always plan to go into teaching, but that his career choice came down to a decision between two post-graduate paths.

"I'm here accidentally. We talk to students all the time about planning things and how to situate yourself for grad school. I did none of those things. I'm here by the grace of god," he said. "It came down between law school and grad school and I was more intrigued with graduate school and the exchange of ideas. I haven't regretted it."

This semester, Pierce is teaching a freshman University Seminar in Africana studies, which he will also teach in the spring. He said he is excited to help introduce Africana studies to a new group of Notre Dame students.

In the past, Pierce has taught both history and Africana Studies courses, and has tried to teach courses that include aspects of both subjects.

Pierce said of all the courses he has taught, he finds it difficult to choose a favorite one. For him, the courses he has most enjoyed teaching have more to do

with the students taking the class than with the subject matter.

"It's not about the content of the course, it's really about the students in the course," Pierce said. "The courses that are most memorable to me are the ones with the best students in the class."

In addition to teaching, Pierce is a fellow in the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, teaches in Notre Dame's Pre-College summer program, advises the Africana Studies Club, and is a member of the faculty board of athletics, where he serves as a liaison to the women's golf and basketball teams.

Pierce is also researching the history of corporal punishment in American families.

"Basically, what's the history of Americans spanking their kids?" Pierce said. "Why do we do it?"

Pierce has been conducting research over the past two years and hopes to eventually publish a book on the subject.

In his free time, Pierce enjoys playing golf and spending time with his three children. He also enjoys reading, but joked that reading has become less of a hobby since he started teaching.

"I used to love to read, but reading's my job now, by and large, so I had to come up with a new hobby," Pierce said.

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social workings and helped report on the discoveries.

What they found was a country of division.

"I think you really have to talk separately about the segment of the population that is strongly in support of the ousted president," he said. "The whole point of the kinds of human rights violations that we verified while there were designed and used in order to prevent effective vocalization and participation of his supporters."

The IACHR noted suppression of media outlets that reported on the coup, arbitrary detention of supporters and the use of undue military force in squashing demonstrations by the de facto government.

But another group of Hondurans had a different experience in the wake of the governmental upheaval.

"Outside of that, the population is — I won't say unaffected of course — but affected indirectly, but in very different way," Carozza said. "They are not only happy with transition, but quite convinced that it's for the benefit of social peace and tranquility and development."

And those opposing viewpoints make the conflict intractable, Carozza said.

"It is those people who support the ouster of President Zelaya that often don't see the kinds of abus-

es that are being made by the de facto authorities," he said. "They don't recognize the gravity of what's going on with a whole segment of the population."

During the trip, the IACHR sought to ensure that the de facto government was abiding by international obligations.

"Whether or not the people in power have constitutional legitimacy under the Honduran constitution, they

"The Honduran regime is not a regime of state terrorism. There are not large numbers of dead people, no secret detention facilities. What we found was something in the middle."

Pablo Carozza
Associate professor of law

The goal of the fact-finding was to publicize the situation in Honduras.

Carozza said the job of the IACHR was only to evaluate human rights violations stemming from the constitutional crisis so other international organizations can determine what steps, if any, should be taken in regards to the coup.

"The Honduran regime is not a regime of state terror-

ism. There are not large numbers of dead people, no secret detention facilities," he said. "What we found was somewhere in the middle."

As for the direction the country is heading, Carozza said it's hard to say — but all eyes are focused on the upcoming Honduran election, which will take place in November.

The key factor will be whether the elections are

conducted fairly. If they are, Carozza said some countries would feel they have to recognize the new government.

"In the status of the new government, the election will be key," he said.

Carozza said the country has suffered because of the divisions the

coup has caused.

"This is in the context of a country that is on the one hand, extremely beautiful, physically beautiful with beautiful people," he said. "But despite all of that, it's a country that's very poor, and regardless of where one allocates the blame, the sort of common good of country is suffering greatly because of conflict."

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IN BRIEF

Northrup Grumman CEO retiring

WASHINGTON — Northrop Grumman Corp. said Wednesday Ronald Sugar will step down as chairman and CEO at the end of the year, ahead of his retirement in June 2010.

Sugar, 61, will be succeeded as CEO by Northrop President and Chief Operating Officer Wesley G. Bush, 48, effective Jan. 1. Sugar will serve as chairman emeritus starting Jan. 1 and will continue to advise the company through June 30.

The company's board named lead independent director and DreamWorks Animation SKG President and Chief Financial Officer Lewis W. Coleman, 67, as non-executive chairman beginning Jan. 1.

Sugar joined Northrop following its 2001 acquisition of Litton Industries Inc., and was elected chairman and CEO in 2003. Bush, who joined the company in 1987, was named president in May 2006 and COO in March 2007. He will join Northrop's board, effective immediately.

Consultant Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute said Sugar's departure is one of many recent exits by top figures in the defense industry as the sector prepares for a few tough years ahead.

Scott Carson stepped down last month as head of Boeing Co.'s commercial airplane division. Walt Havenstein, president and CEO of the U.S. subsidiary of British defense conglomerate BAE Systems PLC, resigned in June to become CEO of Science Applications International Corp.

Judge may limit speakers in hearing

NEW YORK — A New York judge says about 400 submissions were filed with his chambers prior to a hearing on a hotly disputed class-action settlement that would give Google Inc. the digital rights to millions of out-of-print books.

Federal Judge Denny Chin said Wednesday he may have to limit the number of speakers and how long each can speak at an Oct. 7 fairness hearing for the settlement in Manhattan.

He said anyone who wishes to speak must submit a request in writing by Monday at googlebookcase(at)nysd.uscourts.gov. Those permitted to speak will be notified by e-mail by Sept. 25.

Ex-Kmart CEO admits mistakes

Conaway regrets actions taken in an attempt to avoid million-dollar penalties

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A former Kmart Corp. CEO said Wednesday that he made mistakes while leading the discount retailer that he wouldn't make again but didn't profit from its collapse into bankruptcy.

Charles Conaway testified in federal court as part of an effort to avoid millions of dollars in penalties for misleading investors about Kmart's financial health in 2001. He said he tried to act in Kmart's best interests before its January 2002 bankruptcy filing.

"I've made plenty of mistakes and there are a number of things I would do differently," Conaway said. He said he spent too much time in stores trying to drive improvements for customers and didn't work closely enough with Kmart's chief legal counsel.

The Securities and Exchange Commission accused Conaway of failing to disclose Kmart was delaying payments to suppliers to save cash, months before the bankruptcy filing. In June, a federal jury in Ann Arbor found him liable in a civil trial.

Earlier in the day, SEC lawyer Alan Lieberman told the court Conaway would have been fired "for cause" and not been entitled to a \$5 million retention loan if the truth about Kmart's finances has been known at the time. He said Conaway got \$24 million in compensation for leading Kmart.

The civil trial's penalty hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Pepe resumes Thursday. Conaway last month asked the judge to throw out the jury's verdict, but Pepe hasn't ruled on that request.

Thomas Stallkamp, a member of Kmart's board and chairman of its finance committee at the time, testified that board members didn't know the truth



The SEC wants Kmart CEO Charles Conaway to pay millions of dollars for misleading investors about the retailer's financial health before its bankruptcy in 2001.

about Kmart's finances leading up to the bankruptcy filing. He said it was fall of 2002 before they learned details.

"We felt that we were misled by information that Chuck gave us," Stallkamp said.

The SEC had asked the judge earlier this year to order \$22.5 million in penalties, but has lowered its request to about \$13.5 million. Kmart's board forgave a \$5 million loan to Conaway when he departed in March 2002, and the SEC is seeking that amount, a fine and interest. The SEC earlier had said Kmart paid \$3.88 million in tax liabilities associated with the loan, but that amount wasn't paid.

Conaway's lawyers say

that's still excessive. They say the maximum penalty under SEC rules is \$60,000.

Besides seeking money, the SEC wants Conaway barred from serving as an officer or director at a publicly traded company.

Three businessmen who have worked with Conaway testified Wednesday as character witnesses, saying Conaway should be able to serve in that capacity. Conaway said it was unlikely that he would be asked to do that, but he promised to abide by SEC rules.

"I would in no way, shape or form be on the wrong side of any securities regulation again," he said.

The trial centered on a

conference call with analysts and Kmart's quarterly report to regulators in November 2001. The SEC accused Conaway of failing to disclose an ill-timed purchase of \$800 million in merchandise and that Kmart was delaying payments to suppliers to save cash.

Conaway testified at trial that he didn't write or read the report and relied on his chief financial officer and others. And on Wednesday, he noted that Kmart warned investors ahead of the filing in a press release that its financial condition was worsening.

"This is as serious as it gets," Conaway said in describing the early January 2002 statement.

Trumka becomes new AFL-CIO president

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Richard Trumka, who rose from the coal mines of Pennsylvania to the top ranks of America's labor movement, took the helm of the AFL-CIO on Wednesday, ushering in a more aggressive style of leadership and vowing to revive unions' sagging membership rolls.

The first new AFL-CIO president in 14 years, Trumka pledged to make the labor movement appeal to a new generation of workers who perceive unions as "only a grainy, faded picture from another time."

"We need a unionism that makes sense to the next generation — young women and men who either don't have the money to go to college or are almost penniless by the time

they come out," Trumka told hundreds of cheering delegates at a speech at their annual convention.

Trumka, 60, a charismatic, former head of the United Mine Workers, embraced the challenge of rebuilding union ranks that have fallen from a high of 35 percent in the 1950s to just 12.4 percent today.

It's a feat his predecessor, John Sweeney, failed to accomplish as the U.S. continued to lose millions of manufacturing jobs and employers grew more resistant to union organizers.

Trumka insisted that unions remain the best way to lift workers into the middle class during a time of economic turmoil. He said the growing number of Americans working as temps, contractors and telecom-

muters are "walking a tightrope without a net" as they work for low wages, no health care and little job security.

"Even though it wasn't the labor movement that got us into this mess, we are the people who are going to lead America out of it," he declared.

Trumka plans to be a more vocal and visible spokesman for labor's cause than Sweeney was. That includes more events, more public speaking and more TV and radio appearances.

Trumka said he would organize a "strike force" of 1,000 organizers. He also urged union members to help President Barack Obama fight for health care reform — so long as it includes a government option to compete with private insurers.

Inmate 'traumatized' after failed execution

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — The lawyer for an inmate whose execution was halted after an unprecedented two hours said trying to put him to death again in a week could be a disaster.

Romell Broom is still recovering from Tuesday's prolonged execution attempt and is physically and emotionally traumatized, his attorney, Adele Shank, said Wednesday.

"It went so badly when he was walking in without injured veins, to go forward so soon afterward just seems to be inviting disaster," Shank said.

Gov. Ted Strickland's decision to stop Tuesday's execution and grant a one-week reprieve appeared to be unprecedented since capital punishment was declared constitutional and the nation resumed executions in the 1970s.

Inmates in several states have experienced delays with the injection of lethal chemicals, but those executions have always proceeded the same day.

Shank said one option was to ask Strickland to consider a request for clemency and to commute Broom's sentence.

Strickland said he is reviewing the incident and consulting with prison officials and others about the next step.

"That does not mean there will be a review of the larger issue of lethal injections," Strickland said Wednesday. "That's been settled. Obviously yesterday demonstrated that we have a problem with this particular set of circumstances."

A prison log released Wednesday blamed Broom's past drug use for problems finding a usable vein.

The log indicates that execu-

tioners made the observation at 3:11 p.m., more than an hour after first trying to find a vein.

"Medical team having problem maintaining an open vein due to past drug use," said the log reviewed by The Associated Press.

Broom said at one point he was a heavy heroin user, but then said at another time that he wasn't, prisons spokeswoman Julie Walburn said Wednesday.

Shank said she was unaware of any such drug use.

"If there's such a thing, it's got to be at least 25 years old," she said. "I don't think it should be having an impact at this late date."

Broom, 53, has been placed in a cell in the infirmary at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville where he is on close watch similar to the constant observation of death row inmates in the three days before an execution.

"It was the right place to keep him," Walburn said. "The less we can transport an offender, the better."

Death row inmates are housed in a Youngstown prison and executed in the death chamber at Lucasville. There's no precedent for housing an inmate whose execution didn't work.

The night before his scheduled execution, Broom told his brother over the phone that he was ready to die.

"He is tired of being in prison and having people tell him what to do everyday," according to the prison log.

Broom was sentenced to die for the rape and slaying of a 14-year-old Tryna Middleton after abducting her in Cleveland in September 1984 as she walked home from a Friday night football game with two friends.

Sniper mastermind's execution date set

Associated Press

RICHMOND — A Virginia judge on Wednesday set a Nov. 10 execution date for John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 dead.

Prince William County Circuit Judge Mary Grace O'Brien picked a Tuesday for the execution so that courts would be open the day before in case of any last-minute legal appeals.

Jonathan Sheldon, Muhammad's attorney, said Muhammad would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and ask Gov. Timothy M. Kaine for clemency.

Muhammad was sentenced to death for the slaying of Dean Meyers, who was shot at a Manassas gas station during a three-week killing spree in October 2002 that left 10 dead in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

He and his teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, were also suspected of shootings in several other states, including a killing in Louisiana and another in Alabama. Malvo is serving life in prison.

Meyers' brother, Robert

Meyers of Perkiomenville, Pa., said the setting of an execution date has served as something of a "reality check" for a death sentence that was imposed more than five years ago.

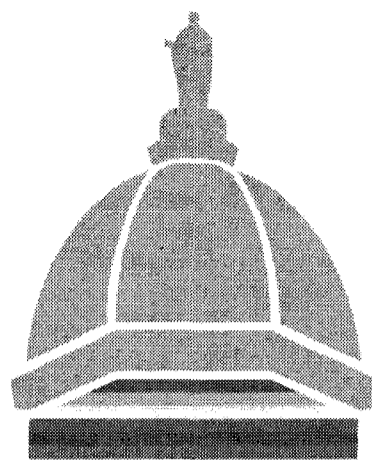
"We're not bloodthirsty people. It's not like we can't wait for this to happen," he said in a phone interview. "But there's a debt to society. And it's been determined in the right way — not by vigilantism — that this is the action to be taken."

A federal appeals court last month rejected Muhammad's argument that prosecutors withheld critical evidence and that he never should have been allowed to act as his own attorney for a portion of his trial because he was too mentally impaired.

The attorney general's office declined to comment Wednesday.

Cheryll Witz said she wants to witness the execution personally. Her father, Jerry Taylor, was shot and killed by Malvo on a Tucson, Ariz., golf course in March 2002 at Muhammad's direction.

"It's definitely about justice," she said. "The death penalty is the only justice for him."



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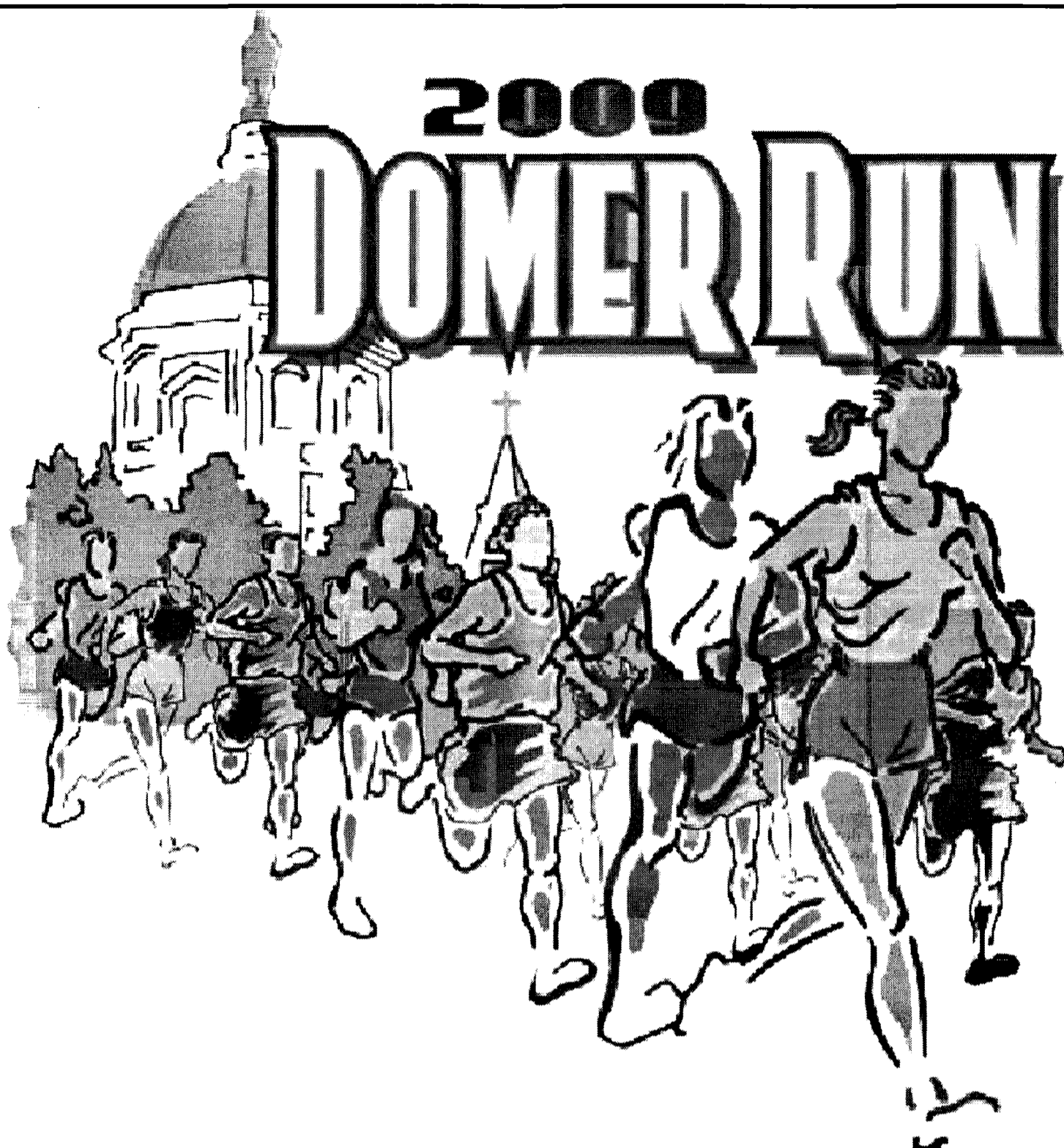
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Graffiti

It seems a different world on the 13th floor of the library. But it isn't.

In the southeast corner, before the window, behind the pillar, at the desk, on the last day of the semester, I find myself staring at the graffiti left by generations. I run my fingers over the letters etched into the wood, grasping to comprehend what drove them to this.

The authors seem not to have known whether they were having a heated argument or an existential crisis: "Limitations exist only within the human mind," insists one; "Man has failed to become what God meant him to be," responds another; "Rage, rage against the dying of the light," concludes a third. There is a desperation to all of it, as though they felt that here, where they were closest to God, there was more at stake — that what they etched into the wood would have to be worthy of endurance into distant ages.

Their inscriptions are insights of a sort — revelations into the nature of things, into the machinery of reality at the heart of the world. But it is difficult to scratch the surface of mere appearance, difficult to the point of tragedy, and I cannot shake the feeling that, even given their desperation, the insights that the generations have etched into the wood are shallow — and that those generations etched deeply because, deep down, they knew this.

But what they did not realize, perhaps, is that the table is itself graffiti, as is the library in which it stands: both are just the products of their

builders trying to come to terms with an indifferent world. And they themselves, like all of us, are in this sense graffiti as well, since we are just the products of the previous generation trying to come to terms with the world — a generation that passed back into that world in time.

We know this, deep down — that we are mortal, and therefore with limit. That we in turn will pass back into the world, just as our parents did, revealing that we were part of it all along — that the distinction we draw between ourselves and the world is, ultimately, something of a falsification. That there is a kind of unity to things, even if this is difficult to admit. That it seems a different world on the 13th floor of the library, but it isn't.

Whether this insight is trivial or not, I do not know. Perhaps every insight is trivial when compared with some other — even this one. Perhaps, when we scratch the surface of mere appearance, we reveal only deeper appearance. Perhaps underneath the surface of the wood is only more wood. And perhaps my race to understand the world is thus a pursuit that cannot end — for after every answer, there is another question. Truth runs ever ahead, alluring and elusive. And I will die before I catch it.

If any insight is nontrivial, it is this one. Wittgenstein wrote that "The real discovery is the one which enables me to stop doing philosophy when I want to. The one that gives philosophy peace, so that it is no longer tormented by questions" — even questions as silly as that of asking what graffiti can tell me about myself, about the world and my place in it. For this question, like all questions, is itself graffiti: it is

my desperate attempt to come to terms with a world that cares little for whether I ever understand it, for whether I learn at last how to live in peace as a part of it. The irony is that I can achieve this kind of understanding only when I learn to stop my relentless pursuit of it: the last insight, perhaps, is into just how little insight can achieve.

But to see clearly, to accept the world for what it is, is easier said than done. We are born running after understanding and, like our parents, we will in time bear children who do the same. Generations run after truth and, save for a few sages and saints, they meet their end before they learn to stand still. They etch their desperate marks into the world because they see this end: trapped by the limitations of the human mind, they fail to become what God meant them to be and rage, rage against the dying of the light. The generations see their end, and they fear it. And I myself am no less afraid.

It is therefore difficult to deal with the ends of things — with riding the elevator as high as it goes, for instance. Or trying to come to terms with what a semester has meant, imposing a narrative even onto a table among the clouds.

Let this be my graffiti.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle."

Ken Hakuta
American inventor

Attention ESPN: Fantasy football as a metaphor for life

"Write about fantasy football," my 13-year-old told me, with all the confidence that comes from being an eighth grader with his own team in his uncle's fantasy league.

"Fantasy football? For the Faithpoint column?" I'm sure I sounded as doubtful as I looked.

Undeterred, he continued. "It'll be great, mom. You can write about how your team needs to be balanced, just like your life. How you can't only care about one position, or one part of your life. You have to take care of it and pay attention to it."

So I did a little research. I checked out NFL.com and ESPN.com. It became clear to me that for some, fantasy football has become a way to address seemingly endless amounts of free time apparently begging to be sucked away by blogging about positions, trades, breakouts and projections.

Now here I am, pretending to write a column about sports to try to grab readers who would usually breeze right past a column about faith and spirituality. But

as my husband pointed out to my son, such a column still isn't going to interest everyone — what about the people who don't care about fantasy football (insert blank look of 13-year-old incomprehension here)?

Whatever the reason you're still reading this, as my son pointed out, your team needs to be balanced, so I propose that you ask yourself this question: "What, in my life, seems to take up inordinate amounts of my time right now?" The answer may be fantasy football, or it may be something else. Maybe, after you finish studying, you spend your free hours exercising, or playing internet poker, or volunteering, or texting, or visiting with your friends, or going to parties, or a little of each of these. Maybe — hopefully — you spend some of your time attending to the call of your faith in Jesus Christ, through service, worship, private prayer or study. Time itself is a gift from God — just look at the way we talk about it. We "spend" our time, as if it were a valuable commodity to release with care. We lament the events which "waste" our time and seek out many varieties of "time savers."

However it's disguised, this truly is a

column about our faith in our lives, and because I really do believe it's true, I can tell you that believing, practicing and participating in a life of faith is the most valuable way we can spend our time. At Notre Dame, we do that primarily through the Catholic Christian tradition, while we welcome and support anyone of other faith traditions in their spiritual growth as well. Does this mean that all we do with our free time is pray, or read the Bible, or go to Mass? No, but if I'm going to balance my team (or my day) I need to make the important stuff my top priority. Our prayer, our reflections on and study of Scripture, and our participation in the Eucharist should deeply influence the choices we make throughout each day.

So if prioritizing and integrating our faith into our daily choices is so essential, why does it seem so easy to get hooked on Wii games, or reality TV, or fantasy football, while reading the Bible or going to Mass or participating in faith-sharing groups can seem ... well, boring? Without getting into the ways the entertainment industry has managed to drown out all the other sounds of our environment, I would challenge you to

remember that the easiest, most obvious options before us aren't necessarily the ones we're called to choose. Try walking over to the Grotto or having a serious conversation about your faith with a person you admire. It may provide a surprisingly welcome hit of instant gratification, one which will last longer and affect us more deeply than we had imagined.

If we really can make any significant connections between fantasy football and life (and I'm not sure that I'm convinced of that), then as my son told me, "you have to take care of it and pay attention to it." Our Lord is waiting to help us attend to every aspect of who we are, what we hold dear, and how we spend the valuable gift of our time. And that's not just a fantasy; it's the most important reality of our lives.

This week's Faith Point is written by Kate Barrett. Kate Barrett is the director of the Emmaus program in Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grotto, a place of silence

One of my earliest memories at Notre Dame is a trip I took to the Grotto with my RA and fellow freshmen after my dorm's first Mass. My RA told us that he had gone just about every Sunday since arriving at Notre Dame, and explained that the Grotto was the one place he felt he could peacefully and silently pray and reflect. I have since returned to the Grotto nearly every Sunday night, and have come to call the area my favorite spot on campus.

When asked why, I simply say that it is where I feel close to God and that I have never found a quieter or more holy place at the University. I am writing to respectfully request that our campus community continues to honor the silent reverence of the Grotto.

Dating back to last spring, a group of students has begun to gather at night at the Grotto to pray the Rosary aloud, and I direct this letter to this group. While I wholeheartedly support your devotion to the Blessed Mother, I hope that you can understand that your increased devotion has come at the cost of the frustration of many others who visit the Grotto expecting silence. In my own recent trips, I have often found myself unable to focus, and I no longer find the serenity I once expected. As a friend, classmate, and fellow Domer, I ask that you please relocate your nightly devotion out of respect for the campus community.

If you wish to continue praying aloud at the Grotto, the Rosary is said daily at 6:45 p.m. Otherwise, please seek out a campus Chapel and help maintain the quiet prayer life of the Grotto. As the Campus Ministry and Liturgy Commissioner for Knott Hall, I would be glad to help arrange for you to use our Chapel. Most importantly, I hope you know that I fully support a healthy prayer life, and I greatly respect your intentions. All I ask is that you help others to maintain their prayer traditions as well.

Sincerely,

Michael Croteau
Senior
Knott Hall
Sept. 15

A class act

Dear Members of the Troubadours Glee Club,

Tuesday night I went to see you perform at the Dome at midnight. I and others were excited to see and hear you for nearly 30 minutes of harmonized excellence. I really would like to compliment the style with which you displayed yourselves for those first moments. I thought that style was present in all you did, but I was wrong. When you called all the seniors into the middle we thought it was to do a special performance, but much to our dismay, it was to smoke.

Really? For the classy Glee Club, you were going to smoke in the middle of your performance? Don't you know smoking ruins your singing voices, and can kill all of those around you? It was not cool or something for the underclassmen to look forward to. Needless to say, I did not want to breathe it in, and felt disappointed with such conduct, and so I and many others left. I would like to come to more performances, but would rather be in a smoke-free environment. Please don't make those around you suffer.

I hope you will continue the tradition of performances around campus for the students, but I hope you will leave the smoking behind.

From a Disappointed Fan,

Clara Ritger
alumnus
freshman
Sept. 16

Haiti Program awareness

Highlighting the good work accomplished by the NTD program in Molly Madden's article "Program Works to Combat Diseases," it is necessary to note that it is but a component of the Haiti Program here at Notre Dame.

The Haiti Program is a disease elimination program established in 1999 by Fr. Tom Streit, the familiar Common Human disease instructor who researches for over half of the year in Haiti. The program originated in response to the 10 percent of Haitian individuals afflicted by lymphatic filariasis, a debilitating disease that is only prevalent in areas with very poor sanitation, that is to say areas of extreme poverty.

With the help of a grant from the Gates Foundation, it now combats all 13 of the Neglected Tropical Diseases listed by CDC. The freshmen-led NTD initiative is a great new addition to this already storied yet little recognized humanitarian program here at Notre Dame.

Brianna McGuire
junior
Farley Hall
Sept. 15

CDs or Tapes?

The proudest moment I had this past Saturday in Ann Arbor was watching our players walk off the field without first going to the band to sing the Alma Mater. This was the first time in my four years here at Notre Dame that I have seen the football team collectively recognize and respond to the gravity of the loss.

Over the past four years I've witnessed a mediocre (at best) team snap our 43 year winning streak against them, watched our team lay a goose egg at home while allowing one of our biggest rival to score 38 points and brave arctic/inhuman weather conditions only to see us lose our last home game to one of the arguable worst college football teams of the last five years.

And after every one of these embarrassing losses I had to watch our football team be forced to sing a song in order to appease those of us who think everything will be okay if we just smile and pat each other on the back. While the loss against Michigan wasn't embarrassing in the same way as the previously mentioned games, it definitely hurt more. It was a crucial game for the direction of our program. And to be so close to victory only to fall 11 seconds (or nine depending on who's reffing) short is more than disappointing.

It was devastating. I thought I was going to barf when I saw Forcier throw that last pass. When that clock ran clicked down to zero and 110,000 people started celebrating, the last thing I felt like doing was grabbing some stranger next to me and joining in a chorus of Kum Ba Yah.

I appreciated knowing that the football team felt the same way. I know there will be critics out there that will say, "But Cameron, WE ARE (clap clap) ND (clap clap)!" To them I say, shut up. We're still ND whether we celebrate it immediately after a loss or not. I love Notre Dame and I love our football program. I find it ridiculous that after such an important game there are some of us who want to berate our team for not being your personal singing and dancing monkey.

I'm glad the team knows there are more important things at hand like putting an end to Sparty's good fortune in South Bend.

Go Irish. Beat Spartans. Please.

Cameron Randle
senior
off campus
Sept. 16

Muse resists too much in THE RESISTANCE

By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

Despite having a large following in most of the world, Muse is yet to crack into the United States mainstream. "The Resistance", their fifth studio album, continues Muses' legacy of transcending musical genres to create something entirely unique. Muse can easily be called a neo-classical, space rock, electronica, alternative band and their latest album continues in that vein, adding even a hint of jazz to their already expansive genre fusion list.

Still regardless of this authentic sound it wasn't until this past weekend that Muse first performed on American television

during the Video Music Awards. Adding further fuel to the growing fire that has become Muse fandom, "Twilight" author Stephanie Meyer has often stated that Muse is one of her favorite bands and that they helped

inspire her while she was writing her novels. Though this may seem discouraging to many in their appreciation of Muse, their fan base has steadily grown thanks to "Twilight" fans or "Twiheads" as they are sometimes called in Internet communities.

Muse's latest doesn't appear to try to woo in new fans, instead the album is filled with six-minute tracks containing heavy vocals and allusions to literary works, as well as a concluding symphony with the added instrumentation of 40 more string performers. The excitement doesn't end there as Muse has continued their philosophical questioning of existence and now provided listeners with additional political speculation and intrigue. There is so much packed into this album that no review could possibly scrape the surface of every aspect.

"Uprising," the first single of the album, is very traditional Muse, which is to say it takes very much from their previous sound. Though "The Resistance" seems significantly tamer than any of the four previous albums it is significantly more musical. In concert, this song will no doubt be a thrill for attendees thanks to the shouts of "Oi" during the chorus.

The album's second song, "Resistance,"

is a direct reference to the relationship of Winston and Julia from the Orwellian novel "1984." With lyrics such as "Love is our resistance" and "You'll wake the thought police," this connection seems pretty simple to make. With Matthew Bellamy singing earnestly at the top of his lungs about love, it's very easy to believe the band's thrill and passion.

Another standout from "The Resistance" is the track "United States of Eurasia." With plenty of falsetto, Muse successfully recreates a very Queen-like track. The slow buildup of the song and explosion into an Arabian synthesizer piano mixture is well put together and crafts an original Eurasian sound that Freddie Mercury would no doubt have appreciated.

The album concludes with the three-

track 13-minute symphony concerning attempts at population of the universe by humanity. "Exogenesis: Symphony" works the best as far as pushing the envelope of the band's previous efforts. Combining Muse's many genres with a 40 performer orchestra elevates their craft to another level

altogether. Emotion drifts in and out with every note, thusly if humanity does leave earth, this should be their soundtrack. Sadness and excitement fill the symphony as it changes and shifts genres generating a truly powerful conclusion to this latest album.

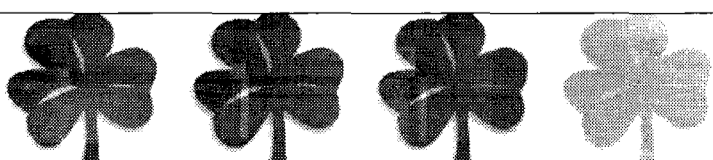
Overall, "The Resistance" is a bit of a disappointment. Muse simply rocks a lot less in this album. The music is amazing yet every time when a song gains momentum and explodes into a terrific guitar solo, it ends far too quickly. Instead of pursuing the buildup and growing more powerful as the track goes forward, it seems as though Muse pulls back and retracts all of their buildup. Other tracks simply do not reach their potential, it seems as though Muse is holding themselves back in order to appear more creative when sometimes all they actually need is to rock out, be it on guitar or piano. They are creative and their music is terrific but Muse can still reach greater heights. This isn't a perfect album, it isn't a game changing musical masterpiece but it is a great album with plenty of great tracks, lyrics, quandaries and beats.

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The Resistance Muse

Studio: Warner Music UK Limited

Recommended Tracks: "Uprising," "MK Ultra," "Exogenesis"



By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Singer/songwriter and Michigan native Brendan Benson has probably become most well known as Jack White's wingman in The Raconteurs, although he had three intelligent and innovative, as well as critically acclaimed, solo albums before joining the quartet. "My Old, Familiar Friend," his newly released album, spotlights for the first time his ability to shine solo, illuminating a unique voice that was seemingly only stifled by White, no offense to indie's warbling demigod. Benson brings this effortless voice to this latest solo act, one that could be nearly as haunting as Rufus Wainwright if not for his decidedly buoyant sound. This venture also seems far more finessed than his earlier works, and nods not only to 1970's rock with analog production, layered vocals and ELO synths, but also to 50's beach cruising tunes, 80's hard guitar and 90's hooks and pace.

"My Old, Familiar Friend" is full of dynamic and clever- yet clear- lyrics that the songsmith focuses on personal quests, that vary between love (gained and lost) and lust, settling and ambition. His witty writing deals with these issues with a wink and a smile, like on the melancholy track "Garbage Day," that has lyrics like, "And if she throws her heart away / I'll be there on garbage day." This cohesive style begs the question of who the real storyteller was in The Raconteurs.

"A Whole Lot Better," the first track, is a bouncy organ riff that for the first few seconds sounds like it's straight off of a Raconteurs album. Then it segues into something that has that 90's pace and catchy pop-rock sound that calls back to Elvis Costello and other Brits like The Kinks, with a sprinkling of the Americana blues and motown his previous band seemed to favor. Lyrics, "I fell in love with you / And out of love with you / And back in love with you / All in the same day," seem to echo the swoop of a melody that is almost sure to incite an infectious Snoopy dance.

Added wisdom from Benson's new-



found notoriety peeks through in his lyrics, for instance, the somber "You'll Make A Fool Out of Me" shows how a lover can belittle and exploit fame at the same time.

Similarly, "Poised and Ready" shows his eager yet apprehensive feelings towards fame and success with lyrics, "And people you once trusted / Are now looking so disgusted / And they're waiting anxiously / For you to fall."

"Feel Like Taking You Home" has a steady disco, dance floor beat that would have Madonna envious. It moves along with an eerie, fast

pace that creates a nervous atmosphere — in a good way. Opposite of that is the rumbling drum storm "Don't Wanna Talk" that turns sunny pop anthem that could be straight off

the "Clueless" soundtrack, which of course, is so like totally 1995. Benson's range on the album is risky for sure — it could come off schizophrenic, but it's a bet that pays off since the songs somehow reflect off each other like a musical prism, one that catches your ear with unique contemporary spins on previous musical milestones.

Benson was asked to sing vocals on "Free & Freaky" for the Stooges'

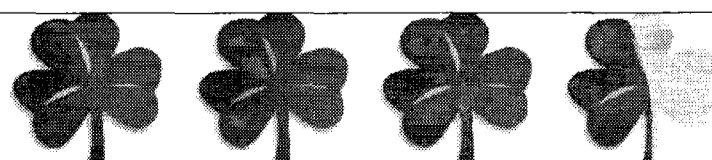
2007 album, "The Weirdness," and Iggy Pop has been quoted as saying, "I wanted a sweet, clean, effortless American voice on that particular chorus, and Brendan had the voice." Brendan Benson's vocal showcasing "My Old, Familiar Friend" is a pop rock gem in a "blink and you'll miss it" kind of way. There is no doubt — the dude is talented, but the question that remains is if he can capture the same kind of success as a solo artist that he had with The Raconteurs.

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My Old, Familiar Friend Brendan Benson

Studio: The Echo Label LTD/ Agile Badger Inc

Recommended Tracks: "Don't Wanna Talk," "A Whole Lot Better," "Feel Like You Home"



Living Nickelodeon at DPAC

By CONOR ROGERS
Scene Writer

When most people hear the word "nickelodeon" they think of "Hey Arnold!" or people getting slimed. However, before the hit television network, the term had an entirely different meaning. Nickelodeons were small theaters in America during the early 20th century. The etymology of its name comes from the cost of admission — one nickel (although most of them actually charged a dime).

The nickelodeon fostered the growth of moving pictures which at that time were still in an infancy state. Many people often think of nickelodeons as predecessors to our present day movie theaters, i.e. Cinemark 14 or Loew's. This is true in some respects. The nickelodeon was a popular leisure time activity for the middle class and could often constitute a weekend's entertainment. People would often bring popcorn and other delicious goodies into the theater as well.

This is where the similarities between nickelodeons and current movie theaters end. In movie theaters today, a typical presentation consists of previews for upcoming films followed by a two-hour-long feature length film. That was not the case in the early 1900's. A typical show consisted of short films accompanied by one or more musicians.

But what few people know is what took place between these short films — illustrated songs. In the time between short films (presumably while a technician was changing reels) audiences were entertained by illustrated songs. While the music played, glass slides were projected onto the screen to give the audience visual entertainment. These slides also encouraged the audience to sing along.

The discovery of these slides is due in large part to the work of film scholar Rick Altman. Altman was one of the first to realize that the early nickelodeons were not just movie theaters, but rather multimedia theaters. I personally had the opportunity to ask him about some of his work and how he made such a fortunate discovery.

Altman attended Duke University for his undergraduate studies. He claims that at that point, "films weren't really my thing." It was not until graduate school at Yale where he felt a stronger pull toward cinema. While spending a year studying abroad in Paris, Altman attended the cinema with his wife regularly. As they became more and more avid moviegoers, they started to look for older movies. "We were looking for things that we hadn't seen before. Things that we heard were good because people had written about them," Altman said.

In a film club at Yale, he began reading older articles about the film history and film theory. Some articles mentioned "illuminated songs" but never explained what they were. Puzzled, Altman began some research. He soon discovered that these were glass slides that accompanied each line of the song with the goal of getting audiences engaged in the song.

Unfortunately most of these glass slides had been discarded as junk shortly after feature films began to dominate the cinema. Even the Library of Congress, stockpile of all things cultural, did not have any of these slides in its archives. Through a stroke of good luck, Altman was able to locate a plethora of 20,000 slides thanks to the Bergh sisters in Minneapolis, Minn. He claims he was extremely lucky to find such an incredible amount of slides that might otherwise have been thrown in the trash.

With the discovery of these slides, Altman continued his foray into the area of film sound. It is important to note that before Altman there was virtually nothing written about film sound. Even film theory itself was still young.

Altman now aims to show audiences these illuminated songs in "The Living Nickelodeon." This project is aimed at recreating the early theater experience for audiences. It promises to be a show unlike any other.

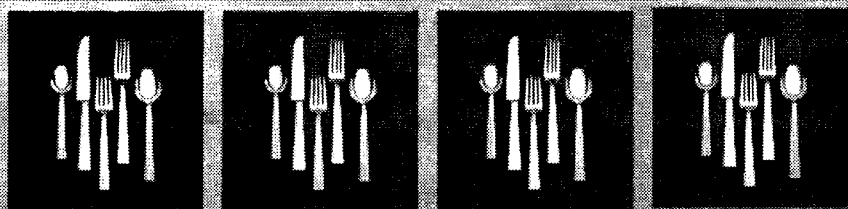
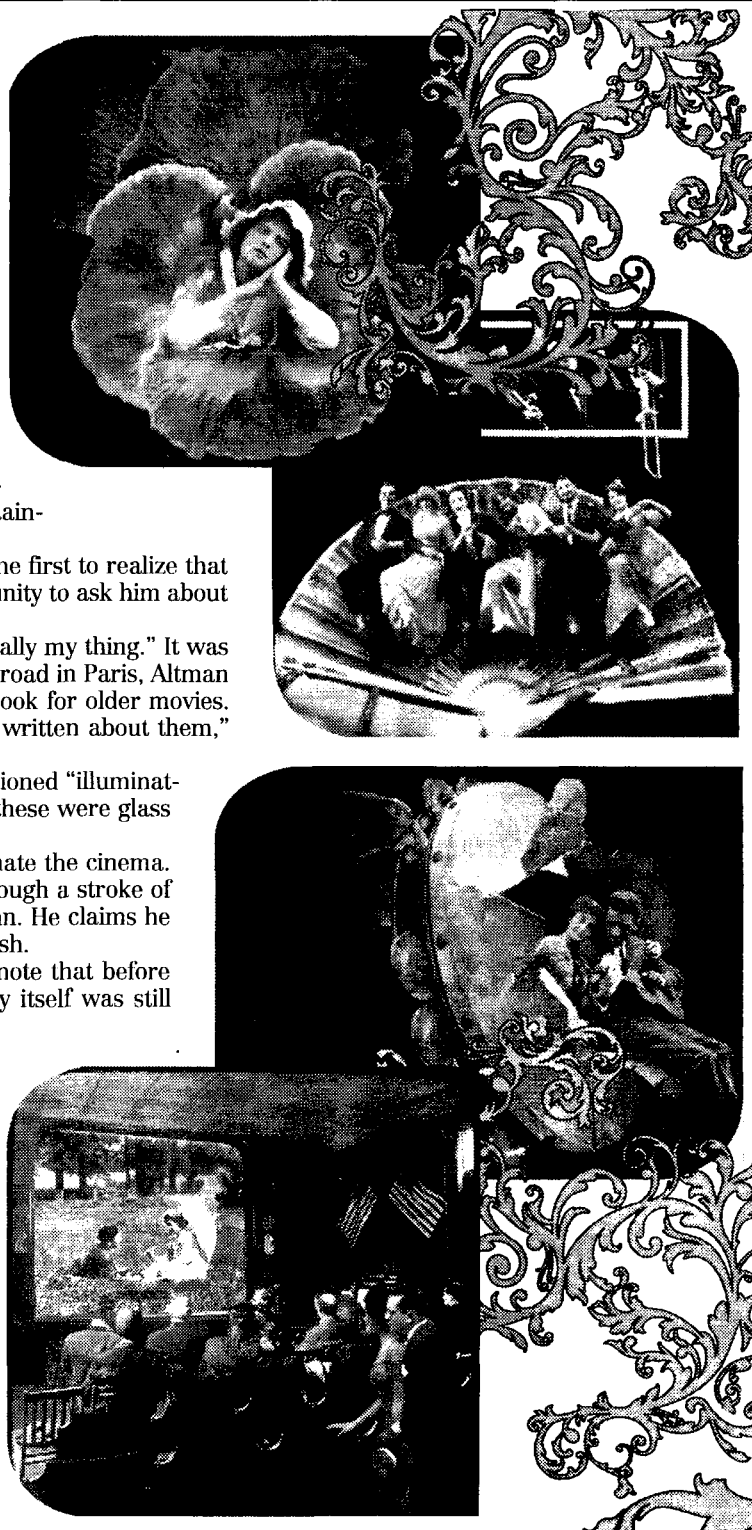
I had the opportunity to ask Rick a few more questions. I asked him about the lack of interest in older films among college students. He laughs and tells me "I'll have students who tell me, 'I love classic movies ... like 'Star Wars.''" He continues, "Well, I think some films take a little background to explain, but it's up to the professors to select films that will get students really excited. With the right plot and the right characters, you can get almost any audience excited."

I also inquired as to where he thinks the future of film is headed. His main interest is in the extras now available on DVD. He says, "We are very lucky to have all these extra available to us, particularly short films. I think that as people do more digging, a lot of stuff that no one knows about will surface."

Rick Altman is currently a professor of Cinema and Comparative Literature at the University of Iowa. "The Living Nickelodeon with Rick Altman" takes place tonight at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.



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Dining Hall Dish

By LIZ CHATEN
Scene Writer

Although the affordable chicken breast acts as a standby in American households, this staple can be simply spectacular. This week's dining hall dish shows off the best of this poultry pleaser, adding flavor and flair to any meal.

Chicken Cordon Bleu

The term "Cordon Bleu" came from the blue sash worn by the highest members of a French order of knights. This blue sash resembled the blue ribbon on a cook's apron. By extension, the term "cordon bleu" came to signify a dish at the peak of culinary excellence. Despite the French appellation, this particular chicken dish actually originates in

America. Our earliest record of chicken cordon bleu is a 1967 advertisement in The New York Times for United Airlines, boasting the in-flight meal of chicken cordon bleu as "prepared by our own European-trained chefs." Here, I provide a surprisingly simple recipe for this culinary classic.

1. Place grilled chicken on a plate.

2. From either the sandwich station or the carving station, take a few slices of ham and place on top of the chicken.

3. Place a piece of provolone or Swiss cheese on top, and send through the oven.

4. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Low-Fat Chicken Salad

Whether nestled upon a bed of greens or on hearty, multi-grain bread, I continuously return to this

classic lunchtime fare. Here, I offer a low-fat, high-flavor version of this café favorite.

1. In a plate bowl, cut or shred grilled chicken into bite-size pieces. If you are at South, the chicken strips from the Mexican station simplify this step.

2. In a small bowl, combine a heaping spoonful of plain yogurt, a teaspoon of mayonnaise, and a spoonful of sour cream. Squeeze a lemon on top. Add a spoon of Dijon mustard for a bit of a kick. Mix in with the chicken.

3. Personalize your salad! Between grapes, raisins, onions, carrots, and hardboiled eggs, the possibilities are endless. Serve either atop a bed of greens, upon a piece of wheat bread, or with an assortment of crackers.

Grilled Chicken with Peach Salsa

During the summer months, my dad always set out grilled chicken with a flavorful fruit salsa. The contrast between spicy and sweet simply tantalized our taste buds! Here's a zesty entrée that will please both your taste buds and waistline.

1. In a small bowl, cut a few peach slices into bite sized portions. If peaches are not available, try the strawberries typically used for frozen yogurt or cheesecake! Add two heaping spoonfuls of pico de gallo on top.

2. Put a piece of grilled chicken in a plate bowl. Drizzle the peach salsa on top.

3. Finish off your meal with a side of brown rice or a bed of spinach greens. Enjoy!

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MLB

Red Sox walk off with late win over Angels

Cervelli delivers game-winning single in ninth for Yankees; Padres win in 10th over Diamondbacks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Alex Gonzalez hit a bases-loaded blooper down the left-field line with two outs in the ninth inning on Wednesday night to give the Boston Red Sox a 9-8 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Boston trailed 3-0 and 7-5 before tying the game in the bottom of the eighth. The Angels took the lead in the top of the ninth on three straight two-out singles against Daniel Bard (2-1). But closer Brian Fuentes (1-5) coughed up the lead in the bottom half.

The Red Sox have won seven straight, and 10 in a row at Fenway Park.

Fuentes, who had converted 71 of his last 79 saves, got two quick outs before walking David Ortiz and giving up infield singles to J.D. Drew and Jed Lowrie. Pinch-hitter Nick Green quickly fell behind 0-2 but stayed in the box despite a questionable check swing and then fouled off three pitches at 1-2 before taking three balls to walk in the tying run.

Gonzalez, who hit a two-run, bases-loaded bloop to right to give Boston the lead in a five-run sixth inning, looped one down the left-field line that fell in front of Juan Rivera when he decided not to dive for it.

That set off a familiar celebration in Fenway, where the Red Sox have the best home record in the major leagues. It was familiar, too, for Los Angeles, Boston's likely first-round playoff opponent.

The Angels have lost 12 of their last 13 playoff games against the Red Sox dating to 1986 and are 0-4 all-time in postseason series against the Red Sox.

If the standings hold, the teams will meet again in the first round this year.

Despite losing four of their last five, the Angels maintained a six-game lead over Texas in the AL West; the Rangers fell 6½ games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

Erick Aybar had four hits for the Angels and Rivera had three, including a two-run double in a four-run seventh inning — aided by a dropped third strike — that gave Los Angeles a 7-5 lead. Bobby Abreu's third hit was an RBI single to break a ninth-inning tie and give the Angels an 8-7 lead.

Boston scored two in the eighth on a run-scoring groundout by Casey Kotchman and an RBI single by Jacoby Ellsbury.

The Angels took a 3-0 lead against Paul Byrd, but Boston scored five times in the sixth, keeping the inning alive when the Angels failed to turn a double

play on back-to-back grounders before taking the lead on Alex Gonzalez's two-run, bases-loaded bloop to right.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 4

This time the Yankees fought back with their bats.

Hideki Matsui hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth inning off Scott Downs, Francisco Cervelli hit a winning single in the ninth and New York beat the Toronto Blue Jays Wednesday night.

A day after brawling in the Bronx, the Blue Jays and Yankees made it through nine innings calmly on the first chilly night of late summer.

New York was held to four hits through seven innings, then tied it on Matsui's 25th homer, a drive over the manual scoreboard on the right-field wall.

Brett Gardner singled off Jason Frasor (6-3) leading off the ninth, stole second, took third on Derek Jeter's grounder and scored on Cervelli's sharp single to left.

Mariano Rivera (3-2) pitched a one-hit ninth for the win.

Approaching a return to the playoffs after a one-year absence, New York (94-53) finished its next-to-last homestand of the regular season by overcoming three wild pitches and an error by the shortstop Jeter, who allowed a grounder to go through his legs.

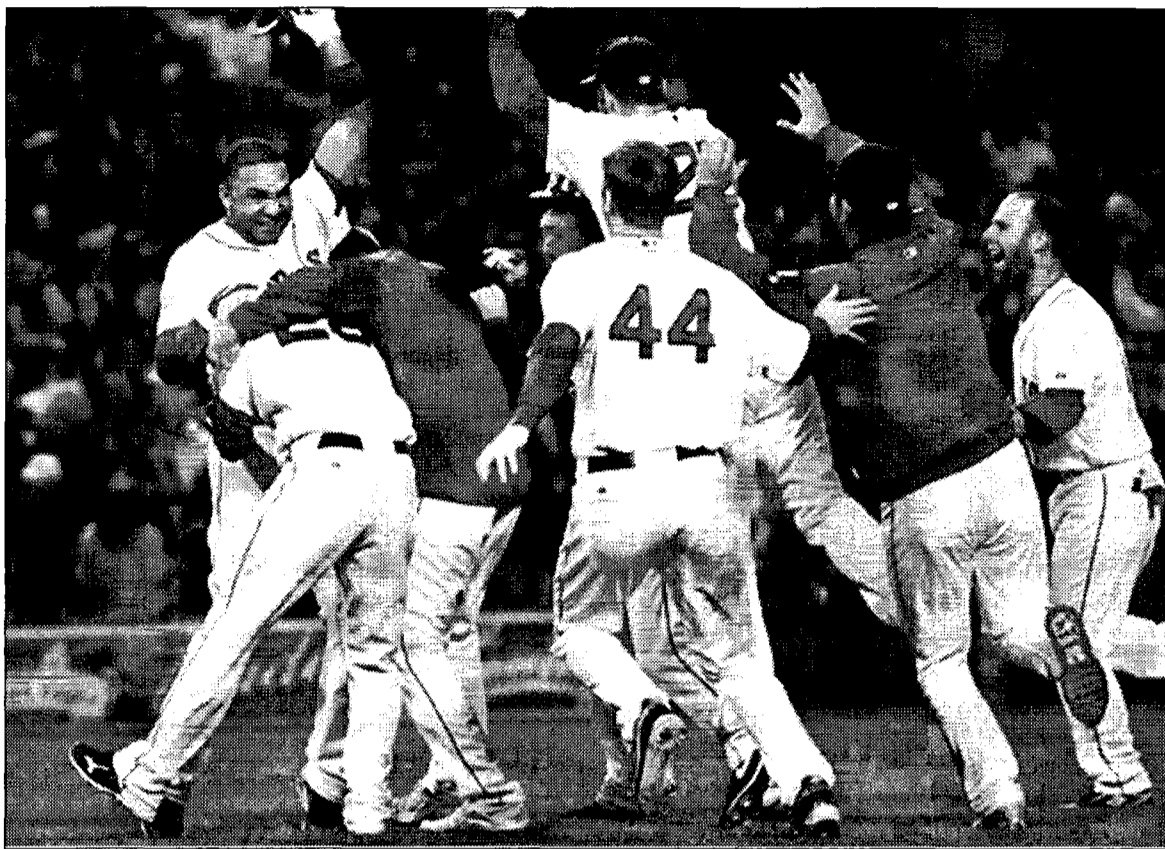
Toronto lost two pitchers to injury. Brian Tallet cut short his start after bruising his right foot on Robinson Cano's comebacker leading off the second. He finished the inning and was replaced by Shawn Camp starting the third. Camp hit Melky Cabrera above the right knee with an 80 mph breaking ball in the fourth, but both benches remained calm.

Downs also left early. Three batters after Matsui's homer, he came out with a 1-0 count to Cabrera, who hit an inning-ending flyout against Frasor.

Much of the focus was on events of a night earlier.

Jorge Posada and Shelley Duncan of the Yankees and Jesse Carlson of the Blue Jays each were suspended for three games by Major League Baseball for their role in Tuesday's fight. While Posada and Carlson accepted their penalties, Duncan appealed and remained eligible to play.

After a pair of Toronto players were hit by pitches Tuesday night, Carlson threw a fastball behind Posada in the eighth inning of the Blue Jays' 10-4 win. Moments later, Posada bumped Carlson after scoring a run, and the dugouts and bullpens emptied.



Red Sox shortstop Alex Gonzalez celebrates with teammates after his walk-off bloop single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Red Sox a 9-8 win over the Angels.

"That is part of baseball, but that's a part of baseball that I don't like," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "No pun intended, but it's a black eye for baseball to me whenever there's a fight or an incident like that because, you know, someone can really get hurt and you can jeopardize someone's career."

Chad Gaudin started for the Yankees in place of Andy Pettitte, scratched two days earlier because of a tired pitching shoulder. Girardi said the goal is for Pettitte to throw 100 pitches Monday but if Pettitte's shoulder still aches, he could be pushed back beyond Monday.

Gaudin allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings, failing to hold a 2-0 lead. He also made a nice spinning grab on Aaron Hill's third-inning comebacker.

Mark Teixeira hit an RBI double in the first and scored on Matsui's single, but the Yankees stalled.

Jose Bautista homered leading off the third, and Aaron Lind hit an RBI grounder later in the inning. Rod Barajas had a go-ahead grounder in the sixth for a 3-2 lead after Vernon Wells led off with an infield single and advanced on Lyle Overbay's double. Marco Scutaro doubled leading off the seventh against Brian Bruney and scored on Lind's sacrifice fly off Phil Coke.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 5

The show of speed from rookies Everth Cabrera and Luis Durango

turned into a win for the San Diego Padres.

Cabrera's RBI single scored Durango from second base in the bottom of the 10th inning and gave the Padres a victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

Durango, making his first major league start, opened the inning with his third infield single of the game. He stole second with one out and then beat the throw home from right fielder Justin Upton on Cabrera's single to help the Padres avoid a three-game sweep.

Cabrera had three hits, including an infield single and a bunt single. Durango, who made his major league debut as a pinch-hitter on Tuesday night, had three infield singles, two of them bunts. A third bunt went as a sacrifice, although replays appeared to show he beat the throw to first.

"Having guys like that on the base paths create havoc," Padres closer Heath Bell said.

The speed was certainly evident in the 10th when Durango slapped a ball wide of first base where Brandon Allen fielded it. But Yusmeiro Petit (3-10) was no match for Durango as he tried to cover the bag while taking the throw from Allen.

After pinch-hitter David Eckstein fled out, Durango stole second. Cabrera then grounded a ball past a diving Allen. Upton charged the ball and fielded it in medium right field.

Durango beat the throw as he

slid around catcher Miguel Montero and touched the plate.

"It was a strong throw," San Diego manager Bud Black said. "There's no doubt this guy's fast. That's an understatement."

San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez, pinch-hitting for his brother Edgar, hit a two-run homer in the ninth off Esmerling Vasquez to tie the score at 5. Tony Gwynn led off the inning with a walk off Vasquez, who was charged with his fourth blown save.

Gonzalez got just enough of a fastball to slice it into the left field seats for his first career pinch-hit homer.

"He's a sinkerballer, so you look for a sinker and just try to stay with the pitch," Gonzalez said. "I'm not trying to hit a home run."

Bell (6-4) pitched the 10th for the win.

It was the speed of Durango and Cabrera that had both teams talking.

"He [Durango] played the game with us however he wanted to," Montero said. "He never hit the ball out of the infield and got three hits. I know he's fast and has good speed, but we should have played him a little better."

It has been a long time since San Diego has had two players with the kind of speed shown by Durango and Cabrera.

"Their bunt singles and their activity on the bases was tough to defend," Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch said. "We didn't have an answer for it."

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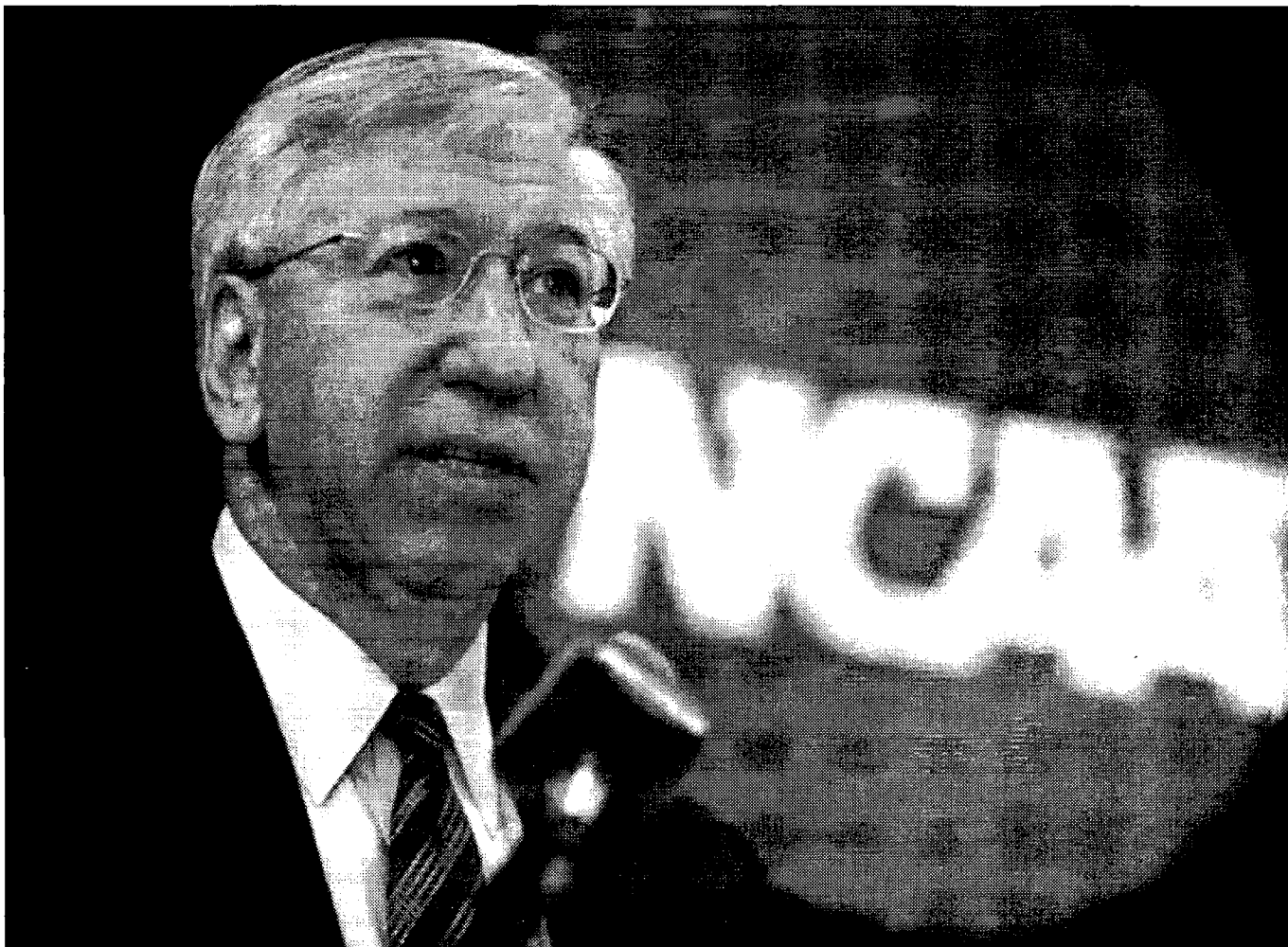
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Former Indiana University basketball coach and NCAA president Myles Brand speaks at a news conference in Indianapolis in 2004. He died Wednesday of pancreatic cancer at the age of 67.

NCAA president Myles Brand dies at 67

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Brand, who fired Bob Knight as Indiana University basketball coach and went on to become NCAA president, died Wednesday of pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

The first former university president to run college sports' largest governing body, Brand worked to change the perception that wins supersede academics and earned accolades for his efforts.

Brand broke the news that he had cancer in January at the NCAA convention and continued to handle the organization's day-to-day operations, despite undergoing treatment. NCAA offi-

cials, who announced his death, were not ready to say who would replace Brand or when they may begin searching for a successor.

"Myles Brand's passing is a great personal loss of a dear friend and an even greater loss to the NCAA and collegiate athletics," said Georgia president Michael Adams, who worked closely with Brand. "I believe Myles will be remembered as a person who helped us refocus on the student in student-athlete and his academic reforms will long outlive him."

Brand gained national attention in May 2000 when, as Indiana president, he put Knight on a zero-tolerance policy after a former player

alleged the hugely successful but hotheaded coach had choked him during a practice years earlier.

Four months after that announcement, freshman Kent Harvey accused Knight of grabbing him, and Brand did what fans considered unthinkable — he fired the coach who won three national championships in Bloomington.

Knight later moved on to Texas Tech, stepping aside for his son, Pat Knight, in February 2008. Texas Tech spokesman Randy Farley said Bob Knight left Lubbock on Tuesday and wouldn't be back until next month.

"Just because he fired us doesn't mean we want anything bad to happen," Pat

Knight said. "That's shocking. I don't wish death upon anybody. That's sad, no matter who it is."

Indiana students protested at the time of the firing, gathering in front of Brand's home and even hanging him in effigy, but his decision gave Brand a platform to address the problems he saw in college sports.

During a January 2001 speech at the National Press Club in Washington, Brand criticized the growing "arms race" in college sports, saying that school presidents faced tough challenges with celebrity coaches and suggesting the emphasis on winning championships endangered the real mission of universities.

IN BRIEF

Rays' Carl Crawford starts argument in clubhouse

BALTIMORE — Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford angrily shouted at teammate Pat Burrell in the clubhouse before Wednesday night's game against Baltimore, the latest breakdown in a lost season for the Rays.

It was not clear what caused the dispute shortly before the Rays took the field for pregame stretching.

Crawford, the MVP of this year's All-Star Game, repeatedly yelled across the clubhouse at the Rays' designated hitter. Burrell did not respond.

A teammate then stepped in front of Crawford, trying to calm the situation. Crawford was ushered into a side room.

Manager Joe Maddon said he met with both players after confrontation and cleared the air.

"Everything's good," Maddon said.

The AL champion Rays have lost 12 of 13 and steadily dropped out of playoff contention.

Yankees, Rays players receive suspensions, fines

NEW YORK — Yankees catcher Jorge Posada and Toronto pitcher Jesse Carlson were suspended for three games each and fined Wednesday by Major League Baseball for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl.

The pair were cited for "aggressive and inappropriate actions" by MLB vice president Bob Watson and started serving the penalties immediately, a day after they tangled.

Yankees utilityman Shelley Duncan was suspended for three games and appealed, delaying the start of any discipline.

Toronto manager Cito Gaston said Carlson was fined \$3,000 and that Blue Jays catcher Rod Barajas was docked \$1,000. Posada was fined \$2,500, and Yankees hitting coach Kevin Long and pitcher Edwar Ramirez also were fined him. Melancon has hit four batters this year.

NFL fines Jets, Mangini for not reporting Favre injury

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The NFL assessed a total of \$125,000 in fines to the New York Jets and former coach Eric Mangini on Wednesday for violating the league's rules on injury reporting with regard to former quarterback Brett Favre last season.

The Jets failed to place Favre, now with the Minnesota Vikings, on the injury report during the final month of last season, even though he had a torn biceps tendon.

The league announced it had fined the Jets \$75,000, and Mangini and Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum \$25,000 apiece. Mangini now coaches the Cleveland Browns.

"We have been fully cooperative with the league throughout this investigation and respect their decision," the Jets said in a statement.

Mangini was not immediately available for comment on his fine.

NBA

Bills fans admit to defacing lawn

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills cornerback Leodis McKelvin is so far willing to forgive and forget after two male teens admitted to police that they defaced the player's front lawn.

Hamburg police Sgt. Thomas Best said Wednesday night that McKelvin is refusing to press charges against two 16-year-olds, who said they were the ones who spray-painted a message and an obscenity across the grass in front of the player's home shortly after the Bills' season-opening 25-24 loss at New England on Monday night.

Best said it'll be up to the Erie County district's attorney's office to press charges against the two suspects. Best declined to release the names of the two teens because of their age but noted they both live near McKelvin's home in suburban Buffalo.

The vandalism created headlines across the country, was fodder for numerous sports talk radio programs and led to several Bills players questioning their privacy and security as they returned to practice to prepare to host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

While McKelvin said early Wednesday afternoon he didn't want anyone arrested for what happened, receiver Terrell Owens had a far more defiant reaction.

"Once we make it to the play-offs, tell them to do his lawn again," Owens said. "You just attribute that to ignorance."

Linebacker Kawika Mitchell had guessed that the vandalism was caused by "a bunch of kids" but still noted how NFL players are concerned about their security after Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died of a gunshot wound following a botched burglary attempt in November 2007 at his Miami-area home.

"It's extremely dangerous when someone is going to come to your house and do anything that's going to affect you," Mitchell said.

McKelvin shrugged it off, saying he still considers Bills fans to be the greatest.

"It's just one little incident. I hope it doesn't happen any more," McKelvin said. "I was mad, I was kind of like angry in a way, but I was laughing a little bit for what they put on there. It was just something that isn't appropriate."

He was particularly impressed by a neighbor, who got out his lawn mower and cut the grass in bid to erase what had been painted.

And McKelvin's already looking ahead to playing Sunday.

"Right now it's all about Tampa Bay," he said.

McKelvin has plenty of reason to look forward after being partly blamed for the loss at New England, in which the Bills squandered an 11-point lead in the final 2:06.

After the Patriots scored to cut Buffalo's lead to 24-19, McKelvin was faulted for not taking a knee in the end zone on the ensuing kickoff. Instead, he ran the ball out and had the ball stripped from his hands. The Patriots recovered at the Bills' 31 and scored the decisive touchdown three plays later.

"I've just got to do my job. And of course with that, with me handling the ball, I've got to protect

it," McKelvin said, noting that he expects a warm reception from Bills fans on Sunday. "Buffalo fans are great. They're real great."

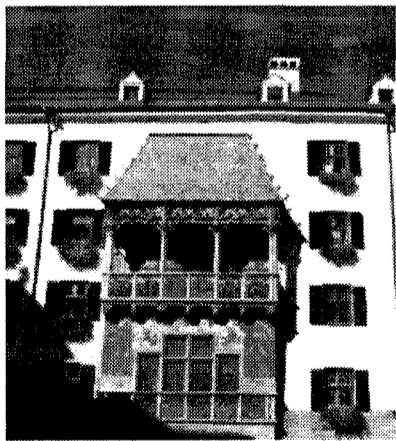
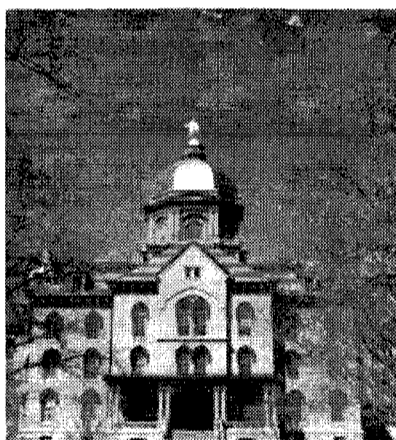
And some of those fans intend to prove it based on the numerous reactions supporting McKelvin posted on several Bills message boards.

Mike Stock, a Bills fan from Syracuse, said the vandalism is not a reflection of the team's fans or of Buffalo — noted as "The City of Good Neighbors."

"It's unimaginable to me that someone would decide that losing a football game was justification to vandalize someone's property," Stock said. "I'm not only angry at the act, I'm angry at the potential message it conveys. ... Let him know we'll be there screaming 'Leodis' on Sunday and that we've got his back."

Harry Kozlowski, a season ticket-holder from New Hampshire, has suggested fans sign a giant card apologizing to McKelvin and deliver it to the Bills.

"The McKelvin incident is unfortunate because it tarnishes all Bills fans," Kozlowski said. "Football fans forget that players are human beings. Ruining a player's lawn is not going to help him play better. ... A show of support would do wonders for a guy who already has the weight of letting his teammates down on his shoulders."



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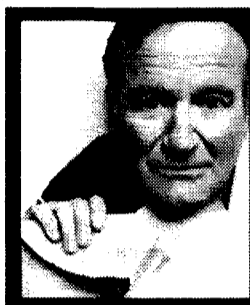
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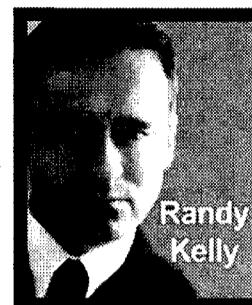
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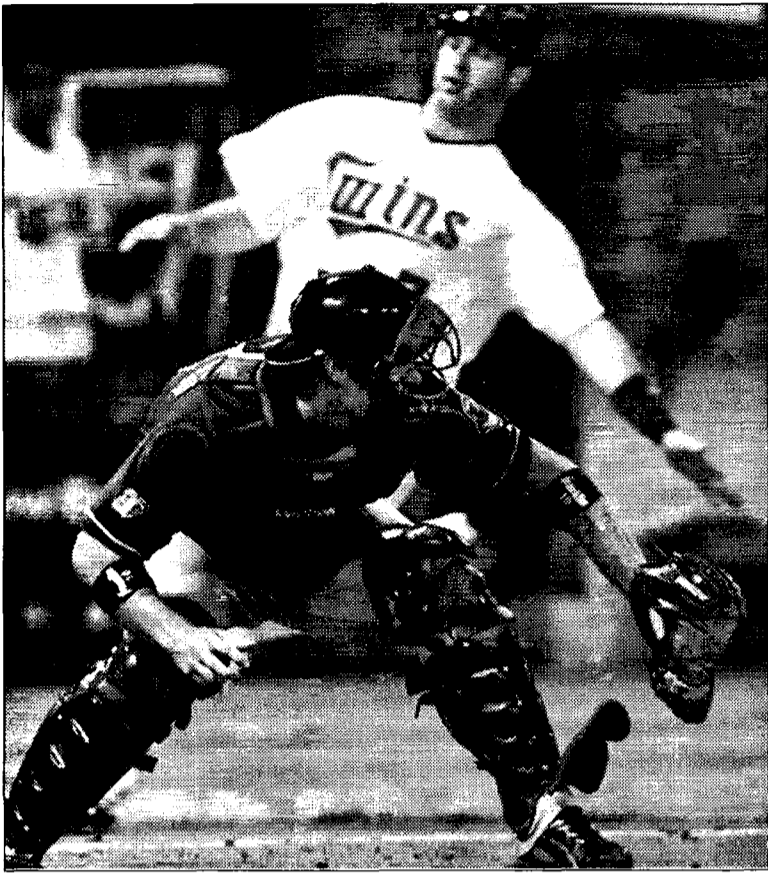
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MLB

Cuddyer leads Twins over Indians for sweep



Twins catcher Joe Mauer slides into home after a single by Michael Cuddyer as Indians catcher Kelly Shoppach fields the throw.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Cuddyer is a bit surprised the Minnesota Twins have overcome so much and are still in the pennant race.

He's a big reason why. Cuddyer homered, doubled and drove in three runs Wednesday and the Twins beat the Cleveland Indians 7-3 for a three-game sweep.

Joe Mauer singled twice, raising his major league-leading average to .374, and drove in two runs as the Twins won their fourth in a row.

Just two games over .500, Minnesota began the day 4½ games behind Detroit in the AL Central. The Tigers were home Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon against Kansas City before visiting the Metrodome for a three-game set beginning Friday.

"The way we've played this year, it's amazing we still have a chance and it's sitting in front of us," said Cuddyer, who has replaced the injured Justin Morneau at first base and is 8-for-16 in those four games. "At this point we need everybody to contribute. Even the guys that are hurt we need them to cheer us on."

It's been like that much of the year.

Mauer missed the first month of the season, and Minnesota's starting rotation has been in flux nearly all season, including the absence of Kevin Slowey since July 4.

"It's fun to watch. Matt Tolbert's getting out there and battling and covering ground at third base, [Orlando] Cabrera seems to always put some good swings on the ball, Nick Punto's been playing a lot better," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "[Denard] Span's been there and Cuddy and Mauer. ... The rest of them have to step up and do things, and that's what's been happening."

Now comes the first of seven remaining games with the Tigers.

"We get the first three here and we need to take advantage of that," outfielder Jason Kubel said.

Matt LaPorta homered and had three RBIs for Cleveland, which has lost four straight and 13 of 16.

Nick Blackburn (10-11) allowed two earned runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings for his second win in 12 starts since the All-Star break. He lowered his second-half ERA from 7.36 to 6.90.

Joe Nathan struck out the final two batters for his 41st save in 46 chances.

Cuddyer homered leading off the fifth and added an RBI double in the seventh. The home run was the second in three games for Cuddyer, who hit a three-run shot to lead Monday's 6-3 comeback win.

Blackburn came up with his third solid start in four outings. The lone blip was last Friday, when he allowed six earned runs in three innings against the Oakland Athletics.

Blackburn retired the Indians in order three times in the first four innings and got out of a two-on, no-out jam in the fifth when Kelly Shoppach grounded into a double play and Trevor Crowe grounded out.

"He threw more curveballs in the first two or three innings than he did in his entire last start, although he was still up in the zone too much," Gardenhire said.

For the second straight start, Aaron Laffey (7-6) gave up six earned runs and a career-high 12 hits. His own mistake put him behind.

With two outs in the third, Laffey dropped a soft toss covering first base for an error. Cuddyer followed with an RBI single for a 1-0 lead.

Laffey walked No. 9 hitter Punto with two outs in the fourth. Span followed with an RBI single, and Mauer had a two-run single two batters later for a 4-0 lead.

"I didn't feel like we played well at all behind him," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "We made some poor decisions on cutoffs, decisions where we could have taken the out that would have saved us two or three runs easy."

LaPorta hit a two-run shot in the seventh and added an RBI single in the eighth before Shoppach popped out with the bases loaded.

"It's important not to give in right now," LaPorta said. "It doesn't matter what the situation is around you. That's part of being a man is finishing strong. Just come out here every day and try and get better for the ballclub."

Orioles 4, Rays 2

First, Matt Wieters stopped the Tampa Bay Rays with his arm.

Then he beat them with his bat.

Wieters hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth off Russ Springer, giving the Baltimore Orioles a victory Wednesday night.

Tampa Bay went up 2-1 in the top half when Ben Zobrist hit a 3-2 pitch from Jim Johnson over the center-field wall. It was the fifth blown save for Johnson (4-5).

But in the bottom half, Luke Scott drew a leadoff walk from Springer (0-4) and Wieters hit a drive that landed in the front row of the seats in left. The rookie catcher, who had a homer and five RBIs on Tuesday, rounded the bases and jumped on home plate and into the arms of his teammates.

"I was going to look for a fastball early and try to put a good swing on it. I was fortunate enough that it carried out," Wieters said. "It's a situation where you might bunt, but they gave me the sign to swing away and try and drive something."

Wieters twice threw out fleet-footed Carl Crawford trying to steal second. It was the second time in his career Crawford was nabbed twice in the same game; the other was April 10,

2007.

Crawford has 57 steals and has been thrown out 14 times, but is only 27-for-41 after opening the season with 30 straight stolen bases.

"Wieters did it behind the plate and did it with the bat. He had a great game," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "Threw out Crawford — release was quick, good footwork, right on the bag — and hits a walk-off."

Gregg Zaun homered for the Rays, who have lost 13 of 14 to drop to .500 (73-73) for the first time since June 11, when they were 31-31.

"I love the fact that we came back out and tied it up," manager Joe Maddon said.

And then Wieters untied it. "When it left, I didn't think it was going that far. He's just a strong young man and the ball kept carrying," Maddon said.

It landed just beyond the reach of Crawford, who leaped in vain at the wall.

"I tried to put my arm over the rail, but it was kind of slick and I couldn't get a good grip," said Crawford, who can hardly believe the Rays are a .500 club again.

"You definitely didn't expect this, but you just deal with it," he said. "I never thought we'd end up like this."

Making his 10th start since being summoned from Triple-A Norfolk on July 29, Orioles rookie Chris Tillman gave up five hits and one walk in 6 2/3 innings. The 21-year-old retired the first 10 batters and faced one above the minimum over five innings.

After Tampa Bay used singles by Evan Longoria and Willy Aybar to put runners on the corners with two outs in the seventh, Matt Albers replaced Tillman and struck out B.J. Upton to preserve a 2-1 lead.

Danys Baez worked the eighth, and the bottom half was halted by rain for 1 hour, 40 minutes. After the stoppage, only a few hundred of the announced crowd of 10,548 remained.

They hit the exits after Scott walked and Wieters homered on the following pitch.

"He's been holding his own in this league," Scott said of Wieters. "This is not an easy league. It's a tough league and he's been doing good. The more hits he gets, the happier I'm going to be because I'm going to get better pitches to hit in the future."

Tampa Bay's Andy Sonnanstine allowed two runs, one earned, and three hits in 5 2/3 innings. It was the first time in nine starts since May 22 that he permitted fewer than two earned runs.

The Orioles went up 1-0 in the second when Melvin Mora hit a leadoff double and scored on a sacrifice fly by Wieters. In the fourth, Brian Roberts reached on an error and scored on a two-out double by Scott.

Zaun homered leading off the sixth, his seventh of the season and third since coming to the Rays from Baltimore on Aug. 8.

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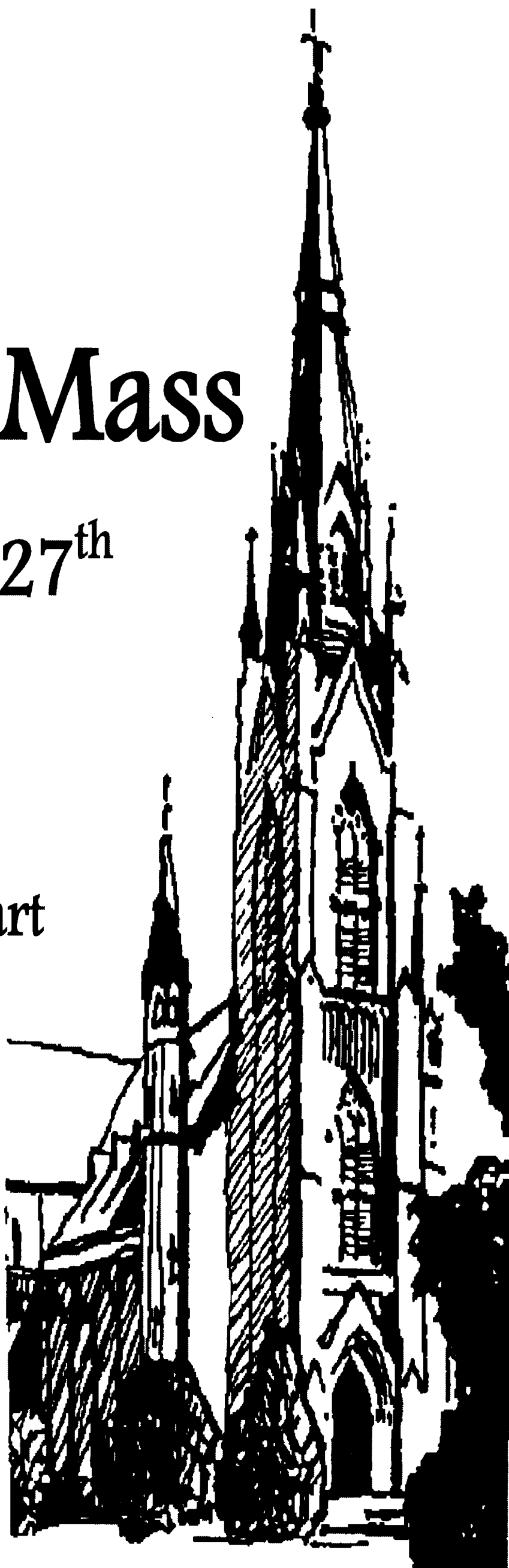
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MLB

Blanton throws six scoreless to shut down Nats

Tigers honor announcer, win on Polanco single; Johnson strikes out nine as Marlins beat Cardinals

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Inspired by Pedro Martinez and Cliff Lee, Joe Blanton put more goose eggs on the scoreboard.

Blanton tossed six scoreless innings, Jayson Werth hit a grand slam and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 6-1 on Wednesday night.

Blanton (10-7) allowed five hits and struck out seven. The Phillies were one out away from recording three consecutive shutouts for the first time in 40 years when Willie Harris singled in a run off Tyler Walker.

The Phillies beat the New York Mets 1-0 Sunday night behind eight innings from Martinez and one from Ryan Madson. Lee tossed a six-hitter in a 5-0 win against the Nationals on Tuesday.

"Hitting is contagious, but pitching is contagious, too," Blanton said. "You see a lot of quality pitches and a lot of outs and it gets in your head. It breeds confidence."

The NL East-leading Phillies reduced their magic number for clinching their third straight division title to 11 with 18 games remaining.

Livan Hernandez (8-11) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. The lowly Nationals are 3-14 against Philadelphia this season.

Frustrated by another sloppy performance, manager Jim Riggleman held a team meeting after the game.

"We made too many mistakes," Riggleman said. "A lot of bad things happened that we can't continue to allow. We've got to do a better job of handling the details of the game."

Chase Utley and Ryan Howard, who have combined for 69 homers, used their legs to produce the first run in the first inning, with Utley swiping home on a delayed double steal.

Utley singled with two outs and moved to third on Howard's base hit. Howard then broke for second and slid in safely ahead of catcher Wil Nieves' throw. Utley raced home once Nieves released the ball and scored without a throw as shortstop Cristian Guzman reacted slowly after applying the late tag.

It was Howard's seventh stolen base this season. He had two career steals before this year, but dropped more than 25 pounds in the offseason.

"I think he's a little quicker because of the weight," manager Charlie Manuel said.

Utley became the 10th player in franchise history to record 20 steals and 20 homers in the same season.

Werth drove a 1-2 pitch from Jason Bergmann deep to left-center in the seventh for his third career slam and second this year. The All-Star right fielder has 34 homers and 88 RBIs in his first full season as a regular.

"I knew he could produce from an offensive standpoint and I knew he had power, but I didn't know how consistent he'd be," Manuel said. "He's still learning. He can get better."

Tigers 4, Royals 3

The Detroit Tigers gave their fans plenty to cheer about Wednesday night.

First the team honored long-time radio announcer Ernie Harwell, then the Tigers went out and beat the Kansas City Royals to maintain their lead in the AL Central.

Placido Polanco singled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the

sixth inning as the Tigers, seeking their first division title since 1987, reduced their magic number to 13. Detroit leads Minnesota by 4 1/2 games.

"That's just the way we've played games all year," said Detroit shortstop Adam Everett, who drove in two runs, including the tying run in the sixth. "I don't know how to explain it. They've been beating us up pretty good and to get a win, and win in that fashion, was big for us."

The victory ended the Tigers' five-game skid against Kansas City.

Detroit saluted Harwell, who recently said he has inoperable cancer, during the third inning. The team showed a three-minute video tribute then the Hall of Fame announcer gave a thank-you speech to an appreciative and tearful crowd of 25,400.

"I think he really said some nice words," reliever Zach Miner said of Harwell, who spoke to the team before the game. "I think everyone kind of took it to heart and kind of realized that it's a game."

The 91-year-old Hall of Fame broadcaster was in the Detroit booth from 1960 to 2002.

Miner (7-5) and three other relievers kept the Royals scoreless over the final five innings. Fernando Rodney worked the ninth to earn his 33rd save in 34 chances.

Everett and Curtis Granderson each drove in a run in Detroit's two-run fourth and Everett added his tying RBI single off starter Lenny DiNardo (0-1) in the sixth. Reliever Jamey Wright gave up Polanco's hit with two outs.

Kansas City had runners at second and third to start the eighth after Bobby Seay gave up consecutive singles, but Brandon Lyon came on to induce a grounder to the mound and a strikeout before getting Alberto Callaspo to pop up to first.

"Obviously what Lyon did tonight was game-saving," Leyland said.

The Royals lost their lead baserunner three times, including in the third when Yuniesky Betancourt was thrown out at the plate by Ryan Raburn. Tigers catcher Gerald Laird later caught his majors-best 34th runner trying to steal, when Willie Bloomquist failed to swipe second.

"Situational hitting and defense — were weren't at either one and it cost us," Kansas City manager Trey Hillman said.

Maier and Miguel Olivo had RBI singles and Alex Gordon added a sacrifice fly against starter Eddie Bonine.

Marlins 5, Cardinals 2

Josh Johnson showed why he's one of the top starters in the majors on Wednesday.

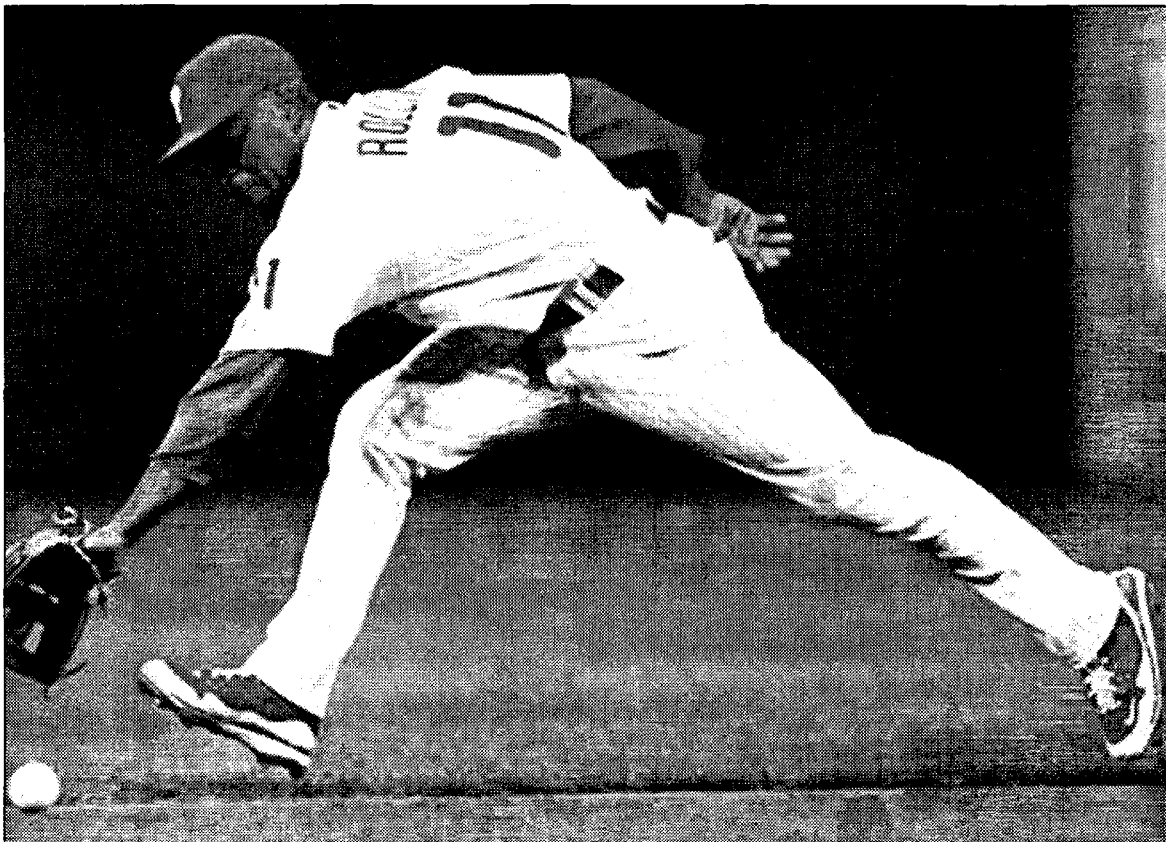
Even without his best stuff, the right-hander was good enough to shut down the St. Louis Cardinals.

Johnson struck out nine in six effective innings to lead the Florida Marlins to a victory over the Cardinals.

Cody Ross had three hits and drove in two runs for Florida, which has won 10 of 14 to stay in the playoff race. Ross extended his hitting streak to 11 games, the longest current streak in the NL, and was 5 for 12 in the series.

Florida (78-68) moved within four games of wild card-leading Colorado, which was at San Francisco on Wednesday night.

"This is a resilient team," Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "They forget bad losses quickly and go on to the next game."



Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins just misses a ground ball in Wednesday's game against the Nationals. Philadelphia went on to beat Washington 6-1.

Johnson (15-4) gave up nine hits but allowed just one run in his 23rd quality start of the season. He struck out five and walked none, improving to 3-1 with a 3.14 ERA in his last five starts.

"They made good contact with the ball," Johnson said. "I'd throw good pitches and they'd get hits. It was one of those days where I didn't walk anybody. That was huge for me today."

The Cardinals rallied in the ninth. Jason LaRue walked with

one out and Mark DeRosa followed with a double to left. Gonzalez then replaced Brian Sanches with closer Leo Nunez, whose wildness got the Marlins into more trouble.

Nunez hit Ryan Ludwick and Albert Pujols to force in a run before coaxing Matt Holliday into a game-ending double play for his 22nd save in 28 opportunities.

"I really focused on throwing the fastball low and away," said Nunez, who had hit only two batters in his previous 68 innings. "I just wanted

to get the ground ball and I got it."

Central-leading St. Louis fell to 1-5 on its nine-game homestand and lost back-to-back series for the first time since June 22-28 against the New York Mets and Minnesota.

Joel Pineiro (14-11) gave up four runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings for St. Louis.

Eight of Florida's first 10 batters reached safely. John Baker and Ross had RBI singles and Dan Uggla also drove in a run in the first with a fielder's choice.

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NFL

Eagles' Kolb ready to start

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb was a causal bystander at Eagles practice. Wearing black sweat pants, an Eagles cap, and his red No. 5 jersey, McNabb looked more like an Eagles fan on a football Sunday than their starting quarterback.

Unlike those Philly die-hards, McNabb hopes to be playing instead of watching against New Orleans.

McNabb, who has a cracked rib, could not practice on Wednesday and likely won't all week. So third-year reserve Kevin Kolb took snaps with the first-team offense in preparation for possibly the first start of his NFL career.

Coach Andy Reid made it clear on Wednesday: Kolb is the starter if McNabb can't play.

"I think between myself and the coaches and the players, we all have a lot of confidence that he'll go out, given the chance, and perform very, very well," Reid said.

That means former Pro Bowl QB Jeff Garcia is simply here as insurance—for now.

Kolb hasn't impressed anyone in his limited playing time over the last three seasons. He is 24 for 45 for 167 yards, no touchdowns and four interceptions in eight career games. He was 7 for 11 for 23 yards and sacked twice once he took over for the injured McNabb in a win against Carolina.

"I've gotten opportunities and haven't done the best job with them," Kolb said. "No excuses."

That's a small sample size to

determine whether Kolb can handle the responsibilities of the No. 1 job if McNabb is out Sunday and beyond.

The unknown is what makes Eagles fans jittery entering Sunday. Kolb may start the game, but there are no guarantees he'll be around for the finish.

Kolb, a second-round pick in 2007, has been waiting for this moment since draft day.

"You get to run the huddle the way you want to," Kolb said. "All these things have been going through my head for two years. I'll try not to change too much because you want to the same continuity, but you want to put your own little twist on things."

There's still a chance that Kolb could return to his usual role as McNabb's understudy. Reid said McNabb was making progress and it was too early to rule him out.

"I know how Donovan's wired and he's a tough guy," Reid said. "I've got to make sure that myself and the doctors and trainers evaluate that as we get closer. If he were OK'd to play and felt OK, I think he could go out there with very little practice and perform at a high level."

Garcia, picked up by the Eagles on Tuesday, would be Kolb's backup. He will be the No. 3 emergency quarterback if McNabb starts.

Michael Vick and Garcia will share snaps running the scout team this week. Vick is not eligible to play until next week against the Kansas City Chiefs. McNabb, Garcia and Vick have combined for 12 Pro Bowls.

"This is (Kolb's) opportunity

to present to the rest of the league what he's all about," Garcia said. "Hopefully he takes advantage of all of that."

McNabb cracked a single rib when he was crunched by several defenders on his 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of last week's win at Carolina. He didn't immediately get up after the touchdown, and was attended to by Eagles trainers before eventually leaving the field on his own.

Reid said McNabb's ribs need to get "sticky"—or, not move up and down—before he should play.

Running back Brian Westbrook, who missed a game last season with a broken rib, said McNabb's ability to play could depend on how much pain he can tolerate.

"He might be able to take a little bit more pain than I can," Westbrook said. "It's painful when you get hit, when you breathe, when you run. It's painful every time you move."

Kolb's most meaningful playing time came last season when Reid benched McNabb at halftime of a loss at Baltimore. Reid thought Kolb gave the team a better chance to win a game it desperately needed to maintain its slim playoff hopes.

Kolb was 10 for 23 for 73 yards and two interceptions, including one returned an NFL-record 108 yards for a touchdown by Ed Reed.

The Eagles were down 22-7 and had a second down inside the 1 with just under 8 minutes left when Kolb threw the costly pick to Reed.

That was all for Kolb. McNabb returned to the starting lineup the next game.

Big East

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Friday game at DePaul.

Notre Dame has already played one Big East foe in No. 5 St. John's, losing 2-0 at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic on Sept. 6. That game did not count as a conference match.

The conference lineup consists of all seven teams in the Blue Division as well as four from the Red. Currently, due to a few rocky starts, only four Big East teams are ranked: Notre Dame, St. John's, South Florida and No. 22 Louisville.

"I know the ones we play this weekend are doing well," Clark said. "They'll be two very hard road games."

The Irish will be missing three important defensive players as the team starts conference play. Senior midfielder Cory Rellas suffered a knee injury in the first game of the season, and sophomore defender Aaron Maund and freshman midfielder Dillon Powers will be playing at the under-20 World Cup in Egypt for most of the regular season.

"We've lost three key players, but this is an opportunity for guys to step up," Clark said. "It's a challenge to the squad and the players, but that's why you have a full squad. We have to overcome some big losses, but I think we've got a good shot."

Maund and Powers will be back at the very latest for Notre Dame's Oct. 21 game against Georgetown, which should be an important game for the Blue Division standings. The Hoyas (3-1-1) currently sit in second place behind Providence (3-1) and have made an early statement with two players earning

player of the week honors Monday.

While the regular season title is a big accomplishment, Clark pointed out that the Big East tournament is even more important. The winner of the tournament, which will be held Nov. 4-15 on campus sites and then at West Virginia, receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship tournament.

"That's why the schedule we play is so important," Clark said. "We have very strong out of conference games to build our RPI [ratings percentage index] because our end of season aim is the NCAAs. If we do well in the conference and qualify for the tourney and beyond, we can also go to the NCAAs."

"Right now, we're taking it one stage at a time."

Clark said traveling is an especially difficult part of the conference schedule. The squad usually plays a Friday game and a Sunday game, alternating a weekend at home and a weekend at two different locations, which vary quite a bit as Big East schools range from Chicago to Florida and everywhere in between.

"That's one of the hard things of being a Midwest school in the Big East," Clark said. "You travel a lot. I think the DePaul-South Florida trip is the worst. Plus it would have been nice to go to Florida later in the year."

As the Irish start their conference play, they will keep their main goal in mind.

"We want to win the league," Clark said. "It's our first big challenge of the season ... we've got a terrific team, and they're certainly motivated."

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Spartans

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and the challenge for us for this week is to try and match their physicality," Smith said.

McCarthy agreed. "Michigan State is one of the most physical games we

play all year," McCarthy said. "It's just their mentality, it's kind of something they have in their program. They get hard-nosed kids and are a tough team to play and we are definitely going to be sore on Sunday."

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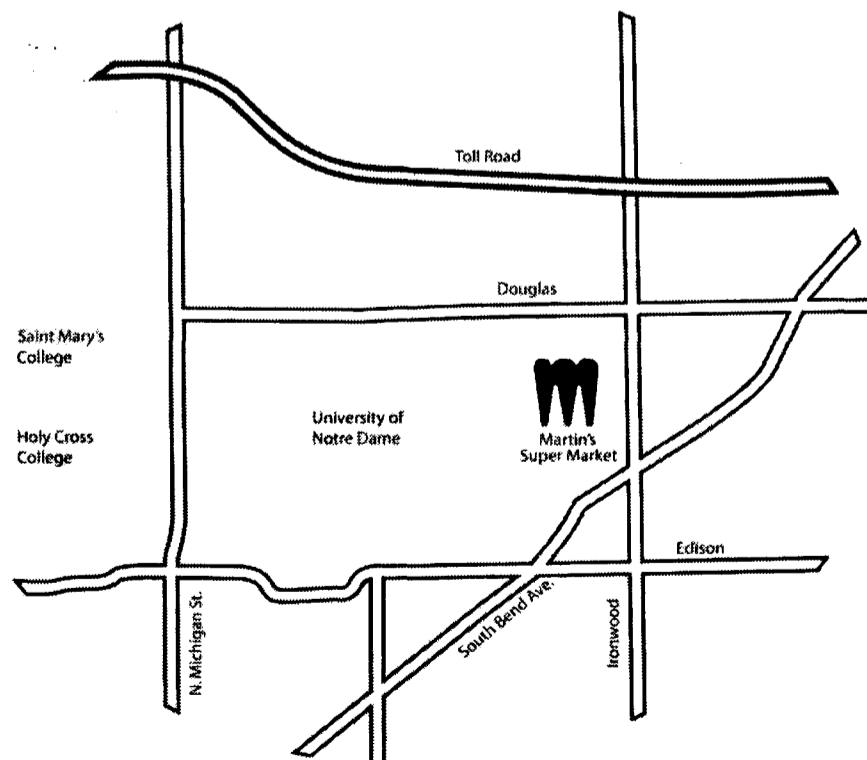
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22 Oscar Wilde or Bill Maher, for example

25 Some car roofs

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30 Grafton's "___ for Innocent"

31 Curly shape

32 Starts of some games ... and of the answers to 16-, 22-, 48 and 56-Across?

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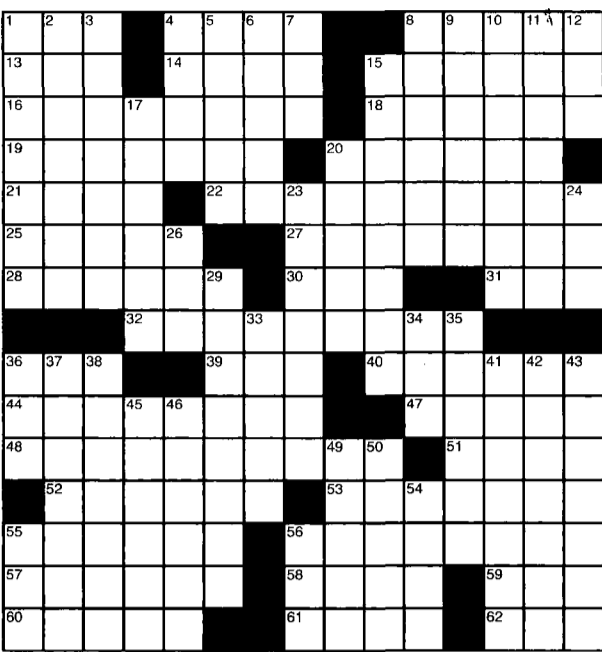
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41 Overstays?

42 Not the same anymore

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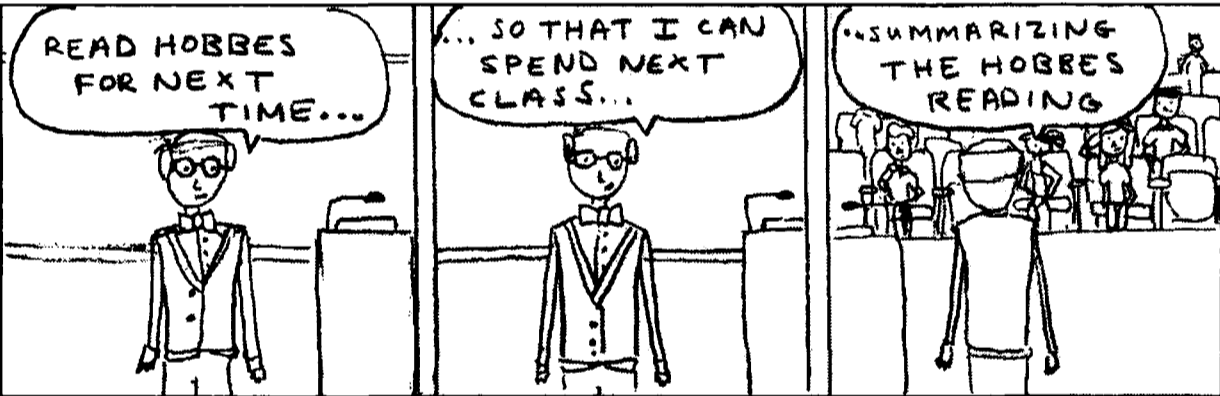
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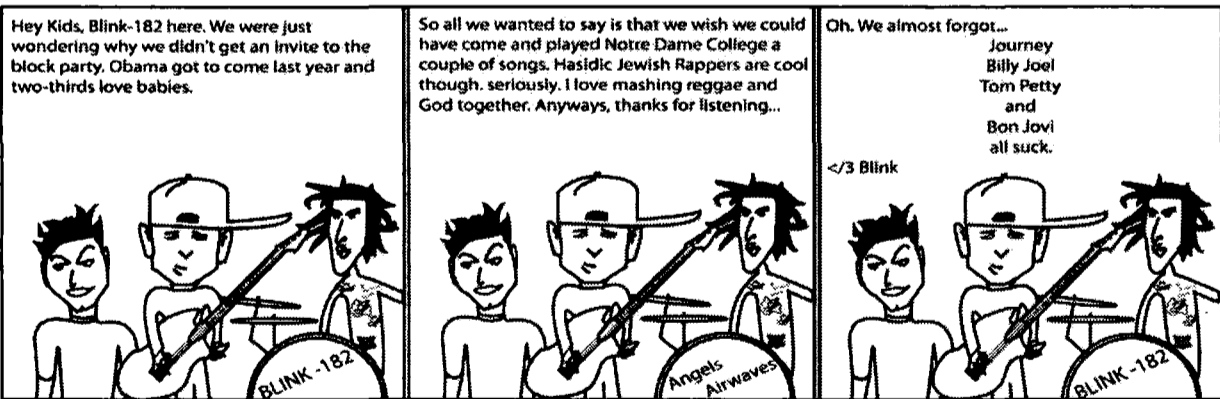
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't point the finger or wag when an empathetic point of view will bring better results. The more understanding you are, the more knowledge you will receive for making a sound judgment. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make the effort to deal with people in person. You will get a much better response and more accomplished if you can offer your ideas and plans directly. Your preparation will lead to success. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't do something stupid because you are all wrapped up in a personal matter. Separate your business and personal needs or mistakes will be made. Confusion is apparent and will require help from someone who knows and understands your situation. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are the least bit indecisive, someone will try to talk you into doing something you don't want to do. A little aggression on your part will set the record straight. Good things are heading your way, so stay in control. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have trouble controlling your emotions, especially when dealing with personal matters, relationships and where money and love intertwine. There will be a fine line between buying and winning friendship. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everything will be made available to you. You have to refrain from jumping into a situation too quickly or without proper information. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Asking for help may be daunting but, in doing so, you will connect with someone who can contribute something in return. Greater opportunities will be made available if you are willing to give back and share your expertise. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't find out things the hard way. Dig deep and you'll discover who is working with you and who isn't. Don't divulge your secrets or they will be used against you by someone you least expect. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you let an emotional matter distract you, you will lose sight of important matters. If someone wants to make changes, don't fight him or her but, if it isn't something you want to take part in, take a pass. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at all the different angles involving a financial or legal matter that you are facing. Someone will give you information that may cause you to make a costly mistake. Don't feel you have to act fast, even if someone is pressuring you. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your future will be influenced by the choices that are made by those close to you. Speak up and let your feelings be known. Love is in the picture and a relationship you are in will open up some new options that could help your current situation. ★★

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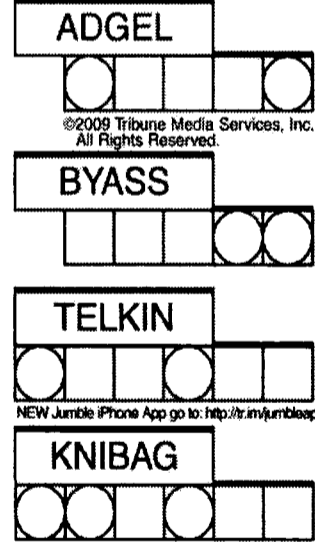
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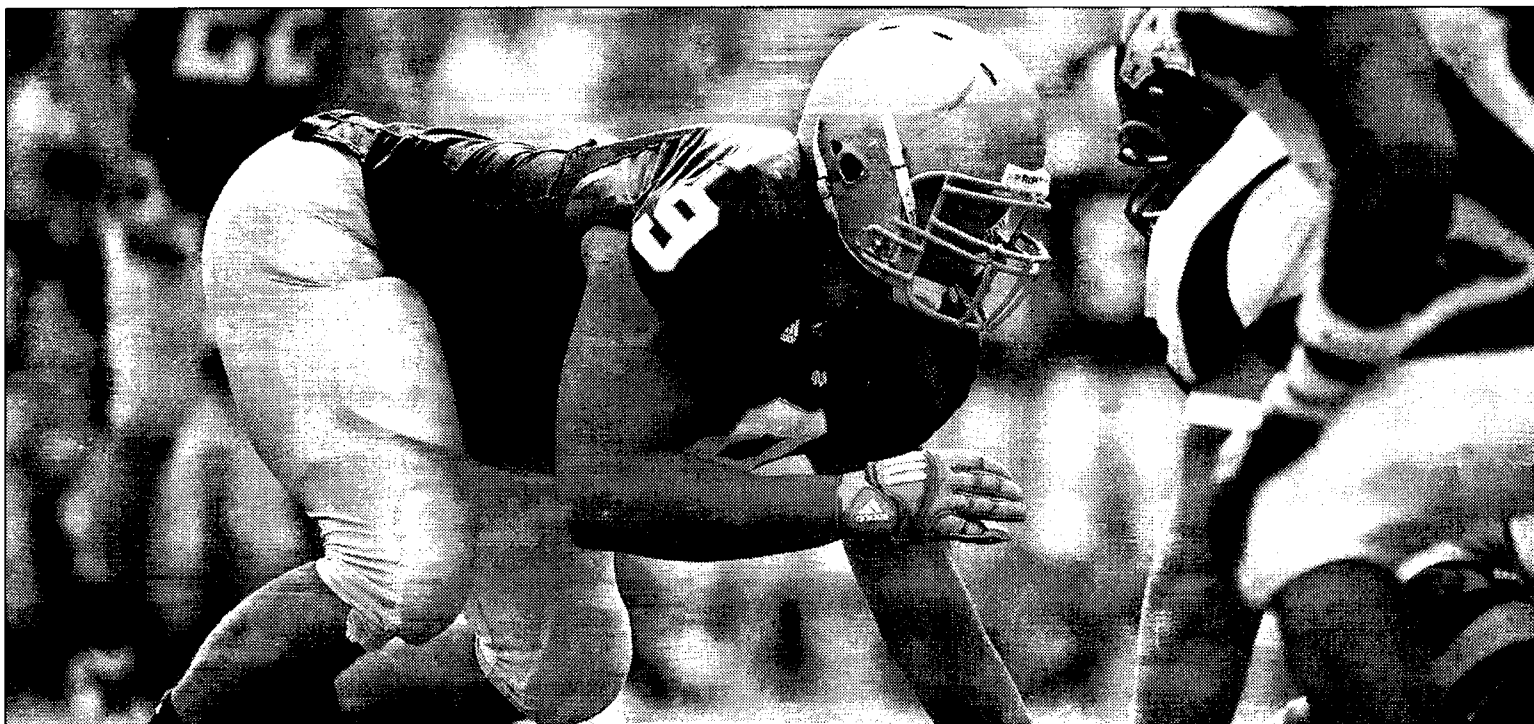
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FOOTBALL

Preparing for pain



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Sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson waits for the snap against Nevada on September 5. Johnson and the Irish defense notched a 35-0 shutout over the Wolf Pack and await a deep and physical Michigan State team.

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

While Michigan State has won six straight in Notre Dame stadium, Notre Dame's captains were more concerned with recent results Wednesday — primarily the last two lost to the Spartans.

"I've only been here since 2005, same with Kyle [McCarthy]," linebacker and special teams captain Scott Smith said. "Really the only thing that's been somewhat within our control is what's happened since we've been here. I don't really look back to what happened in 1993 or anything like that."

McCarthy said the familiarity with Michigan State's offense should help in trying to break the six-game home losing streak.

"They do a lot of the same things they did last year, just different guys," McCarthy said. "Obviously the guys are more than capable of running that offense."

The 23-7 loss in East Lansing was the first for the Irish in 2008, and featured an anemic Notre Dame rushing attack that resulted in passing out of necessity.

"In the first half [last year] we were trying to pound the ball," quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. "They had seven, eight guys in the box

and we just had to throw the ball if we were going to have a chance to win the game."

The Irish run game seems to be vastly improved this year, with junior Armando Allen emerging as a tougher inside runner and averaging 5.9 yards per carry.

"In the grand scheme of things, as an offensive lineman at any level of any football team, running the ball is kind of a thing of pride," senior center Eric Olsen said. "When you're pushing defensive linemen back and getting up to linebackers and your running back is making great runs behind you, it's just a good feeling and something that gets everyone

excited."

Both defensive captains agreed that the team was better prepared to recover quickly from the loss to Michigan than those in years past.

"I think we have a much more mature team this year," McCarthy said. "Last year we were a little young, but this year, those guys have really stepped up into more of a leadership role."

Both units should be prepared for a physical game against a Spartan team angry after last week's 29-27 upset loss to Central Michigan.

"They like to play physical

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SMC SOCCER

Belles drop 8th straight at Titans

Observer Staff Report

The Belles' struggles on offense, which have plagued them for most of the season, were too much to overcome as they dropped their eighth straight road contest, a 5-0 decision at No. 7 Illinois Wesleyan College Wednesday night in Bloomington, Ill.

The Titans jumped out early with a goal in the 12th minute before adding three more first-half goals to put the game out of reach.

Senior Patty Duffy played 63 minutes in goal, making three saves, before giving way to freshman Adele Bruggeman, who made one stop of her own.

Senior Jessica Slean and freshman Ashley Morfin were the only Belles players to register shots in the match.

Junior goalkeeper Alli Novak registered her 20th career shutout for Illinois Wesleyan as the Belles were outshot 20-2.

Goals for the Titans were scored by Carlie Hoekstra, Molly O'Brien, Tori Samson, Kelsey Porter and Annmarie Dolak.

Saint Mary's (2-4) will play the second of three matches on its current road trip when it travels to Ohio for a matchup with Wilmington College Friday.

The Belles will be searching for their first away goal on the season. With the loss Saint Mary's drops to 4-17-1 over the past two seasons.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC rallies, but falls 3-2 to Flying Dutch

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped another close conference match to MIAA rival and No. 8 Hope Wednesday, 3-2.

"This match was a really tough loss," coach Toni Kuschel said. "We had a lot of unforced errors and there were a few plays that did not go our way."

The loss was the Belles' third that came in five sets, a sign that the team is playing well but is having issues closing out.

"We have to learn to keep executing what is working for us at the time and capitalize on the other teams weaknesses", Kuschel said.

The Flying Dutch got off to a quick start, breezing to victory in the first two games 25-9 and 25-19. Saint Mary's rallied together, however, rebounding to take the next two games 25-20 and 25-21.

Hope recovered to win the

fifth and final set 15-10.

The Belles continued to receive stellar play from senior star Lorna Slupczynski, who recorded a double-double with 12 kills and 18 digs.

Despite a tough start to the season, Kuschel recognized the talent on the roster and is confident that her squad is making continual progress.

"Our team is improving each game," she said. "I think is says a lot about how mentally tough they can be to come in to a strong conference and play the way they have been playing."

The Flying Dutch had a balanced attack with four different players notching double-digit kills. Jacie Fiedler, Cassidy Bulthuis, Traci Baker and Sara DeWeerd all had at least 10 kills for Hope.

The Belles will take a much-needed break this week to readjust themselves and prepare for conference rival Olivet Tuesday at home.

MEN'S SOCCER

Team readies for Big East



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Senior midfielder Justin Morrow fights for a ball against New Mexico on Sept. 13 in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Lobos.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins its conference schedule this weekend in hopes of winning its third straight Big East Blue Division title. But there will be a lot of teams standing in the way of the Irish.

"The Big East is one of the best conferences in the country," coach Bobby Clark said. "To win it three years in a row would be pretty special. It's a real feather in the cap for the guys."

The No. 20 Irish (2-2-1) currently sit in fourth of the eight teams in the Blue Division of the conference, though the standings will certainly be shaken up once conference play begins. The other eight Big East teams comprise the Red Division, which is led by No. 11 South Florida (4-0), whom the Irish will play Sunday after a

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