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University revises smoking policy

Update bans lighting up within 25-foot perimeter to protect buildings, comply with ordinance

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The University's policy regarding smoking on campus has been updated to include a ban on smoking within 25 feet of the outside of any building.

The change, according to a News and Information release, was approved on Aug. 26.

The primary reasons for the revision are two-fold, Michael McCauslin, assistant director of Notre Dame Risk Management and Safety, said.

The new perimeter will help prevent the "influence or the entrainment of smoke within the building," he said. "Many of our buildings have pretty powerful intake systems for ventilation, cooling and heating."

These systems are oftentimes located on the service side of the building, the side that is frequently used as a smoking area, and there have been some incidents of smoke entering buildings, McCauslin said.

A second reason for the change of policy is to bring the University in line with a St.

Joseph County ordinance that establishes a perimeter where smoking is prohibited around public buildings, he said.

McCauslin said the county's ordinance also prohibits smoking within public buildings, restaurants and athletic venues. The ordinance was put into effect in April of 2006.

On campus, the Department of Risk Management and Safety was charged with investigating concerns regarding smoking near buildings. This change in policy brings the University "more into concert with the

ordinance," McCauslin said, which "helps keep [regulations] consistent across St. Joe County."

The revisions to the policy also incorporate requirements for Leaders in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications, McCauslin said, which are part of sustainable campus design.

"Each building during the design and construction phase seeks LEED certification," he said. "We only have a small

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New ad premieres during first game

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The University asked millions of Irish football viewers what they would 'fight for' in a new television commercial that aired during Saturday's game coverage on NBC stations across the country.

Notre Dame will air a new two-minute spot, like the one seen this weekend, during each home game this season, associate vice president of marketing Todd Woodward said.

The commercials feature the University's "What Would You Fight For?" ad campaign, which was created last fall. The ad campaign is designed to intertwine the University's athletic, Catholic and academic reputations.

"Most people know us as the Fighting Irish; most people know us as a Catholic university," Woodward said. But through the football broadcasts, Notre Dame is able to "shine a light" on academics and research at Notre Dame.

The ads showcase the relationships between students and faculty members as well as the plethora of research opportunities on campus — all while tying

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Authorities arrest 34 during first home game

Public intoxication chief cause of detainments

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Police made 34 arrests on campus this weekend and ejected nine people from the stadium for alcohol-related violations, said Dave Chapman, the assistant director of the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

NDSP, working with Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and South Bend Police, issued 28 tickets to adults in the parking lot of the stadium for alcohol related offenses, such as providing a minor with

alcohol. One person was cited near the stadium for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Eleven custodial arrests were made for alcohol related offenses including public intoxication and disorderly conduct; those arrested were transported to the St. Joseph County Jail according to an e-mail received from Chapman on Monday.

Twenty-two people were arrested inside the Stadium on Saturday, most for public intoxication, and those arrested were also transport-

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Alcohol Offenses:

22 Arrests in stadium

9 People asked to leave stadium

2 People taken to hospital

2 Tickets outside of stadium

11 Arrests outside of stadium

Alcohol was the major reason for the number of arrests this weekend. A total of 46 people were stopped for related offenses.

ANDREA ARCHER/Observer Graphic

ND Votes '08 receives enthusiastic response

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Amid empty pizza boxes and pop cans, students crowded into the first floor lounge of the Coleman Morse Center Monday night for "Pizza, Pop and Politics: Race to the White House," an event sponsored by ND Votes '08.

The seating was gone well before the starting time of 5 p.m. and the standing-room-only rear section of the lounge quickly filled to capacity.

ND Votes '08 co-chairs Mallory Laurel and Christine Romero said the goal of the event was to help educate prospective student voters about key issues as well as drum up enthusiasm for the

election.

"We have political responsibility to be involved in the political process and to be educated on the issues," Romero said.

Laurel said the event's informal atmosphere and question and answer session picqued the interests of students.

"This event has an informal atmosphere," she said. "It's low key, and makes people feel more comfortable asking questions."

As the high turnout showed, the event certainly appealed to a wide variety of students. Freshman Lincoln Robinson said he attended because he was "interested in what the speakers had to say."

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SMC students return from abroad

Travelers readjust to life in South Bend; return to College community

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

As the fall semester gets underway, many well-traveled Saint Mary's students find themselves readjusting to campus life in South Bend after spending time abroad.

According to Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), during the 2007-2008 academic year, 114 students participated in the college's eight study abroad programs in Australia, Austria, France, India, Ireland, Italy, South Africa and Spain.

Junior Maureen Healy,

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KATIE KOTARAK/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior Alison Russell, left, Beth Corneglio, center, and Jenny Hoffman visit the Island of Capri in Southern Italy.

INSIDE COLUMN

Why We Bake

The other night, two guy friends observed ND women's spontaneous urge to bake. They noted that every so often we Domer-girls have a strange desire to return to traditional domestic ways. According to their theory, ND girls constantly fight homemaker stereotypes looking to instead become successful in academia and/or in the career life after college. But every so often, we can't deny the cultural clichés ingrained into us from childhood. We must pick up the nearest whisk and come up with something sweet and savory to satisfy our Domestic Goddess longings. It's like those monkeys that were trained for space travel, every so often they just want to eat a banana and swing on trees for a while.

I don't know if this assessment is completely fair, but it is at least quite interesting. From what I can tell, many loyal daughters of Notre Dame do have an atypical itch to bake once in a blue moon. I know I do. It's gratifying and mostly mindless work, at least when you use Toll House. So it is true that we do have a sporadic tendency to bake. Why else would girls' dorm kitchens be so well equipped for said past time?

The real question is why do we do it? Is it because we have a strange fear that if we abandon our traditional housewife roles too much we will never achieve that "perfect family" image factored into our ten year plan? Maybe for some. Though that's reading a lot further into the matter than I think is reasonable. It's not like we also wear pearls and heels while pulling out brownies for our respective sweethearts.

On my end, though I'm a poor example when it comes to anything traditionally domestic, I bake when necessity calls for it. Like for friends' birthdays. Honestly there isn't a more sincere or affordable way to celebrate special days than with homemade sweets. Or in a similar train of thought, baking is especially good for bribery. Please move my furniture; I made cookies. Or help me write a paper; would you like some pie? Honestly no one needs the power of Wonder Woman or femme-bots when you have a killer cake recipe. Okay bad imagery there, but you get what I mean when I say that a "to-die-for" treat can do wonders. Or perhaps, baking is just a nice break from reading and equation solving. It's comforting in its reminder of home-life when dorm living is getting you down.

Unfortunately for us, baking seems to evoke every Domer girl stereotype there is. Insert joke here about baked goods making us overweight. Insert joke there about Saint Mary's girls finding the way to our loyal son's hearts through their stomachs. All distasteful generalizing aside, who really cares? The real question is what's there to complain about when you get a sweet treat fresh baked with love and care.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jess Shaffer at jshaffe1@nd.edu

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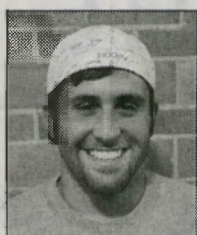
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR AND WHY?



Bradley McDonald
Sophomore
O'Neill

"Emerald because it reminds me of the Emerald City in Oz."



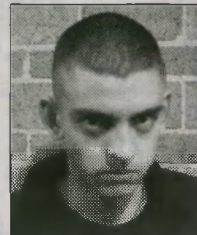
David Zimmer
Sophomore
O'Neill

"Sherbert Orange because it's the only color that tastes like it sounds."



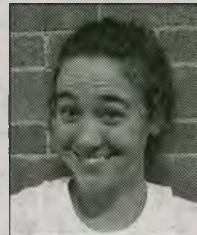
Hannah Ha
Sophomore
Welsh Fam

"Cerulean because it is the most sought after crayon in the box."



Patrick Martin
Senior
Pasquerilla Center

"Yellow because it makes me happy."



KC Hunt
Senior
Off-Campus

"Pink. Duh!"



NICK PAXTON/The Observer

The Notre Dame Marching Band rehearses inside the Loftus Arena during Monday's rainstorm.

IN BRIEF

The Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture, titled "The Idea of Black Culture," is to be given by Hortense Spillers, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of English at Vanderbilt University, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the auditorium of McKenna Hall. This event is free.

Altar server training will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today at 8:30 p.m. The training is mandatory for all servers.

GreenND will hold an informal meeting Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Career Center will host the Fall Career Expo on Wednesday, September 10, in the Joyce Center from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Army ROTC through the American Red Cross will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sept. 10 and 11 in the Grand Ballroom, LaFortune Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up online at www.givelife.org, sponsor code "irish," to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also accepted but those with appointments will be seen first and will take less time. Donors must be at least 17, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors are asked to bring their donor cards or positive identification when they come to donate.

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

OFFBEAT

Oregon man finds giant deadly lizard in back yard

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — An Oregon man playing in the yard with his toddler sons captured a 6-foot-long lizard capable of killing pets and injuring humans. Ryan Nelson said he thought it was a crocodile when he first spotted the Nile monitor by the rose bushes.

He was able to capture it and wrestle it into a large metal dog cage with the help of Dalton Brown from MB Reptiles, a pet store in Grants Pass.

No report on missing lizards has been filed recently with either the Josephine

County sheriff's office or Grants Pass police.

But officials say whoever lost the lizard should have immediately reported it because the Nile monitor's teeth and claws make it dangerous to pets and people.

The lizard is now on display at the pet store.

Burglar rubs one with spices, hits another with sausage

FRESNO, Calif. — Authorities say they've arrested a man who broke into the home of two California farmworkers, stole money, rubbed one with spices and whacked the other with a sausage before

fleeing.

Fresno County sheriff's Lt. Ian Burrimond says 22-year-old Antonio Vasquez was found hiding in a field wearing only a T-shirt, boxers and socks after the Saturday morning attack.

He says deputies arrested Vasquez after finding a wallet containing his ID in the ransacked house.

The farmworkers told deputies the suspect woke them Saturday morning by rubbing spices on one of them and smacking the other with an 8-inch sausage.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 67 LOW 45	HIGH 61 LOW 45	HIGH 73 LOW 52	HIGH 78 LOW 58	HIGH 72 LOW 55	HIGH 73 LOW 58

Atlanta 87 / 69 Boston 83 / 59 Chicago 66 / 51 Denver 76 / 43 Houston 91 / 73 Los Angeles 78 / 65 Minneapolis 68 / 53 New York 81 / 67 Philadelphia 86 / 69 Phoenix 100 / 82 Seattle 71 / 52 St. Louis 71 / 57 Tampa 88 / 77 Washington 87 / 70

CORRECTIONS

Due to editing errors, the graphic on the front page of the Sept. 8 issue of The Observer contained several mistakes. Walter Mondale visited campus in 1984, not 1884. Ed Muskie visited Notre Dame as a vice presidential candidate, not as a presidential candidate. The Observer regrets these errors.

SMC crime rates fall in past 3 years

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's crime rates have fallen over the past three years according to the annual report released by the College. Saint Mary's Director of Security David Gariepy said the campaign to educate the student body about how to avoid being a victim was one of the key factors in lowering crime rates.

"We provide information through programming, during orientation and throughout the year, which creates a better informed and more aware community," Gariepy said.

Security used campus-wide e-mails to alert students of any security threats. They also gave out a yearly safety brochure to campus.

"The brochure provides students, faculty, staff and others with an overview of the College's safety and security policies and crime statistics for the previous three years, 2005-2007," Gariepy said in an e-mail.

According to the e-mail Gariepy sent to the student body, Saint Mary's had four

burglaries, one car theft, and several alcohol referrals were given during the 2007-08 school year. No other major offenses were reported.

Security is most effective when students know what services are available to them, Gariepy said.

"Members must be aware of dangers, willing to report suspicious activity and willing to also provide information to authorities when criminal or suspicious activity is viewed," Gariepy said.

Saint Mary's security has focused on measures to prevent crime, such as providing transportation for students who are at Notre Dame late at night. The van "Blinkie" runs for two hours after the trolley stops running, which is 11 p.m. during the week and 2:20 a.m. on the weekend.

Security has also been requested to update their camera systems.

"Technology upgrades are always being reviewed and addressed as needed," Gariepy said.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC discusses Task Force creation *Frosh-O, event publicity also focuses of meeting*

By AARON STEINER
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The Campus Life Council discussed the creation of various Task Forces for such issues as University-community relations, dorm issues and new student concerns during their first meeting of the year yesterday.

Last year, the council formed three Task Forces: a Student Development Task Force, a Community Relations Task Force and a Campus Environment Task Force, student body president Bob Reish

"We can be as broad as we want in making Task Forces," Reish said.

Senator Gus Gari suggested the council continue to work on off-campus living issues and pursue initiatives suggested by last year's Task Force, specifically the creation of a Web site geared towards off-campus students with resources specifically for them. He also discussed holding a forum for students living off campus to address any concerns or questions these students might have.

Gari also commented that he would like to see the CLC review the changes implemented at Frosh-O this year. Gari added that the council might consider the amount of paper-

work freshman receive throughout the orientation process and find a way to better organize the information new students receive, if and where possible.

Also related to freshman orientation issues, Reish said new students might not receive sufficient information about opportunities in the South Bend area. Providing "some type of [uniform] guide" may be helpful, he said.

Another point of discussion was addressing the posting and communication of various club, dorm, SAO and other campus events that students should be aware of. Father Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, said he feels the current Agenda calendar system in place is underused and the council could look into either "reinventing" the Agenda system or moving to another central calendar system. Gari noted Google Calendars — part of the University's new integration of Google Apps with student online accounts — might provide a solution for this.

In other CLC news:

♦Related to the work of last year's Task Force on sustainability, Student Body Vice President Grant Schmidt suggested the council look into reviewing sustainability issues on campus and in dorm life, especially in light of the upcoming Notre Dame Forum on sustainability on Sept. 24.

♦Sister Denise Lyon, rector of McGlinn Hall said she has heard from some of her hall staff that security at the Hesburgh Library should be addressed. Students do not always feel comfortable studying at the library, and "don't feel safe in the stairwells," she said.

♦Senator Catherine Flynn said she would like to see the council address the inequalities of furniture and other amenities between dorms. She specifically noted complaints that Duncan Hall, the newest dorm on campus, has significantly higher quality amenities than older dorms.

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Abroad

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who went to Seville, Spain, during the fall of her sophomore year, said studying abroad was a great opportunity to fine-tune her Spanish.

"I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to enhance my understanding of the Spanish language and culture, as well as explore many different parts of the world," she said. "This experience, along with my Spanish and business majors, will hopefully help me in my future career."

For the students returning to campus this semester, CWIL hosted a "Welcome Back" party during the second week of classes. The get-together gave students a chance to discuss their time abroad, share stories and address concerns of reverse culture shock.

Associate Director of Global Education Dr. Alice Siqin Yang said she was pleased with the smooth transition abroad students are making to their lives back on campus.

"I think adjustment has been great. No one said they had a huge problem with re-entry culture shock. Students are more mature and independent, and they proved to their parents they could do it," Yang said.

After returning to the United States, students are often taken aback by the overwhelming familiarity of their surroundings.

"Flying straight from Rome to Philadelphia and stepping off the plane, I was instantly able to read every sign, understand every conversation around me, and converse without translating

in my head first. After seven and a half months of being away from America, it was quite a shock," said junior Jenny Hoffman, who studied in Rome.

"It has been such a blessing to come back to Saint Mary's — a supportive community that allows me to share my experiences and continue to grow."

Jenny Hoffman
junior

our individual progress," Morris said.

Hoffman also said going abroad has allowed her to see Saint Mary's in a new light.

"It has been such a blessing to come back to Saint Mary's — a supportive community that allows me to share my experiences and continue to grow," she said.

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Arrests

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ed to the county jail.

In addition to the arrests, two people had to be transported to a local hospital due to intoxication.

After the game, a local man was arrested for assaulting an SDSU fan, and a woman

was arrested near Main Circle for public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

Chapman urged those attending Notre Dame football games to "please

contact NDSP at 574-631-5555 or by using a call box in one of the parking areas if you see unruly or unlawful behavior."

"Don't let alcohol get in the way of your safety or fun or keep you from enjoying a great football game next Saturday when the Irish take on the Wolverines of Michigan," he said.

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Dave Chapman
assistant director
NDSP

He warned students to "be responsible for your conduct" and said that "underage drinkers will be arrested on campus and at tailgate parties."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Civilian casualties from raid rise

KABUL, Afghanistan — The bodies of at least 10 children and many more adults covered in blankets and white shrouds appear in videos obtained by The Associated Press on Monday, lending weight to Afghan and U.N. allegations that a U.S.-led raid last month killed more civilians than the U.S. reported.

The sounds of wailing women mixed with the voices of men shouting inside a white-walled mosque in the western village of Azizabad, where an Afghan government commission and U.N. report said some 90 civilians — including 60 children and 15 women — were killed.

The two grainy videos, apparently taken by cell phones, showed bodies lying side-by-side on the mosque floor, covered by floral-patterned blankets and black-and-white checkered shawls. One young boy lay curled in a fetal position; others looked as though they were asleep. One child had half its head blown off.

Three convicted in bombing attempt

LONDON — Three British Muslims with ties to Pakistan were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to murder in a terrorist bombing campaign but jurors failed to reach a verdict on whether they plotted to blow up multiple trans-Atlantic airliners with liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.

The failure to get convictions on the more serious charges was a major setback to the British government, which has struggled to put suspected terrorists behind bars with intelligence from multiple countries.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. to pull 8000 troops from Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to keep U.S. troop levels in Iraq near their current level through the end of the year and will pull home about 8,000 U.S. troops by February when the next president will be in charge of wartime decision-making.

If security in Iraq keeps improving, Bush says, "additional reductions will be possible in the first half of 2009."

The president's decisions amount to perhaps his last major troop strategy in a war that has come to define his presidency.

He was to announce the details in a speech Tuesday, the text of which was released in advance by the White House.

Detroit mayor evicted from mansion

DETROIT — Detroit's mayor has a deadline for moving out of the city's official mayoral residence now that he has pleaded guilty and is resigning.

Officials say Kwame Kilpatrick, his wife and three sons are expected to be out of the city's Manoogian Mansion by midnight on Sept. 18. Kilpatrick also has until that day to vacate his City Hall offices.

City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr., who is set to take over as mayor Sept. 19, says Kilpatrick told him Monday he'd have no trouble meeting the deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

6 children escape apartment fire

INDIANAPOLIS — A mother tossed several children to waiting neighbors as a fire spread in their third-story apartment in Indianapolis.

The fire broke out about 7:15 a.m. Monday at the Bradford Square apartments on the city's east side. Six children in all, ranging from 23 months to 13 years old, escaped from the apartment without injuries.

Firefighters arrived in time to help the mother down a ladder. It took crews about 10 minutes to bring the fire under control.

Ike turns west, avoids Florida Keys

Hurricane, downgraded to a category 1 storm, still may hit Gulf Coast states

Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — Residents in the Florida Keys breathed a sigh of relief Monday as a fierce Hurricane Ike turned west on a path away from the low-lying island chain. But Gulf Coast states watched anxiously to see if the storm was gunning for them instead.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime Tuesday night, Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend near the Texas-Louisiana border, possibly not far from Houston.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry pre-declared disasters in 88 counties to aid storm preparation and put 7,500 National Guard members on standby.

In Louisiana, where thousands remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week, Gov. Bobby Jindal urged residents to start stockpiling food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state also was readying shelters and making plans for trains, buses and planes in case a coastal evacuation is called later in the week.

"It is still too early to be evacuating certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Jindal said.

With the storm on a new track, Keys officials let an evacuation order expire Monday. By late afternoon Ike had weakened to a Category 1 storm, and a hurricane warning for the island chain was discontinued.

Ike is still supposed to deliver heavy rain and wind, and authorities suggested residents who had left stay away until Wednesday. They said those who stayed behind



Residents make their way through a flooded street after Hurricane Ike hit Camaguey, Cuba, Monday, causing the evacuation of some 900,000 Cubans.

should remain inside, and tourists should wait for the weekend to return. Roughly 20,000 tourists left over the weekend when it looked like Ike could make a direct hit.

Many storm-hardened locals just rode out the hype the way they usually do — drinking. Key West residents are a hardy bunch, generations of whom have lived through storms. They typically take a wait-and-see stance.

"Us folks have lived here for years. We worry but we always think it will be OK," said 80-year-old Barbara Kellner while walking her dog. "And we see the weather report today, and

it appears it all will be OK."

Businesses were not as cavalier. It was the second time in a month vacationers left en masse. Tourists also cleared out of the Keys last month ahead of Tropical Storm Fay, and their departure means a hit to the bottom line. Officials estimate tourists spend about \$175 a day in the Keys. With some 20,000 having fled for Ike, that's about \$3.5 million for each day they're gone.

"I think they called the guns out a little too soon. They killed business," said Deborah Dietrich, the manager of a nearly empty bakery. "Whether we have

hurricane ruin or not, there's financial ruin."

Dietrich said the Croissants de France bakery would be lucky to tally \$300 in sales for the weekend. They usually bring in more than \$6,000 each day of an average weekend with no storm looming, she said.

Monroe County Mayor Mario Di Gennaro said he didn't regret telling tourists and residents to get out of town ahead of Ike, though he acknowledged that such orders are costly. He estimated businesses throughout the Keys lost about \$10 million because of evacuations for Tropical Storm Fay last month.

RUSSIA

Medvedev pledges Georgia withdraw

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev pledged Monday to withdraw Russian troops from key areas of Georgia after 200 European Union monitors are deployed later this month, part of a revised cease-fire agreement to end conflict in the region.

Georgia President Mikhail Saakashvili countered by stressing that any final settlement with Russia must respect Georgia's territorial integrity.

Saakashvili was speaking alongside French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who flew to Tbilisi Monday after meeting

with Medvedev in Moscow in an effort to salvage the cease-fire that ended last month's war between Russia and Georgia.

Questions remained whether the Russians would follow through in totally pulling troops from regions surrounding the disputed territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Russia has already recognized the two regions as independent and Medvedev said that decision would not be rescinded.

Still Russia's pledge, announced by Medvedev after more than four hours of talks with Sarkozy, appeared to be a concession to international demands that Russia fulfill pledges made as part

of a cease-fire agreement last month.

The short war between Georgia and Russia has turned into a critical event in the post-Cold War world, as Russia asserts its new economic and military clout and the West struggles to respond.

Sarkozy flew to Moscow for meetings with Medvedev to try to salvage the Aug. 12 deal, which ended a conflict that saw Georgian forces attacking South Ossetia and Russia then invading and routing Georgia's military.

Georgia and many Western nations complained that Russia had failed to withdraw troops and follow through on other earlier pledges.

Smoking

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handful of buildings right now that are going to meet it, but it is something all new buildings will incorporate."

After campus-wide notifications of the policy are released, the new perimeter will begin to be enforced, McCauslin said.

The Department of Risk Management and Safety is not the office that will handle violations or consequences of smoking in prohibited areas, he said.

The department "acts as a finder of fact," McCauslin said. "We perform the investigation, determine the causes, the effects."

He said his office will investigate smoking complaints and refer the information gathered to whom it applies in each individual circumstance — in the case of a student, information will most likely be referred to the rector, he said, and the residence hall's internal policy regarding violations will take over from there.

"We get accurate information and share that with the appropriate person, and then those branches of the University use their own processes," McCauslin said.

The University first adopted a policy about smoking on campus in 1992, after a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students that dealt with environmental issues reviewed information about smoking and the health concerns of second-hand smoke, McCauslin said.

This first policy prohibited smoking in all campus buildings, he said, with few exceptions, like private offices and dormitory rooms.

Not long after this initial policy was established, these exceptions were removed, and the policy was left unchanged for about ten years, he said.

The policy continues to prohibit the sale, distribution and advertisement of tobacco products on campus as well as smoking in all University buildings.

According to the News and Information release, the policy regarding smoking as well as instructions for filing complaints will be made available online for students, faculty and employees of the University.

Smoking cessation programs for faculty and staff through the Office of Human Resources, as well as programs for students through the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education will continue to be made available upon request.

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New Ad

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the "fights" going on at Notre Dame to the University's football heritage, Woodward said.

The ads also attempt to "show the real world effect of research at Notre Dame," Woodward said.

The most recent ad explained the work of 2008 graduate Pablo Nava and his fight for improved standards of living in Mexico.

In the ad, Nava narrates the storyline that led him to his current work, stating the average worker in Mexico works 12-hour shifts

and is paid two dollars an hour. "I knew I wanted to help the people of Mexico," Nava said in the ad.

Nava also won Notre Dame's Social Venture Competition and started his own company, Por Fin Nuestra Casa, which takes unused shipping containers and converts them into small, four-walled homes complete with electricity and running water.

Of the remaining five commercials scheduled to air this season, four will feature stories like Nava's, while one will focus on the importance of voting, Woodward said.

This year's commercials also feature a familiar voice to many American television

viewers — Martin Sheen. Sheen, an actor and self-described human rights activist, is the University's most recent Laetare Medal recipient.

"I was talking to [Associate Vice President] Father Jim McDonald, and said 'boy, [Sheen] would be a great narrator,'" Woodward said. "I do hope people recognize his voice."

Woodward said the University strives to create spots that "make alumni proud" while telling other sports and Irish fans something new about the University.

"We expect people to say, 'Wow, I didn't know that was the kind of work going on at Notre Dame,'" Woodward said.

Prior to the "What Would You Fight For?" campaign, the University produced one-minute spots working with an outside ad agency.

Starting last fall, though, the University began to work with NBC to create the spots as part of the contract between the University and NBC that gives NBC exclusive rights to broadcast all home games.

"We work directly with NBC for over six months to produce the six spots," Woodward said. The University receives help from NBC at a "very inexpensive" rate.

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Todd Woodward
associate vice president
of marketing

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Professor Jack Colwell of the Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy opened the discussion with an overview of the campaign season thus far and a discussion of the Democratic and Republican conventions. Colwell said he was amazed by the American public's enthusiasm about the race for the White House.

"The viewer ratings [for the conventions] were higher than 'American Idol,'" Colwell said.

Political science professor Christina Wohlbrecht discussed how gender has become a major theme in this year's campaign.

"We know little about how voters respond to female candidates," she said, focus-

ing on the fact that there have been very few female candidates for national roles like president and vice-president.

Professor Matt Storin, also of the Gullivan Program, concluded the discussion with a talk on the media and its influence on this and past elections. Storin said the modern technology of today is having a "tangible effect" on elections, especially because

blogs help spread the news faster, and to more people, than ever before.

The event was also used by ND Votes '08 as a platform to talk about the database that they are compiling. The database is going to be used to help students register to vote, and assist in absentee ballot casting.

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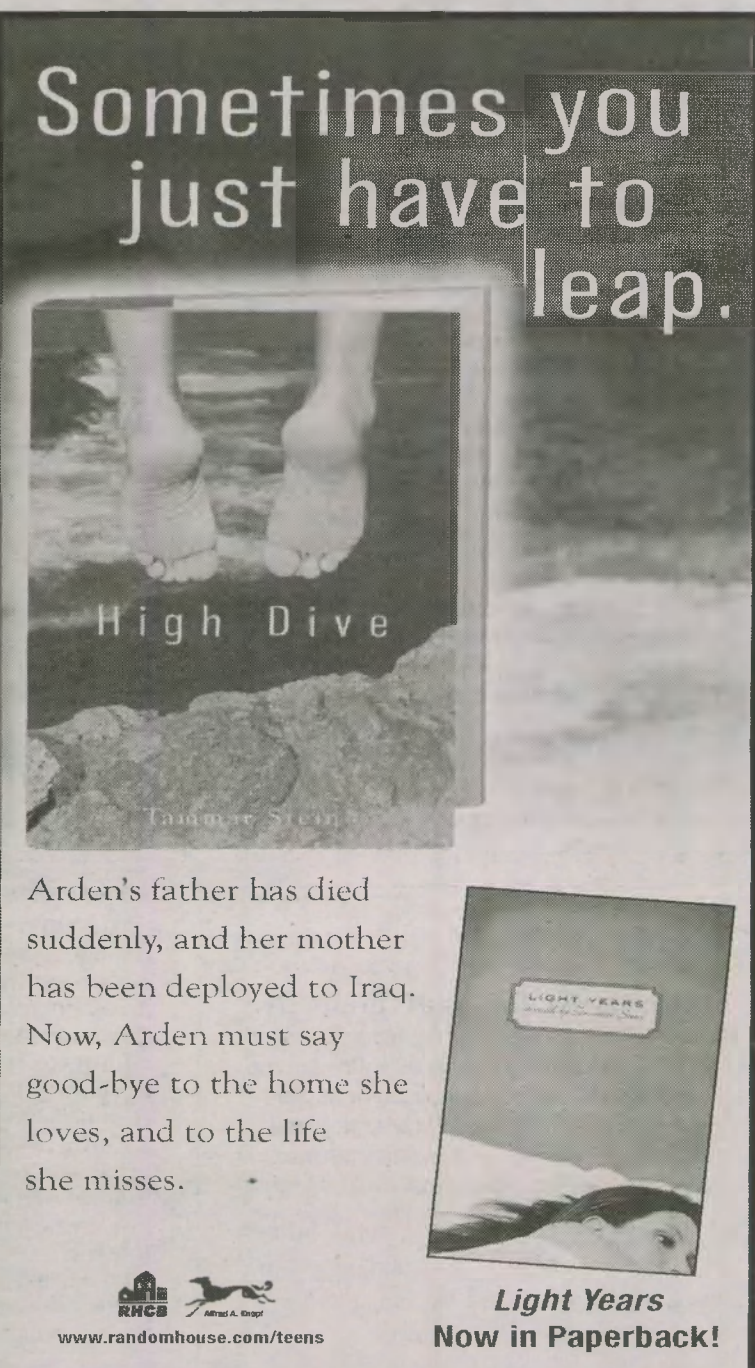
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IN BRIEF

City switches to digital-only broadcasting

WILMINGTON, N.C. — With the flick of an 8-foot switch at midday Monday, this Southern city became the first market in the U.S. to make the change to digital-only broadcasting.

The switch wasn't really connected to anything, but it did serve as a centerpiece for a downtown ceremony at noon EDT marking the moment that commercial TV broadcasters voluntarily turned off their old-fashioned, inefficient analog signals.

Wilmington volunteered to be a canary in a digital coal mine — a test market for the national conversion to digital broadcasting.

The rest of the nation's full-power television stations won't be converting until Feb. 17, 2009, a date set by Congress.

"This switch is the biggest change in television since it went from black and white to color back in the 1950s," Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin told the ceremony at historic Thalian Hall in downtown Wilmington.

Mortgage rates fall, homeowners happy

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates fell sharply Monday, as investors reacted to the government's takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. And that's exactly what homeowners like Jim Chereskin had been waiting for.

Chereskin, who lives in Naperville, Ill., took out an adjustable-rate loan in 2003 and has been worrying about how much his mortgage payments will rise once the loan resets, to market rates in about 18 months.

"I don't want to have to worry about it anymore," said Chereskin, who expects to switch to a fixed-rate loan as soon as this week. That way, he said, "I can sleep at night and I'm good."

The government's takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — mortgage titans that own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages — will help borrowers who had been nervously waiting for the best time to get out of the adjustable-rate mortgages they took out during the housing boom.

But it will do little to stem the dramatic rise in foreclosures. And so far, the government's other programs to assist distressed borrowers in refinancing have had minimal impact. And that has consumer advocates calling on Fannie and Freddie to do more.

Stocks up after mortgage takeovers

Government takeovers of Fannie, Freddie unlikely to relieve homeowners' woes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Monday as investors placed bets that a recovery in the financial and housing sectors is more likely to occur following the U.S. government's move to bail out mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Dow Jones industrials gained nearly 300 points.

The announcement Sunday that the Treasury Department was seizing control of the companies, which own or back about half the nation's mortgage debt, brushed aside investors' long-simmering worries that the pair would be felled by a spike in bad mortgage debt.

Investors were hoping that the plan to inject up to \$100 billion in each of the government-chartered mortgage financiers could not only help lower mortgage rates but perhaps help buoy the overall economy. The move could help banks feel more open to write new mortgages and to refinance existing mortgages at lower rates, offering a possible lifeline to consumers struggling with increasing payments.

The move appeared to have an immediate soothing effect on mortgage rates. The national average interest rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage dropped 0.3 percentage point to 6.04 on Monday, according to financial publisher HSH Associates.

But the government's steadying hand for two institutions that many Wall Street observers had said were simply too big to let fail isn't likely to alleviate troubles for homeowners who have fallen far behind on their mortgages.

Dave Rovelli, managing director of U.S. equity trading at Canaccord Adams in New York, said that while the plan boosts



Gregg Maloney of LaBranche & Co. trades shares in Freddie Mac on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. Stocks surged following the U.S. government's buyout of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

confidence in sectors like financials and home builders, it doesn't immediately alleviate worries about other areas of the economy. Still, he said the move was far more welcome than a collapse of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

"It saves Armageddon from happening," he said. "If you think about it, this helps the financials, this helps the housing market. Tech took a huge hit last week. Does this really affect tech? I don't think so."

At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average

rose 289.78, or 2.58 percent, to 11,510.74 after being up nearly 350 points in the early going.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 25.48, or 2.05 percent, to 1,267.79, and the Nasdaq composite index added 13.88, or 0.62 percent, to 2,269.76.

Bond prices edged higher in late trading on Monday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.68 percent from 3.69 percent late Friday. The dollar was higher

against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Common shares of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will be made virtually worthless by the plan, which will dilute the stock. But the companies' shares had already suffered huge declines in the last year so many shareholders have already endured the majority of their losses.

Fannie Mae shares plunged \$6.34, or 90.1 percent, to 70 cents, while Freddie Mac fell \$4.21, or 83 percent, to 89 cents.

WaMu's Killinger ousted as CEO

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Washington Mutual Inc., ravaged by losses from sour mortgages, removed Kerry Killinger as chief executive of the nation's largest savings and loan on Monday, adding him to the growing list of banking bosses ousted by their boards.

Killinger, 59, is being replaced by Alan H. Fishman, the former president and chief operating officer of Sovereign Bank and president and CEO of Independence Community Bank.

Also Monday, WaMu said that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Thrift Supervision concerning aspects of its operations. WaMu has committed to provide the OTS with an updated, multi-year business plan and forecast for its earnings, asset quality, capital and business segment performance. The plan

will not require the company to raise capital or increase liquidity, WaMu said.

WaMu shares fell 15 cents, or 3.5 percent, to close at \$4.12, after dropping as much as 24 percent earlier in the session. Its shares have fallen 90 percent since early July of last year, right before the rapid erosion in the credit markets began.

Battered by rising mortgage delinquencies and defaults, and by the sinking value of its mortgage portfolio, WaMu has lost nearly 70 percent of its market value this year.

Killinger, who was stripped of his chairman title in June, became CEO of the Seattle-based thrift in 1990 and built WaMu into one of the country's largest banks. But with a heavy focus on subprime and option adjustable-rate mortgages — the types of mortgages at the heart of the housing bust — WaMu's losses began to mount and its shares

plummeted, sparking an outcry from shareholders.

The board's splitting of the CEO and chairman roles in June was an effort, at the urging of shareholders, to improve corporate governance. At WaMu's shareholder meeting in April, a non-binding resolution calling for the installation of a non-employee as board chairman passed with 51.5 percent of the votes.

But Killinger — who received compensation valued at \$14.4 million in 2007 — held on to his post as CEO, even as the list of other top banking executives shown the door continued to grow.

After backing Killinger for so long, the board's sentiment finally changed.

"The board and Kerry mutually agreed that this was the right time for Kerry to leave the company," said spokesman Brad Russell in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

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Selfishness vs. self-sacrifice

As I watched John McCain give his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, I was struck, not just by this man's story of exceptional strength in the face of fierce adversity, but by how drastically it differed from that of his rival. To be fair, Barack Obama's rise to political fame is inspirational as well. The difference, though, lies here: One man has clearly dedicated his life to serving his country; the other, not so much his country as himself.

Obama's life journey reads like a fairytale. The self-described "skinny kid with a funny name" that later becomes the first African American to be nominated by a major party for the office of the presidency. And there are surprisingly few steps in between: Columbia graduate, community organizer, Harvard Law graduate, lawyer, constitutional law lecturer, state senator, U.S. senator.

Yet what troubles me about Obama is that he has done nothing that separates him from the crowd, at least before gaining prominence by speaking at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Nothing in his background suggests that he has gained the wisdom necessary to lead a nation, let alone the most powerful nation on earth. Never has his judgment been put to the test, nor has he truly had to sacrifice his own well-being for the sake of others. In fact, most of his life seems to have a particularly self-interested slant.

And what does he have to show for it?

Well, he graduated from two celebrated institutes of higher education.

He was the first African American editor of the Harvard Law Review. He helped draft a few insignificant pieces of legislation as a state senator. Oh, and prior to that, he wrote an autobiography. Again, personal gain is the focus here.

Now I'm not saying that there is anything inherently wrong with the pursuit of self-interest; in fact, our nation was built upon it. It is embodied in the proverbial American Dream. Millions of immigrants risked everything for a glimpse of Lady Liberty lifting her lamp, guiding them to the shores of a land where freedom and opportunity reign, in search of a better life for themselves and their families. Furthermore, our continued dedication to free-market capitalism has resulted in unfathomable progress by channeling selfish impulses toward the betterment of society as a whole.

Finding a politician who harbors no narcissistic tendencies is an extreme rarity, especially when it comes to presidential elections. Anyone who volunteers to assume the role of leader of the free world must think rather highly of him or herself. But this year is different. This year, we have a candidate who nearly sacrificed everything for his country. And, like he says, he has the scars to prove it.

Which brings me back to the speech. Sure, McCain is no great orator; Obama's speaking style far outshines his rival's. After getting off to a shaky start, however, McCain's account of his time as a prisoner of war in Vietnam was truly moving. He didn't need to prop up vacant promises and hollow achievements with fancy rhetoric because his actions speak loudly enough to stand alone.

There was a time in his life, McCain admits, when he didn't think there was a cause more important than himself.

But five years of imprisonment and torture taught him otherwise. When he vows to fight for his country for as long as he draws breath, there is no question his promise is genuine. Throughout his many years as a senator, McCain's devotion to America and its people, rather than to his party or to himself, remains just as steadfast as ever.

On the other hand, when Obama claims that this election "has never been about me; it's about you," I can't help but doubt his sincerity. This is a man who falsely claimed that his uncle helped liberate Auschwitz; who spoke at the Brandenburg Gate, where President Reagan demanded that Gorbachev "tear down this wall;" who tried to use a logo resembling the presidential seal during a roundtable discussion with Democratic governors; who announced his candidacy at the Old State Capitol where President Lincoln gave his famous "House Divided" speech.

Talk about audacity. As syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer asks, "Has there ever been a presidential nominee with a wider gap between his estimation of himself and the sum total of his lifetime achievements?" The answer is no.

Our country needs a hero. Not one who seeks to use the opportunities it offers for service of himself, but one who has sacrificed for an idea greater than himself, whose every waking moment is dedicated to serving his fellow Americans. John McCain is that hero.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visitors afforded enjoyable game day

Last Saturday (Sept. 6) was our first time attending a Notre Dame football game. We just want to thank all the folks associated with the event for being so nice and helpful. From the parking lot attendants to the shuttle drivers and all the ushers at the stadium, everyone was most polite and helpful. Actually, it started off campus when one of your photographers helped us with directions outside a South Bend store. Our San Diego State shirts were no impairment.

Thank you again.

Steve and Ginny Woods
Noblesville, IN
Sept. 8

Get Clausen a 'bowl' cut

In response to Ryan Bailey's letter, "Get thy ears lowered," (Sept. 8), I couldn't care less whether or not Jimmy Clausen gets his hair cut. As long as he wins us games and leads our team to a bowl game, he could dye his hair pink for all I care. I will donate my \$20 to Hannah and Friends and watch our team compete in a bowl game. I think it's a win-win.

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Sept. 8

Football should learn from soccer

This past Sunday evening, as I slogged through the security line at the Raleigh-Durham airport, I found myself weighted down by reflexive consideration of the bizarre and disappointing performance of Charlie and the Notre Dame football team from the day before. Just then, as if sent straight from "Wake Up the Echoes," an iridescent platoon of kelly green-and-blue clad lady athletes came bounding by my flank and, low and behold, it was the Notre Dame women's soccer team, fresh off the destruction of local pretenders to their throne, UNC and Duke. I told all of them within earshot that I was a Notre Dame alum and that we were all very proud of them and rooting for them to go all the way. I was struck by the matter-of-fact nature in which these women described how they had rolled over the vaunted Tar Heels and Blue Devils and I could see a confidence, poise and overt aura in this Notre Dame team that reminded me of the Notre Dame football teams of my youth. Such auras come from teams that annually reside at or near the top of the national rankings and play for or win the national title, it seems, every other year.

We should all celebrate and congratulate the Notre Dame women's soccer team, for they embody all the ideals of our great University: excellence in athletics, academics and in life. Ironically, the Notre Dame women's soccer team has become the "Notre Dame football" of women's soccer, as Rockne himself once imagined it. Perhaps Charlie and his staff can study the women's soccer team tapes and how they do their business and learn what it means to "Play Like a Champion Today."

John Chute M.D.
Chapel Hill, NC
Sept. 8

Dude, where's my proportionality?

Catholics commenting on American politics often point out, correctly, that a faithful Catholic may only vote for a pro-choice politician if the following two criteria are satisfied: 1) The Catholic is voting for the politician in spite of the latter's support for permissive abortion policy, not because of it, and 2) There are "proportionate reasons" to support the pro-choice candidate over his rival. In other words, in the 2008 presidential election there must be some good quality that the pro-choice candidate (i.e. Barack Obama) possesses that is so good that it outweighs his support for abortion-on-demand. So once we've agreed that there are circumstances in which a Catholic may in good conscience support pro-choice politicians, the next question is, how can this reasoning be applied to Barack Obama's candidacy? Is there a reason to support Obama that is so powerful that it outweighs his abortion-rights zealotry?

As far as I can tell, the answer is no.

Some supporters point to Obama's foreign policy judgment. Yet, one could argue that Obama's opposition to the troop surge of the last year and a half was a pretty spectacular misjudgment on his part. And, anyway, it seems to me that no matter who is president, America's Iraq policy will be a gradual withdrawal over the next few years.

Obamaniacs might rejoinder that Obama has a superior energy policy and that energy is the central economic and national security issue of our time. But Obama's tepidity towards nuclear power (among the "greenest" of energy sources) and offshore drilling isn't very reassuring.

Some people are enamored of "Obamanomics" (mostly because the word has a nice ring to it, I think). But is a massive expansion of the federal government really

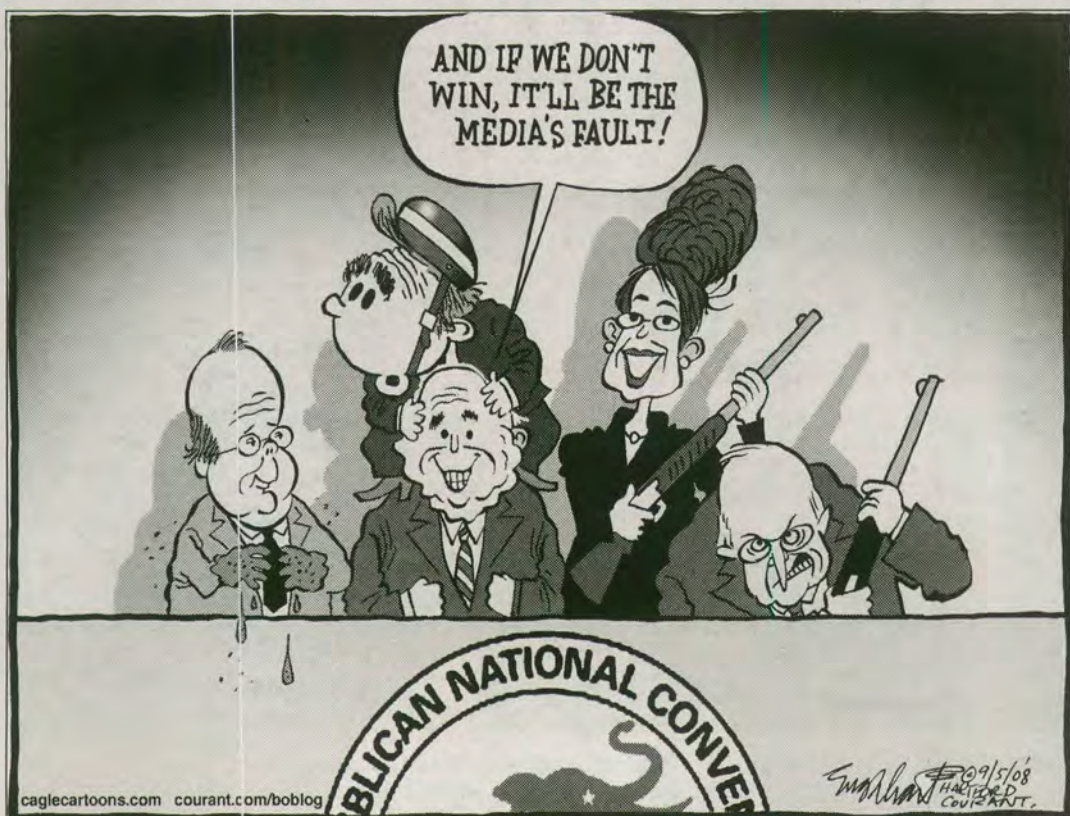
all that attractive to Catholics who believe in subsidiarity (or even balanced budgets, for that matter)?

Lastly, there's that intangible quality that Obama seems to possess. Isn't he the candidate of change and hope? Maybe he would be able, through the force of his personality, to usher in a new Era of Good Feelings, during which a united citizenry will root out all forms of injustice. But if you look at his actual record, you will see that he is actually a fairly typical career politician, unwilling to challenge the corrupt status quo in Chicago politics, unwilling to challenge the demagoguery of his own powerful local preacher (until, after many, many years, public opinion forced him to), unwilling even to vote yes or no on many issues, instead choosing to vote "present." If he didn't shake things up in Illinois or in the Senate, what evidence is there that he is an effective agent of reform?

Perhaps there is a good that he would promote that would outweigh the great evil that he would perpetuate by protecting Roe v. Wade and otherwise expanding abortion "rights." But I have yet to hear what it is. The next time a Catholic Obama supporter says that abortion isn't the only issue in 2008, the correct response is, "Well, what selling point does Obama have that outweighs his moral blindness on abortion?" Good public speaking ability isn't enough.

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Sept. 7

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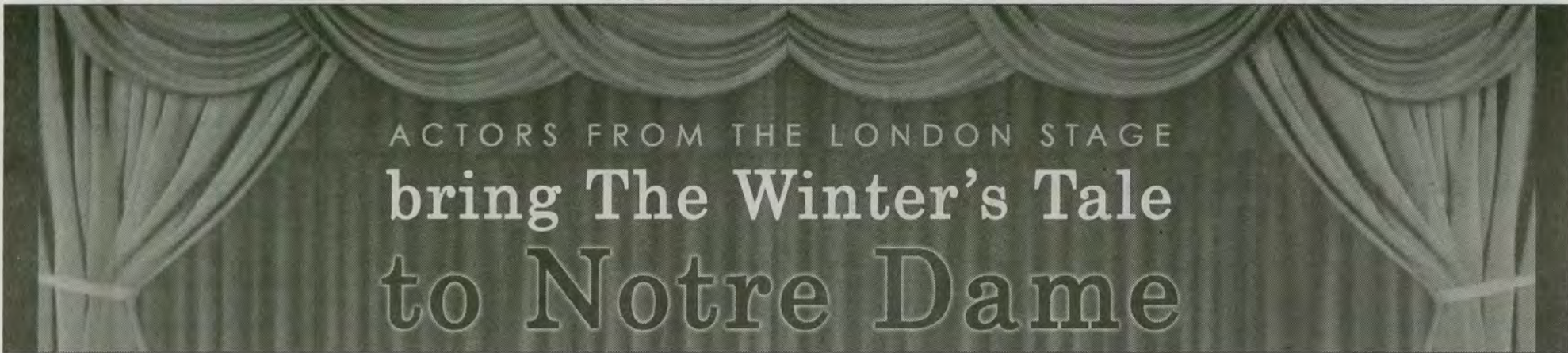


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By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

That time of year has come again. Notre Dame students are falling into a rhythm with their classes, summer is putting out its last few efforts of good weather, and it is time for the Actors from the London Stage to grace Washington Hall once again. This season they bring Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale," one of Shakespeare's later romantic works with a tragic center, but a happy ending.

The Actors from the London Stage are associated with the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, which serves as their booking agent and home in the United States for their annual tour, but are actually housed and work in London. In addition to their performances, they visit and teach classes at universities. The actors hail from such companies as the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and have performed on stages in the West End and around the world. Since AFTLS performances do not use a director, the actor's skill is on full display.

The AFTLS are recognized for their minimalist, but effective, production style. While there are more than 25 characters in Shakespeare's original play, the company consists of only five actors. This year they include Erin Brode, Matthew Douglas, William Hoyland (best known for his Shakespeare, but also has appeared in films such as "Gandhi," "Hell Boy" and "A Mighty Heart"), Robert Mountford (anyone here in the fall of 2006 will recognize him from "Hamlet"), and Eunice Roberts.

The stage is kept nearly bare; one of the only set pieces for their production

of "Romeo and Juliet" was a standard ladder to serve as the famous balcony. The actors remain on stage for the entire performance, sitting at the back if they are not performing. Props are also kept to a minimum; the swords in their 2006 production of "Hamlet" were symbolized by a glove on the actor's hand. The actors wear basic, functional, modern clothing and simply add a small piece or prop to indicate the character they are portraying.

The actors provide all of their own sound effects as well. In the 2007 production of "Macbeth," actors played simple instruments behind their colleagues to create some of the play's eerier moments. With so few embellishments, the production is clean and centers on the acting and the language rather than the decoration. Sometimes it has its issues — there are so few environmental cues that a first time viewer of Shakespeare may get lost — but to even the recently initiated it is an interesting new perspective.

Not only do the actors create their environment onstage in front of the audience, but they try to involve their audience as much as possible. In several of the productions, the house lights are left high, the actors walk through the audience to get to the stage, and on occasion the characters directly address the crowd.

While "The Winter's Tale" is one of Shakespeare's less famous plays and not as infused into our pop culture as past selections, such as "Hamlet" and "Romeo and Juliet," don't let its unfamiliarity scare you away. It is filled with jealousy, love and betrayal. "The Winter's Tale" straddles the line between comedy and tragedy. It is not as farcical and light as "The Comedy of Errors" and a "Midsummer Night's Dream," dealing with violence and an ever-present sense of death, but neither is it as tragic as "Macbeth" and "Othello," ultimately ending joyously.

"The Winter's Tale" opens with Leonates, king of Sicilia, trying to convince his friend Polixenes, king of Bohemia, to remain at his court for a longer visit. In one last attempt, he sends his pregnant wife Hermione to try to



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The five-person cast of "A Winter's Tale" will each play multiple roles in the stripped-down production. The set and props are also minimal in style.

persuade his friend to stay. But while she only speaks to Polixenes, Leonates believes she is too easily successful and accuses her of adultery, plotting to kill his friend. Polixenes escapes, but Hermione is imprisoned, where she gives birth to her daughter. Leonates orders the baby — which he believes to be a bastard — to be killed.

Though an oracle declares Hermione innocent and she finds an advocate in another lady of the court, Paulina, Leonates refuses to rescind his accusation. Before anything can move forward, a servant announces that Leonates' son has died. This brings the king to his senses, but not before Paulina can announce to the court that Hermione has died. Meanwhile Antigonus, Paulina's husband charged with the killing of Hermione's daughter, finds himself unable to complete his task. Unfortunately, he ends up being chased by a bear (and later drowns in a storm), forcing him to abandon the baby after naming her Perdita. The play then passes through the next sixteen years, leaving in question Perdita's fate.

AFTLS performances become more

than a show; they are a conversation with the audience. A refreshing change from many Shakespeare performances, which turn the plays into true period pieces or find other ways to embellish the stage, these productions feature nothing but Shakespeare's words and the actor's ability. The usual excellence of the company, paired with the freshness of "The Winter's Tale" to most audience members, is a sure sign of a good show this week.

Considering the usual minimalism of the Actors from the London Stage's productions, one can't but look forward to see how they handle one of Shakespeare's most famous stage directions: "Exit, pursued by a bear."

"The Winter's Tale" will run in Washington Hall from September 9 until September 11. To purchase tickets for these performances, contact the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-800. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$18 for faculty and staff.

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The Winter's Tale

When: Tuesday, Sept. 9 - Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 pm

Where: Washington Hall

Price: Students - \$12

Faculty/Staff/Senior Citizens - \$18

General Public - \$20



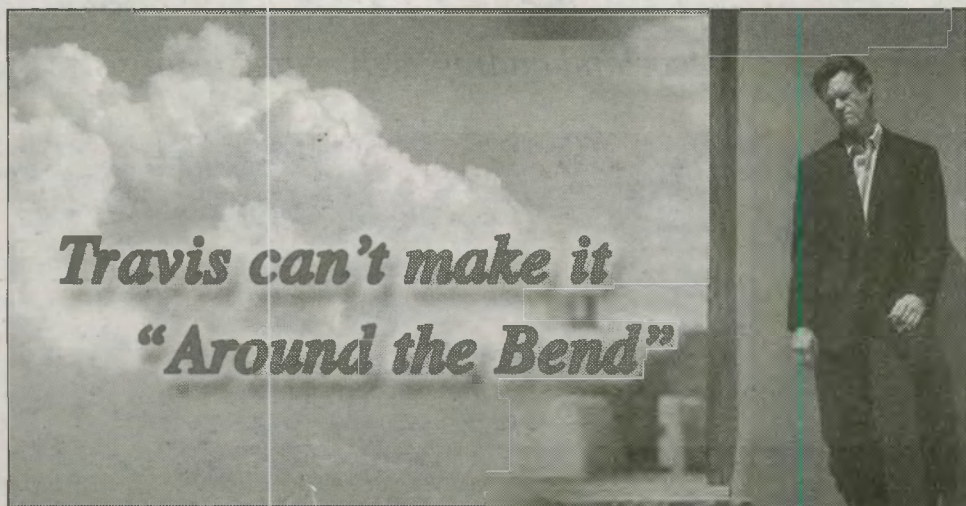
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The cast of the Actors from the London Stage production of "The Taming of the Shrew" came to the University in the spring of this year.



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From left, Will Ashcroft, Charlotte Allam, Chris Donnelly, Brigid Zengeni and Dan Winter performed in the fall AFTLS 2007 production of "Macbeth."



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By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

A wise man once said that the perfect country song possesses lyrics concerning "mama, trains, trucks, prison, and getting drunk." "Around the Bend," Randy Travis' latest release, does not have that air of perfection, but an ode to KFC is present and readily available.

Country music itself has often been a source of anger and frustration to music lovers. It is quite common within society to proclaim an eclectic taste but deny country a place within that listing. Despite a huge following in the south and Midwest, country has yet to gather as much steam.

Randy Travis, hot off his series of Christian country releases, returns with his 17th studio album in 22 years of work. His first purely non-Christian album since 1999's "A Man Ain't Made of Stone," he has created another album of completely generic country music. The turnaround for creating country albums seems dreadfully short, but that should not be used to diminish the value and quality of the music. The value and quality of the music instead should be the factors that affect the albums themselves.

Randy Travis was the first country music performer to have multi-platinum success. This led to widespread fame,

but a decline in his popularity in the 90's led him to try a different formula. His gospel records were popular, with some singles even breaking into the Billboard charts, but nothing could quite recapture the success he had previously enjoyed. Married to his longtime collaborator Elizabeth "Lib" Hatcher, Travis is clearly dedicated to his career and hoping to continue to entertain and create. Despite being a country musician, he has also collected a fair amount of acting credits throughout his career.

Despite going as high as No. 3 on the Country Music Charts, "Around the Bend" provides neither particularly memorable singles nor a solid CD worth of tunes. The two released singles, "Faith In You" and "Dig Two Graves," also had very limited success, failing to break onto the charts. The album itself is traditional country, and makes for fantastic background music due to its circular nature. Travis seems to have found a niche to fill — diehard fans will love the new album, and country fans will find enough within it to appreciate. It has a repetitive nature, but that is often a weakness in country music. The same instruments and variations on a theme provide limited variety and most enjoyment comes from the plethora of different country singers.

For the majority of fans, this will be an enjoyable performance by Randy Travis filled with enough of the good stuff to satisfy. For the rest of those who happen to hear this album and aren't already fans, it is probably best used as a coaster or bookend, or a way to impress that country lovin' friend of yours.

Fortunately for Travis, his career does not show any signs of slowing down, and his fans will no doubt appreciate this latest collection.

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Randy Travis

Around the Bend

Released by: Warner Bros.

Recommended Tracks: "Dig Two Graves" and "Every Head Bowed."

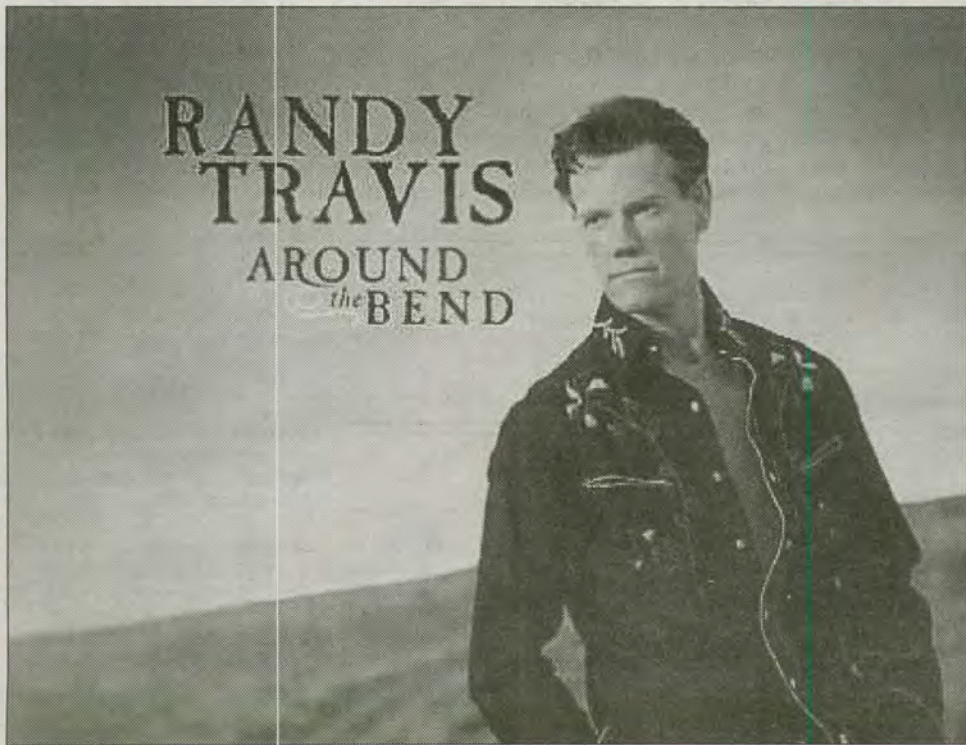
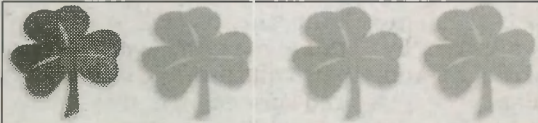
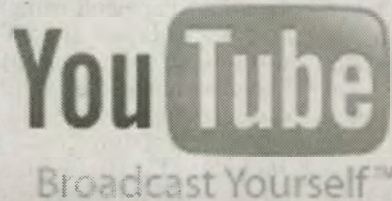


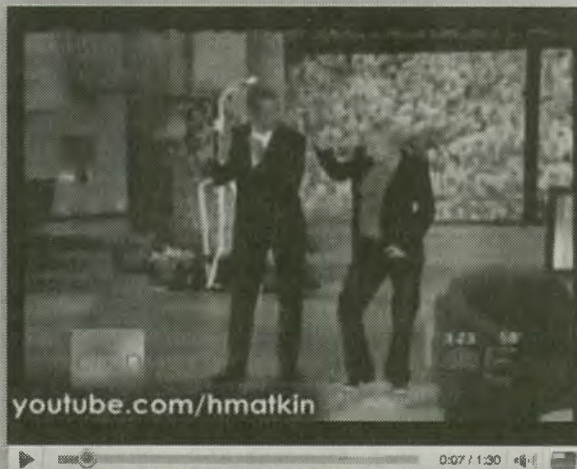
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Country star Randy Travis has released his 17th studio album, "Around the Bend." Travis also specializes in Christian music.

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MLB

Lester's gem brings Red Sox to 1/2 game of Rays

Huff's grand slam sparks seven-run sixth inning; helps Baltimore defeat Cleveland ending eight game losing streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jon Lester pitched into the eighth inning, Jason Bay homered in a three-run first and the surging Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night to move within a half-game of the struggling AL East leaders.

Playing before their 456th straight regular-season sellout crowd, a new major league record, the Red Sox closed with in a half-game of the division lead for the first time since July 23.

Boston improved to 6-1 in its last seven games while Tampa Bay is 1-6 in that same stretch after losing its fourth straight. The Rays were shut out for the second consecutive day for the first time this year, having lost 1-0 at Toronto on Sunday.

They dropped to 0-7 at Fenway Park this season and could fall out of first place on Tuesday night in the second game of the three-game series. The teams wrap up their season series with three games at Tampa Bay starting next Monday.

Boston leads the majors with 14 shutouts.

Lester (14-5) matched his season high with nine strikeouts, accomplished in his no-hitter against Kansas City on May 19. He allowed six hits and three walks in 7 2/3 innings.

With two outs in the eighth, Lester gave up a single to Ben Zobrist and a ground-rule dou-

ble to Carlos Pena, putting runners at second and third. Jonathan Papelbon came in and struck out Rocco Baldelli, who fanned in all four at-bats. Papelbon finished up for his 36th save in 40 opportunities.

Lester outpitched Edwin Jackson (11-10), who settled down after the three-run first and finished with six strikeouts while giving up eight hits and two walks in seven innings. Jackson had won six of seven decisions before his worst start of the season, a 9-3 loss to the New York Yankees last Wednesday in which he allowed six runs in 3 1-3 innings.

Mark Kotsay, the first batter Jackson faced, started the rally with a walk and then scored on a one-out double by David Ortiz. Ortiz scored on a single by Kevin Youkilis, who was thrown out in a rundown between first and second.

Bay followed with his sixth homer since being traded by Pittsburgh on July 31 and his 28th of the season.

Before the game, Red Sox owners John Henry and Tom Werner, president Larry Lucchino and players greeted some of the 37,662 fans who attended the record-breaking sellout. Since the streak began on May 15, 2003, the total attendance at the 456 games is 16,336,192.

The Cleveland Indians set the previous record from June 1995 to April 2001 at Jacobs Field.



Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester throws a pitch during Boston's 3-0 win over Tampa Bay Monday. Lester pitched 7 2/3 innings and had nine strikeouts.

Baltimore 14, Cleveland 3

It's been this kind of year for Aubrey Huff: After missing two games to attend the birth of his first child, he went 3-for-5 with a grand slam.

Huff's fourth career slam capped a seven-run sixth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles ended an eight-game losing streak by defeating the Cleveland Indians Monday night.

Back in the cleanup spot after welcoming a boy into the world, Huff hit his 31st homer and upped his RBI total to 102. Last season he finished with 15 home runs and 72 RBIs.

"Last year was just one of those years where everything stunk. This is one of those years when everything's been pretty good," Huff said. "That's just baseball."

Luke Scott, Adam Jones and Ramon Hernandez also homered for the Orioles, who had lost 13 of 14. Jones ended an 0-for-16 skid with three hits and four RBIs.

Only 11,181 watched Baltimore's second win since Aug. 20, but manager Dave Trembley said the long-awaited win was "good for the team and good for the fans. We played very good baseball tonight."

Asdrubal Cabrera went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs for the Indians, and Shin-Soo Choo had two hits to extend his hit-

ting streak to 12 games. Choo has reached safely in 28 straight games since Aug. 25.

Baltimore trailed 3-2 before sending 10 batters to the plate in the sixth. After two walks and a single loaded the bases with no outs, Fausto Carmona (8-6) struck out Lou Montanez. Pinch-hitter Oscar Salazar then bounced a two-run single to left, and Carmona was removed after walking Brian Roberts to reload the bases.

"Fausto was doing OK," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "When he got to the sixth inning, it got away from him."

Speaking through a translator, Carmona said: "A lot of times, it's been one inning where they've scored a lot of runs. Next time out, I'm going to concentrate on getting through that inning."

Jones greeted Juan Rincon with an RBI single, and after Nick Markakis struck out, Huff drove a 2-0 pitch into the right-field seats. It was the 11th grand slam allowed by Cleveland, a club record and the most in the majors.

"Sometimes things come in bunches, and that has this year. I don't think it's one particular thing you look at," Wedge said. "Obviously, we've had our struggles in the bullpen this year — put a lot of people on base. The more you do that, the more there's an opportunity for somebody to do

that."

Huff is close to having a career year; his best season came with Tampa Bay in 2003, when he had 34 home runs and 107 RBIs.

"We've been repetitive in saying he's been a legitimate No. 4 hitter for us," Trembley said. "He's just been real good, especially with guys on base."

Jones hit a three-run homer and Hernandez added a two-run shot in the eighth, both off Brendan Donnelly.

Orioles starter Garrett Olson (9-7) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings. The left-hander was 0-2 with an 11.81 ERA in his previous four starts.

"My biggest focus tonight [was] not trying to press, just going out there and being myself the whole time," Olson said. "Not trying to do too much, being aggressive and letting my defense play behind me. When you do that and you keep the team close as the game goes on, eventually the bats will start to come through. And sure enough, they did."

After Cleveland got a two-out RBI double from Cabrera in the second, a run-scoring grounder by Scott tied it in the bottom half.

Cabrera hit an RBI single and Franklin Gutierrez followed with a sacrifice fly to put the Indians up 3-1 in the fourth.



Orioles third baseman Aubrey Huff hits a grand slam helping Baltimore to a 14-3 win over Cleveland Monday.

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NSCAA Men's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Wake Forest	2-0	1
2	Boston College	1-1	4
3	Connecticut	1-0-1	2
4	Creighton	1-0	6
5	Akron	1-0-1	12
6	Indiana	1-0-1	7
7	SMU	2-0	17
8	NOTRE DAME	1-1	3
9	Maryland	1-1	8
10	Ohio State	2-0	9
11	California	2-0	NR
12	Brown	0-0	11
13	Virginia Tech	1-0-1	10
14	South Florida	1-0	18
15	North Carolina	2-0	24
16	Northwestern	2-0	20
17	Bradley	2-0	21
18	Tulsa	1-0-1	23
19	UCLA	1-1	14
20	Santa Clara	0-2	5
21	UC Santa Barbara	1-0	21
22	St. John's	2-0	NR
23	Saint Louis	0-0-2	19
24	Charlotte	2-0	NR
25	Illinois-Chicago	1-0-1	16

NSCAA Women's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	USC	2-0	1
2	UCLA	2-0	3
3	North Carolina	3-0	2
4	Florida State	3-0	5
5	NOTRE DAME	3-0	4
6	Virginia	2-0	7
7	Stanford	3-0	10
8	Texas	3-0	8
9	Portland	1-1	6
10	Penn State	2-1	9
11	Texas A&M	3-1	13
12	Duke	3-0	16
13	West Virginia	2-1	11
14	Boston College	2-1	15
15	Illinois	3-0	18
16	Santa Clara	2-1	21
17	Wake Forest	3-0	20
18	Oklahoma State	2-0	23
19	Connecticut	1-2	12
20	Tennessee	1-2	14
21	California	2-1	17
22	Georgia	2-1	19
23	Florida	2-1-1	22
24	CS Fullerton	3-0	NR
25	Kansas	2-0	NR

MIAA Women's Soccer Conference Standings

	Team	Record	W-L
1	Kalamazoo		3-1
2	Adrian		2-1
3	Calvin		2-1
4	Alma		1-2
5	Hope		1-3
6	Olivet		1-3
7	Albion		0-2
8	SAINT MARY'S		0-3
9	Trine		0-4

NFL



Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers makes his first career Lambeau Leap after rushing for a touchdown in the Packers' 24-19 win over Minnesota Monday night. Rodgers also threw for a touchdown in

Rodgers gets the win in Packer debut

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers passed his first test as the Green Bay Packers' new quarterback, throwing for 178 yards and a touchdown and scoring on a game-clinching sneak in a 24-19 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night.

Rodgers, who was 18-of-22, got help from the Packers' special teams, running back Ryan Grant and safety Atari Bigby to beat a bitter division rival in his first regular-season start, which came in the wake of Brett Favre's off-season unretirement saga.

"I'm happy we won, and that he played well," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "That's what's important. I don't really get caught up in all the other things. And it's important for him not to, too."

Will Blackmon's 76-yard punt return gave Green Bay a 17-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Minnesota's Tarvaris Jackson answered with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Sidney Rice on fourth-and-1 to cut the Packers' lead to five with 14:12 remaining. But a 2-point conversion attempt failed when Jackson threw a pass slightly behind Rice in the back of the end

zone.

Grant then broke free for a 57-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, giving the Packers (1-0) first-and-goal at the 2. After a penalty against the Vikings (0-1), Rodgers was stuffed on his first attempt at a quarterback sneak but plunged into the end zone on the second try.

Rodgers acknowledged he was happy to get his first start out of the way, but generally seemed to be enjoying life as the No. 1 quarterback.

"Tonight, knowing I was going to get the first snap was pretty special," Rodgers said. "And running out of the tunnel to

the electric atmosphere that we had, it was a pretty special night."

After scoring on the sneak, Rodgers emphatically spiked the ball and jumped into the stands for a "Lambeau Leap" as Green Bay took a 24-12 lead with 6:03 remaining.

"I've been dreaming about that for four years, to be honest," Rodgers said.

Jackson then led the Vikings on an 11-play drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by Adrian Peterson, cutting the Packers' lead to 24-19 with 2:39 remaining.

An onside kick attempt by Ryan Longwell bounced out of bounds,

IN BRIEF

Phelps donates \$1 million to own charity

BALTIMORE — Michael Phelps is starting his own charity and the swimmer who won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics made the first donation by committing the \$1 million bonus he earned for his golden haul.

The Michael Phelps Foundation will launch an eight-city U.S. tour in collaboration with Speedo, Phelps' swimsuit sponsor that paid him the bonus, to visit children and share his Olympic experiences.

The tour will feature an education program called "Dream, Plan, Reach" to give children a game plan to lead healthy, active lives.

"My goals reach beyond the pool, to helping others realize their dreams, and continuing to grow the sport I love so much," Phelps said in a statement. "I feel it's only appropriate that I continue the momentum that Speedo helped to create."

Armstrong wants to return to cycling

Lance Armstrong's reported comeback won't take place with the Astana cycling team.

"He is not part of our team," Astana team press officer Philippe Maertens told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "Team Astana has no plans with him."

The cycling journal VeloNews, citing anonymous sources, reported on its Web site Monday that the 36-year-old seven-time Tour de France champion would compete in the Tour and four other road races with Astana in 2009.

But Astana team director Johan Bruyneel, who was with Armstrong for all seven Tour wins from 1999-2005, told cyclingnews.com that he was unaware of any Armstrong comeback.

"I don't know where the rumors come from," the Web site quoted him as saying.

Bolt receives hero's welcome in Jamaica

KINGSTON — Prime Minister Bruce Golding and hundreds of Jamaicans welcomed triple Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt home on Monday after his triumphs in Beijing.

"We're planning some great things for Usain and the other members of the Jamaican team who made us so proud at the Beijing Olympics," Golding said.

Hundreds of flag-waving Jamaicans waited along the road outside the airport hoping to get a glimpse of Bolt as he was taken by a convertible in a motorcade to a hotel where he will hold a news conference.

"I am happy to be back home. I expected some amount of support but I never knew that so many people would be here to meet me," Bolt told Reuters before his motorcade departed the airport.

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US OPEN

Federer silences doubters with convincing win

Swiss champion wins fifth consecutive U.S. Open, 13th Grand Slam title, one shy of Sampras' all-time record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No matter what anyone else said or thought, Roger Federer knew he was still capable of elite tennis.

Knew he was still capable of winning Grand Slam titles.

Knew he was still Roger Federer.

Back at his best, back at the top of tennis, Federer easily beat Andy Murray 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 Monday to win his fifth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 13th major title overall.

Federer is the first man since Bill Tilden in the 1920s to win the tournament that many times in a row. He also moved within one major championship of tying Pete Sampras' career record of 14.

"One thing's for sure," Federer said in an on-court interview. "I'm not going to stop at 13. That would be terrible."

The victory clearly came as something of a relief to Federer, who has struggled during a lackluster-only-for-him season. He lost in the semifinals at the Australian Open, and to nemesis Rafael Nadal in the finals of the French Open and Wimbledon, meaning Federer was on the verge of his first year since 2002 without a major title. And his record streak of 237 consecutive weeks at No. 1 ended last month when Nadal surpassed him.

"I had a couple of tough Grand Slams this year ... so to take this one home is incredible," Federer said. "It means the world to me."

But the sixth-seeded Murray upset Nadal in the semifinals at Flushing Meadows to reach his first Grand Slam championship match, and Federer had no trouble this time — even though he had lost two of his previous three matches against the Scotsman.

"I came up against, in my opinion, the best player ever to play the game," said Murray, who tried to give Britain its first men's major champion in 72 years. "He definitely set the record straight today."

At 21, here's how young he is: When Federer was winning his first U.S. Open title in 2004, Murray was taking the U.S. Open junior trophy.

"I'm not as nervous any more, like in my first final," Federer said during a prematch TV interview.

Perhaps he was trying to plant doubt in Murray's head. The youngster was standing around the corner, waiting to walk out onto the court, probably already thinking about what it would feel like to be on that stage, with those stakes, against that opponent.

With his bushy hair peeking out from under his gray-and-white baseball cap, unshaven whiskers on his face, and that loping gait, Murray looks much like the college student he otherwise might be if not so talented at tennis.

Federer, coincidentally, was the same age when he played in his first Grand Slam final, back in 2003 at Wimbledon. Except Federer won that, and has kept winning major championship matches against everyone except Nadal.

Indeed, Murray can consider himself in good company: Federer's other four finals at Flushing Meadows came against four men who have won Grand

Slam titles: Lleyton Hewitt, Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick and Novak Djokovic.

"I'm sure we're going to see much more of Andy in the future," said the second-seeded Federer, who dominated every facet of this final.

He accumulated a 36-16 advantage in winners, a 7-2 count in breaks of serve, and won the point on 31 of 44 trips to the net, compared with a 7-for-11 showing by Murray.

Murray — assured of rising to a career-best No. 4 in the rankings — stood about 10 feet behind the baseline to return serves, exactly the way he did in upsetting Nadal in their two-day, rain-interrupted semifinal over the weekend. And Murray did display flashes of the get-to-every-ball defense he used against Nadal, including one pretty flick of a lob by Federer with his back to the net.

But Federer, who might have benefited from an extra day to rest because his semifinal wasn't affected by Tropical Storm Hanna, was simply too much for Murray.

Too good.

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Too experienced.

Too, well, Federeresque.

At only one juncture did Murray really throw a scare into his opponent on this day, taking 11 of 12 points to go from 2-0 down in the second set to 2-all and love-40 on Federer's serve. Federer saved the first of those break points, and on the second, they engaged in a 14-stroke rally that ended with Murray missing a backhand. TV replays, though, showed one of Federer's shots during the rally should have been called out — and had it been, Murray would have had a break and a 3-2 lead in the set.

But there was no call, and no reprieve, because Federer stayed steady enough to save the third break point there and go on to hold serve.

"That was key," Federer said. "After that, I began to play freely, the way I usually do."

In the next game, Murray began flexing his right leg, clutching at that knee and looking up at his substantial support group in the guest box, a gathering that included his mother, his two coaches and his two fitness trainers.

Federer later broke Murray at love in the last game of the second set, closing it on a 10-stroke point that was a thing of beauty. First, Federer extended the point with some superb court coverage, and then — shifting from defense to offense in a blink — he ended it with a forehand passing winner.

Federer turned to his guest box

— which included his pal, Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour — and bellowed, punching down with his right fist.

This is how he is supposed to play.

This is how these Grand Slam finals are supposed to go.

Not his lopsided loss to Nadal on clay at Roland Garros. Or his heartbreakingly narrow loss — 9-7 in the fifth set as the light disappeared — on grass at the All England Club. Those were two of Federer's 12 losses by August in 2008, more than he had in any entire season from 2004-07. He also arrived in New York with only two titles from minor events, and none on the type of hard courts used at the U.S. Open.

Federer's year began sluggishly as he dealt with a bout of mononucleosis, something he said affected his preparation later in the season as he played catch-up.

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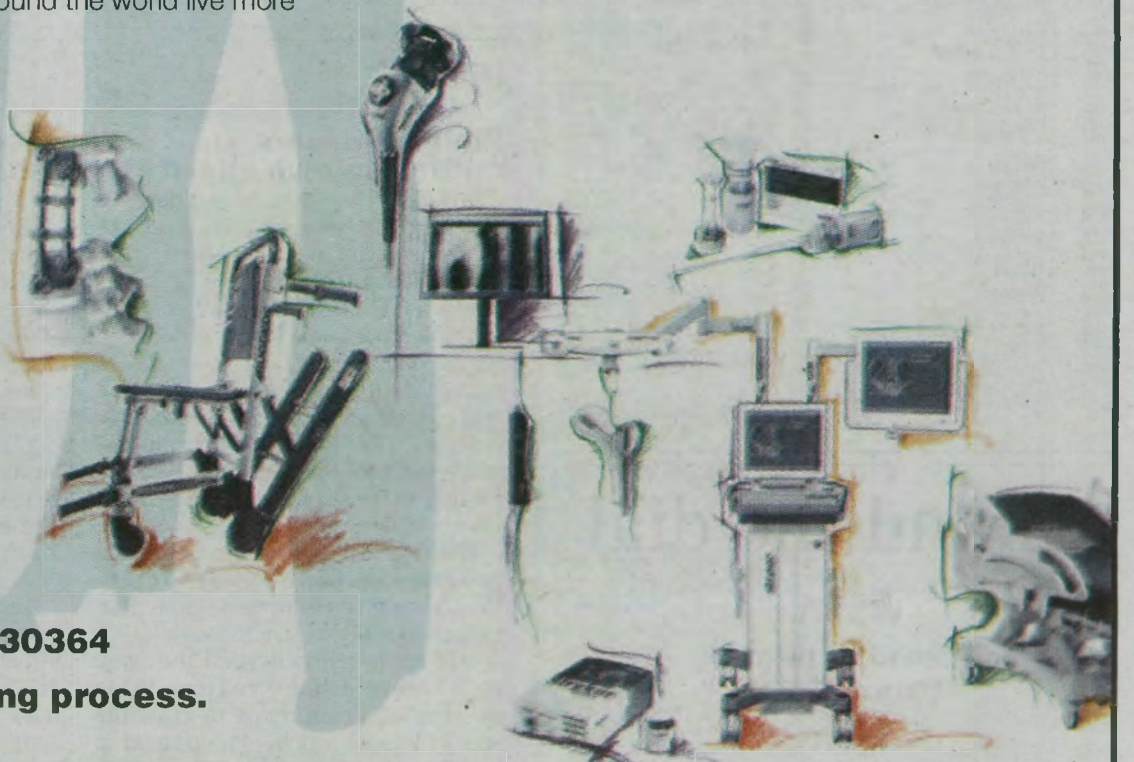
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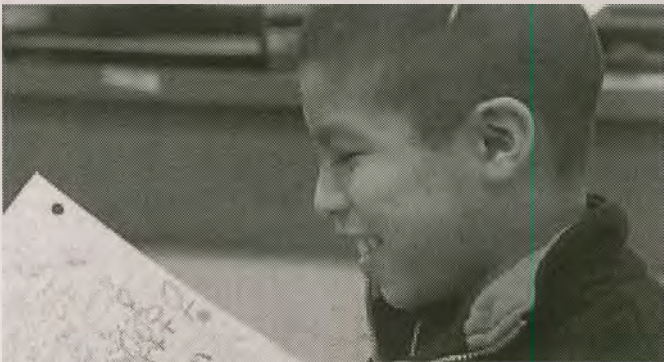
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NFL

Pollard says Brady's injury was an accident



Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard injures Patriots quarterback Tom Brady during New England's 17-10 win Sunday.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The man who delivered the hit that ended Tom Brady's season insists he was not trying to hurt last year's NFL MVP.

"It was really an accident," said Kansas City's Bernard Pollard. "I can't change what happened. I can't do anything but pray for him and hope he has a speedy recovery."

Early in the Patriots' 17-10 victory, Pollard came on a safety blitz and was fighting through the block of running back Sammy Morris. Crawling forward, he got hold of Brady's left knee just as Brady was planting to make a long throw to Randy Moss.

"As soon as the play happened, I said, 'Oh, man.' When I heard him scream, I knew it was serious," said the third-year safety. "I came back to the sideline and told (coach Herm Edwards) 'That dude's hurt. But it was not intentional, coach, man, I'm sorry.'"

The league said Monday the hit was clean.

"It is not a foul because the defensive player was coming off and affected by a block by the offense," said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello. The replay was reviewed by Mike Pereira, the supervisor of officials.

But Pollard said he's sure that many people will agree with Moss that it was a dirty hit.

"I know one of their teammates called me a dirty player. If you see the play, I was not being dirty at all," Pollard said. "I was trying to get up and my momentum took me forward with 230 pounds on my back. I've never been a dirty player. You ask my teammates. You ask any of my coaches."

Drafted in the second round in 2006 out of Purdue, Pollard became a starter in 2007 and has acquired a reputation as a quiet, studious young player and hard-hitting tackler.

He said he'd received messages of support from friends and fans.

"Everybody is saying, 'Keep your head up,'" he said. "My head's up. I do still have a little bit of pain that he's down and out right now. But I have to be a pro. If I'm going to be a player for the Kansas City Chiefs, my teammates expect me to go out there and do my job every play, every game."

Pollard's teammates were making a point to console him.

"Bernard feels terrible" said quarterback Damon Huard, who came into the game in the third quarter when Chiefs starter Brodie Croyle sustained a shoulder injury that could sideline him for a while.

Huard, a former backup to Brady and a good friend of the Patriots star, said the injury was just an unfortunate accident "that happens in football."

"When you're making a long throw, you usually take a bigger stride," he said. "And Tom was just totally stretched out and extended and Bernard just tried to reach out for him and caught him at the right time."

"Bernard feels bad about it. He really does."

Cornerback Patrick Surtain, an 11-year veteran and leader of the youthful secondary, said no one who knows Pollard would think he tried to hurt anyone.

"It could have been any quarterback in the league," Surtain said. "The guy was on his knees, basically crawling to get to him."

Pollard said he would not be surprised if he comes to be known around the country as the player who knocked Brady out for the year.

"He's a really good guy. He's not only the NFL face, but he's the face of magazines, and people love him." But it still doesn't sidestep the fact that he plays for the National Football League. He plays football. He ties his shoe just like I tie my shoes to get ready for a game. He puts his mouthpiece in to keep all his teeth in, just like I do.

"I'm not talking any trash on him at all. He is the face of the NFL. But at the same time, he is a player. I just hope for a speedy recovery. I hope it's not as bad as everybody is saying."

Pollard said he would not do anything different.

"My thing is, the call's been brought in by our coaches and I just lay on the ground, then everybody's saying, 'Bernard's showing no effort on this play.' Then I'm not a dirty player but I'm a bad player, or not a good teammate because I don't have effort."

"We can't turn back the hands of time. I just wish him a speedy recovery."

NFL

Browns pick up pieces after Dallas debacle

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — For kicker Phil Dawson, it was a Monday like so many others over the past decade.

One day after Cleveland began a season of great expectations by unexpectedly getting embarrassed 28-10 in its opener by the Dallas Cowboys, Dawson, a Browns lifer and the only player who has been with the club since its 1999 expansion reincarnation, offered some perspective on a loss that isn't sitting well with the locals.

"It's not time to panic," said Dawson, 1-9 in NFL openers. "It's time to figure out how to improve. We just did not play good enough. This is a 16-chapter book and yesterday was the first chapter."

"It wasn't a good one but we still have a lot of the book to read."

With a nationally televised Sunday night game with the Pittsburgh Steelers up next, the Browns can't turn the pages on the Dallas debacle fast enough.

The 'Boys manhandled them. Now, they have to make sure the Steelers don't, too.

Pittsburgh has dominated Cleveland in one of the league's most bitter rivalries. The Steelers have won nine straight, 15 of 16 and 22 of 25 since 1994.

"You could put this game in April and Browns-Steelers is important," Dawson said. "This isn't just any week, it's Steelers Week and I think that's a good thing. I think it will help us move forward. If we had a bye week or something right now I think that we'd sit around and think about how horribly we played."

Putting aside the frighteningly lopsided statistics — Dallas prevailed in first downs 30-11; total yards 487-205; and time of possession 37:22 to 22:31 — the Browns are taking comfort in that they've been through something similar. Last season, they were overrun 34-7 by Pittsburgh in the season opener but bounced back to win seven straight at home and finish 10-6.

As they prepared to watch Sunday's film, the Browns were looking ahead by remembering their past.

"Same thing happened last year," defensive tackle Shaun Smith said. "We gave up a lot more yards against Pittsburgh. You've got to look at the positive note. There's still 15 more games left. We should be all right."

Smith's recollection is a bit fuzzy since the Steelers only gained 365 yards a year ago. But he's on the mark in pointing out that the Browns have a lot of schedule left to turn things around — or completely fall apart.

Just as he did Sunday, Browns coach Romeo Crennel lamented missed opportunities against the Cowboys. Wide

receiver Braylon Edwards dropped several passes, including one that would have been a sure TD, and linebacker Andra Davis had a possible interception of Tony Romo slip through his hands.

Crennel was doing his best to put a positive spin on his fourth straight loss in openers since taking over the Browns in 2005. But the truth of the matter is that his team, especially his defense, was no match for a Dallas' galaxy of offensive stars.

Cleveland's pass rush, a major concern heading into the season, was nonexistent. When the Browns rushed three linemen in the first half, Romo had enough time to drop back, go through his downfield checks and even revisit a few before finally throwing. He finished 24-of-32 for 320 yards.

Without safety Brodney Pool (concussion), the Browns didn't have anyone to cover tight end Jason Witten, who blistered them for huge gains. And because they couldn't get to Romo, it put more pressure on cornerback Brandon McDonald, who did all he could to stay with wide receiver Terrell Owens.

"We couldn't stop Witten. We couldn't stop T.O. We couldn't stop Romo," Crennel said. "Those are the guys we knew they were going to go to, and we couldn't stop them."

Because of injuries, the Browns' first-team offense didn't take one snap together during the exhibition season and the lack of playing time hurt their cohesion. Edwards missed three preseason games with a cut foot and quarterback Derek Anderson sat two with a concussion. Their time apart contributed to a few miscommunications.

Making matters worse, the Browns were without Pro Bowl kick returner Josh Cribbs (ankle) and they lost wide receiver Donte Stallworth when he injured his leg during pregame warmups. Crennel said Stallworth, one of the club's biggest offseason acquisitions, was expected to undergo further tests.


Their absences forced the Browns to use Steve Sanders and Syndric Steptoe — two practice squad players a year ago — in their offensive rotation.

Cribbs was "heartbroken" when Crennel told him shortly before kickoff that he wouldn't play. Standing on the sideline in street clothes, he watched helplessly as his teammates laid another giant egg in another opener. But there's always next week, and for the Browns, that's all that matters.

"When the clock ticked to zero and we knew the game was out of our hands, the fans were saying, 'You got seven days to get it right for Pittsburgh,'" Cribbs said. "We're going to do everything we can."

"It wasn't a good one, but we still have a lot of the book to read."

Phil Dawson
Browns kicker

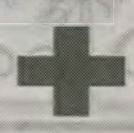



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Belles

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Kaela Hellman, who leads the Saint Mary's squad with 69 kills.

Saint Mary's will dive right in to their conference schedule this week. After taking of Hope

tonight they face off against Olivet at home on Thursday night. The team needs to put their rough start against Adrian behind them and build on the non-conference wins to keep momentum going this week.

No members of the team were available for comment.

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Faith

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Rudolph didn't get beat pass-blocking. Asaph Schwapp made two or three big blocks to open running lanes.

So what does this mean? It doesn't forecast another 3-9 season, but it also doesn't lock up a BCS bowl for the Irish. It means the team's improving. The offensive line didn't get great push, in the running game, but kept Clausen on his feet. That's an improvement. Clausen threw two interceptions (neither of which were really his fault) but led an effective no-huddle offense. That's an improvement.

Robert Hughes and Armando Allen each fumbled, but gained decent yardage on the ground. That's an improvement.

At this point it's all about improvement. The storm clouds are still swirling overhead, but the lightning bolts are becoming less frequent and sun is

shining through in the distance.

Let's not forget the effect a win has on a team. Notre Dame can begin to rid itself of the macabre atmosphere it must have carried last season. The team has confidence now. Confidence doesn't necessarily translate into production, but it translates into emotion.

Whether the Irish can channel emotion into production remains to be seen.

The outcome of Saturday's game doesn't indicate a win over Michigan, nor does it predict a defeat. But when you take the good with the bad, it says the Irish have their problems,

but they have improved and will continue to do so as the season progresses.

When that sun pokes through the clouds is up for debate, but the sky in the distance look much friendlier.

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Notre Dame can begin to rid itself of the macabre atmosphere it must have carried last season. The team has confidence now.

MLB

Wagner done for the year



New York closer Billy Wagner is scheduled to have surgery on the MCL in his pitching elbow which will most likely land him on the bench until the beginning of the 2010 season.

The New York closer could be done for all of next season as well

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billy Wagner is out for the rest of this season and likely all of next.

The New York Mets closer will have surgery after an MRI on Monday showed a torn medial collateral ligament in his pitching elbow has gotten worse during more than a month of rehabilitation. His injury could send the Mets into the free-agent market for a top reliever this winter, perhaps prompting them to pursue Francisco Rodriguez.

"It does change your thinking," general manager Omar Minaya said. "Any guy that we run out there is not going to be a proven guy. So, you know, until you have a proven guy, you can't say you're comfortable."

A five-time All-Star, Wagner also has a torn flexor pronator, which is a muscle in the forearm. When he tested his arm Sunday at Shea Stadium

by facing teammate Gustavo Molina, Wagner hit the reserve catcher on the left foot with his 13th pitch, then walked off the field.

"The tear is now big enough that the doctors are recommending so-called Tommy John surgery," Minaya said. "If all goes well, he will be able to return to pitch in about a year's time following the surgery."

The left-hander has converted 101 of 118 regular-season save chances since signing with New York before the 2006 season, but has not pitched since Aug. 2.

When the Mets put Wagner on the disabled list three days later, they described the injury as a strained left forearm. Minaya said Monday that an MRI that day revealed the tear but that Wagner and the team thought there was a chance he could pitch through it.

"There's a lot of guys that pitch with tears, especially when you're 37 years old," Minaya said. "The question is how these tears hold up and in what areas. But if you were to take an MRI of a lot of 37-year-old pitchers,

they'll be showing you tears."

Wagner is owed \$10.5 million next year, the final guaranteed season of a \$43 million, four-year contract with the Mets, and the team holds an \$8 million option for 2010 with a \$1 million buyout. Minaya thought there was a chance Wagner might return to the mound next September.

While Minaya mentioned that the Mets could go with internal options, the best available closer on the market will be K-Rod, who began Monday with 55 saves for the Los Angeles Angels. He could get a four- or five-year contract in excess of the \$15 million average Mariano Rivera is making with the Yankees.

"You have certain allotted dollars that you're going to invest in putting the team together," Minaya said. "That was an area that I was not expecting that I was going to need to have to have a lot of dollars."

Before Monday night's home game against the New York Yankees, Rodriguez didn't want to comment on the Mets' situation.

"I don't want to answer that question. Right now I only want to talk about today's game. I don't know what's going to happen in the future," he said.

While Wagner has repeatedly said he intends to retire when this contract concludes, Minaya wasn't certain that would be the case, cautioning: "How many guys have said, 'That will be my last year,' and then come back?"

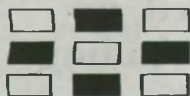
Minaya also thought Wagner would want to reach 400 saves—he is 15 shy.

"If Billy wants to pitch again, he will pitch again. It's going to be in Billy's court," he said. "I still think Billy, he's a good enough athlete, he's a hard worker, determined, I think if he wants to pitch, he will have the opportunity to pitch."

New York began Monday with a two-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East and is 22-11 since Wagner's last appearance. Luis Ayala, acquired from Washington last month in a trade, is 5-for-6 in save chances for the Mets.

"The guys have done a very good job stepping up," Minaya said.

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points per game as a sophomore and is second behind Austin Carr on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list with 2,223 points.

Irish basketball coach Mike Brey, who was at the induction ceremony in Springfield, Mass. along with former coach Digger Phelps, said he attended DeMatha (Md.) High School basketball camps when Dantley was a high school player there. Dantley was always around working out and practicing, he said, and he would sometimes come and talk to the campers.

"The thing I remember about him was his work ethic," Brey said. "The guy was a flat out machine as a worker. He was one of the first guys that was into weight lifting. He was one of the first guys that was into nutrition."

In his junior year with the Irish, Dantley was fourth in the nation in scoring, averaging 28.6 points per game. He averaged 25.8 points per game in his career and made 615 free throws, more than anyone else in Notre Dame

history.

He skipped his senior season to enter the NBA draft.

The Buffalo Braves drafted Dantley sixth overall in the 1976 draft, and he won the NBA Rookie of the Year in 1977. He went on to play for the Pacers, Lakers, Jazz, Pistons, Mavericks and Bucks in his career, led the NBA in scoring twice and was named an All-Star six times. From 1981-1984

Dantley averaged over 30 points per game and is still 18th on the all-time scoring list.

After his playing days were over, Dantley went on to coach as an assistant at Towson University for two years. He is

currently an assistant coach for the Denver Nuggets.

Dantley was inducted this weekend along with a slew of household hoop names including Hakeem Olajuwon, Patrick Ewing, Pat Riley, Dick Vitale, Detroit Pistons owner Bill Davidson and women's basketball coach Cathy Rush.

"It was just a powerful night for our program and me personally," Brey said. "I thought the talk he gave us was fabulous."

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

USF

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Francisco. Their 14-over 298 trails leader California by 11 strokes.

The Golden Bears (287) go into the second round with a narrow 4-stroke lead over host USF, who sits in second with a 7-over 291. Senior Adam West of UAB shot the low round of the day with a 2-under 69.

Although erratic, the Irish golfers showed flashes of brilliance and head coach Jim Kubinski is confident in his young squad.

"As with any sport, you're not sure exactly what you have until you begin to compete," Kubinski said. "I like our young group, though. They've shown signs already of being a special group. We're excited to get started and will just try to keep improving throughout the season."

Irish junior Doug Fortner, whose 67 at Ballybunion last month is quickly becoming the stuff of Notre Dame legend, bogeyed seven of his first eleven holes to start the day. He responded with a birdie on 12 and finished the first round with a 6-over 77.

Junior Carlos Santos-Ocampo began the day with a brilliant eagle at the 533-yard, par 5 first, but shot two bogeys and a double bogey in quick succession. He is fresh off his appearance in match play at the U.S. Amateur Tournament — the first Irish golfer in four decades to reach

match play at that tournament.

Santos-Ocampo scattered three birdies, two double bogeys, and a bogey over the rest of the round to finish the day 4-over at 75.

Sophomore Connor Alan Lee shot a disappointing 7-over 78, with no birdies. Fellow sophomore Tyler Hock sat at 3-over after 15 holes, but birdied two of his final three to end the day with a solid 72, the low Irish round of the day. Sophomore Jeff Chen's day began promisingly, taking the turn one under par, but bogeyed four of his final eight holes to end up at plus 3 with a 74. In total, the underclassmen put up the two low rounds of the day for Notre Dame.

"Both [sophomores] Connor Alan-Lee and Tyler Hock played multiple events last season and put together impressive stretches at times," Kubinski said. "They look to be stronger players this season as both have worked hard and gone through a natural maturation from their frosh campaigns. Jeff Chen is the newcomer to the lineup. He's a very consistent player with a very, very good short game. Jeff plays intelligently. I look for him to be very steady in our lineup."

The second round finished late Monday night. The third and final round begins this morning at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start.

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Schedule

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smacked a couple times, and we're going to have to be resilient and not panic."

Notre Dame returns four starters from last season, including Big East Player of the Year Luke Harangody, and is expected to contend for the conference title this year. But to win that crown, the Irish will have to navigate the always tough Big East schedule.

Notre Dame will face a crucial test early in its Big East schedule, when it faces a daunting five-game stretch beginning on the road at Louisville on Jan. 12. The Irish follow that with a trip to the Carrier Dome to take on Syracuse on Jan. 17, then return home for games against Connecticut on Jan. 24 and Marquette on Jan. 26 and finish the stretch with a trip to Pittsburgh on Jan. 31. ESPN's College Gameday will visit the Joyce Center for the first time for the Connecticut game.

"There's so many good ones on our schedule ..." Brey said. "It's going to be an unbelievable experience and a great challenge."

On Feb. 7, Notre Dame will head to Los Angeles to renew its rivalry with UCLA. It'll be the first meeting between the two teams since 2004.

The Irish will face Indiana on Nov. 24 to open the Maui Invitational and depending on how they fare, will play either Texas or St. Joseph's in round two, and possibly North Carolina in the Finals.

After two games at home against Furman and South Dakota, Notre Dame heads to the new Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Dec. 6 to take on Ohio State. Then, Notre Dame has three more games

at home against Boston, Delaware State and Savannah State before kicking off Big East play at DePaul on Dec. 31.

In the Big East, Notre Dame will play Connecticut, Louisville and St. John's as its home-and-home opponents and will close the year with three of their last four games at the Joyce Center.

In all, Notre Dame will play 14 games on the ESPN family of networks (ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU) and will have two games on CBS (at UCLA and at Connecticut on Jan. 28).

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weekends are a time when many highly-touted recruits come to campus, but not just for football. Brey received a verbal commitment this weekend from 6-foot-8 forward Mike Broghammer.

Broghammer joins Joey Brooks and Jack Cooley as verbal commitments Brey has lined up for this year's senior class. Brey can't comment on the recruits until the recruits sign their letters of intent in November.

Bill Brink contributed to this report.

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Sophomore forward Luke Harangody yells during Notre Dame's 61-41 loss to Washington State in the NCAA Tournament.

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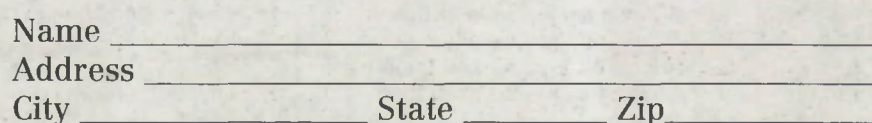
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hard future, smooth past

Team releases tough schedule for 2008-09

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

The Irish should certainly be battle-tested come Tournament time.

Notre Dame's 2008-09 schedule was released Monday, a schedule that not only includes the rigorous 18-game Big East schedule, but also non-conference match-ups against UCLA, Ohio State and a trip to the Maui Invitational that could include potential games against Texas and North Carolina.

"With the veteran group that we have, they deserve a challenge like this," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I told the team, 'The thing to keep in mind, we're going to take some bullets. We're going to get

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Basketball 2008-2009 Schedule			
OCTOBER			
31 Fri.	BRIAR CLIFF (Iowa) - Exhibition	Joyce Center	9:00 p.m. (ET)
NOVEMBER			
9 Sun.	STONEHILL (Mass.) - Exhibition	Joyce Center	2:00 p.m.
16 Sun.	USC UPSTATE	Joyce Center	7:30 p.m.
21 Fri.	at Loyola Marymount	Gersten Pavilion	TBA
24 Mon.	EA Sports Maui Invitational (Lahaina Civic Center - Maui, Hawaii)		
25 Tues.	vs. Indiana (ESPN2)		5:30 p.m. (ET)
26 Wed.	vs. Texas or St. Joseph's (ESPN/ESPN2)		TBA
30 Sun.	vs. Alabama/Chaminade/North Carolina/Oregon (ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN3)		TBA
	FURMAN	Joyce Center	2:00 p.m. (ET)
DECEMBER			
2 Tue.	SOUTH DAKOTA	Joyce Center	7:30 p.m. (ET)
6 Sat.	vs. Ohio State (ESPN)	Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis, Ind.)	4:00 p.m. (ET)
13 Sat.	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
20 Sat.	DELAWARE STATE	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
22 Mon.	SAVANNAH STATE	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
31 Wed.	at DePaul (ESPN2)	Allstate Arena	8:00 p.m. (ET)
JANUARY			
3 Sat.	at St. John's	Madison Square Garden	TBA
5 Mon.	GEORGETOWN (ESPN)	Joyce Center	7:30 p.m. (ET)
10 Sat.	SETON HALL	Joyce Center	TBA
12 Mon.	at Louisville (ESPN)	Freedom Hall	7:00 p.m. (ET)
17 Sat.	at Syracuse (ESPN)	Carrier Dome	12:00 p.m. (ET)
24 Sat.	CONNECTICUT (ESPN)	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
26 Mon.	MARQUETTE (ESPN)	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
31 Sat.	at Pittsburgh (ESPN)	Petersen Events Center	12:00 p.m. (ET)
FEBRUARY			
4 Wed.	at Cincinnati	First Third Arena	TBA
7 Sat.	at UCLA	Pauley Pavilion	1:00 p.m. (ET)
12 Thur.	LOUISVILLE (ESPN/ESPN2)	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
15 Sun.	USE	Joyce Center	TBA
18 Wed.	at West Virginia (ESPN2)	WVU Coliseum	7:30 p.m. (ET)
21 Sat.	at Providence	Dunkin' Donuts Center	TBA
25 Wed.	RUTGERS	Joyce Center	TBA
28 Sat.	at Connecticut (CBS)	Harry A. Gampel Pavilion	4:00 p.m. (ET)
MARCH			
2 Mon.	VILLANOVA (ESPN)	Joyce Center	7:00 p.m. (ET)
6 Fri.	ST. JOHN'S	Joyce Center	TBA
10-14 Tue-Sat.	BIG EAST Championship	Madison Square Garden	
19-22 Thur-Sun.	NCAA Championship - First and Second Rounds		
26-29 Thur-Sun.	NCAA Championship - Regionals		
APRIL			
4 Sat.	NCAA Final Four - Semifinals	Ford Field - Detroit, Mich.	
6 Mon.	NCAA Championship - Final		

* BIG EAST Conference game
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ND legend inducted into Collegiate HOF

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame basketball player Adrian Dantley, a two-time All-American, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Friday.

The United States Basketball Writers Association named Dantley the national player of the year in 1975-76, his junior season, and he played on the U.S. Basketball team that won a gold medal in the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

Dantley played for the Irish from 1973-76 and was a freshman when the Irish beat UCLA in 1974, ending the Bruins' record 88-game winning streak. He averaged 30.4

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Fans should keep the faith for now

For the first time in three football seasons, I went to a midnight drum circle performance. I got there early and still stood behind throngs of eager fans ready to hear the cadences.

A friend told me the pep rally was sick, that it was the first time he'd ever left one more excited about a game than when he'd come. In the stadium the fans were cranking the team up, chanting and gesturing with the best of them.

Then the game started, and people turned into Debbie Downers.

Girls in front of us left after Jimmy Clausen threw his second interception. People started calling for Dayne Crist and Nate Montana. My friend from home texted me midway through the second quarter asking if I'd left yet. Support for Charlie Weis was shaky during the "1812 Overture" in the fourth quarter.

Suffice it to say the fans weren't enthralled with the team's production.

They have reasons to be stingy with their praise. The team is on a short leash after

last season, and based on Saturday's game, there are reasons for it. Clausen didn't look off his receivers and threw two interceptions. The "pound it" run game amounted to much ado about nothing: The Irish averaged 3.1 yards per carry and fumbled twice. The field goal unit went 0-2 with a botched snap. Penalties extended multiple San Diego State drives. The fancy blitzes produced one sack.

The game left us asking questions. Why was John Ryan the down lineman in the nickel set for the whole game instead of an actual lineman? Where was Duval Kamara looking when Clausen's pass was intercepted over his head? Will we be able to convert third-and-shorts against teams that don't have its entire defensive line injured like San Diego State did?

And most importantly, shouldn't we have blown out San Diego State?

Plenty of reasons to be skeptical. But there are also reasons to rejoice in the fact that, at the very least, Notre Dame wasn't embarrassed in its first game.

The offensive line didn't allow a sack. Clausen threw three touchdown passes. Michael Floyd looked good in his first time out, and may have had two touchdowns if Clausen had unglued his eyes from Golden Tate. Kyle

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MEN'S GOLF

Shaky start for Irish in California

By MIKE BLASCO
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After tearing up the infamously treacherous local courses during their trip to the Emerald Isle early last month, Notre Dame is wishing it brought home a little bit more of the luck of the Irish as a souvenir.

The Notre Dame squad sits in ninth place in a field of 15 after the first round of the USA Intercollegiate Invitational at the 6,833-yard, par 71 Olympic Club in Daly City, Calif., just outside San

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Senior Josh Sandman and coach Jim Kubinski talk during the Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame on September 30, 2007.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to keep trucking

SMC faces Hope after big victory over local rival Bethel College

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Saint Mary's will look to build off of a big win against Bethel College when they take on Hope tonight at 7 p.m. in Holland, Mich.

The Belles moved to 4-2 with a hard fought victory earlier this week against non-conference opponent Bethel. The win was the first time Saint Mary's had taken down Bethel since

1993.

The team is still 0-1 in conference play after losing three straight games in the conference opener to Adrian on Sept. 2. The Belles will look to keep things rolling and pick up their first MIAA win against the Flying Dutch tonight.

Saint Mary's will look to the offensive efforts of freshman standout Danielle Brink and Junior Kathleen Mills to help attack a formidable Hope defense. Mills was an integral part of the team's fifth set comeback victory over Bethel last week with a game-changing kill, and the team will count on her veteran leadership on the court to lead the team to

victory.

Hope head coach Becky Schmidt picked up her 100th career victory on Saturday will look to keep her team's momentum going strong en route to a 5-1 overall record and a 2-0 record in the conference. The Flying Dutch are currently in first place in the MIAA.

Spearheading her team's strong defense is senior Meghan Winer, who pulled off a 30-dig performance in the Flying Dutch's victory this past weekend. However, Winer will have a difficult time dealing with the power of Belles senior

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