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ESTEEM graduate program welcomes first class

Students in the engineering, science and business colleges work to bring new technology to commercial market

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Engineering, Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Excellence Master's Program (ESTEEM) welcomed its first class this fall, just over a year after it was conceived as a joint venture graduate program between the Colleges of

Science, Engineering and Business.

The program seeks to train scientists and engineers in the skills needed to bring new technology to the commercial market, according to Bob Alworth, an associate dean in the Colleges of Science and Engineering.

"There's wonderful science and engineering that's being created," Alworth said. "The

faster we can get that to do good for society, the better society is."

The ESTEEM program's curriculum seeks to give science and engineering students, many of whom do not have a background in entrepreneurship or business, the tools they need to take technology from the research to the development level, Alworth said.

Twenty-eight students are currently enrolled in ESTEEM, which is a one-year graduate program that awards a Masters of Science degree. These students have strong undergraduate backgrounds in science and engineering, Alworth said.

"They're not in [ESTEEM] because they're going to do research," Alworth said.

Instead, ESTEEM students

hope to work to bring researched technology to the commercial market, either for profit or non-profit ventures.

The program was first conceived late in the summer of 2008 by Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, Peter Kilpatrick, dean of the College of Engineering, and Carolyn

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Students Hayley Mohr, left, and Mariel Osetinsky enjoy traditional German food at the 2008 Okdomerfest event. This year's Okdomerfest will take place tonight at Legends.

Photo courtesy of Mary Allison

Annual Okdomerfest to be celebrated tonight

By KATIE PERALTA
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Many Americans ring in the autumn season with pumpkins and apple pie. Others, however, turn to the ways of their German counterparts and celebrate with lederhosen and wienerschnitzel.

The Notre Dame German Club, along with the Student Union Board (SUB) will sponsor its annual Okdomerfest celebration tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Legends.

Mariel Osetinsky, a senior German major and vice president of the German Club, has been working with the Club as well as Legends since the

beginning of the year to plan Okdomerfest.

"Okdomerfest is the German Club's biggest event of the year," she said. "I can confidently say Okdomerfest will be one of the best events for Notre Dame students all year."

The event, which is open and free to all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's faculty and students with a valid school identification card, will serve a variety of authentic German cuisine including brats, sauerkraut, pretzels and potato salad, senior Katy Smith, treasurer of the German Club said. Smith, along with Observer Assistant Managing

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Professors discuss '08 election, presidency

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

The role of the United States President, especially that of President Barack Obama, along with discussion of the scope of government, remained a heated topic of discussion amongst University political scientists Tuesday afternoon.

Notre Dame's Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy continued this discussion yesterday in a lecture "Congress and the Presidency" as a part of its conference titled "The Change Election? The 2008 Presidential Election and the

Future of American Politics."

In the first part of the lecture, Notre Dame associate professor of political science John Griffin addressed the relevance of a famous presidential quote to modern American politics, and consequently, its impact of the 2008 presidential election.

"Government is not the solution to our problems, government is the problem," Griffin quoted former president Ronald Reagan as saying in 1981.

Griffin presented a graph depicting popular opinion about the scope of government. The graph portrayed

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Expert explores peace in Africa

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Visiting fellow George Wachira, a senior Research and Policy Advisor of the Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa, discussed the effectiveness of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRC) for peace building efforts in Africa in a lecture Tuesday night.

The lecture, titled "Truth Overstretched? TRCs as Transitional Justice Tools in Africa," was hosted by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

A TRC, Wachira said, is formulated to address claims of human rights violations and to assure punishments for the crimes committed against victims of such injustices.

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Senior Research and Policy Advisor of the Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa George Wachira speaks at his lecture Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Love

A person's relationship with their hometown's sports teams is the kind of thing that can be likened to a romantic relationship. You are there for you team through thick and thin, whether you are winning or losing. In fact the devotion of the typical fan is probably indicative of a stronger relationship with their hometown team than they have with their actual wives or girlfriends.

Jared Jedick

Sports Production Editor

Fans incorporate their sports teams into their sense of self, and when your team wins, you win, and when it loses, you lose. The agony and joy is palpable, despite the fact that we are often reminded that it is just a game.

And like any relationship, it can have rewards and drawbacks.

Some fans get to go to the playoffs every year and compete for a championship, while some fans get run into the ground every year. It is the inevitability of sports life.

These fans can be sorted into different categories.

For some, like Yankees or Steelers fans, it's flirting with the playoffs and championships every year. I will classify these fans as the "fortunates." They have no reason to be stressed about what is going to happen in the season, because sixty percent of the time they are going to win. They are never out of the running until the end of the year, and every so often they get to taste the joys of winning a championship.

But these fans can still find reason for complaining.

These fans wonder: will former Cy Young winner CC Sabathia live up to the hype and lead the team to the World Series? or will our team win our fourth or fifth championship in the past ten years?

Then there are the "middle-of-the-road-ers," who usually do not compete but every five years or so make a run at a championship. These fans get to enjoy the benefits of "Money Ball" and see how good management both on the field and in the front office can lead to a product worth spending money on tickets to see. These are your Minnesota Twins or Tampa Bay Rays, and they are able to create legitimate underdog stories that can capture the imagination, despite not always being in the race every year.

And then there are the "unfortunates." These are the poor, hapless souls whose sports experience is an endless agony. Year after year they rebuild, and year after year they fail to compete. This category can be likened to your Cleveland Browns or your Kansas City Royals. These teams have inept coaching, inept front office executives, and players who cannot figure out how to play as a team. As a fan in this category, you only taste the agony of defeat.

If our teams always disappoint those of us fans who are "unfortunates," why do we keep coming back for more? The answer can only be found in another analogy.

We are like people trapped in abusive relationships. We keep getting hurt and disappointed again and again, and yet we cannot stop coming back for more. We are often even proud of our failures, saying our city is more championship starved than your city. So why do we keep coming back for more?

It is for the hope, the forlorn hope, that someday, somehow, the stars will align, the coach will be perfect, the players will come together perfectly, and all the "fortunates" will choke, and maybe, just maybe, we can win. It is a dream, but it is our dream, and we are going to keep hoping for it. Always.

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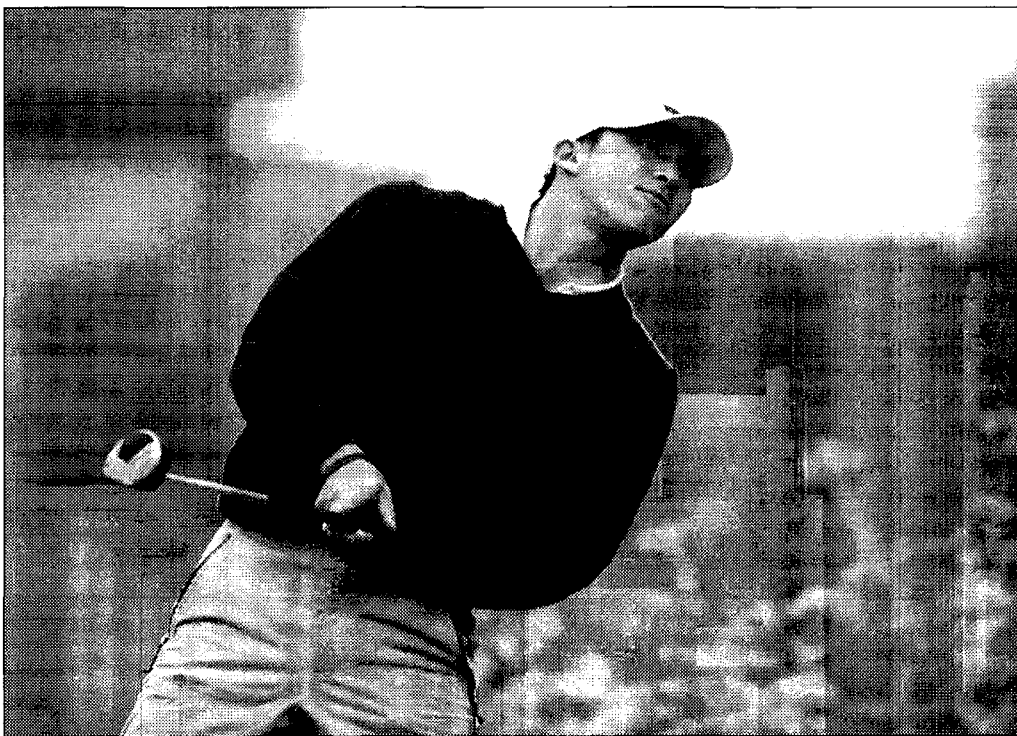
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOUR LIFE COULD BE A YOUTUBE VIDEO, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

					
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sophomore Paquerilla West	sophomore Howard	senior McGlinn	sophomore McGlinn	sophomore Pasquerilla West	sophomore Keough
"Can I have yo number?" Self explanatory."	"Justin Bieber music video 'One Time' becuae he's my number one."	"ND vs. Washington, Golden Tate flipping."	"Otters holding hands. YouTube it and you'll see why."	"Total Eclipse of the Heart' video. It's weird yet it makes so much sense. Just like ... me."	"Potter Puppet pals. Because I'm full of wizard angst."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



Notre Dame junior Dustin Zhang watches his tee shot as the rain begins to fall during the Fighting Gridiron Golf Classic at the Warren Golf Course Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Aussie race fans limited to 24 cans of beer daily

MELBOURNE — Adult fans at one of Australia's most popular motor sport races, the Bathurst 1000, will be limited to one "slab" of beer a day — or 24 375 ml cans — as police focus on reducing alcohol-related crime.

The 24-can rule would also be placed on mixed drinks for the V8 car race starting Thursday which draws thousands to the rural town of Bathurst in eastern New South Wales state, the NSW police said Tuesday.

But more restrained spectators would be able to slake their thirst, if not their craving

for alcohol, with up to 36 cans of low or mid-strength beer.

Wine lovers must make do with no more than four liters of cask wine per day and combinations of the options would not be allowed, the police statement said.

Irish school children told to provide own toilet paper

DUBLIN — Irish parents struggling to buy schoolbooks and uniforms in the face of a deep recession may now have to worry about sending their children to school with a toilet roll as well as a packed lunch.

Pupils at a primary school in the southern county of Cork are being asked to bring their

own toilet paper to school to help save money, one of the starkest examples yet of the dearth of Ireland's "Celtic Tiger" economy.

"The letter was sent out just as a way of balancing books here in the school and not intended as a demand," said Catherine O'Neill, principal at St John's Girls National School.

O'Neill said the request was made because of cuts to government grants for books and computers. She added that parents were responding well.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

David Foster will deliver a lecture titled "Contesting a Revolution: Raymundo Gleyzer's Documentary Mexico: La Revolucion Congelada" today at 4:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center in room C-103.

The New Playwrights Workshop will perform "Cargo" and "Scattered Voices" tonight at the Philbin Studio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$12 for faculty and 10 for staff and seniors. The performances will run from Oct. 6 to Oct. 11.

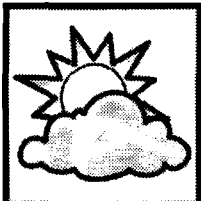



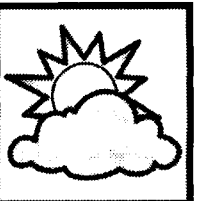

The Blue and Gold Mechatronic Football will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Room 356 of Fitzpatrick Hall. Free pizza and soda, as well as information about the 2010 Chicago Auto Show will be provided.

Junot Diaz will be reading from his novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but ticketed.

The Notre Dame Men's Hockey team will play Alabama-Huntsville Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink. Ticket information is available at 631-7356.

The 121st Annual Sorin College Talent Show will take place on Friday at 8 p.m. in front of Sorin Hall. The event is free.

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Print quotas dwindling quickly

Students, faculty weigh in on e-Reserves, increase in printed assignments

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

The increased use of e-Reserves and online reading materials has become a major debate topic on campus this year as students find their print quotas, which are supposed to last for the entire academic year, depleting much faster than expected.

E-Reserve use has steadily increased from 309 courses in the 2002-03 year to 407 courses in the 2007-08 year, Collette Mak, head of Resources Access and Delivery at the Hesburgh Library, said. In the Fall 2008 semester alone, almost 300 courses were making use of e-Reserves and other online bases for material such as Concourse, she said.

While some see the increased use of online-based work to be an unnecessary burden on students and professors, others see the expanding system as useful and practical.

"We fulfill a service for the professors," Mak, who oversees the e-reserves, said.

"The most important thing we do is to actively search to see if the articles are being reproduced under the Fair Use Policy. If not, then the library pays for the publishing fees in order to reproduce the documents," she said.

Although the increase in printing might seem wasteful, Mak said the larger scale use of University printers in fact is a part of the University's efforts to "go green."

"The expansion of e-Reserves has also furthered Notre Dame's mission towards sustainability," she said. "All the pages of all the

course packets were going to be printed whether students read them or not, and it was environmentally unsound to print course packets that not all students would be reading fully. Now what is being printed is what students have read, and that will save a lot of paper in the long run."

The amount of paper that still needs to be printed, however, still has many students concerned.

"My print quota is at about \$70 right now," said senior Jessica Technow. "It seems to be depleting a lot more quickly this year as compared to this time last year."

She attributes her depleted quota to the increase in online materials in all of her classes.

"As it stands right now, I guess I'm okay, but as my print quota gets closer to zero I'll have more of a negative reaction," she said. "I definitely think that increasing the print quota would be a good way to take care of the issue."

Professors, on the other hand, see the increased use of e-Reserves as a sign of the times.

"Things are tough on everyone right now," political science professor Tara Lavalley said. "When I first started teaching at Notre Dame, I was able to assign course packets that ran for about \$10 apiece. Now with the copyright infringement laws and the huge increase in course packet costs, they're just no longer a viable teaching tool. I have to put up the material on the Internet now."

Lavalley also said the best possible solution is for students to simply read the materials in PDF form, avoiding the need to print the pages out.

"However, there are simply

some things that need to be printed out, mostly PowerPoints for my classes," she said. "PowerPoints are the best forms of information for students these days, but they aren't very printer friendly. If I don't put material in PowerPoint, people complain about it being tough to read. If I do, people complain about printing costs. It's a catch-22."

"Putting reading materials online has really helped out with my classes," history professor D'Arcy Boulton said. "Over time, most of the books I used in my courses were taken out of print. I used to solve the problem by putting the relevant readings in course packets, but when they started costing a student \$60 and up, online materials became an excellent substitute."

Boulton said an increase in print quotas has been a possibility for students who seek it.

"I've discovered that if students petition their professors to increase the print quota due to increased course loads, and if the professor agrees with it, then the professors can get [the Office of Information and Technologies] to increase the students' print quotas."

Regardless of opinions on the increased use of e-Reserves, the issue will only get more pertinent as students see their print quotas continue to decrease.

"It's sort of ironic, really," Mak said. "Back before the advent of e-Reserves, students were clamoring for online printable materials because the price of course packets was killing them. It seems we've come full circle now."

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Catholicism lecture celebrates C.S. Lewis

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Although C.S. Lewis made fun of Catholics as a teen, he was actually incredibly close to being Catholic himself, associate professor of Literature and Writer-in-Residence at Ave Maria University Joseph Pearce said in a lecture Tuesday.

Pearce's lecture was the third of four in the "Close to Catholic: A Celebration of Kindred Spirits" series, sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

Pearce has a close personal connection to Lewis' story. Both converted after reading G.K. Chesterton's writings — Pearce from agnosticism to Catholicism and Lewis from atheism to Anglicanism.

Having published "C.S. Lewis and the Catholic Church" in 2003, Pearce is considered a C.S. Lewis expert.

Pearce began his lecture with a story. Russell Kirk, a prominent American conservative thinker, was once asked, "If C.S. Lewis were alive today, would he be Catholic?" Kirk responded, "Probably."

Pearce traced the four phases of the Catholic literary revival, which began with Wordsworth and Coleridge and concluded with "the Inklings," a club of Oxford professors that included Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

The conundrum, Pearce said, is that Lewis was not Catholic.

"Lewis saw himself as resolutely on the side of orthodox theology and as a great enemy of theological modernism," Pearce said. Lewis saw theological modernism as a poor dilution of Christianity, he explained.

"He was a great ally of Chesterton's view that orthodoxy is something dynamic that changes hearts, changes minds and changes society."

Pearce said Tolkien attributed Lewis' steadfast Anglicanism to his patriotic roots, since he was born in

historically Protestant Northern Ireland.

"If you asked Tolkien why Lewis never became Catholic, he's answer you in three words," Pearce said. "The Ulsterior motive." Ulster is another name for Northern Ireland.

As a teen at boarding school in England, the atheist Lewis wrote home to his father about "the crazy Papists and popery" of the Anglican High Church, but it was there that he first thought religion could have substance.

Lewis served in World War I and he first encountered Chesterton while recovering at a hospital in France. Chesterton's "Everlasting Man" showed Christ as the center of history. Reading this view of Christianity was "a major milestone on Lewis' path back to Christian belief."

Lewis began to believe in God, but "he didn't much like God" since he saw God as a vivisection, controlling being, Pearce said.

The final crucial step in Lewis' conversion was a conversation with J.R.R. Tolkien, whose love of mythology had originally made the two men friends.

"Lewis said that myths are lies," Pearce said.

Christianity, meanwhile, is itself a myth "but it's the true myth, with God Himself as the storyteller," he said.

Shortly after this conversation, Lewis converted to Anglicanism.

Later in his life, Lewis attended the sacrament of confession, referred to his love for "the Blessed Sacrament" and repeatedly wrote about his belief in Purgatory.

Lewis never converted, but he wrote on his deathbed that he expected to be in Purgatory soon.

"To return to the Russell Kirk question, 'Is C.S. Lewis a Catholic?' Pearce said, "I would say, if he's in purgatory, he is [Catholic] now."

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Africa

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After the post-apartheid TRC in South Africa met successfully, other such commissions have begun to develop in several other African countries, he said.

Wachira's current work at the Kroc Institute focuses on analyzing the ways in which organizations, including TRCs, can work to implement social change. He described his mission as acting as "a practitioner of peace building," understanding the voices of villagers in order to represent their expectations.

Wachira said skepticism is growing about the benefits of the commissions. He said they are rumored to be effective, yet many African villagers claim the organizations are simply "crying commissions" that listen to their stories without acting upon them.

"If you are going to do nothing about making someone cry about their loss, why bother?" he quoted

one anonymous villager as saying.

Wachira became involved in his work after his father was arrested and detained in his native Kenya without a trial for three years. He encouraged a greater connection between the expectations of villagers, who stand as the main beneficiaries of the commissions, and the actual results of the work of TRCs.

"Perhaps we need to draw a line between being victim-focused and victim-dominated," Wachira said.

TRCs, said Wachira, ought not to focus on avoiding undesirable situations but rather to formulate tools that can help publicly confront the ugly past in order to rebuild society in the future claims.

In order to begin to achieve the goals laid out by Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, Wachira also advised defining the unique functions of a TRC as well as a coming to a better understanding of the expectations and needs of the people it serves.

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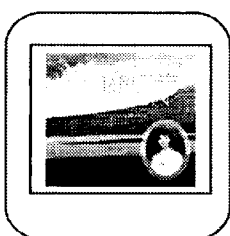
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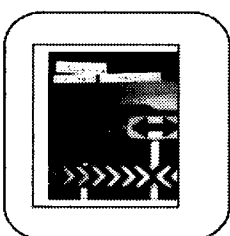
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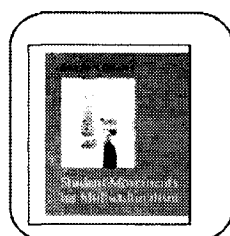
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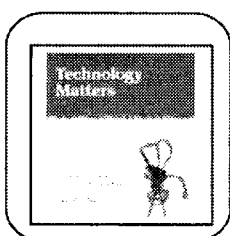
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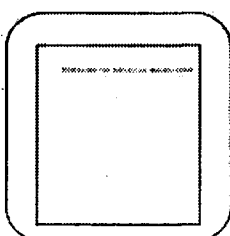
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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

New task forces created to address issues on campus

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

At Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting, Campus Life Council (CLC) representatives announced additional task forces that will address specific issues central to campus life.

The new task forces will include a Student Legal Services Committee, an On-Campus and Off-Campus Advertising Committee and a Disciplinary Records Committee.

In a joint effort with the University, the legal services task force will focus on providing assistance to students who are seeking legal council.

"This is modeled after several other universities that give students the opportunity to receive certain legal advice" on issues such as landlord-tenant issues, alcohol-related issues or civil matters, student body president

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Grant Schmidt
student body president

Grant Schmidt said.

The Disciplinary Records Committee will be working with the Office of Residence Life and Housing to recommend striking minor infractions from a student's record that occurred during his or her first year, given that the student had no subsequent violations.

When applying to graduate schools, students often find themselves negatively affected by minor infractions, student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

"This is a really interesting topic and would be appreciated by

many," Schmidt said.

CLC has also created an advertising task force that will analyze and address the methods of marketing for events and resources on and off campus.

"There are so many ways people advertise across campus," campus advertising chairwoman Bridget Bredemann said. "But what's the most efficient way to advertise to students?"



Student body vice president Cynthia Weber and president Grant Schmidt discuss new task forces at the Council of Representative meeting Tuesday.

Looking to streamline the ways student groups and organizations publicize information, the committee will examine the effectiveness of midnight e-mails and the possibility of a central location on campus for posting flyers and posters.

"Other campuses have a centralized spot where all the advertising goes," Schmidt

said. "We still want people to have a little competition for advertising, but there are so many events and people just don't know how to get the word out."

In other COR news:

♦ Schmidt discussed financial aid at Notre Dame and looked to COR members for important questions to ask the Office of

Financial Aid at the next COR meeting.

Many COR members emphasized the need for greater transparency in the financial aid office, as well as a better understanding of what constitutes demonstrated need when receiving aid.

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the upward jump in the popularity of big government in America from 1984 to 2008.

He said the change is a result of three principle factors, including "changing composition with the growth of the Democratic party, changing effect with the new enthusiasm of big government and a shift in party identities."

Griffin quoted Michael Barone, senior writer for U.S. News & World Report and principal coauthor of The Almanac of American Politics, noting that Americans may still not be ready for a shift to big government.

"Americans seem to be recalling against big government when it threatens to become a reality rather than a campaign promise," he said.

The next speaker at the lecture, Professor William Howell, the Sydney Stein Professor of American Politics in the Harris School of the University of Chicago, addressed presidential wartime power.

"War is a fetus of monarchy," Howell said, citing the opinions of the founding fathers.

Howell said, however, war has often not been kind to presidents.

"Post-World War II experiences have been devastating for presidents: Truman and Korea, Johnson and Vietnam, Bush and Iraq," he said.

Despite this trend, however, war can be beneficial for a president, Howell said.

Using several graphs, Howell demonstrated the conservative shift of Congress in the days following September 11, 2001.

Howell shifted his dialogue to address modern politics, focusing on President Obama.

"At one level the results suggest Obama is inheriting a compliant Congress than he otherwise would, in the absence of war," he said.

Rogers Smith, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the final part of the lecture.

Smith addressed two key points concerning the historical perspective of Obama's presidency — the change of partisanship that came with the end of the "Reagan Revolution" and the election of the first African-American.

Smith explained how Obama was able to overcome the racial divide in the United States.

Rather than uniting with what he referred to as the Modern Race Conscious Alliance, which includes, "most Democratic party office holders and members," Smith said Obama adopted the theme, "E Pluribus Unum."

Quoting the President, "This nation is more than the sum of its parts. Out of many, we are truly one," Smith said.

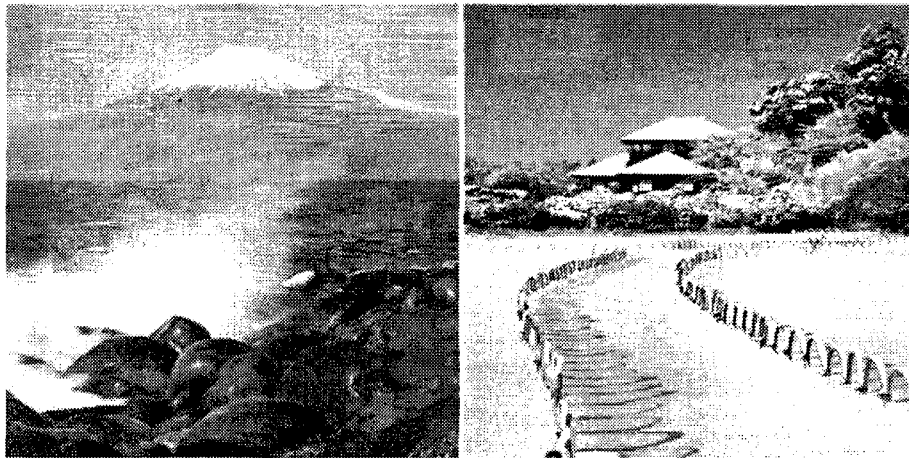
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nobel prizes considered 'Eurocentric'

STOCKHOLM — American authors, you may be back in the Nobel running.

The most prominent member of the Nobel literature prize jury believes the secretive panel has been too "Eurocentric" in picking winners and said Tuesday there are many American writers who would qualify for the coveted award.

Peter Englund's comments ahead of the 2009 prize announcement on Thursday contrast with his predecessor's view last year that U.S. literature is too insular.

"In most language areas ... there are authors that really deserve and could get the Nobel Prize and that goes for the United States and the Americas, as well," Englund told The Associated Press.

Minister of defense kidnapped in Uganda

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Gunmen kidnapped Somalia's state minister for defense Tuesday during a trip to the Ugandan capital, a Somali government spokesman said.

Minister Yusuf Mohamed Siad was abducted as he walked out of a mosque in Kampala, Somali government spokesman Sheikh Abdirisak Qeylow said.

"We are investigating," Qeylow told The Associated Press. "All we know so far is that he was taken away."

The circumstances of the kidnapping were not immediately clear. Kidnappings for ransom are common in Somalia, where the government controls just a few blocks of the capital.

NATIONAL NEWS

School closings blamed for teen violence

CHICAGO — Escalating violence among Chicago's teens may have roots in an unlikely place — an ambitious plan to improve education that's also thrown rival gangs together in an often-volatile daily mix.

After images of a teen slaying were captured on a cell phone last month, President Barack Obama is sending his education secretary back to Chicago where, as head of the city's schools, he implemented that plan.

Since 2005, dozens of failing Chicago public schools have closed and thousands of students reassigned to campuses often across gang lines. Activists say this has resulted in a surge of violence that has turned deadly.

Pediatricians accused of molestation

HAMILTON, Ohio — A pediatrician performed oral sex on three teen patients and fondled a younger boy during office visits, slipping the teenagers cash payments of at least \$200 as they left, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

Dr. Mark Blankenburg doled out money and prescription drugs to some of the patients even after they became adults to keep them silent about the acts, Assistant Butler County Prosecutor Lance Salyers said in opening statements at the doctor's trial.

"Dr. Mark Blankenburg, for 20 or 30 years now, has been driven by a specific sexual appetite for teenage boys," Salyers said.

Blankenburg, 53, and his twin, Dr. Scott Blankenburg, also a pediatrician, are accused of sex crimes involving minors. The brother, who does not face any drug charges, is scheduled for trial in April.

Authorities said the abuses date to 1987.

LOCAL NEWS

Assets from eye doctor's estate sold

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A judge is allowing some assets to be sold from the estate of a northern Indiana ophthalmologist who committed suicide after he was charged with health care fraud.

The executor of Dr. Philip Gabriele's will says his assets are worth about \$2.8 million, but that not enough money is available to pay expenses, including the ongoing federal criminal case against his medical practice.

Police found Gabriele and his wife, Marcella, dead at his Elkhart office June 15, three days after they and their practice were named in an indictment accusing them of financial fraud and injuring patients through unnecessary procedures.

Floating house could withstand storm

Brad Pitt's Make It Right foundation invents structure for hurricane-prone areas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A house capable of floating atop rising floodwaters made its debut Tuesday in New Orleans alongside more than a dozen other homes built through actor Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation.

Called the FLOAT House, the unique home aims to answer the challenge posed by the Big Easy's flood risk, starkly illustrated by the rising waters of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"I wanted to float it down the Mississippi River to New Orleans," architect Thom Mayne said with a chuckle while in New Orleans for Tuesday's event. Instead, the home was shipped in pieces from Los Angeles, where it had been constructed on UCLA's campus.

The dwelling was designed by Morphosis Architects under the direction of Mayne, a professor at UCLA. Mayne said it's the first of its kind to be permitted in the United States.

It is long and narrow like the traditional New Orleans shotgun home and sits on a raised 4-foot base. It also has a front porch. But the home is contemporary in design, with sharp angles and energy efficient features like solar panels and a roof designed to capture and recycle water.

"You have to build a house for the environment, for the reoccurrence of hurricanes, but it can also be energy efficient," Mayne said.

No one lives there yet, but a family could buy the home and move in as early as next month, said Tom Darden, executive director of Make It Right. The group says it went through the local zoning and permitting channels before erecting the 1,000 square-foot, two-bedroom house on the site.

Residents must qualify through the foundation to be eligible for the floating



A floating house designed by Morphosis Architects has been brought to New Orleans through actor Brad Pitt's Make it Right Foundation. AP

house or other homes being built by Pitt's group. They must have lived in the Lower 9th Ward before Hurricane Katrina struck the area in August 2005.

Mayne said the Morphosis floating house technology was developed and is in use in the Netherlands, where architects are working to address rising sea levels expected with climate change.

In case of a flood, the base of the house acts as a raft, allowing the home to rise on guide posts up to 12 feet as water levels rise. In the Lower 9th Ward, which saw some of the worst flooding in the city during Katrina, floodwater reached as high as 12 feet.

"It's amazing," Darden said. "Our goal is to be as

innovative and eco-friendly as we can be, and the FLOAT House is certainly technology designed for this climate."

The home's base is a high-performance chassis made from polystyrene foam coated in glass fiber-reinforced concrete. It houses the essential equipment to supply power, water and fresh air.

While not intended for occupants to remain inside during a hurricane, the structure is designed to minimize catastrophic damage and preserve the homeowner's investment, Mayne said.

The floating home should also allow residents to return within days of a hurricane or flood, Mayne said.

Mayne's team, which

included architects and UCLA graduate students, took about two years to design and build the house. He said he is now shopping for a production company to help mass produce it. Miller said the houses could sell for around \$150,000.

Shannon Sharpe Briand, a New Orleans real estate agent with ReMax for more than seven years, said she thinks some buyers would be interested in the floating homes, especially if the going price is \$150,000.

Mayne said he admires Pitt's effort to build stronger, safer and more energy efficient housing in New Orleans. Pitt founded Make It Right in 2007 to help Lower 9th Ward residents who lost their homes during Katrina.

INDONESIA

U.S. troops increase earthquake relief

Associated Press

PADANG — American troops set up a field hospital Tuesday and rerouted ships to aid victims of a powerful earthquake that left hundreds of thousands homeless, in their largest relief operation in Muslim-majority Indonesia since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

The expansion of the U.S. mission comes as efforts shifted from searching for survivors amid the rubble to providing relief to villages that have been cut off by massive landslides generated by last week's magnitude-7.6 quake.

Aid workers from at least 20 coun-

tries focused on caring for the homeless, who huddled in makeshift shelters and cooked meager meals of rice and noodles over open fires or ate vegetables from their fields.

Rear Adm. Richard Landolt, who arrived Tuesday in Padang, the largest city in the quake zone, told The Associated Press that three U.S. Navy ships were on their way, full of supplies, food and heavy equipment that can be used to clear roads and excavate collapsed buildings.

"There is a huge valve that is about to turn on," he said. "There is going to be a terrific ramp-up of operations out here."

Landolt said two naval ships were

expected to arrive in the next day or so. A supply ship has also been cleared to begin operations with four helicopters large enough to carry 30-40 people or equipment to areas that cannot be reached by land, he said.

Also Tuesday, 69 U.S. troops — including 11 doctors — flown in from Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and Japan opened up a 300-bed field hospital outside Padang's main medical facility.

"We are ready for the long haul," said Col. Dan Settergren, who led the military team that set up the hospital. "We will do whatever it takes."

The official death toll rose Tuesday to 704 and officials said it could reach into the thousands.

German

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Editor and German Club President Aaron Steiner, helped organize the event.

"You don't have to be in the German Club or even know anything about German culture to come," Osetinsky said. "We just want everyone to have a great time and enjoy the food, music and company."

Although the famous German event Oktoberfest is famous for its beer, Smith said, Oktoberfest will not provide beer. Students of age, however, can purchase authentic German ales from the Legends bar.

She also said the event will feature an authentic German oomp band called the Strudelmeisters as well as a T-shirt giveaway for the first 35 people who show up.

"It will be a great experience," Kevin Godshall, German Club secretary said. "We are giving away free T-shirts."

Smith, who spent a year studying abroad in Innsbruck, Austria, is passionate about the German culture and hopes

the event reflects the culture of the area she lived in.

"I spent a year living in the Austrian Alps," she said. "It's such a gorgeous place with honest people ... it's not hard not to like Germany and the people. Plus, it has a rich cultural tradition so there are a lot of fun things you can do year-round."

Smith, who is of German descent, also attended the real Oktoberfest in Munich during her time abroad.

"When we got there, everything was just booming," she said. "It was the first weekend [of Oktoberfest] so it was especially crowded. Women in their dirndls, which are the old-fashioned women's German clothing, and men in their lederhosen."

Osetinsky echoed Smith's enthusiasm about German culture.

"The best way to eat the same kind of food, beat the crowds and not spend your savings flying across the world to Germany is by coming to Notre Dame's very own Oktoberfest," she said.

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Esteem

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Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

"They decided there's a need for a program for science and engineering undergraduates on how to take great new technology and translate it into new commercial ventures," Alworth said.

The Academic Council approved the program in January 2009. Alworth said that ESTEEM's approval was one of the fastest approvals of a new program he had ever witnessed.

ESTEEM's core program consists of 12 one-credit courses focused on business and operations management. Students are also required to take six credits of technical electives at the graduate level.

According to Alworth, the program's capstone project is designed to allow students to

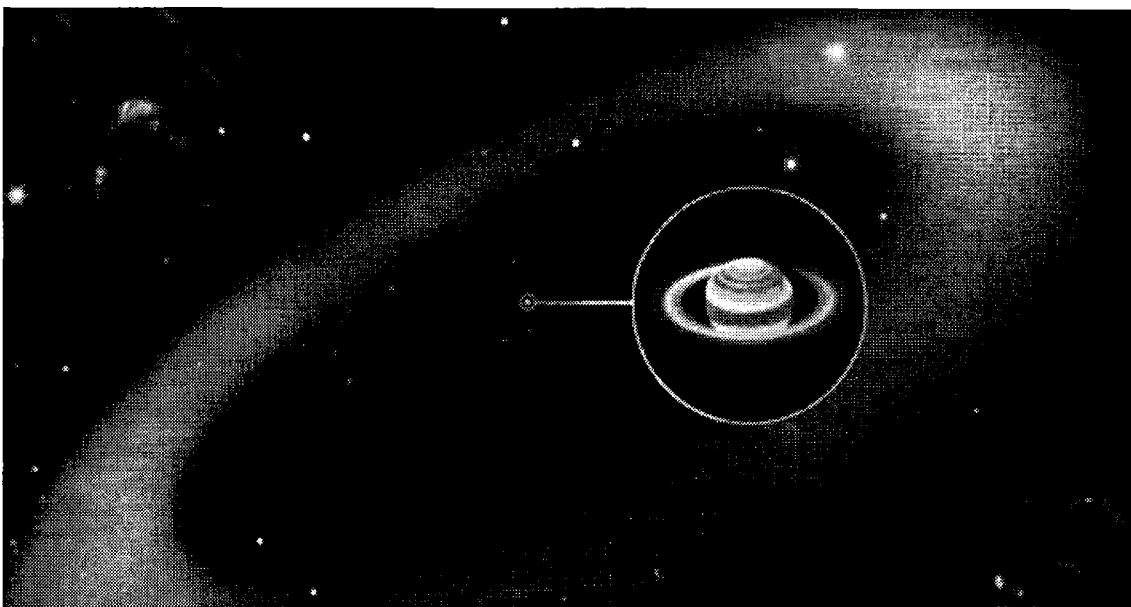
put what they learn in the core program into action. Students work with a faculty member to figure out how the faculty member's invention can come to completion, Alworth said.

This capstone project is similar to the work Alworth anticipates students doing after graduation. "We hope students help to move new technology to commercialization to benefit society," he said. "How they do that is limitless."

ESTEEM's core classes, the 12 one-credit courses, are held in Innovation Park, which is also where the program itself is headquartered. Alworth said that Innovation Park, a product development facility launched by the University, and ESTEEM have similar missions — to bring new technology from the research phase into the commercial marketplace.

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New ring discovered around Saturn



The Spitzer Space Telescope found the biggest and never-before-seen around Saturn Tuesday. The ring is made of ice and dust particles.

PASADENA, Calif. — The Spitzer Space Telescope has discovered the biggest but never-before-seen ring around the planet Saturn, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory announced late Tuesday.

The thin array of ice and dust particles lies at the far reaches of the Saturnian system and its orbit is tilted 27 degrees from the planet's main ring plane, the laboratory said.

JPL spokeswoman Whitney Clavin said the ring is very diffuse and doesn't reflect much visible light but the infrared Spitzer telescope was able to detect it.

Although the ring dust is very cold — minus 316 degrees Fahrenheit — it shines with thermal radiation.

No one had looked at its location with an infrared instrument until now, Clavin said.

The bulk of the ring material

starts about 3.7 million miles from the planet and extends outward about another 7.4 million miles.

The newly found ring is so huge it would take 1 billion Earths to fill it, JPL said.

Before the discovery Saturn was known to have seven main rings named A through E and several faint unnamed rings.

A paper on the discovery was to be published online Wednesday by the journal Nature.

"This is one supersized ring," said one of the authors, Anne Verbiscer, an astronomer at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Her co-authors are Douglas Hamilton of the University of Maryland, College Park, and Michael Skrutskie, also of the University of Virginia.

Saturn's moon Phoebe orbits within the ring and is believed

to be the source of the material.

The ring also may answer the riddle of another moon, Iapetus, which has a bright side and a very dark side.

The ring circles in the same direction as Phoebe, while Iapetus, the other rings and most of Saturn's other moons go the opposite way. Scientists think material from the outer ring moves inward and slams into Iapetus.

"Astronomers have long suspected that there is a connection between Saturn's outer moon Phoebe and the dark material on Iapetus," said Hamilton. "This new ring provides convincing evidence of that relationship."

The Spitzer mission, launched in 2003, is managed by JPL in Pasadena. Spitzer is 66 million miles from Earth in orbit around the sun.

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IN BRIEF

Toyota begins Highlander production
PRINCETON, Ind. — Toyota Motor Corp. says it has begun production of its Highlander sport-utility vehicle at its truck complex near Evansville.

Spokeswoman Kelly Dillon says Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana plans to celebrate the launch Thursday with small worker celebrations on the shop floor and an afternoon reception for community leaders.

The assembly line in the Toyota West plant underwent a \$500 million retooling to handle the midsize Highlander after production of the Tundra full-size pickup was moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Toyota West will continue producing the full-size Sequoia SUV, while the Toyota East plant assembles the Sienna minivan. The complex employs 4,200, following the recent buyouts of about 400 workers.

Toyota operates 14 plants in North America.

Armstrong to be spokesman for beer

MILWAUKEE — Cycling great Lance Armstrong has inked a deal with Anheuser-Busch InBev to be the spokesman for the company's Michelob Ultra brand of beer.

The seven-time winner of the Tour de France and the brewer announced the three-year deal Tuesday.

Armstrong will appear in two television ads featuring the brand, and his image will be in outdoor, print and in-store advertising and possibly packaging.

Speaking from the company's St. Louis offices, where he had addressed 5,000 distributors, Armstrong said he's not quick to jump on endorsements and tries to limit them because of demands on his time from racing, his family and his other ventures.

He said a pairing with Michelob Ultra fit his lifestyle, which focuses on balance. The beer is marketed for health-minded drinkers.

"The key word is we tried to be authentic," he told The Associated Press. "You don't want to be in a place where you're putting your name or face or likeness in any old thing that comes along and whispers in your ear."

"He's the perfect athlete to connect with adult beer drinkers who lead active lifestyles and also a balanced lifestyle," said marketing vice president Keith Levy.

Burger King revamps image, food

Fast-food restaurant chain introduces new, higher-quality design called '20/20'

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Burger King Corp. plans to swap its generic fast-food feel and bland tiles and tabletops for a vibe that's more sit-down than drive-through.

As part of a plan to be revealed Wednesday in Amsterdam, the company will announce a massive effort to overhaul its 12,000 locations worldwide. The sleek interior will include rotating red flame chandeliers, brilliant TV-screen menus and industrial-inspired corrugated metal and brick walls.

"I'd call it more contemporary, edgy, futuristic," Chairman and CEO John Chidsey told The Associated Press. "It feels so much more like an upscale restaurant."

But that comes with an upscale price: The new look is expected to cost franchisees, who operate 90 percent of Burger King's locations, between \$300,000 to \$600,000 per restaurant.

The company said the new design, called "20/20" at the Miami-based chain, is already in place at about 60 locations around the world. Burger King expects about 75 more redesigned restaurants to be open by the end of next year. But it will take years before all its locations are transformed.

Burger King franchise owners are contractually required to update their restaurants after a set period of time, and executives said the redesign will be the primary option for future upgrades. All new restaurants will be built using the plan.

So far, remodeled restaurants have seen sales climb about 12 to 15 percent, while restaurants that are torn down and completely rebuilt at the same location have seen sales climb by as much as 30 percent, Chidsey said.



A Burger King in the Houston suburb of Spring, Texas sports the company's new '20/20' design. The company is hoping to attract a sit-down crowd with their massive overhaul.

Observers say the hip, urban and masculine elements in the redesign may be a hit with Burger King's most loyal customers — young men who frequent the chain known as much for its signature Whoppers and "steak burgers" as its sometimes-creepy "King" commercials. But some experts are skeptical about whether sales will grow as much as the company claims and how eager franchise owners will be to part with that kind of cash, particularly in a sour economy.

Chidsey said he thinks most franchise owners, who typically own both their restaurant's building and the land, won't have trouble obtaining financing and will be swayed once they see how sales can climb.

Morningstar analyst R.J. Hottovy said the reformulated restaurant could keep diners at the table longer but may not draw in enough extra diners to justify the cost.

"I don't think they'll change their perception," he said. "They're pretty entrenched in their reality."

A group representing Burger King franchise owners didn't immediately comment.

Fast-food restaurants typically get almost two-thirds of their business from drive-through or carryout orders. More appealing interiors could help the company compete

with sit-down counterparts that many customers think offer better food and better ambiance.

Ron Paul, president of the food consultant company Technomic Inc., said he thinks the redesign shows just how determined Burger King is to compete with "fast casual" restaurant chains such as Chipotle, Starbucks and Panera, which customers think of as a cut above typical fast food.

"People in the fast-food category are recognizing they've been losing customers to the fast-casual player," he said. "What this sounds like is an attempt to get that dining-in business back by making it an attractive environment."

Apple welcomed the announcement. "We are very happy that AT&T is now supporting VoIP applications," said Apple spokeswoman Natalie Kerris.

AT&T to expand internet services on iPhone

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — AT&T Inc. said late Tuesday that it will begin allowing iPhone owners to use Internet calling services on its wireless network.

The phone giant, the exclusive wireless provider for Apple Inc.'s iPhone, has until now allowed Internet calling services to work on the popular device only over Wi-Fi connections. Those connections generally have limited mobility and therefore present less of a competitive threat to AT&T's core wireless calling business.

The move comes amid a Federal Communications Commission inquiry into competition in the wireless industry. Among other things, that inquiry will examine handset exclusivity

deals, such as AT&T's agreement with Apple giving AT&T exclusive access to the iPhone.

It also comes ahead of an FCC vote scheduled for later this month on "network neutrality" rules, which would prohibit broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against certain types of Internet traffic flowing over their lines.

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, one of three Democrats on the commission, wants to impose net neutrality rules to ensure that broadband providers don't abuse their power over Internet access to favor their own services or harm competitors.

His plan faces stiff opposition from the phone and cable companies that provide most broadband connections in the U.S. and has particularly

alarmed wireless carriers because it would also apply these rules to wireless networks.

AT&T said late Tuesday that it has informed Apple and the FCC that "it has taken the steps necessary" to enable Voice over Internet Protocol — or VoIP — services on the iPhone over its 3G wireless network. AT&T said it made the decision "after evaluating our customers' expectations and use of the device compared to dozens of others we offer."

The company already allows subscribers to make Internet calls over its 3G network using other wireless devices.

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MEXICO

Anti-prostitution group seeks to block movie

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Efforts to film Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's latest novel are meeting resistance in Mexico, where an anti-prostitution group is seeking to block production, charging the movie will promote child prostitution.

"Memories of My Melancholy Whores" tells the story of a bachelor who for his 90th birthday decides to give himself the gift of a night of "wild love with an adolescent virgin."

The Regional Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean filed a criminal complaint with Mexico's Attorney General's Office on Monday. The complaint does not specifically name Garcia Marquez, but instead "whoever is responsible for acts that could be constituted as the crime of condoning child prostitution."

Coalition director Teresa Ulloa told The Associated Press that a movie adaptation of the Colombian author's novel would promote pedophilia and be accessible to a wider audience.

"As a book, it does not have access to the most vulnerable people in society," she said. "Once they make the movie, it will be in movie theaters and later it will surely be on television."

The Attorney General's Office did not immediately respond to requests for information on the lawsuit.

The film's co-director and producer, Ricardo del Rio, told Mexico's Reforma newspaper in an interview published Tuesday the lawsuit's claims were inaccurate and unfair.

"They are censoring a film before it's been made, without knowing either the script or the vision of the director," he said.

He told Reforma that filming, scheduled to begin in late October, had been postponed because government officials in the Mexican state of Puebla had decided to withdraw funding for the movie in light of the lawsuit.

Puebla's government said in a statement released Tuesday would not help fund the \$8 million film.

Del Rio said producers had picked a 21-year-old actress, Ana de Armas, for the movie part, and that the character's age would not be dealt with in the film.

"Here they have simply killed our adaptation. They have dealt us a fatal blow because we can't film without all the resources," he said.

Representatives of Memorias del Sabio Producciones, listed as the producer of the movie on a Mexican government Web site, said filming has been delayed but did not provide further reactions to the lawsuit.

"We are actively working to make this film project ... We know it is a film that will awaken an interesting debate, just as it will make us grow as

a society," producer Raquel Guajardo said in a statement.

Ulloa said stopping the adaptation was her organization's goal.

"We don't want them to put Garcia Marquez in jail," Ulloa said. "What we want is for them not to film the movie."

She said the governments of Denmark and Spain were providing funding for the film. The coalition also plans to send letters to those governments asking them to reconsider their participation, she said.

"Memories of My Melancholy Whores," published in Spanish in 2004, is the Nobel Prize-winning novelist's most recent book. When the novel came out in Mexico, publishers described it as a "hymn to life."

PAKISTAN

Country braces for bombings

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan braced for more militant attacks ahead of an anticipated offensive against a Taliban stronghold, as the insurgents said they bombed a U.N. relief agency because international aid work was not in "the interest of Muslims."

The suicide bombing Monday at the World Food Program headquarters in Islamabad killed five people, prompting the U.N. to temporarily shut all its offices across the country.

U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes said security at the U.N. offices would be reviewed. "But we have no intention of giving up or stopping giving the help that people need so desperately at the moment," he told reporters in New York on Tuesday.

Holmes urged militants not

to attack U.N. and other aid agencies "on the pretense that we're doing something other than" humanitarian work, adding that the aid groups have "no political or religious or other agenda."

The attack proved the Taliban retained the ability to launch deadly strikes in the heart of Pakistan despite government hopes that the Aug. 5 killing of their leader Baitullah Mehsud in a CIA drone attack and recent military successes in the Swat Valley would send the group spiraling into chaos.

Pakistani officials have said they are prepared to launch another offensive to rout the Taliban from their mountain redoubts in South Waziristan. A media report last week said a major ground offensive was imminent, and an AP reporter in the area Sunday saw Taliban fighters taking up positions and villagers

fleeing.

Such an offensive would likely come at a high price for the military. The army has been beaten back there three times since 2004 and analysts say 10,000 well-armed militants, including foreign fighters, are dug in around the region.

Helicopter gunships, jet fighters and artillery batteries pounded suspected militant hide-outs in South Waziristan on Tuesday, killing two militants and seven other people, intelligence officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. They said the army was trying to establish whether the seven unidentified victims were militants.

The military launched the strikes in response to a Taliban attack on two military bases, the officials said.

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Abducted baby to be returned to Tenn. mom

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A mother will be reunited with her newborn son after losing him twice, first to a kidnapper and then to state custody after someone claimed a family member had tried to sell him.

Infant Yair Anthony Carillo is no longer in state custody and authorities do not believe parents Maria Gurrolla and Jose Carillo were involved in the abduction, the Department of Children's Services and Nashville police said Tuesday.

Maria Gurrolla lost custody of Yair and his three siblings after the baby was found safe in Alabama. Two officials familiar with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it, said the state took the children after someone claimed a family member had tried to sell the baby.

Thomas Miller, an attorney appointed to represent the children, told The Associated Press that police informed child welfare officials Tuesday they had "cleared the parents of any wrongdoing."

"The kids will be returned as soon as logistically possible," Miller said.

Gurrolla and Carillo could not immediately be located for comment.

The baby was found Friday, three days after he was

abducted during a Sept. 29 knife attack on his mother in her home. Gurrolla was briefly reunited with the infant Saturday before Children's Services put him and his siblings, ages 3, 9 and 11, in foster care for their safety. Department officials have declined to be more specific, citing privacy concerns for the family.

Tammy Renee Silas, 39, of Ardmore, Ala., was charged with kidnapping after authorities said they found the baby unharmed at her home about 80 miles south of Nashville.

Silas has not been charged in the attack on Gurrolla, who was stabbed several times and had a collapsed lung.

The police statement says "significant unanswered questions remain" in the case, including why Gurrolla and her infant were targeted.

Gurrolla told investigators that after she was stabbed, the attacker made a phone call and said in Spanish "The job is done" and the mother "was dying," according to court documents.

Silas, who remained in custody Tuesday, waived an initial hearing and has not yet appeared in court. She has given a statement to investigators, according to Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Kristin Helm, who declined to detail what she said.

Letterman scandal ups ratings



Steve Martin, left, sits while Martin Short shakes hands with host David Letterman, center, during the taping of 'The Late Show with David Letterman' Monday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While David Letterman would undoubtedly do without the personal turmoil, his blackmail scandal is great for business.

The late-night talk show host's apologies to his wife and staff made for gripping television, and more viewers tuned in to his CBS program than watched anything on NBC in prime-time on Monday. That includes Letterman's old rival, Jay Leno.

Letterman used most of his monologue for jokes at his own expense. In revealing last week that he was the victim of an alleged blackmail scheme, Letterman also admitted to having sexual relationships with women who worked on his "Late Show."

When the laughs quieted down, Letterman apologized to his staff for "putting up with something stupid I've gotten myself involved in." Many had been humiliated by questions from reporters. Letterman said the relationships were in the past. He married longtime flame Regina Lasko in March, and said he is intent upon repairing their marriage.

"Let me tell you folks, I got my work cut out for me," he said.

CBS News producer Robert J. "Joe" Halderman has pleaded not guilty to charges of trying to extort \$2 million from Letterman.

Although Letterman has acknowledged having more than one sexual relationship with staff members, Halderman referred to only one woman by name — Stephanie Birkitt — in his alleged extortion attempt, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. Birkitt, Letterman's assistant, is Halderman's former live-in girlfriend.

The 5.7 million viewers who tuned in to Letterman Monday more than doubled the audience for NBC's "Tonight" show with Conan O'Brien, according to the

Nielsen Co. It was slightly less than the 5.9 million who watched Thursday when Letterman broke the news of the alleged extortion attempt.

The ratings are a testament to the power of the Internet after Letterman's representatives released details of the scandal to the media about three hours before his show aired Thursday. His audience that night was more than a million more than usual, meaning word spread quickly and encouraged people to tune in.

The timing also couldn't be better for CBS, which has seen Letterman eclipse the "Tonight" show shortly after O'Brien took over. The "Late Show" is solidifying the lead partly because of the scandal and guests like President Barack Obama, who brought 7.2 million viewers when he appeared on Sept. 21.

Also appreciating the timing was the pistachio nut industry, which started its first-ever television advertising campaign Monday with commercials on Letterman and the NFL game between the Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packers, which was the most-watched event in cable TV history.

"This is gravy for us," said Dominic Engels, vice president for marketing at pistachio maker Paramount Farms.

No advertisers have publicly asked to back out of the "Late Show" since the story broke, and analysts say they don't expect the incident to make a bottom-line difference to the CBS Corp.

"The ratings popped the first night," said David Joyce, analyst for Miller Tabek. "It appears as if it's going to be a non-story."

Letterman even got an endorsement from Martha Stewart, who said his actions aren't at all disturbing unless there was force involved.

"He's a very attractive man," she said. "Very appealing. Great sense of humor, obviously, and I think all this was done while he was still not married. Although it's still probably harmful to his

wife ... But, you know, men are men. I've put up with it all."

Letterman's effort to be proactive with the issue in a self-deprecating way is helping him control the story and his image, said Michael Gordon, head of a New York-based crisis public relations firm.

"What he can't control is if there are more revelations," he said. "If just one woman claims harassment, then his ratings will go down along with his career."

Letterman arrived on stage Monday to applause and cheers from his studio audience. After drinking it in, he grinned sheepishly and inquired, with a mock stammer, "Did your, did your weekend just fly by?"

After pausing for the audience's sympathetic laughter, he went on: "I mean, I'll be honest with you folks — right now, I would give anything to be hiking on the Appalachian Trail."

"I got into the car this morning," he added, "and the navigation lady wasn't speaking to me. Ouch."

His performance drew mixed reviews.

Entertainment Weekly's Ken Tucker called it "was such a superb hour of television ... that it reminded us all over again how invaluable he is."

"It is time for those calling for his head to calm down and let the man do his job, the job he does as no one else does, and no one will ever do as well again," Tucker wrote.

But editorial page columnist Yael T. Abouhalkah of the Kansas City Star said Letterman's effort to poke fun at a serious situation "made the apologies he issued look rather lame."

Joel Keller of the Web site TV Squad advised Letterman to "stop talking about this mess, immediately."

"The more jokes he made, the more I felt that he was digging a hole he couldn't get out of," Keller wrote. "And then when he made that apology, sincere as it was, it felt like the hole just got much, much deeper."

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Disorganized crime fighting

It has become painfully obvious to anybody reading The Observer since school began that the issue of off campus crime has regrettably surfaced again, and with a vengeance. Whether it was the plethora of assaults down Notre Dame Ave., the break-ins all around the Northeast Neighborhood, or the violent carjacking that took place less than a mile from Notre Dame's gates, the problems have seem to become more fanatical and outrageous at every turn.

As a senior off-campus, I am obviously concerned for the well being of the students and my friends scattered around LaSalle, Notre Dame Ave., and Vaness St. Moreover, as a student, I am concerned with the tepid University response, and some of the misplaced efforts of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD). To date, students off-campus have received a lone e-mail, from Fr. Poorman, explaining that "We have experienced crime near the campus previously, but in these most recent cases the perpetrators have been bolder than in the past." Furthermore, he assures us that ResLife is "working closely with our University and local police agencies to proactively address the issue." I find neither of these sentiments reassuring or helpful. Beyond this single effort, little has been openly discussed or put out in a forum that would actively engage students and the community living in these areas to action. Confidence in action by



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

the University is ebbing low.

The effectiveness of the SBPD in dealing with crime in the area is also in doubt. The normal cause for concern is the zealousness on the part of the police force to target underage drinking and employ scarce resources to stop a bunch of kids in Polos and miniskirts from indulging. This seems especially true when SBPD is using multiple patrols to write dozens of tickets in one fell swoop, something that happens with some regularity every semester.

However, the state budget is tight, and SBPD was nearly unable to reach a contract agreement for the new fiscal budget. Things would have been worse had already tight resources been stretched further. For what they have, the force has made several notable arrests in the past few weeks, and for that it deserves some recognition.

Interestingly, the SBPD has been increasingly using new technology (such as Twitter, and Facebook) to help spread the word about safety and crime issues. This is a positive step and could be even more effective if an effort was made to get the students involved. Imagine if most students off campus could receive text messages warning them of a rise in crime on their block, or if there was someone at large in the community. It would certainly be a start.

Furthermore, the student government has been working on a new project aimed specifically at off-campus woes. Although the details remain vague, the idea is aimed at providing late night shuttle transportation in off-campus areas for students. I think this is an exciting idea, and should be pursued. A route similar to

the current Notre Dame Transpo bus would hit many of the major spots already, and could be adjusted to swing by downtown, and back up through the apartment neighborhood. This could be an easy and effective way to at least prevent some of the "en-route" crime that occurs.

The quickest and strongest response so far has come from Mark Kramer, the largest landlord of off-campus student housing, and a strong advocate for action on this issue. Within the last week, he has begun to promote Gargoyle, a company which will provide a house with a security check, log all serial numbers of valuable devices/electronics, and leave them with an ultraviolet stamp that identifies them as stolen goods. Additionally, he has provided this service free of charge to his tenants, in addition to the security car that drives around his properties on the weekends. This has been the most concrete action yet observed in the community, and hopefully is only the beginning.

There are a lot of moving parts in the puzzle here, and to claim the students have no responsibility for their own safety would be dangerous and absurd. However, if the University, the SBPD, some of the larger landlords and student government (along with the snazzy new off-campus Web site) unified to combat crime in the Northeast Neighborhood, progress could be made in a bigger way.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Normal is not something to aspire to, it's something to get away from."

Jodie Foster
U.S. actor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't ask, don't tell

I'll start by saying that I have nothing against gay people. If that's the way that God made you, then that's the way you are. The Catholic Church states that there is nothing immoral about being homosexual: only immoral to practice homosexuality. In other words, being gay is acceptable, but openly practicing it is not. However some believe that Notre Dame needs to adjust its non-discrimination clause to include homosexuals ("Clause needs updating;" Oct. 6).

I offer the following thoughts. I think that Notre Dame should endorse the same policy as the United States mili-

tary when it comes to admitting gay students: Don't ask, don't tell.

This policy prohibits anyone who "demonstrates a propensity to engage in homosexual acts" from serving in the armed forces. If people don't openly practice homosexuality, then we shouldn't hold their sexual orientation against them in admissions. But allowing gay students to openly practice homosexuality on the campus of Notre Dame only makes us more secular.

I thought that Notre Dame had peaked in secularism with our choice of Commencement speaker last spring. Having the biggest pro-choice advocate

in the world justifying abortion on the platform of the University of Notre Dame was a disgrace. It's about time for Notre Dame to honor the teachings of the Catholic Church, not contradict them. The University of Notre Dame ought to be the gold standard of Catholicism in higher education. We should not adjust our policies to fit societal norms so that people can feel better about their sin. One thing will be certain, if Notre Dame adjusts the clause to include openly practicing homosexuals, then we will have no right to consider ourselves a Catholic university anymore.

How could we when we don't honor even the most basic of Catholic social teachings in abortion and homosexuality? So no, I don't agree that the clause needs updating to include gays. If you're a homosexual student applying to Notre Dame, you should keep your sexual orientation to yourself.

We are, or at least were, a Catholic university.

Sean Mullen
sophomore
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Oct. 6

Miley Cyrus: a bard for today's youth

Thank you, Martha Karam ("Leave Miley alone;" Sept. 30), for defending Miley Cyrus. She is, as Ms. Karam notes, only 16 years old. To all the haters: grow up. I don't know what kind of fancy high school you went to, but I didn't know any adverbs when I was 16. Get off your high horse and remember what it was like to just do things like "yeah!"

As Ms. Karam notes, Miley's lyrics are comparable to those of other pop and hip hop artists. Let's all admit that the only reason Jay-Z's Blueprint 3 is relevant is because Miley mentioned him in "Party."

And displaying her usual lyrical flair, I might add: "And the Jay-Z song was on / and the Jay-Z song was on / and the Jay-Z song was oooooonnn." I'm sure Jay won't be tempted to shoot her next time he sees her in the club. Even if he were, he won't get the opportunity for two years because California's clubs don't allow minors. This definitely isn't a Nashville party!

Yet if Miley were to go to the club underage — and I am by no means suggesting she's the type — she would not dress like that coked-out wench Lady Gaga. So Miley was all naked and what-

not for Rolling Stone.

How tasteful were your photo shoots when you were 16? Only moderately tasteful — at best. You find her digitally enhanced voice "nasally?" You wouldn't know Bob Dylan if he rolled a huge blunt with the American flag and smoked it in your nay-saying face.

Frankly, I question the patriotism of Miley's critics. I won't speak for you, Mr. Mohammed al-Qaeda Hamas, but I believe that "Party in the USA" is the best song to feature the phrase "in the USA" in its title since the Boss extolled the virtues of killing the yellow man in

1984.

Lastly, I have deduced through a thorough Facebook recon that the writers of the original piece — Szymon Ryzner and Nick Anderson — were much, much worse looking as 16-year-olds than Miley is. fact.

I, for one — and Ms. Karam, too, no doubt — enjoyed partying in the USA last weekend. Like "yeah!"

Tom Dybicz
senior
off-campus
Oct. 4

Wanted: Colin Sullivan

To those who printed the Wanted posters: as someone who considers myself lucky to be Colin's girlfriend of almost a year, I was pretty surprised to wake up yesterday morning and find out that all this time I've actually been dating one of Notre Dame's most sexist men.

Apparently what I considered a humorous comment was actually a direct attack on myself and all other female students on campus. I thought the fact that he supports me in everything I do, is best friends with my roommate and adores his two sisters was a sign of a guy who had an inherent respect for women. It took your letter for me to see the error of my ways.

Thank you so much for enlightening me: you obviously know him better than I do.

Michelle Lee
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Oct. 5

Proud to be a woman

"What's your favorite 80's movie?" "If you could jump into a pool of anything, what would it be?" "If you could be any Pokemon, which one would you be?" These examples of previous Observer "Questions of the Day" somehow lead me to believe that these daily inquiries are not exactly meant to be deep, pressing, intellectually-stimulating questions.

Let's be honest. How many of us look to the "Question of the Day" thinking "Ooh! What riveting organic chemistry synthesis will they have for me today?" or "What will be the latest philosophical debate today?" Of course not. The "Question of the Day" is meant to be a frivolous question that makes us laugh and lets us (for a brief moment) not be serious.

Therefore, Colin Sullivan's comments must be taken in light of their context: in jest. No one would voice such inflammatory remarks on a light-hearted platform, and I urge all those up in arms to take the comment for what it was — a joke. If we start taking offense towards remarks with humorous intent, we are setting ourselves on a slippery slope towards censorship.

I, as a proud member of the female gender, am not offended by his answer because I read it for the joke that it was.

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Oct. 5

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Campus Rant: THE ONE ITEM RULE TRASHES GOOD FOOD

Going green is the responsible, if not trendy, thing to do these days. Everyone is concerned with conserving energy, being a conscious consumer and making the world a better place to live in. Signs of the times can be seen across campus. We have a whole week dedicated to eco-friendly energy and consumption. Last year's Notre Dame Forum was dedicated to the discussion of sustainable energy. Even in the dining halls little signs remind us to "consider going tray-less" and "not waste food." Yet there is a clear flaw in the design of this latest campaign — the one-item rule.

Genevieve McCabe

Scene Writer

I know it may seem strange to connect an attempt to reduce waste with the one-item rule (a student is only permitted to take one item with them from the dining hall following a meal) but I would like to supply a personal experience that will hopefully explain my reasoning.

I was recently eating dinner at one of the dining halls on campus. After putting my tray up, I decided that I was going to grab some fro-yo for the

walk back to my dorm. Yet I already had a banana in my hand. Big mistake. As I walked to the exit, I was promptly stopped short and informed that I was only permitted to remove one of my two items from the dining hall. Thinking in the short term, I handed over my banana and walked out the door with my fro-yo in a huff.

This may seem like a familiar story, but let me break it down one step further. As a dining hall worker myself, I know for a fact that that banana was

thrown out. On shifts I work, I throw away countless pieces of untouched fruit. Whole apples, bananas, oranges and pears are tossed every day because they have been contaminated by the simple act of

being picked up by a student. Considering the big picture, wouldn't it have been better to allow me to take that piece of fruit in addition to my fro-yo? The banana would not have been wasted, and I would have had breakfast. Instead the banana was thrown away, and I still ate breakfast. Thus, twice as much food and energy was expended on my breakfast than if I had been allowed the banana in the first place.

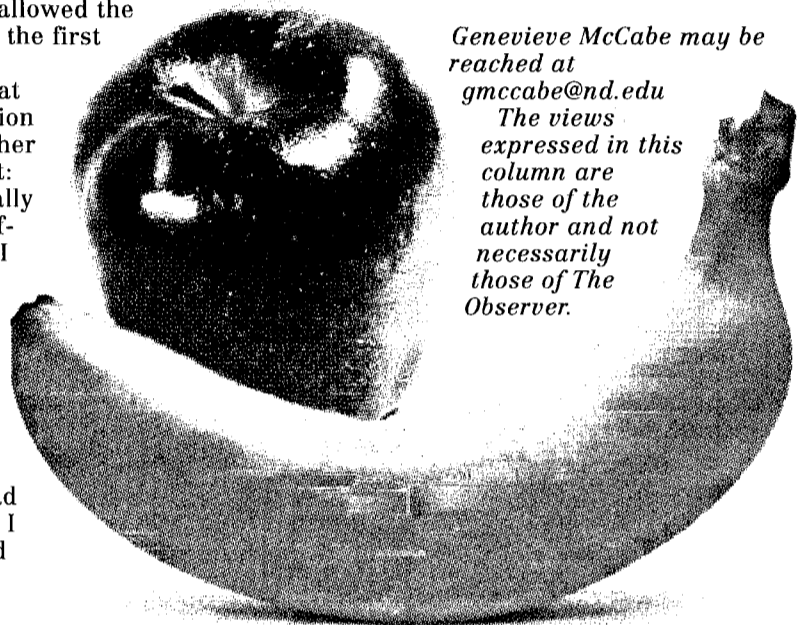
Coming at this situation from another standpoint: does it really make a difference if I consumed my fro-yo and banana in the dining hall or outside of it? Not to beat a dead horse, but I pay a good deal of money for

every meal I eat at the dining hall, and I am fairly certain that I rarely consume an equivalent amount of food. Eating my fro-yo before I leave changes little — the same amount of food was consumed, and less food would have been wasted in the end.

I realize there is a slippery slope when it comes to rules. Who is to say that a two item rule will solve anything? I simply propose that some discretion is used in considering each situation. I think that as students of Notre Dame, we have the ability to know the difference between taking two items and taking an entire meal home for later. And in an environment where everyone is concerned with the responsible use of resources, isn't it better that that banana is eaten rather than thrown away? This may be a small step, but it is one step further in reducing waste and limiting our impact on the environment.

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Madonna's New Collection CELEBRATION Over 25 Years of Hits

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Scene Writer

The Material Girl has done it again. On Sept. 29, Madonna released a greatest hits album on Warner Bros. Records that can be purchased as a two-disc deluxe set or an 18-song single disc. Every song on the new album has been remastered and handpicked by Madonna and her fans.

Madonna's "Celebration" is a compilation of her achievements over her successful and extraordinary musical career. Hits including "Vogue," "Ray of Light," "4 Minutes" and the world-renowned "Like a Virgin" will be available on both the two-disc set and the single disc album. Madonna also adds a new extended version of "Frozen" from her 1998 "Ray of Light" album.

This newest CD showcases her progression with her sound and musical elements that has kept her success and popularity going for so long. Madonna is known for her eclectic style, youthful approach and edgy music videos that have helped make her the music icon she is today. Madonna's devotion and passion towards

her music and the lyrics she uses expresses her uniqueness and displays new style that has been adapted by many other artists such as Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Kylie Minogue.

Madonna adds two new songs to the collection of past hits: "Revolver" featuring rap royalty Lil' Wayne and "Celebration," which was co-produced by Madonna and Paul Oakenfold. Both songs have an electronic sound and display Madonna's new instrumental elements that make her music so appealing to many different audiences.

Previously released songs like "4 Minutes," featuring Justin Timberlake and Timbaland, prove that Madonna can be versatile and experiment with different elements that grant her such longevity in the music industry. Her look is timeless and so is her music. "Celebration" exemplifies Madonna's style and she has managed to hold a strong spot in the young music world today.

Radio received "Celebration" on Aug. 3 and it has been played everywhere: from local radio stations to the biggest clubs across the nation. Dance club remixes of "Celebration" are already being made and heading to the clubs where people half Madonna's age are enjoying her buoyant and upbeat works.

Madonna incorporates her old flavor with new and youthful contributors like Paul Oakenfold who has

made a name for himself as one of the most recognized producers and DJs in the industry.

Madonna is one of the highest earning female pop stars in the world. With sold-out concerts and theatrical performances, it is no wonder why she is crowned as the world's favorite material girl. The "Celebration" album is already on iTunes and store shelves, but the deluxe video edition is also causing some commotion with its 38 tracks and 30 music videos. Madonna is highlighting all of her work on this album and every song that earned an award and recognition are being noticed.

Madonna has repeatedly reinvented herself through a chain of visual and musical personas that has held the attention of both her original audience and new disciples. With this new CD it captures every turning point in Madonna's musical career to date.

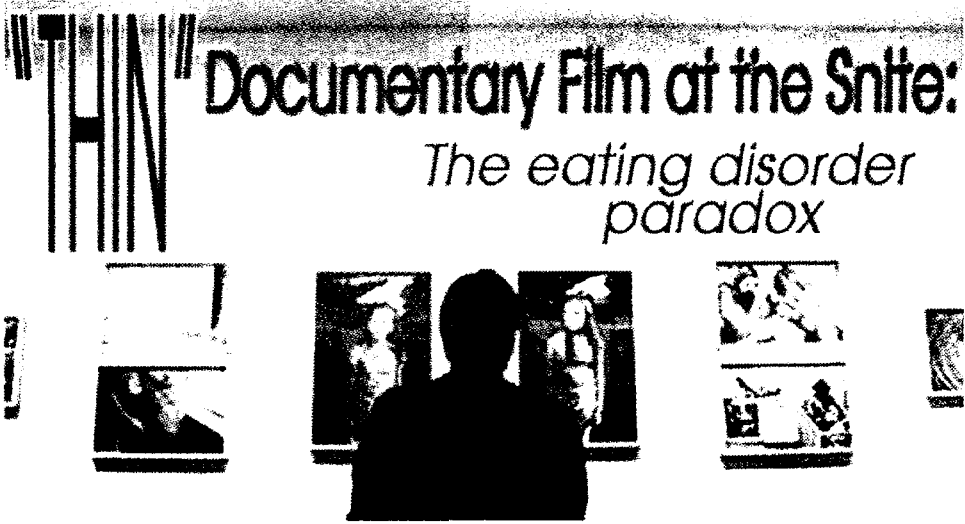
This album will not disappoint. "Celebration" is an accomplished album and with Grammy award winning, Billboard dominating and hit smashing songs this album truly tops any of its kind.

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**Celebration
Madonna**

Best Tracks: "Revolver," "Ray of Light" and "Vogue"





Are eating disorder clinics healthy solutions for men and women suffering from anorexia nervosa, bulimia and chronic over-eating? Clearly clinics are full of mentally and physically ill patients and therefore cannot be deemed "healthy" in most senses of the word, but can they even be successful in their mission to heal eating disorder victims?

Adriana Pratt

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On Monday evening, the HBO documentary "Thin" based on Lauren Greenfield's photo exhibit of patients from The Renfrew Center Eating Disorder Clinic, aired in the Annenberg Auditorium in the Snite Museum for a packed audience that rode the emotional highs and lows of life with an eating disorder.

After watching the film it is hard to believe that communities of that nature can truly cure a patient of his or her disease. This view might be skewed by the director's choice to choose the most dramatic characters for the film, but the subjects chosen may really be accurate examples of eating disorder victims.

Alisa, 30, Brittany, 15, Polly, 29, and Shelly, 25, live harder lives than most. Every day is spent denying their bodies of healthy sustenance and their minds of peace and order by purging and obsessing over the unreachable goal of being thin enough.

Alisa, a divorced mother of two, spent 16 years suffering from eating disorders after she was put on a diet at the age of seven for being chubby. She was rewarded for losing weight as a child, but her awareness of food shifted into overdrive and she eventually tried to keep herself to less than 200 calories a day. She said, "I just want to be thin. So if it takes dying to get there, so be it."

Brittany said eating disorders had been a part of her life since the age of eight when she was told she was overweight. Her parents' divorce and her mom's eating disorder influenced her own personal body image and insecurity and she recalled memories of time spent with her mom "chewing and spitting." She said, "I want to purge, not because I don't want the food in me, but because I want to purge my feelings."



Polly was the Renfrew Center's wild-card. She made the best progress of the four but did so to the detriment of the community by constantly bending the rules and enticing others to do so with her. She admitted she came to Renfrew after attempting suicide because she ate two pieces of pizza. She was eventually forced to leave Renfrew for her bad influence on others but was by far one of Renfrew's most lively characters.

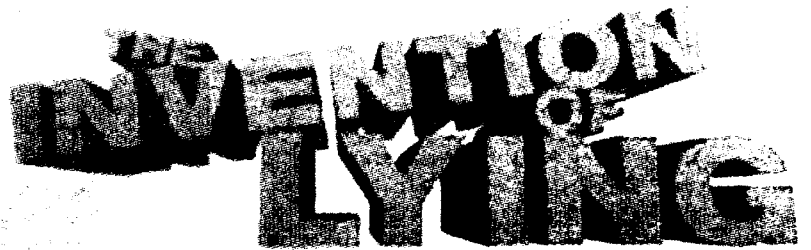
Shelly's poor self image came in part from years of comparing herself to her twin and constantly trying to be thinner than her and also from other unnamed events that happened in her past. She spent five years being force-fed through a feeding tube and came to Renfrew after ten hospitalizations. Her stay at Renfrew was followed from beginning to end and though she seemed to be making progress, like the other three patients she fell back into her old ways once released.

The failed attempts of each of these women lead to questions about the effectiveness of an eating disorder clinic. One of the driving forces behind an eating disorder is a sense of competition and a desire to be better than those around you. In an especially poignant moment during a group therapy session, Polly carefully acknowledged this problem by directly addressing Brittany for trying to be the thinnest. Also, with a constant influx of new patients who start at ground zero and are horrified by the thought of food, it's hard not to wonder how older patients can make progress. Yes, the community is supposed to be one of support and encouragement, but that seems too utopian for reality.

Eating disorders are paradoxical in that people strive for the unachievable goal of being satisfyingly thin, which they can never be because they cannot be satisfied. An eating disorder is also paradoxical in that if you finally win and are somehow satisfied, in reality you lose. You lose years of happiness, peace, adventure, fun, love and even potentially your life. May Alisa, Brittany, Polly and Shelly's stories be enough to show that the only way to win is to love yourself.

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IT'S THE TRUTH!



IS CLEVER, FUNNY

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Imagine a world where no one is able to lie. People unquestioningly believe everything everyone says, because it must be true. To have unflinching trust in everyone, to never wonder what people are really thinking — that sounds pretty nice, right?

As shown in "The Invention of Lying," sometimes we need those little lies to help us get through the day.

Ricky Gervais is the co-writer, co-director and star of the comedy in the role of screenwriter Mark Bellison. Everyone believes Mark is a fat, short loser, and because they cannot lie, they let him know that almost every time they see him. Mark is alone in his 40s and about to be fired and homeless, so his life is in a downward spiral when he discovers that he has told the world's first lie.

Determined that lying is his ticket out of loserville, Mark attempts to manipulate his life to make it better. He first starts with getting his job back. The only movies in this truthful on-screen world are lecture films, because fiction does not exist. Thus, Mark fabricates an outlandish story and claims it is newly discovered history. Just like that, his career booms.

Mark's main focus though, is his attempt to win over beautiful, out-of-his-league Anna (Jennifer Garner). Since he is no longer restricted to telling the truth about his mediocre life, he impresses her with heroic stories. They do actually discover they have much in common, but Anna cannot get past Mark's lack of good looks.

"The Invention of Lying" presents a number of philosophical concepts, which was not to be expected from watching the trailer. The notions of heaven, hell and the existence of God are all made up by Mark in the film. This could be offensive to those who are religious, as the film suggests that the core Christian concepts are lies. It

does make the audience member confront their own beliefs: Which ones do they believe to be actually true and which ones do they choose to believe for comfort's sake?

Aside from religious debate, the film also raises the question of whether total honesty is a good thing or not. Most characters were much unhappier before Mark told them small untruths to make them feel better. The film's message seems to be that lying does not necessarily solve problems, but can help somewhat so that people are not consistently rude to each other.

"The Invention of Lying" is incredibly similar to 2008's "Ghost Town," also starring Gervais. Both films are good but not great, semi-romantic comedies that star Gervais as a schlubby guy who tries to do good in the world once he develops a special characteristic, whether it be seeing ghosts or being able to lie.

"The Invention of Lying" is very funny in its first act, as it explores the shockingly true but hilarious things people would say to each other if complete honesty was the only way. However, as it sinks into the romantic plot between Anna and Mark, the film loses its satiric edge and becomes pleasant but conventional. The film would be better if it had stuck with exploring its concept to the fullest in a comedic way. However, that is not to say it is a bad movie.

The idea of a world where no one lies is fresh and interesting, and is used in quite amusing ways in many parts, such as the fake Coke and Pepsi ads. The film has a great supporting cast, including appearances by Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, Jason Bateman, Edward Norton and many others.

"The Invention of Lying" is a high-concept comedy that could use a few tweaks, but overall has an amusing and original storyline.

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NHL

Penalty shot goal in second period lifts Senators

Richards nets hat trick in Flyers victory over Capitals; Hurricanes' Ruutu's shootout score enough for win

Associated Press

TORONTO — Daniel Alfredsson's second-period goal on a penalty shot gave the Ottawa Senators a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday night.

The Senators captain used a nifty backhand deke move against Swedish countryman Jonas Gustavsson to help lift his team to its first victory of the young season. Shean Donovan had the other goal for Ottawa (1-1-0).

Matt Stajan scored the lone goal for the Maple Leafs (0-2-1).

After two losses with No. 1 goalie Vesa Toskala in net, Toronto gave Gustavsson his first career NHL start. The 24-year-old was steady in his debut but didn't get much help from the offense.

Stajan found himself with a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds but was unable to get the puck past Pascal Leclaire's outstretched pad. That helped secure Leclaire's first victory in an Ottawa uniform.

Toronto lost rookie Viktor Stalberg to an injury in the first period. He was crushed by Anton Volchenkov while cruising into the Sens zone and didn't return for the final 40 minutes.

The only goals to get past Gustavsson were scored 37 seconds apart in the second period.

The Swedish goalie was on his back during a long scramble that ended with Donovan batting the puck out of the air and in at 6:45. The Sens fourth-liner was a healthy scratch in the season opener and displayed a big toothless grin on the bench after a video reviewed confirmed he didn't catch the puck with a high-stick.

Leafs defenseman Luke Schenn and Francois Beauchemin were on the ice for the opening goal and remained out there when Milan Michalek took a break-away pass soon after. Schenn ended up catching the Sens winger with a high-stick while hauling him down, giving the Sens a penalty shot and a two-minute power play at the same time.

Alfredsson took the attempt in place of Michalek and beat Gustavsson at 7:22. Earlier in the day, the Leafs goalie had said Alfredsson was one of his heroes when he was growing up.

Ottawa took the 2-0 lead into the third period, but soon saw the advantage narrowed. Tomas Kaberle found Stajan with a great cross-ice pass on the power play and the Leafs center one-timed it behind Leclaire at 5:36.

Suddenly, Toronto found itself with some momentum. Mike Komisarek appeared to have the tying goal, but his blast from point caromed off both posts and out.

Gustavsson was forced to stand tall when Schenn coughed the puck up to Michalek, giving his team a chance to tie the game.

Flyers 6, Capitals 5

Danny Briere pounced on a loose puck and knocked in the rebound at 3:52 of overtime to keep the Philadelphia Flyers perfect and lift them to a win over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday night.

Mike Richards bested Alex Ovechkin with his second career hat trick to help the Flyers improve to 3-0 for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Ovechkin scored twice and has five goals already in three games this season for Washington (2-0-1).

Ovechkin and Richards scored all their goals in a canyon-top-this second period. The teams scored seven times in the second, and Capitals goalie Semyon Varlamov was yanked for Jose Theodore.

Alexander Semin scored twice for the Capitals. Matt Carle had four assists for the Flyers.

Ovechkin and Richards entered the second period into a rapid-fire game of 1-on-1 that gave a sold-out crowd at the Flyers' home opener its money's worth.

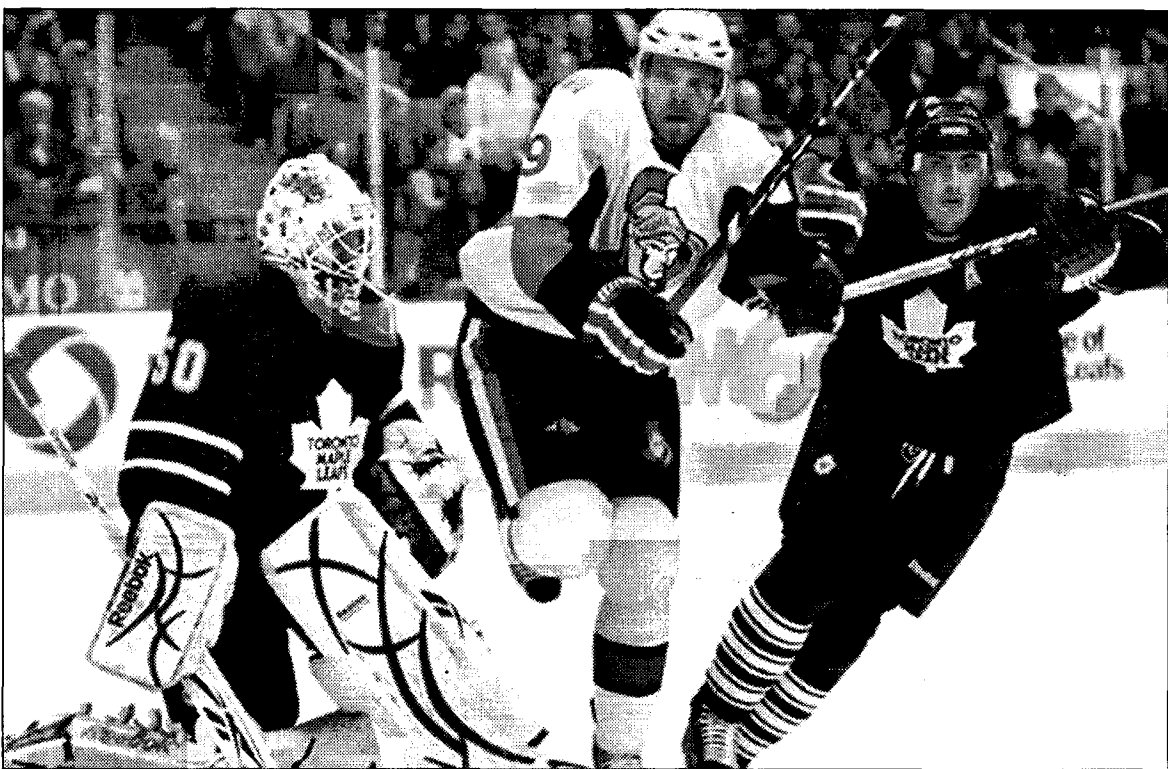
After a scoreless first, Richards took a fantastic pass from Carle and shot high from the red line 1:37 into the period for the power-play goal to make it 1-0.

Philadelphia's celebration was short-lived.

The fans were just winding down from the replay when Ovechkin, who scored twice on opening night, scored his first goal thanks to a turnover and tied it only 67 seconds later.

Ovechkin made it 2-2, and Richards had another goal on the power play that tied it at 3-all.

Back-and-forth went two of the top young stars in the Eastern Conference: Ovechkin, the back-to-back Hart Trophy



Maple Leafs defenseman Tomas Kaberle, right, and Senators left winger Milan Michalek, center, chase after the puck by Maple Leaf's goalie Jonas Gustavsson during the Senators 2-1 win Tuesday.

winner, against the Flyers' blossoming young captain.

When Richards scored his third goal of the period only 18 seconds after his second and put it past Varlamov, the crowd burst into cheers. Fans littered the ice with hats and caused a brief stoppage. Richards pumped his fists and was mobbed by teammates after giving Philadelphia a 4-3 lead.

Semin poked his third of the season past Emery, and Kimmo Timonen's first was a wrister through teammate Jeff Carter's screen that put the Flyers ahead 2-1.

No one played a bigger role in Richards' success than Carle. The defenseman forced the turnover that led to Richards' third goal. He set a Flyers record for assists in a period by a defenseman and tied the NHL mark.

Carle had two points in the first two games.

Semin tied it at 4 early in the third, and Brendan Morrison put the Capitals ahead when the puck bounced off him and past Emery as he skidded into the crease.

Scott Hartnell poked in a deflection with 4:10 left in the third that gave the Flyers new life and would sent the game into overtime. The goal was Philadelphia's third on the power play.

Emery, who had a shutout in his Flyers debut, was shaky in his first game in front of the

orange-and-black clad fans.

Briere, who missed most of last season due to groin and abdomen injuries, bailed out Emery with his first goal.

Hurricanes 2, Lightning 1

The Hurricanes' Finnish connection had a big night against the Tampa Bay Lightning, extending Carolina's domination of its Southeast Division rival.

Tuomo Ruutu scored the shootout-clinching goal after former Lightning forward Jussi Jokinen scored his team's only goal in regulation as Carolina won Tuesday night, extending the Lightning's RBC Center losing streak to seven games.

Sergei Samsonov began the shootout by beating Tampa Bay goalie Mike Smith, wrapping the puck around him left to right, before Cam Ward stopped the Lightning's Martin St. Louis. Smith then stopped Jokinen, and after Vincent Lecavalier hit the right post the left-shooting Ruutu beat Smith to the stick side.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to do but it ended up working out so that was pretty good," Ruutu said. "I just had to shoot somewhere. These games are so tight right now."

The win was Carolina's first in three games this season, while Tampa Bay is 0-1-1.

Jokinen got the regulation goal for Carolina while Ryan Malone scored for Tampa Bay,

both on the power play.

The Hurricanes were playing their first game since forward Erik Cole, who is expected to be out 4-6 weeks, suffered a broken leg in Saturday's 7-2 road loss to the Boston Bruins.

Carolina won all six of the teams' meetings last season.

"It's a little mental right now," Tampa Bay coach Rick Tocchet said. "It was the second game of the year. It's one of those things where you have to stick with it. You've just got to free your mind. It's you against the goalie, that's all it is. It's tough when you're in a rut."

Jokinen, obtained in a trade with the Lightning in February, gave the Hurricanes their first lead of the season on their first power play at 13:12 of the first, scoring on a rush off Joni Pitkanen's lead pass.

"It's a big win," Jokinen said. "The last two games we didn't play as good as we wanted, and I think we took a big step. We could play better, but wins are what counts and it's a big win. Obviously when you play against your old team there's an extra feeling there. It's nice to get a win and nice to get a goal. It feels good."

Tampa Bay tied it in a 5-on-3 at 6 minutes of the second, as Malone scored on a rebound of Steven Stamkos' shot.

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MLB



Fans await a pitch during the 12-inning one game playoff to decide the AL Central. The Twins prevailed and clinched a postseason berth despite trailing the Tigers by seven games at one point in September. They will play the Yankees tonight.

Twins top Tigers, complete historic comeback

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Alexi Casilla singled home the winning run with one out in the 12th inning and the Minnesota Twins rallied past Detroit 6-5 in the AL Central tiebreaker Tuesday night, completing a colossal collapse for the Tigers.

The Tigers became the first team in major league history to blow a three-game lead with four games left. The Twins overcame a seven-game gap in the final month, went 17-4 to pull even on the final weekend and won their fifth division title in eight years.

Baseball's only real pennant race this season needed an extra game, and extra innings to finish off a thriller that got better with every

pitch.

Both team had their chances to end it earlier, and each club scored in the 10th. Casilla was thrown out at the plate to end that inning by left fielder Ryan Raburn after tagging up.

Detroit thought it had taken the lead in the 12th. But with the bases loaded, plate umpire Randy Marsh ruled that Brandon Inge was not hit by a pitch by Bobby Keppel. The replay appeared to show the pitch grazing Inge's billowing uniform.

As Carlos Gomez streaked home from second with the winning run — well ahead of a late throw from right field — Homer Hankies spiraled around the Metrodome. The Twins celebrated and also started to

scramble — they had 21 hours to get ready for Game 1 of the AL playoffs at Yankee Stadium against New York ace CC Sabathia.

"This is the most unbelievable game I've ever played or seen," Twins shortstop Orlando Cabrera said.

It was the first AL tiebreaker to go to extra innings, and made up for Minnesota's disappointment last October when it lost 1-0 in Chicago to the White Sox in an AL Central tiebreaker.

Had the Twins lost, it would've been the final baseball game at the Metrodome. Instead, the Twins get the Yankees — New York was 7-0 against Minnesota this season.

A day after Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings beat the Green Bay Packers

— "Monday Night Football" is what delayed this tiebreaker for a day — the Twins pulled off a Tuesday Night Thriller.

Tigers reliever Fernando Rodney (2-5) worked his longest appearance of the season, getting the last two outs of the ninth. He gave up a single to Gomez to start the 12th, and the speedy center fielder — who came in for defense late in the game — moved up on a groundout. He came racing around for the winning run when Casilla's single made it through the right side of the infield.

The Twins rushed out of the dugout in celebration even before Gomez reached the plate. Their comeback from a seven-game gap with 20 to play was complete.

IN BRIEF

Tigers' Cabrera apologizes for drunken incident

MINNEAPOLIS — Detroit star Miguel Cabrera apologized to his teammates for being drunk last weekend while the Tigers were trying to clinch the AL Central title, then delivered two big hits in Tuesday's tiebreaker against Minnesota.

The slumping Cabrera hit a double his first time up, then hit a two-run homer that put the Tigers ahead 3-0 in the third inning. The winner of the one-game playoff advances to play the New York Yankees in the first round Wednesday.

Before batting practice, Cabrera told reporters he was sorry for his actions and the stress he caused the organization. He insisted the alcohol consumption — between two games the Tigers lost — didn't negatively affect his performance.

Cabrera went 0 for 4 and stranded six runners in a 5-1 loss to Chicago on Saturday, a game that started about 12 hours after Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski picked him up at a police station following a fight with his wife.

49ers have conversations with first round pick Crabtree

SAN FRANCISCO — Three top San Francisco 49ers executives met in person Tuesday with unsigned wide receiver and top draft pick Michael Crabtree and his agent, Eugene Parker.

Team spokesman Bob Lange confirmed the meeting to The Associated Press but said the 49ers would not get into particulars of discussions or negotiations, though this development appears to be a positive step for both sides to getting something done.

"The 49ers were pleased to meet with Michael and Eugene in person," Lange said.

Crabtree and Parker sat down with team president Jed York, vice president of football operations Paraag Marathe and general manager Scot McCloughan, Lange said.

The former Texas Tech star is the only draft pick who has yet to sign, so this meeting could point to progress in him finally ending his contract impasse. It's not common for a player to join in on such contract talks.

Commissioner waits as authorities look into Raiders incident

LYNDHURST, N.J. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said the league is watching as authorities investigate allegations that Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable assaulted one of his assistants.

"We're closely monitoring the case and will continue to monitor the case. We like to make sure we understand what all the facts are before we comment on it," Goodell said Tuesday during an NFL Play 60 event in New Jersey.

"When the appropriate time comes, we will speak to the coach," the commissioner said. "The personal conduct rule applies to everyone in the NFL, from the commissioner to the players and including coaches. This is something we take very seriously."

The district attorney's office in Napa County, Calif., said this week that it is reviewing the police report from the investigation.

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NFL

NFL to look into Edwards incident

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The NFL is investigating whether Cleveland Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards violated the league's conduct policy following accusations he assaulted a man outside a nightclub.

Edwards allegedly punched promoter Edward Givens, a friend of NBA star LeBron James, early Monday morning following an argument in downtown Cleveland.

"We are looking into it," league spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "It is premature to speculate about potential discipline."

Although Edwards has not been charged with a crime, the league's conduct policy states that discipline may be imposed for "the use or threat of violence."

Cleveland police are also looking deeper into the allegations against Edwards — at the request of city prosecutor Victor Perez's office.

Edwards may also face team discipline from first-year Browns coach Eric Mangini, who earlier this season fined a player \$1,700 for not paying for a \$3 bottle of water during a hotel stay.

"Personal conduct is very important to me," Mangini said Monday. "It's important for us and to the players. It's important today, it's important tomorrow."

Edwards has not been available for comment. The Browns locker room will be open to the media on Wednesday before practice.

Police spokesman Lt. Thomas Stacho said officers were trying to collect information on the case and identify possible witnesses. Stacho said he had no additional information on how many other people might have been involved or if teammates of Edwards were at the scene.

"That is information that we will try to get," Stacho said.

Givens told the Plain Dealer that some unidentified Browns players were trying to pull Edwards back when he threw a punch.

Mangini said he was still gathering information on the incident, which took place hours after the Browns fell to

0-4 with a 23-20 overtime loss to Cincinnati. Edwards had gotten into a skirmish with Bengals defensive lineman Pat Sims in the third and quarter and finished the game without a reception — a first in his pro career.

James was critical of Edwards, calling his actions "childish" for punching his friend, who told police he was working at View Ultralounge & Nightclub when he got into an argument with Edwards. Givens said Edwards punched him on the left side of the face.

Edwards has been involved in other off-field incidents, a Goodell commissioner Roger Goodell considers when handing out any discipline.

In March, Edwards was partying with suspended wide receiver Donte Stallworth in Miami the night Stallworth later drove drunk and killed a pedestrian. Edwards was not with Stallworth at the time of the accident.

Last November, Edwards was fined \$150 and given 30 hours of community service after he was found guilty of driving 120 mph.

"We are looking into it. It is premature to speculate about potential discipline."

Greg Aiello
NFL spokesman

PGA

Norman to be captain at Presidents

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Greg Norman couldn't hide the obvious discomfort. He sat at a table Tuesday for the opening press conference at the Presidents Cup, his right arm suspended by a black brace from shoulder surgery a week ago.

As for his heart?

That he will keep to himself.

Norman returns to the spotlight this week as captain of an International team that has never won on American soil. Adding to the attention was his statement four days ago that he has separated from tennis great Chris Evert, his wife of 15 months.

He went public on the eve of his big week because her absence from Harding Park would only lead to speculation. Now that he's here, Norman was determined to keep his private life just that.

"I'm not going to talk about any of my personal life right now," Norman said. "The situation right now is we are here for the Presidents Cup, and it's all about the Presidents Cup, and my guys are in a great state of mind about being positive and getting out there and playing. And come Thursday, they are going to perform. I know they will perform in a positive fashion."

In one week, the Presidents Cup became about more than just golf.

Along with Norman's announcement that he has separated from his wife, Kenny Perry arrived in San Francisco needing one big hug from his extended family on the PGA Tour. His mother, Mildred, died Thursday of blood cancer. The

funeral was Saturday in Kentucky, and Perry decided to play the Presidents Cup because his family insisted.

"You hate to lose one of your heroes," Perry said.

Even talking about her before only a half-dozen reporters, he worked hard to keep his emotions in check. He said his goal for the week was "not to bring the team down," yet he was inspired already by how his teammates have lifted him up.

Emotion has worked its way into the Presidents Cup over the years. Jack Nicklaus was the captain in 2005 the year his 17-month-old grandson drowned in a hot tub. On the eve of the singles matches, the American players presented him an oil portrait of his beloved Jake, and the room filled quickly with tears. The next day, they delivered him the gold cup.

This year, there is trouble in so many corners.

Along with Norman's marital woes and Perry grieving over his mother, Phil Mickelson remains in the throes of a tough year as his wife and mother recover from breast cancer. It remains doubtful that Amy Mickelson will join the wives this week.

Few other golfers have dealt with as much loss as Norman over the years, mostly inside the ropes. While he is in the Hall of Fame on the strength of some 75 victories around the world and two British Open titles, the Shark is renowned for being the only player in history to lose all four majors in a playoff. Even last year at 53, with Evert at his side on a honeymoon like no other, he was in the lead going to the back

nine of the British Open until he stumbled to a tie for third.

Someone suggested that this time, Norman's team would be there to pick him up.

The first question to Geoff Ogilvy alluded to Norman's "public announcement" and whether players could sympathize with what he is going through.

"What's he going through?" Ogilvy said in a subtle challenge to the reporter. Once he forced the reporter to mention the separation, Ogilvy said it was the first time all day he had heard it brought up. Then came a clarification.

"First time I heard of it was when he (Norman) came out of here early on and was wondering why we were all talking about that and not the golf tournament," Ogilvy said.

"He's a big boy and he can handle everything that's going on with his life," Ogilvy said later. "It has not been discussed until I walked in this tent, and I don't even think it's an issue."

That's just how Norman wants it.

He is in charge of an eclectic team from eight countries on four continents. That includes 46-year-old Vijay Singh, who already is in the Hall of Fame, and 18-year-old Ryo Ishikawa of Japan, the youngest player ever in these matches.

They are playing under a fabricated flag — the International team represents every country outside the United States except for those in Europe — and for a captain who still has one of the highest profiles in golf.

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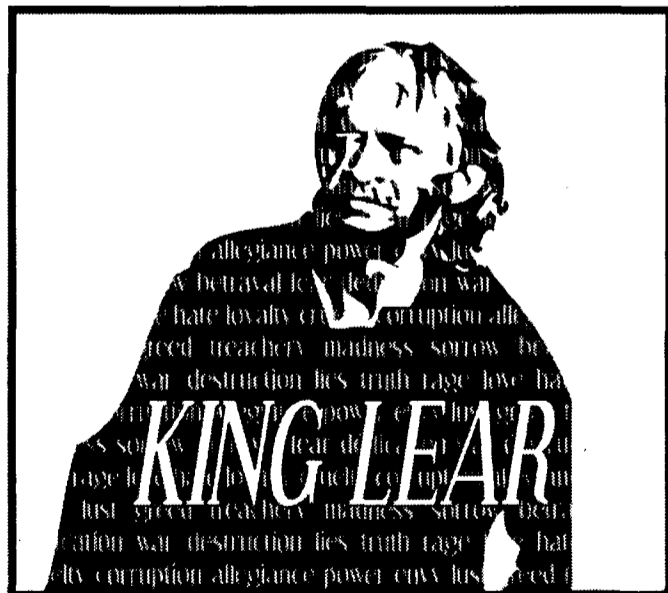
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MLB

Closers key to success in tight NL playoffs

Associated Press

Arms thrust to the sky on that October night, Brad Lidge was the picture of post-season perfection.

This year, he's having a tough time getting anyone out.

"In the closer role, it's feast or famine," Los Angeles Angels relief ace Brian Fuentes said. "When you have this job, you understand that you're going to be under pressure, and you can't let it affect you. You're going to go out and do your job, and hopefully it works out."

Especially now, when all the attention is focused on the late innings. Imagine how many titles the Atlanta Braves might've won if they'd been able to rely on a Mariano Rivera, rather than the likes of Mark Wohlers, Jeff Reardon and Charlie Leibbrandt. Heck, even John Rocker pitched 20 2-3 post-season innings without allowing an earned run.

Ryan Franklin is about to find out how it feels. An All-Star this year, he went 38 for

43 on save chances for St. Louis. He overcame a blip in September when he blew three straight tries, and is heading into his first post-season.

"You've got to be careful with numbers, trying to make a point, but I think in the case of a closer when you have a success rate like Ryan's, that's a real reflection of how consistent he's been," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

"Don't let anybody fool you, getting three outs in the ninth with a three-run lead is not an automatic. It's a very difficult three outs and when you have a guy that's outstanding, the confidence that it gives your ballclub as you through the game is hard to measure, but it's there," he said.

La Russa has seen the toll it takes on the pitchers. Jason

Isringhausen struggled after pitching in the 2005 playoffs for the Cardinals, though his troubles were nothing compared with Lidge's downfall.

Lidge converted all 48 save chances last year, capped when he struck out Eric Hinske in Game 5 to clinch the World Series for Philadelphia. This year, he led the majors with 11 blown saves (in 42 chances) and was 0-8 with a 7.21 ERA.

"Most of the time it either has to do with injury or fatigue. Izzy's case was the hip and I'm sure Brad went through an injury prior," La Russa said. "Then, if your club is really good, you get out there a lot, you get a little fatigued mentally, physically. It's a real demanding job. There's humongous pressure."

Manager Charlie Manuel stopped using Lidge as his

closer as the Phillies got close to clinching the NL East. Manuel said starters J.A. Happ and Joe Blanton will help out in the bullpen when their playoff series starts against Colorado on Wednesday, and hasn't committed to how he'll use Lidge.

"My philosophy is to win the game. The game is more important than my heart. That's why I manage," Manuel said Tuesday. "I feel I've got to do the things that put us in the best position to win a game. If I think Brad Lidge can get people out, without a doubt. I'm sure there's going to come a time when he's definitely going to be out on the mound."

Los Angeles Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton and Colorado's Huston Street have had mixed results in limited postseason action. They would like to duplicate the success of Jonathan Papelbon — the Boston relief ace has not allowed a run in 25 career postseason innings.

Rivera, however, remains the gold standard, a sure thing for the New York

Yankees for more than a decade.

"We have the greatest closer of all time," teammate Mark Teixeira praised.

Rivera has a postseason record 34 saves, with an 0.77 ERA in 117 1-3 innings, and has broken far more bats than given up runs.

Rivera went 44 for 46 on save chances this season. To Teixeira, about to play his first postseason with the Yankees, Mighty Mo's value far exceeds his numbers.

"We know that if we can get a one-run lead, any way, however we have to do it, whether we get it early, whether we get it late, if we can get that one-run lead to Mariano, he's going to close it out for us," Teixeira said.

"We don't have to panic. We don't have to worry about scoring too many runs. We don't go crazy — if we don't get a big hit in the first inning, it's not the end of the world. We know we have chances, and, like I said, if we can just get that one-run lead, that's what it takes," he said.

"Don't let anybody fool you, getting three outs in the ninth with a three-run lead is not automatic."

Tony La Russa
Cardinals coach

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Junot Díaz



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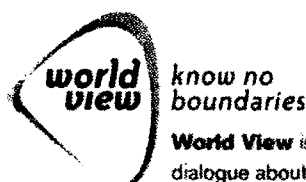
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MLB

Sabathia to take the mound for Game One

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia was fantastic in his first regular season with the New York Yankees. Now, it's time for him to earn that \$161 million contract.

The big lefty will start New York's playoff opener Wednesday night, with the heavy weight of World Series expectations resting squarely on his thick shoulders. One of baseball's most durable aces, Sabathia has struggled in the postseason, going 2-3 with a 7.92 ERA in five starts with Cleveland and Milwaukee.

"This is what you come here for, to get that opportunity to get to win a championship," Sabathia said Tuesday after a workout at Yankee Stadium. "We had a great year so far. We just have to keep it going."

Sabathia joined the Yankees as a free agent last December and signed a huge contract to match his 6-foot-7, 290-pound frame. His seven-year deal was part of a \$423.5 million spending spree that also brought Mark Teixeira and A.J. Burnett to New York.

With those dollars come extra-large expectations — and plenty of pressure. Back in the playoffs after a one-year hiatus, Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and the Yankees are favorites to win their 27th World Series title and first since 2000.

It won't be easy if Sabathia flops in October again.

"I'm definitely excited. But like, I said this earlier, the opening day with the new Yankee Stadium and me being the free agent and the games against Boston, there and in here, I think all of those moments have helped me to prepare and led me up to this moment," Sabathia said. "Some of those games we played against Boston are like playoff games. That opening day probably felt like tomorrow night will. So I've had these experiences over the year, and I think I'm ready for it."

Of course, Sabathia and the Yankees still weren't sure which team they would face in the first round.

The winner of Tuesday's AL Central tiebreaker between Detroit and Minnesota will open the playoffs Wednesday in New York, the first postseason game at the new Yankee Stadium.

"I expect the fans to be ready to go," Johnny Damon said.

Holding home-field advantage throughout the postseason, the AL East champions had the choice of starting Wednesday or Thursday at 6:07 p.m. EDT against the Tigers-Twins winner. New York picked to get going right away with a series that has an extra day off between Games 1 and 2.

Several players said they'd probably put the Detroit-Minnesota game on television when they got home, but wouldn't necessarily watch the whole thing closely.

"I just want a team we end up beating," Damon said. "It's a great advantage. It's one of the reasons we played so hard all year to get as many wins as we could."

The 29-year-old Sabathia helped the Yankees (103-59) build the best record in baseball this year. Stepping in smoothly at the top of the rotation, he went 19-8 to tie for the

major league lead in wins. He also ranked fourth in the AL in ERA (3.37) and innings pitched (230).

The 2007 AL Cy Young Award winner had a chance to win 20 games for the first time, but he was roughed up for a season-high nine runs — five earned — and eight hits over 2 2-3 innings in his final start at Tampa Bay.

Still, the high-scoring Yankees are confident with Sabathia on the mound.

"I feel good about where CC is right now," manager Joe Girardi said. "One of the things that we tried to do in the month of September is slow his innings down. We believe that's going to be beneficial. Every time you go through the postseason as a player you learn something about yourself and ways to handle situations better."

Alex Rodriguez is another Yankees star looking to put playoff failures behind him.

Sabathia, however, has a simple explanation for his own postseason problems.

"I think maybe just trying to go out and do too much," he said. "Trying to go out and throw shutouts and throw no-hitters and things like that instead of going out and doing the same things I've done during the regular season which is throwing strikes early in the count."

Sabathia has allowed 22 walks and 33 hits in 25 post-

season innings. He struggled in October the past two years after throwing 241 innings during the 2007 regular season and 253 in 2008.

This time, his workload was less taxing.

"It's a good thing," Sabathia said. "The last couple of times I had a week in between starts. It definitely helps just to get that mental break of being able to come to the field and relax for a couple of days."

Now, the pressure is on.

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NBA

NBA looking to expand to London

Associated Press

LONDON — The NBA is still planning to play a regular-season game in London before the 2012 Olympics are hosted by the British capital, although commissioner David Stern said Tuesday that there is no set schedule.

Stern has said that he wants to play a meaningful game at London's O2 Arena, where the Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz 102-101 in a preseason game Tuesday.

"We hope to do it," Stern said, noting that 2010 and 2011 would be the last chances. "We're running out of runway, but we will likely do it."

The NBA was playing in London for the third straight year, and the game at the O2 was again sold out. Although this year's trip to Europe was cut down from previous visits, the Jazz still have one more game to play on Thursday against Real Madrid in the Spanish capital.

"I'd love to play here," said Bulls forward Luol Deng, who

was raised in London after his family fled war-torn Sudan. "I won't be surprised if that happens."

The NBA is also playing pre-season games in other countries, including Taiwan and Mexico.

Stern also spoke about the global economic downturn and the talks with the referees union. The NBA has locked out the regular referees because of a contract dispute.

"As far as I know, there have been no further conversations with the union," Stern said.

"Right now we are not discussing anything with the union, but they know how to reach us."

Last year, Stern said there would be cutbacks at the NBA because of the financial crisis, but this

year he said his organization had been hiring overseas employees.

"We have been hiring. Stealth hiring, so don't tell anybody," said Stern, who would only say the NBA has hired more than 10 and less than 50 new people in the last year. "Suffice it to say that we've made a number

of hires with respect to international."

Stern also said that revenues would be down, but that was because teams have been lowering ticket prices to accommodate fans who are also suffering from the bad economy.

"Revenues will be down somewhere between 2.5 and 5 percent," said Stern, who then noted that the NBA was doing a good job of weathering the crisis. "We feel pretty good about our place at this difficult time."

The 2012 Olympics has long been seen as a way to spread the word of basketball in London and beyond, but Stern also said that he would likely follow up the 2010 World Cup in South Africa with expansion on that continent.

"Kids around the world are watching our game," Stern said. "They watch the great players and they say, 'I want to be like them.'"

Stern also talked about Michael Jordan's speech at the Hall of Fame, when the former Bulls great mentioned several people that may have slighted him in the past.

"He looks for the motivation — not uncommon in our league," Stern said. "And I think that is what drove him to probably be the greatest competitor in the history of our game."

"We hope to do it. We're running out of runway, but we will likely do it."

David Stern
NBA commissioner

MLB

Carpenter and Wolf to face off

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Randy Wolf has seen a lot in his 11-year career, just never the playoffs. He's finally getting a chance in the stadium where he watched the Los Angeles Dodgers as a kid.

The 33-year-old left-hander proved to be the most consistent starter for the repeat NL West champions, although he quickly rejects the label of staff ace.

"I almost despise that word," Wolf said Tuesday. "A guy like Chris Carpenter, you could consider him an ace. He's done it year in, year out. He's the guy who is almost a perennial top-five Cy Young voting guy."

Carpenter will start for the NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals in Game 1 Wednesday night against Wolf. The 2005 Cy Young winner is a strong contender again this season, boasting a 17-4 record and a NL-best 2.24 ERA.

Wolf describes himself in less lofty terms.

"I've kept the team in the game," he said. "With this staff, we could have an ace on any given day. That's why I don't like to use that term. It's just try to pitch as well as you can, that's the key."

Wolf proved durable this season, setting career highs with 34 starts and 214 1-3 innings just two years after lasting half a season for the Dodgers because of injury.

He ended the regular season strongly, going 6-1 in his final nine starts with a 2.51 ERA. Overall, he was 11-7 with a 3.23 ERA that was second on the staff to Clayton Kershaw's 2.79.

Kershaw will start Game 2 on Thursday, while Adam Wainwright goes for the Cardinals.

The Dodgers open the series with two pitchers who lack playoff experience, between Wolf and Kershaw, a 21-year-old left-hander. Manager Joe Torre went with the two lefties because the Cardinals batted .234 against southpaws compared to .274 against right-handers.

"Wolf's excited. You'll see him snatch the ball back from Russell Martin, and that's why he is who he is," Torre said.

"Kershaw, we've spent the better part of two years trying to protect him and insulate him from all this exposure because he's just a kid. Then you hand him the ball (last) Saturday and say, 'Here, kid,' and he comes back with a division title. He's pretty well not anybody to be concerned about."

Wolf spent eight seasons with Philadelphia, enduring his share of runner-up finishes and playoff misses. Then he missed the Dodgers' playoff run last season, which ended in the NLCS against the Phillies.

"You obviously start feeling like there's some kind of a jinx even though I'm not a big believer in that, but luckily that went away," he said.

Wolf couldn't have predicted his success in the offseason, when he thought he would be returning to the Houston Astros. That didn't

work out and the Dodgers stepped in to sign him for a second stint about a week before spring training began.

"I was happy to have that opportunity to come to LA again, and I felt that I owed them something," said Wolf, who grew up in the San Fernando Valley. "I felt I had some unfinished business."

He got off to a rocky beginning with a 5-6 record, a 3.55 ERA and 13 no-decisions in his first 24 starts. Coincidentally, his luck seemed to turn around the All-Star break when he switched his jersey from No. 21 to 43, and won that day.

"I always wanted No. 43. It was the number I had in Philly for a long time," Wolf said.

Carpenter had his own share of problems, missing nearly all the previous two seasons to injuries. He was 2-0 with 1.20 ERA against the Dodgers this season.

"He has a bunch of weapons, so he can pitch to all areas," manager Tony La Russa said. "He competes like a maniac, he's a complete guy."

Carpenter takes no comfort in the fact that Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez comes into the playoffs having batted .218 with four home runs and 14 RBIs in his last 25 games.

"If you ever take Manny Ramirez for granted, you're crazy, no matter what he's swinging," Carpenter said. "I'm not concerned if Manny is 0 for 50. He can hit. You go out and you continue to execute your game plan, that's it."

Ramirez tailed off after returning from a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug policy. He was hitting .348 with six homers and 20 RBIs before sitting out. He returned to hit .269 with 13 homers and 43 RBIs in 77 games.

Ramirez is baseball's all-time postseason home run leader with 28. His 74 RBIs are second only to former New York Yankees star Bernie Williams' 80.

"He tries to get too big and really it affects his balance," Torre said. "He just has to think more in terms of smaller, like the line drive instead of long way. Usually the long ball will come when you sort of get yourself back in rhythm."

Torre announced his starting lineup for Game 1, with Ramirez hitting in the cleanup spot. He chose infielder Ronnie Belliard (hitting .351 since coming from Washington) over All-Star Orlando Hudson (.284).

"He doesn't have as wide a range as Hudson does, but I think offensively he's maybe a little fresher right now," Torre said. "We asked O-Dog to do a lot of stuff early in the year. We'll go day-to-day right now."

La Russa declined to identify his starters, saying the biggest issue remained who will play center field against the left-handed Wolf.

Right-hander Joel Pineiro will start Game 3 in St. Louis, while the Dodgers will go with righty Vicente Padilla. Torre said All-Star right-hander Chad Billingsley would start Game 4 if necessary.

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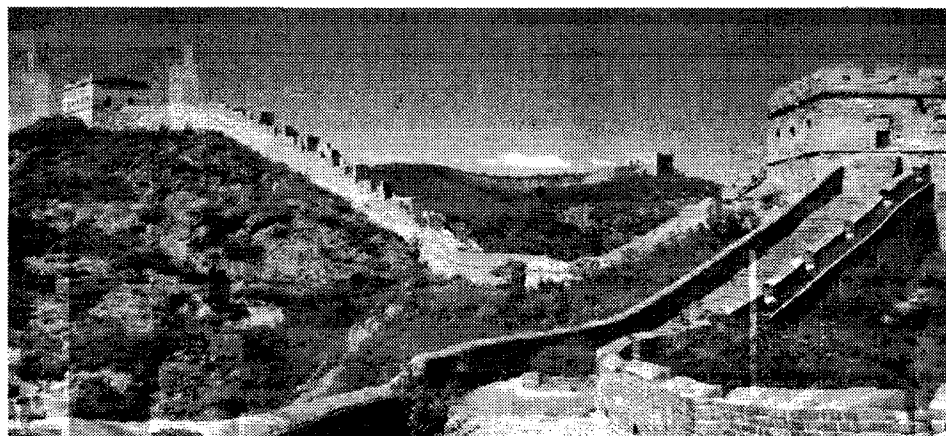
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While the bye week affords Notre Dame's regular starters opportunities for light practices and extended recovery time, it also gives the Irish a chance to get back to hard-hitting drills in an effort to improve basic skills.

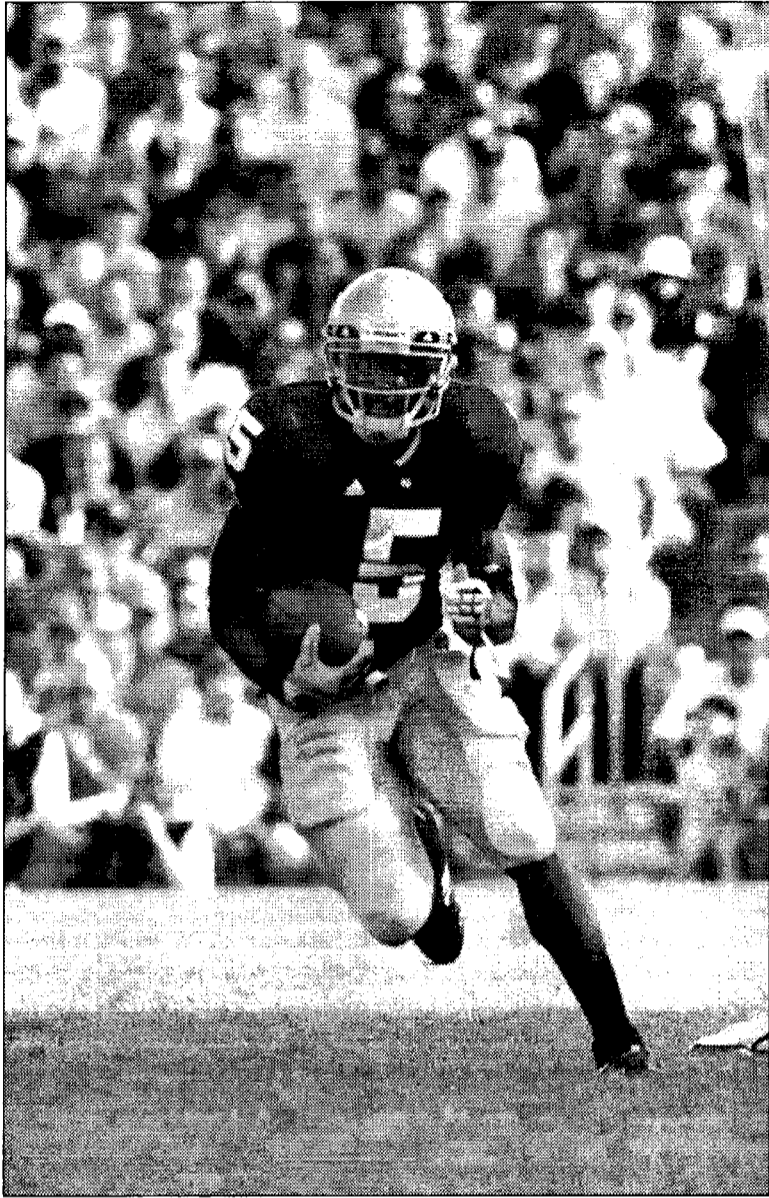
"[We're] stressing not only fundamentals but also physicality, tackling, blocking, cutting — all those things," Weis said. "I'll be interested when I watch this tape because there's a lot of banging going on there for the last 45 minutes."

As for injury updates, fullback James Aldridge should also be ready for the USC game, Weis said. The senior has been out since the season-opening victory over Nevada with a shoulder injury.

"He actually practiced full-go here for the first time [Tuesday]," Weis said. "It was the first time he's been exposed to using those shoulders and everything. It didn't look like there were any side effects of what he just went through in practice."

Junior backup kicker Brandon Walker and freshman reserve tight end Tyler Eifert are both battling back injuries and aren't close to returning, Weis said. Walker "wouldn't be able to kick good enough to even consider putting him on the field at this time," Weis said, and Eifert is likely done for the year in a move that will both protect his health and preserve a year of eligibility.

Weis also said sophomore backup linebackers Anthony McDonald and David



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Irish junior running back Armando Allen cuts upfield during Notre Dame's 33-30 win over Michigan State Sept. 19.

Posluszny were "groggy" and would not return to the practice field until passing a standard cognitive test.

Note:

uFreshmen who have seen game action will be available to the media Wednesday for

the first time since the regular season began. Check out The Observer's Thursday and Friday editions for stories on several of Notre Dame's top newcomers.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's falls to Calvin in three

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Despite a tough loss to conference rival No. 11 Calvin, Saint Mary's did a lot of good last night, raising money for breast cancer with their annual Dig for the Cure event.

The official amount of donations has yet to be determined, but fans and players on both sides were able to band together and support one of the most noble of causes.

The Belles (7-9, 3-5 MIAA) lost the match 25-13, 25-22, and 25-21, and have dropped three matches in a row and are not going to find relief soon as they have two more tough matches this week against Trine and Adrian.

Notable performers from last night's loss included Lorna Slupczynski, Andrea Sasgen and Stephanie Bodien. Slupczynski led the team with 11 kills while Sasgen and Bodien followed closely behind with 8 and 6 kills respectively.

On the other side of the net, sophomores Erin Vander

Plas and Rebecca Kamp lead the Knights with 11 kills each.

Despite the rough outing in front of a large crowd, head coach Toni Kuschel was able to pull several positives away from the match.

"We played well tonight and were able to accomplish the things we have been working on in practice," Kuschel said. "Our middle

blockers were able to take away a lot of the court so our defense could do its job."

Despite solid play, however, the Belles just never seemed to garner any momentum, especially after

losing the first set 25-13.

"We were never able to capture a good lead," Kuschel added.

After improved performances in the last two sets, however, Kuschel is not worried about the direction of her team.

"We have two more tough match ups this week," she said. "And if we play our game like we did tonight we will end up with two big wins."

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NHL

Minnesota storms back from 3-0 deficit to beat Anaheim

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Andrew Brunette's power-play goal in overtime lifted the Wild to a 4-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night in Minnesota's home opener.

Trailing 3-0 with less than 14 minutes to play in the third, the Wild got goals from Mikko Koivu, Petr Sykora and Eric Belanger to send the game to overtime.

The Ducks got second period goals from Joffrey Lupul, Evgeny Artyukhin and Saku Koivu but were held to just two shots in the final 20 minutes of regulation as Minnesota rallied.

It was an exciting start for Minnesota with Todd Richards coaching his first regular season game in his home state for the Wild, who are now 8-0-1 all-time in home openers since joining the NHL in 2000.

Looking to bounce back after being thumped 4-1 by San Jose at the Honda Center on Saturday, the Ducks instead saw a seemingly secure lead slip away.

With the teams skating four-on-four in overtime, Anaheim's James Wisniewski was penalized for roughing during a post-whistle skirmish. Brunette poked a puck past Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere on the ensuing power play for the Wild's first win of the season.

Lupul, who returned to Anaheim in the June trade that

sent star defenseman Chris Pronger to Philadelphia, opened the scoring with his first goal of the season near the five-minute mark of the second, tipping a Ryan Whitney shot past Minnesota goalie Nicklas Backstrom. Less than a minute later Lupul was helped from the ice after going down to block an Antti Miettinen shot and getting hit in the face by the puck. He returned to the game after receiving stitches over his right eyebrow.

Artyukhin and Saku Koivu scored in quick succession later, building a 3-0 lead for the Ducks.

Giguere, who has made a habit of frustrating the Wild in his career, looked solid for two periods, and shakier in the third, finishing with 28 saves.

Richards, who was hired for his first NHL head coaching job by new general manager Chuck Fletcher over the summer, has talked of instilling a more wide-open game than Minnesota fans are used to after nearly a decade with defensive-minded Jacques Lemaire running the show. Things were more wide-open on Tuesday, but instead of creating offense for Minnesota, the Wild often looked uncharacteristically disorganized on defense through the first two periods. Held to just 17 shots through the first 45 minutes, the Wild offense finally cranked into gear late.

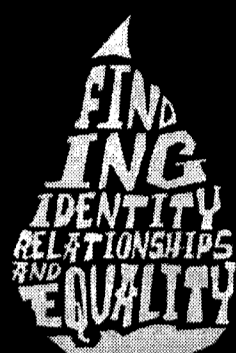
Backstrom finished with 16 saves for Minnesota.



Minnesota center Petr Sykora plays the puck in the corner against Anaheim's Teemu Selanne during the first period of the Wild's 4-3 overtime win Tuesday.

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A senior American Studies major, Ann-Marie Woods, will discuss the recovery process and healing from eating disorders.

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just was great to do it at home. The kids worked so hard over the last couple years, and no one really noticed because we didn't have the results but they were working hard and they never lost faith. It was really special today."

The Irish shot 30-over as a team for a score of 870 to beat out Ohio State (+34/874), Arkansas (+38/878), Texas Arlington (+43/883) and Lamar (+44/884).

Sandman paced the Irish and claimed his first collegiate individual title, shooting two-over par through the three-round tournament. His opening round 70 and second round 68 gave him the lead going into Tuesday, and despite starting plus-five on the first five holes during his last round, Sandman was able to shoot one-under over the last 13 to claim victory.

"He's just been so close so many times," Kubinski said. "The maturity and the leadership to play the last 13 holes at one-under was just beautiful. I'm just so happy for him because I think it can take him to another level now. He doesn't have to wonder if he can win, because he has."

Sophomore Max Scodro was Notre Dame's second-highest finisher, placing in a tie for 10th after a final-round 70.

"To shoot 70 out there and just play the way he did as it got windier was incredible," Kubinski said. "I was just thrilled to see that play and it really just came together at the end."

Also scoring on the day for the Irish was junior Connor Alan-Lee, who after shooting an opening round 80 bounced back and recorded a 72, Notre Dame's second-best score on the last eighteen holes.

"[Alan-Lee] shot 80 in the first round, and it's so easy to give up at that point," Kubinski said.

"But you talk about that Notre Dame fighting spirit and refusing to give up. He came back with 73 and 72. That's probably as good as anyone can shoot out there in tough conditions."

Notre Dame's fourth score in the last round came from sophomore Chris Walker, whose 74 put him at 12-over par on the tournament, good enough for a tie for 24th place. Junior Jeff Chen also competed individually for the Irish, and his three-round 13-over par put him in a tie for 28th place.

The Irish finished 15th last year in their home match, but the home-course advantage helped Notre Dame to their first tournament victory this season, aided by the work put in by the players in the days leading up to the Fighting Irish Classic.

"The guys really did an excellent job preparing this week," Kubinski said. "They were out there taking notes of the slopes of the greens and hitting extra chips and putts after classes. They put all the work in, so I think we definitely had an advantage and it gave us that little lift."

The first-place finish gives the Irish momentum as they continue moving towards their goal of an NCAA tournament appearance, but the celebration cannot last long as they travel to La Quinta, Calif. to compete in The Presitge at the PGA West, a three-day tournament which begins Oct. 11.

"We're in great shape so far for the NCAA's, and our ranking will shoot up," Kubinski said. "I think we've got a really good test this coming week. We'd like to be able to enjoy this for while, but we have to bounce back quickly. We can't enjoy this for too long because [the field at The Prestige] is so good. We hope to go out there and have a chance to win."

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Clark

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technical players and we play good technical soccer. If you watch us play we pass the ball a lot and not just for the sake of passing."

The Irish hold the all-time advantage against Marquette, having gone 10-5-1 in the series with a 31-26 advantage in goals. Last year the Irish defeated Marquette 4-1 at Notre Dame, and the year before the Irish defeated Marquette 1-0 in Milwaukee. The Irish are 4-4 all-time at Marquette.

Marquette is coming off a 1-0 loss to West Virginia last weekend and is hungry for a win in a season that has seen very few. The task for the Irish is even more difficult because they have to travel by bus to Wisconsin during the middle of a week of classes.

The situation is not ideal for pulling out a road win.

"We would rather not do it, but it is just one of those things that you have to do," Clark said.

The Irish sit in fourth place in the Blue division of the Big East Conference and are hoping for a win to advance up in the standings, but Clark wants the team to keep things in perspective and take one game at a time.

"It is very important to us just to get more wins," Clark said. "We just need to concentrate on playing well."

Recent troubles for the Irish have centered on their ability to put two good halves together into a complete game.

"We played well in the second half against Seton Hall, but not so well in the first half," Clark said. "I do not think we have strung two good halves together in a row."

Clark would like to see the

team be able to stay in their game for 90 minutes and show some consistency and determination.

An example of consistency for the Irish has been Justin Morrow, who earned Big East weekly honors for his performance in last weekend's 2-1 win over Seton Hall. Morrow was partly responsible for a give-away that resulted in Seton Hall's only goal in the first half, but he was able to recover and score the game-winner in the second half.

"Morrow's game on Friday was bittersweet," Clark said. "He was partially responsible for a goal in the first half, but he showed the character to not let that bother him and got another goal in the second half."

The Irish hope to see this resiliency tonight at 7 p.m.

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Trine but put up a tough fight until Calvin broke the scoreless tie in the second half with a winning goal from Carly Prins in the 59th minute of the game.

Saint Mary's was able to come together as a team and play strong for the full 90 minutes which was a stumbling block for them most of this season.

"We were very organized and disciplined for the entire 90 minutes," Crabbe said. "Some players who are used to more playing time or having a greater role had to sacrifice their spot in order to make today's approach work."

Senior Patty Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal for the Belles making 8 saves while only allowing one goal.

Despite foot injuries that have hampered her throughout parts of her career Duffy has been a staple for the Belles on defense each of the last two seasons totaling 81 saves last season, her first full season as a starter.

The Belles were outshot in the game 22-2, having only one shot in each half, while Calvin tallied 9 in the first half and 13 in the second half.

Corissa Hart tallied the only shot on goal for the Belles in the game. While the Belles were not able to score a goal for the eighth time this season,

they showed improvement on all fronts including working together as a team that will be necessary to propel them through the rest of their conference schedule.

The Belles defense was able to help out Duffy by keeping less than half of Calvin's shots on goal throughout the game despite the miserable weather conditions.

The Belles will next host Alma College on Saturday beginning at noon.

"We need to come out and get 3 points in the conference standings," Crabbe said. "We need to score first and play ahead for 90 minutes."

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Sandman

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that could only be exhibited by a player who has been through it all.

After an outstanding first two rounds that left him two under par and four strokes ahead of the field, the wheels came off for Sandman from the very beginning of a rainy round three.

Three consecutive bogeys on the first three holes brought Sandman back over par for the tournament, and after a par on the par-3 4th, his tee shot found the fairway on the 518 yard par-5 5th, as much of a birdie hole as the Warren Course has to offer.

But after his second shot found the trees to the right of the green, his poke out traveled to just in front of the small bunker that guards the front of the green. Though always one to wear his emotions on his sleeve, Sandman's frustration with his round seemed to escalate with each stroke.

He left his chip in the bunker, left his bunker shot short of the green, and then managed an up and down for a double bogey seven.

Iowa's Vince India, also paired in the final group, began the day eight strokes behind Sandman but erased that deficit entirely in those first five holes, paring a string of three consecutive birdies on holes 3-5 against Sandman's struggles.

Five holes, five over par, and his 36-hole lead had vanished.

Most players would concede

that it just wasn't going to be their day. But after missing the entire 2008-09 campaign recovering from back surgery, there was no way Sandman was going to let his best opportunity to win a tournament in his five years slip away.

On the sixth tee, everything seemed to change.

The clouds broke, the sun came out, Sandman stripped off his GoreTex, and began an entirely new round of golf.

His final 13 holes were nearly flawless.

Sandman righted the ship on the front nine, closing out with four straight pars for a 5-over 40.


On the back nine, Sandman took back control of the tournament. After a par on 10 and a lone bogey on the difficult 245-yard par-3 11th, Sandman was mistake free in his final seven holes.

With birdies on both the par-3 14th and par-5 17th holes down the stretch, and a key par putt on 18, Sandman finished up with a respectable four-over par 74 for the day, one-under par on the final 13 holes after his nearly disastrous start.

His two-over 212 for the tournament was good for a two stroke victory, and with the monkey now off his back, and the adversity of a shaky start overcome, don't be surprised if it's his first of many this season.

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MEN'S GOLF

Home sweet home

ND takes first place in tournament at Warren Golf Course

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was able to grab first place team honors as well as the top individual spot in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, as fifth-year senior Josh Sandman led the Irish to victory in their sole home match of the year.

"I'm just so happy for our kids," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "They've had a tough year or two. They've taken their lumps but they never ever quit working hard. They never lost faith and they always believed in themselves. I didn't know when it would happen, but I knew it would happen at some point. It



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Senior Josh Sandman watches his putt during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Tuesday. Despite a slow start, Sandman claimed the individual championship and the Irish won the team title.

Sandman rallies after early mistakes to take top honors

Five holes into Josh Sandman's round Tuesday morning, the final round of the 54-hole Fighting Irish

Gridiron Golf Classic, the fifth-year senior was all but out of the tournament he was in command of just an hour prior.

Thirteen holes later, Sandman captured the first individual title of his collegiate career, coming back with the sort of grit and determination



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FOOTBALL

Weis says Clausen, Allen, Aldridge to be healthy for USC

By MATT GAMBER
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The fact that Irish coach Charlie Weis can joke about injuries to two of his most important players is a good sign he isn't too worried about quarterback Jimmy Clausen or running back Armando Allen missing any time.

Asked Tuesday if there was anything that could be done to aid Clausen and Allen, who are battling toe and ankle injuries, respectively, in getting around campus on a daily basis, Weis' response indicated that all signs point to a healthy, uninhibited backfield when the Trojans come to town Oct. 17.

"We've had guys [in the past] that have ridden those

little carts that you ride around in the grocery store," Weis said. "But I think right now those two guys would just be [using] them to race, not because they needed them."

Weis did note Clausen's preference to wear a walking boot around campus — but he inserted a wisecrack on that point as well.

"It's like a security blan-

ket," Weis said of the boot. "It takes complete pressure off of his toe, and it gets all the people to say 'oh Jimmy.' So he kind of likes that."

Weis' initial plan for Clausen this week was to rest him as much as possible to take advantage of Saturday's open date in preparation for the matchup with USC. But Weis said his signal-caller told him he

wanted to practice Wednesday after sitting out Tuesday's drills.

"He's actually requested to practice because he doesn't want to hold off until Monday without going," Weis said. "He asked to go tomorrow, so he'll end up practicing for at least the first half of practice [Wednesday]."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles fall in tight match

Defense limits Calvin, but Saint Mary's still falls to Knights 1-0

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's Soccer team (4-8-1, 1-2) dropped a hard fought game 1-0 to MIAA foe Calvin, the reigning conference champion, Tuesday.

"Today against Calvin we had an outstanding team performance," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. "While we came out on the short end of a 1-0 result the team committed to a defensive plan, and we gave ourselves a shot at a tie or win to the very end of the game."

The Belles were coming off of a shutout of the worst team in the conference,



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Belles' senior forward Micki Hedinger dribbles the ball during Saint Mary's 3-0 loss to Marian on Sept. 26.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish look for complete game against Marquette

By JARED JEDICK
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The Irish travel to Milwaukee today to face Marquette in a key Big East match-up that pits Notre Dame (5-4-1, 3-2 Big East) against a team desperate for some more wins in the conference.

Although the Golden Eagles (2-5-2; 1-2-2 Big East) seem to be down early in the season, the Irish expect a tough game against a very physical team.

"We expect a hard game from Marquette," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I actually watched them against West Virginia and they are a big and strong team and are very competitive. We expect them to fight very hard. They need to win and get some points in the Big East."

This kind of desperation can

breed some physical play from Marquette, which Clark characterized as a big and strong team that enjoys playing a physical type of game.

"They have a lot of red cards," Clark said. "I saw one lad getting a red card against West Virginia, but that was a result of getting two yellow cards, so it was not a terribly violent play."

The key for Notre Dame to beat the Golden Eagles on their home turf will be to not fall into the trap of matching physicality with physicality. The Irish want to keep within their own game and play sound, technical soccer.

"We are a strong and athletic team too," Clark said. "We just have to not get involved in their game and play our own game. We have a lot of good

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