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Complex fire investigation continues

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

After a string of unexplained fires at Castle Point Apartments nearly four weeks ago, investigations continue into possible causes, including arson.

"We still have three open cases regarding that and until we close any one of them; they're all open because they occurred in the same complex," Clay fire marshal Dave Cherrone said. "That's their common denominator."

In addition to the Indiana state marshal and the Clay fire marshal's involvement, Castle Point has hired a private company as a third party to investigate.

"We welcome [the private investigation] because it gives you someone else to bounce information off of to see if they see something that you didn't, to test some things that may not have been initially tested," Cherrone said. "That's a standard thing because insurance companies have a financial interest and they want to make sure they are getting the best

they can for the tenants money."

Since the fires took place right before fall break, it was difficult for authorities to begin a prompt and complete investigation, as many residents had left for the week.

"We still have some people that we are questioning," Cherrone said. "We are just hoping that we get some definitive answers in the next week or so."

Cherrone confirmed the trashcan fires have been listed as arson because of their location and time. The third fire,

which damaged two apartment units, is still listed as undetermined. Though all three cases remain open, there are suspects for the first two fires.

"We had already begun, of course, the investigation in regards to the trashcan incidents before the other fire occurred," Cherrone said. "There were some people who were questioned in regards to that and some who we are still looking at as far as those two."

Castle Point has increased lighting in dark areas of the

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Journalist analyzes election

Carlson cites religious groups as key to win

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Margaret Carlson, a political commentator and 2004-05 journalist-in-residence at Notre Dame, spoke about the presidential election Tuesday, contending that President Bush won because of his ability to mobilize his conservative base and get them to the polls.



Carlson

"How did Bush get here? Karl Rove and those four millions evangelicals. He said he was going to get them, and he did ... and he formed a religious coalition, he got Orthodox Jews and he got Catholics," she said in her lecture at the Hesburgh Center.

But Carlson also said the issue of moral values, which helped make conservative turnout so high, is in fact much more complex than Bush and Republicans would have America believe.

"Much is being made of the moral values issue, and people voting on that basis, but you have to ask, 'What does it mean? What are moral values,'" she said. "Do people that voted for Bush have better ones than the people that voted for Kerry?"

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Fairness, efficiency of registration questioned



Senior Jonathan Sundy, left, examines course selection on IrishLink. Right, students flip through class registration books outside the College of Arts and Letters advising office in O'Shaughnessy Hall.



SOPHIA BALLON/The Observer

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Notre Dame students will begin assembling their spring schedules today through an online course registration process — formerly called "DART-ing" — that has prompted some Domers to question its efficiency and fairness.

The current procedure for scheduling second semester classes is called IrishLink web registration. However many students and faculty members still refer to the process in terms of its archaic acronym, DART, or Direct Access Registration by Telephone, even though this particular method of scheduling was terminated several years ago.

"We asked academic depart-

ments and colleges to stop using the term 'DART,' but old habits die hard," Notre Dame Registrar Harold Pace said.

In web registration, each student enrolled in the University is assigned a unique PIN number, which will allow him or her to enter the IrishLink database during a randomly allocated time slot within his or her appropriate level. Levels are for the most part class-spe-

cific in that they are assigned based on the number of semesters and credit hours completed by the student.

Members of the first level — comprised of seniors and 3rd year law and graduate business students — choose their courses earliest in the registration process. Juniors and 2nd year law and graduate busi-

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Pink bracelets show solidarity in breast cancer fight

By KATIE O'HARA
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses are 'banding' together in the fight against breast cancer, as separate pink wristband campaigns are running at both schools.

At Notre Dame, the Women in Social Service and Health (WISSH) circulated the wristbands through dorms last week as a fundraising effort for breast cancer patients.

"This is the first thing we've been able to get out there," senior Ashley Merusi, co-president of the newly formed WISSH, said. "I've seen [them] around campus, and I've been getting good feedback."

WISSH had, until last year, been known as the Women's

Resource Center. But when the full-time Gender Resource Center was developed, the WRC members felt they had to redefine their student-run club.

"As the Gender Resource Center grew, we had decided we weren't really needed anymore," Merusi said. "We've switched our focus to fundraising, awareness and service projects. We still distribute information, but we are no longer the primary source."

Prompted by the national success of the LiveStrong yellow bracelets, whose proceeds supported the Lance Armstrong Foundation and cancer survivors, Merusi said WISSH wanted to simultaneously raise money and increase breast cancer awareness.



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Women in Social Service and Health are selling the pink wristbands pictured above for \$2. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer patients.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Betting on blind faith

I have deep loyalty in many things, one of them being the New York Yankees.

Their stunning loss to Boston in the ACLS was heart-wrenching enough, but the pain that befell me following their Game 7 defeat was only amplified by the fact that I had gambled on the series.

Katie Perry

And when the Yankees lost, I lost. Big-time.

Wire News Editor

In my mind, betting on the Yankees was like betting on gravity. For me to lose would mean that some universal law of nature would be defied, and this of course could never happen. I was so certain of victory that I hastily placed bets with two separate friends. I barely listened to the terms — after all, I wasn't going to lose — and continued exuding over-the-top confidence in my team. While some may perceive my lofty declaration of imminent victory as sheer arrogance, I ascribe to it a different name — blind faith.

My swagger only increased as the Yankees steamrolled through the first three games of the series. The momentum was ours and the sweep was certain. With Game 4 looming I was on top of the world. I incessantly taunted the friends I had placed bets with, as well as every other Red Sox fan I encountered. My stance on the Yankees' intrinsic superiority was becoming instantiated, and I was not about to let anyone forget it.

And then it happened. We lost, but not just once. We lost four times in a row. Four consecutive defeats, and the Red Sox had somehow broken a curse, made history, and severely traumatized every Yankees fan on God's green Earth. It felt as though someone had jabbed a piece of David Ortiz's shattered bat through my heart. Recalling my bets only added insult to injury.

In the first bet I was required to wear a Red Sox T-shirt for an entire day.

Not so bad, I thought to myself. Even though I would never willingly dress in such atrocious apparel, I still could imagine a worse predicament. However, when I was given the shirt I was stunned to see that it had been altered, and the once-plain Pedro Martinez jersey now donned a myriad of humiliating phrases. In large black letters across the stomach read, "David Ortiz is My Papi." "A-Rod Cheats and Is Ugly," read the neckline. The back was decorated with "I Want to Have Pedro's Children" and "Curt Schilling Has a Hot [Butt]."

The second bet involved a slightly more arduous task — eight weeks of laundry duty. Again, I assured myself that it could be a lot worse. I obviously did not know what I had gotten myself into. I soon found that some boys are extraordinarily fastidious regarding their clothing, that "rolling" boxers is ideal to folding them, and that some people prefer a "deep fold" in their socks. T-shirts that cost over \$20 are placed on the left, all others go on the right, and one more thing, folding them in thirds just won't cut it — halves are acceptable, however.

One day as I sat on the floor rolling boxers, folding socks, and halving shirts, someone walked by raving about the Duke men's basketball team. I immediately interjected and asserted the potency possessed my hometown team of Syracuse.

"I'll bet you my Dukies make it farther in the NCAA tournament than Syracuse," he said. Without hesitation, I responded. "You're on." I guess some things never change.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Perry at kperry5@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DART PROCESS?



Alex Harty
sophomore
O'Neill

"It's the biggest rush of my school year."



Chris Christensen
junior
Knott

"I think it needs to be revised to a certain extent."



Jana Miller
sophomore
McGlinn

"It's a little confusing."



Bridget Higgins
freshman
Cavanaugh

"Oh yeah, I have to pick out my classes, don't I?"



Dan O'Brien
senior
off-campus

"I say just play the music and dance. I graduate in December."



Rusty Bresnahan
senior
off-campus

"I'm not an athlete."



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Political science professor Dan Lindley, far right, speaks at the panel "Iraq: What's Next?" held Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. He was joined by peace studies professor George Lopez, second from left, and military science professor Gary Masapollo. Associate director of the Kroc Institute Martha Merritt, far left, moderated.

OFFBEAT

Even Santa can't get flu shot

DENVER — Apparently there is no special exception for Santa — at least not for flu vaccines.

Nick Pallotto, 62, who plays Santa Claus in malls, turned up at a flu clinic in Colorado Springs and was denied a shot because he wasn't 65 or suffering from a chronic health problem.

"They asked me if I was 65, and I said, 'No, but I am Santa,'" he said.

For the past four years Pallotto has worked for Naturally Santa Inc., appearing as Santa Claus at malls in New Jersey, Denver

and will work this year in Virginia.

Pallotto said he gets a flu shot every year because he has so many contacts with children. More than 10,000 kids were on his lap last year.

Double golfing ace beats long odds

SPOKANE, Wash. — Chris Varallo thought it was quite amazing when he aced the third hole at Liberty Lake Golf Course. Then he went ahead and hit a second hole-in-one on the 11th hole of the same round.

Odds against that are about 67 million to 1,

according to Golf Digest.

"The first one was pretty amazing," said Varallo. "But after the second, everyone was in utter disbelief. Other people on the course heard the screaming and were coming over to see what had happened."

The 22-handicapper, an attorney, finished his round 31 strokes over par at 101 at the course located about 10 miles east of Spokane.

Varallo, who has never broken 90, called his two aces Saturday "the two best shots I'll ever hit."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture "The 2004 Elections and Latino Politics" will be held today at 12 p.m. in 208 McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against Quincy tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.

The play "Fortinbras" will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The lecture "Landscape of Memory. Looking Back at the Holocaust after 60 years" will be given by Ruth Kleger at 8 p.m. tonight in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

A special showing of "The Grudge" with screenwriter Stephen Susco and actor William Mapother will be shown Thursday at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

A Fall Choral Concert by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir and the Collegiate Choir will be performed Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

Tonight at 8 p.m. at the flagpole on South Quad there will be a prayer service to bless the crosses for the Cemetery of Innocents as well as to pray for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion in any way. All are welcome to attend.

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

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Symposium addresses nuclear proliferation

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Three speakers offered a variety of thoughts on nuclear proliferation Tuesday evening in a symposium panel discussion called, "Rethinking the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons in the Age of Terrorism."

The discussion, sponsored by The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy as well as The Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government, featured guest speakers Dale Watson, Joseph Cirincione and Jared Silberman, with professor Jimmy Gurulé of the Law School acting as the moderator. Each of the three men offered unique insight into the threat of nuclear proliferation, based on his individual experiences.

"During the most recent presidential debates, there were few issues on which Bush and Kerry could agree," moderator Gurulé said in the opening. "But when asked about the greatest threat to national security, both candidates responded — without hesitation — nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists."

After outlining the general problem of nuclear proliferation, he introduced the main speakers.

Watson, former executive assistant director of the counter-terrorism division at the FBI, spoke first. He brought up the issue of Sept. 11 and addressed two of the reasons behind the attack.

First, he said, we are the land of immigrants. Second, we have a constitution of liberties.

"With those freedoms comes absolute vulnerability," Watson said.

He described his fear, which had existed even before Sept. 11, that Osama Bin Laden would acquire nuclear weapons.

"Would he use them?" Watson asked. "Absolutely. And he continues to strive to get his hands on them today."

Watson also explored the constitutional and judicial effects that a nuclear attack would have on the United States today, such as the issue of quarantining victims.

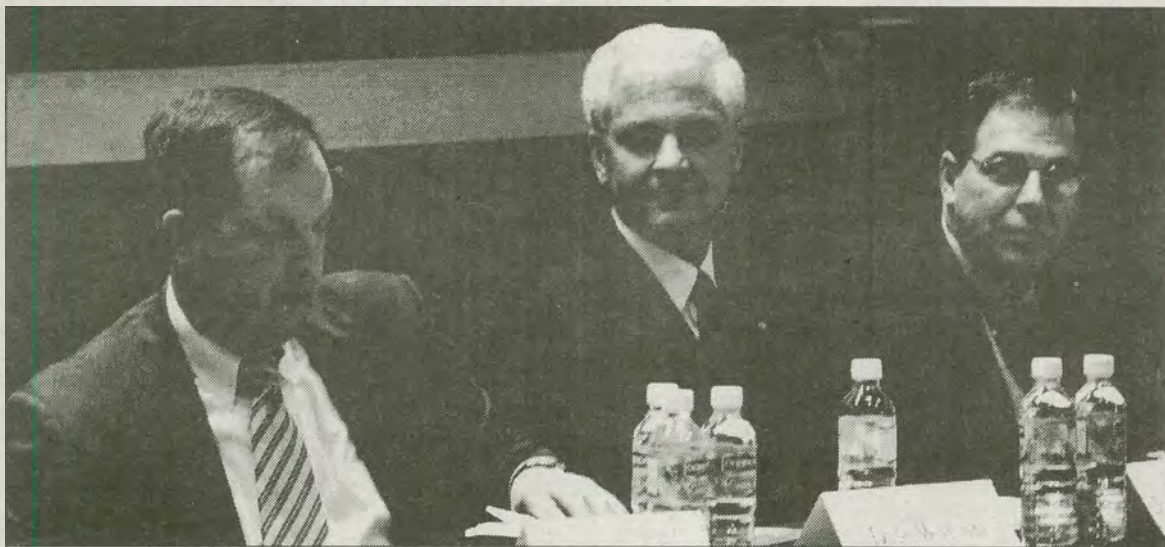
"You have to be on the offensive," Watson said in conclusion. "Prevention is the number one key to success."

Cirincione, director of the non-proliferation project for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, then spoke, beginning with an anecdote from his recent trip to Germany.

"Some German government officials said to me, 'What we hear from America, all we hear is to be afraid.' Germans see terrorists as a problem, but not an overwhelming, terrifying issue," he said.

He then outlined four nuclear threats faced by America — nuclear terrorism, the emergence of new nuclear weapons states (such as North Korea and Iran), the danger from existing arsenals and the diplomatic danger of the collapse of existing non-proliferation regimes.

Cirincione recalled past presidential administrations who successfully fought against various types of weapons — President Richard Nixon against biological weapons and President George



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Dale Watson, left, Joseph Cirincione, center, and Jared Silberman comprised the panel discussion of "Rethinking the Bomb: Nuclear War in the Age of Terrorism" held Tuesday.

H.W. Bush against chemical weapons. In President George W. Bush's term, the focus became who rather than what as the administration became intent on eliminating the regime rather than the weapons.

Essentially, he said, our focus must be on preventing terrorists from getting at the existing nuclear material in Russia and elsewhere. The ultimate problem terrorists have is getting such material.

"Even a softball-sized chunk of highly-enriched uranium would be the key to them making a weapon," Cirincione said.

Silberman, associate counsel for Arms Control and International Law in the United States Navy, spoke last on two themes of non-lethal weaponry and non-prolifer-

ation.

"Increased lethality of weapons is not necessarily the best means to achieve success," Silberman said.

He presented an extensive list of non-lethal weapons, including high-powered microwave agents, which would bring a burning sensation upon the enemy's skin with no harmful effects, acoustic alteration, which would bring about an unbearably loud noise without actually deafening the enemy and calumetive agents, which would put enemies in a sleep-like state.

Although most of the weapons he mentioned are currently illegal in warfare due to the ban on chemical weapons, he said such weapons would be beneficial not only in preventing lethality but also in raising morality in soldiers,

who would be able to complete their missions without killing. There would also be fewer people needed on the battlefield.

Silberman praised Bush's Proliferation Security Initiative. He pointed out that 34 nations have fully embraced it, and 60 total have accepted it in a general way.

After a question and answer session and some closing remarks from Gurulé, Watson asked permission to add one more thing. He encouraged both law students and undergraduates from Notre Dame to take up public service.

"Serve something other than your own personal interests," he said. "If not you, who's going to step up and take the challenge?"

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Volunteer Opportunities

Dickinson Intermediate Center

Dickinson Intermediate Center desperately needs of volunteers. They have a large special education population and almost all of their students live below the poverty line. They need volunteers to help with programming that they offer 3:00-4:30pm Monday-Thursday. If interested in tutoring, mentoring or just listening, call Diane Richardson at 283-7625.

LaSalle Academy

The LaSalle Academy needs tutors Mondays thru Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Students in the gifted and talented educational program need help with tutoring, especially with support, organizational assistance, and encouragement. Contact Vice Principal Otha Reese at 283-7509.

Good Shepard Montessori School

Good Shepard needs volunteers to assist with the after-school program for elementary school aged children one day a week. The program runs from 3:30-5:30pm Monday-Friday. Please call Kathy Royer at 292-2590 or 288-0098.

Prayer Service Held Wednesday for the Cemetery of the Innocents

The Notre Dame Right to Life Club will be holding a prayer service as part of its efforts to reconstruct the Cemetery of the Innocents.

Members of the campus community are invited to participate in the prayer service and to keep vigil at the cemetery from Midnight to 6 a.m., Wednesday to Thursday and again Thursday to Friday. Contact Kyle Bertoli (kbertoli@nd.edu) for more information.

When: Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Where: South Quad.

A Call for Leadership in Action: LEAD-ND & The Youth Action Project 2005

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Visit the LEAD-ND website for more details: www.nd.edu/~leadnd. Applications due November 24.

When: Information sessions on Wednesday, November 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Center for Social Concerns.

"Building a Common Civic Identity"

A talk about civic integration and citizenship among immigrants by Alfonso Aguilar, Chief of the Office of Citizenship, US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, D.C.

When: Thursday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: McKenna Hall, Room 210

'Vocation & Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition' Course Offering

The Center for Social Concerns is offering a course in the spring semester, "Vocation and Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition" and would like to invite students to consider taking it.

Specifically, the Center is looking for students who will continue to be involved in the greater South Bend community next semester. The service/social action experience will be built in as one of the dimensions of the course. The course description follows:

THEO 273--Tuesday and Thursday 2-3:15 p.m.

This course will invite students to consider the meaning of vocation in relation to the social mission of the church. Beginning with a theological understanding of the significance of vocation and charisms, this course will provide a narrative-based exploration of the vocational journey of prominent figures in the Catholic social tradition such as Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, and Oscar Romero.

The emergent understanding of vocation will be held in conversation with the witness given by leaders from other religious traditions, e.g., Badshah Khan, Gandhi, and Thich Nhat Hanh. Using the method of service-learning, this course will invite students to develop an awareness of their social justice commitments in light of their own sense of vocation.

Permission is required. More information about the course format is explained in the Learning Agreement and Application Form, which are available at the Center for Social Concerns. If you have questions, email Andrea at ashappel@nd.edu.

How to Submit Events to Happenings

To submit an event for the CSC Happenings or for "Communique" the weekly email newsletter for the CSC, send your event to commque@nd.edu. For more information on events, check out <http://www.nd.edu/~commque> or <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu>.

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ness students form the second level, sophomores are included in the third level and freshmen are designated to the fourth and final level.

Although the specification of levels based on seniority is widely accepted as fair, the arbitrary assignment of registration times within each level has caused some students to speculate as to whether there is a way to simplify the scheduling process.

Lauren Messina, a junior majoring in film, television and theatre, believes that a student's major should affect his or her designated time slot.

"Those who have majors — such as engineering or math — that are completely dependent upon major classes should have later times," Messina said. "People with majors like English or American studies, where the classes are mostly dependent on a first-come, first-serve basis should have the earlier times."

But Messina believes major should not be the only factor. She would like to see past academic records have some bearing on the process.

"The higher the GPA, the later the time should be because if you have an earlier time, you will take the easier classes,"

Messina said. "People with a higher GPA don't need [the earlier time] as much as people with a lower GPA."

Sophomore management information systems major Walker Adams disagreed with Messina, citing that in giving students with lower GPAs preferential treatment, the University would be reinforcing the principle that students with lower grades should do less work in an easier class simply to raise their GPA.

"My GPA is sub-par in terms of how I would like it to be, but I'm not going to take buffer classes to

raise it," Adams said. "I'm going to take classes which are essential to my major and classes which interest me."

Adams supports the current class registration method and believes the

process of randomly assigning time slots within each level is intrinsically fair. Assigning time slots at random is the most efficient approach, he said.

Freshman Magda Karol, a Russian and East European studies major, agrees the random allocation of time slots is the most effective method of class registration.

"Giving out time slots randomly is a good thing because special preferences aren't given to any particular individual," Karol said.

According to Karol, the system is efficient the

majority of the time and only fails when late times are repeatedly given to the same student over the course of many semesters.

The University has accounted for this apparent setback, however. During the last two years, students who have received a fourth consecutive second-day appointment have had their appointment automatically changed to a first-day appointment, Pace said. Other steps to prevent problems of this sort have also been taken.

"A request has been made to alternate the first-day and second-day appointments for undergraduates from semester to semester," Pace said. "We are testing the feasibility of this proposal, and if feasible it could be implemented in the future."

The Office of the Registrar is continuously considering alternative methods and options to make class registration easier and more efficient, said Pace.

"I am always open to ideas and formal proposals from the student leadership — even individual students — concerning ways to improve the registration process," Pace said.

Registration for the summer and fall 2005 semesters will involve brand new software recently purchased by the University. Students, advisors and faculty will start receiving information about the forthcoming system in January.

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Bracelet

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"People like to give money to good causes," Merusi said. "When it is something they can wear and, as opposed to a T-shirt, wear everyday to show support, it reminds everyone that [breast cancer] is a constant issue."

The pink bracelets sport the phrase "Notre Dame Fighting Breast Cancer WISSH" and are sold for \$2. Proceeds will go to the South Bend community.

"We are trying to come up with the best place [to donate the money to] right now. We want the money to go toward treatment, not research," Merusi said. "We want it to help a woman who has [breast cancer], whatever stage she is at ... give her heat for the winter, whatever we can do."

WISSH spent \$500 making 1,000 bracelets. According to Merusi, the manufacturing costs will be taken from the WISSH club fund, allowing 100 percent of the proceeds to go toward breast-cancer patients. Merusi hoped to sell all the bands

and raise \$2,000 by the end of November.

"I distributed them at Hall Council and I only have 150 left within two days," Merusi said. "I don't know, though, how many have been sold within the dorms ... I would love to order more."

Students can purchase the bands through their hall presidents.

At Saint Mary's, Le Mans Hall resident assistant Kate Brand is running the campaign herself.

Brand was introduced to the wristband concept by her sister, a freshman at Indiana University who bought one for her from a friend at school.

"After talking to [my sister] about what her friend had done at IU with the bracelets to raise money and show support for the cause, I thought it would be a great thing to do at SMC, especially being an all-women's college," Brand said.

Four hundred have been sold thus far during the three-week campaign, with Brand ordering a second shipment of 200 after the first ran out.

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complex, added smoke detectors and enforced stricter rules for gaining access to laundry rooms following the fires. An increased number of safety patrollers have also been hired to watch the grounds.

"They've done a lot of things on their own to ensure that the area stays safer," Cherrone said. "They already had a list of things they wanted to improve upon before the trash-can fires. Hopefully people will notice the changes as time goes on."

An apartment was displaced for a length of time following the third fire, though Castle Point owners Raed and Hani Zidan, began immediate work to

deal with the damage.

"They immediately cleaned the contents and started painting to get those people back where they belong, which is a big thing to undertake in any situation because you get a lot of smoke damage," Cherrone said. "Part of the investigation is dealing with all of the people who were affected in some way."

The owners are being cooperative with Cherrone in this lengthy process.

"Our investigation will continue until we actually have something or someone that states that they were responsible for any of the events," Cherrone said. "But the people there are very cooperative and have been very cooperative, so that's a big plus."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

10 killed in Fallujah attack

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. troops powered their way into the center of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Tuesday, overwhelming small bands of guerrillas with massive force, searching homes along the city's deserted, narrow passageways and using loudspeakers to try to goad militants onto the streets.

As of Tuesday night, the fighting had killed 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security force, the U.S. military announced.

As the offensive moved into a second full day, up to eight attack aircraft including jets and helicopter gunships blasted guerrilla strongholds and raked the streets with rocket, cannon and machine-gun fire ahead of U.S. and Iraqi infantry who were advancing only one or two blocks behind the curtain of fire.

U.N. workers kidnapped

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two of three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan called home to reassure relatives they are all right, as negotiators tried Tuesday to secure their release after 12 days in the hands of Taliban-linked militants.

Afghan officials cited progress toward freeing the trio, though it remained unclear whether prisoners some perhaps from Guantanamo Bay might be freed as part of any deal.

Armed men abducted Shqipe Hebibi of Kosovo, British-Irish Annetta Flanigan and Angelito Nayan of the Philippines in a bold raid in downtown Kabul. All three helped organize Afghanistan's landmark Oct. 9 election.

A militant group released a video of the three and threatened to kill them unless its demands were met, fanning fear that Afghan insurgents were copying their Iraqi counterparts who have executed a string of foreign hostages.

NATIONAL NEWS

Reagan honored with stamp

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — A twinkly-eyed Ronald Reagan is going on a U.S. postage stamp.

Nancy Reagan unveiled a giant replica of the stamp Tuesday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

"He considered it an honor of a lifetime to be president," Mrs. Reagan said. "And I know he would say, 'Now, don't make such a fuss.'"

New airline provisos imposed

WASHINGTON — The government and a dozen airlines struck a deal Tuesday requiring sanitation improvements and increased testing of drinking water aboard aircraft after officials found evidence of harmful bacteria in the water of one in every eight planes tested.

At the same time, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would perform random water quality tests on 169 domestic and international passenger aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and publish the results by the end of the year.

If coliform bacteria are discovered, the airliners will have to be disinfected within 24 hours unless the agency grants an extension because the plane involved is outside the United States. In the meantime, passengers would find signs posted in the lavatories and galleys of affected aircraft.

LOCAL NEWS

Truck crashes into school bus

STOCKWELL — A truck slammed into the rear of a school bus on a highway Tuesday, injuring at least three elementary students, a school official said.

The last two rows on the driver's side of the bus were smashed in by the crash, which happened along four-lane U.S. 52 near Lafayette in western Indiana.

Members of Cabinet resign

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans step down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite of conservatives, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, one of President Bush's closest friends, resigned Tuesday, the first members of the Cabinet to leave as Bush heads from re-election into his second term.

Both Ashcroft and Evans have served in Bush's Cabinet from the start of the administration.

Ashcroft, in a five-page, handwritten letter to Bush, said, "The objective of securing the safety of Americans from crime and terror has been achieved."

"Yet I believe that the Department of Justice would be well served by new leadership and fresh inspiration," said Ashcroft, whose health problems earlier this year resulted in removal of his gall bladder.

"I believe that my energies and talents should be directed toward other challenging horizons," he said. Ashcroft's letter was dated Nov. 2, Election Day.

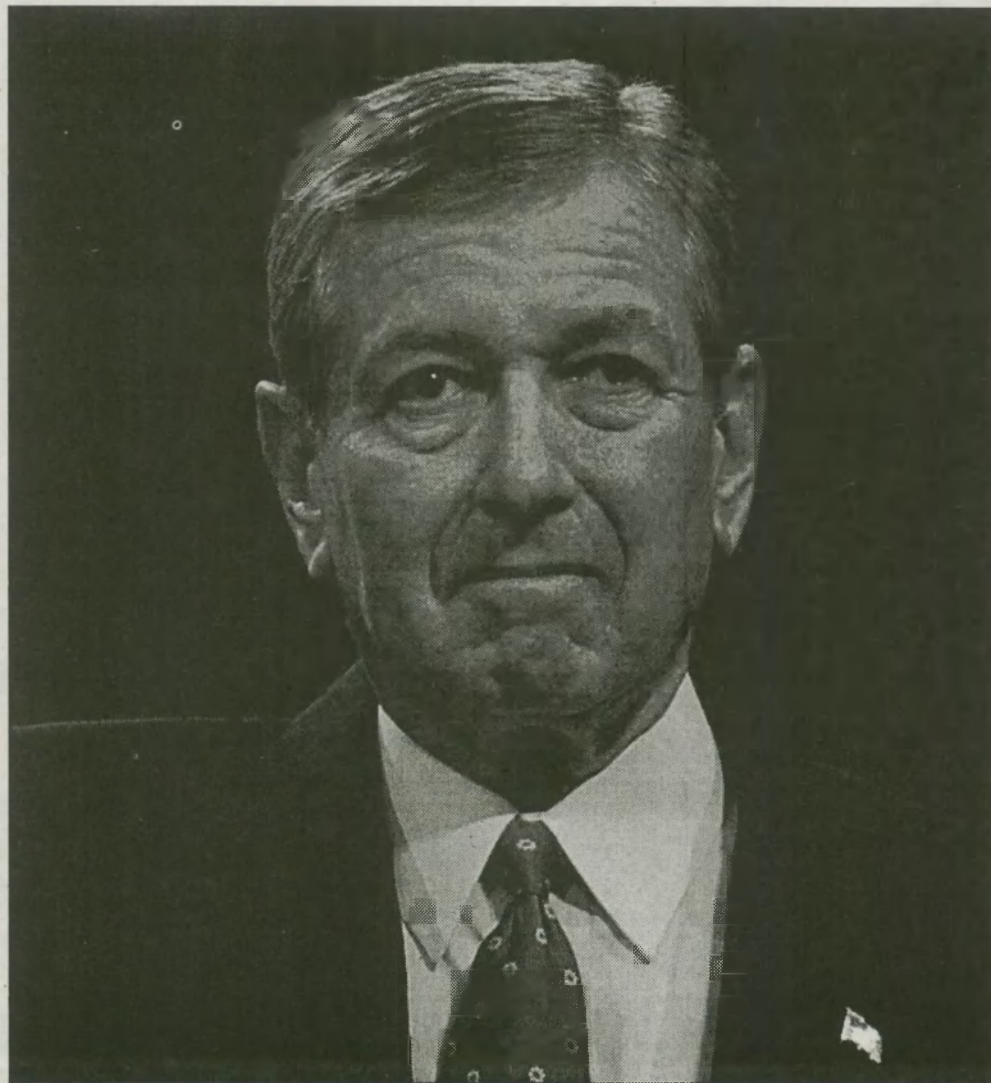
Evans, a longtime friend from Texas, wrote Bush, "While the promise of your second term shines bright, I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home."

Bush issued statements of praise for both men and for the policies they advanced.

"John Ashcroft has worked tirelessly to help make our country safer," the president said. "John has served our nation with honor, distinction, and integrity."

Bush's farewell to Evans was more effusive and more personal, fitting to their more than three decades of friendship dating to the oil business in Midland, Texas, where they would attend church together and meet every day for a three-mile jog.

"Don Evans is one of my most trusted friends and



Attorney General John Ashcroft appears before the 9/11 Commission earlier this year. He and Secretary of Commerce Don Evans resigned Tuesday.

advisers," Bush said. "Don has worked to advance economic security and prosperity for all Americans. He has worked steadfastly to make sure America continues to be the best place in the world to do business."

Ashcroft, 62, has been well liked by many conservatives. At the same time, he has been a lightning rod for criticism of his handling of the U.S. end of the war against terror, especially the detention of terror suspects.

Evans, 58, was instrumental in Bush's 2000 campaign and came with him to Washington. Evans has told aides he was ready for a change. He was

mentioned as a possible White House chief of staff in Bush's second term, but the president decided to keep Andy Card in that job.

One name being mentioned for Evans' job at Commerce is Mercer Reynolds, national finance chairman for the Bush campaign, who raised more than \$260 million to get him re-elected.

Speculation about a successor to Ashcroft has centered on his former deputy, Larry Thompson, who recently took a job as general counsel at PepsiCo. If appointed, Thompson would be the nation's first black attorney general. Others prominently mentioned include

Bush's 2004 campaign chairman, former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, and White House general counsel Alberto Gonzales.

Meanwhile, three high-ranking Bush administration officials said they would like to remain on the job. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Leavitt all said they want to continue.

Washington continued to buzz with speculation about the futures of Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Darfur peace agreement signed

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Sudan's government and rebel representatives signed accords Tuesday meant to end hostilities and guarantee aid groups access to 1.6 million people uprooted by conflict in Sudan's bloodied western region of Darfur.

For the first time, Sudan agreed to the creation of "no-fly zones" over Darfur, banning military flights over rebel-held territories.

Rebels and African Union mediators had demanded the no-fly zones following widespread accusations of government bombings of villages.

"It is really a historical moment," Sudanese spokesman Ibrahim

Mohammed Ibrahim said. "We will do our utmost to make sure it is implemented on the ground. Only that will bring peace and stability to Darfurians."

Sudan signed the accords under international pressure, including the threat of U.N. sanctions, after 21 months of a conflict that has driven 1.8 million people most of them non-Arab villagers into camps in Darfur and neighboring Chad.

The accords on security and humanitarian access came in the third week of talks in Nigeria's capital, after two previous rounds of African Union-brokered talks failed.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo current chairman of the

African Union and the talks' host praised the accord.

"There is no problem in Africa that we cannot solve if we in Africa are given the opportunity," he said.

Obasanjo added that the African Union, which has more than 500 peacekeepers in Darfur, would "insist on the scrupulous implementation of the agreement."

"Future violations of the agreement ... should not and will not be tolerated because too many Darfurians have suffered because of violations of the cease-fire agreement," Obasanjo said.

Sudan and the Darfur rebels signed a cease-fire accord in Chad in April, which failed to hold.

Republicans look to open Alaskan drilling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican gains in the Senate could give President Bush his best chance yet to achieve his No. 1 energy priority — opening an oil-rich but environmentally sensitive Alaska wildlife refuge to drilling.

If he is successful, it would be a stunning defeat for environmentalists and an energy triumph that eluded Bush his first four years in the White House. A broader agenda that includes reviving nuclear power, preventing blackouts and expanding oil and gas drilling in the Rockies will be more difficult to enact.

Republicans in the House and Senate said this week they plan to push for Alaska refuge drilling legislation early next year, and they predict success, given the 55-44-1 GOP Senate majority in the next Congress. Democrats and some environmental activists say continued protection of the refuge has never been as much in doubt.

"It's probably the best chance we've had," Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Resources Committee and a vocal drilling advocate, said in an interview.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he will press to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as part of the government's budget deliberations early in 2005. That would enable drilling proponents to skirt an otherwise certain Democratic-led filibuster that would be difficult to overcome.

"With oil trading at nearly \$50 a barrel, the case for ANWR is more compelling than ever," said Domenici. "We have the technology to develop oil without harming the environment and wildlife."

Bush is also expected in his second term to renew his call for action by Congress on a broader, largely pro-production, energy agenda — from easing rules for oil and gas drilling on federal land in the Rocky Mountains to expanding clean-coal technology and improving the reliability of the electricity grid.

New tax incentives to spur construction of next-generation nuclear power plants also will be back on the table after

Democrats and some moderate Republicans scuttled it last year. Greater use of corn-based ethanol in gasoline also has wide support at the White House and in Congress.

Drilling in the Alaska refuge has been all but dismissed as unachievable

since drilling opponents two years ago beat back a pro-development measure by a 52-48 vote. Bush did not make an issue of the refuge during the presidential campaign.

But with four new GOP senators expected to support ANWR drilling and the loss of a Republican moderate who opposed it, drilling advocates believe they now have at least 52 votes in the Senate, enough to get the measure through Congress as part of the budget process. By Senate rules, opponents of drilling cannot filibuster a budget measure. ANWR qualifies as a budget measure because it will generate income for the government from oil companies.

"With oil trading at nearly \$50 a barrel, the case for ANWR is more compelling than ever."

Pete Domenici
U.S. Senator

Carlson

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She related her own moral values to the criticism of liberals.

"I didn't want my daughter watching Britney Spears or Paris Hilton and some of MTV or Viagra commercials during the Super Bowl," she said. "I am not responsible for Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction. I don't want it any more than people in the red states, and yet Karl Rove seems to suggest that we [liberals] are okay with it."

After rejecting this conclusion of conservatives as unfair, Carlson said that control of media content ultimately rests with the president. She went on to blame Rupert Murdoch, the politically conservative owner of the FOX Corporation, for some amount of the vulgarity on television, including the Janet Jackson incident and Viagra commercials, both of which occurred during FOX's Super Bowl coverage.

Carlson also said another reason for President Bush's reelection was the popular impression of Sen. John Kerry as liberal, aristocratic and coldly cerebral — and therefore unable to connect with the common person.

"It was the atmospherics of Kerry, the five mansions, the windsurfing, Nantucket, the outfits," Carlson said. "When it's Wrangler versus Gortex, clearing brush versus windsurfing, when it's the wife from Mozambique versus Laura Bush ... Kerry was too easy to caricature, a little too French, a little bit too rich, a little too long-winded, a little bit too intellectual."

Carlson then turned on the perceptions of Kerry's economic plan.

"Another thing that stuck was the 'tax-and-spend liberal,'" she said. "Tax-and-spend is a really bad label, and there was no way a Massachusetts liberal was going to be able to say we can begin this health care program and then look into the camera and say he's not going to raise taxes on Americans

that make less than \$200,000."

Carlson also said that opposition to the Iraq War was made difficult by the president's tactics.

"Bush welded together the war on terror and the war in Iraq ... no amount of media coverage or John Kerry speeches could pull the two apart," she said.

She then cited as an example a poll taken of University of Maryland students, 70 percent of whom believed incorrectly that there was a connection between Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Carlson also mentioned Kerry's inability to articulate a clear exit strategy for U.S. forces in Iraq as a reason why he was unable to capitalize upon the Bush administration's lack of success there.

"Kerry never had a plan," she said. "People didn't buy that he could fix Iraq any better than Bush would be able to do."

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Falwell announces new coalition

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Seeking to take advantage of the momentum from an election where moral values proved important to voters, the Rev. Jerry Falwell announced Tuesday he has formed a new coalition to guide an "evangelical revolution."

Falwell, a religious broadcaster based in Lynchburg, Va., said the Faith and Values Coalition will be a "21st century resurrection of the Moral Majority," the organization he founded in 1979.

Falwell said he would serve as

the coalition's national chairman for four years.

He added that the new group's mission would be to lobby for anti-abortion conservatives to fill openings on the Supreme Court and lower courts, a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, and the election of another "George Bush-type" conservative in 2008.

"We all, for the first time, began to realize the potential of religious conservatives, particularly evangelicals, when something over 30 million of them went to the polls," he said, noting

most supported the president and anti-abortion candidates, and voted to approve 11 initiatives across the country banning gay marriage.

Also, a decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Court allowing gay marriages "helped energize our people," Falwell said.

And when San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom began performing gay marriages, it "really caught the attention of people of faith in this country, and what we have been saying could happen actually happened," he said.

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AMEX	1,326.65	+6.90
NASDAQ	2,043.33	+4.08
NYSE	6,886.34	-3.36
S&P 500	1,164.08	-0.81
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,964.87	+0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,717.70	+1.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.67	+0.49	29.77
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.65	-0.15	23.08
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.10	-0.22	19.75
TASER INTL (TASR)	-5.76	-3.115	51.00
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.66	-0.08	4.73

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.18	+0.09	49.39
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.07	+0.03	42.18
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.14	+0.05	35.14
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IN BRIEF

Scandal results in layoffs

NEW YORK — Insurance brokerage Marsh & McLennan said Tuesday it will lay off 3,000 employees, or about 5 percent of its work force, because of fallout from a bid-rigging scandal that has engulfed the insurance industry.

Marsh & McLennan the nation's largest insurance brokerage said in a statement accompanying its earnings report that the job cuts are "based on the realities of the marketplace and our current situation."

The layoffs are the result of a civil lawsuit filed last month by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer that accused the company of bid rigging and price fixing in the sale of property and casualty insurance to businesses.

Several executives at Marsh and other insurance heavyweights, including American International Group, have stepped down or been ousted amid the investigation, which has caused the companies' stock prices to tumble. Marsh's stock is off more than 40 percent since Spitzer announced his investigation on Oct. 14.

Chinese investment blooms

NEW YORK — With a series of open-market reforms and an economy expanding by at least 8 percent a year, China has enjoyed unprecedented international investment and investors have enjoyed double-digit returns.

So how do mutual fund investors get in on the China phenomenon? And what is more important, how much should they risk?

Naturally, there are mutual funds available for people who want to invest in China. According to fund watcher Lipper, 22 China region funds with assets totaling \$1.94 trillion had average returns of 5.19 percent in the third quarter. Over the past year, they've returned 16.52 percent, with returns of 29.05 percent over two years and 18.96 percent over three years.

"The Chinese stock market is becoming much more accessible, and new sectors of the economy are being opened up," said Philip Ehrmann, head of Pacific and emerging markets at Gartmore Funds in London. "As time has gone by, whole new companies exploiting opportunities are becoming available to investors not only in China, but to foreign investors as well."

Anthem and Wellpoint merge

Garamendi allows creation of nation's largest health insurance company

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California's insurance regulator dropped his objections to a \$16.4 billion deal to create the nation's largest health insurance company on Tuesday, after the companies agreed to pay hundreds of millions of dollars for state health care improvements.

For months, Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi had blocked Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc.'s proposed acquisition of WellPoint Health Networks Inc., saying it would pull \$400 million a year out of California in the form of dividends and that the buyout package it offered WellPoint's chief executive was excessive.

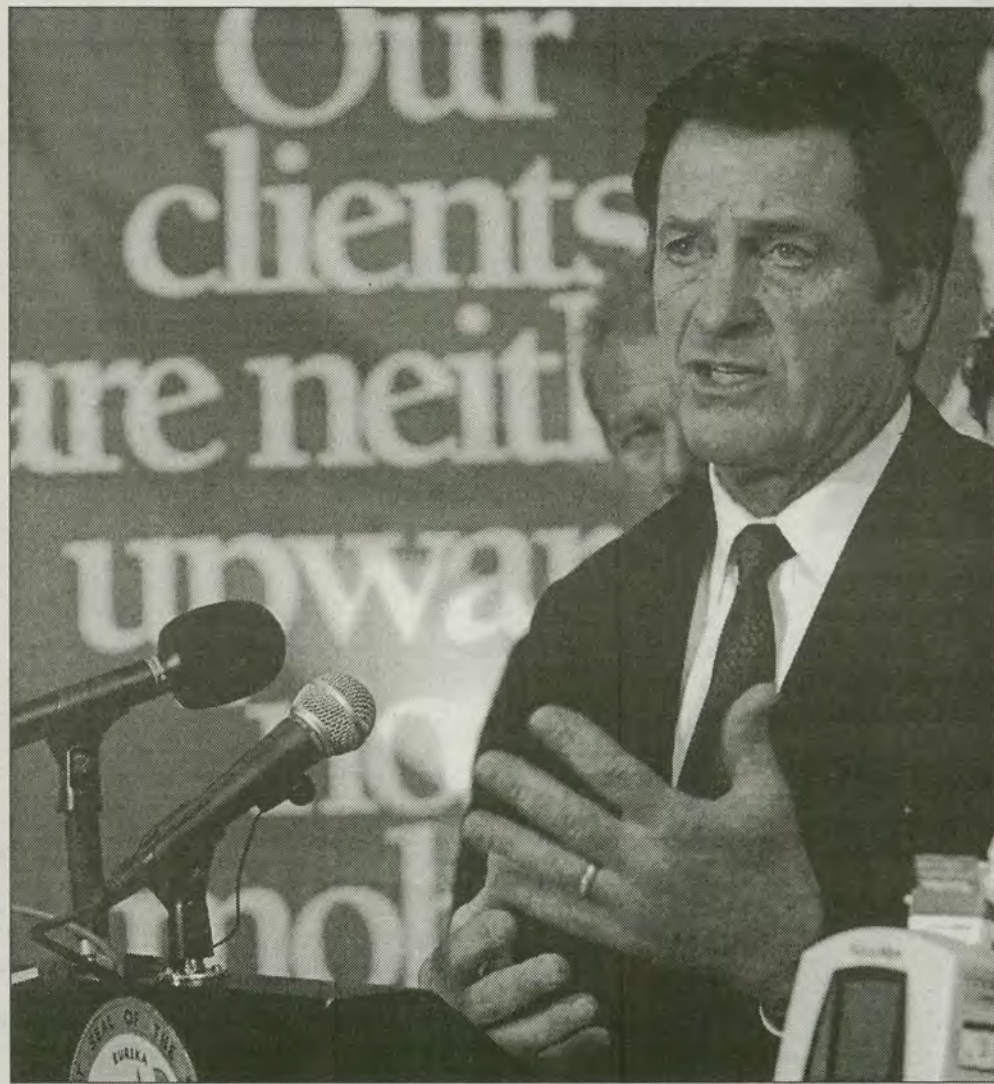
In the proposed deal, Anthem would acquire Blue Cross Life & Health, a California subsidiary of WellPoint and the only one of 75 subsidiaries involved that would fall under Garamendi's jurisdiction.

Garamendi had also demanded the companies contribute \$600 million to California's uninsured population as a condition of his approval.

On Tuesday, Garamendi told reporters that he negotiated a slate of "concessions and contributions" last week that would ensure the deal would not result in higher premiums for California consumers while benefiting health care programs for low-income residents.

"With these additional concessions and commitments by Anthem and WellPoint I am today announcing that I will approve Anthem's application and will allow a change in control of Blue Cross Life & Health Insurance Co.," Garamendi said.

Despite California's blessing, Anthem and WellPoint still must secure approval from insurance regulators in other states before completing the buy-



California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, who approved a \$16.4 billion merger, speaks at the Los Angeles Free Clinic on Tuesday.

out deal.

In all, some 28 million people in 13 states would be covered by a combined Anthem-WellPoint, with about a quarter of those in California.

In a joint statement, the companies said they were in talks with other state officials.

"We are well prepared to quickly and successfully integrate our two organizations," said Larry C. Glasscock, Anthem's chairman, president and chief executive.

Investors were enthused with the resolution, as WellPoint shares soared 8.5 percent, or \$8.93, to close at \$113.90 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Anthem shares

gained about 5.5 percent, or \$4.73, to close at \$91.23.

A lawsuit Anthem filed against Garamendi in August for blocking the proposed merger was dismissed as a result of the settlement agreement, the commissioner said.

After holding a series of public hearings, Garamendi rejected the deal July 23, saying it would reduce the quality of health care for policyholders. He also criticized the merger's executive compensation package, saying the payouts were excessive in a state where 6 million residents lack health insurance.

Garamendi said that as part of the new deal,

California would be able to review an accounting of BCLH's rates to make certain premiums would not increase to pay for the buyout.

The companies also agreed to contribute \$35 million to provide health care clinics in underserved California communities, \$15 million to extend the number of children covered by the state's Healthy Families and MediCal program and \$15 million to train 2,500 new nurses.

The companies also pledged to allocate \$200 million over 20 years to invest in health care services to underserved communities, and to develop a program to improve health care quality in the state.

Flu vaccine production may increase

Associated Press

The nation's sole flu shot supplier said Tuesday it had won a federal contract to move toward year-round vaccine production, a step that should mean faster action if a new killer flu emerges.

The \$10 million contract to Aventis Pasteur, the vaccine division of French-based Sanofi-Aventis, comes just two days before the world's vaccine makers gather in Geneva to plan how to respond to a pandemic.

Flu vaccine is made from chicken eggs that are produced on a seasonal basis. The contract will allow Aventis to maintain chicken flocks that are laying eggs year-round. That would

ensure a constant supply of eggs that could be used to make a new vaccine if one were needed in a hurry to fight a new deadly strain.

The new contract will have no effect on the current flu shot shortage, but experts believe it will help address a more dangerous threat: a flu strain for which people have no immunity.

The company also will make a potential pandemic vaccine once a year from a virus identified by federal health officials that can be held in reserve in case a worldwide epidemic emerged.

Aventis already has made 8,000 doses of an experimental "bird flu" vaccine to be tested in people early next year and another 2 million doses to be held in bulk in case the worri-

some outbreaks in Asia become more widespread.

"The company already is involved in multiple pandemic vaccine development efforts in Europe and the United States" and would welcome the chance to make similar arrangements for year-round flocks in other countries, said a statement from Aventis chairman David J. Williams.

The contract can be extended for a total value of \$41 million over five years.

"The existing flu vaccine manufacturing system is not adequate to meet the nation's needs in the event of a flu pandemic or a shortage," said a statement from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

White House seeks to block assisted suicide

Appeal would overturn Oregon state law allowing doctors to administer fatal drugs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday to block the nation's only law allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients die more quickly.

The appeal from Attorney General John Ashcroft had been expected since May, when a lower court ruled the federal government could not punish Oregon doctors who prescribed lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.

Oregon voters approved the law and since 1998 more than 170 people have used it to end their lives. Most had cancer.

The Bush administration has argued that assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" and that doctors take an oath to heal patients, not help them die.

While not as prominent as abortion, the issue is an important one for conservative Christians, who helped President Bush win a second term last week. The government waited until Tuesday, the final day possible, to file paperwork at the high court.

Oregon's law, known as the Death With Dignity Act, lets patients with less than six months to live request a lethal dose of drugs after two doctors confirm the diagnosis and determine the person's mental competence to make the request.

Paul Clement, acting solicitor general, said in the appeal that the law conflicts with the federal government's powers. The attorney general's conclusion that doctors should not be allowed to treat patients with lethal doses of drugs "is the position maintained by 49 states, the federal government and leading associations of the medical profession," he told justices.

The Supreme Court probably will decide early next year whether it will review the case. The court has been hearing cases now with eight members, because Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist is under treatment for thyroid cancer.

The high court has dealt with right-to-die cases before. Justices held in 1997 that while Americans have no constitutional right to assisted suicide, states may decide the issue for themselves. And in 1990, the court ruled that terminally ill people can refuse life-sustaining medical treatment.

Rehnquist wrote both opinions. In the 1997 ruling, he said the idea of having someone help end another's life conflicts with "our nation's history, legal tradi-

tions and practices."

Kathryn Tucker, legal director for Compassion in Dying in Seattle, said she expects the Supreme Court to reject the appeal, based on the previous decisions that let states set their own policies.

"I am extremely disappointed that Attorney General Ashcroft has chosen to continue ignoring the will of the voters of Oregon," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. "I certainly plan to look into how many taxpayer dollars Mr. Ashcroft has wasted in his attempt to disenfranchise Oregon voters."

The filing came on the day Ashcroft's resignation was announced at the White House. Scott Swenson, executive director of the advocacy group Death with Dignity, called it "Ashcroft's parting shot from the far-right at the people of Oregon."

Oregon is the only state that has an assisted suicide law, approved by voters in 1997, although leaders in other states have considered laws of their own. A bill is expected soon in the California Legislature.

At issue for the court now would be the bounds of a federal law declaring what drugs doctors may prescribe. Traditionally states, not the federal government, regulate medical practices.

A federal judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco have ruled that federal officials do not have the power to circumvent the Oregon law to punish health professionals in Oregon.

Abortion risks re-examined

National Cancer Institute declares procedure has no link to cancer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In several states, women considering abortion are given government-issued brochures warning that the procedure could increase their chance of developing breast cancer, despite scientific findings to the contrary.

More than a year ago, a panel of scientists convened by the National Cancer Institute reviewed available data and concluded there is no link. A scientific review in the Lancet, a British medical journal, came to the same conclusion, questioning the methodology in studies that suggested a link.

The cancer information is distributed to women during mandatory waiting periods before abortions. In some cases, the information is on the states' Web sites.

"We're going to continue to educate the public about this," said Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, an anti-abortion group. She dismissed the National Cancer Institute's findings as politically motivated and maintained that the link has been scientifically proven.

The effort to write the issue into state law began in the mid-1990s, when a few studies suggested women who had abortions or miscarriages might be more likely to develop breast cancer. The warnings are now required in Texas and Mississippi, and health officials in Kansas and Louisiana voluntarily issue them.

In Mississippi, women who want abortions must sign a form indicating they've been told there is a "medical risk" of breast cancer. In other states, brochures say there is a link or that evidence is mixed.

Minnesota law requires the health department to include this information on its Web site, but the department backed down after an outcry from the state's medical

community. Montana law also mandated the warning, but the state Supreme Court struck it down.

The brochures still in circulation tell women the issue "needs further study."

"They can do further research on their own and determine which of those studies they should put most attention on," said Sharon Watson, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "We're just trying to provide all the information it's possible to provide."

In Louisiana there will be changes, said Bob Johannessen, spokesman for the state's Department of Health and Hospitals. He said the department's new director did not know the state pamphlet included such information until contacted this week by The Associated Press.

"If there is scientific evidence, and it certainly appears there now is, we would certainly make the necessary changes in that brochure," Johannessen said Tuesday.

The brochure, he said, is a reflection of the "very, very strong pro-family, pro-life leaning" of Louisiana.

"Nonetheless, it's incumbent on us as the health agency to make sure any information is factually correct," he said. "We don't want to be misleading women who are making this important choice."

A Democrat, Kathleen Blanco, was elected Louisiana governor last year, replacing a Republican.

The issue continues to be debated in state legislatures, with bills considered this year in Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Verm-

ont, Washington and West Virginia.

On the federal level, several members of Congress complained last year after the NCI Web site included material suggesting a link between breast cancer and abortion or miscarriage. An expert panel that was asked to review the data reported in March 2003 that "well established" evidence shows no link.

Among the studies cited by the NCI expert panel was Danish research that used computerized medical records to compare women who had undergone abortions with that country's cancer registry and found no higher cancer rate.

"Having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman's subsequent risk of developing breast cancer," the NCI site now says.

Those findings were affirmed this year by an article in the Lancet, which reviewed 53 studies. Lancet found that studies that purported a link had flawed methodologies.

Still, anti-abortion activists are unconvinced.

Joel Brind, a biochemist at Baruch College in New York who advises the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, noted that a woman's chances of getting breast cancer go down if she gives birth at a relatively young age. He reasons that those who opt for abortion are giving up a chance of reducing their breast cancer risk.

Therefore, he says, abortion increases the risk of cancer.

He dismisses the findings of the National Cancer Institute, calling it a "political exercise, a charade if you will." He participated in those discussions and filed a minority report.

"We don't want to be misleading women who are making this important choice."

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Ivory Coast borders on civil war

Leaders struggle to maintain peace in precarious political environment

Associated Press

DAKAR — On a continent that absorbs 75 percent of the world's U.N. peacekeeping forces and budget, Ivory Coast's violent downward spiral threatens hard-won gains against West Africa's devastating civil wars of the 1990s.

If Ivory Coast — West Africa's economic powerhouse and the world's top cocoa producer — returns to war, everyone from its neighbors to the world's chocolate lovers will feel the pain.

Many hold one man responsible: President Laurent Gbagbo. His fate after the week's violence stands to determine his country's fate as well.

Tuesday saw South African President Thabo Mbeki arrive in Ivory Coast on a peace mission, amid deadly rampages that erupted when France destroyed the country's tiny air force in response to an airstrike that killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker.

The world's chocolate lovers will probably feel the effects of the chaos by Christmas. The violence has shut down Ivory Coast's cocoa exports since Saturday, closing ports that ship 40 percent of the world's raw material for chocolate. The likely result will be higher prices within a month, and then a shortage.

Ivory Coast's neighbors felt the effect immediately — 5,000 refugees fled into neighboring Liberia and Guinea massed troops at its border for fear of unrest.

As Ivory Coast plunges into war, its neighbors are reveling in the quiet victories of peace.

All but unnoticed by the world, the first 500 of 300,000 Liberians still living in camps for war-displaced people waved goodbye and boarded buses home this week after 14 years of vicious civil conflicts in their country.

"When I get back home, I will start to make gardens to survive, and then make blocks to rebuild what once was my small but decent house," said one grateful refugee, 62-year-old Momo Perry.

It took an unprecedented commitment by the international community, and the world's largest deployments of peacekeepers, to get Perry and the others home.

In 2002, British, U.N. and West African armies crushed a vicious Liberia-backed insurgency in Sierra Leone. The next year, American, U.N. and West African forces and Liberian rebels routed the chief promulgator of West Africa's wars, Liberia's Charles Taylor.

Taylor, a Cold War creation of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's guerrilla camps, had trafficked arms and insurgencies across West Africa's borders since 1989.

Today, 75 percent of the world's 62,000 U.N. peacekeeping troops are trying to enforce peace deals across Africa, and \$2.9 billion of the world body's \$3.9 billion peacekeeping budgets are spent here.

With up to 10 percent of the

world's oil reserves in West Africa, the United States and other nations increasingly are saying they have a strategic interest in Africa — and a stake in keeping it peaceful.

More than half the world's total peacekeepers — 32,402 — are based in Taylor's old stomping grounds — Liberia, Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast itself, divided by civil war since 2002.

With Taylor in exile in Nigeria, Gbagbo is looking like the biggest current challenge to peace.

The Ivory Coast president has commanded the loyalty of his supporters by pitting them against anyone seen as an outsider — declaring it a matter of their survival to fight the French, African immigrants and their own northern countrymen.

The airstrike on the French was part of three days of government attacks that broke a more than year-old cease-fire.

Street protests put Gbagbo in power in 2000, during an abortive vote count in elections meant to restore civilian rule after a 1999 coup shattered the nation's reputation for stability.

Ivory Coast had been considered West Africa's most prosperous country since independence, and its commercial capital, Abidjan, was dubbed the "Paris of Africa" for its nightlife and its boutiques. The Hotel Ivoires even boasted an ice skating rink, one of only two in sub-Saharan

"When I get back home, I will start to make gardens to survive"

Momo Perry
refugee

NETHERLANDS

Retaliatory violence, vandalism continues

Filmmaker Van Gogh's murder riles nation

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Dutch Muslims and Christians urged an end to a cycle of retaliatory vandalism of mosques and churches Tuesday as slain filmmaker Theo van Gogh was cremated, a week after his murder by a suspected Islamic radical.

In a memorial service shown live on television, friends and family told stories about Van Gogh's playful nature and his love of provoking debate.

About 150 people gathered at the De Nieuwe Ooster Crematorium. Hundreds more watched on a screen outside. Mourners left flowers, cigarettes and beer at a makeshift monument where the 47-year-old filmmaker — a distant relative of Vincent Van Gogh — was killed.

"Our country is confused and grieving," said former Rotterdam Mayor Bram Peper, calling Van Gogh's murder an attempt to silence "the power of the word."

Van Gogh, a master of irony, was cremated to the music of the Lou Reed song "Perfect Day." He is survived by his parents, former wife and 12-year-old son.

"He had a big mouth but everybody liked it because he was one of a few people who said what he thought," mourner Hans Debrichy said.

The Netherlands has been tense following his death, with attacks on both mosques and churches. Molotov cocktails caused minor damage at churches in Rotterdam, Utrecht and Amersfoort on Monday night following a half-dozen similar incidents at Muslim buildings.

Suspected arsonists also burned down an Islamic elementary school on Tuesday in the southern town of Uden, a day after the bombing of a Muslim elementary school in Eindhoven. Somebody had scrawled "Theo Rest in Peace" in the schoolhouse in Uden.

Van Gogh, who received death threats for his film, "Submission," that criticized the treatment of women under Islam, was shot and stabbed while bicycling on a busy Amsterdam street. The killer cut his throat and — in a note impaled on Van Gogh's chest — threatened more attacks in the name of radical Islam.

Mainstream Muslim groups condemned the killing and asked the government to protect mosques after the explosion at the Muslim school in Eindhoven on Monday.

Jan-Gerd Heetderks, dean of the Netherlands' Protestant churches, said "the violence, the aggression must stop. And that goes for people who get the idea that they should damage Muslim mosques or schools, too."

His killing — and the violent response — has shocked many in the Netherlands who prided themselves on being part of what they considered a peaceful and open society.

It evoked memories of the 2002 assassination of Pim Fortuyn, a populist right-wing, anti-immigration politician. His slaying triggered a hardening of the government's attitude toward newcomers and the expulsion of many thousands of asylum seekers.

The murder prompted an outpouring of rage aimed mostly at the Muslim minority, which makes up about 6 percent of the Dutch population.

Six men are in custody on suspicion of forming a terrorist conspiracy to kill Van Gogh, including the 26-year-old alleged killer Mohammed Bouyeri, a dual Dutch-Moroccan citizen who was arrested in a shootout with police.

A newspaper reported Tuesday that a suspected terrorist network believed responsible for Van Gogh's killing had access to confidential secret service intelligence.

The NRC Handelsblad newspaper, citing an internal secret service investigation,

reported that a friend of Bouyeri received an unmarked envelope last summer with information about extremist networks of which he was allegedly a member.

The Dutch secret service admitted information had been leaked when police found confidential agency information at a house in Utrecht during a terrorism-related search in September.

Bouyeri is allegedly a member of a radical Islamic group said to have ties to terrorists in Spain and Syria.

Van Gogh was a cherub-faced cynic who loved to irritate — and sometimes insult — those he felt were too sensitive.

"I'm deeply religious — I worship a pig," he once said. "I call him Allah."

During his award-winning career, he lost several jobs for crossing boundaries of good taste and had complaints filed against him by Jews, Christians and Muslims.

On his TV interview show, "A Nice Chat," Van Gogh wore suspenders, chain-smoked and gave his guests cactus plants as parting gifts.

Parliamentarian Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who wrote the script for "Submission" and was threatened in the murder note, went into hiding after the killing.

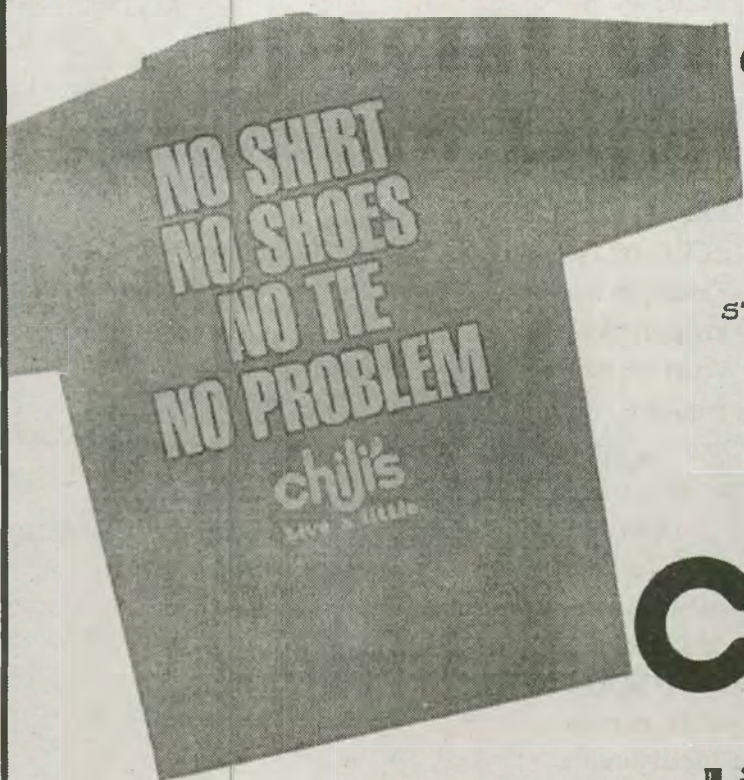
"Don't feel guilty, Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Theo was threatened long before 'Submission,'" said Van Gogh's mother, Anneke, her voice cracking slightly. "Make sure that he is not forgotten. Freedom is not for people who are afraid."

"He had a big mouth but everyone like it because he was one of the few people who said what he thought."

Hans Debrichy
mourner

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Being divided where it counts

I must admit, after working on election matters full time in Portland, Ore. for the summer and part-time with campus groups in our community and swing states, I am only now acclimating myself to the fact that it is over.

While I was highly disappointed with the results, I feel it's time to move on, evaluate this event and get ready for the next fight. Yet, how Republicans and conservative pundits have described this election concerns me. Vice President Dick Cheney declared last week, "President Bush ran forthrightly on a clear agenda for this nation's future, and the nation responded by giving him a mandate." Much like the Republican platform, I find fault with every word of this statement.

First of all, President George W. Bush's re-election campaign was anything but forthright. Anyone remember how Bush shirked questions, spouted ambiguous allusions to policy and continually resorted to Sen. John Kerry bashing and fear-mongering over answering questions in every debate? Even now, Bush has no definite plans for his next term's policy focuses — Social Security reform, tax code reform and securing the peace in Iraq. On the infamous "moral issues," Bush's stance remains unclear. He ran with the promise of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, yet a week before the election on Good Morning America, declared civil unions were fine by him. He said, "I don't think we should deny people rights to a civil union." This has some members of his Christian conservative base — who adamantly disapprove of any extension of rights to same-sex couples — grumbling. Even Bush supporters are unclear what the next four years will bring.

Enough of Bush's incoherent campaigning; now let us turn to the extremely troubling "Bush-Cheney-Rove-vision" of Tuesday's results. They claim to have received a "mandate" from the American people, chalk full with "political capital" to further their policy goals. Looking at the statistics, to declare a mandate is an exaggeration. Bush won on the narrowest margin of a sitting president since former President Woodrow Wilson. With a 51 percent to 48 percent edge over Kerry, the only thing Bush can claim this time is that he was actually elected.

I understand their thinking though. To go from what a New York Times article describes as "a one-term accident of history" to a real, but close win in the popular vote and electoral college must feel like a "mandate," yet expecting the 48 percent of voters who stood against Bush to share their sentiments is folly. Furthermore, the illusive "political capital" Bush lacked these past four years did not stop his decisions to take unilateral and aggressive moves to invade Iraq or give tax cuts to the wealthy. Sounds like more of the same out of touchness with reality from the Bush camp.

Now to this warm and fuzzy talk of uniting America after the election. While it sounds nice to promise to bridge these gaps, it is neither realistic nor favorable. Blue voters and red voters, for the most part, are divided where it counts. We have dramatically different conceptions of policy remedies to national and international problems. The passion behind these convictions produced high voter turnout, volunteer participation and political dialogue. The surprising part, which caused great confusion and grief among Democrats, was that this division extends to conceptions of America's essence. As New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman

wrote, "We don't just disagree on what America should be doing; we disagree on what America is." That point of division will not disappear with "compassionate conservatism," and I do not think we should brush it aside. Instead of grasping for empty prospects of unity, we need to broaden our discussion of political issues to find and reconcile the roots and values in these different conceptions of our nation.

I would like to see the passion and constructive energy behind this division on the left/progressive side to continue and grow. In the next four years, we could see massive changes to our constitution, continued consolidation of corporate power and elite wealth with tax reform, privatization of Social Security and further desecration of the environment. We who believe government must address the income and living standard disparities with progressive income tax code and social welfare programs, that preserving the Earth comes before economic efficiency and expediency and that America can not orchestrate democratic elections in Iraq and Afghanistan until we ensure each American vote counts, must not concede our positions for any reason. While our mobilizations to take back the White House fell short, we did amazing work and have much more to do. Division among citizens is our democracy's last line of defense against narrow single-minded interests and factions from dictating to everyone what America is and does. Let us keep our division sharp and safeguard our democracy.

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Henry Ford
entrepreneur

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Broaden understanding of 'moral values'

It appears that it was the "moral values" folks who were the swing voters and not the youth vote. I asked several evangelicals what the most important issue in the campaign was to them: gay marriage. They also said Sen. John Kerry was not a man of moral conviction.

I issue a challenge to my conservative Catholic and evangelical friends.

I challenge you to pay more attention to other moral values that are reflected in the Bible. For instance, in Isaiah, the prophet is very angry at the Israelites for not being concerned about "the orphan and the widow," about the "usurers" (i.e. bankers) charging high interest rates. In other words, he was angry at the priorities of making too much money at others' expense and for not being very concerned about the less fortunate.

The election is over, and I am not trying to win your vote, but I am hoping you will broaden your understanding of "moral values" as reflected in the Bible. Bush's policies, such as the tax cuts, favored the wealthy and not the poor/working/middle class. You may say — the wealthy pay higher taxes so they should get higher benefits. But doesn't the Bible argue that the wealthy have a greater social responsibility to society

because God has entrusted them with greater wealth? Many wealthy people such as steel magnate Andrew Carnegie believed they have a greater social responsibility. Carnegie gave away his entire fortune.

People complain about paying taxes, but don't we all benefit from paved roads, the public school system, fire/police departments, electricity and homeland security? They have to be paid for somehow.

Freedom isn't free, but neither are all these things. Besides, Jesus gave unto Caesar what was Caesar's, and he never complained about it.

He also gave away everything he had. His goal wasn't to make as much money as possible. He had more lofty goals. Perhaps we as a society could begin to promote more lofty vocational goals besides making as much money as possible, and paying as little

taxes as possible. Why not take pride in paying taxes as part of one's civic duty to improve society instead of pocketing as much as possible? Why not teach one's children to choose a profession that betters society or brings

personal satisfaction, not one that brings in as much money as possible? Are these not moral values? Some argue they would rather give through faith-based initiatives than taxes, but that would remove the burden from non-Christians who wouldn't have to pay anything. Most churches I've been to couldn't afford such a burden anyway.

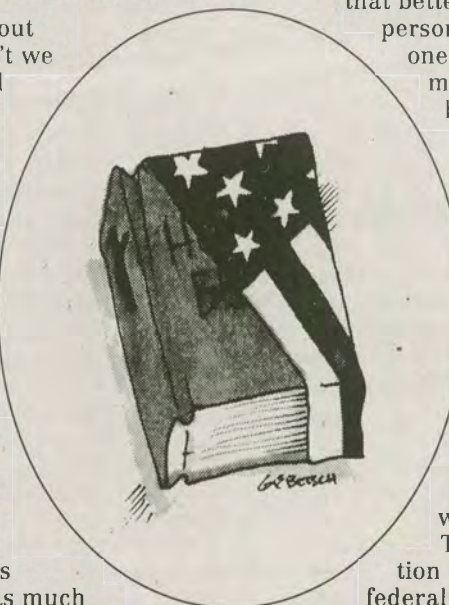
The Bush administration also won't allow the federal government to buy prescription drugs from Canada because they are "unsafe." Hmmm. Canada? Could it be that the pharmaceutical companies that make huge contributions to the Republican party

have something to do with it? Several states already have this program and buy drugs for half the cost, and no one is dying. Is this policy valuing the rich or the average person?

Also, China forbids its citizens from having more than one child and will then sterilize women. If a woman does become pregnant a second time, she is forced to have an abortion, even in the eighth month. Christians in China are also persecuted. Why isn't Bush protesting or removing favored nation status? Again, he doesn't want to jeopardize all the money made in trade. Mammon over moral values.

I applaud you for having moral values and believing in them strongly. My favorite theologian says, "the worst kind of evil is indifference to evil," i.e., apathy. So kudos to you. But I also challenge you not to be indifferent or apathetic to other moral problems. God is not. Let's not have him return and say, "I came to you when I was naked, and couldn't pay for my insulin, but you told me that your taxes were too high and that arguing about gay marriage was more important."

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U-WIRE

Election shows Democratic woes

As a student of politics and history, it is necessary for me to understand trends tend to repeat themselves. The election of 2004 has proven once again, in times of war, the nation overwhelmingly stands behind its leadership as a sign of unity and resolve for the difficult times ahead. Abraham Lincoln in 1864, Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1944, Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, Richard Nixon in 1972 and now President George W. Bush in 2004 all prove this. Furthermore, this is a select pantheon of great American presidents.

While there exists a small faction of ardent opponents who will never admit to the resounding victory the American people delivered to the sitting president, it is undeniable an absolute majority won with more than 3 million votes over Sen. John Kerry — in addition to increased gains in the House and Senate — that presented a mandate to the Republicans. Not even the politically astute former President Clinton could muster an absolute majority popular vote during the 1990s. Additionally, without the specter of "illegitimacy" many Democrats ardently believed arose in Florida in 2000, even despite evidence to the contrary, Bush has now clearly become everyone's president, regardless of political affiliation.

The timing of Bush's re-election victory couldn't have been better. The United States must remain firm — and it will — for the coming years. On the international scene, events are rapidly occurring: Iraq will hold free and fair elections come January, Yasser Arafat and Fidel Castro cannot maintain their strangleholds much longer, Iran's nuclear ambitions must be addressed, Sudanese genocide should be stopped and punished and North Korean intransigence has to be dealt with. The second Bush administration must tackle these difficult tasks so lasting peace and stability emerge in Iraq, new moderate leadership may finally allow a true Israeli-Palestinian peace accord and finally, Cuba could become — after more than five decades of an oppressive communist dictatorship — an open and democratic society. As for the court of European public opinion, its arrogance in attempting to sway the electorate is appalling and condescending. What business did France's Le Monde have in endorsing Kerry?

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Mon Dieu (My God)! This in a country that allowed Jean Marie Le Pen to advance to a presidential runoff in 2002? If any fences are to be mended, it is those self-serving countries that should approach the United States with their tails between their legs.

Kerry lost the election because he was a perennially uninspiring candidate whose entire campaign agenda was based on highlighting purported "mistakes" committed by the Bush administration. Not only did Kerry state he would not have made those mistakes, but would have offered better solutions. It is quite easy to criticize in hindsight, Kerry, but it is quite another to govern.

The Democratic Party has lost touch with the plight of the common man, while the rabid "Michael Moore" wing has successfully alienated moderate voters. A presidential ticket consisting of two lawyers is also highly unappealing. This party has consistently shown a propensity to rule by "judicial fiat" rather than "political persuasion" or "litigation rather than legislation," as presented on Oct. 31 by George F. Will of the Washington Post, proving the advancement of liberal ideals is superior to representing constituents' interests. Furthermore, not since 1960 has any individual been elected president directly from the legislative branch of government; all presidents since then have had experience in the executive branch at either the state or federal level.

From policy perspectives, the notion of higher taxes for the "rich" advances the acceptability of class warfare, while Kerry's liberal social agenda did not accurately reflect the will of a majority of the electorate. On defense and foreign policy, Kerry's Senate record and undefined "global test" were, in addition to his degrading and hurtful anti-war involvement after returning from Vietnam, markedly lacking in a time of ongoing dangerous levels of terrorism.

The American voter is becoming increasingly more sophisticated at detecting and electing true leadership. Second-tier parties should learn this if they ever want to effectively contest elections again. I mean, could the electoral map have been any redder?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Four years might not be so bad

In the famous, oft-quoted words of Benjamin Franklin, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." Though it may be hard to realize from the post-election attitudes of many liberals, death is not quite upon us. And interestingly enough, President George W. Bush's second administration might make a profound (and positive) result on our nation's tax structure.

First of all, let me clarify — I'm about as liberal as they come on certain issues, and taxation is definitely one. I have little sympathy for the "over \$200,000" bracket when they complain about bearing the brunt of our nation's taxes. I wasn't a fan of Dubya's tax cut plan, and frankly, I'm not a fan of him — period. On election night, I tossed a drink in the face of one of my best friends because he started chanting "four more years" when Ohio was called for Bush. I got in a dozen arguments with other friends that were slightly less than cordial.

And yet, I expect something good to come of his second term. According to the Nov. 8 New York Times, the Bush administration is seriously considering a drastic overhaul of the federal tax code — and for the first time in two decades he has the "political capital" to do it. With Republicans in control of the House and Senate, he continues to have the party block that he had in his first presidency, and now he has the clear support of the American voters — as much as it pains me to see it. With this power, Bush hopes to take on two of the most vilified groups in American politics: the Internal Revenue Service and the "special interests." Simplifying the tax code, and cutting out the loopholes that confuse everybody, is something we can all agree on but that politicians can never enact because of the entrenched special interests who profit by the complexities. If this generation has ever seen a president with the guts to take on the impossible because he believes it is the right thing to do, it's Bush. Coincidentally, if this generation has ever seen a president who believes "the right thing to do" involves making things easier to understand, it's Bush.

So if you're stuck in a post-election depression, trying to figure out what's wrong with our country, then take solace. As long as the president doesn't reverse a century of American politics by abandoning the progressive tax structure, this could be a great event for the American people. So you see liberals, it's not the end of the world. Not yet at least ... that will come when Bush pisses off nuclear-equipped North Korea.

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Malloy's experiences told in 'Monk's Travels'

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University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy is a well-known figure to virtually all Notre Dame students. Although actual contact with him is generally rare for the average student, any student knows enough about Malloy to get a reasonably extensive impression of him. However, their knowledge usually ends after his characteristically slow manner of talking is discussed.

The opportunity to understand Malloy as a person, not just as a tall president, presents itself in Malloy's latest novel "Monk's Travels." Malloy provides insight into his life, character and opinions throughout the novel, which is composed of edited journal entries describing his experiences abroad, at Notre Dame and with some of the world's prominent people.

While the novel on a whole is not entirely captivating, it is an interesting travel narrative spotted with some of Malloy's personal opinions and experiences.

"Monk's Travels" is exactly what one would guess it to be from the title — a travel narrative outlining Malloy's specific experiences. Most of the novel is taken directly from the journal Malloy kept as he traveled around the world. This covers the bulk of the content of the novel, but the actual novel begins with Malloy's account of the activities at Notre Dame surrounding the attack on Sept. 11.

From the campus-wide Mass to the firefighters from New York being honored at the U2 concert on campus that happened soon after 9/11, Malloy's thoughts and feelings are revealed. The

novel ends with "Snapshots" describing Malloy's encounters with various famous people of the world including Pope John Paul II, former President George Bush, current President George W. Bush, Martin Luther King Jr. and even Donald Trump. Saving the best for last seems to be the case in deciding to end with the "Snapshots" as they are the most interesting and entertaining portion of the novel. The "Snapshots" provide an insight into Malloy's character and personality, as well as showing the prominence of his position as the president of the University of Notre Dame.

The actual travels of Malloy cover almost the entire world. The entries are divided into sections by continent and include Europe, the Mediterranean Region, Eastern Europe, Latin America, South America, Africa, Down Under and the Far East.

Some of the most interesting

accounts revolve around Malloy's trip to the Holy Land. Beyond descriptions of the scenery, Malloy also covers the history of the region and the sentiments of the region at the time of his visits.

Malloy recounts a particular conversation with a Christian Palestinian woman from Ramallah in the West Bank.

"She spoke of her disappointment that so few of the 800,000 Christian tourists each year make any effort to learn about the local Christian communities," Malloy writes, "and she expressed fears that the sacred Christian shrines in the Holy Land could become museums instead of places of active worship if the Arab Christian population is not supported."

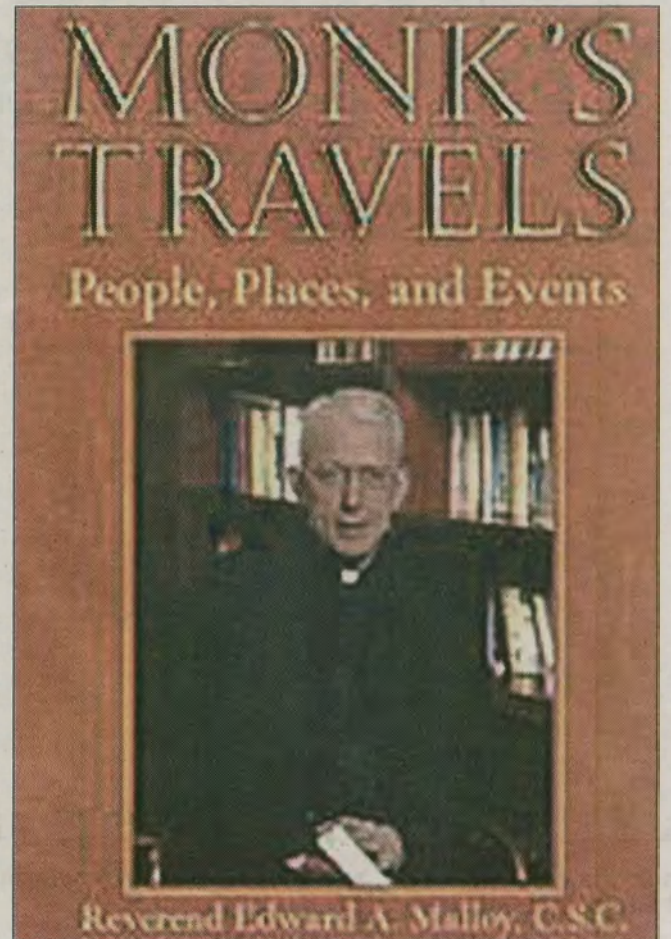
Malloy's opinions regarding the area are intriguing and interesting because

he is an educated man in both faith and history, and his opinions are generally very well-founded and rather objective.

His unique perspective is made more apparent in his description of his visits to Rome. While Malloy shows a great respect for the Vatican, he is not above criticizing some of the smaller aspects of the Vatican itself. Malloy reveals, "I must admit that, other than the fundamental sense of loyalty I feel as a Roman Catholic and a priest, I am not attracted to the Vatican scene. Much of the pomp and formalism I find off-putting, and I am hardly unique in these feelings."

He continues on the greater state of the Church saying that although the men of the Vatican are generally good men of prayer, "Yet I wish that the broader church community would have more of an impact on the Vatican as a bureaucracy, and I wish more of those chosen for jobs at the Vatican had spent more time away from Rome, in the local church more than in the diplomatic corps. I also wish there were more women and married people entrusted with major leadership responsibility." These are large opinions, but appropriate for a man of such great character.

As an overall read, "Monk's Travels" is less than thrilling. For people interested in learning more about the man behind the institution of Notre Dame, however, the novel is a great choice.



"Monk's Travels," Malloy's latest book, is composed of journal entries he wrote while traveling the world.

With anecdotes about getting moved to the end of his row in the Vatican due to his great height to moving a couch with President Bush in the locker room of the JACC, Malloy's general character is seen in a way that most Notre Dame students never get to personally experience. While the content of the novel is generally less than gripping, it is well-written, and for people interested in the regions of the world Malloy discusses or Malloy himself, "Monk's Travels" is well worth the read.

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'Swan Lake' ballet arrives at the Morris

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While many people may not have extensive knowledge of ballets, most will have at least heard of "Swan Lake." It is one of the most popular and frequently performed productions in ballet, and there are interesting stories behind the story, music and choreography that add to its mythic status. The Moscow Ballet will perform "Swan Lake" at the Morris Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The story of "Swan Lake" is part of a longstanding mythological tradition of women transforming into birds, with examples in a diverse range of cultures, including Greek, Arabic and Russian. The ballet follows Odette, the Swan Queen, who is transformed into a swan by the sorcerer, Von Rothbart.

The Swan Lake was formed by her parent's tears after she was kidnapped by the magician. A

prince, Siegfried, falls in love with her, and Odette explains she must remain as a swan-woman hybrid until she is pledged a man's undying love. Siegfried pledges his love to her, but he is tricked into giving his love to Odile, who is Odette's evil twin.

The prince realizes he has accidentally betrayed his love, and he races to meet Odette. She is dying, but he throws her tiara in the lake, it rises and they are united together in death. There are many subtle variations applied to the story, and like many classics, it is reinterpreted with a variety of settings and costumes.

Peter Tchaikovsky, the famous classical composer, wrote the score to the equally well-known ballet. He had never written an entire ballet before "Swan Lake," and he died before he ever saw the work performed in its entirety. The difficulty and complexities of the score initially caused trouble for the original dancers, but the work radically

changed the music to which ballets were performed, as well as how they were danced.

Due to the usual nature of Tchaikovsky's score, the choreography of "Swan Lake" became somewhat of a problem. Russian choreographers Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov worked to create dances that worked with the composer's difficult score, and they finally emerged with what has become the standard choreography for "Swan Lake."

Italian ballerina Pierina Legnani added another level of technical difficulty when she introduced a sequence that included 32 'fouettés,' which are fast, whipping turns done on one foot. The music and beauty of the production, combined with the technical difficulty of the production has made it a favorite of audiences and dancers the world over.

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"Swan Lake" is one of the most popular ballets as well as one of the most musically complex.

Green Day rocks Chicago

With Sugarcult and New Found Glory, Green Day performs an entertaining show heavy with political messages



Photo courtesy of www.greenday.com

Green Day is on tour promoting its newest album "American Idiot." With its first major album release in 1994, the band has risen in fame and fan base since its debut into the alternative rock scene.

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Writer

On Monday, Chicago bore witness as thousands of angst-filled teenagers emerged from middle-class suburbia fully clad in their mismatched clothing and metal jewelry to unite together in defiance of all oppression and authority.

That's right. These rogues stood tall against the law and proclaimed their inalienable right to go out on a school night. A magnanimous few even allowed their driver's license and credit card toting parents to tag along — as long as they didn't stand too close, of course. Defiance of authority was indeed the name of the game Monday night as Green Day performed with Sugar Cult and New Found Glory at the UIC pavilion.

With the release of its successful concept album, "American Idiot," Green Day has taken its

political views on the road on a tour sponsored by Verizon Wireless and MTV2. Attempting to amuse the crowd before the show, Verizon set up large screens that the audience could send text messages and pictures from their cell phones. After witnessing a fair share of messages proclaiming "I LUV BILLY 4EVA" and "I want to make out with a high school girl," Sugar Cult opened the show. It gave an enthusiastic performance in which the lead singer's gymnastic abilities would put many a cheerleader to shame. The set was relatively short, but included radio hits like "Stuck in America," "Pretty Girl" and "Memory."

Next up was New Found Glory, MTV's favorite pop-punk band from Coral Springs, Fla. New Found Glory mostly played songs from its latest album, "Catalyst," including its single "All Downhill from Here." Other songs included "My friends over you," "Understatement" and "Head On

Collision." Disappointingly, the only older song played was "Hit or Miss." New Found Glory played a decent set, but its stale on-stage banter left much to be desired.

After being introduced by a beer chugging rabbit, Green Day took the stage with "American Idiot" — a song that lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong feels even more passionately about since last week's election. Banners featuring hand grenades hung from the stage as a symbol of fascism, while the audience raised its arms in unison in support as Armstrong derided the masses blind allegiance to propaganda in the media. Green Day played the first half of "American Idiot" in the order of the album.

During "Holiday," the album's most pointed attack against the Bush administration, Armstrong urged the audience not to be afraid to "dream and differ from the hollow lies." The band's goal is to show the youth of America

that they have a responsibility to stand up for their ideals even when pressured by authority.

The new regime fell to the old as bass player Mike Dirnt played the familiar bass line of "Longview" from its 1994 hit album, "Dookie." Next, Green Day performed an extended version of the incredibly infectious "Hitchin' a Ride." Much to the chagrin of chaperoning parents, Armstrong's bellows gave way to an ecstatic onstage simulation of masturbation. The rest of the set included songs like "Basket Case," "She," "Brain Stew" and "When September Ends" — a new ballad dedicated to the memory of Armstrong's father. The band also performed lively cover of "Shout," in which a trumpet playing bumble bee came on stage while Armstrong regally cavorted in a crown and cape.

Beyond entertaining the audience as a guitar-clad Puck, Armstrong pulled out all the stops to get the crowd involved. Green

Day kept up its concert tradition by allowing three audience members to come on stage, take over on guitar, bass and drums and have the chance to feel like rock gods for a few moments.

Green Day's encore included on-stage explosions and falling confetti as the band went out with a pounding cover of Queen's "We are the Champions." Holding the last chord, Armstrong remained on the stage alone and ended the show with their popular ballad "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)."

Overall, Green Day put on an amazing performance with a well-balanced mix of songs from its new album and older crowd favorites. It was a little bit of a let down to see that Green Day was using the same improv pieces in the show it used three years ago, but it was still just as fun the second time around.

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New Found Glory is a popular punk rock band from Coral Springs, Fla. and has been together since 1997.



Photo courtesy of www.sugarcult.com

Sugarcult opened the Green Day concert. The rock band provided a harder flavor of music to the concert.

NFL

Roethlisberger rewarding Steelers for their faith in him

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger saw it coming, even when nobody else did.

Roethlisberger is accustomed to being slighted, beginning when his high school coach's lack of prescience limited him to one season at quarterback, and continuing when he was an often-overlooked star at "the other" Miami — the one in Ohio, not in Florida.

So when quarterbacks Eli Manning and Philip Rivers were chosen before the Steelers drafted him No. 11 in April, Roethlisberger responded with words that bordered on anger and were wrapped with a promise: Play me, and I'll show you.

"Everyone seems to think they (Manning and Rivers) had better systems, have played against better teams, have been born into a football family," he said. "I feel that once I get on the field, my will to win is much greater than both of them. ... I think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them, but I guess we'll have to wait and see."

That didn't take long. Halfway through a season in which the Steelers (7-1) themselves are the NFL's other big surprise story, he is, indeed, showing them.

Thanks to an ace quarterback and a Duce (Staley), an owner's reluctance to change and a coach's determination to return to the past, the Steelers are coming off easy victories over

the otherwise unbeaten Eagles and Patriots. If they're not the Super Bowl favorite, they're on a short list with Philadelphia and New England.

"We played the Patriots, who everybody said was the best team in football, and we beat them," linebacker Joey Porter said. "Then we played the Eagles, who everyone said was the best team in football, and we beat them. I'll let you take it from there and draw your own conclusions."

The Steelers haven't opened as fast or as furious since they won four Super Bowls in six seasons from 1975-80 yet, remarkably, are essentially the same team that was 2-6 a year ago.

The only major personnel changes were adding Roethlisberger and free agent running back Staley (101 yards per game) and promoting linebacker Clark Haggans and safety Troy Polamalu to starters. The biggest changes came off the field, with Ken Whisenhunt taking over the offense after Mike Mularkey left to coach the Bills, and Dick LeBeau returning as defensive coordinator, the same job he had 10 years ago.

Some impatient NFL owners might have fired Bill Cowher after last year's 6-10 season, which matched his worst in 12 years in Pittsburgh. Instead, the Steelers — who haven't fired a coach in 35 years — gave him a contract extension through 2007.

The move was viewed by some as stubbornness, a refusal

by chairman Dan Rooney to admit Cowher's time might be up. Cowher has justified Rooney's confidence by making sure his team was confident, poised and focused since training camp began, a mind-set his players have carried throughout the season.

"That's what it comes down to: Do you believe your coach can win a championship for you?" team president Art Rooney II said.

While the Steelers were reluctant to make a change, Cowher wasn't. Days after the 2003 season ended, Cowher talked of his determination to rebuild a running game that was the NFL's second-worst last season, lost amid a trickery-laden and pass-heavy system. Cowher also felt the defense was too soft and passive and had moved too far away from the blitzing and pressure he preferred.

Returning to what they traditionally do best, the Steelers lead the NFL in rushing, gaining only 202 fewer yards in eight games than they did all last season and plowing through the exceptional New England and Philadelphia defenses for a combined 473 yards.

"I feel like personally, I go into the game knowing what we're trying to do," right guard Keydrick Vincent said. "Last year I didn't feel that way, so that's off to the coordinator. I know if he says he's going to run the ball, he's going to call the run. It's a big difference, knowing what you're going to do and then going out and doing



Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger reacts after throwing his first career touchdown on Sept. 19 against the Ravens.

it."

On defense, the turnovers and sacks are way up under LeBeau, who has brought back the edgy aggressiveness and zone blitzes that characterized his Blitzburgh defense of the mid-1990s.

"We've got a fast defense and, when we turn it up right, we can cause some problems," LeBeau said.

But it is the 6-foot-5, 241-pound Roethlisberger who has energized Pittsburgh like no Steelers quarterback since Terry Bradshaw, providing the

last missing piece to a team that has acted like it couldn't wait to win since training camp started.

Consider this: No other quarterback in NFL history ever took out undefeated teams in consecutive weeks the way Roethlisberger did the Patriots and Eagles — and he did it in his first six weeks as a starter.

NFL Rookie of the Year? With a 69 percent completion rate, an average of only one interception every two starts and a team that can't wait to play behind him, Roethlisberger is making a case for the MVP award.

MLB

Roger Clemens wins record 7th Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award after putting off retirement and being about as dominant as ever — even at age 42.

The Rocket received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to win the NL Cy Young for the first time after capturing six Cy Youngs in the American

League.

He's the oldest Cy Young winner. Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the NL honor in 1978.

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series, then changed his mind and signed with his hometown Houston Astros and went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team, he said last week he hasn't decided whether he will pitch

in 2005.

Arizona's 41-year-old Randy Johnson, second to Clemens with five Cy Youngs, finished second in the voting with eight first-place votes and 97 points. The Big Unit went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts — Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins, was third with 19 points, followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Clemens won three Cy Youngs with Boston (1986-87, 1991), two with Toronto (1997-98) and one with the New York Yankees (2001). He is the first player to win BBWAA awards with four teams, and the first to win eight awards — he was the AL MVP in 1986.

With a 328-164 record, Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4,317 strikeouts are second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

He signed with the expressed intent of helping the Astros

reach the World Series for the first time, but Houston fell one win short. Clemens couldn't hold a 2-0 lead against St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL championship series, when Albert Pujols hit a tying double in the sixth inning, and Scott Rolen followed with a two-run homer.

Clemens earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Johnson got \$150,000 for finishing second. Oswalt and Schmidt earned bonuses of \$25,000 each.

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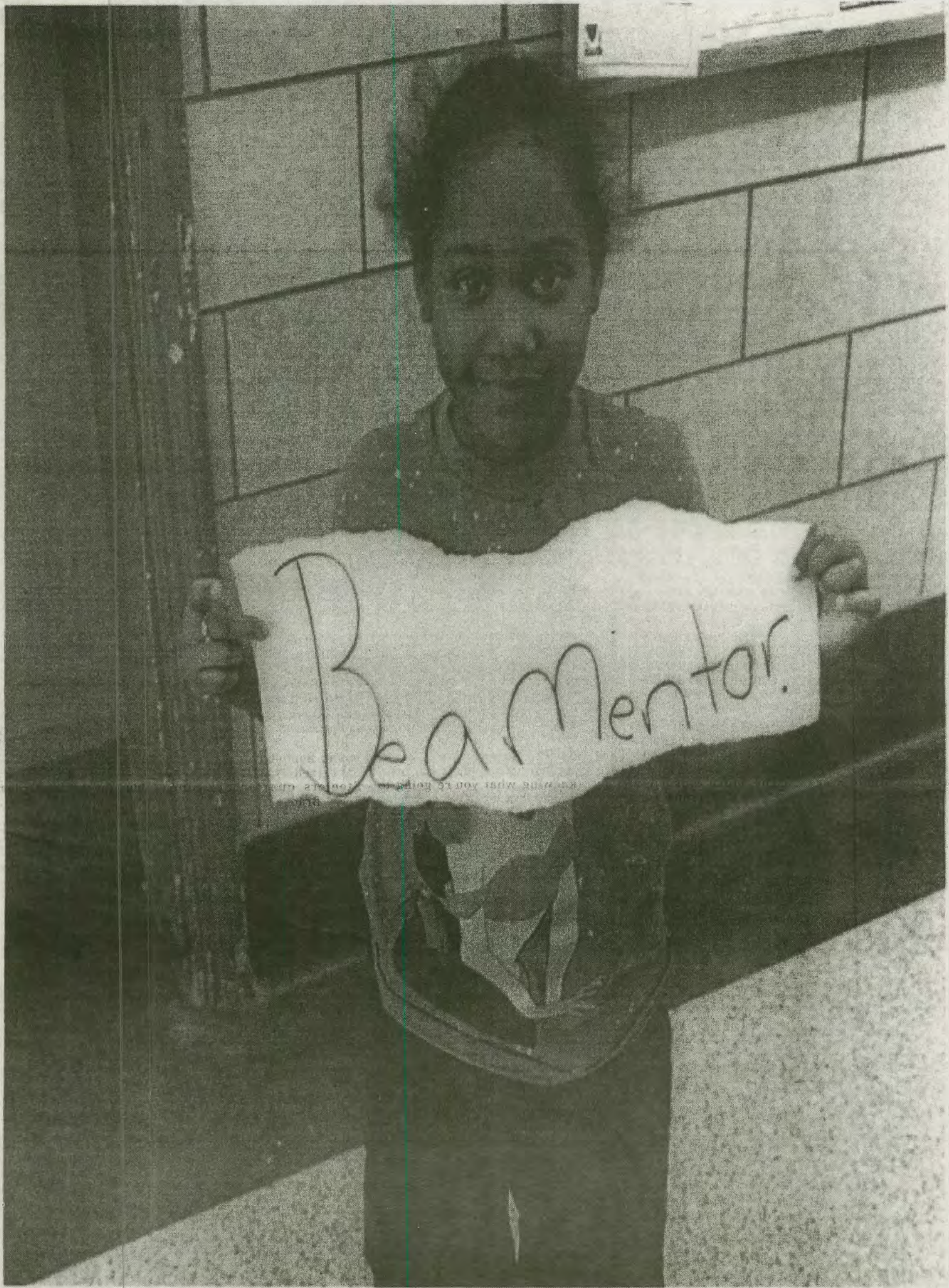
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Bowl Championship Series

	team	record	points
1	USC	9-0	.9847
2	Oklahoma	9-0	.9664
3	Auburn	9-0	.9097
4	California	7-1	.8247
5	Wisconsin	9-0	.7990
6	Texas	8-1	.7904
7	Utah	9-0	.7511
8	Georgia	8-1	.6810
9	Michigan	8-1	.6608
10	Boise State	8-0	.5926
11	Virginia	7-1	.5642
12	Florida State	7-2	.5183
13	West Virginia	8-1	.4671
14	Louisville	6-1	.4599
15	Tennessee	7-2	.4093
16	Arizona State	7-2	.4031
17	Miami	6-2	.3991
18	Virginia Tech	7-2	.3933
19	LSU	6-2	.3273
20	Iowa	7-2	.3254
21	Texas A&M	6-3	.1956
22	Oklahoma State	6-3	.1237
23	Boston College	6-2	.1054
24	UTEP	6-2	.0952
25	NOTRE DAME	6-3	.0671

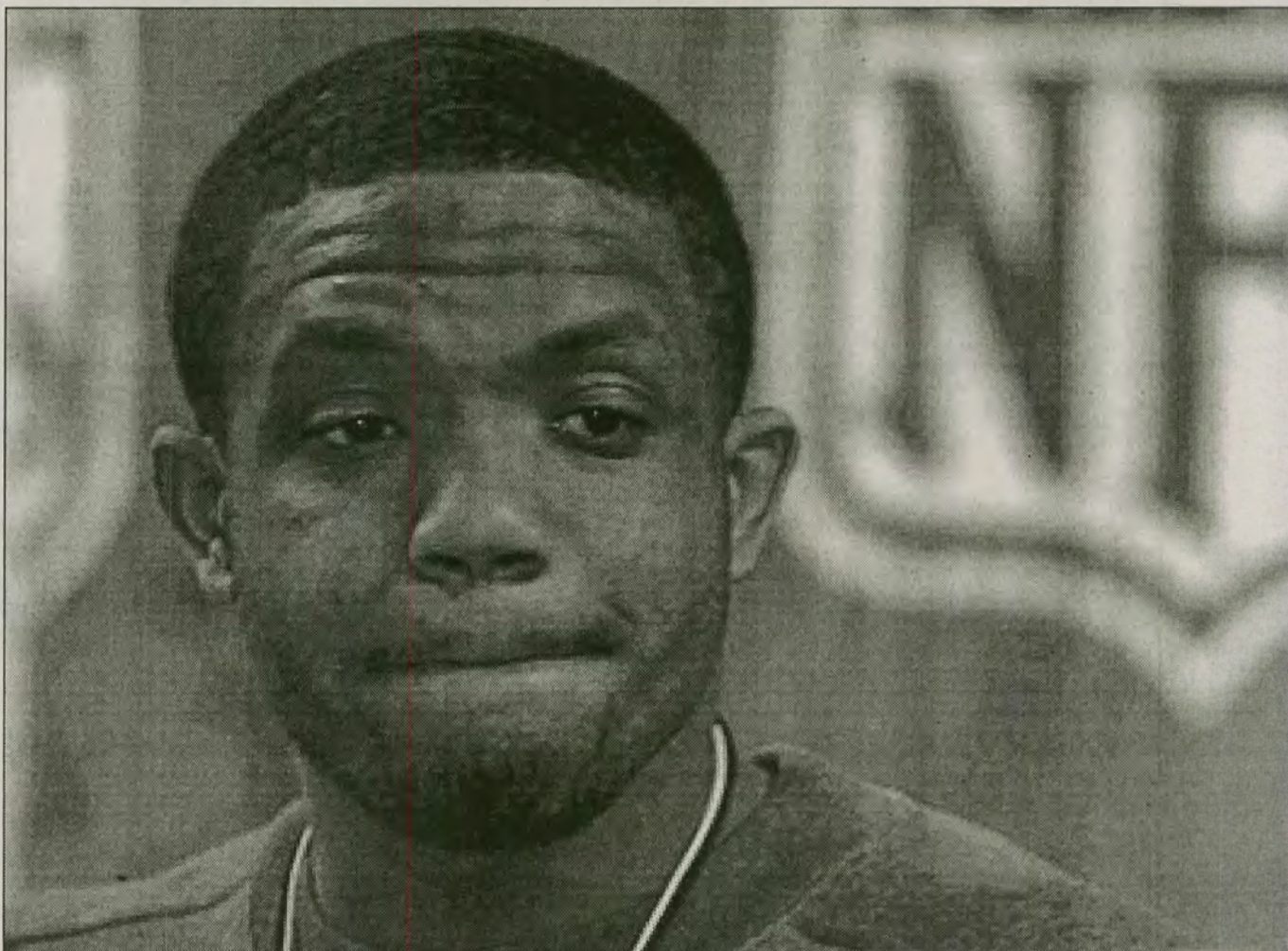
AVCA Women's Volleyball Poll

	team	record	points
1	Washington (60)	20-0	1,620
2	Hawaii (2)	21-0	1,537
3	Nebraska (3)	22-1	1,513
4	Penn State	21-2	1,415
5	Minnesota	22-4	1,298
6	USC	15-4	1,243
7	Florida	21-2	1,235
8	Ohio State	22-2	1,219
9	Texas	20-2	1,053
10	Colorado State	20-3	1,012
11	Stanford	17-6	1,004
12	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	21-2	838
13	Texas A&M	16-5	764
14	California	12-9	673
15	Tennessee	24-2	661
16	UCLA	15-8	657
17	Utah	20-3	577
18	UC Santa Barbara	19-3	498
19	San Diego	17-4	449
20	Kansas State	15-8	446
21	Arizona	15-8	288
22	Santa Clara	16-5	286
23	Louisville	22-2	277
24	Florida A&M	20-2	160
25	Illinois	17-6	140

Women's Basketball AP Preseason Top 25

	team	points
1	Tennessee (20)	1,085
2	Texas (7)	1,056
3	LSU (12)	1,053
4	Connecticut (6)	1,017
5	Georgia	887
6	Duke	838
7	Stanford	827
8	Baylor	794
9	North Carolina	696
10	NOTRE DAME	635
10	Ohio State	635
12	Texas Tech	633
13	Vanderbilt	525
14	Minnesota	489
15	Michigan State	428
16	Purdue	423
17	Rutgers	407
18	Boston College	376
19	Kansas State	358
20	DePaul	248
21	Penn State	217
22	Oklahoma	182
23	Maryland	166
24	Arizona	156
25	Louisiana Tech	137

NCAA FOOTBALL



Maurice Clarett ponders a question during a press conference on Feb. 19. Clarett accused Tressel and his staff of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars and money for bogus summer jobs.

Clarett accuses Ohio State of improprieties

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett accused coach Jim Tressel, his staff and school boosters of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars, and thousands of dollars, including for bogus summer jobs. The school immediately denied the claims Tuesday.

Most of Clarett's charges, made in an interview with ESPN The Magazine, were addressed as part of an NCAA probe that found the running back lied to investigators, leading to his suspension

from the team he helped win the 2002 national title.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger was not surprised by the accusations, saying Clarett had vowed to try to hurt the program.

"In moments of frustration during the investigation, (Maurice) might say something like, 'I can blow this whole program up,' or something like that, and so we would then say, 'OK, blow it up. Tell us what you know,'" Geiger said.

After being suspended by Ohio State and the NCAA for the 2003 season, Clarett went to court to

challenge the NFL's rule preventing players from entering the draft less than three years after graduating high school. He won initial federal court ruling but lost several appeals and was kept out of the draft.

Friends and family members say Clarett has been working out with a personal trainer in preparation for the 2005 NFL draft. He has not spoken publicly in months.

"I have had a chance to read the article, and the allegations as they were mentioned are, simply, untrue. Period," Tressel said.

According to the magazine, Clarett said Tressel set him up with a loaner car.

Geiger said Tressel did try to help Clarett buy a car through the dealership that leases cars to several Ohio State coaches and administrators. But Clarett and his mother did not meet with the dealer to make arrangements to buy the car, and the dealership came to Columbus several days later to repossess it.

Geiger said Tressel's actions did not break NCAA rules, adding that the coach put other players in touch with the dealership, too.

IN BRIEF

Six women test for possible ride in Infiniti Pro Series

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indy Racing League expects to have the first female driver in its developmental Infiniti Pro Series next season in preparation for an eventual ride in the IndyCar Series.

The Infiniti series graduated three drivers to the bigger open-wheel circuit in its first two years of competition. This week, six women are testing at Texas Motor Speedway for a possible ride next year.

"This is designed as the developing ground for the IndyCar series," IRL spokesman Tim Harms said Tuesday. "The same type of cars, running the same circuits, running at speeds just slightly slower than the IndyCar Series cars. Everything is basically set up to give them an environment as close to the IndyCar Series as possible."

Car owner and former Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal said in May

he would give a ride next year at Indianapolis to Danica Patrick, who competes in the Champ Car's developmental Toyota Atlantic series.

And Nunn Motorsports, the only IRL team owned by a woman, is conducting the tests this week in Texas and plans to offer at least one of the six women a full-time Infiniti ride in 2005.

"It is probably the best training ground there is to get somebody into the IndyCar Series, a very good opportunity for the women in this test to take that step," Harms said.

Swimming sensation Phelps charged with drunk driving

SALISBURY, Md. — Six-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps was arrested last week and charged with drunken driving.

A trooper saw the 19-year-old swimming sensation go through a stop sign Thursday night, state police said Monday. The trooper saw signs of intoxication and arrested Phelps for driving under the influence, police said.

Phelps also was charged with violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign. The legal drinking age in Maryland is 21.

"I want to say that last week I made a mistake. I wanted to share my feelings and I know that getting in a car with anything to drink is wrong, dangerous and is unacceptable," Phelps told The Associated Press.

Ricky Gutierrez joins list of Red Sox free agents

BOSTON — Red Sox infielder Ricky Gutierrez filed for free agency Tuesday, joining 15 Boston teammates headed for the open market.

Gutierrez was obtained in July after several Red Sox middle infielders got injured and before the team traded for shortstop Orlando Cabrera.

The 34-year-old Gutierrez hit .214 with eight RBIs in 45 games for the Mets and Red Sox last season. He has also played for Cleveland, San Diego, Houston and the Chicago Cubs.

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NFL

Manning uncharacteristic in Colts victory over Vikings

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is known as a conventional pocket passer. He's quickly adopting an unconventional style.

Manning showed Monday night on the game-winning

drive against Minnesota that nothing is off limits. He can beat opponents right-handed, left-handed or even with his feet.

"That's the kind of thing good players, MVP-type players, do," Colts coach Tony Dungy said Tuesday. "(Daunte) Culpepper is the same way, and guys like

that can make things happen."

For Manning, football has always been about preparation and execution. He spends countless hours studying videos, working on the smallest details, preparing for any contingency he might face and playing within the system.

The combination would seemingly make Manning an unlikely candidate to master improvisational skills, but that's what he's done.

On the biggest play in Monday night's 31-28 victory, Manning switched the ball from his dominant right hand to his rarely used left hand and somehow pushed a pass forward to Edgerrin James, who caught it and ran 6 yards for a first down. Minnesota never got another chance.

An improbable play, yes, but it illustrated the kind of season Manning is having.

After eight games, he's thrown for 2,429 yards, 26 touchdowns and has just four interceptions. He's thrown nine TD passes in the last two weeks, produced a single-game career-high 472 yards passing

and helped lead the Colts (5-3) back into a first-place tie with Jacksonville in the AFC South.

Manning is on pace to throw for nearly 5,000 yards. He needs just three more TD passes to match the total from his co-MVP season of last year, and his quarterback rating of 121.2 is nearly nine points better than Steve Young's NFL record of 112.8 set in 1994.

Those are the tangible results. What's become increasingly more complex for opponents is gauging Manning's strategy.

"I thought we'd stop him, but we let him get out scrambling," Vikings coach Mike Tice lamented after Manning ran for 15 yards late in Monday night's game.

Manning used to confound defenses with mind games such as the Colts' no-huddle offense or his continual gesturing at the line of scrimmage.

Now he's adding new wrinkles.

With the score tied at 28 and 2:13 to go, Manning faced first-and-10 from the Colts 44. Comfortably in the pocket, Manning had no open receivers

so he did his best impersonation of Michael Vick before hooking and sliding for the big gain. An unnecessary roughness penalty on Minnesota's Lance Johnson tacked on 15 more yards.

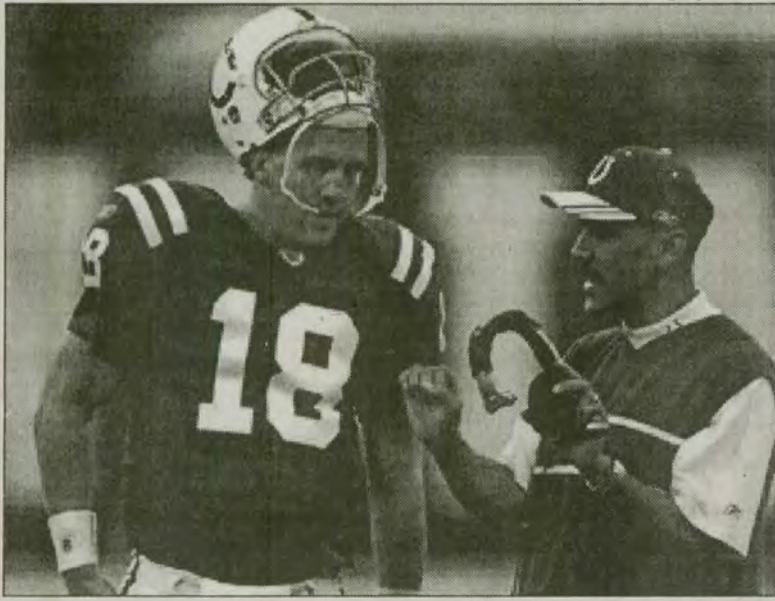
"We caught them in man-to-man and all the receivers were accounted for," Manning said. "No one accounted for the quarterback and usually they don't play a spy on me."

Why would they?

In Manning's 103 previous NFL games, he ran for 603 career yards, a measly average of 5.9 a game.

Three plays later, Manning delivered again on third-and-5 from the Vikings 21. This time he was pressured from the side and opted for what he considered the safe play — a left-handed flip to James.

"That's one of those you kind of practice every now and then," he said. "You're out there on a Saturday and don't really want to throw so you might do a couple left-handed options. I did a little option in high school, that's about the last time I did anything left-handed."



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, left, talks with coach Tony Dungy during Monday night's win against the Vikings.

NFL anxious to finalize contract negotiations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS got what it wanted. Fox did, too.

So did the NFL.

Now it's ABC/ESPN's turn.

The NFL, eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season, agreed Monday to \$8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years. The deals also would allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

"Our goal in the negotiations has been to continue to deliver our games to the widest possible audience," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The agreements underscore a unique commitment to broadcast television that no other sport has."

The current eight-year contract was worth \$17.6 billion, including the Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity: Fox will pay \$4.3 billion, or \$712.5 million per year for the NFC

games; CBS will pay \$3.7 billion, or \$622.5 million a year. In the current deal, Fox is paying \$550 million a year and CBS is paying \$500 million.

"We're extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL," CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. "This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made."

"We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal."

The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year. But there's been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday night and Monday night packages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years — gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups.

The NFL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite

or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

"We got some protections," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said. "The last several weeks of

the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football and we're still in conversation on (details)."

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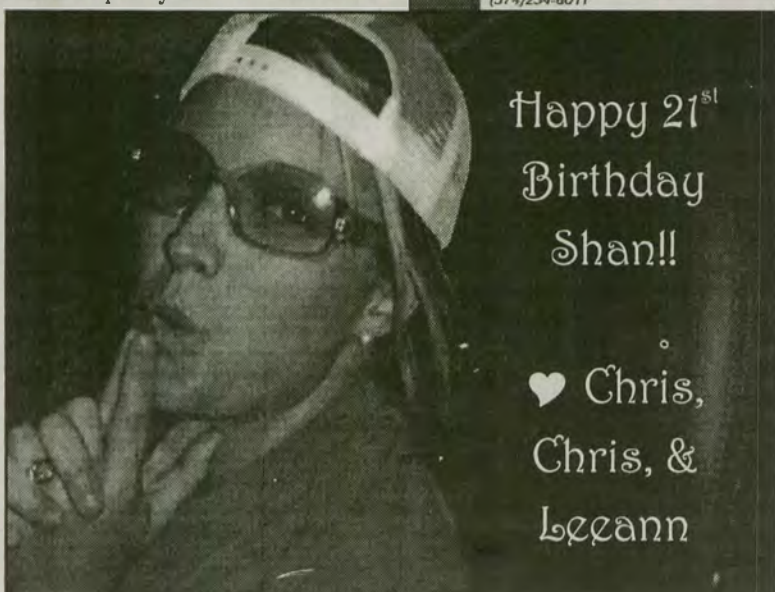
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Strahan gone for the year

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' chances of getting back to the playoffs took a major hit with the loss of All-Pro defensive end Michael Strahan for the rest of the season with a chest injury.

Strahan, the NFL's all-time single-season sacks leader, tore a pectoral muscle on his right side while attempting a tackle in the third quarter of Sunday's 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears.

Not only did the Giants (5-3) lose the six-time Pro Bowl player and cornerstone of their defense, they also lost the other starting defensive end, Keith Washington, for the season with a knee injury.

"Obviously Michael is an integral part of our defense," cornerback Will Allen said Monday. "He is the foundation of our defense. Some way, somehow, the rest of the guys on the field are going to have to find a way to pick it up."

Strahan is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday. He was not available for comment.

The losses of the defensive ends made the question of whether it was time for top draft pick Eli Manning to take over at quarterback for Kurt Warner insignificant Monday. For the record, Warner will start at Arizona on Sunday.

"We see what Michael means to this team every time we take the field," coach Tom Coughlin said. "Michael is the one guy on our defense that opposing offenses know they have to figure out a way to block if they are going to be successful."

Strahan was hurt early in the third quarter, reaching out to

tackle Anthony Thomas. When the Bears' running back cut inside, Strahan's right arm bent back. He walked off the field with his arm hanging down.

Coughlin called the injury a shame.

"On the field, our players look to him for inspiration," Coughlin added. "Actions inspire. What the average person doesn't see is what a leader Michael is in the locker room and in the weight room when nobody is watching."

Osi Umenyiora and Lance Legree finished the game at the defensive ends.

The Giants, looking to rebound from a 4-12 season, don't have many replacement options. Lorenzo Bromell, on the physically unable to perform list with a knee injury, is one. The former Oakland Raider has been practicing with the team in recent weeks.

"Like I told Osi last night, in the event that me and Stray are out, it's the young guys, they have to step forward," said Washington, who tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Strahan has not missed a game since sitting out against Dallas late in the 1995 season with a hamstring injury. He has played in 137 straight regular-season games, starting 136, including the last 95. The only missed start was midway through the 1998 season when back spasms prevented him from starting against Dallas, although he played much of the game.

Strahan also has started five playoffs games in that span. His 175 career games with the Giants is sixth in franchise history.

A 1993 second-round draft pick out of Texas Southern, Strahan leads all active NFL players with 118 sacks, which is 12th all-time.

He had four sacks this season, including one against Craig Krenzel of the Bears for a 14-yard loss Sunday.

Strahan won the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award in 2001 with a single-season record 22 1/2 sacks, breaking Mark Gastineau's record of 22 in 1984 with the New York Jets.

Strahan, who will be 33 in two weeks, led the NFL with 18 1/2 sacks last season.

While a star, he has never taken the easy route. He has been a tireless worker on the field, in the weight room and in the video room, where he studies opponents and fellow defensive ends, looking for things to add to his repertoire.

"I'm afraid to fail," Strahan said in an interview with The Associated Press in October. "I think at one point, when you get to a certain level that you expect of yourself and everyone expects of you, you can't take a break."

"If you do, your game drops off, and it's noticed easier than if you are trying to build a career. So for me, I want to play at a certain level until I am tired of playing. At that point, it's time for me to quit," Strahan said.

The Giants also announced that backup safety Jack Brewer will be sidelined indefinitely after having surgery on his right leg Monday.

Brewer was kicked in the leg on Sunday and had swelling overnight. Surgery was performed to improve the circulation.

FOOTBALL

Panthers sit in same spot as Irish: what if?

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

The Pittsburgh Panthers have been inconsistent this season, much like Notre Dame has been.

But that doesn't mean the Irish aren't concerned about the Panthers, as they see them as a very dangerous team.

"You see two teams that will have a very similar approach in terms of attitude about how important this football game is," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Pittsburgh doesn't have Larry Fitzgerald at wide receiver anymore, but Willingham said its offense could potentially present problems for the Irish defense.

"We know this is a very dangerous team," Willingham said. "From an offensive standpoint, it's difficult to say, but true, in many regards this offense may be a more 'team' offense than the offense they had a year ago with Larry Fitzgerald. They are doing some things a lot better and don't rely on just one guy as they did a year ago. Any time you have more weapons at your disposal, it makes you a greater challenge. We know defensively they are a physical group that can run around. Even though on some games they've given up yardage, they will play their best ballgame this weekend and that goes without saying."

Struggling to find consistency
Willingham acknowledged

Tuesday that his offensive production has not been as good as he had hoped. However, he reiterated that if the Irish win, there can't be too much to complain about.

"How do you fix it?" Willingham said. "How do you try to get it better? Our guys are trying, they're working hard, they're playing to do the best they can do. Our quarterback doesn't want to throw any incompletions, I don't think our linemen want to miss a block, I don't think Coach Willingham wants to put them in a bad situation. We're trying to do all those things. But do understand, the number one prerequisite for Coach Willingham is we won."

Injury report

Willingham said Tuesday that true freshman Chris Vaughn was out for the season with a knee injury. Vaughn played on special teams primarily, and saw a limited amount of action at wide receiver this season.

Maurice Stovall left Saturday's game with an ankle injury that has been reoccurring this season. Willingham said he expected Stovall to be fine by the end of the week.

Another true freshman, Justin Hoskins did not travel to Tennessee because of an injury. Hoskins had been returning kickoffs for the Irish. He was replaced Saturday by Matt Shelton.

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failure," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "That's where you have to guard against those things

and you have to have a certain level of maturity. When teams have that level of maturity, you see them be much more consistent week in and week out. That's what we're hoping to get to."

Willingham and the Irish will count on their seniors to avoid a letdown against the

Panthers, 5-3, who come off a double-overtime loss to Syracuse, 31-28. The Panthers, much like the Irish have been inconsistent this season, losing to Connecticut and escaping Furman in overtime, while they beat Boston College.

The last thing the No. 24

Irish want to do is have a letdown after an emotional road win last weekend, especially because Notre Dame knows that Pittsburgh would love to knock them off to make it bowl-eligible.

"But what we understand, and I think our players understand, is that everyone that plays Notre Dame, this is their bowl game, this is their national championship," Willingham said.

"We have to be prepared to bring that emotional level to any contest. Everything less than that makes for a difficult day."

Meanwhile, the Irish are looking for a bowl of their own. A win on Saturday would put the Irish at 7-3 going into their final game at Southern California. But Willingham said there are plenty of other people to worry about what bowl the Irish might find themselves in.

"As you know, there are so many variables about the bowls," Willingham said. "I can't calculate them yet, so I'm better off just to stay away from them. What we do know—we are bowl eligible. We do know with every win we have a chance to

increase, in most cases, what bowl we can go to. So that is my focus for our team. Every win creates another level. We have two remaining games, so if we can win those two, not putting the second game in front of the first game, but if we can win this one, hopefully it will establish a certain level of bowl game we can go to."

Irish running back Ryan Grant said if the team stays focused, they won't have a problem with a letdown this weekend.

"We have to stay focused, understand that we have a good Pittsburgh team coming in," Grant said. "We have to get it done, get a win."

Grant and his fellow seniors will be playing their last game in an Irish uniform at Notre Dame Stadium, perhaps added motivation for a group that has played an important role this season.

"I'm going to lay it on the line for my boys," Grant said. "We have to get the win. You definitely don't want to lose. So I'm going to do everything I can to help us get the win."

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Sophomore midfielder Greg Dalby brings the ball up the field in Notre Dame's upset loss to Seton Hall last Saturday.

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season.

"[Good midfielders] have got to have, obviously, a good work ethic and they've got to have ability," Clark said. "There's got to be balance in the midfield — not all players can be everything to everyone, but you need to have balance. You have to have some players that are more defensively minded and some that are more offensively minded."

In the 4-4-2 formation that Clark favors, midfielders are a crucial component of goal scoring. Etherington and Yoshinaga have each put three crucial points on the scoreboard for the Irish this year and Norman and Boughen come in with two apiece. Additionally, Etherington led the Irish with five assists as Boughen added four and Norman put up three. All have taken turns at starting positions for the Irish.

"Whoever starts doesn't always mean they're the best players — you put players in for different phases of the game," Clark said. "It depends what stage we're at, what we're looking for in the game — if we're looking to open the game, get offense [and] generate scoring opportunities."

The midfielders haven't just generated offense. Dalby, who saw time on defense last year, is considered the most defensive midfielder and is the only midfielder to start every game so far for the Irish.

"He gives a balance, he gives the poise, he's got to anchor the midfield," Clark said. "He's got to be that person who is usually the deepest, [so] he doesn't go forward quite as much. But he's got to be able to see the field—to switch fields—which gives the other three mids much more license to go forward."

Dalby and the midfield have helped the vaunted defense allow only seven goals all season, leading to a 0.37 goals-against average — the nation's best.

Although young, the midfield has spent the year beating more-experienced opponents.

"We have got a lot of very hardworking players there, but also players that can create things, especially on the flanks," Clark said. "The flank players gave us a lot of creativity—Yoshinaga, Etherington and Norman [are] all very key players that can make things happen."

They have made things happen for the Irish all year. Clark can only hope for more of the same in the NCAA Tournament.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Zook to sit out the 'Gator Growl'

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Ron Zook will skip one of the school's top homecoming festivities, saying Tuesday he doesn't want to be a distraction in his final days with the team.

Zook won't take part in "Gator Growl" on Friday night, a day before the Gators host South Carolina in their home finale.

Normally, the coach introduces the seniors in front of a packed stadium. Steve Spurrier did it during each of his 12 seasons. So did former coaches Gary Darnell, Galen Hall, Charley Pell, Doug Dickey and Ray Graves.

But Zook, fired Oct. 25 after an embarrassing loss at Mississippi State, said he wanted to make sure the focus is on the event, not him.

"I don't want anything to happen that would interrupt a special time for them," he said. "This is their time and I would hate for something to happen that would take away from their moment."

Zook declined to say whether he thought he would get booed.

The loss to Mississippi State, one of the Southeastern Conference's worst teams, was just the latest in a series of problems for the third-year coach.

The Gators finished 8-5 in each of Zook's first two seasons — losing to unranked teams each year — and have had several late collapses and two more near meltdowns.

Zook also got into a heated confrontation with several members of a campus fraternity in September, two days before

losing at Tennessee.

When he was fired, Zook agreed to coach the rest of the season because he felt he owed it to his players, especially the seniors.

He opted to skip "Gator Growl" for the same reason.

He said he wasn't sure who would stand in for him, but it could be one of the seniors — possibly linebacker Travis Harris, safety Cory Bailey or offensive lineman Casey Griffith.

"I'm not sure how they're

going to do it," Zook said. "They're going to do it without me."

Zook said he hoped the players would not be distracted by any homecoming activities, which includes a parade Friday.

"Homecoming is for the people who have been here," he said. "That's one of the things we tell the players: don't get caught up in the festivities. The festivities are for the alumni. Your chance for homecoming's going to be after you graduate and are gone."



Florida head coach Ron Zook, left, shares a laugh with Georgia head coach Mark Richt Oct. 30.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Canadian Benninger leads both on and off the course

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

When one considers the fine athletes hailing from Canada that have risen to prominence in the last several years — namely, Eric Gagne, Steve Nash and Martin St. Louis — one is talking about individuals who have impacted his respective game at a very high level.

While Kurt Benninger is not nearly at that level of athletic distinction, he has still made quite an impact for the No. 5 Notre Dame men's cross country team — a squad that is looking to make noise in the NCAA Great Lakes regional Saturday.

"The season has really gone well for us, it's left us with really high expectations, which we had coming in, but everyone was really overlooking us," Benninger said. "We knew how good we were, and we just went out there every race, and we just proved [it]."

Benninger's performances to this date have been nothing

short of brilliant.

The sophomore runner from Chepstow, Ontario is coming off a seventh-place finish in the Big East Championships that helped facilitate the Notre Dame victory, where he finished one second behind Irish leader Tim Moore.

"[Benninger] has a burning desire to win, and a burning desire to be good at whatever he does, and that becomes infectious," coach Joe Piane said. "I think that he has really had a profound positive effect on the team."

It is unfair to say that Benninger has been the sole reason for the success of the Irish squad, but it cannot be denied that he has strung a number of impressive finishes together this season.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, Benninger fin-

ished second place overall, where he ran a 23 minutes, 43 seconds and in the Pre-Nationals, Benninger finished eighth place overall, with a time of 24:07.

In both races, he was the first Irish runner to cross the finish line.

In the Great Lakes regional, it will be important for Benninger and Moore to run well together, something they have worked hard at this season, in order for the team to qualify for the

NCAA's.

"I just want to go out there and work together with Tim especially and just get in the front group and race conservative and smart," Benninger said.

While Benninger's individual finishes have been impressive, it isn't fair to look at his numbers this year and

get a good idea about him as an athlete.

"You can't see how hard he works, you can't see how dedicated he is, you can't see how he gears his life to being that of a good, a great distance man, a great athlete," Piane said of Benninger's character and importance to the team. "It's not to say that he doesn't have a great social life, but he does everything it takes to be a great athlete."

Piane also stressed how much improvement Benninger has made this season.

"He's really stepped it up. He was a very good runner last year, but he was basically our third or fourth man," Piane said. "He made a major step last year in track running 3:41 in the 1,500, which is equivalent to a sub four-minute mile, and you could just see his confidence go up."

Even though Benninger has put together a great individual season, the runner's primary focus — for good reason — is making sure that the team does well this weekend.

"My expectations are that as a team, we'll go in there and qualify for [the NCAA's] and get one of the automatic qualifying spots," Benninger said.

That's not to say that he doesn't expect a lot of himself. Benninger knows exactly what he wants when the NCAA's are over, and when the season is all said and done.

"I'd obviously like to end up being an All-American and be up there as close to the front as I can," Benninger said. "My main goal though when we go there is to have our team to be on the podium, which is in the top four."

Before that happens though, the Irish have a race to run this weekend.

With the way that the season has gone thus far, and the dedication that Benninger as well as the rest of the team has shown towards fulfilling their goals, the Irish should be in a good position.

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Class

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Hillesland, Ryan Ayers, Kyle McAlarney and Luke Zeller to complete the recruiting class of 2009.

"I just talked to Coach Brey tonight, and it seems like a long time ago since all of us committed," Zeller said. "It will be real nice to make it official, have it written down on paper and have no chances of anything else happening."

All four recruits scrimmaged with the team on cam-

pus prior to the Sept. 11 Notre Dame-Michigan football game. Though Zeller did not play, he and Hillesland stood out as the big bodies of the class, Zeller, a 6-foot-11 center from Washington High School in Washington, Ind., became the second player to sign when he declared his intention to attend Notre Dame in late April.

Zeller is ranked No. 61 on the Rivals.com Top 150 players list for current seniors, averaging 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds in his junior year for the Washington Hatchets.

Hillesland plays power forward at 6-foot-7 for St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio. But the left-handed, 200-pounder said he looks forward to giving Brey more options.

"Growing up, I've been playing any position," Hillesland said. "Point guard, shooting guard [and] all the way down to center. So wherever I play in that [Notre Dame] motion offense and

free-flowing offense, I just feel I fit in really well."

Ayers (6-foot-6, 190 pounds) stands just an inch shorter than Hillesland, but he plays more of a perimeter-to-midrange game with his slighter frame at Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Penn.

Ayers, the son of former Ohio State and Philadelphia 76ers head coach Randy Ayers, averaged 16.4 points per game in his junior season and feels the Notre Dame offense caters to his talents.

"[Brey] really develops big wings like myself," Ayers said. "[Notre Dame's] offense fits my style or scheme. I feel I would fit in very well there because he does exploit his shooters and does a lot of movement without the ball."

Chris Quinn, one of the guards who fits the current system, can play point guard for Notre Dame after Chris Thomas graduates after the season.

But McAlarney will have the

task of complimenting Quinn and eventually filling the role of ball-handler and playmaker.

So far in high school, that role has not seemed to bother him.

The Staten Island, N.Y. product averaged 35 points per game as a point and shooting guard for Moore Catholic High School in his junior season. But now McAlarney is only focused on making his commitment official.

"It's going to feel real good," he said. "It's almost like all four of the commitments signed like three years ago because we all committed so early. So it'll feel real good."

All four players are proud, and all four are anxious. The Notre Dame coaches are enthusiastic about the incoming class.

"Everything they say is positive," Hillesland said.

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Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Along with rebounding, Brey wants to see his team continue sharing the ball and working on finding lineup combinations with the deep bench.

"I want to be a little better on the backboard. I love the fact we were so unselfish in moving the ball. I want to see us still do that," Brey said. "I think for [Chris] Quinn, Francis, [Dennis] Latimore and [Chris] Thomas to just keep getting comfortable playing together. Those four are an important nucleus for us along with then who plugs in with them. We're still getting familiar in the dress rehearsal type situation."

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Notes:

♦ Brey said he will probably continue to hold out forward Rick Cornett from tonight's

game to ensure Cornett's lower back injury continues to heal and the junior is ready later in the season.

♦ Brey said former Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll, who was cut Nov. 1, by the Golden State Warriors, is hanging around in the Bay Area because the Warriors may sign him as another practice body in the next few days.

If that doesn't work out, Brey said Carroll might go to the National Basketball Development League or choose to pursue other career options.

"I talked to our team about this, it's one of the reasons he went to Notre Dame," Brey said. "He has a Notre Dame degree, and maybe he gets on with his life. Those are all those decisions he'll make here in the next month I think."

♦ Former Notre Dame guard and current Chicago Bulls general manager John Paxson visited practice Tuesday and was supposed to speak to the team.

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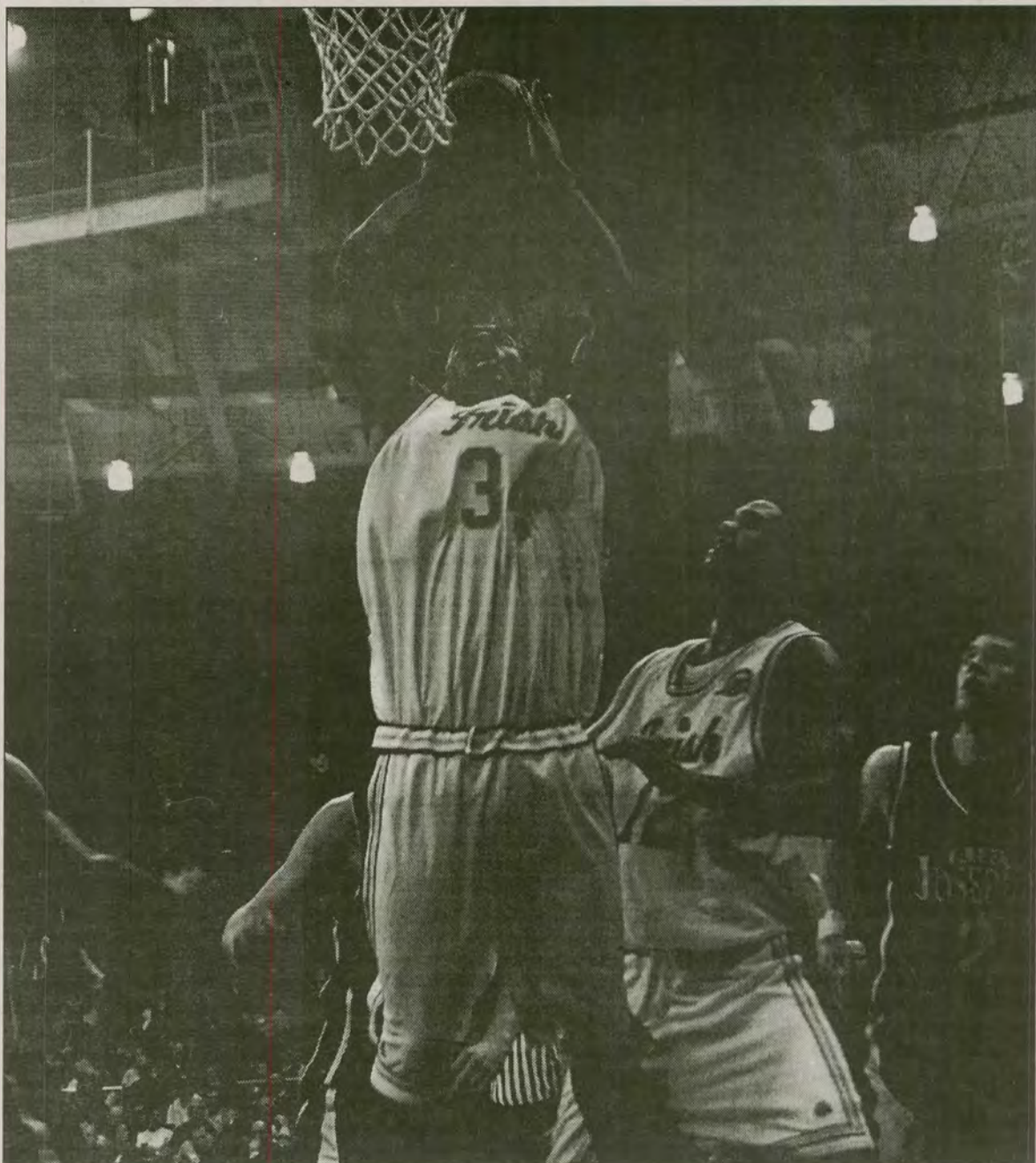
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Mike Brey
Irish coach

"We've done a little bit of block out stuff, but I think it's more of what you focus on. Get the big guys a little more focused about getting to the backboard."

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Junior forward Torin Francis goes up for a dunk in Notre Dame's 80-67 victory over St. Joseph's. Francis scored 12 points and pulled down a team-high nine rebounds in the exhibition game.

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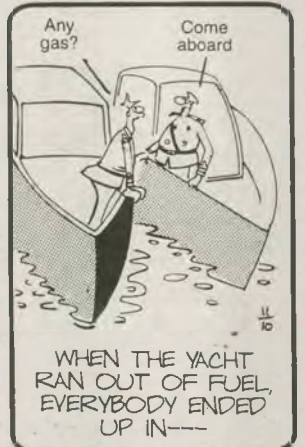
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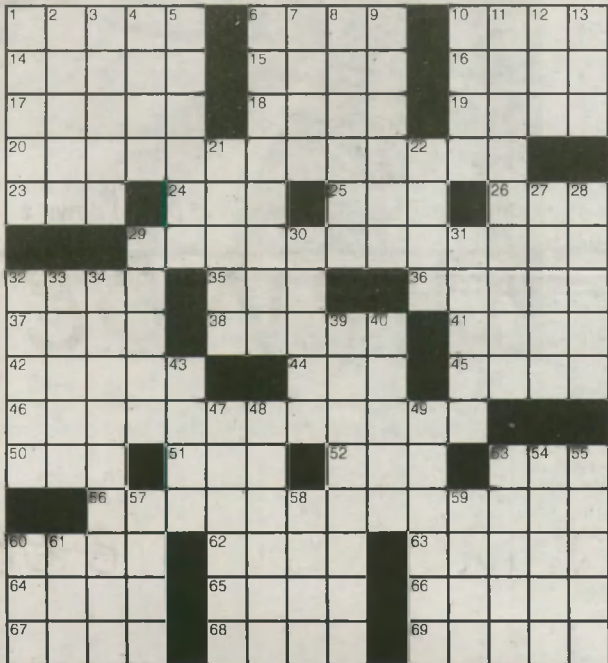
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Happy Birthday: Fence-sitting will lead nowhere this year and will probably set you back. Make your move in a powerful and positive manner. You can instill confidence in those willing to support your actions. Your numbers are 9, 11, 16, 28, 37, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Staying busy will be half the battle today. If you are informed, ready to take action and willing to compromise, you should be able to make relationships or deals work. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partnerships and work will go hand-in-hand today. You can get ahead if you aren't stubborn or refuse to do what's required of you. Being adaptable will be what counts. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make a personal change that will help you move forward in life. Educational pursuits or getting involved in a work process that will teach you as you go along will lead to prosperity. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can't waffle today even if you aren't sure what to do. At least make a motion that will give everyone around you the information required to make his or her own decision. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have the courage, knowledge and finesse to voice your opinion and drum up assistance today. Don't get flustered if someone opposes you. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone from your past will help you remember your life goals. Separate yourself from people who are moving in the opposite direction. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be in a creative mood, so put it to good use. Develop one of your ideas or work on a project that requires artistic skill. You will attract love, so don't be shy. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the initiative today and you should be able to make your investments grow. Create a comfortable space for you to work from home. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A love relationship will change or, if you are single, you can meet someone who's right for you. A worthy cause will interest you and should lead to a proposition you can't turn down. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may feel unsure at an emotional level. Don't count on getting any help. You will make poor choices regarding your career. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You really can't do anything wrong if you are persistent about following through with your plans. You will have a very unique idea that someone will want to help you explore. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Creative accounting may be required. Think about your options and what you can do to change your life for the better. Begin personal changes at home. ***

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Crashing the boards

No. 20 Notre Dame concludes preseason against Quincy tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Taped into every player's locker before the opening exhibition game against Division II's Saint Joseph's was a sheet of paper with three goals on it.

The second goal had to do with having a defensive intensity, rebounding and field goal defense.

A 44-41 rebounding disadvantage and allowing 20 offensive rebounds to a team featuring a tallest player of 6-foot-8 showed the Irish entirely meet that goal.

That's why the Irish have been emphasizing rebounding since the final buzzer sounded Thursday night and in practice the last several days.

"That's something we know we need to do but with the style of play we were playing against, we really didn't attack that hard," Irish forward Torin Francis said. "They had us out on the perimeter so we didn't have guys inside getting on the boards. They were sending all their guys to the boards and that's not the style of play we're used to playing against. I think basically it's about being more aggressive."

In Notre Dame's defense,

Saint Joseph's style of play was unorthodox for what the Irish are used to seeing. The Pumas offensive system ran its players all over the court with anybody capable and willing of shooting from behind the arc and then crashing the boards.

That clearing of the lane kept the Irish big men away from the hoop.

In practice the past few days, Irish coach Mike Brey has run his players through some drills but feels it's more mental than physical when it comes down to cleaning the boards.

"We've done a little bit of block out stuff, but I think it's more of what you focus on. Get the big guys a little more focused about getting to the backboard," Brey said. "They were in tough positions the other night because they were a long way from the bucket."

"I think the team we play [tonight] has a little more size, and they are a little more post up even though they have some big guys that will step out and shoot."

The Quincy Hawks come to the Joyce Center tonight off a 91-64 loss to Bradley University Thursday.

The Hawks are a Division II school and a member of the

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TIM MATTESON/The Observer

Sophomore guard Colin Falls attempts to drive past a St. Joseph's defender during Notre Dame victory last Thursday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big four expected to sign

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Zach Hillesland was the first high school senior to make a verbal commitment to play basketball at Notre Dame. On Tuesday night, less than 24 hours away from signing his national letter of intent to play for the Irish, Hillesland sounded restless enough to want to sign first, as well.

"It feels like I committed forever ago," Hillesland said. "And to be finally be set in there and ready to go, it's going to be a good feeling to get it all out of the way."

The Notre Dame basketball team expects four high school seniors to sign national letters of intent to join the Irish this morning on National Signing Day.

Coach Mike Brey will hold a press conference at 11:30 a.m. at the Joyce Center to announce the official commitments of

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FOOTBALL

Irish hope to avoid letdown



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Running back Ryan Grant emerges from a crowd during Notre Dame's 17-13 upset victory over Tennessee last Saturday.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After their second win against a top-ten team, one that made them bowl-eligible and brought them back into the national spotlight on the football field, the Irish will face a team that has struggled most of this season.

It sounds like the perfect time for a letdown — but don't tell this team that — they have plenty to play for when Pittsburgh comes to town Saturday.

"I've always said this, and will continue to say it—When you have success, it can be just as detrimental to you as

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MEN'S SOCCER

Balanced and young, midfield holds strong

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It's never easy to find a formula for regular-season success.

Some teams swear by a rock-solid defense. Others credit an opportunistic offense. Bobby Clark likes to have both. But without a reliable midfield, the two sides of the field will never be able to capitalize on each other.

Luckily, a balanced midfield is just what the Irish have in a talented group of young players.

"I think the midfield is obviously the engine room of any team," Clark said. "You need a

hardworking midfield — you need a midfield that can help defensively, you also need one that can help attack."

The Irish have found both defensive consistency and sharp shooting tendencies in a quick-transitioning midfield. Sophomore Greg Dalby has been steady in the center for the Irish all year after earning freshman All-American honors in his rookie season. He has worked with Alex Yoshinaga, Ian Etherington, Luke Boughen, Nate Norman, John Moushino and Jon Mark Thompson in a variety of combinations en route to posting a 13-2-2 record for the regular

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