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D'Arcy revisits Obama controversy

Local bishop addresses president's Commencement speech in Aug. 31 magazine article

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The discussion continues.

Notre Dame was thrust into a national spotlight last May when President Barack Obama delivered the Commencement address on campus, with many Catholics protesting the invitation and the decision to award Obama an honorary degree.

Local Bishop John D'Arcy, whose diocese includes the University, is again speaking out about the controversy, this time in an article appearing in the Aug. 31 edition of *America Magazine*, a Jesuit publication.

In the piece, which was published earlier this week on americamagazine.org, D'Arcy

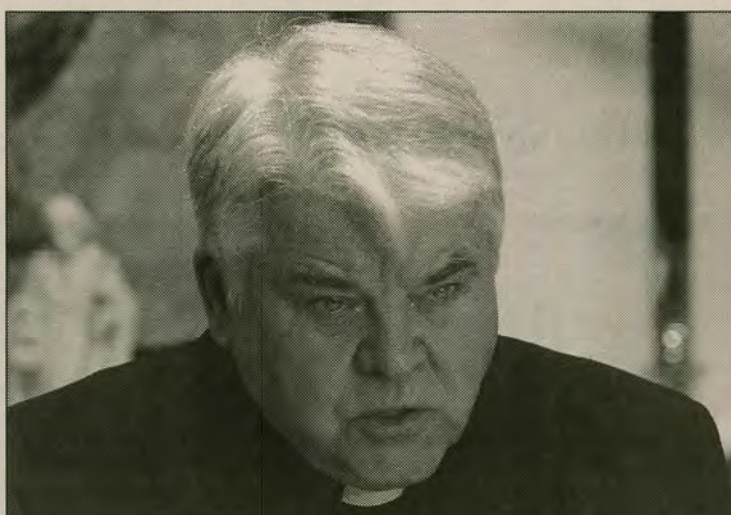
questions the future of Catholic universities and notes "the seriousness of the present moment."

D'Arcy released three statements last spring in response to the controversy, condemning the University's decision, but also later condemning "unseemly" protests.

D'Arcy addresses the role of Catholic universities within the church and the responsibilities of such institutions in the article.

In questioning the relationship between institutions like Notre Dame and the church, he again noted his role as a "teacher" for universities in his

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Local Bishop John D'Arcy speaks out again about Notre Dame's Commencement in an Aug. 31 magazine article.

Two dorms welcome new rectors

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Howard Hall and Pasquerilla East will be under new management this year.

Sr. Lucille D'Amelio is the new rector at Howard Hall, while Pasquerilla East is welcoming Sr. Cindy Broderick.

Prior to Notre Dame, D'Amelio worked as a pastoral administrator in Michigan. She is an Amityville Dominican from Long Island, N.Y. Broderick, an Adrian Dominican from Michigan, worked the last five years at a high school before coming to Notre Dame.

D'Amelio attributes her arrival at Notre Dame to divine intervention.

"I guess God wanted me here," D'Amelio said.

D'Amelio hopes to bring a positive spirit to Howard by drawing on her past experience. The cancer survivor has a optimistic outlook on life that she said she hopes to bring to the girls.

"Move on from toxic situations," D'Amelio said. "Life is too short to take on negativity."

However, she realizes that living with all of these girls will not be without challenges.

"When I have to reprimand someone it will be the hardest challenge," D'Amelio said.

D'Amelio said she made

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Eddy Street Commons nears completion

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Living in an apartment complex in Eddy Street Commons, junior Matt LaFleur often jokes that he is closer to some campus buildings than his old dorm, O'Neill Hall.

"We have a perfect view of Hesburgh Library," said LaFleur, who lives with two roommates. "It's funny to think about it, but we are now closer to a lot of things on campus."

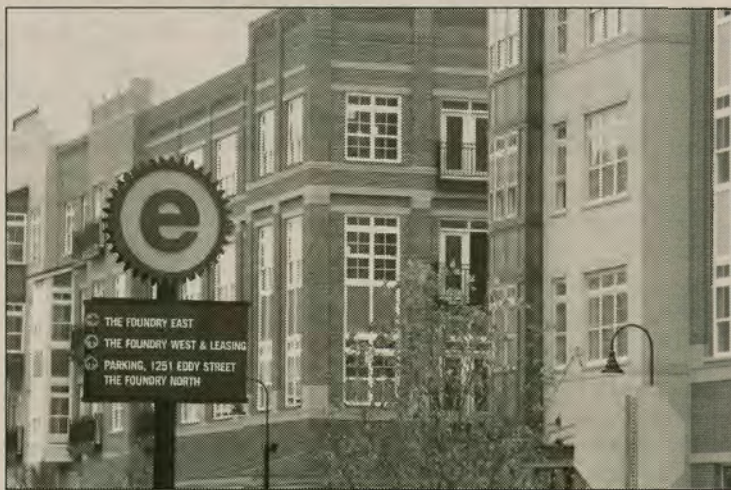
The complex, one of the first buildings in the Commons to open on Aug. 15, is fill to about 70-75 percent of its capacity, according to Gregory Hakanen, director of Asset Management

and Real Estate at the University. Another apartment complex will open in 2010.

"The University is very excited that after years of collaborative planning with the city, with local residents and with Kite Reality, that Eddy Street Commons is becoming a reality," Hakanen said.

Although not in time for the home opener on Sept. 5, Hakanen said four retail venues will be ready for business by the second home game: The Follett Notre Dame Bookstore, Chipotle, Outpost Sports and Hot Box Pizza. The Bookstore is tentatively set to open Sept. 19,

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Four businesses in the Eddy Street Commons development are slated to open by the second home football game.

Printers installed in residence halls

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Students no longer have to trek across campus in the frigid cold or wait in long lines at Coleman-Morse. At least not to use a printer, that is.

Over the summer, printers were installed in every undergraduate residence hall on campus, Student Body President Grant Schmidt said.

"It's a huge convenience factor," Schmidt said. "From the student government end, the reason we did it is because people wanted them. People thought, hey, I'm running late to class. I don't want to wait in this line in DeBartolo. I want to be able to print it off at 3

a.m. when I finish my paper."

Not only can students send their papers or class readings to printer release stations in their dorms, they can also print their pages to the printers in other dorms.

"I can go to Knott and print off there or I can go to Welsh Fam," Schmidt said.

In order to print from a laptop to a dorm printer, students must download a new print utility software and configure their computer to the printer called ResHalls, Senate Campus Technology Chair Walker Anderson said.

"It downloads itself. You download your install utility," Anderson said. "If you download this, you can print to anything."

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Freshmen adjust to campus life

After a busy orientation weekend, Class of 2013 settles in at ND

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

After a jam-packed orientation weekend that saw less campus-wide events and more dorm-specific activities than previous years, the Class of 2013 can settle into college life.

"I got to meet a lot of different people at a lot of the different activities at Domerfest," freshman Tom Temmerman said. "Also, the event was so awkward that it was really easy to talk to people about the awkwardness of the whole thing."

Freshmen Orientation, or Frosh-O, occurs each year and is intended to make the transition



Notre Dame freshmen move into O'Neill Hall on August 21.

INSIDE COLUMN

Where In The World Is...

By junior year, college is easy. You know where every building is on campus. You know which classes in your major are likely to be easy. You know your major (hopefully). After two years at Notre Dame, there is really no excuse to not be completely together.

Still, on the first day of class, I managed to oversleep for my first class of the year and sit down in the wrong class-room for my second class of the year.

Madeline Buckley
News Editor

But as a junior, I know my roommates well enough not to be surprised when the recycling bin is overflowing with diet sodas after two days. I know where to get the best coffee on campus. (And it's not at Starbucks).

Junior year is easy — with one notable exception: It is the year nearly everyone interested in studying abroad leaves campus.

According to the Office of Undergraduate admissions, over half of the students at Notre Dame study abroad at some point in their time on campus — a statistic the University likes to brag about.

While impressive, I never considered how much this percentage, which ranks Notre Dame the third highest of national colleges and universities in sending students abroad for a semester, year or summer, affects my life.

I opted not to study abroad for several different reasons, but almost all of my friends with the exception of a few, decided to study in France, London, Australia and Mexico. Although I am mostly excited for them, I am also selfishly resentful that my friends are now scattered across different continents during the year that everything at Notre Dame is now supposed to be easy and familiar.

But without everyone here, the dorm doesn't feel the same and campus doesn't feel the same. The year is fragmented, with some people leaving for the Fall, some for the Spring and some for the whole year.

I have to get used to refraining from sending them random texts when something on campus reminds me of them, and I have to find more people to steal clothes from, since people apparently have to bring their clothes with them abroad.

With so many juniors gone, this year will be different. Even though I selfishly wish my friends who are abroad now for the Fall semester were here on campus, I mostly just wish that they all have amazing experiences abroad — and I know you all will.

Love you and miss you!
And don't forget to send post-cards.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD RYAN HALL'S NICKNAME/MASCOT BE?



Erin Scott
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Welsh Fam Wannabes."



Katie Weber
senior
off-campus

"The Ryan Rhinos."



Juliet Jolly
senior
Walsh

"Ryan Royalty, because they are beautiful like princesses."



Charlotte Seasley
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Duncan's Dime Pieces."

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



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Campus Ministry hosted an open house in the Coleman-Morse lounge on Wednesday evening with free food and prize raffles.

OFFBEAT

Man arrested for 22nd drunk driving offense

ESPANOLA, N.M. — Police said a man was arrested on Monday for his 22nd drunken driving offense — and his blood-alcohol content tested almost five times higher than New Mexico's legal limit. State Police Lt. Eric Garcia said an officer pulled up to a car parked along a highway and found a 51-year-old man on the ground near his vehicle.

"He was coherent," Garcia said. "He showed signs of slurred speech, as might be normal for any DWI arrest, which led the

officer to believe he might be driving under the influence."

Garcia said the suspect had to be taken by ambulance to Christus St. Vincent hospital in Santa Fe, where a blood-alcohol analysis showed a content level of .393 percent. New Mexico's limit for presumed intoxication is .08 percent.

Bear gets stuck in skate park

SNOWMASS, Colo. — A bear that wandered into a sunken skateboard park and got stuck was rescued when officials

lowered a ladder so it could climb out.

The bear was discovered Tuesday morning in the Colorado resort town of Snowmass. Officials say it apparently was in the park all night, and couldn't get out because of the steep concrete sides.

Workers from the Parks and Recreation Department lowered a long ladder. The bear eventually climbed the ladder and wandered away.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Moon" will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at the Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online at performingarts.nd.edu, or by calling Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

RecSports will conduct a Swim Lesson Assessment on Friday from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Rockne pool. Make-up assessments are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 6 until 8 p.m.

The film "Summer Hours" will be shown on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online at performingarts.nd.edu or by calling 574-631-2800.

Notre Dame Women's Volleyball will play Denver on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer will play against Loyola-Chicago on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

RecSports will be hosting a Biathlon at St. Joe's Beach this Saturday at 10 a.m. The competition will feature a half mile swim and a two mile run. The event is free to enter, but registration is necessary.

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

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College implements new advising system

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's College installed a new advising system for the 2009-2010 school year, helping students to make academic and career decisions by asking them questions.

The students answer questions such as "Who am I?" "What is my passion?" "To what am I called?" and "How can I make a positive difference in the world?" to discover more about their hopes for the future.

"On my very first day here, I looked at the possibility of creating a more robust advising system for students that included what the career center had to offer, but started much earlier," Patricia Fleming, senior vice president and dean of faculty, said.

The system will be run as a collaborative program through the Department of missions, the academic department and the Department of Student Affairs.

"Advising no longer just takes place in our Academic Advising Office and in the departments. Advising, because we we're enlarging our vision of what kinds of questions students here at Saint Mary's could ask while they are here for their four years, really needs to have this cooperation among these three divisions," Fleming continued.

First-year students have the option to participate in the First Year Faculty Advising Program. This program assigns faculty advisors to freshmen to help them

think about their futures, Fleming said.

Underclassmen will also be assigned seniors to act as their peer mentors, she said.

"They were training since the beginning of last week," Fleming said. "They have been in training sessions for quite some time, learning all kinds of things, including more about the heritage of Saint Mary's College."

The ePortfolio System, designed to give St. Mary's students the opportunity to share information with their advisors, is still being tested.

Another feature is the Strength Quest Test, which helps students discover their aptitudes. Open to all students, it can be taken in the Career Crossings Office.

The new system is also designed to help students find internships.

"Internships have become very important. Internships can be very key if they occur in either the sophomore or junior summer in helping students to understand how they can make a difference in the world and where their passions lie," Fleming said.

Students will also have the opportunity to learn how they can work for social justice.

The Career Crossings Office plans to host a career information session where students and Indiana employers can meet.

The program is funded by the College, as well as through the Lilly Foundation.

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Gameday ritual to change

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

A hospitality village, ticket scanners and public parking on the Notre Dame Golf Course are some of the additions that will be implemented this fall for home football games.

The new game-day initiatives originated from from an ad hoc committee study that took place last school year, according to a press release.

The committee's study ran from the middle of football season last year to late February when the findings were submitted to University President Fr. John Jenkins.

They reviewed a variety of data collected throughout the fall, including campus interviews, community interviews, and tips received from a feedback website.

Director of Game-Day Operations Mike Seamon said the goal of the research was to gather information from as many sources as possible.

Seamon, who is also the assistant vice president for University events and protocol,

was named director of game-day operations in April, after the committee recommended the need for a central person to be in charge of the new initiative.

"We heard from people the experience could be better," Seamon said. "Fr. John has a continuous improvement model for the university that he took and applied to game-day. We are proud of how we are, but we know we can get better."

Seamon said the addition he is most excited about is the addition of "Rally on the Green," a new hospitality village that will be located on Irish Green. It will feature live music and kid-friendly entertainment.

"People will feel it," Seamon said. "It's something you can't necessarily describe."

Also new for this season will be the implementation of a communication system to help people provide feedback about their game-day experiences. Included is a new text-messaging system that allows fans to contact the University to report unruly conduct.

Seamon said he visited sever-

al NFL teams and "cherry picked" the best practices of what they did and applied them here. He said Notre Dame is not trying to become like an NFL team, but rather trying to apply the best ideas from professional football to Notre Dame's game-day experience.

"We can only get better when people tell us what's going on," he said.

Other additions for this fall include the opening of the North End of Notre Dame Stadium from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for fans to walk down the tunnel and onto the field for photo opportunities.

Seamon said they will be asking for feedback through the website gameday.nd.edu as well as through a toll-free phone number 800-ND1-FANS. Both hardcopy and e-mail surveys will be available towards the end of the season as well.

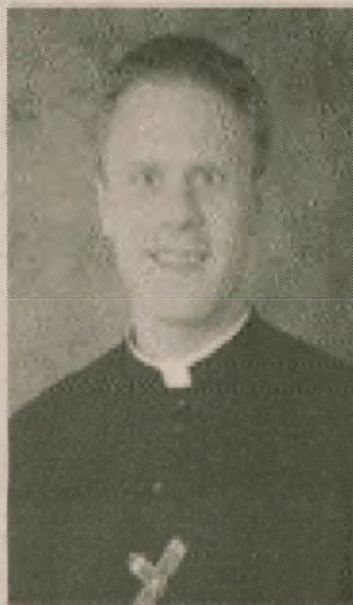
"This is a continuous process that is just beginning," he said. "We will be constantly tweaking the improvements that we have already made."

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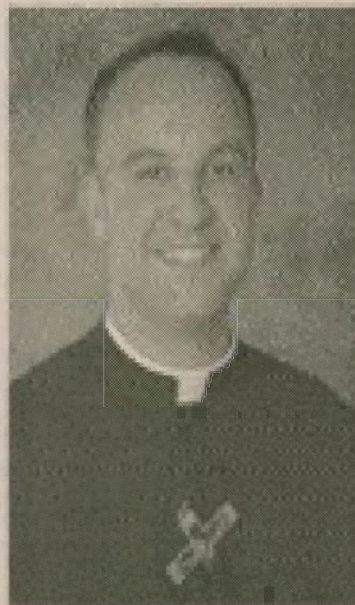
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D'Arcy

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diocese.

D'Arcy wrote that he was not consulted before the decision to award Obama an honorary degree was made. He also said he was not consulted in 2006 when University President Fr. John Jenkins decided to allow on-campus performances of the controversial play "The Vagina Monologues" in an academic setting.

"Although he spoke eloquently about the importance of dialogue with the president of the United States, the president of Notre Dame chose not to dialogue with his bishop on these two matters, both pastoral and both with serious ramifications for the care of souls, which is the core responsibility of the local bishop," D'Arcy wrote.

"The diocesan bishop must ask whether a Catholic institution compromises its obligation to give public witness by placing prestige over truth," he said.

D'Arcy raised a final, "fundamental" question in the piece about his concerns over the future of Catholic universities.

"Where will the great Catholic universities search for a guiding light in the years ahead? Will it be the Land O'Lakes Statement or Ex Corde Ecclesiae?" he wrote, placing the two documents related to roles of Catholic universities in contrast to one another.

The Land O'Lakes Statement

was authored in 1967 by Catholic educators, led by then-University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh. The document addressed issues of academic freedom and the role of the Church in leading these institutions, asserting that they "must have a true autonomy and academic freedom" from lay or clerical authority.

Ex Corde Ecclesiae is an apostolic constitution written by Pope John Paul II in 1990 and was seen by some observers as a repudiation of the Land O'Lakes Statement. Though interpretations vary widely, some view the document as decreasing institutional autonomy for the sake of increased church authority.

On this question — and others regarding the role of the local bishop and the responsibility of universities to bear witness to the faith — "rests the future of Catholic higher education in this country and so much else," D'Arcy wrote.

D'Arcy also chided the University Board of Trustees for their silence on the Obama visit controversy, saying that when the board met one month prior to Commencement "they said nothing."

"I believe that the board ... must take up its responsibility afresh, with appropriate study and prayer," he wrote. "They must also understand the seriousness of the present moment."

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Commons

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and the other three, Sept. 18.

Later in the year, a 24-hour fitness center, a salon, a bank, a breakfast restaurant, Five Guys Burgers and two other restaurants — Doc Magrogan's Oyster House and Kildare's Irish Pub — are expected to open. The estimated opening dates of these venues span from late September to January.

Hakanen said Eddy Street, which has been closed for about 14 months, is expected to open Monday Aug. 31, allowing foot and motor traffic through the Commons.

"I think it will be a real addition for students living on campus," he said. "Most colleges and universities have a college town where you can leave your dorm and walk to stores and restaurants. Notre Dame has never really had that."

Hakanen said the Eddy Street Commons apartments are not geared toward student housing. Some graduate students live in the complex, but only a handful of undergraduates are currently renting.

LaFleur said he and his roommates put down a deposit last October.

"We were far and away one of the first groups to go talk to them. There was no building yet. It was just a hole in the ground," he said. "If we waited

even four months, I don't think we would be living here."

But the early deposit was more than worth it.

"The amenities are awesome. Everything is top-notch," LaFleur said. "We have a gym and a private theater."

LaFleur said he generally describes the theater — a common area for residents of the complex — to his friends as similar to Coleman-Morse Center lounge but with two 50-inch televisions, a Blu-ray player and an Xbox 360.

"There's also this screen that's maybe two time the size of the screens in the classrooms of DeBartolo that lives in the ceiling," he said. "You can bring it down to watch DVDs or just TV."

LaFleur said the apartment complex's proximity to campus was a major part of the decision process to live there.

"The big thing was that I don't have a car," he said. "There aren't too many options if you don't have a set of wheels, so this is perfect."

"Now we are just really excited for all the retail to open up."

Hakanen said the venues in the Commons are about two-thirds committed.

"With an active football season and all the people coming for that, I am confident that Kite will be able to lease the rest of the space in a pretty short amount of time," he said.

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Printers

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A main concern with putting printers in every dorm is sustainability, Anderson said. In order to make printing more friendly to the environment, the desktops in computer labs, along with Windows laptops, now default to double-sided printing and recycling bins have been placed next to every dorm computer.

Macintosh laptops have not yet defaulted to double sided printing. Mac users must configure their computers to print double sided, Technology Enhanced Learning Spaces Manager Brian Burchett said.

"We're working on it. We just need a little more time to do double sided printing by default," Burchett said.

In addition to helping to

make campus more sustainable, students have another incentive to print double sided — it essentially doubles their print quota.

"Two pages printed on one sheet of paper would cost the same as one page printed on one sheet of paper," Burchett said. "If you do double sided, you should be able to stretch [the allotted 1,000 sheets] out and double your quota. So there is a real incentive there to do double sided printing."

Burchett said printers are also going into "sleep mode" when not being used in order to save energy.

"We are trying to use power savings on the printers to reduce energy consumption when printers are not being used," he said.

Overall, there have only been minor technical difficulties that should be solved soon, Burchett said.

Frosh-O

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to college life easier for incoming freshmen by hosting events that help students get to know each other and become familiar with the campus.

Many freshmen students embraced the Frosh-O events that took place within their dorms.

"We got to actually talk to one another at the smaller events," freshman Kelly Brakora said. "It was easy to get conversations going."

Freshman Dan Finan said his favorite orientation event was Alumni's "Dawg Run," named for the dorm's mascot, which gives freshman a chance to run around campus.

"The run was definitely the

coolest event because before the run we were puppies and after the run we were dawgs," Finan said.

Stephanie Bonaroti of Howard Hall said the smaller events enabled her to better know people in her dorm.

"We had a night where we talked about Howard Hall traditions and I really felt like I bonded with the girls in my dorm," she said.

Bonaroti, however, expressed disappointment that she did not have more opportunities to become acquainted with students from other dorms.

"When we did do things with other dorms it was always in a situation where you were thrown together and you didn't get to really know the other people or really even know their names," she said.

Freshman Rachel Palumbo

"The only problem that I have been told about is that students who are running Microsoft Vista Home Edition, if it's the 64 bit version of the operation system, then the process to set things up is more complicated," Burshett said.

Schmidt said the response has been positive so far from students he has talked to.

"People have been pumped," he said. "Everyone has said it was a great resource to have in the dorms."

Senior Maureen Bauer said she appreciated the new additions to residence halls.

"I think it's helpful, not so much now when you can walk outside, but when it's snowing you don't have to walk to CoMo or DeBartalo to print," she said. "That will be great."

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of Lyons said while she felt like she didn't get to meet many freshmen outside of her dorm, she isn't too concerned.

"The girls I met during Frosh-O were all pretty much in my hall but I'm not worried about it," Palumbo said. "I know the people I'm living with and I'll get to know the others in class."

"When we were in smaller groups it was much more of a pressure-free environment," she said. "There were so many of the big events where social interaction was forced that it got tiring."

Bonaroti said she feels relief now that orientation is over.

"I felt isolated as a freshman during Frosh-O," Bonaroti said. "Now I feel more part of the school."

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Confirmation

Are you interested in learning more about being Confirmed here at the University of Notre Dame?

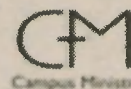


Information Sessions:

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Thursday, September 3, 5:30-6:30 P.M.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Philippines honors White House Chef

MANILA, Philippines — For the White House chef, serving homegrown vegetables straight from the garden is just like preparing food in her native Philippines — healthy and simple.

Filipino-American Cristeta Pasia-Comerford, the first woman and first minority to serve as the executive chef in the White House, credited the first lady for making sure her family eats steamed, organic vegetables from the garden Michelle Obama planted in April.

She is one of three to be honored this year by the Bank of the Philippines as an outstanding Filipino overseas. The honor will be formally awarded on Tuesday.

The naturalized American said that picking food from the garden reminds her of summers at her grandmother's house in the Philippines' Bulacan province.

"They like simple meals, they like simple food," she said of the first family.

Womens' role in Camorra increases

NAPLES, Italy — Move over, Don Corleone. Godmothers are rising in the ranks of the Camorra, the Naples' area crime syndicate.

Women have long played a strong role in Camorra crime families, muscling, sometimes murdering, their way to the top. Their influence stretches back as far as the 1950s when a pregnant former beauty queen dubbed "pupetta" (little doll) shot dead the man who had ordered a hit on her husband, and allegedly settled into a life of crime.

Now, as the state steps up its war against the Camorra, rounding up scores of mobsters, the women are increasingly taking over the helm from their men.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gay clergy not widely accepted

MINNEAPOLIS — Two smaller, more conservative U.S.-based Lutheran denominations are expressing disappointment in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's decision to open a wider door to gay clergy.

The ELCA voted last week to lift a ban that prohibited sexually active gay and lesbian people from serving as ministers. Under the change, congregations will now be allowed to hire homosexuals in committed relationships as clergy. Before, gays and lesbians had to remain celibate to serve as pastors.

The 4.7 million-member denomination, which took the actions in Minneapolis at its biennial meeting, became the largest U.S. Protestant denomination to take that step.

Union okays contract with pay cuts

INDIANAPOLIS — The union representing newsroom and other employees at The Indianapolis Star has ratified a two-year contract that includes a 10 percent pay cut.

The Newspaper Guild Local 34070 says its members voted 56-45 on Tuesday in favor of the contract, which runs through August 2011 and suspends all merit pay increases. The contract covers about 185 editorial and building services employees.

Company officials have said the pay cut is necessary because of the recession.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana to receive swine flu vaccine

INDIANAPOLIS — State health officials expect to receive an initial shipment of at least 838,000 doses of swine flu vaccine by late October with additional dosages expected to arrive weekly, they've told local health officers.

Indiana is set to receive about 2 percent of the nation's production of the vaccine, based on population. If total production reaches the 195 million doses the government has ordered by December, Indiana's share would be more than 4 million doses, enough for about a third of Indiana's population of 6.38 million people. Most people are expected to need two doses given three weeks apart.

Iraq violence puts off plan for seminary

Muslim family dream to teach both Islam and ways of the West is put on hold

Associated Press

DETROIT — It took years for a family of prominent American Shiite scholars to build a specialized seminary that would train Americans and Europeans to lead mosques in the West.

The founders chose a location in their native Iraq, in the holy Shiite city of Karbala, where the students would have access to many of the best teachers.

Private guards were lined up, a custom curriculum developed and housing secured for the first class of 25 students. The scholars, members of the al-Qazwini family, who trace their roots to the Prophet Muhammad, felt they were finally taking concrete steps toward easing the desperate shortage of Western-born imams.

But violence once again erupted in Iraq, and the al-Qazwinis had to put their dream on hold, dropping their plan to open their school this year.

"It was extremely disappointing. I was waiting so long for this program to start and unfortunately I had to call it off personally," said Imam Hossein al-Qazwini, a Karbala scholar who is the program's founder and director. "Being American citizens or European citizens, maybe someone will take them as ransom. Coming from the U.S., from Europe, maybe people will think they have money."

As Muslims try to establish communities in the West, they have been struggling with how they can educate Western-born imams to fill a leadership vacuum in local mosques.

There are no full-fledged Muslim seminaries in the U.S. for Shiites or Sunnis.

Hartford Seminary in Connecticut offers a graduate program for Muslim chaplains who work in the U.S. military and elsewhere. The Zaytuna Institute in Berkeley, Calif., led by



AP

Imam Sayed Hassan Al-Qazwini's family's Imam al-Sadiq Seminary was originally scheduled to open its doors strictly for Westerners this October, but will have to wait for next year.

Sheik Hamza Yusuf and Imam Zaid Shakir, two respected U.S.-born Muslim scholars, are planning to open an Islamic college next fall, the first in the U.S. They hope it will grow to include a seminary.

At their Imam al-Sadiq Seminary, the al-Qazwinis hope to teach both the Islamic sciences and the cultural traditions of the West.

"The goal is to train religious leaders who can serve their home countries so that, eventually, fewer mosques in the West will have to import imams from overseas," said Imam Hossein al-Qazwini.

The family is well-positioned to take on such an ambitious project.

Their father, Ayatollah Mortadha al-Qazwini, is

among the foremost Shiite Islamic scholars in Iraq. Four of his six sons have led American Islamic institutions. Moustafa al-Qazwini is imam of the Islamic Educational Center of Orange County, Calif. Hassan al-Qazwini is the imam of the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, one of America's largest mosques.

Hossein al-Qazwini said it was easier for them to start a school in Karbala than in the U.S. because the costs were significantly lower overseas. With instructors drawn from the larger Shiite seminary and Karbala University, the al-Qazwini's could build a much stronger faculty.

"Karbala is known to have a prestigious seminary. It's like Yale or Stanford when

it comes to Islamic seminaries. If we were to have it in Dearborn, for example, you don't have the specialized scholars," Hossein al-Qazwini said.

The idea of sending Westerners to study in Iraq is not so far-fetched for Muslims.

Traveling for study has always been part of Islamic learning. Scholars in Karbala and Qom, Iran, attract Shiite students from around the globe. For Sunnis, who comprise the majority of Muslims, students from around the world flock to the prominent Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

But although Western students at foreign seminaries are encouraged to dive deep into the local culture.

Wind farms cause false weather alerts

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Wind farms have been blamed for disrupting the lives of birds, bats and, most recently, the land-bound sage grouse.

Now the weather forecaster?

The massive spinning blades affixed to towers 200 feet high can appear on Doppler radar like a violent storm or even a tornado.

The phenomenon has affected several National Weather Service radar sites in different parts of the country, even leading to a false tornado alert near Dodge City, Kansas, in the heart of Tornado Alley. In Des Moines, Iowa, the

weather service received a frantic warning from an emergency worker who had access to Doppler radar images.

The alert was quickly called off in Kansas and meteorologists calmed the emergency worker down, but with enough wind turbines going up last year to power more than 6 million homes and a major push toward alternative energy, more false alerts seem inevitable.

New installations are concentrated, understandably in windy states like Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Iowa, all part of Tornado Alley.

Texas, which has more tornadoes

than any other state, also has the most wind power capacity.

Dave Zaff, science and operations officer with the National Weather Service office in Buffalo, N.Y., describes the wind farms 20 to 35 miles to the southeast as "more of a pimple or a blotch on your face" that 99 percent of the time will not pose a problem.

But what about those busy, high-stress periods when a meteorologist is tasked with making quick decisions as storms grow violent? In a worse-case scenario, a forecaster could disregard a real storm for turbine interference, but, more likely, would err on the side of caution, Zaff said.

Rectors

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good memories with Freshman Orientation, including winning her own rubber duck at trivia night in the Oak Room.

"The Frosh-O team was great!" she said. Sr. Cindy Broderick, OP, from Pasquerilla East, said she had a positive Freshman Orientation and move-in experience.

"I'm surprised at how smooth move-in went," Broderick said. "During staff training, we spent a lot of time together. This extra time helped when it came to working together."

Broderick is also adjusting well to her new schedule.

"I'm more of a night person any way," Broderick said. "I think I'm adjusting well."

"I was ready for a change," Broderick said. "I had a good friend at work that went to Notre Dame who said I'd be perfect."

One of the biggest challenges is dealing with the size of her dorm, Broderick said.

"I'm trying to get to know as many girls as possible on all different levels," Broderick said. "There's just one of me. I wish I could multiply myself."

The new rectors share similar goals.

"God called me to Notre Dame to send women into leadership," D'Amelio said. "My gifts and my experience in my life led me this way."

Broderick models her goals after the University's teachings.

"I want to build a community, and help instill the Holy Cross care-

ism," Broderick said. "I want to educate the heart and mind."

Both want to stress the idea of "home" in the dorms.

"This is home, it is comfortable and fun to be here," D'Amelio said. "We'll always be welcoming and just be there [for the girls]."

"They can come in here and feel safe," Broderick said. "Not just security safe — they can let their guard down and be honored and loved because of who they are."

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Cindy Broderick
P.E. rector

"God called me to Notre Dame to send women into leadership."

Lucille D'Amelio
Howard rector

Teen-lit books promote self-esteem

Associated Press

Like never before, teen lit is alive with plus-size characters who take on their school tormenters and get the guy, soaking up self-esteem as football heroes and big-girl models.

While fat may not be the new vampire, the uptick comes at just the right time for young readers. Childhood obesity is epic while a large, loud and proud fat acceptance movement advocates good health at any size over doomed diets, food obsessions and body shame.

In titles that include "Looks," "Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies" and "This Book Isn't Fat, It's Fabulous," young people with meat on their bones are front and center in at least two dozen new books out since last year, rather than the usual ugly-duckling best friend or neighbor. Many of the stories conclude without significant weight loss, a huge breakthrough for some young fans.

"There weren't many characters I could relate to when I was younger," said Elizabeth Sterling, an 18-year-old nursing student who writes a blog called Diary of a Fat Teenager. "The message that would come across to my young insecure brain would be, 'In order to do what they do, you need to look like them.'"

Allen Zadoff's September release "Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have" relies on wit and cutting dialogue to tell the story of a rare overweight

boy protagonist. Zadoff, 42, said he was obese growing up like his 15-year-old Andrew Zansky.

"I was not just overweight. I was struggling with an eating disorder. I got larger and larger over time. No amount of dieting would fix the problem for me. I would lose weight and then gain it all back," Zadoff said. Out of his struggle came his acclaimed adult memoir in 2007, "Hungry: Lessons Learned on the Journey from Fat to Thin."

The upcoming book, his first for young readers, features Andrew, a high school sophomore who weighs 306.4 pounds. He dreads squeezing into his classroom desk and rubs off the very public size 48 lettering on the outer waist of Levi's he can barely zip. He lusts for an insider's life and makes it as a jock, only to read-just his priorities.

"When I was in my sophomore year in high school, the coach came up to me and asked me if I had ever considered playing football," Zadoff said. "At the time I was insulted. I knew he was just asking me because I was big, so I said no. Andrew says yes. As a result, his life path takes a radical turn. I wrote the book to kind of explore how would my life had been different if I had said yes instead of no."

In C. Leigh Purtill's "All About Vee," bold and bright 18-year-old Veronica May also says yes — to life, love and adventure. Veronica is a big (217

pounds) and talented star in the community theater scene in her tiny border town of Chester, Ariz., where she grows frustrated with the life path of her equally large father. Then she heads to Hollywood to make it as an actor, contending for the first time with competition from the size zeros.

After some ups and downs, she gets the hunk while staying true to herself.

"Too many books have the girls as overweight, then they go to fat camp or they become the beautiful person by dieting, by losing weight," Purtill said. "There always seemed to be this losing weight element that was key to their happiness. I just wanted my characters to be representative of a lot of people out there."

Skyanne Fisher, a book blogger and 14-year-old of size in the small northeastern Pennsylvania town of Wyalusing, said she's a Vee fan for precisely those reasons.

"It was one of the books that I really connected to — I loved how she made her own way, had friends and got the boy without forcing herself to lose weight," she said. "It IS possible to be happy as you are."

In addition to Vee, there's eighth-grader Celeste Harris, happy living in oversized hoodies under her middle school's social radar until a meddling aunt enters her in the Miss HuskyPeach Modeling Challenge in Erin Dionne's "Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies."

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IN BRIEF

Nokia announces plans for new laptop

NEW YORK — Nokia Corp., the world's largest maker of cell phones, said Monday that it will start making a small, light laptop, similar to ones PC manufacturers are already selling through wireless carriers around the world.

The Finnish company says the Nokia Booklet 3G will run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows software, have a 10-inch screen and weigh 2.8 pounds. That puts it squarely in the "netbook" category pioneered by Taiwanese manufacturers like AsusTek Computer Inc.

Nokia said it would reveal the price and launch date of the PC on Sept. 2. Most netbooks sell for less than \$500.

Nokia said its PC would be "satisfying a need" among wireless carriers. AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless have started selling netbooks in their stores, subsidizing the purchase for customers who sign up for wireless broadband plans. Sprint Nextel Corp. has started subsidizing netbooks sold at Best Buy. In Europe, many carriers started selling netbooks last year.

Thesis project secures Xbox spot

LOS ANGELES — Matt Korba and his pals are busy turning his interactive media thesis project from a rudimentary silent film-themed video-game prototype into a fleshed-out puzzler featuring over 80 levels that will be available for download on Xbox Live Arcade early next year.

That transformation is occurring in a small unassuming loft space above a chicken-wing eatery in downtown Los Angeles. It's located — appropriately enough — halfway between the University of Southern California campus and the Los Angeles Convention Center, home of the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the gaming industry's annual convention.

"We've sort of been very quiet for a year," says Korba. "No one really knows we exist."

After graduating from USC, Korba and his buddy Paul Bellezza formed their own developer, The Odd Gentlemen, and set out to find a publisher for "The Misadventures of P.B. Winterbottom," their time-bending, two-dimensional platforming game starring a pie-loving silent film star named P.B. Winterbottom.

Plus-sized fashion market sees sale dips

Recession has a negative impact on clothing industry, particularly the plus-sized market

Associated Press

MIAMI — The American waistline may be expanding, but plus-size shoppers are tightening their belts.

People just aren't buying plus-size clothing at the rate they used to. Apparel in general — being a discretionary purchase — is suffering because of the economy, but plus-size has been particularly hard hit.

According to the NPD Group, a market research company, the overall women's apparel business is down about 5 percent and plus-size is down almost 10 percent from the 12 months ending in May 2009 compared to the same time the year before.

It's hard to account for the dip at a time when more than half of American women are estimated to wear plus-sizes, generally considered size 14 and up, but analysts have some theories.

"The stigma still continues despite the majority of the population is overweight," said Marshal Cohen, chief retail analyst at NPD. The stigma means some retailers don't want to lure overweight customers and send out the "wrong" image, experts said, and the customers themselves may feel put off by many stores.

Some retailers, including Old Navy, Banana Republic and Ann Taylor, have taken their plus-size collections out of stores and are selling only online — which some experts say plus-size shoppers prefer. Others, including H&M, have dropped out of the plus-size market.

Several years ago, stores had made an effort to expand the plus-size market, but they have basically abandoned that during the recession, Cohen said.

"They've made feeble attempts at going after it, but now that business is challenged, it is first thing



Plus size brands, like these sold at J.C.Penny, are aiming to create sexy and sleek designs like never before, but customers are not buying clothes at the rate they used to.

knocked out of the store," he said. "Even though they built it, this was not a field of dreams for the retailer."

And there's also the uncomfortable connection between obesity and lower incomes, which might help explain the dip. A study of nationally representative data on American workers by two professors at Stanford University found that obese workers at the same level of job experience, education and gender earned less than their thinner colleagues.

For women, there was a statistically significant difference of wages of \$2.64 per hour. For men it was 58 cents per hour, which wasn't statistically significant.

"The recession has hit

workers hard, obese (workers) are hit particularly hard," said Jay Bhattacharya, associate professor of medicine at Stanford University.

Christie L. Nordhielm, associate professor of marketing at the University of Michigan, said that if overweight people are paid less, it would make sense that they would cut down on buying clothes.

"If they are stressed about paying their mortgage they are not going to be in a clothing store getting this year's hot new look," she said.

Still, several brands are reaching out to plus-size customers. Lane Bryant is launching a couture-inspired line called the icon Collection by Lane

Bryant in September, while Forever 21 has launched a plus-size line called Faith 21.

And for some retailers, plus-size clothing remains a relative bright spot.

"I will say that the general apparel and upscale retailers is soft and large sizes is no worse — a little better — than the apparel," said Frank Doroff, Bloomingdale's vice chairman and general merchandise manager for ready-to-wear.

Bloomingdale's sells plus sizes at 80 percent of the stores across the U.S., and Doroff said the department store is trying to add brands that cater to plus sizes including Lauren by Ralph Lauren and Jones New York.

Owners take advantage of tax deadlines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a pair of tax deadlines approaching, small business owners have a chance to turn some bureaucratic requirements into a planning opportunity for the rest of 2009.

Sept. 15 is the day companies must make quarterly estimated tax payments, and it's also the due date for corporations to submit 2008 tax returns if they obtained extensions of the filing deadline back in March. And Oct. 15 is the due date for sole proprietors and partners who got extensions of the April 15 deadline.

The tax calendar always offers business owners a chance to look at their books, assess how their companies are doing and plot their strategy. In an economy that now

looks like it's healing, many owners might want to reconsider some of the decisions they made during the recession.

There are some immediate tax decisions to be made. John Evans, a partner with the accounting firm BDO Seidman in New York, noted that the government's economic stimulus measures allowed businesses that incurred net operating losses in 2008 to carry them back five years instead of the usual two. That means they could apply those losses against taxes paid in the past and obtain refunds. Companies that got extensions of the filing deadlines can still take advantage of this tax break.

The IRS home page, www.irs.gov, has a link to information about the carryback provision and other tax benefits under the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as the stimulus law is officially known.

One of the other benefits of the act is the expanded Section 179 deduction, which allows small businesses to deduct up-front rather than depreciate the cost of equipment such as computers, furniture, manufacturing machines and vehicles, up to \$250,000. Yet another benefit is the bonus depreciation measure that increases the portion of a purchase price that can be deducted for the first year.

Evans, who noted that small businesses can take advantage of both of these tax benefits, said companies might feel they're in a better position now than they were a few months ago and consider some big capital expenditures.

Chicken-keeping popular in Portland

Associated Press

PORTLAND — North Williams Avenue is a street with a sound-track like most any other in the neighborhoods of Portland. There's the swishing of bikes, the rustling of leaves, the whirring of motors.

But then there's something else under those familiar notes: a tiny warble of clucks coming from a chicken coop set in a front yard.

Newspapers across the country have been splashing urban and suburban chicken-keeping across their front pages. It's the latest thing, they say. But in Portland, it's old hat. For the past few years, chicken-keeping has found its place here.

It seems odd at first; a background beat added to the wrong song. But if you listen as you walk along the streets, it's a chorus that starts to sound familiar.

Portland Mayor Sam Adams has two hens. Spots in chicken-raising classes fill up nearly as fast as the nurseries in North Portland can plan them. Hatcheries have trouble keeping up with demand. Residents dedicate blogs to their chickens.

And late last month, hundreds of people turned out for the Sixth Annual Tour de Coop, a self-guided tour of 26 chicken coops.

"It's inspiring," said Naomi Coplin, one of the chicken-watchers as she looked around at the setup just off North Williams Avenue.

The yard looked like a watercolor painting. Greens and reds and yellows and pinks folded in on each other. Sunflowers taller than the visitors shot up from the tilled ground. Raised beds offered up produce. Bees and butterflies shot through the air, using wildflowers as landing pads. And at the center of the garden was one of Portland's most impressive coops.

The structure wound through the yard in the shape of a "V." There was a roost, a run, a tower for lounging and a sign out front in the shape of an egg. "Hens for Obama," it read.

On that warm Sunday, Coplin, 49, had come to this coop on a mission.

"I'm hoping by the time we're done this morning, she's convinced," she said with a nod at her friend, Barb Wayson.

Coplin already has her own chickens and Wayson, her old high school pal, has been mulling over getting some of her own. "I kind of pride myself on being an environmentalist," Wayson said. The hens would be one more step toward sustainability. They'd eat leftover scraps and offer up some fertilizer and fresh eggs.

More people using layaway

Associated Press

NEW YORK — To gauge consumers' strain, look no further than the rows and rows of plastic bags awaiting layaway payments at Kmart. They are filled with back-to-school basics — not just T-shirts and jeans but notebooks, magic markers and pencils.

It is unheard of for layaway rooms to be so packed at back-to-school time and for the packages to include relatively cheap school supplies.

A record number of shoppers, shut off from credit and short on cash, are relying on Kmart's layaway program to pay for all of their kids' school needs, said Tom Aiello, a spokesman for Kmart's parent Sears Holdings Corp. Layaway allows shoppers to pay over time, interest-free, and pick up their merchandise when it's paid in full.

"It's a sight. In the past, we would see layaway start to pick up around Halloween" as people get a jump start for Christmas, said David Travis, manager of a Kmart store in Conover, N.C.

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. said its layaway business is stronger than a year ago. And e-Layaway.com, which offers online layaway services for about 1,000 merchants, has seen its business double from the same time last year. Customers are setting aside even \$25 calculators and \$30 backpacks.

The word "layaway" had more than double the interest among U.S. searchers in August 2009 than it had in August 2008, according to Google Insights for Search.

Retailers that don't offer layaway are seeing financially strapped shoppers keep buying smaller amounts and using more cash than credit to pay.

"It just tells you that consumers have no money — even that \$30 backpack is something they can't afford," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research group.

Layaway has its roots in the Great Depression. It became passe in the past two decades with the rise of credit cards.

But the recession and financial crisis have caused banks to raise rates, pare credit limits and close accounts. For some consumers, layaway is the best option to budget for purchases.

Buying a little at a time and other signs of stress are casting a dark cloud over the holiday season, which accounts for as much as 40 percent of annual sales for many retailers.

Many economists expect to see another holiday season of sales declines, on top of last year's Christmas period, the weakest in several decades. That's raising more doubts about an economic recovery because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

Kmart's Travis predicts this Christmas will be a "record-setting" layaway season.

The worries about a weak Christmas come amid a back-to-school season that the National Retail Federation expects will see families cut 8 percent of spending from last year.

Tracey Y. Chandler of Rocky Mount, N.C., started using layaway at the local Kmart last Christmas as the economy soured and again this past summer to furnish her 8-year-old daughter's bedroom.

Last weekend, she put aside \$150 worth of back-to-school clothes at Sears stores.

"The job market is too unstable to take on additional debt," said Chandler. She and her husband both work as teachers' assistants, and she fears they could be casualties of budget cuts.

Sears Holdings brought back layaway to its namesake department stores last holiday season after a two-decade hiatus. This year, the company also is copying old-fashioned Christmas club bank accounts to help its Kmart and Sears customers save for gifts.

Competitors have been slow to follow, which may give stores like Sears who have them an edge.

Wal-Mart discontinued the practice in 2006, except for jewelry, citing rising costs and falling demand. TJX Cos., which offers layaway in some of its Marshalls and T.J. Maxx stores and nearly all of its A.J. Wright locations, declined to comment on its layaway business.

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World economy improving

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Turnabouts in European and Asian economies, along with recent gains in the U.S., are raising hopes that the worldwide recession is drawing to a close. That's not to say the coast is clear.

The brightening outlook in Europe and Asia and the improvement in U.S. credit markets and indicators reflect heavy government stimulus spending. Many analysts question whether the top economies can sustain recoveries after stimulus measures and easy-credit policies have run their course — and in the absence of significant new consumer spending, especially among Americans.

"It's not clear that these economies can continue to move forward without stimulus," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com. "And that's in part why stock markets across the globe are nervous."

It will be difficult for other countries to pull out of recession until the U.S., still one quarter of the world economy, starts growing, he said.

After a frightening free-fall across Europe in late 2008, France and Germany, the continent's two largest economies, reported recently that they had grown slightly in the second quarter of 2009. Other major European countries reported they were still struggling, but with generally improved figures over late 2008 and earlier this year.

China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea have also reported rebounds as government stimulus efforts across the globe have begun to show results.

Russia, among the hardest hit of major economies as oil prices slumped and many foreign investors fled the country, appeared to be stabilizing.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the Federal Reserve said the world's largest economy appeared to be "leveling out" and many economists see a second-

half rebound.

It all adds up to an improving picture ahead of an economic summit next month in Pittsburgh of the world's top 20 industrial and developing economies.

It is the third such meeting of all the major economic players, after one convened by former President George W. Bush in November in Washington, and one held earlier this year in London. It is the first to be held recently as economies appear to be improving.

But until American consumers begin spending again, and so long as jobs are still being lost, the durability of any recovery is questionable. Major retailers reported this week that U.S. consumers are continuing to rein in spending on all but basics.

Despite slight recent improvements in many U.S. economic statistics, many consumers haven't seen a change in their lives.

So many jobs have been lost — nearly seven million since the recession began in December 2007 — that the unemployment rate will remain high long after the economy begins to rebound.

Many out-of-work Americans have lost unemployment and severance benefits and are depleting their savings. Others are saving more and spending less, still shaken from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

"This is going to be the mother of all jobless recoveries," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist for Decision Economics, a consulting firm.

Japan, the world's second-largest economy, grew 0.9 percent in the second quarter, or April to June, compared with the prior quarter as export sales picked up after the country's deepest slump since World War II, the Japanese government reported earlier this week. It was the latest major economy to report upbeat second-quarter results.

Japan's return to growth — thanks to a 6.3 percent uptick in exports along with government stimulus meas-

ures — marked the end of a yearlong recession.

But the development, along with recent news that other major economies had resumed economic growth or were stabilizing, did not impress investors as global stock markets sank and then zigzagged amid fears by jittery international investors that the recoveries were not sustainable.

In the United States, the gross domestic product contracted at a 1 percent pace in the April-June quarter, after plunging 6.4 percent in the January-March quarter, the worst in 27 years, and fell by 5.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008.

The latest statistics suggested the recession is in its final stages, and some economists believe it may have already ended.

Still, economists are mixed on the pace of recovery. Many barriers clearly stand in the way of a quick rebound.

Noting China's fast bounce — it posted more than 6 percent growth in the first half of 2009 — Peter Morici, a business economist at the University of Maryland and a critic of Obama's economic-recovery plans, said: "China has a \$400 billion stimulus package, and its economy is firing on all cylinders. President Obama has an \$800 billion stimulus but prospects for the U.S. economic recovery are fragile."

Other economists are guardedly optimistic. And Lawrence Summers, the top White House economic adviser, predicts "a substantial return to normalcy" in the coming months.

While acknowledging "we have a long way to go," he notes that most forecasts for GDP growth in the second half of the year are now positive.

"It is reasonable to say that we are in a very different place than we were six months ago; that the sense of free-fall, of vertical decline, has been contained," he told a recent economic forum.

Most economists and analysts seem to agree.

CANADA

Beetles pose threat in Yukon Territory

Associated Press

HAINES JUNCTION — A veil of smoke settled over the forest in the shadow of the St. Elias Mountains, in a wilderness whose spruce trees stood tall and gray, a deathly gray even in the greenest heart of a Yukon summer.

"As far as the eye can see, it's all infested," forester Rob Legare said, looking out over the thick woods of the Alsek River valley.

Beetles and fire, twin plagues, are consuming northern forests in what scientists say is a preview of the future, in a century growing warmer, as the land grows drier, trees grow weaker and pests, abetted by milder winters, grow stronger.

Dying, burning forests would then only add to the warming.

It's here in the sub-Arctic and Arctic — in Alaska, across Siberia, in northernmost Europe, and in the Yukon and elsewhere in northern Canada — that Earth's climate is changing most rapidly. While average temperatures globally rose 0.74 degrees Celsius (1.3 degrees Fahrenheit) in the past century, the far north experienced warming at twice that rate or greater.

In Russia's frigid east, some average temperatures have risen more than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), with mid-winter mercury spiking even higher. And "eight of the last 10 summers have been extreme wildfire seasons in Siberia," American researcher Amber J. Soja pointed out by telephone from central Siberia.

Along with shrinking the polar ice cap and thawing permafrost, scientists say, the warming of the Arctic threatens to turn boreal forest — the vast cover of spruce, pine and other conifers blanketing these high latitudes — into less of a crucial "sink" absorbing carbon dioxide and more of a source, as megatons of that greenhouse gas rise from dead, burning and decaying wood.

American forest ecologist Scott Green worries about a "domino effect."

"These things may occur simultaneously," said the

researcher from the University of Northern British Columbia. "If the bark beetles kill the trees, you'll have lots of dead, dry wood that will create a really, really hot fire, and then sometimes you don't get trees regenerating on the site."

Dominoes may already be falling in western North America.

From Colorado to Washington state, an unprecedented, years-long epidemic of mountain pine beetle has killed 2.6 million hectares (6.5 million acres) of forest. The insect has struck even more devastatingly to the north, in British Columbia, where clouds of beetles have laid waste to 14 million hectares (35 million acres) — twice the area of Ireland. It is expected to kill 80 percent of the Canadian province's lodgepole pines before it's finished.

Farther north, in the Yukon, the pine beetle isn't endemic — yet. Here it's the spruce bark beetle that has eaten its way through 400,000 hectares (1 million acres) of woodland, and even more in neighboring Alaska, in a 15-year-old epidemic unmatched in its longevity and extent.

"It's a fingerprint of climate change," Aynslye Ogden, senior researcher for the Yukon Forest Management Branch, said in Whitehorse, the territorial capital. "The intensity and severity and magnitude of the infestation is outside the normal."

Hiking through the wild and beetle-ravaged Alsek valley, Legare, the Yukon agency's forest health expert, explained how the 7.5-millimeter (quarter-inch) insect does its damage.

"Usually the female bores into the tree first, followed by the male, and then they mate and they both excavate a main egg gallery which runs parallel to the wood grain," he said.

The hatched larvae, just beneath the outer bark, then feed via perpendicular galleries they bore around the tree, cutting off nutrients moving through the phloem and killing the plant. Its needles turn reddish, later gray, and eventually wind topples the dead wood.

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Something for the ladies

Ben Gibbard famously opened his breakthrough album "Transatlanticism" with "So this is the New Year / And I don't feel any different." Much like Gibbard, we upperclassmen face a brand new year. Unlike Gibbard, we upperclassmen are not putting out multiplatinum records to whine about it.

Brooks Smith

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Power*

But the contrast goes deeper than relative success of indie rock albums. For many of us upperclassmen do feel different, because this new year represents a golden opportunity. Specifically, for the male juniors and seniors, this new year represents a golden opportunity to score with the hot and insecure freshmen girls before they realize we are skeezballs.

Now many of my fellow juniors and seniors are salivating at this opportunity. But I am one of the lucky few blessed with a huge captive audience: Viewpoint readers. So I cordially invite my fellow Y-chromes to suck it, because I got what you can only dream of: unprecedented access to the heartstrings of all the fly ladies.

The best part of having power is abusing it.

"Hold on now, youngster," I can hear some of my readers saying. "I can see quite a few logical fallacies in the above paragraphs. First of all, it is a truth universally acknowledged that writers don't get any. Second of all, your statement of purpose reveals that you are a soulless d-bag, which is counterproductive. Third of all, many

hose may read your prose, but what makes you suppose that they will act as you propose?"

To all my haters I set forth the following point-by-point counter, in the style of my spiritual antecedent, St. Thomas Aquinas:

Counter 1. Firstly, to the unfair stereotype that "writers don't get any," I direct the scholar to the curious case of Lord Byron, ladies' man extraordinaire. This man, a towering great of English literature, was also a towering great of being a pimp. His lengthy, firm prose, dashing good looks, and all-around badassery made him a favorite with the fairer sex. "Mad, bad and dangerous to know," enthused one of his many conquests, and not without reason.

I can hear the counter to this counter forming in many mouths: Do you really think you're on the same plane as Lord Byron? My counter-counter-counter: Yes.

Counter 2. Being a soulless d-bag is far from counterproductive with the ladies. In fact, I would argue that it is the opposite of counterproductive. (Double negative biotch!)

But what is really at issue is that I have broken with good form and admitted that my personality is atrocious. Even in this there is scholarly precedent once you consider the famous utterance of Ludacris: "Forget about game, Ima spit the truth." The verse continued, "I won't stop till I got em in they birfday suits." Words to live by.

Counter 3. The point is getting your name out there. News flash: Woody Allen's success with the ladies wasn't based on charisma or looks, folks.

Having thus handily disposed of my rivals, I am faced with by far the biggest challenge of all: overcoming my previous reputation.

Underclasswomen, people will tell you that I am "nice." They will tell you that I am "sweet." They will tell you that I am a "good guy." They will claim that I am a "tender lover" who will "buy you presents on your birthday." They may even tell you "his column in the Observer was a joke." These people are liars who want to turn you against me.

Let me tell you about my true personality. I am an a-hole. I am a d-bag. I am a cad of the first water. I solemnly pledge that I will break your heart. I promise to flirt with, and later hook up with, your best friends and/or sisters. Make no mistake, I will leave you unsatisfied with me in every way. And I solemnly swear to lead you on shamelessly about your ring by spring. Don't worry: I'll only leave you at the altar after all other opportunities to break up and salvage some dignity have passed by.

I will guarantee you an experience that guys in dorms like Zahm only claim to deliver. You will be happy about your first college relationship. I am more than excited to be your first ever purely physical, dead-end, go-nowhere "friend with benefits," leaving emotional scars that will take months or years to heal and require many sleepless nights spent listening to "Transatlanticism."

I can already tell you want me.

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"Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success."

Christopher Lasch
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything."

Bill Lyon
U.S. author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrongful Praise

In what began as a joyful and prayerful celebration to begin the school year, I was on the verge of tears with my blood boiling as Provost Thomas Burish spoke about former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during the Opening Mass. During the celebration of a mass, a terrible woman was glorified and was somehow tied in to a speech praising Our Mother. Our provost spoke of her as a great woman, while a simple reflection of her time as Prime Minister shows otherwise.

She opposed human rights in her own country, vying against the rights and power of trade and labor unions. She sacrificed justice and reasonable living for the working class majority of Britain for the "sake of the economy." Unemployment rates soared while she was in office and she singlehandedly crippled the entire economy in Scotland.

This speech became utterly laughable and more disgusting as Burish told her story and identified her turning point in life when her young pen pal died when she was a "naïve" girl. Burish himself must have been naïve in believing this. This is the same Thatcher who cold-bloodedly let 10

Irishmen, including one elected member of her own Parliament, starve to death as they protested the poor conditions of prison and lack of classification as political prisoners. She let a member of her own government die without intervening!

So, despite Notre Dame being known as a school with many students of Irish background, and despite having arguably the best Irish studies program in this country, our Provost praised not just only one of the most hated figures of Irish republicans in recent history, but one of the most hated politicians in the world's recent history. (There are no less than 42 Facebook groups planning parties for when Thatcher dies.) Such a controversial figure should not be praised anywhere, especially in the sacred sanctuary of a heavily populated Catholic Mass. Provost Thomas Burish surely could have spoke about many other key figures for Domers to draw inspiration from as they begin the school year!

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Boycott Berkeley classes taught by 'torture memo' lawyer

I add my voice to the growing chorus of UC Berkeley faculty, staff, and alumni who are outraged by UC Berkeley law professor John Yoo's twisting of the law in memos to promote torture and other abuses of power.

Yoo has blood on his hands. He may not have directly tortured people himself, but as research on genocide and other atrocities shows, legal apologists such as he and others surrounding the top of the chain of command play a critical role in carrying out such acts.

Through this work, Yoo has not only participated in actual instances of torture (however remotely); he has also made it more dangerous for military personnel and other Americans traveling overseas. That, in addition to valuing human rights, is why military leaders and lawyers reject Yoo's position on torture. The use of torture by the U.S. has also probably made it easier to recruit terrorists against us.

The well-publicized shoddiness of Yoo's work in the "torture memos" is a symptom of scholarship brought into the service of ideology (Yoo's successor quickly nullified them due to the weakness of their legal reasoning). Personally, I see Yoo and his warmongering ilk in the Bush administration not as strong, brave leaders (as they likely envision themselves), but rather as frightened cowards unable or unwilling to defend this nation without resorting to inhumane practices and violations of interna-

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tional law.

The Bush administration did not prosecute Yoo, and the Obama administration has so far balked at doing so. Appealing to academic freedom and tenure protections, the dean of the Boalt Hall School of Law refuses to fire Yoo, even though faculty regulations allow dismissal of a professor whose actions damage the university's reputation; Yoo's actions certainly have done so. Tenure was meant to protect freedom of expression, not criminal acts.

Until Yoo is prosecuted for his war crimes and dismissed from his prestigious faculty position, I call on his fellow faculty members to censure him for his work in the torture memos.

I call on law students to boycott his classes to send him and the campus the clear message that his cynical manipulation of the law (with the theory that "it's legal by definition if the president does it") and his role in enabling torture are unacceptable to the UC Berkeley community. To those law students who feel they must take his classes, I urge you to vigorously challenge Yoo's legal interpretations. And, I call on all community members to join in the active protests of Yoo's continued presence in the law school.

These acts would signal to the world that Berkeley does not condone torture and those who promote it; they would reverse some of the disgrace that Yoo has brought on this community.

This column first ran in the Aug. 25 edition of The Daily Californian, the daily newspaper serving the University of California at Berkeley. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Keep students informed without creating H1N1 panic

When the H1N1 virus, more commonly called swine flu, first appeared in April, there was an international outpouring of concern and fear. Talk of hundreds of thousands of deaths flooded the air-

waves and front pages, and emergency rooms grew crowded as patients with a sore throat feared the worst. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the number of doctor's visits for flu-like illnesses more than doubled the week the warnings came out.

But swine flu has not been nearly as catastrophic as the tabloids — and, in this particular set of circumstances, the mainstream media — predicted. To date, there have been less than 500 deaths in the United States from swine flu, far less than the Armageddon-like figures some news outlets projected. While incidence rates for flu have been atypically elevated, they are declining. Indeed, less than one in five flu tests for the week ending Aug. 8 yielded a positive result. Compared to a few weeks ago, when two in five flu tests were positive.

Later this year, a swine flu vaccine will come out as a part of the government's strategy to contain the disease. The American strategy of purchasing 600 million doses, about two per person, for \$8 billion is some-

what risky. The vaccine will not have been tested as thoroughly as other drugs, due to time constraints. We do not want 2009 to be remembered the same way as 1918, when one-third of the world's population suffered from the flu.

Besides the apparent reason to take action to save lives, there is another motive to avoid slowing down the economy yet again. With the international community in the midst of a recession, a worldwide flu pandemic would cost billions of dollars at a most inopportune time.

At this point, the best prevention strategies are the same tactics used to prevent an infectious disease, namely hand washing. The CDC also says those with confirmed cases of flu should stay away from others. Please, take their advice.

In a fast-moving crisis or potential crisis, the least beneficial action is to panic. University administrators seem to have made a concerted effort to avoid exactly that. It is our hope that the University will continue its forthright, rapid communication with the community about the effects of the flu.

We also hope you'll wash your hands and cover your mouth and nose. We will.

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Passion Pit creates danceable indie rock in their debut album

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Assistant Scene Editor

Don't be surprised if you begin hearing people talk about Passion Pit, an indie electronic band on the rise who has been compared to MGMT but certainly has the creativity, genius and charm to create its own distinct sound. With the high-pitched and passionate falsetto of the lead vocals, munchkin-like backup vocals, insightful yet concise, relatable and fairly accessible lyrics, exuberant upbeat '80's sound and the electronic sound effects and intriguing instrumentation to back it up, Passion Pit's debut album "Manners" has the

potential to rank as one of the best alternative albums of the year.

The electronic band formed in Cambridge, Mass., in 2007 and consists of members Michael Angelakos on lead vocals and keyboards, Ian Hultquist on keyboards and guitar, Ayad Al Adhamy on synth and samples, Jeff Apruzzese on bass and Nate Donmoyer on drums. The group mixes electronic synth pop with a disco sound and dissonant hooks to create a sub-genre of indie rock one might refer to as dance rock or electro pop, making the band appealing to '80's pop, indie rock, disco, electronic and modern pop fans alike.

"Manners" opens with the keyboard-ridden "Make Light," which may not be the strongest track on the album but still has the lively drums, warm synth effects and keyboard riffs, and falsetto to create a danceable rock atmosphere. The synth

pop tune "Little Secrets," has a sharp bass line and displays some of Passion Pit's insightful yet accessible lyrics: "Let this be our little secret/ No one needs to know we're feeling/ Higher and higher and higher/ ... /But I feel alive and I feel it in me/ Up and up I keep on climbing/ Higher and higher and higher" They double up on the "higher and higher" part of the chorus, involving an elementary school choir in the mix. The kiddie choir may be considered behind the curve but certainly makes the band more endearing to its fans.

"Moth's Wings," a more subdued track, has a more grandiose atmospheric sound akin to U2 and includes more acoustic instruments as well as synth-piano chords. The album's first single, "The Reeling," is a great party-ready dance number and proves to its fans that underneath Passion Pit's upbeat optimistic sound often lies a darker message: "Now I pray that somebody will quickly come and kidnap me/ Oh no, oh no/ And everyday I lie awake and pray to God today's the day/ Oh no, oh no." Much like "Little Secrets," the message is delivered with help from an elementary school choir, contrasting darker themes with a sense of youthfulness and innocence.

One might confuse "Eyes As Candles" for an '80's pop tune until the distinctive falsetto of lead singer Angelakos comes in, as the song is a softer melody than the others and combines hand clapping, synth-piano and a soft drum beat for the intro. Nonetheless, the band includes many electronic sound effects more characteristic of the year 2009, letting its audience know that yes, they are still in the correct era. "Swimming in the Flood" has a much slower beat and a smoother sound, adding variety to the album.

"Folds in Your Hands" brings the focus back to the dance floor and has synth riffs that might remind one of French alternative band Phoenix, who similarly borrows much of their sound from '80's pop. "To Kingdom Come" has more of a '80's rock sound, complete with guitar, drums and horns, which are part of the wide array of instrumental resources that Angelakos utilizes throughout the album.

For the new album, the band mastered "Sleepyhead," which had been the indie band's first hit from their 2008 debut EP, "Chunk of Change." The result is a song complete with overly dissonant synth riffs, hyperemotional and high-pitched lead vocals, munchkin-like backup vocals

and incomprehensible poetic lyrics: "And you said it was like fire around the brim/ Burning solid burning thin the burning rim/ ... /You were one inch from the edge of this bed/ I dragged you back a sleepyhead." While the components of "Sleepyhead" may not sound ideal, the combination of these qualities manages to work in its favor.

"Manners" may borrow much of its sound from '80's pop and indie rock, but "Clash" magazine has a different take on the LP, saying that: "At its most adventurous, 'Manners' sounds like little else — a pop record that exists in a world of its own, carving a sub-genre niche which only fits their expansive, tonally decadent material."

Not only does Passion Pit know how to produce a well-orchestrated creative album, but they also know how to deliver energetic, well-received live performances and have opened for such bands as Death Cab for Cutie and Girl Talk. The electro pop band performed at Lollapalooza this summer with good reviews, proving that they could excel in a festival setting.

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Manners Passion Pit

Released by: Frenchkiss Records

Best Tracks: "Little Secrets," "The Reeling," "Sleepyhead"



Vogue draws Fall Fashion influences from the '40's and '80's



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By MARTHA KARAM
Scene Writer

I hardly know the difference between fashion and style. Style is easy, because everyone is born with the affinity to a distinct style. Fashion, on the other hand, changes too much for most college students to be able to be alert to trends and the only way most Notre Dame students would constantly be on top of "what's hot in Bryant Park" is if it were as convenient as "what's hot in Hammes."

For the summer of 2009, Vogue searched music festivals such as Lollapalooza and All Points West Festival and it became clear that the "hipper than thou" feature on style.com, Vogue online, defined Summer 2009 fashion. The site now claims that autumn 2009 can be summed up into these cutesy names for trends:

"Biker Brigade" is straightforward biker gear. Exactly what you think of when you think of how the fashion industry would pinch the style — black leather, black denim, big zippers, all fitted tightly. Biker jackets and even biker boots were featured in Spring/Summer 2009 collections, so this trend may be dying out more quickly than it will rush in.

"Boudoir Crossing" for lack of definitive description, is un-

wearable. This trend would include frills, sheer coatings over bikini tops as blouses and more than an appropriate amount of skin showing. Considering the autumn weather and the modesty of students, this likely is not going to be hitting Notre Dame. For this trend, the takeaway may be the color scheme of pale and cream colors.

"Forties and Fabulous" is Joan Crawford. Big hats. Big shoulders. Long pencil skirts. Fur. This will probably end up manifested as pencil skirts becoming popularized among college students and more daring hats. Big, tight curls may become more mainstream, a change from natural, broken curls that had been popular last season.

"Party like it's 1983" is defined by the look that only David Bowie would consider a party in 1983. Think less side ponytail and leg warmers, more leather, patterns, futuristic buckles and sequins. See: "Walking on the Moon" video by The Dream ft. Kanye West.

"Ruche Hour" means that draping will become the alternative to A-line skirts. This trend seems to have already gained popularity with many designers featuring "tulip skirts" last season. Ruche also falls under the idea of 1940s fashion infiltrating and of the

Boudoir being a symbol of fashion, but seems to contrast the straight, fitted cuts of the other trends.

"Smart Investments" is apparently the androgynous answer to "forties and fabulous." Men's clothing on women is not all that uncommon with "boyfriend jeans" and one-size-too-large V-necks, but some designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that women take on full-tailored suits made for men. Fall 2008 emphasized curves with tapered waists. Tapered waists will never be unfashionable, but for this season many designers placed suit jackets and unfitted blazers, lessening the appearance of a defined waist.

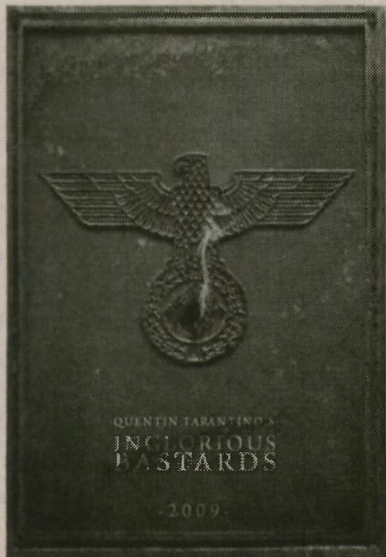
Consistencies within the six trends: big shoulders, leather, glittery clothing and black.

Just because a fashion magazine says something "should" be popular does not guarantee that it will be. To the average girl, these trends may sound ridiculous and far-fetched. Seeing as how fashion magazines expect drastic change twice a year, it is certain that if given time, these trends will look ridiculous and far-fetched even to the designers who popularized them.

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TARANTINO'S NEW WWII FILM

"DOWNRIGHT
GLORIOUS"



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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

It's wildly audacious, merrily insensitive, insane and, at times, so over-the-top that it's safe to say that it'll alienate half of its audience. But gosh darn it, it's downright glorious; a grand spectacle of a film that could only come from a master of cinema at his very best.

Quentin Tarantino's much-anticipated revenge thriller veiled as a war-picture, "Inglourious Basterds" is a nearly indescribable manifestation of cinematic storytelling.

Using his keen eye for dialogue, flexing his love for gore and tension-filled action and somehow managing to walk the line between quirky comical genius and dark, sensitive storytelling, Tarantino sticks to his guns and brings to life a story that is uniquely his, and could only be as successful as it is under his bold vision.

Payback is the name of the game in this revisionist fantasy of a World War II film. And payback has never been so sweet.

Set in Nazi-occupied France, "Inglourious Basterds" is the tale of a group of Jewish-American

soldiers led by the ruthless Lt. Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt) who are sent into France as Raine says, "For one thing, and one thing only: Killing Nazis." The lot of them are feared throughout the ranks of the S.S., for tales of their methods of execution strike fear into the heart of even Hitler himself.

Known only as "The Basterds," we find them rampaging through France, bashing skulls in with baseball bats, cutting off dead Nazi scalps for sport, shooting first and never stopping to ask any questions and, in rare instances of compassion, carving swastikas onto the foreheads of their prisoners. Their actions, so barbarically outlandish and cringe-inducing, would be so wrong, if only, as the audience sits in awe and watches with wide eyes, it didn't feel so right.

Tarantino ingeniously weaves the storyline of the Basterds with that of Shoshanna Dreyfus, a young Jewish woman who witnesses the murder of her entire family at the hands of Nazi Colonel Hans Landa (Christopher Waltz, who rightfully won best actor at the Cannes Film Festival for this role), who stumbles upon a chance at ultimate revenge on the Nazis. The owner of a local cinema, she is presented with the opportunity to host a premiere of a new film from Germany's premier director, to which many high-ranking members of Nazi command will attend. And thus she plots her revenge just as the Basterds go about theirs.

The film is awash in references to old cinema — everything from the carefully crafted soundtrack, to the set locations, to elements of the dialogue — all pay homage to old cinema, which is a new trick in Tarantino's bag. There's no

revolutionary status to this film like there was with "Pulp Fiction." Instead, Tarantino has made a film that is as uniquely "Tarantino" as could be, while somehow being as weirdly non-trademark Tarantino as he's ever been.

Watch closely and you'll know it's his brainchild, but watch closer and you'll notice his flare for dialogue has changed, and if there was any Hollywood in him at all, it's been put aside for the duration of the film's runtime. There are no Royale with cheese-like conversations or round-table discussions like in the opening scene in "Reservoir Dogs," and there are no rules here, or Hollywood boundaries. It has a style all to its own, a nearly unexplainable style that can best be described as a strangely refreshing breath of fresh air.

Some will be annoyed, and others enthralled by just how whacked out and immoral Tarantino's Nazi-killing machine of a film is. Some will find it over-long and choppy at times, so much so that the quirks, as plentiful as they are, will lose their charm. But for those who have enough patience and resilience to just take this as seriously as it's meant to be taken, this a rare joy ride of a film that's so enjoyable, you just can't help but grin from ear-to-ear once the credits roll.

It isn't "Pulp Fiction" and it's no masterpiece per se, but it may just be the most swaggeringly fun, weirdly delightful film to grace the silver screen in years. They're basterds, the whole bunch of them, and it's so glorious, we just can't help but love 'em.

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Inglourious Basterds

Directed by: Quentin Tarantino

Starring: Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz, Michael Fassbender, Eli Roth, Diane Kruger, Daniel Bruhl, Til Schweiger, Melanie Laurent



DMB pays tribute to late band member with a new album



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By JOEY KUHN
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Have you ever been working on a project when life suddenly blasted you with the unexpected, and after that crucial moment the project took on a whole different meaning? That's what happened to the Dave Matthews Band during the recording of their latest album, "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King." They were mining for coal, but

an accidental and tragic dynamite explosion blew open a cave of diamonds.

The band's seventh studio album was released on June 2. It debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 music chart, the fifth consecutive DMB album to do so. Among hardcore DMB fans, though, the favorites have usually been "Under the Table and Dreaming," "Crash," and "Before These Crowded Streets."

These, the band's first three albums, have acquired almost canonical status; they are sometimes referred to as "The Big Three." Holding them up as the standard, everything that Dave Matthews Band has released since has seemed to fall a little short — until now. Critics, casual listeners and diehard fans alike have received "Big Whiskey" as a new masterpiece.

A lot happened in the four years intervening between the band's last studio album, "Stand Up," and "Big Whiskey." On March 6, 2008, it was revealed that the band was working on a new album with producer Rob

Cavallo, whose credits include Green Day and Alanis Morissette. Then Butch Taylor, the band's keyboardist since 2001, announced that he would leave the group on May 27. But the biggest blow came on Aug. 19, when saxophonist LeRoi Moore died from complications to injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

Instead of scrapping the album they had just started working on, Dave Matthews and crew instead pulled together and created possibly their most cohesive and emotionally intense album yet. "Big Whiskey" is a swampy mix of joy, grief, love, pain, drunkenness, God and death. First and foremost, it is a tribute to Moore (GrooGrux was Moore's nickname). Many of the lyrics reflect on mortality; some even explicitly point to Moore's death, as in "Why I Am": "And when my story ends it's gonna end with him/Heaven or hell, I'm going down with the GrooGrux King." Not every song relates to Moore's passing away, but even straightforward love ballads here are tinged with an air of impending fatality.

Don't get the wrong idea, though; the album never despairs or admits defeat to death. Instead, Matthews preaches acceptance of mortality and carnal reality. At the same time, without condemning or condemning, he questions why things on

earth must be so messy and unfair, as in the album's first single, "Funny the Way It Is": "Funny the way it is, if you think about it/One kid walks 10 miles to school, another's dropping out."

"Big Whiskey" is also pervaded by religious language and imagery that is more explicit than in any other of DMB's previous albums; in "Time Bomb," Matthews wails "Baby when I get home/I want to believe in Jesus" in some of his most impassioned singing on the album.

Throughout "Big Whiskey," the lyrics evoke the tension between a desire to transcend and the tendency to be dragged back to the earth by our own humanity. Elements of funk, African beats, New Orleans jazz and rock give the music a raucous, earthy sound at times, balanced out by the airs of strings and fluttering saxophone on lighter tracks.

The album really runs the gamut of emotions depicted in the chaotic scene of a New Orleans parade on its cover. But wherever Dave Matthews Band take us on "Big Whiskey," they take us with the surer and sometimes heavier step of a band that has perfected its sound and reached full maturity, though not without a cost. We can only wonder where they will go from here.

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Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King

Dave Matthews Band

Released by: RCA

Best Tracks: "Why I Am," "Dive In," "Seven," "Spaceman," "Funny the Way It Is"



MLB

Huff's six innings lead Indians over Royals

Hunter extends hitting streak to 12 games with two-run homer as Saunders gets the victory over Detroit

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Snoozing on the way to the ballpark, David Huff was jolted by a crash. A car had lost control in the rain and slid into the side of the team bus, a startling wake-up call for the Cleveland rookie.

Once Huff got to the field: crickets, just as he likes it.

The left-hander threw six solid innings Wednesday, bouncing back from a bad outing and helping the Indians to a 4-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

All that buzz from Zack Greinke's 15-strikeout performance the night before? Gone thanks to whisper-quiet stadium and a pitcher who prefers groundouts to punchouts.

"I'm not going to go out and strike out a bunch of guys," said Huff, 6-3 on the road. "I'm going to be the guy who tries to get ground-ball outs, a bunch of double plays. For me, strikeouts are boring. I like a quick ballgame. I like guys to ground out in one pitch, two pitches."

Grady Sizemore reached base four times after a day off, scoring in the first, third and fifth innings to put Cleveland up 3-2. Jamey Carroll, Cleveland's No. 2 hitter, had two of his three hits on hit-and-runs to move Sizemore around the bases and Matt LaPorta hit his second homer of the season off Luke Hochevar (6-7) to give Huff all the support he needed.

Kerry Wood worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 21 chances, giving Cleveland its eighth win in 12 series since the All-Star break.

The Royals couldn't follow up the excitement from Greinke's performance the night before.

Kansas City scored two runs in the first three innings off Huff (8-7), but didn't get a runner past second base after that. Billy Butler had three hits for the Royals, who have baseball's worst home record (26-41) after losing five of six at Kauffman Stadium.

"It's a frustrating year," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "Losses are tough to let go of."

Most of the game was nondescript, as might be expected of two teams with little left to play and a crowd that hardly seemed there.

The Royals got a run in the first inning on Mark Teahen's sacrifice fly, another in the third on a bloop double by Miguel Olivo.

Asdrubal Cabrera had a run-scoring fielder's choice in the first for Cleveland. Shin-Soo Choo added some excitement with a run-scoring double to left-center in the third, a play that ended with Carroll getting thrown out by three steps at the plate. Sizemore scampered home on a wild pitch in the fifth and LaPorta homered in the sixth, drawing cheers from a handful of fans and not much else.

In between? Lots of lazy popups, routine grounders, a few strikeouts, the occasional grounder through the infield. Boring? Maybe a little, especially after what Greinke did the night before, but it worked.

"It was different, but it's the big leagues and you have to handle any atmosphere you're in," Wedge said. "It doesn't matter. You still have to raise your level of play."

Huff started off his day with a jolt, one of nine Indians players on the bus when it was hit by a car on the way to the stadium. No one was hurt.

On the field, the lefty didn't let the Royals get the barrel on too many pitches, inducing plenty of soft grounders and sleepy fly balls. Huff allowed two runs and seven hits after lasting just 3 1-3 innings his last start.

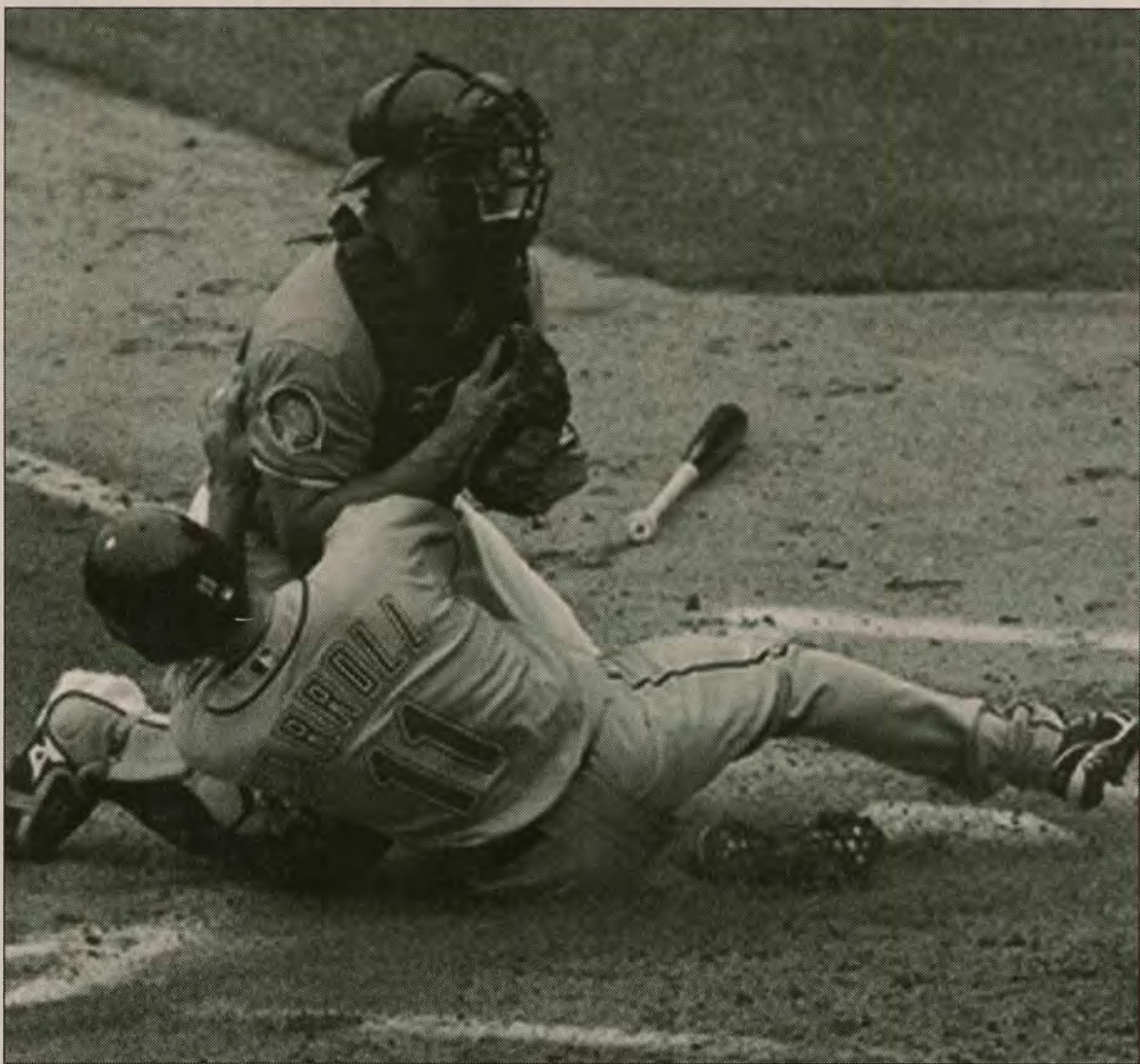
"It always helps when guys are swinging at pitches," Huff said. "It's one of those things where you throw something off-speed, they think it's fast-ball and hopefully they just roll it over."

Hochevar had a second decent outing on the heels of four shaky ones, working through traffic to allow three earned runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander lost his chance to end a six-game winless streak with the wild pitch—Kansas City's majors-leading 73rd—that allowed Sizemore to score and the slider LaPorta hit out to put the Indians up 4-2.

"That was a terrible pitch to LaPorta," Hochevar said after throwing a career-high 116 pitches.

Angels 4, Tigers 2

Joe Saunders and the Los Angeles Angels both got their seasons back on track in the



Royals catcher Miguel Olivo tags out Cleveland's Jamey Carroll at home in the third inning Wednesday. The Indians scored one run in the third and won 4-2.

same afternoon. And as usual around the Angels, Torii Hunter had something to do with every positive development.

Hunter hit an early two-run homer, Saunders pitched five effective innings in his return to the rotation and Los Angeles snapped its three-game skid with a victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

Hunter, who extended his hitting streak to 12 games, claims he threw a tantrum over his AL West-leading team's slump of five losses in six games. The Angels' clubhouse leader has a hit in every game since returning from a month on the disabled list last week, and he reached base three times as Los Angeles managed to remain the only major league team without four straight losses this season.

"I was just hoping the guys were upset, because I was upset," Hunter said. "We have a pretty good team. Traveling back from the East Coast (last Sunday), we were

just trying to find our way, but we were able to capitalize on their mistakes."

Hunter's first-inning shot off Edwin Jackson (10-6), his 18th of the season, provided a valuable cushion for Saunders, who looked good after a 2 1/2-week regimen of massage, electrotherapy and a cortisone shot to get some life back in his sore shoulder.

"I think that early home run helped Joe relax," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "That's certainly the most consistent velocity I've seen all year from Joe."

Saunders (10-7) was cool in the 97-degree Orange County heat while making his first start since Aug. 7, after which he went on the disabled list.

The left-hander had struggled for over a month before his DL stint, but the Angels' opening day starter allowed four hits while striking out six.

"It was nice to be able to throw the ball without any hint of tightness," Saunders

said. "My arm was free, and I just let it go. ... I look back on (the struggles) and say I should have done this a little earlier, but it's my fault. Hopefully if it ever happens again, I'll step up and say something."

Kendry Morales and Chone Figgins added run-scoring hits for the Angels, who avoided being swept at home for the first time since June 2007 and prevented Detroit's first road sweep of the Angels since August 1993. Manufacturing runs with their usual mix of hits, walks and sharp baserunning, Los Angeles capitalized on Jackson's high leg kick to steal five bases, matching a season high.

"They got a couple of runs early with the home run, then they got two bleeders to get another run on me," said Jackson, who yielded eight hits and four walks in 6 1-3 innings during his first loss in seven starts since July 19. "That's what a good team does. They find a way to get runs."

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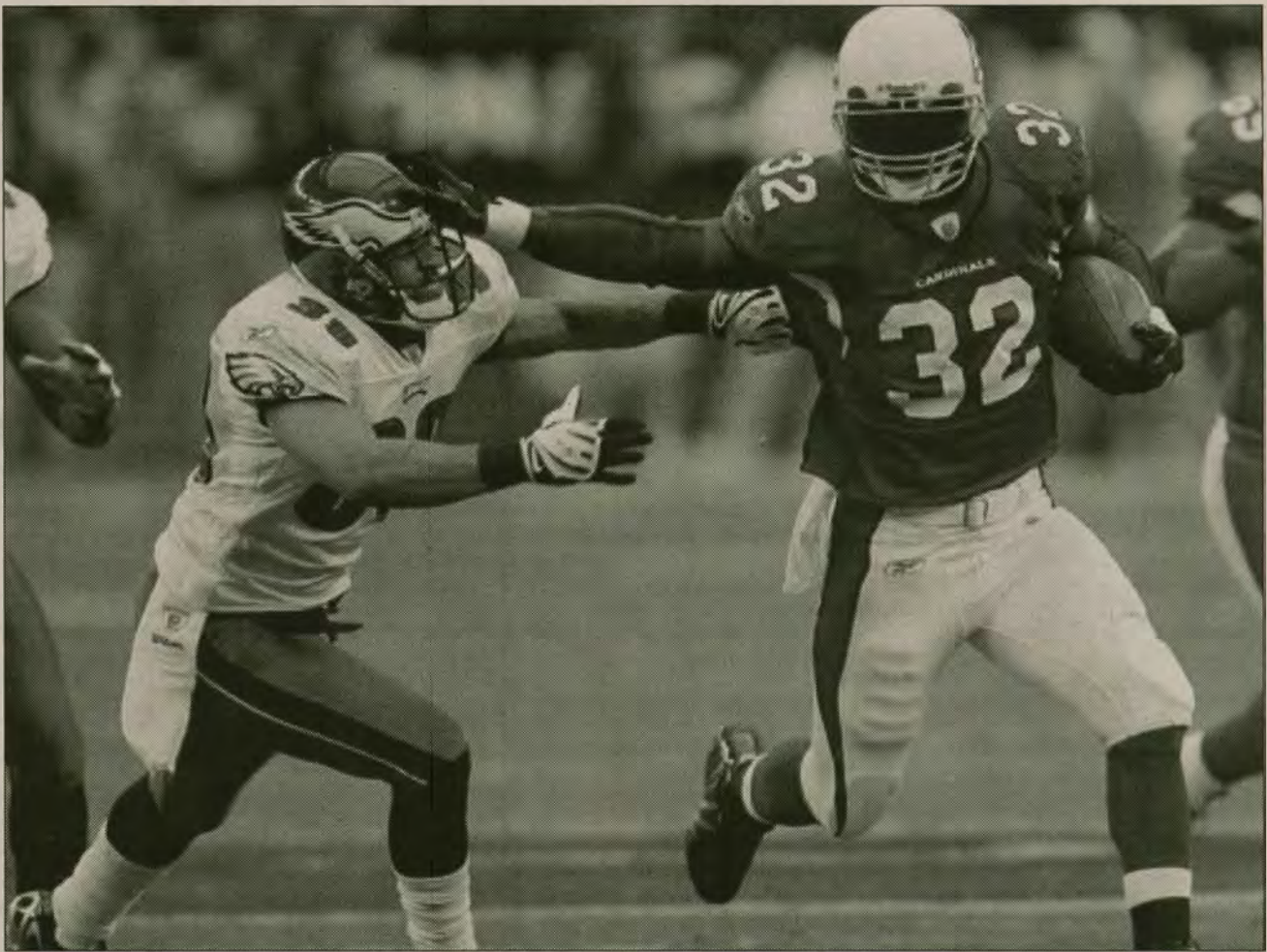
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NFL



Cardinals running back Edgerrin James, right, stiff-arms Eagles safety Quintin Demps during the first half of the NFC Championship game in Glendale, Arizona on Jan. 18.

Seahawks improve running game

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Edgerrin James signed with Seattle in an effort to revitalize his career while the Seahawks are just desperate to improve a running game that ranked near the bottom in the NFL last season.

James, who agreed to a free-agent contract Tuesday, said Wednesday that he's not in Seattle to compete with starter Julius Jones but to work with him.

"It's a cool situation to come in and play with Julius," James said Wednesday after his first practice with the Seahawks. "In this day and age in the NFL, everything is pretty much two backs. I'm not here to compete with Julius, I'm here to complement him, to come in here and work together. I just want to win."

James is the league's active leading rusher and is 11th on the NFL rushing list with 12,121 yards. But he was benched for the first time in his career last season by Arizona.

His resurgence during the playoffs gave Arizona the running game it had lacked and sparked the team to James' only Super Bowl. The Cardinals released him earlier this year.

The Seahawks, who released running back T.J. Duckett to pave the way for James, signed him to support Jones.

"I'm just going to take it day by day and let the coaches decide how they feel I'm coming along," James said. "I'm not going to try to force nothing. I'm just going to try to do everything I can do."

Coach Jim Mora said that when considering James he watched videos of his last four games last season, including the Super Bowl, in which he had 33 yards in a 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh.

"That's what we based it on, that and his history of being a tough runner that's durable. He doesn't take losses," Mora said. "When we watched him on film, he still looked like that guy."

James also is 31, an age at which running backs are historically on the decline.

"You have to consider his age. It's irresponsible if you don't," Mora said. "We talked about it at length. The fact is he's going to be a complementary back to Julius. Julius is going to be our workhorse, our lead dog. To be able to get a guy of Edgerrin's caliber, his personality and pedigree to come in here and do what he's going to do is bonus for us."

IN BRIEF

Louisville quarterback Burke named starter
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe has named junior Justin Burke the starter for the season opener against Indiana State on Sept. 5.

Kragthorpe said Burke's consistency during training camp earned him the nod over Adam Froman and Zack Stoudt.

Burke sat out last season after transferring from North Carolina State. Kragthorpe said Burke's intelligence and ability to grasp the offense quickly helped him win the job.

Froman, a junior college transfer, had been Burke's strongest competition but has been slowed by a shoulder injury over the last week that forced him to miss last Saturday's scrimmage.

The start will be Burke's first since his senior year at Lexington Catholic, where he threw for a then-record 62 touchdowns.

Pacers' Dunleavy to return sooner than expected
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers guard Mike Dunleavy says he could return from a severe knee injury earlier than expected.

Dunleavy says he can do everything except have physical contact, and he expects that to change within weeks. Pacers coach Jim O'Brien has said he didn't expect Dunleavy to be available until at least January 2010.

He had surgery in March to remove a bone spur from the patella tendon on his right knee.

But Dunleavy is back on the court running. Though there is work ahead, he says he's "at a good place right now."

"If it goes pretty well, yeah, I could be back pretty early in the season," Dunleavy said. "There's still a lot of time for that to happen."

His teammates say they like what they've seen.

Vols' Bryce Brown not punished by NCAA
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee freshman tailback Bryce Brown will not be punished as the result of an NCAA investigation into his eligibility, coach Lane Kiffin said Wednesday.

"I think that that's a heck of a deal by the NCAA to get it done right and get it done with a sense of urgency, so we're very grateful for that," Kiffin said.

The NCAA was reviewing whether money was improperly raised for Brown to visit colleges and collegiate football camps during his sophomore year of high school. Tennessee was not recruiting him at the time.

Kiffin said the NCAA was considering a four-game suspension and a hefty fine as punishment initially, but continued to review the case until deciding to drop it.

The coach said he spoke with NCAA officials and Brown wrote a letter to the organization arguing his case.

NCAA Men's Soccer Division I
Preseason Top 25

	team	previous
1	St. John's (N.Y.)	3
2	Creighton	5
3	Wake Forest	2
4	North Carolina	4
5	Maryland	1
6	Akron	9
7	Indiana	6
8	California	10
9	Northwestern	8
10	Dartmouth	27
11	UIC	12
12	Tulsa	13
13	South Florida	7
14	UC Irvine	11
15	Loyola (Md.)	18
16	NOTRE DAME	20
17	UCLA	28
18	Dayton	19
19	UC Santa Barbara	21
20	Connecticut	16
21	Drake	23
22	Virginia	NR
23	Boston U.	25
24	St. Louis	22
25	Michigan State	14

NGCA Women's Golf Division I
Coaches Poll

	team	points
1	Arizona State	448
2	UCLA	431
3	Southern California	412
4	Oklahoma State	395
5	Auburn	369
6	Virginia	342
7	Wake Forest	339
8	Alabama	324
9	Purdue	319
10	LSU	291
11	North Carolina	257
12	Duke	254
13	Pepperdine	238
14	Georgia	193
15	Arkansas	190
16	Denver	176
17	Louisville	171
18	San Jose State	140
19	Kent State	103
20	Arizona	98

Golf World/NIKE Men's
Division I Coaches Poll

	team	points
1	Texas A&M	25
2	Arkansas	24
3	Georgia	23
4	Michigan	22
5	Arizona State	21
6	Southern California	20
7	Washington	19
8	Oklahoma State	18
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NFL

Sanchez wins QB job over Clemens

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The future is now for the new face of the New York Jets, Mark Sanchez.

Sanchez was selected as the team's starting quarterback by coach Rex Ryan on Wednesday, making him the first rookie slated to open a season under center for the Jets.

"This comes with a lot of responsibility," a beaming Sanchez said. "As happy as I am, I know that this is just the beginning and I'm just excited, really excited, to get to play with such great players."

The fifth overall draft pick out of Southern California beat out Kellen Clemens for the job and will make his regular-season debut at Houston on Sept. 13.

"This is something I've always wanted to do and dreams are coming true now," Sanchez said. "It's a special opportunity."

Ryan, who made the announcement after practice, said early in training camp he'd like to make a decision on a starter by the Jets' third preseason game.

"I think Mark gives us the best opportunity to win," Ryan said, "and I think that's what I owe this franchise."

The Jets' next preseason game is Saturday night against the Giants.

Sanchez replaces Brett Favre as the starter after generally showing poise and solid decision-making skills during training camp.

Ryan met with Sanchez and Clemens on Wednesday morning and told them of his choice.

"I'm glad the decision was made earlier rather than later," said Clemens, who added he thought the competition was fair.

The last time a rookie started a season for the franchise was in 1960, when Dick Jamieson quarterbacked the then-Titans. Joe Namath didn't start until the third game of his rookie season in 1965. Matt Robinson was the last rookie quarterback to start a game for the Jets in 1977.

"I feel very comfortable and confident in my decision," Ryan said.

Sanchez won't have an easy welcome to the NFL, though, facing a tough Texans defense in the opener, followed by home games against New England and Tennessee.

Sanchez struggled early in his start at Baltimore in a pre-season game Monday night, but threw a touchdown pass to Leon Washington to cap his final series. Sanchez was 3-

for-8 for 43 yards and had an interception—his first pass of the game—returned for a touchdown.

"I think it's not about just one game and I think that defense, I'm not making excuses here, but they're a great group," Sanchez said. "They make veteran quarterbacks look silly out there. It wasn't my best game, that's for sure. Do I need to improve? Absolutely."

Meanwhile, Clemens was 5-for-10 for 60 yards and a score, but also had an interception returned for a TD. Entering his fourth season with the Jets after being a second-round pick in 2006, also had a solid but unspectacular camp, but threw 12

interceptions compared to the rookie's five during practices.

"I'm disappointed overall because I think I left some plays out there that I should've made, both in practice and in the games," Clemens said. "It's Mark's job and I'll support him moving forward."

It was the third quarterback competition for Clemens, once considered the team's future QB, but he lost out to Chad Pennington in 2006, Favre last summer and now Sanchez.

"Each competition is different," Clemens said, "but it never feels good to be the guy who'll be holding the clipboard on Sept. 13."

Clemens, a free agent after this season, said he believes he can start in the NFL—whether it's in New York or elsewhere.

"It's a bump in the road," he said. "It's not the end of the road."

The Jets traded up in the draft to acquire the fifth overall pick from Cleveland and former coach Eric Mangini. Just a few weeks later, the Jets signed Sanchez to a five-year deal that could be worth up to \$60 million, including \$28 million guaranteed.

Sanchez was already being touted as the new face of the franchise and it appeared it was his job to lose after that. Clemens didn't help his cause by being just as good as the rookie, but not clearly better than him.

It was expected if the competition was close, the organization would move forward with Sanchez.

Ryan made it clear after the team drafted Sanchez that he wouldn't be afraid to start a rookie quarterback, particularly after watching Joe Flacco lead the Ravens to the AFC championship last season.

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Mark Sanchez
Jets quarterback

"It's Mark's job and I'll support him moving forward."

Kellen Clemens
Jets quarterback

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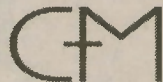
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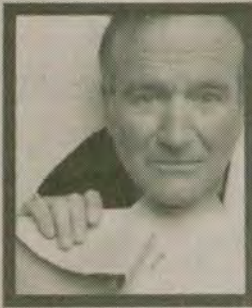
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NBA

Ricky Rubio remains with DKV Joventut

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Timberwolves president David Kahn disputed a Spanish report Wednesday that point guard Ricky Rubio will be staying in Spain for another two years.

The Spanish Web site Marca.com reported earlier in the day that Regal Barcelona had reached a buyout agreement with Rubio's team, DKV Joventut for \$5.3 million. The report said Rubio would sign a six-year deal with the team that included an affordable buyout in 2011 that would allow him to come to the NBA.

But Kahn issued a statement saying no deal has been reached.

"Based on the information I have attained today, no team in any league has reached a deal with DKV Joventut concerning Ricky's buyout, which must be accomplished before Ricky is released from his contract with DKV Joventut," the statement read.

That means that Rubio's saga will continue as the Wolves and new coach Kurt Rambis get closer to training camp.

The Timberwolves selected Rubio with the fifth pick in the June draft, knowing full well of the sticky buyout situation with DKV Joventut. Rubio is under contract for another two years with Joventut, a deal that includes an \$8 million buyout.

The Timberwolves can only contribute \$500,000 toward the buyout under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement, meaning Rubio would be responsible for paying the balance himself. Rubio is understandably hesitant to start his NBA career some \$7.5 million in the hole.

Kahn has traveled to Spain in hopes of negotiating the number down, but so far has been unsuccessful in those efforts.

He has said on more than one occasion that the rebuilding Wolves will be fine waiting a year, or two in the worse-case scenario, for Rubio to come to the United States to play.

More time in Europe would allow the 18-year-old to develop against some of the best players overseas in an environment many scouts say is superior competitively to that of the NCAA.

Coming to the NBA this season would allow the baby-faced Rubio to take advantage of increased endorsement opportunities in the United States while helping the revenue-starved Timberwolves sell tickets to a fan base that hasn't seen a team make the playoffs since 2004.

If Rubio does not come to Minnesota this season, the Timberwolves are covered. They took Jonny Flynn, another point guard, with the sixth overall pick right behind Rubio.

NFL

Cutler prepares for Denver return

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Now that they've been separated for five months, Bears quarterback Jay Cutler has high praise for Broncos rookie coach Josh McDaniels, whom he'll see in a preseason game at Invesco Field this weekend.

Cutler says in the brief time he spent with McDaniels he could tell Bill Belichick's latest disciple was an offensive mastermind. Cutler said the Broncos are in good hands with McDaniels and quarterback Kyle Orton.

"He's going to be a good coach," Cutler told Denver reporters in a conference call Wednesday. "I think their offense is going to be fine. I think Kyle's going to be fine. (McDaniels) is an offensive mind."

"Just the brief amount of time I was able to spend with him, he's impressive. He knows a lot about offenses, he knows a lot about getting guys open and scoring points, as everyone's seen when he was in New England, so I think they're going to be fine."

The Broncos traded Cutler to Chicago for Orton and three draft picks in April after Cutler's rift with McDaniels

became irreparable.

The genesis of their disagreement came when Cutler learned McDaniels had talked to the Patriots about acquiring quarterback Matt Cassel in a three-way trade that would have sent him to Tampa Bay. Cassel was dealt to Kansas City instead, but in subsequent conversations, Cutler couldn't get assurances from the 33-year-old rookie coach that his name wouldn't come up again in trade talks. So he asked out.

Cutler said he doesn't want to rehash the details of their ugly divorce, but feels both sides are happier now that they're apart.

"I think both sides would change certain things and go about it a different way, but I think both sides are happy now and we're moving on," Cutler said of the way his stint in Denver came to an acrimonious end.

Cutler said he's not exactly hyped for his return to the Mile High City, where he's still trying to sell his multimillion dollar home.

"It's a preseason game, we've got to keep that in perspective," Cutler said, suggesting the Bears' real focus is on their opener against Green Bay next month.

MLB

Players' union gains ruling

Court rules against federal prosecutors; list and samples to be destroyed

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that agents had no right to seize baseball's anonymous drug-testing results from 2003, an infamous list that tarnished America's pastime and some of its biggest stars.

The decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is a victory for the players' union, which has argued for years to have the results of the 104 players who allegedly tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003 returned.

"This was an obvious case of deliberate overreaching by the government in an effort to seize data as to which it lacked probable cause," Chief Judge Alex Kozinski wrote in the 9-2 decision.

Barring a last-ditch appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the test results and samples will be destroyed, and prosecutors cannot use the information. Union lawyers said the government returned the evidence shortly after earlier trial court rulings.

The panel said federal agents trampled on players' protections against unreasonable searches and seizures, though the ruling came too late to spare players linked to the list, including Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and Red Sox slugger David Ortiz, who admitted they were on it.

Ortiz said he didn't care about the ruling, adding it won't help him almost a month after his name was leaked.

Atlanta star Chipper Jones agreed.

"It doesn't matter now," Jones said. "The names are already out there in the general public. We've already got a number out there. It's not going to be over until it's all out there."

Kozinski said the players' union had good reason to want to keep the list under wraps.

"The risk to the players associated with disclosure, and with that the ability of the Players Association to obtain voluntary compliance with drug testing from its members in the future, is very high," the judge wrote. "Indeed, some players appear to have already suffered this

very harm as a result of the government's seizure."

The government seized the samples and records in April 2004 from baseball's drug-testing companies as part of the BALCO investigation into Barry Bonds and others. The list of 104 players said to have tested positive, attached to a grand jury subpoena, has been part of a five-year legal fight, with the players' union trying to force the government to return what federal agents took during raids.

Kozinski said the case was



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, right, admitted to using steroids during his career in mid-August.

a significant test of the government's search and seizure powers in the digital age, and issued guidelines for investigators to follow in future raids that included submitting computers to independent computer experts for sorting of data.

The ruling vastly curtailed the federal government's performance-enhancing drug investigation. Federal prosecutors had maintained they wanted the names to investigate the players' drug sources, which could have kept alive a massive investigation started by a Dumpster-diving agent.

Instead, Wednesday's ruling means investigators are barred from accessing any names except for the 10 players listed on a 2004 search warrant. The names of those 10 have never been released, but the government said they had ties to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

BALCO founder Victor Conte has long been critical of the actions of the government, especially then-lead investigator Jeff Novitzky.

"I have said that Novitzky has been using illegal tactics and not following the law since the day of the BALCO raid," Conte said. "He

seems to just make up his own rules as he goes along."

U.S. attorney spokesman Jack Gillund in San Francisco said the government was reviewing its options, which could include an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Players' association lawyer Elliot Peters said the union was happy with the ruling but still angry that names of several players allegedly on the list have been leaked to journalists.

"Anyone who leaks information purporting to contain those 2003 test results is

committing a crime," union leader Don Fehr and union general counsel Michael Weiner said in a statement. "We are very gratified by this decision, and hope that this will finally bring this long litigation to a close."

Peters declined to say whether he asked a federal judge to look into leaks from the list.

"If the government hadn't unconstitutionally seized this in the first place, there wouldn't have been any leaks," Peters said.

The list's genesis goes back six years, to the time when an agreement between MLB and the players' association on drug policing was just being implemented.

In 2003, baseball conducted survey drug testing—without penalties. Each player provided a urine sample and an additional follow-up five-to-seven days later. Up to 240 players could be selected randomly for additional testing.

Two companies were involved, Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. of Long Beach, Calif., and Quest Diagnostics Inc. of Teterboro, N.J., and samples were marked with codes to keep track as they were processed.

The union has said it had begun steps to destroy the results, but learned a federal grand jury subpoena had been issued for some of the test results and records as part of the BALCO investigation. That halted the destruction.

After months of wrangling, federal agents got a search warrant and seized samples from a Quest lab in Las Vegas and records from CDT in Long Beach on April 8, 2004—records the appeals court now says never should have taken.

"There's nothing we can do about it," said Atlanta Braves first baseman Adam LaRoche. "They're out there. It's over with. I don't know if they can try to make it right or not."

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MLB

Pettitte's strong start carries Yankees to victory

Ninth-inning home run carries Red Sox past Chicago; Phillies win in extra innings thanks to Howard's bomb

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada hit a three-run homer, Andy Pettitte finally gave New York a quality pitching performance, and the free-swinging Yankees romped to a 9-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Derek Jeter and Mark Teixeira each drove in a pair of runs, and Jerry Hairston Jr. added a solo homer for the Yankees.

The highest-scoring team in baseball has put up at least eight runs in four of its last five games.

Helped by a slew of double plays, Pettitte (11-6) allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings to win his third straight decision. The crisp performance came after New York pitchers had surrendered 39 runs on 52 hits over the last four games, including a 10-9 loss to the Rangers in the series opener.

It was Pettitte's 189th win in pinstripes, tying Lefty Gomez for third on the franchise list and trailing only Hall of Famers Whitey Ford (236) and Red Ruffing (231).

About the only thing that seemed to slow down the Yankees were some fluke bounces.

Alex Rodriguez came up hobbling after fouling a ball off his leg in the seventh, but remained in the game at third base for another half inning. Then in the eighth, Posada took a foul ball off his gloved hand behind the plate and immediately began shaking it. He was seen by a trainer after wandering out near the mound, and was eventually replaced by Jose Molina.

David Murphy homered and drove in both runs for the Rangers, who are desperately trying to keep pace in the play-off chase.

Murphy's solo shot in the seventh got the Rangers within 4-2 and snapped Pettitte's streak of

49 2-3 innings without allowing a homer. He promptly fanned Elvis Andrus, the veteran left-hander's seventh strikeout of the game, and the Yankees tacked on five runs in the bottom half of the inning to put it out of reach.

Derek Holland (7-8) allowed six runs on seven hits in six-plus innings in another poor outing against New York. The 22-year-old left-hander had been 3-0 with a 1.29 ERA in his last three starts, but has allowed 12 runs in two starts against the Yankees this season.

A-Rod nearly cost New York in the first, when his error on a routine grounder helped the load the bases with one out. Pettitte bailed him out by getting a double-play, and Rodriguez reciprocated the favor by leading off the second with a single. Hideki Matsui followed with a base hit, and Posada drove a 1-1 pitch over the center-field wall for his 17th homer of the season.

The Yankees added on a run in the fourth on Hairston's homer, which could have done more damage had Robinson Cano not been picked off first moments earlier. It was Hairston's 10th of the season and second since joining the Yankees in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds.

Already trailing 9-2, the Rangers loaded the bases off Brian Bruney in the eighth, but Rodriguez started his third 5-4-3 double-play of the game and the fourth turned by the Yankees to wipe out another would-be rally.

Red Sox 3, White Sox 2

David Ortiz curled his second homer of the game around the Pesky Pole to break a ninth-inning tie and give the Boston Red Sox a victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night.

It was Ortiz's 10th career game-ending homer and a franchise-record ninth with the Red

Sox. Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx had eight.

All-Star Tim Lincecum pitched seven strong innings in his return from the disabled list, but the 43-year-old knuckleballer was deprived of a win when Jayson Nix homered off reliever Ramon Ramirez to make it 2-2 in the eighth.

Daniel Bard (1-1) earned his first career victory with 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief.

Tony Pena (1-2) struck out Kevin Youkilis to start the ninth, then gave up Ortiz's homer. Ortiz, who hit a solo homer in the second, stopped to clap his hands once and then circled the bases before he was greeted at home plate by his teammates.

Alex Gonzalez also homered for Boston, which beat Chicago for the third straight time and dropped the White Sox (63-64) below .500 for the first time since June 28.

The Red Sox opened the game with a tribute to U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, honoring a lifelong fan whose family was as much a part of Boston history as the team itself.

Kennedy, who died Tuesday night after a long bout with brain cancer, threw out the ceremonial first pitch on opening day 97 years after his grandfather, Boston mayor John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald christened the ballpark that is now the oldest in the major leagues.

A lone Air Force bugler played "Taps" as both teams lined up on the baselines — a tradition usually reserved for playoff games or opening day.

The somber beginning and the raucous ending provided emotional bookends to a game that marked the return of Wakefield, who was selected for his first All-Star game but hasn't pitched since the midseason break because of a lower back injury.

Wakefield was activated from the disabled list before the game, and the first sign his knuckleball was active was when his first pitch squirted away from new catcher Victor Martinez.

He gave up his only run in the first when Gordon Beckham reached on an end-of-the-bat single and Paul Konerko tripled. Wakefield allowed just one ball out of the infield until A.J. Pierzynski doubled off the Green Monster with two outs in the sixth.

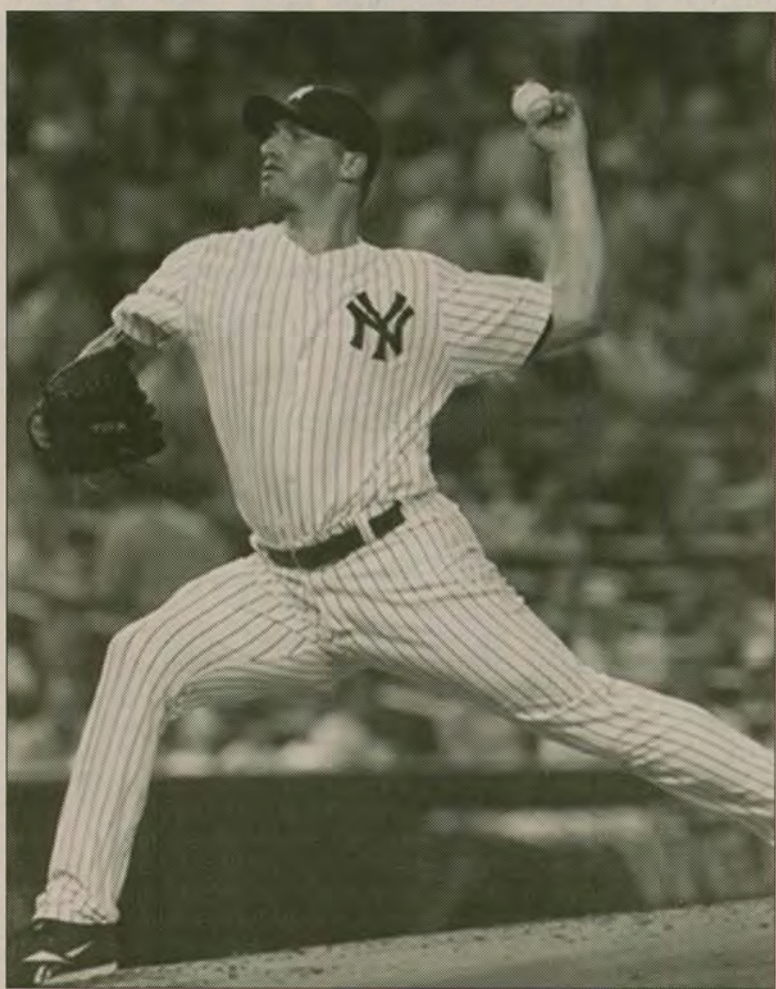
Gavin Floyd nearly matched Wakefield, but he allowed two solo homers among his five hits, walking one and striking out four in six innings. He put runners on first and second with one out in the sixth, but he got Youkilis on a fly ball to center and struck out Ortiz to keep it a one-run game.

Chicago put runners on first and second in the seventh, but Alexei Ramirez popped out to shortstop and Wakefield left with a 2-1 lead and to a big ovation from the crowd — and handshakes in the dugout.

Nix tied it in the eighth, and Chicago had a runner on third when Bard relieved Ramirez and struck out Jim Thome with a 101 mph fastball to end the inning.

Phillies 4, Pirates 1

Ryan Howard hit a three-run home run in the 10th inning after Philadelphia's bullpen



Yankees' pitcher Andy Pettitte throws a pitch against the Rangers on Wednesday. Pettitte threw seven innings.

blew yet another lead and the division-leading Phillies bounced back from one of their toughest losses all season to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday night.

The Phillies, winning their 13th in 16 games, led 1-0 going into the ninth but the Pirates tied it on their first pinch-hit homer of the season, by Brandon Moss against Ryan Madson.

Philadelphia didn't use closer Brad Lidge after he surrendered rookie Andrew McCutchen's game-ending, two-run homer that finished off the Pirates' 6-4 comeback victory on Tuesday.

Madson's fifth blown save in nine opportunities cost Cole Hamels his first victory since July 28 after the left-hander pitched shutout ball for the first time in 2 1/2 months, repeatedly working out of trouble while throwing 123 pitches over eight innings.

Despite allowing the homer, Madson (5-4) pitched the final two innings for the victory.

The Pirates' bullpen has its own problems, and the Phillies took advantage in the 10th. Reliever Steven Jackson (2-3) walked Jimmy Rollins and Shane Victorino singled before left-hander Phil Dumatrait, pitching for only the third time since sitting out more than a year following shoulder surgery, was brought in to face the left-handed-hitting Howard.

Howard promptly hit Dumatrait's first pitch into the right-field seats for his 35th homer and the Phillies' league-leading 180th. Long before, Chase Utley gave the Phillies a 1-0 lead with his 27th homer, a two-out drive in the first that was their only run in seven innings against Pirates left-hander Paul Maholm.

Maholm, coming off his first win in seven weeks, was sharper than Hamels most of the game except for one mistake — Utley's homer on an 0-1 pitch.

Hamels was 0-3 with a 6.75 ERA in August, but repeatedly shut down Pirates threats in his best start since shutting out the Dodgers on five hits on June 4.

Hamels struck out Maholm to leave the bases full in the fourth, then retired Delwyn Young and Garrett Jones in succession to end the seventh after pinch-hitter Ronny Cedeno doubled and McCutchen walked.

The Pirates, losing for only the second time in eight games, left nine on base and were 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

With the Phillies riding a big lead in the NL East and the Pirates in last place in the NL Central, there was a 50-50 mix among the 17,403 in the stands — with as many Phillies fans wearing red as there were Pirates fans in gold and black.

Padres 12, Braves 5

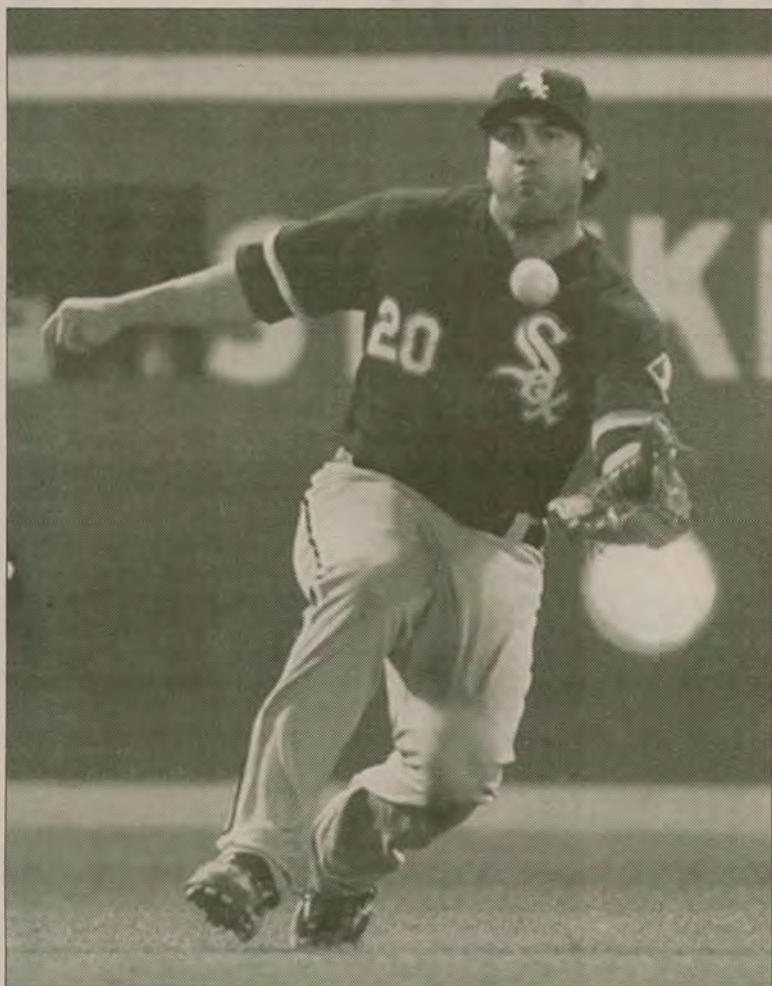
San Diego stunned Atlanta with a six-run sixth inning, and Kevin Kousseroff finished off the Braves with a two-run homer that sent the Padres to a 12-5 rout Wednesday night.

The last-place Padres won their second straight over the Braves, whose playoff hopes have taken a big blow during two sparsely attended games at Turner Field.

On Thursday, San Diego will go for its first series sweep since taking three games from the Chicago Cubs on May 22-24.

Coming off a 12-inning win in the series opener, the Padres failed to score in the top of the first after loading the bases with no outs, then fell behind when Brian McCann hit a three-run homer off Tim Stauffer (2-6) in the bottom half of the inning.

A three-run lead looked pretty safe against the Padres, the lowest-scoring team in the NL. After escaping that early jam, Kenshin Kawakami (6-10) breezed through the next four innings, allowing only two baserunners.



White Sox outfielder Carlos Quentin catches a fly ball off of Casey Kotchman's bat during the seventh inning Wednesday.

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first two years with the Bulldogs.

Clausen, though, still has work to do to match Stafford, who was picked number one overall in the NFL Draft in April. Irish quarterbacks coach Ron Powlus said that he didn't have any specific goals in mind for Clausen in terms of statistics, but was pleased with his progress thus far.

"I think he's where we hoped he'd be," Powlus said. "I have full confidence in Jimmy's knowledge in our offense."

One thing Clausen has going for him heading into 2009 is offseason momentum. While

there is no such thing as a 'perfect game' for a quarterback, Clausen came close against Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl last December, completing 22 of 26 passes for 401 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Not only did Clausen set records in virtually every Irish bowl game category for quarterbacks, but he also engineered the end of Notre Dame's infamous bowl losing streak.

It may seem a long way removed from the quarterback who came in during the fourth quarter of a blowout loss to Georgia Tech in 2007. Even from the beginning of last season, when the offense sputtered against San Diego State, Clausen says he can feel a difference.

"The last couple of years, I

didn't quite know what I was doing from a mental standpoint," he said in a press conference Tuesday. "You know, it's night and day even from last year."

Clausen said one aspect that has helped him improve his game from a mental aspect was working with Irish head coach Charlie Weis breaking down game film.

"I like going in the film room," Clausen said. "Watching a lot of film and getting the game plan ready to go."

Backing up Clausen will be sophomore Dayne Crist, who didn't see any game action last year in order to preserve a potential fifth year. This year, Weis said Crist will be preparing the same way Clausen does, and will be ready to be the

starter if Clausen goes down.

"You've got to prepare that way with Dayne," Powlus said. "When you're in the role Dayne's in, you're a snap away."

Powlus added that while Dayne may not be as mentally mature as Clausen in terms of his knowledge of the offense, the coaching staff would make sure that he would be able to compete if put in a game situation.

"They're at different developmental stages, so the meetings certainly go a little differently," Powlus said. "But the goal is to get Dayne ready to go play."

The third quarterback in line is fifth-year senior Evan Sharpley, who only decided over the summer to postpone his baseball career for one

more season with the Irish. Sharpley's main role the next two weeks will be to imitate Nevada's Colin Kaepernick in practice in preparation for Notre Dame's season opener against the Wolfpack Sept. 5. While Sharpley may not exactly match Kaepernick's running ability, Powlus said Sharpley was doing well so far.

"[Sharpley's] athletic, moves around a lot, he throws well. He is going to do a really good job helping prepare our defense."

No matter who's under center, though, Powlus said the goal remains the same.

"Jimmy's goal — our goal — is to get [wins]."

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MLB

Howell's wild pitch caps Toronto rally over Tampa Bay

Associated Press

TORONTO — Marco Scutaro scored the winning run on a wild pitch after Rays closer J.P. Howell loaded the bases with three walks, and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat Tampa Bay 3-2 on Wednesday night in a game in which two umpires were injured.

Rod Barajas hit a tying pinch-hit homer off Howell (6-4) with one out in the ninth. After walking three and with rookie Randy Ruiz up, Howell uncorked a wild

pitch that bounced high and away from catcher Gregg Zaun, allowing Scutaro to score without a play.

It was Howell's seventh blown save.

Brandon League (2-5) worked one inning for the win.

It was a tough night to be a home plate umpire. Crew chief Jerry Crawford took a foul ball off his face mask and left after two innings while his replacement, Tom Hallion, was struck in the chest by a pitch from Rays lefty Scott Kazmir in the sixth.

Hallion was knocked backward when Travis Snider swung and missed at a two-strike pitch that seemed to cross up Rays catcher Zaun, slamming straight into Hallion. Trainers and medical staff rushed to Hallion's side and waved a cart onto the field. Hallion eventually stood up and walked off without assistance.

After a 21-minute delay, the game resumed with Hallion at third base. First base umpire Brian O'Nora moved behind the plate and Scott Barry moved from third to first.

Toronto's comeback cost Kazmir his fifth win in six starts. Kazmir allowed one run and four hits in six innings. He walked one and struck out a season-high 10. It's the 17th time in his career Kazmir has fanned at least 10.

Rays reliever Russ Springer pitched the seventh and Grant Balfour started the eighth but was replaced by Howell with two outs and runners at first and third. Howell got out of it by striking out Snider.

Seeking to win consecutive starts for the first time this sea-

son, Blue Jays rookie left-hander Rzepczynski didn't allow a hit until Pat Burrell's two-out single in the sixth. Already struggling with a high pitch count, the rookie's shutout bid ended on the very next batter when Gabe Kapler homered into the left field bullpen, his fifth.

Rzepczynski allowed two runs and three hits in six innings. He walked a season-high five and struck out seven.

Toronto cut the deficit in half in the bottom half on an RBI double by Jose Bautista.



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Once again this year, Notre Dame Security Police will permit off-campus students to drive onto Campus on Sunday night in order to be able to attend Mass in their former residence halls. The Bookstore lot will be open for students attending Mass in nearby residence halls.

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Seniors

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tournament would be to win the Big East, something the seniors have learned is easier said than done. But both captains established the conference championship as a clear goal for the season.

"We need to come out and prove ourselves again," Nicholas said. "We're really looking to re-name ourselves in the Big East, to win the title for sure. We want to get back on track with the winning tradition at Notre Dame."

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Soccer

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this year's squad is capable of more.

"It's obviously nice to go to the Tournament, but it would nice to go further," Clark said. "I'm not hiding that, and the boys feel the same way. It's obviously a goal of ours to make it to the Final Four, but why not a National Championship? This group is more than capable of it."

Notre Dame looked sharp in an exhibition win over No. 9 Northwestern Monday, but the Irish have a long, difficult season ahead of them. After Tuesday's season opener

against Michigan, Notre Dame travels to Bloomington, Ind. to take on No. 3 Wake Forest and No. 5 Saint John's at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic.

"We play a tough schedule," Clark said. "Last year we played the third-toughest schedule, and this year we'll be right there again. We play a really good schedule, but that's what you want to do. You want that to prepare you for the [NCAA Tournament]."

In spite of all the high hopes for the Irish season, Clark has

made it clear that his team's first concern is making it to the NCAA Tournament.

"You don't get there because of long service. You get there because you earn it," Clark said. "It's eight in a row, but you're not going to get there just because it's [the ninth season]. Getting there is a good season. A great season, you have to get to the Final Four."

Adding to the hype for Notre Dame is one of the nation's strongest freshman classes. Clark put together a solid

recruiting effort that has made the Irish freshmen the envy of the NCAA, but he's not counting on his young players just yet.

"Our success is going to hinge around the sophomores, the juniors, and seniors," Clark said. "They're going to make the team. We may get a little spice, a little sugar, from the freshmen, but anything from them is a bonus."

Notre Dame will open its regular season against Michigan Tuesday with the Irish's final game at Old Alumni Stadium. The New Alumni Stadium will host its first match on Sept. 11 when Notre Dame takes on Seattle.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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"We would like to have a good showing at the NCAA meet, where the past three years we have just been trying to make it there," Ferguson said.

In her junior season, Ferguson finished in the top fifteen at both the Big East Conference meet and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional and placed first at the National Catholic Invitational.

"The biggest key for her to be able to get to that next level will be to stay healthy," Connelly said. "Last spring she was really fit and running great, then she suffered a fluke injury that, while it did-

n't keep her from running completely, really compromised her training and in the end kept her from accomplishing what she had hoped to accomplish."

Despite last season's setback, Ferguson and the rest of the team have a full schedule that hopefully will yield new records and new personal bests.

"Like Lindsey, I think that the rest of the team is very motivated and excited for the year of running," Connelly said. "They know that we have we were a good team last year, now it's time to see if we can be a great team, which is the expectation here at Notre Dame."

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Tennis

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replace Helgeson in the No. 1 spot, will be the biggest returning talent for Notre Dame. Havens was 10-15 last season playing in the No. 2 singles spot.

"On paper that will be the biggest challenge facing us this year ... to find someone capable of productivity [in the No. 1 singles position]. Last year, Havens at times played like that player, but he needs to demonstrate the match-to-match consistency that was missing a year ago," Bayliss said. "Certainly he has the ball striking ability to win at the top. Adding a stronger presence at the net will give him a chance to see just how good he can become."

Sophomore Casey Watt will also

be called on to step up and contribute for Notre Dame this season. Bayliss noted that he had a good season last year, but that he too needs to improve his net play in order to realize his full potential.

Junior Dan Stahl proved to be a good find for the Irish last season playing at the No. 3 singles position after moving up the lineup.

"Stahl showed flashes of brilliance last year, but again at a mid-lineup level," Bayliss said. "He takes the ball very early and needs to get in and finish better at the net as well as to improve his serve in order to play higher." While the Irish come into the season with a deep lineup Bayliss knows that filling the void left by Helgeson will not be easy.

"If we have success in our upper lineup we can be a top 15 team this year," Bayliss said. "We

have an outstanding freshman class that will impact us immediately and return nine of our top 10 singles players from a year ago. Last year we showed the ability to beat top 10 teams like Texas A&M and Illinois, but lost seven 4-3 matches to teams that we were in a position to beat. That is what happens to teams that start five out of six players who are freshmen and sophomores."

Bayliss noted that both Blas Moros and Michael Moore have had success in Futures events and Junior Nationals respectively throughout the summer.

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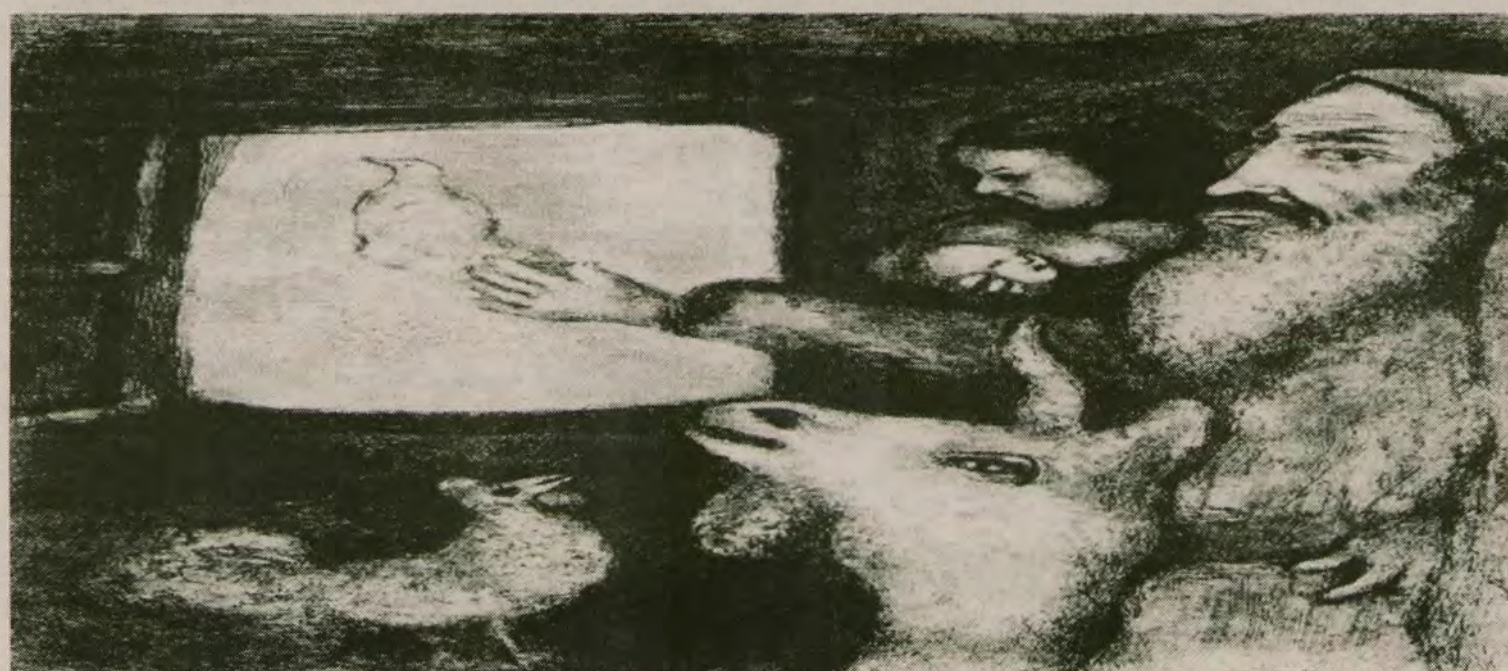
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Senior leaders prepare for final chance at Big East title

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won nine conference titles in its 15 years as a member of the Big East — but no current players can attest to these victories.

The Irish captured their last Big East crown in 2005, when captains Christina Kaelin and Jamel Nicholas, as well as the four other seniors on the team, were no more than recruits. But the women still have one more chance, and the captains agreed that they plan to make the most of it.

"It's a now or never kind of attitude," Nicholas said. "We're all pumped about it. We're playing with a chip on our shoulder to go out there and get it done."

The seniors came to Notre Dame in 2006 as a recruiting class named one of the best in the nation by Volleyball Magazine. But key injuries and a couple heartbreaking losses have stopped the Irish from living up to their potential.

"We've come so close, but so far we haven't been able to come away with a big championship," said Kaelin, who sat out her sophomore season because of a torn labrum.

Because of her injury, Kaelin could do nothing but watch while Notre Dame fell to Louisville in the semifinals of the Big East tournament in 2007.

"It was definitely tough to sit on the sideline and not contribute on the court," she said.

However, she credits the injury with helping her to learn the technical aspects of the game, which she used to her advantage last season when she led the team in several categories and earned a second team all-Big East honor along with fellow senior Serinity Phillips and junior Kellie

Sciaccia.

"I learned to be able to analyze the game, and I think that helped me out last year," Kaelin said. "I'm not one to think about strategy or technical stuff, so I think being out helped me think about different shots."

In 2008, Notre Dame once again lost to Louisville in the Big East tournament, this time in the final round.

Kaelin said the seniors are especially ready to make a run at the conference again this season.

"We definitely want to prove ourselves, that we weren't just highly touted high school play-

ers," she said. "We want to prove that we can come together and win at the next level. And this is our last chance to do it."

The Irish have also fallen short of making the NCAA playoffs the past two years after earning an at-large bid in 2006, when the current seniors were freshmen.

"It was a valuable experience to be there," Nicholas said. "We can tell the younger girls what needs to be done. It's definitely a goal to get back there."

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FOOTBALL

Take three

'Smarter' Clausen poised for breakout

By SAM WERNER
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While the quarterback position may not have the uncertainty of some other spots on the field — linebacker, for example — it still holds just as many questions as Jimmy Clausen prepares for his third season under center for the Irish.

Clausen finished last season with 3,172 passing yards, 25 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions, giving him career totals of 4,426 yards with 32 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. Optimists are quick to point out that those numbers are better than former Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford had in his

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Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws a pass in a 21-13 victory over San Diego State Sept. 6, 2008.

MEN'S TENNIS

ND reloads for NCAA tourney bid

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After the graduation of Brett Helgeson, the Irish are looking to build on last season's success with up-and-coming talent.

"Brett Helgeson brought a level of experience that no one on our current team will have. He was a known nationally elite player and we certainly benefitted from his talent and experience," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "This group does not have a player of his achievements returning, but that does not mean that someone will not be able to be productive at No. 1 singles."

Junior Stephen Havens, likely to

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Ferguson has high hopes for Irish in '09

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Senior cross country star Lindsey Ferguson has a personal goal that extends past the expectations of her team going into the 2009 season.

"It is the last time I am ever going to run cross country, so I would like to go out with a bang," Ferguson said.

Ferguson has an excellent chance of being named a 2009 NCAA All-American and anticipates training all season to be one of the 40 athletes to garner the title of All-American in the NCAA meet.

"As a runner, the best word that I can use to describe her is tough," Irish coach, Tim Connelly said. "She is one of those people who goes out and runs as hard as she can from

the gun."

Ferguson, who boasts a personal best mile time of 4:50, and the rest of the girls have been working hard with previously dictated training schedules during the past summer months.

"Our coach and weight trainer sends us a training schedule for the entire summer, so I just follow that to stay in shape," Ferguson said.

This season consists of three major events for both the men's and women's teams. The Irish will compete in the Big East Championship meet, the NCAA Great Lakes regional competition, and hope to qualify as many runners as possible for the NCAA Nationals meet in Terre Haute, Ind. in late November.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team eyes postseason run

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish have reached the NCAA Tournament a program-record eight consecutive years, but the team has just two quarterfinals appearances to show for their efforts. This year, Notre Dame has set the bar a little higher — an NCAA championship.

The No. 12 Irish, who have claimed Big East regular season titles in each of the last three years, were bounced from the NCAA tournament in the second round in 2008 after consecutive quarterfinals appearances in 2006 and 2007. Ninth-year Irish coach Bobby Clark, while not belittling his team's impressive streak of Tournament appearances, said he thinks



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Junior Jeb Brovsky dribbles toward the goal in a 2-1 victory over Dartmouth on Sept. 5, 2008.

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