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Burglars target off-campus housing

Theft rates stay constant as criminals continue to look for electronics, open windows

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Senior Ellyn Michalak sat in her living room reading a book when she heard loud noises coming from the kitchen. She expected to see her roommate doing laundry, but instead discovered a large man jumping off the kitchen counter who had broken through the window.

"I started crying and screaming, and I said, 'Get out of my house!' I was drinking a cup of water and I threw it at him," she said. "It was absolutely the most terrifying experience of my life."

Michalak and other off-cam-

pus students have been victims of burglary or attempted burglary since the beginning of the school year, but the numbers are not unusually high, South Bend Police Captain Phil Trent said.

"The burglary numbers are fairly consistent with previous years," he said. "We have not seen a wild spike in burglaries."

Over the past two weeks, there have been four break-ins in the vicinity of South Bend where 85 percent of Notre Dame off-campus students live, he said.

Trent did not know how many

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Burglar-Proof Your House



Keep windows and curtains closed.



Write down serial numbers of expensive items.



Lock your doors before heading to class, because the majority of burglaries happen during the day.

BLAIR CHEMIDLIN | Observer Graphic

ND class to take overseas excursion

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Occasionally, a course at Notre Dame will involve a field trip. Sometimes, it's to a local destination. But in a few cases, students find themselves thousands of miles from campus with their professor and classmates.

During fall break, a University art class will be traveling to London and Ditchling, England to enhance their knowledge of the art of Eric Gill and the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic.

Professor John Sherman will take the three students in his class to multiple sites in England in hopes of bringing to life their wisdom on the life and works of Eric Gill and the Guild.

In a proposal to Learning Beyond the Classroom, a source of funding available at the University, Sherman stated that the class's purpose for the trip is to "produce a monograph on a topic they will determine together based on the life and work of members of the Guild of Saints Joseph and Dominic."

To accomplish this task, students will also be using

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Health Services gives free flu shots

University increases supply by 1,000, offers 6,000 flu vaccines to students, faculty and staff



MEG SMITH/The Observer

Junior Olga Baltzar covers her eyes as she waits to receive her flu shot Tuesday. The shots will be given through Thursday.

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

University Health Services will offer 6,000 free influenza vaccinations to Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, exceeding last year's supply by 1,000, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said.

Vaccines were distributed yesterday, and will be available today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stepan Center. The shots are being given on a first come, first serve basis.

Even with the increased supply, University Health Services are unsure if there are enough vac-

cines to meet this year's demand, Kleva said.

"It's hard to say. We certainly hope so and we did purchase additional doses. We will try to get them to everyone, but we cannot promise that," Kleva said. "We're trying to be convenient for the students, so they don't have to go off campus."

If a student is unable to obtain a free vaccination this week, there are plenty of additional vaccines available in the South Bend community that covered by most insurance companies, Kleva said.

Kleva said the money for the students' vaccines comes from

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Mobile blood drive welcomes walk-ins

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

The 40-foot long Bloodmobile and accompanying Blood Drop mascot were hard to miss for students walking to class from the stadium lots yesterday morning, as the South Bend Medical Foundation (SBMF) held its first monthly mobile blood drive Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Gate D of the Stadium to encourage walk-in donations.

"Notre Dame students are very generous when it comes to blood donations and we are so thankful for the support of the students, faculty and staff,"

SBMF Communications Specialist Colleen Hahn said.

Although there was no target number of donors for Tuesday's blood drive, event staff expressed disappointment with Tuesday's turnout of 20 donors and said they hope to double the number of student, faculty and staff donations at next month's drive.

"Since this is the first time we have tried a bloodmobile drive without a specific sponsor we did not have a numerical goal. Normally we would like to see 10 donors an hour in our bloodmobile," Kay Clark-Cox, blood donor recruit-

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Housing Web site discussed

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed a new proposal for an off-campus housing evaluation Web site that would give current off-campus students the opportunity to rate their housing locations and experiences for the benefit of next year's prospective tenants.

"The site is similar to ND Today," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "We are starting early to create this, and I think this could be a valuable resource."

Modeled after a similar

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TOM LA/The Observer

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber and president Grant Schmidt talk about the off-campus housing Web site.

INSIDE COLUMN

Know your role

The workplace. No matter your education level, everyone still must, at some point or another, experience the excitement and the annoyance of having to coexist and be productive with other people who may or may not share anything besides a genome with him or her.

One crucial aspect of the workplace is the pecking order. Unlike some areas of life, where anyone's opinions are supposed to matter just as much everyone else's, the workplace is founded on the fact that some people have more authority than others, which makes things run smoothly when tensions are high, as they inevitably will be, likely more often than not.

For anyone who has worked in some field where the pecking order is defined, there is nothing more excruciatingly annoying than someone who doesn't understand the pecking order, or does and blatantly ignores it. Those in charge should be in charge, and those below should stay at those lowly depths until they are either promoted or fired, whichever comes first.

I've been the lowest person on the totem pole, and granted, it's not the most enjoyable experience. But to succeed, you must learn to take the punishment that comes with the position, and survive until you are given some authority. And once your reach that higher position, nothing could be more frustrating than dealing with someone who doesn't understand his particular role.

As an employee, you don't constantly badger your superior for a promotion, no matter how certain you are that you deserve it. And you especially don't threaten to quit unless you're moved up in the world. That only works if you bring something to the table that few others can offer. And odds are, if you're in one of these low level jobs, you don't.

You also don't make demands on someone who has done what you do, and has moved beyond it. They may have more talent, or simply more experience. Either way, they outrank you, and therefore owe you nothing.

Now, I haven't 'paid my dues' or done anything that qualifies me as an expert on inter-office relations. Nor do I claim to be one. But I have been employed (multiple times, in fact) and understand that no matter who your superiors are, they deserve your respect, simply because they are your superiors. The only way to move up in the workplace is to earn respect, and you must show respect in order to earn it.

This may or may not apply in the real world of big business — I wouldn't know. But it surely applies to the on-campus jobs that many of us hold. Fellow students probably outrank you, and you owe them the same respect that you owe any coworker. Some people would do well to remember that.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Eric Prister at epriester@nd.edu



Eric Prister

Sports Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD SUM UP THE FOOTBALL TEAM IN A POKEMON, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Kirsten Adam
sophomore Welsh Family

"Rapidash, because we get the fire burning on the football field!"



Jeremy Lamb
sophomore Knott

"Voltorb. They have the potential to electrify or explode at any moment."



Tori Schopper
sophomore Farley

"Charizard, because the football team is evolving and has the potential to be powerful."



Alejandro Sigala
freshman Keenan

"Snorlax. Because of Charlie Weis."



Greg Morman
freshman Keenan

"Machop. We are strong but have no defense."

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



KATIE GREENSPON/The Observer

High school senior Rachael O'Connor shops with her mom Barbara O'Connor in the Saint Mary's College bookstore during Senior Preview Day Monday.

IN BRIEF

Free seasonal flu shots will be provided for students, faculty and staff, as well as retirees and their spouses. Shots can be obtained in the Stepan Center today. Current Notre Dame ID cards as well as short sleeves are required. Shots will be given from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Department of Physics is hosting a colloquium on "Massless and Massive Electrons in Atomically-thin Carbon" today at 4 p.m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall. Professor Michael Fuhrer from the University of Maryland will be delivering the lecture.

John J. Reilly Center will be hosting a lecture on "Hearing the Irrational: Music and the Development of the Modern Concept of Number" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in 119 DeBartolo Hall.

"Earth Days," a film directed by Robert Stone that recounts the history of the modern environmental movement, will be shown in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The Tokyo String Quartet will be playing in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Ticket Office.

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

OFFBEAT

Game over: Cops caught playing Wii on the job

LAKELAND, Fla. — It's game over for some police officers who played video games while they raided a convicted drug dealer's home in central Florida.

Surveillance video obtained by WFLA in Tampa caught the officers playing a Nintendo Wii bowling game, with one furiously jumping up and down in celebration. Officials say some of the officers could be disciplined.

Officers with the anti-drug task force had just stormed into the home of

the convicted drug dealer, who was already in custody. One Polk County sheriff's detective can be seen taking several breaks from cataloging evidence so she can bowl frames.

The officers did not know a video camera had been set up in the house before the March raid.

Naked man holds drunken intruder at gunpoint

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Authorities say a 91-year-old South Florida man jumped out of bed naked and held an intruder at gunpoint until deputies arrived. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

said Robert E. Thompson woke up Saturday morning after a would-be burglar climbed his backyard fence and was met by his charging dog, Rettt, a Rottweiler and Doberman pinscher mix. Thompson heard the commotion, grabbed his .38-caliber revolver and phoned police without ever getting dressed.

Deputies said Thompson fired a warning shot as 26-year-old Jose Pasqual started to come toward him. Thompson kept his gun trained on Pasqual until deputies arrived.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 80 LOW 57	HIGH 70 LOW 61	HIGH 78 LOW 55	HIGH 77 LOW 62	HIGH 72 LOW 57	HIGH 67 LOW 48

Atlanta 79 / 68 Boston 76 / 61 Chicago 82 / 64 Denver 48 / 41 Houston 91 / 75 Los Angeles 89 / 63 Minneapolis 68 / 61 New York 77 / 65 Philadelphia 78 / 66 Phoenix 99 / 73 Seattle 87 / 58 St. Louis 77 / 65 Tampa 91 / 75 Washington 77 / 69

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the headline "Rickey dies at 95 in his Minn. home" in the Sept. 22 edition of The Observer was not clear. To clarify, George Rickey died in 2002; the article reports that his estate has donated some of his works and correspondence to the University. The Observer regrets this error.

Blood

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ment manager for the SBMF, said.

Clark-Cox said the SBMF previously held blood drives about four or five times a year on campus but hopes to attract more donors by scheduling more blood drives.

"Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni are our largest contributor of blood units to South Bend Medical Foundation," Clark-Cox said.

The drive's convenient location near DeBartolo Hall and the Mendoza College of Business will make it easy for students, faculty and staff to stop by and donate before class or work, Clark-Cox said.

"We wanted to make blood donation readily available to commuter students and faculty," said.

The donation process, according to the SBMF Web site, includes four steps: registration, screening, donation

and rejuvenation.

The mobile blood drives will take place every fourth Tuesday or Wednesday of each month, Clark-Sox said, and each donor can make a blood donation every 56 days.

"Many students stopped and asked when we were going to back and we will probably change the times to 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. next month," Clark-Cox said.

Each donor will receive a free T-shirt after his or her donation.

"The ND Donor shirt is only given out at blood drives held on the ND campus and it was

designed by blood drive coordinators from last year's campus blood drives," Clark-Cox said. "They have become a very coveted item."

Advertisements in The Observer and employee newsletters will inform the Notre Dame community of next month's mobile blood drive.

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"We wanted to make blood donation readily available."

Kay Clark-Cox
recruitment manager
South Bend Medical
Foundation

SMC offers secrets to academic success

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Whether the problem is time management, studying or reading skills, the new academic workshop series entitled "The Secrets to (Academic) Success and Making Your (Academic) Life Easier" offers solutions to help Saint Mary's students improve their study skills.

"These are the problems that students most often suffer with and rather than struggling on their own, this [workshop] could be proactive and identify them, and let them deal with them before they occur or know that there is some place that they can come to help them if they are in the midst of it," Director of Student Success

Diane Fox said.

The series will focus on a different topic each week, and is offered on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Academic Resource Center Annex in the Office for Student Success in Madeleva Hall.

Fox, who created the program, said the purpose is "To make life easier for you all. The college realizes that some students struggle and this is their response to that, offering to support and certainly to help with it."

Students have responded positively to the workshops, Fox said.

"The students who have attended have been very pleased and they are repeat attendees, and several of them

have come in to speak with me individually about concerns and/or help with time management or anything that they may be experiencing, any difficulties they may be experiencing in classes," Fox said. "It's been very well received so far."

Each workshop specializes on a different academic skill, Fox said. Workshops range from how to concentrate to how to avoid procrastination, as well as strategies to review and take tests.

According to Fox, attendance has been high at the workshops.

"The first one had 20. The second one had 25. So far, first years, sophomores and juniors are utilizing it. I haven't had a senior yet, but that's not to say that someone won't come. There have only been two workshops," Fox said. "Hopefully they'll see the value of this and know that this is a resource tool and use it to their advantage."

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Diane Fox
director
Student Success

STUDENTS

Transportation Services will be offering two Driver Training Sessions in September.

If you have not attended a Driver Training session conducted by Transportation Services, and you plan on driving a University owned, leased, or rented vehicle, you must attend a Driver Training session **BEFORE** you operate a vehicle.

Sessions will be held on Sunday, September 13th and Sunday, September 27th, at 7:00pm in Geddes Hall (CSC Building) in B001 Andrews Auditorium.

The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes.

Please bring your driver's license and a pen.

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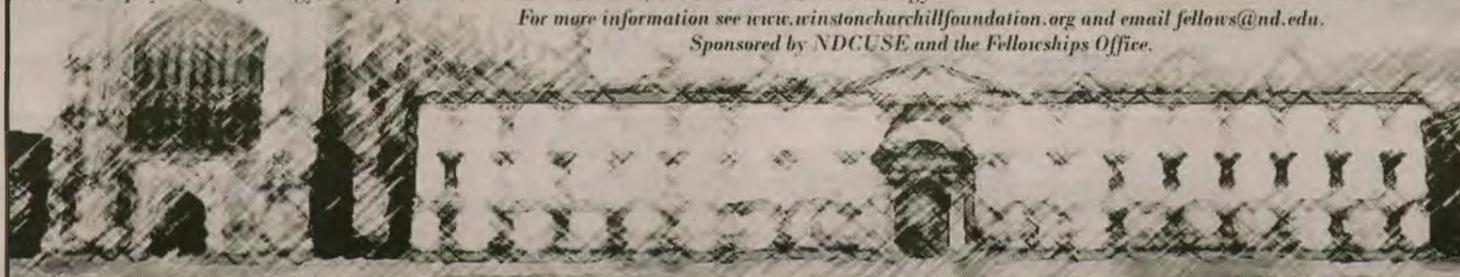
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(Lower Level of Geddes Hall)



Shots

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the University Health Services budget, while Human Resources provides the funds for the faculty. Because the vaccines are expensive, Health Services carefully monitors the number of vaccines ordered.

"Say we wanted to purchase 10,000 vaccines and in the past only about 2,000 students came out to get them, if [there were extras], then we would have to absorb the cost," she said.

Last year Health Services distributed the free vaccines a few weeks later, in the second week of October.

"We're following the CDC guidelines, and we ordered these [vaccines] the spring before. Since we ordered early, they were delivered early," Kleva said.

The coughs, aches and fevers of the flu may seem months away, but Kleva said the flu season has already begun on campus.

"It is possible for Notre Dame to have the seasonal flu early, because we have students and visitors from all over the world coming from places that already have the flu season."

Notre Dame's communal atmosphere with dorms, tight classrooms and sharing of computers, books and desks also contributes to the early onset of flu season and the spread of the virus. Additionally,

Kleva said, it can take 24 hours before the first flu symptoms appear, so often students do not realize when they are ill and continue their routines.

Sophomore Lauren Rubling received the shot yesterday.

"I had never gotten a flu shot until last year. I figure living in the close confinements of a dorm would increase my chances of catching the flu, so the shot would be a good idea," she said. "Waiting in line versus misses classes, being sick and missing doing stuff with your friends? You should get the shot—it's free."

Kleva said the vaccine distribution drastically decreases the number of flu cases seen on campus.

"The seasonal flu vaccine remains effective throughout the flu season," she said. "Really immunity peaks in the third to fourth month. You'll have immunity through the end of March and April."

Students receiving the vaccination should wear short sleeves, and any student running a fever may not receive the vaccine, Kleva said.

Students should come as early as possible, she also advised, as there will be limited amounts of the vaccine allocated for each day, and when that amount runs out, no more will be offered.

Any leftover vaccines at the end of the three days will be available at the University Health Center.

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Travel

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The Eric Gill Collection held in the Special Collections in the Hesburgh Libraries.

"The reason for the trip is to make connections in England with items in the collection [we have] here, to bring it to life," he said.

The Guild of Saints Joseph and Dominic were a group of Catholic artists who worked, lived, and socialized together.

"Members of the guild did stone carvings, wood engravings, and weaving and were also involved in politics and religion," Sherman said.

In addition to the class's visit to London, they will also visit Ditchling, which is a small village fifty miles south of London.

The Ditchling Museum, located in the village, has an extensive collection of Eric Gill work as well as pieces from other members of the Guild. Gill resided in the village for a part of his career.

Sherman said by taking students abroad he is able to enrich students' knowledge better than by only restricting their learning to a classroom.

"This is a way for me to

share with students area of research that a lot of times doesn't happen easily in a regular class," he said.

Last Spring, Sherman took a different group of students to the country to study the same topic, labeling their journey as a "research adventure."

Graphic design major, Micahlynn Allen, who will be going to London this fall, was also on the trip that took place last spring.

"We were able to use the printing press, while there," she said. "Having first hand experience really connects you to everything you're learning about and meeting people that you read about was just a really neat experience."

She said the prior trip centered around the village of Ditchling, whereas this trip will primarily focus on research in London.

In addition to visiting sites and museums, the class will also speak with a relative of Eric Gill's apprentice, Allen said.

Senior political science major Juliana Hoffelder said

she chose to participate in the class because it was a great opportunity.

"It will be exciting to be in the same place as the person that we're studying," she said. "Especially because it's design class, we are image-oriented people and it will be good to see things in person."

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Juliana Hoffelder
senior

Although Sherman believes it will be financially difficult to make another trip, he said the trip will be a chance

for the students to learn about a different lifestyle.

"We live in day in age where we compartmentalize different aspects of our lives, where we have work, family and religion," he said.

Sherman said he believes the Guild shows that communities similar to Notre Dame can exist in places outside the boundaries of this campus.

"Can the way we exist here in campus exist somewhere else?" he said. "It can, because that's how they worked."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arguments begin in Travolta trial

NASSAU, Bahamas — Prosecutors said Tuesday that a paramedic who treated John Travolta's son shortly before he died in the Bahamas threatened to release private information unless the movie star paid \$25 million.

Travolta is among those expected to take the stand during the trial, but he did not appear in the courtroom during the first day of testimony in the island chain off the Florida coast.

"Contact was made with certain persons to communicate a threat to John Travolta," Bernard Turner, chief prosecutor in the Bahamas, said in his opening argument.

Raid discovers police corruption

MONTERREY, Mexico — Soldiers raiding a drug gang safehouse in northern Mexico found money-stuffed envelopes earmarked for various police forces and one marked for "press," authorities said Tuesday.

Four people were arrested and \$5 million in U.S. and Mexican currency was seized during the raid Monday in the industrial city of Monterrey, according to an army statement. Soldiers, acting on an anonymous tip, also seized drugs, money counting machines, cell phones and five vehicles.

Monterrey and the surrounding state of Nuevo Leon, which borders Texas, have been a focus of the federal government's crackdown on police corruption.

The cash and seized items were displayed at military barracks north of the city.

NATIONAL NEWS

Children's health insurance bill signed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill that will prevent nearly 700,000 low-income children from losing health insurance.

Schwarzenegger signed the bipartisan bill Tuesday in the state Capitol restoring funding to the state's Healthy Families program, a government-funded health insurance plan for children from low-income families.

The governor and lawmakers slashed funding for the program in July as part of closing a projected \$24 billion deficit. The state froze enrollment and would have been forced to end coverage for 670,000 children starting in October.

5 family members slain in home

BEASON, Ill. — A couple and three of their children were found brutally slain inside their home in this tiny central Illinois farming community, and authorities warned residents Tuesday to lock their doors at night while investigators try to identify possible suspects.

Authorities discovered the bodies Monday afternoon after responding to a 911 call about possible shots fired at the address, Logan County Sheriff Steven Nichols said at a news conference.

A 3-year-old girl survived the attack and was taken to a hospital in Peoria, he said. The girl's grandmother identified her as the couple's daughter, Tabitha Gee.

Nichols declined to say why his office didn't release information about the slayings until Tuesday morning. He said detectives were trying to identify possible suspects, and that those responsible for the killings should be considered "armed and dangerous."

LOCAL NEWS

\$5,000 found and returned to owner

STILLWELL, Ind. — Police say \$5,000 in cash found along a northern Indiana highway was returned to its owner after being turned in by the man who spotted it.

A man found a bag with the cash inside Friday afternoon near his driveway along a rural stretch of Indiana 4 near the LaPorte County community of Stillwell. He called LaPorte County police, who were able to track down the owner through a bank deposit slip that was inside.

The owner told police she would offer a reward to the man who found the money for his honesty.

Obama, China discuss climate change

Nations vow urgent action at U.N. summit to combat an overheating planet

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao each vowed urgent action Tuesday to cool an overheating planet, even as prospects dimmed for a full treaty by the end of the year.

The world's two biggest greenhouse-gas polluting nations were the focus at the U.N.'s unprecedented daylong climate change summit, which drew more than 50 presidents and 35 prime ministers, along with many environment ministers and at least one prince.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the gathering with an appeal to leaders to set aside national interests and think about the future of the globe — and a rebuke for their foot-dragging thus far.

"The climate negotiations are proceeding at glacial speed. The world's glaciers are now melting faster than human progress to protect them — and us," the U.N. chief said.

Failure to reach a new international pact on climate change "would be morally inexcusable, economically shortsighted and politically unwise," Ban warned. "The science demands it. The world economy needs it."

Tuesday's U.N. gathering and the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh this week are seen as an attempt to pressure rich nations to commit to a global climate treaty at Copenhagen, Denmark, in December, and to pay for poorer nations to burn less coal and preserve their forests.

With a mere 76 days to go before the pivotal conference, it appeared an interim agreement might be the most that could be expected in December, leaving difficult details for later talks.

"We are on the path to failure if we continue to act as we have," French President Nicolas Sarkozy cautioned.

Much attention was fixed on Obama's first U.N. speech, in which he pledged the United States is "determined



President Obama meets with China's President Hu Jintao in New York, Tuesday. The two biggest polluting countries discussed global warming at the U.N. Climate Change Summit.

to act." "The threat from climate change is serious, it is urgent, and it is growing," Obama said, after receiving loud applause. "And the time we have to reverse this tide is running out."

But while Obama campaigned for the presidency vowing to push through stringent cuts in U.S. emissions, he has run up against stiff resistance among Republicans, and the Senate most likely won't have written climate legislation until after the Copenhagen meeting.

By comparison, Hu runs a command economy and was unencumbered by political opposition. He outlined an ambitious program that included plans to plant enough forest to cover about 150,000 square miles

(388,500 sq. kilometers) — an area nearly the size of Germany and France combined — and generate 15 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources within a decade.

He said the communist nation would also take steps to improve energy efficiency and reduce "by a notable margin" its growth rate of carbon pollution as measured against economic growth — though he did not give any specific numerical targets.

"At stake in the fight against climate change are the common interests of the entire world," Hu said. "Out of a sense of responsibility to its own people and people across the world, China fully appreciates the importance and urgency of addressing climate change."

Still, China and other developing nations "should not ... be asked to take on obligations that go beyond their development stage," Hu said.

China and India, the world's fifth-biggest greenhouse gas emitter, both want to link emissions to their growth in gross domestic product, meaning they still may increase emissions even if they take fundamental steps to curb them in the long run.

Experts were watching China closely because it has in the past largely ignored global efforts to diminish emissions. The United States, under former President George W. Bush's administration, stayed away from international commitments citing inaction by major developing nations like China and India.

HONDURAS

Deposed president holed up in embassy

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA — Baton-wielding soldiers used tear gas and water cannons to chase away thousands who demonstrated outside the Brazilian embassy Tuesday, leaving deposed President Manuel Zelaya and 70 friends and relatives trapped inside without water, electricity or phones.

"We know we are in danger," Zelaya said during interviews with various media outlets. "We are ready to risk everything, to sacrifice."

Heavily armed soldiers stood guard on neighboring rooftops and helicopters buzzed overhead.

Zelaya, forced out of his country at

gunpoint on June 28, triumphantly popped up in the capital Monday, telling captivated supporters that after three months of international exile and a secretive 15-hour cross-country journey, he was ready to lead again.

Interim President Roberto Micheletti's response was terse: Initially he said Zelaya was lying about being back. Then after Zelaya appeared on national television, Micheletti pressed Brazil to hand him over under a warrant issued by the Supreme Court charging treason and abuse of authority.

Some officials suggested even Brazil's embassy would be no haven

for the ousted leader.

"The inviolability of a diplomatic mission does not imply the protection of delinquents or fugitives from justice," said Micheletti's foreign ministry adviser, Mario Fortinthe.

Police and soldiers set up a ring of security in a three-mile (five-kilometer) perimeter around the embassy.

Security Ministry spokesman Orlin Cerrato told The Associated Press that two policemen had been beaten and 174 people were being held on charges of disorderly conduct and vandalism. A doctor interviewed by Radio Globo said 18 people had been treated at the public hospital for injuries.

Crime

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burglaries have affected students since the beginning of the school year, because police do not distinguish between students and permanent residents.

Students may be at a higher risk, because burglars usually want to steal electronics, like laptops, iPods and televisions, Trent said. He also said the majority of burglaries happen during the day when students are at class.

Michalak said the burglar who broke into her house on Notre Dame Ave. during the day expected no one to be home.

"The guy obviously didn't want me to be there when he walked in the house. He looked just as panicked as I did," she said.

Although the man fled the house through the front door after he saw Michalak, she said her biggest fear was that the man would hurt her.

"It was terrifying ... He was like twice the size of me," she said. "The first thing that's going through your mind is, what happens if this guy attacks me?"

Michalak said the police brought six squad cars along with sniffing dogs to investigate the attempted robbery. They also took fingerprints from the window and showed mug shots to Michalak to help identify the burglar, she said.

Since the break-in occurred, the police told Michalak they found the man and arrested him.

"They just said that he's actually going to jail for two robberies. Ours wasn't the only house that he had broken into and entered," she said.

Nothing was stolen from Michalak's house, but junior Matt Coyne wasn't so lucky.

Coyne spent the summer in South Bend doing research, and in early July, his house was broken into in the middle of the night, he said.

"I woke up on Sunday at 11 a.m. after going to bed at 4:30 a.m.," Coyne said. "Our TV was gone and that's the only thing I noticed at the time. And I noticed the kitchen window was wide open."

Coyne said he later discovered his roommate's laptop and an Xbox 360 had been stolen. He estimated the value of the stolen items at \$4,000.

Coyne said he and his roommates had just moved into the house a few weeks earlier, and had not set up a security system.

"We just kept putting off getting our security system installed," Coyne said. "That's on us. We thought [burglary] was a possibility, but never thought it would actually happen."

Coyne said police did not find out who was responsible for the theft.

"I think all of my roommates would say to not mess around with the security system, to get that installed as soon as you can, and make sure that you're not careless with locking windows and doors," Coyne said.

To prevent burglaries, students should keep their win-

dows and curtains closed, Trent said.

"There's people with their front windows right open and I can see a 50-inch plasma screen from the street. You can see someone with the lights on in their house and they're working on a laptop computer," he said. "A burglar can do an assessment of what they can steal just by walking down the street looking in the windows."

Dominic Zultanski, a South Bend Police officer and operations manager for Gargoyle Preferred Investigative Services who works with Kramer Properties to prevent and respond to burglaries, said students should also be wary of people offering to clean

up cups after a party or shovel snow.

"These guys are coming around. They're knocking on doors. They're asking to shovel your driveway. All they're doing is scoping out your home," he said.

Zultanski said students would have a better chance of recovering a stolen item if they know its serial number.

"Take the time and think about all the things that, if someone walked in right now and just wanted to steal things for money, what would they steal?" he said. "Write down that list. Put down your make, model and serial numbers for all those items."

Zultanski said Kramer Properties residents can go to the Gargoyle Preferred Investigative Services Facebook group to get updates about area crimes and ask questions.

Michalak said prior to the attempted burglary in her house, there were 17 members in the Facebook group, but the word has spread.

"Since our break-in, there are 120 members now. I think people are starting to take it seriously," she said.

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"A burglar can do an assessment of what they can steal just by walking down the street and looking in the windows."

Phil Trent
captain
South Bend Police

COR

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Northwestern University Web site, the purpose of the resource is to create an objective evaluation of off-campus housing and a means of communication between students and landlords, Schmidt explained.

Collaborating with Northwestern, Schmidt worked with Walker Anderson and Joey Rich to build a Web site exclusively for students, listing specific categories of off-campus housing that students can rate on a numeric scale.

The Web site has a dual purpose as not an avenue for giving stu-

dents information but also as a means of communicating with landlords to notify them of specific residential problems, student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

COR discussed the value of including a subjective section in the evaluation as well as the consequences of sharing the survey results with local landlords.

Many COR members agreed that a subjective section is necessary for students to have a clear idea of the house or apartment.

Developing a system similar to the Teacher and Course Evaluations (TCE), COR members suggested aggregating the information each year into a yearly report that would provide the numerical averages for each resi-

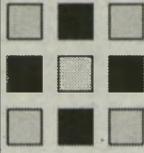
dence evaluated on the Web site.

In other COR news:

♦ Lee Svete, director of the Career Center, notified COR of new study space available to students on the first floor of Flanner Hall in the interview center on Sunday through Wednesday from 8pm to 1am. This announcement comes as a result of a new initiative to make more buildings available to students in the evening for study and meeting.

♦ Chipotle opens in Eddy Street Commons on Friday. As part of the grand opening, Chipotle is offering free food and drinks on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

BP to pay \$1.7 million in oil spill violations

ANCHORAGE — BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. has paid the state more than \$1.7 million in civil penalties for failing to provide adequate facilities to contain oil spills on Alaska's North Slope, officials said Tuesday.

Two settlements — one for BP's Prudhoe Bay field and another for the smaller Endicott and Badami fields — were signed last month and the penalty has been paid, said Breck Tostevin, a senior assistant attorney general.

The settlement is not connected to BP's 200,000-gallon spill in March 2006, for which BP America paid \$20 million and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

It's also not part of lawsuits the state and federal governments filed against BP in March. The state lawsuit seeks fines and punitive damages plus back taxes for pipeline repairs and a production shortfall of at least 35 million barrels of oil caused by two spills in 2006; the federal lawsuit seeks penalties and corrective action from BP.

Rather, the settlement announced Tuesday stemmed from a Department of Environmental Conservation inspection in October 2007 that indicated at least three BP secondary containment areas in the Prudhoe Bay oil field did not meet state regulations.

By state law, major oil facilities must be within a containment area designed to capture oil if there's a spill.

Half of Madoff accounts show no loss

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors in New York say a review of most customer accounts shows that about half of the customers jailed financier Bernard Madoff had when his business shut down had not lost money.

Prosecutors made the revelation as they told a judge Tuesday that there was no need to order restitution because all of Madoff's assets will be distributed to investors anyway.

The prosecutors say a review of claims from most of the customers who had investment accounts with Madoff shows that nearly 50 percent of the active customers invested more money than they withdrew, while the other 50 percent withdrew more than they invested.

Madoff, 71, is serving 150 years in prison for his multi-decade fraud.

GM to increase production at plants

Automaker adds more shifts at factories in Michigan, Kansas, Indiana

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Co. will go to 24-hour operations at factories in Kansas, Michigan and Indiana to handle an expected increase in demand and to make up for production lost from a large-scale factory consolidation announced earlier in the year.

The automaker says it will add a third shift at its Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kan., in January. That will be followed in March or April by third shifts at factories in Delta Township, Mich., near Lansing, and Fort Wayne, Ind.

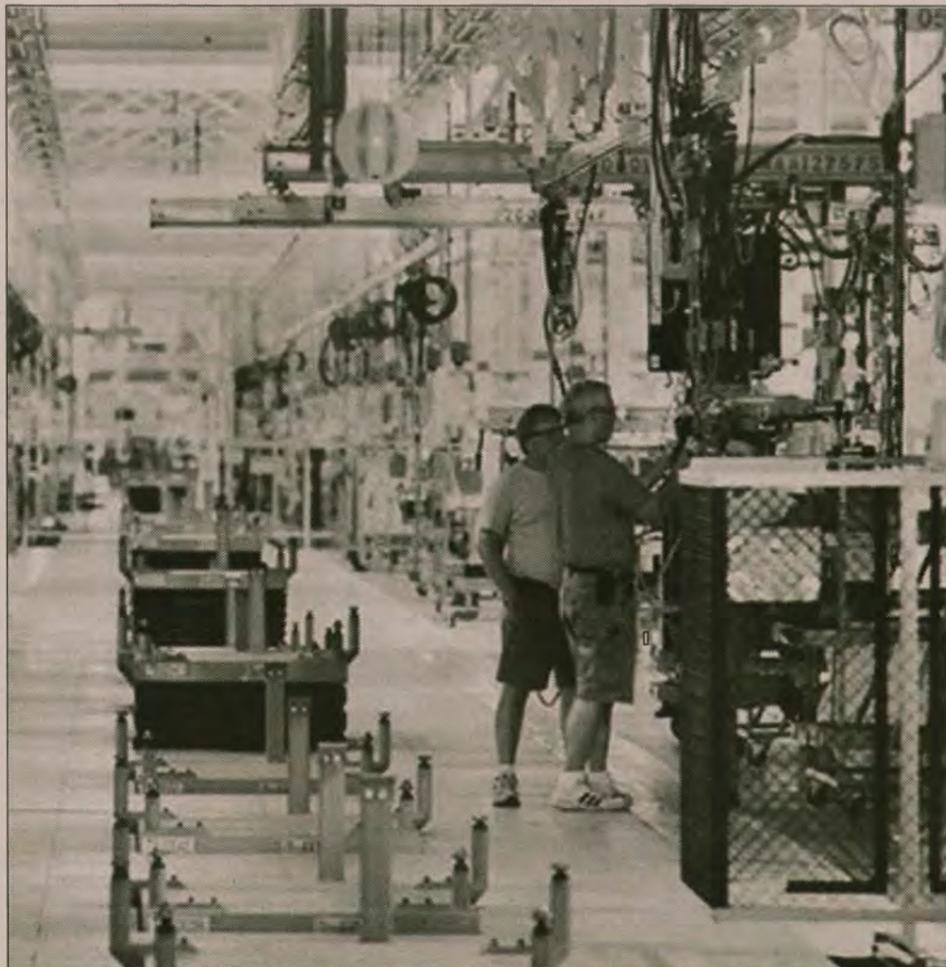
About 2,400 production workers will be recalled as a result of the added shifts, and another 600 will be recalled at parts factories across the country, said Tim Lee, group vice president for global manufacturing.

The increases announced Tuesday, coupled with other production increases unveiled during the summer, will allow GM to raise North American production from about 1.9 million vehicles this year to 2.8 million in 2010, Lee said.

The increase also is necessary because of an expected sales increase next year and because GM's inventory of cars and trucks was at a record-low level of 378,000 at the end of August, said Mark LaNeve, vice president of U.S. sales.

The Fairfax plant makes the midsize Chevrolet Malibu, Saturn Aura and Buick LaCrosse, while Delta Township makes the Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook large crossover vehicles. The Fort Wayne factory makes pickup trucks.

GM says in a statement that Fairfax will get all production of the Malibu when a midsize car factory in Orion Township, Mich., closes Nov. 25. It will be converted to a small-car



General Motors workers test equipment at GM's newest assembly plant in Delta Township, Mich. GM said Tuesday it will add a third shift to its plant in Kansas City.

plant and reopen in 2011.

Delta Township will get production of the Chevrolet Traverse large crossover when the Spring Hill, Tenn., factory that now makes the vehicles closes, also on Nov. 25. That plant will go on standby in case demand increases.

Fort Wayne will add production of heavy-duty versions of the GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado pickups that are being made in Pontiac, Mich. That factory is to close at the end of September, the company said in a statement.

Lee said GM will not hire new workers to staff the additional shifts. Instead, the company generally will first offer the jobs to workers at the plants that will be closed. After that, they

will be offered to workers in the region and then across the nation, he said. GM, under its contract with the United Auto Workers union, will pay to move workers from other cities, he said.

Although the company's dealer inventory is low now, it will take a minimum of three months to add the shifts because workers must be moved and because machinery must be disassembled and moved from Spring Hill and Pontiac, the company said.

"This is a massive move for us in terms of the transference of people," Lee said.

GM's September sales have been slow following the end of the government's Cash for Clunkers program,

LaNeve said. The company, though, predicts an increase in total U.S. sales from 10.5 million this year to 11.5 million to 12 million next year, he said.

Currently GM has about a 40-day supply of large crossover vehicles, a 52-day supply of Malibus and a 60-day supply of Silverado pickups, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Jeff Schuster, executive director of forecasting at J.D. Power and Associates, said GM has a low supply of many models and should have 1.5 to 2 times what is now on dealer lots. The low inventory, combined with an expected uptick in sales starting next year, means the production increase is justified, he said.

Audit quality problems found at Pentagon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon auditors face serious problems in their ability to oversee contracts worth hundreds of billions of dollars, according to congressional investigators, and a key senator says the agency in charge needs to focus more on quality than speed.

The Government Accountability Office reviewed 69 audits and other cost-related assignments by the Defense Contract Audit Agency and found only four complied with government auditing standards.

"We found audit quality problems at DCAA offices nationwide," according to a copy of the GAO report obtained by The Associated Press. "Although not as serious, the remain-

ing four audits also had compliance problems."

The DCAA has taken several steps to correct problems over the past year. But more needs to be done to address widespread audit quality issues, a process that "will likely take several years to change," according to the GAO.

The watchdog agency identified several deficiencies in Pentagon audits conducted between 2004 and 2006, including inadequate planning and supervision, and lack of auditor independence.

In testimony prepared for a Wednesday hearing of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, DCAA Director April Stephenson says the agency has "taken the GAO's findings

very seriously."

A spokesman for the agency referred all questions to the Pentagon. A spokeswoman for the Pentagon did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday evening.

But Senate committee chairman Joe Lieberman said the DCAA needs "a complete cultural transformation."

"It still seems driven by a culture that emphasizes speed and production of audits over the quality of results," Lieberman, I-Conn., said in a statement.

Stephenson, along with the Pentagon's comptroller and inspector general, and the GAO's managing director of forensic audits, are slated to testify before the committee Wednesday morning.

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Operation: Career Fair

Last week I joined up with the other seniors looking for gainful employment in the year to come. Grad school was out, and the only alternative was to enlist into the 2009 career bound students and set off for our own Normandy, our own Iwo Jima, and prepare for the enemy: the brigades of companies, firms and enterprises that descend yearly on the JACC for our networking war.

I arrived fairly early, with full knowledge that the lines would be long, the rations low and the morale even lower. I walked in with a friend, another accounting major, both of us knowing full well that one might not make it out. With our name tags affixed, we wished each other luck and set out. Within minutes I was lost in a bevy of tables, free pens and other sophomores, juniors and seniors, in various states of shock, awe and confusion. Recruiters were spilling out into the aisles; the popular companies wielded enough power to block entire swaths of less popular companies.

Where to begin? Which lines were worth it? Who looked the easiest to jaw with? Or, in the case of Arts and Letters students, who appeared most desperate? Call it shell shock.

After a few minutes, my feet came back under me. My senses focused, and I achieved, as Leonidas of "300" fame did, "a heightened sense of things." My hands steadied on my black resume folder and my eyes

began to pick out my adversaries: my fellow finance and accounting majors each moving quickly and fluidly from table to table, transitioning seamlessly between firms X, Y and Z, wielding their resume and each item on it in the most effective ways possible. These people are the Spartans of the career search world. They will take you out.

Having been abroad, this would be my first true career fair, and quickly my inexperience was apparent. I dodged into the first line with a company name that I recognized. I thought it would be safe to get out of the big gun's trajectory (Baird, Bain & Co. and Boston Consulting), only to find that seemingly everybody mirrored my instincts. What seemed like smart tactics, ended up being the longest 25 minutes of my life.

What do you say when you get up there? How do you distinguish yourself from the 40 other kids that came before? How can you hide how green you are in the face of this recruiter two years your senior? What if the kid before you just blows them away?

I stammered out a bit of small talk with my comrades in line, only to be met with stiff resistance, and little aid in developing a kill strategy for the upcoming conversation. At long last, I stepped up, gave my strongest handshake, given the tough conditions, and managed a weak first strike along the lines of "So I'm interested in working for your company?" I recovered, though severely wounded, and managed to successfully express interest in a position at the company, and end the conversation without taking further damage.

With a little battle experience under my belt, the succeeding conversations became easier. My eyes glazed over, and the conversation became automatic. The smile affixed itself permanently, and my instincts led me to the shorter and easier combat. At first I first handed out resumes with caution, cognizant of the rules of social engagement, but it was only a matter of time before they were flying out indiscriminately to any and all recruiters that stood in my way.

Confidence grew, but so did recklessness. Soon there was no conflict that I would back down from. I went to BCG and Bain and made it back in one piece. I jockeyed for position at Deloitte and survived a minor skirmish outside of Ernst & Young. The campaign raged, with successes few and far between. Morale sunk, and fatigue set in. Eventually, however, with a late game strategy change, and a little bit of luck, I captured an interview and declared victory.

I walked out of the JACC with a lot of casualties. My feet were torn apart from stiff, new dress shoes. My throat was raspy and sore, and I suffered a serious paper cut trying to draw my resume on a recruiter. Mentally, I felt OK, but those things take years to develop. Nevertheless, I walked out with interview in hand, dignity largely intact and enough strength to fight another day.

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Jason Coleman

Man at Large

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't base your life on the past or the present. You have to tell me about your future."

Chuck Palahniuk
U.S. novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Act not fiscally responsible

Class of 1999 alumnus Tim Barnes ("Support financial aid reform," Sept. 21) appears to have regrettably fallen victim to the "truthiness" extolled and rammed down the public's throat by the mainstream media and President Obama. I do not — nor should anyone — fault him for being so deceived.

A disturbing pattern has manifest itself, one in which those who oppose the growth of government programs are automatically castigated as necessarily corrupt for opposing any bill that "should" garner unanimous support from all who care about the welfare of our students/veterans/insert widely supported constituency here.

A closer look at the bill in question, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, shows that its title belies a more disturbing reality. The Cato Institute's Neal McCluskey describes that the \$87 billion figure was a June Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate. By the way, am I the only one mystified as to how the federal government can call it "savings" when we cut money we can't afford to spend from one program and then turn around and shift it to another? In any event, two subsequent updates by the CBO showed that, when the total cost of the bill and the risk of lending are taken into account, the bill "would much more likely become a new, roughly \$40 billion burden," explains McCluskey. Of course, those facts were decidedly inconvenient to the bill's author, Rep. George Miller (D-CA), so he retreated to the common Democratic political tactic of claiming that Republicans have an agenda which prejudices them against students, families and taxpayers (Read: ordinary people).

The reasoned opposition to massive expansion of expensive government programs — such as the stimulus and impending health care legislation — without a careful examination of both the text of a bill and its economic implications is a laudable action.

But let's also make sure not to get nickel-and-dimed into an ever-deepening hole of debt by proposals that seem small in comparison. Let's hope that Notre Dame is opposing this bill for the right reasons, and that the University keeps fighting the good fight.

Brendan O'Reilly
 sophomore
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 Sept. 22

Use of reason needed in debate

In his "Letter to Priests for Holy Thursday 1995," Pope John Paul II states, "The Second Vatican Council fully grasped the logic of the Gospel ... when it presented the Church first as the People of God and only afterwards as a hierarchical structure. The Church is first and foremost the People of God, since all her members, men and women alike, share — each in his or her specific way — in the prophetic, priestly and royal mission of Christ."

John Paul II continues to explain in his letter how the hierarchical structure of the priesthood is a ministerial priesthood in which priests are called to a ministry of service and must thus work to guarantee everyone's participation in the goal of eschatological fulfillment. Upon examination, it is obvious that the duties to the Church as the People of God must first be fulfilled before one can fulfill the duties to the Church as a hierarchical structure (a lexicographical ordering of sorts). The hierarchical structure must not inhibit the Church from functioning as the Church as the People of God. John Paul II does not believe that the hierarchical structure poses any hindrances to guaranteeing that all people, including women, participate in Christ's prophetic, priestly and royal mission. He does remind priests though to remain observant of their duties as servants and to be vigilant that it never becomes the case that the Church's hierarchical structure excludes a certain group from participation.

Thus, if members of the Church believe that the Church's hierarchical structure, viz., the sole ordination of men into the priesthood, is interfering with the mission of the Church as the People of God, their concern is a completely valid concern. It is good and proper for individuals to raise flags of warning on matters of belief that the Church as an ecclesial community can then subsequently reflect upon. It is simply not adequate to point to a certain Church teaching and proclaim, "See! I'm right!" We must always seek to make use of the reason that God has granted us with.

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 Sept. 22

Manhood only important quality

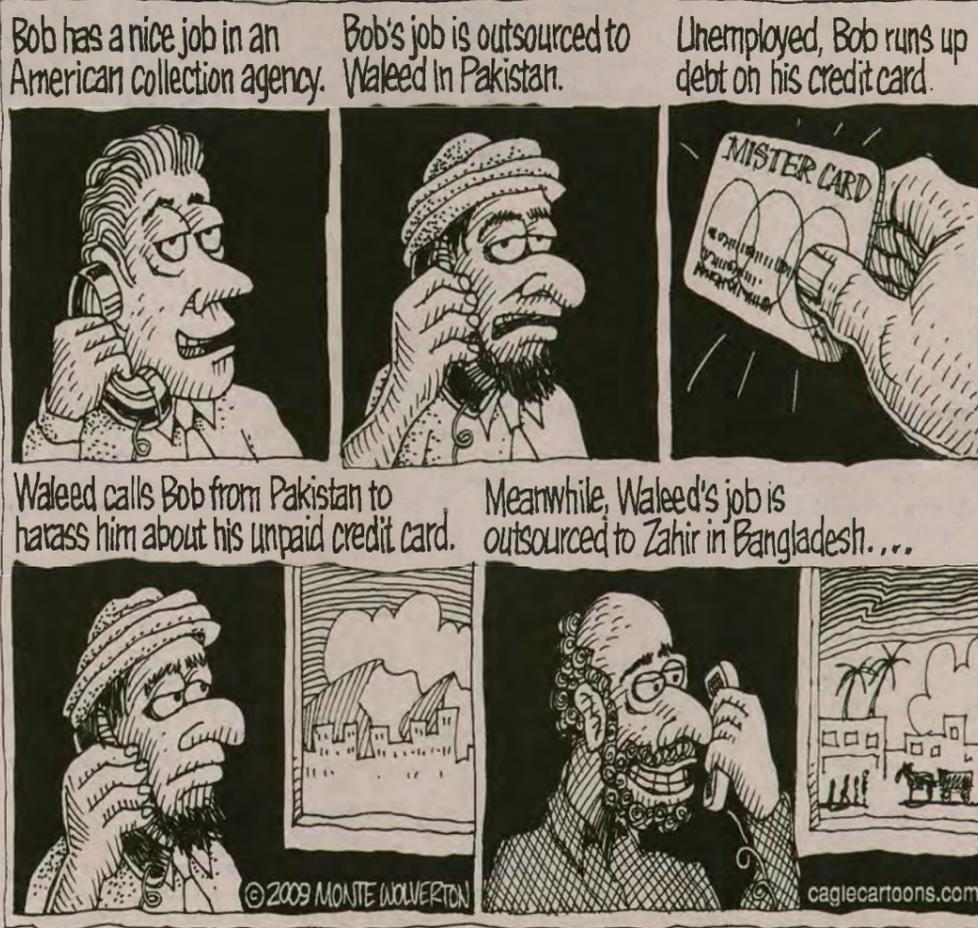
Although I have never written into The Observer before (although I have threatened to quite a bit), I felt the need to apologize to the men on campus for us women on campus who dare question the Church's teaching on priesthood. We should have known that Jesus called 12 men together to lead his flock, not 12 women. We should have known that the only distinguishing characteristic of those disciples was their manhood. It could not have been because of their personality and leadership qualities. And forget historical context. Leave that to the liberal theologians. Of course Jesus would have picked his apostles according to outside appearances and not because of certain qualities necessary to lead like courage and faith. I'm only glad that he didn't choose these men because of their brown hair because what would all those blonde-haired priests at Notre Dame have done when they heard the calling. Seriously though, we women should really learn our place.

Can you imagine what would happen if a woman gave the sacrament? I mean, what type of message would that send to women who feel like second-class citizens? Certainly women would begin to feel like they have a voice and an opinion to share, and we can't let that happen. Because next thing you know, women will start talking about "rights" and "anti-discrimination" and other silly things like that. Come on Notre Dame girls, everyone knows men have struggled for their rights since the dawn of time. Can't we just let them have this one thing?

Katy Smith
 senior
 off campus
 Sept. 22

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The Twilight Saga

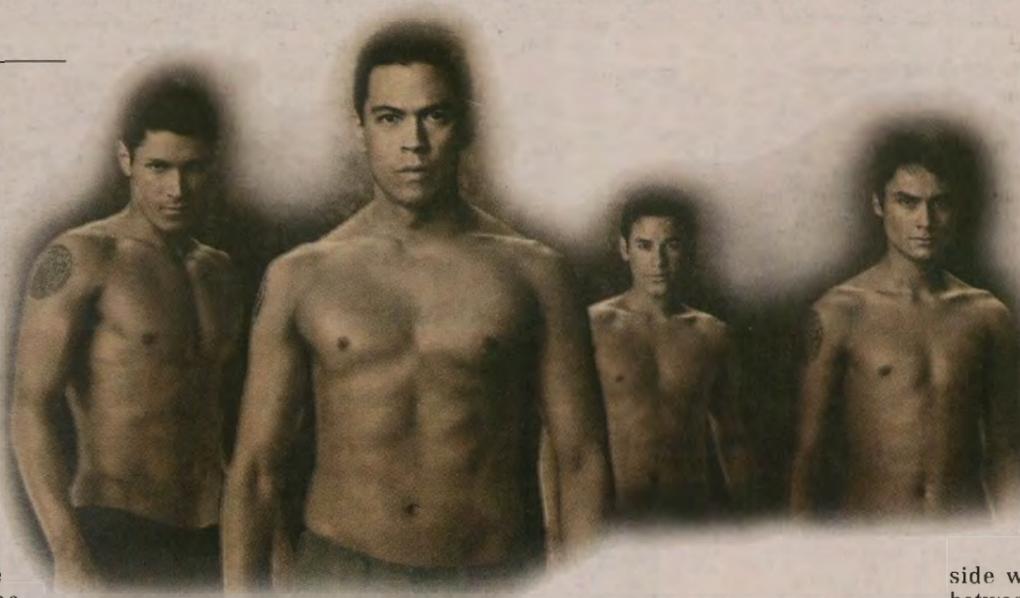
Those who are familiar with Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" book series understand that the novels have become a national obsession, capturing the hearts of teenage girls everywhere. Anyone who is unfamiliar with "Twilight:" Welcome to 2009.

All four novels have made The New York Times' Bestseller List and enchanted thousands of teenage girls in the process since the first books debut in 2005. The Twilight Saga chronicles the romance between Bella Swann and Edward Cullen, a century-old vampire. Bella is immediately attracted to the mysterious, brooding vampire who struggles to resist the tempting scent of her blood. The couple's love is tested when quarrels with other vampires place them both in mortal peril.

Teenage girls (and those at heart) are captivated by the tantalizing love story and have contributed to the success of the 2008 film adaptation. The film grossed more than \$382 million at the domestic box office and "New Moon," the sequel to "Twilight," promises to equal, if not exceed, that return.

Promising more vampires, action and bare abs from America's favorite vampire and werewolf, "New Moon" is guaranteed to thrill "Twilight" fans. The newest installment depicts Bella's heartbreak after Edward (Robert Pattinson) leaves her in order to ensure her safety from the vampire world. Grieving Bella (Kristen Stewart) turns to risky and self-destructive behavior in order to feel close to Edward, much to the concern of her friend Jacob (Taylor Lautner).

In addition to tending to Bella's broken heart, Jacob must make some rather drastic adjustments of his own after he becomes a werewolf. He also must deal with his intensifying feelings for Bella, leaving her in the middle of an agonizing love triangle. While "Twilight" fans are divided in their "Team Edward" or "Team Jacob" loyalty, all agree that "New Moon" will provide plenty of drama to sink their teeth into.



Vampire Diaries

Last week, "The Vampire Diaries" premiered on the CW and proved to be the most-watched season premiere in the network's history. The TV adaptation of L.J. Smith's 1991 series of young-adult novels follows the romance of Elena Gilbert, a popular but grieving high school student at Mystic Falls High, and Stefan Salvatore, a mysterious stranger hiding a dark secret (three guesses what it is).

Yes, Stefan is a vampire. His evil brother's reappearance in Mystic Falls coincides with a score of new "animal attacks." Stefan is torn between his love for Elena and his duty to protect her and the other residents of Mystic Falls from future vampire violence.

Sound familiar? It is impossible to ignore the blatant similarities between "The Vampire Diaries" and Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series. Both chronicle the romance between a human girl and a brooding, handsome vampire. The couples fall in love over an absurdly short amount of time, after the vampire has borderline stalked the object of his affection. In both narratives, the star-crossed lovers are connected by an inexplicable bond, yet separated by one party's need to suck the other's blood.

While some critics are calling "The Vampire Diaries" a rip-off of the "Twilight" franchise, Smith published her version of the vampire romance more than a decade before Stephenie Meyer claims the idea for "Twilight" came to her in a dream.

One can only wonder if she fell asleep reading "The Vampire Diaries."

True Blood

With the teen market flooded with vampire-themed media, HBO attempts to attract more mature audiences to an edgier version of a vampire's love story. The network's darker, sexier rendition of a vampire-human romance, "True Blood," premiered in September 2008 and has since become HBO's most popular show since "The Sopranos."

The show, based on Charlaine Harris' "Southern Vampire Mysteries" book series, is set in Bon Temps, Louisiana, where many residents are gifted with mythic abilities. In this small, fictional town, the invention of "Tru Blood," a synthetic blood supplement, has allowed vampires to "come out" to mainstream society and live side-by-side with their human neighbors. The tension between vampires and humans is intensified by a number of local murders, as well as "inter-species" relationships between vampires and humans.

"True Blood" centers on one such relationship - vampire Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) and clairvoyant waitress Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin). The relationship is frowned upon by many members of the Bon Temps community, both human and vampire. In the first season, this tension comes to a head when Bill chooses to break vampire law in order to protect Sookie and must then accept the grim consequences.

Since its first season, "True Blood" has slowly gained critics' approval and has seen a moderate increase in its weekly viewers. In fact, the second season of "True Blood" ended on Sept. 13 with twice the number of viewers as the previous season's finale. In light of its growing popularity, HBO has confirmed the show will be back for a third season, possibly airing next summer.

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AD SPREAD

ZOMBIE LOOKOUT

THIS WEEK IN ZOMBIE NEWS

By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

As vampires start to get on everyone's nerves, here is an update of everything that is zombie in the world of media.

Cranberries

The band with the popular song "Zombie" is reuniting to sing and write a few more single-word titled songs. After a six year hiatus the band has decided to give it another go and start touring at the end of the year in the U.S., followed by further tours in Europe starting in 2010. Hopefully for the sake of the Cranberries some of their fans are still lingering.

George A. Romero:

The man who started all of the zombie madness, George A. Romero, recently presented his latest film "Survival of the Dead" in Venice. Romero can be blamed when it comes to the zombie film plague: He was the director of the original "Night of the Living Dead," a movie from which most of our modern zombie culture emerges. The film claims to continue pushing the envelope when it comes to explicit violence and gore but it's doubtful if this is possible.

"Dead Snow:"

Zombies? Check. Norwegians? Check. Nazis? Double check. If it has long been your desire to see Norwegian medical students fight hordes of zombie Nazis, then your moment has arrived. The film had been in limited release in the United States and will soon be making its way to DVD, a zombie horror comedy quite unlike many others.

"Zombieland:"

A zombie horror romantic comedy starring Woody Harrelson, Jessie Eisenberg, Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin arriving in theaters Oct. 2. The film pits these four non-zombies against an entire society of brain-eating monsters. Hoping to escape the zombie plague, the crew stops at an amusement park. Action and hilarity ensue, along with zombie gore and a heart-warming love story.

Zombie Walk:

A type of protest or public gathering of people dressed as zombies. Be it for political or fundraising goals, the popularity of these events has grown steadily. The participants slowly waddle and limp towards various locations, occasionally attending zombie pub crawls. The size of these

crowds is also nothing to drool at. This July in Seattle the world record was broken as 3,894 zombies started blankly at each other until the Guinness judges could tabulate their numbers. These events are most often organized as a rally for blood donations although food drives have also had good success.

"Resident Evil: Afterlife"

The recently announced fourth film in the series is set to start filming in a month. Milla Jovovich and Ali Larter will reprise their roles from the previous films alongside Wentworth Miller (of TV's "Prison Break"). The "Resident Evil" films are based on a series of video games of the same name. This film will take place



during a worldwide zombie infestation with the heroes hiding in a jail. The films have grossed over \$450 million worldwide, so sequels will apparently continue as audiences continue to pay.

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CAMPUS STRONGHOLDS

For many older Americans, fascination with the undead began in 1968 with George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead", however for me it started with Zach Snyder's updated "Dawn of the Dead" in 2004.

This violent and darkly hilarious social commentary induced hours of intense and mis-spent musings on how best to fortify my high school from what I convinced myself was an inevitable zombie attack. In light of Scene's tasteful spread on vampires and zombies, take a bite out of the Top 3 (and One Worst) On-campus

Colin Rich

Scene Writer

Library a good place to make a stand for freedom. Yet while Club H looks ominous from the outside and provides plenty of Western literature to browse mid-escape on the inside, do not forget that almost the entire first floor is encased in glass windows.

The library becomes your best option only if you are assured of an airlift escape shortly after your arrival. Too much lingering in the house that Ted built will surely prove disastrous. Prepare to build a signal fire replete with medieval poetry and existentialist novels as soon as possible.

2. Hammes-Mowbray Hall.

The building that houses NDSP will afford keys to virtually indestructible cruisers, fistfuls of cash from unnecessarily-issued parking tickets, and almost as many shelves of ammunition as we saw in "The Matrix." This too does not lend itself to a prolonged defensive strategy, but the appeal of Hammes-Mowbray lies in the access it provides to getting off campus easily. Remember that your odds of outside rescue are not likely, thus it will become necessary to rely on common sense and a cache of weapons to make your escape. Just be sure to not enter the Post Office side on a Sunday or Federal Holiday.

1. South Dining Hall.

South far surpasses any alternatives for several reasons. First, there are no easily accessible windows on ground level and the building is reinforced with brick siding. Essentially South Dining Hall was built as a zombie-stumping fortress.

Second and most obviously, a priceless buffet of food choices make SDH ideal for a long defense. Sustenance, hydration, and rest are all invaluable intangibles when making a stand against the undead, and because the biggest question is always whether to wait for a rescue or attempt an escape, hiding in Notre Dame's mega-kitchen remains ideal. Finally, if rescue does come, the flat roofs of South's great dining rooms allow easy helicopter access for the military.

The Worst Place to be On Campus:

Stepan Center. Before and after any zombie attack, really.

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NFL

Receiver Burress begins two-year prison term

Former Giant's star was convicted of gun charges after his handgun fired accidentally in a New York nightclub

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress apologized to his family and tearfully kissed his pregnant wife and young son goodbye Tuesday before he was led away to prison to begin serving a two-year sentence on a weapons charge.

Burress, at the time a star receiver with the New York Giants, was at the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan last November when a gun tucked into his waistband slipped down his leg and fired, wounding him in the thigh.

The accidental shooting enraged New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who publicly castigated Burress for carrying his .40-caliber weapon.

Burress arrived in the courtroom Tuesday wearing jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt, a stark contrast to the dark blue suit he wore last month when he entered his guilty plea.

He was accompanied by his pregnant wife, Tiffany; his 2-year-old son, Elijah; his father, grandmother and stepmother.

Burress told Judge Michael Melkonian before sentencing: "I want to apologize to my family." They did not speak to reporters as they left the courthouse.

With time off for good behavior, Burress likely will serve 20 months. He could be released from prison as early as the spring of 2011 and will be monitored an additional two years after he is freed.

Michael Strahan, a former Giants teammate who is now an NFL television analyst, used his Twitter account to support Burress: "My Thoughts and Prayers are with my man Plaxico and his family today!!!"

Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce, who was with Burress the night of the incident, and former Giants linebacker Kawika Mitchell, now with the Buffalo Bills, re-tweeted the Strahan comment.

The Giants, through spokesman Pat Hanlon, said, "This has been a tragic, sad, disappointing situation from the beginning. Our concern has always been for Plax's welfare, and for his family, and that con-

tinues to be our overriding feeling."

Burress hired a consultant to teach him how to use his time in prison productively.

Burress' big moment with the Giants came when he caught the winning touchdown over the previously undefeated New England Patriots in the final minute of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The Giants released Burress in April, but the 32-year-old told ESPN he hopes to resume his NFL career when he completes his sentence.

"When I get out, I'll be 33, not 43," Burress said in an interview broadcast in August. "I'll still be able to run and catch. I'll still have the God-given ability to snag footballs; that's what I love to do. Of course, I want to play again."

Gil Brandt, an analyst on NFL Sirius Radio and the former head of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, said Burress won't be too old for a comeback after he's released.

Burress will be eligible if a team wants him, as the NFL already has announced his suspension will be lifted upon completion of his sentence.

His attorney, Benjamin Brafman, said previously that Burress was thinking of his family in taking the plea, but Brafman questioned the fairness of the recommended prison sentence.

"This was not an intentional criminal act," Brafman said the day of the plea. "In my judgment, a two-year prison sentence is a very severe punishment."

Burress had been indicted on two counts of weapons possession and one count of reckless endangerment, but under a plea deal reached Aug. 20, he agreed to a single, lesser charge of attempted criminal possession of a weapon. The gun was not licensed in New York or in New Jersey, where Burress lived. His license to carry a concealed weapon in Florida had expired in May 2008.

Before sentencing Tuesday, Brafman called Burress "a fundamentally decent man."

"This is a very real tragic case in many, many ways," Brafman said.



Plaxico Burress arrives for his sentencing, accompanied by his son Elijah and attorney Benjamin Brafman. Burress began his two-year prison term Tuesday.

NCAA

Isch named interim president

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — James Isch wants to fulfill Myles Brand's unfinished goals at the NCAA.

For now, that's Isch's job. He was named Brand's interim replacement Tuesday, less than a week after the NCAA president died of pancreatic cancer at age 67.

Isch had been serving as the NCAA's vice president for administration and chief financial officer, overseeing the budget for the premier governing body of college athletics.

"We will continue to focus on academic reform, the fiscal stability of our organization and, most importantly, continue to emphasize the student-athlete," Isch said during a conference call with reporters. "Within the next few days, I will be reaching out to members of the athletic community and our staff as we chart our course."

NCAA Executive Committee

chairman Michael Adams said the decision was made Monday night. He gave no timetable for naming a new, full-time president.

But until then, Isch is in charge and Adams does not expect the longtime NCAA executive to be merely a figurehead. Adams said several other candidates were considered, though he did not name them, and that he wants Isch to pursue the kind of agenda Brand laid out.

"He (Isch) served as liaison to the search group that brought Myles Brand into this organization, and if we don't get the financing right, all the other association goals would be moot. So the board has full confidence in Jim Isch's ability," Adams said. "We will move ahead with Myles' goals."

Isch joined the NCAA's staff in 1998 after holding administrative posts at Arkansas, Kansas State and Montana State.

Over the past nine months, as Brand underwent cancer treatment, Isch was one of four members on the president's cabinet who helped oversee the day-to-day tasks. The other three were Bernard Franklin, Greg Shaheen and Wally Renfro, all of whom hold vice president titles.

The executive committee is not scheduled to meet again until Oct. 29, with details of the formal search almost certainly taking center stage. Among those believed to be top candidates are Franklin, Adams and University of Hartford president Walter Harrison.

"Myles did talk with me about the people in the association in which he had the most confidence," Adams said. "He mentioned four or five people in that regard. He did not offer a belief in who the next interim should be and, as Myles usually did, he trusted the decision of the committee."

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It wasn't the airplanes. It was beauty killed the beast.

Professor Graff, Sorry, I didn't do the reading for today. Again. I'll work on it for next time.

So they're showing me on television the detergent for getting out blood-stains ... Is this a violent image to anybody? Blood-stains? I mean, I, come on, you got a T-shirt with blood-stains all over it, maybe laundry isn't your biggest problem right now ... Maybe you oughtta get the harpoon out your chest first.

My favorite's gouda.

Screw Madden. It's all about the Tecmo

Fritz, I promise I'm well prepared for this test. Sleep deprivation may come back to kill me though. Blame The Observer.

"I got one hour of sleep last night. And it was on Jenn's couch."

Apparently Irena has dirt on Buckley. Let's all convince her to share.

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4 Maryland	4
5 California	7
6 Wake Forest	2
7 UC Santa Barbara	9
8 Harvard	13
9 Louisville	16
10 UCLA	12
11 Virginia	20
12 Duke	11
13 Indiana	8
14 Monmouth	19
15 Dartmouth	10
16 North Carolina St.	23
17 Creighton	6
18 St. John's	15
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24 San Diego	18
25 Connecticut	RV

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Florida celebrates their 23-13 victory over Tennessee in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday. Concerned that his team could be threatened by a virus, head coach Urban Meyer kept six more players out of practice Tuesday.

Meyer keeps 6 more out of practice

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — No. 1 Florida kept six more players out of practice Tuesday because of flulike symptoms.

Gators coach Urban Meyer said starting linebacker A.J. Jones was among those feeling ill. No player has had a confirmed case of swine flu, but Meyer has expressed concern that the virus could ravage the defending national champions.

Receivers coach Billy Gonzales, who was sent home the day before because he had a fever, returned to practice Tuesday wearing gloves and a mask.

Also not at practice were defensive back Josh Evans, receiver Justin Williams, running back Mike Gillislee, defensive end Earl Okine and walk-on offensive lineman Shawn Schmieder.

"We're all right," Meyer said. "We've just got to get ready. We're doing what we've got to do. What we can control, we control. Guys are wiping down everything. We're doing everything we can. I think we'll be all right."

Meyer sounded as if he were coming down with something himself, but insisted he was just hoarse from "screaming too much" during practice.

Previously, running back

Jeff Demps, tight end Aaron Hernandez and defensive end Jermaine Cunningham were isolated because of flulike symptoms.

"They're still not 100 percent," Meyer said. "We had six others come down today with it, so we're battling a little bit right now."

The Gators all had a round of flu shots Sunday, about a week after one school official predicted that as many as 40 percent of students could catch swine flu this season.

Team doctors and trainers responded by placing hand sanitizer and prevention checklists all around the facility.

When asked about the

flu, linebacker Ryan Stamper jokingly coughed at reporters, then laughed.

"We're doing a real good job with that, trying to keep guys from catching that," Stamper said.

Also Tuesday, linebacker Brandon Spikes (Achilles' tendon) and receiver Deonte Thompson (hamstring) did not practice. Meyer was optimistic Thompson would be able to play Saturday at Kentucky.

"They ran him again today and he's feeling really good, but I'm just kind of cautious right now," Meyer said. "We didn't hit the mark last week, so I want to hit the mark this week."

IN BRIEF

Buccaneers' safety Phillips out for season

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Jermaine Phillips will miss the remainder of the season with a broken left thumb.

The Bucs made the announcement Tuesday, placing the eighth-year pro on injured reserve. He was hurt during Sunday's 33-20 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

Losing Phillips weakens a struggling secondary that was already playing without starting safety Tanard Jackson, who was suspended for the first four games of the regular season for violating the NFL subtonic abuse policy.

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Rockies to start Cook on Friday against Cardinals

DENVER — Aaron Cook finally feels like he's part of a pennant race.

Colorado's ace right-hander learned Tuesday that he'll return to the mound Friday night against St. Louis, his first start since going on the disabled list with a strained right elbow on Aug. 22.

The Rockies entered their game Tuesday night against San Diego with a four-game lead over San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Cook was an onlooker the last time the Rockies reached the playoffs, missing out on their incredible 21-1 run-up to the World Series in 2007 because of a strained side muscle that sidelined him for 11 weeks.

He returned for Game 4 of the World Series, allowing three runs over six stellar innings but couldn't prevent Boston from sweeping the Rockies for the title.

USC's Carroll hoping for return of Barkley, Mays

LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll is hoping the return of perhaps Southern California's two most important players will put the Trojans back on track after last week's loss at Washington.

Carroll is hopeful quarterback Matt Barkley and safety Taylor Mays will be able to play in Saturday night's home game against Washington State. Barkley is throwing again after missing last week with a bruised shoulder, while Mays is expected to practice Tuesday after sitting out his first college game with a knee injury.

Carroll also is back at work on a familiar task for the Trojans coach in recent years. He has to restore his talented players' confidence after another early-season Pac-10 loss likely knocked them out of the national title race yet again.

MLB

Philles victorious on Blanton's gem

Associated Press

MIAMI — Joe Blanton said he approached his matchup against Josh Johnson like any other, and for the Philadelphia Phillies, that worked fine.

Blanton allowed two hits in seven shutout innings to out-pitch the Marlins' ace, and Philadelphia won the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday, 9-3.

The victory reduced to five the Phillies' magic number for clinching the NL East.

Blanton (11-7) struck out nine and walked two. Johnson (15-5) twice struck out the side and had 10 strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up seven hits and four runs.

"If he doesn't give up any runs, or if he gives up a lot of runs, I still have to go out and pitch and stick with the same game plan either way," Blanton said.

The Phillies' right-hander went six shutout innings in his last start to beat Washington. He said he had better stuff this time, thanks to a slider that had been unreliable of late.

"I finally found it a little bit," Blanton said. "It kind of came back. That was nice. Hopefully it stays."

Blanton allowed no hits after a leadoff single in the second.

Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez hit his 32nd homer. Jayson Werth and Ryan Howard each had a two-run single for the Phillies, who also scored on a wild pitch, two RBI groundouts and Jimmy Rollins' sacrifice fly.

"I think they hit one ball hard, and it was tough to swallow," Johnson said. "I was trying to battle, make good pitches, and they just hit them. It was just one of those days."

The Phillies won despite striking out 16 times and going 2-for-11 with runners in scoring position.

Facing Sergio Escalano, Florida scored three times in the eighth, with one play destined for the blooper reel. When Hanley Ramirez hit an RBI double, center fielder Shane Victorino chased it down, but when he tried to throw the ball toward the infield, it slipped from his hand and landed at his feet.

Compounding the comedy, Florida's Nick Johnson could have easily scored but didn't see the bobble and stopped at third. Ramirez didn't see Johnson stop and nearly caught up with him at third before retreating safely to second.

Clay Condrey pitched a perfect ninth to complete a five-hitter.



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NBA

Players concerned about performance of refs

NBA referees failed to make contract agreement with league; president of basketball operations confident in replacements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA's president of basketball operations is confident replacement officials would perform well if they are needed when games begin.

The players aren't so sure. The NBA and its referees union have failed to reach an agreement on a new contract, so the league will begin training replacements this week. Without a new deal soon, those replacements would be used in games starting Oct. 1.

The officiating was criticized during the last lockout in 1995, but Joel Litvin said Tuesday it will be better this time because the replacements are from the WNBA and NBA Development League and familiar with the NBA program.

"These referees are sort of part of the extended family, which is what makes it different from '95. The vast majority are either D-League referees, they're WNBA referees, they've been to our summer leagues and been trained by our managers," Litvin said. "They've been to our tryouts.

"So unlike in '95, when we were selecting more or less strangers to be replacements, these are people that we know and have been working with for several years, which is a reason why we feel pretty good about

how they will perform when they're on the floor."

But Lakers guard Derek Fisher, president of the players' association, said the NBA's referees are the best in the world and called for a quick resolution, saying not having them on the floor is "unacceptable."

"Players throughout the league are concerned that the use of replacement referees could compromise the integrity of our games," Fisher said in a statement released by the players' association the day before they were scheduled to meet again with league officials for negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Our fans deserve the best product that we can put on the court and that includes having the best referees. Anything less is unacceptable to our union and our members."

However, the league and the referees' union are still far apart on proposals involving changes to the referees' pension and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials.

No further talks are scheduled after they broke down last week.

"Our preference is always to have our regular referees on the floor," Litvin said.

"They're the best in the world. So whether that happens remains to be seen."

Training camp opens Thursday, and the league hopes to emerge with 50-60 officials to comprise the replacement roster. Most — perhaps all — will come from within leagues the NBA oversees, a key difference from the heavily criticized officiating during the previous lockout.

Officials from the CBA were used 14 years ago, so the NBA had no control over their training. Plus, early season games were officiated by two-person crews, as opposed to the three that have long been in place.

Litvin also points out that the game has changed from the physical style that ruled in the mid-1990s. That, combined with the advances the league has made in the observation of officials, has Litvin believing the quality

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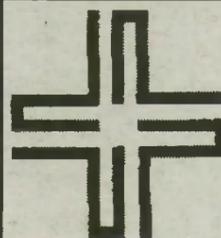
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Shutouts

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outscored their opponents by a combined score of 14-0.

Despite the seemingly lopsided margins in all of Notre Dame's performances, coach Waldrum doesn't think that the shutouts raise much cause for concern early in the season.

"Somebody had brought that to my attention recently and I hadn't even realized that."

Waldrum said. "I'm not sure if it's a fluke or whether or not there's a trend there."

One of the main reasons that Waldrum isn't concerned about the early shutout trend revolves around the caliber of the teams that the Irish have lost to this season, as North Carolina, Stanford and Santa Clara are currently ranked No. 1, 2 and 9, respectively, in the current NSCAA poll.

"I think in the losses that we got shut out in, we lost to very good teams, and the games that we've won we were supposed to win," Waldrum said.

"Those are fantastic teams [that the Irish have lost to] where you could play your best game ever and still lose."

Waldrum believes that some of the shutout losses may have occurred as a result of the team's relatively young core being somewhat unfamiliar with playing from behind.

"I think a little bit of it is where last year we had a fantastic year," Waldrum said. "Six of our ten field players this year are freshmen and sophomores and they only played from behind four minutes all of last season, so this is a new experience for them and we're still trying to find

our way a little bit."

In the games themselves, the Irish tried to adjust their strategy late in the game against both Santa Clara and Stanford to try to create offensive opportunities and tie the games.

"We played well against Santa Clara," Waldrum said.

"We were down [by one goal] late in the game so we shifted some players up and tried to tie the game. It was similar in the Stanford game."

Waldrum likened those contests to comparable contests for other teams on the Notre Dame campus in recent years, including the football team and women's basketball team, where the teams played extremely well but came up just short in the end.

"We want to schedule good teams early so you can see where your strengths and weaknesses are so you can adjust for the playoffs," Waldrum said.

"It's like when Notre Dame football plays USC every year and a few years ago when they had Brady Quinn, although they played a fantastic game, they still lost."

"I think we played three really, really good games," Waldrum continued, "like when the women's basketball team plays Tennessee or UConn."

With the majority of the Big East portion of its schedule still ahead,

Notre Dame has a chance to beat some quality competition before the postseason starts, where the Irish will undoubtedly see teams like North Carolina, Stanford and Santa Clara.

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Belles

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Martyna Mierzwa, an impressive freshman, led all Saint Mary's golfers at last week's Jamboree after shooting a 76.

Mierzwa's stroke total tied for the lowest score in the outing with Trine's Katlyn Pero.

Senior captain Perri Hamma earned third in the field at the Medalist Golf Club after posting a 79, the best score of her Saint Mary's career.

The Belles hope juniors Mary Kate Boyce and Rosie O'Connor can replicate their respective rounds of 81 from the Medalist Golf Club.

The two tied for fourth at the first Jamboree of the season.

Today's Jamboree tees off at 1 p.m.

If Saint Mary's pulls off another win it would put them at a significant advantage over their MIAA opponents halfway through the regular season.

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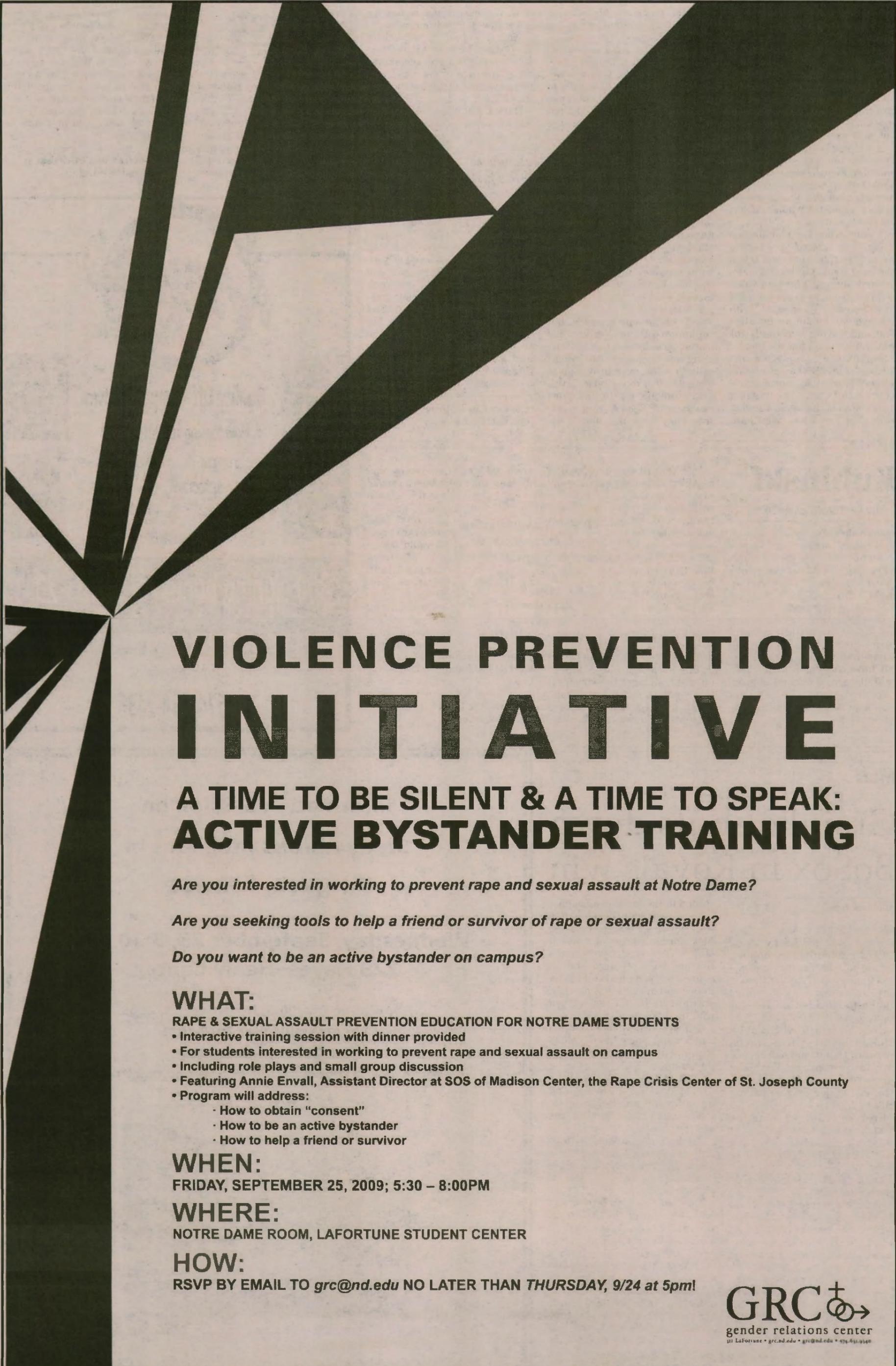
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Injuries

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today. He's got a little bit of an ankle. If he went out there today, he wouldn't be full speed. (I'll) give the other running backs the reps today and build him up to be full-go by game time."

One injured running back who Weis did not expect to return Saturday, though, was senior full-back James Aldridge. Aldridge hurt his shoulder in the season opener against Nevada and has not played since.

"I think what I'm planning on doing, even though he wants to try to play this week and try to play next week, I'm leaning more toward holding him this week and next week so that I get a full three weeks," Weis said. "With the bye week coming up after that and having him ready for whoever we play after the bye."

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd's season-ending surgery Monday to repair a broken clavicle was the biggest injury news of the week. Tuesday, Weis said Floyd has been han-

dling his situation with as much maturity as one could expect from a sophomore.

"He thinks he is a coach now," Weis said with a laugh. "He's accepted this role. He's dealing with it [and] I think he's going to be a great asset for us because he's into the game. He's just not one of those guys who is in the tank because he's hurt."

The new depth chart currently lists senior Robby Parris and junior Duval Kamara as co-starters at Floyd's old "Z" wide receiver position. Junior Golden Tate is still listed the starter on the opposite side, but sophomore Deion Walker has moved up to second behind Tate, along with freshman Shaq Evans.

"Both those guys bring something different to the table," Weis said. "Deion's a little bit more experienced. Shaq is very explosive. They know that now is the

time. It's not practice squad, it's not a show team any more."

Weis also spoke Tuesday about his plans to improve the defense, which has given up a combined 64 points over the past two games since shutting out the Wolf Pack.

"I think that when you start giving up some yardage to some plays, like was happening in the last couple games in particular, you start losing some confidence," Weis said. "Not necessarily in the scheme or your teammates, but just on your own play making ability. So I

think the number one thing I'm going to work on today, and the coaches are going to follow my lead, is making sure we start getting back to playing with some confidence."

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Kubinski

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team's success, but the team's well being," senior Carl Santos-Ocampo said. "In such a challenging sport that sometimes can mentally get you down, (Kubinski) makes sure the team is always in high spirits."

Individual successes have also been a major part of Kubinski's term. Former Irish star Cole Isban was named to the PING All-Midwest Region team three years in a row under Kubinski, and fifth-year senior Josh Sandman was given similar honors in 2008.

The 2009-10 season is the first in which Kubinski's recruits will play a major roll on the team, and he believes that the program will once again turn the corner and move back to the top of the Big East.

"This year is really the first year we're going to see (the recruits from 2007) step up and compete favorably against the strongest teams nationally," Kubinski said. "With the experienced seniors we have and those younger play-

ers, I think our guys realize that it's their time now. We're excited for this season and for the seasons to come. We knew it would take a lot of hard work and patience and even some bumps along the way but I'm proud of how this group has

always held their heads high, worked hard and are now ready to win."

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"I think it's important to have a perspective on where we've come from as a program."

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

MLB

Greinke shuts down BoSox in Royals win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Zack Greinke bolstered his Cy Young Award credentials by holding Boston to two hits in six scoreless innings, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Greinke is 3-0 with a 0.26 ERA in his past five starts, allowing 18 hits and one earned run in 35 innings. With the stingy stretch, Greinke has lowered his major league-leading ERA to 2.08.

Greinke (15-8) became the first Royals pitcher to win at least 15 games in a season since Paul Byrd won 17 in 2002.

Byrd (1-2) was the losing pitcher Tuesday.

Greinke's record likely would be more impressive if he had better run support. He has failed to earn a win in six starts in which he allowed none or one run.

Dustin Pedroia doubled in the first and Victor Martinez singled in the sixth, extending his hitting streak to 21 games, for the only hits against Greinke. Greinke walked three and struck out five, bringing his season total to 229, which is

second in the American League.

The Royals batted around in a five-run first, which included Alex Gordon's two-run, two-out single. The first five batters reached base off Byrd and all scored. Byrd walked Billy Butler and Mike Jacobs on eight straight balls. Jacobs walked with the bases loaded.

Callaspo, who had three hits and a walk, singled home Mitch Maier with the second run of the inning.

Byrd settled down after the first, going 6 2-3 innings and not allowing another run. He yielded five runs on nine hits and four walks.

Byrd exited in the seventh with the bases loaded after a single and two walks, but Mark Teahen flied out to center to end the inning.

The Red Sox scored their run without a hit in the eighth off Roman Colon, who walked Jacoby Ellsbury and Pedroia. After a double steal, Ellsbury scored on Martinez's grounder. Ellsbury tops the majors with 63 stolen bases.

Joakim Soria was summoned for final out after David Ortiz walked and Casey Kotchman reached on a Butler error. Soria logged his 28th save in 31 opportunities.

Olivet

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Three kills and a service ace later, the Belles finished the match off with a 25-14 third set victory.

Senior Lorna Slupczynski led the way with 10 kills and 10 digs. Junior Andrea Sasgen and Bodien chipped in on offense with nine blocks apiece. On

defense, junior Meghann Rose filled the stat book with 23 digs.

The Belles, who are now in the middle of the MIAA standings at 2-3, will get a break from conference play as they travel to take on a struggling Manchester team who are currently 3-11 on the season. The match will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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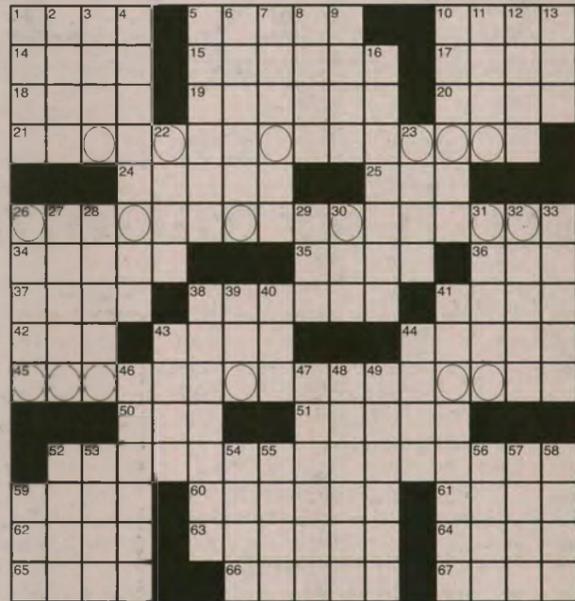


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 - 14 Game Gear company
 - 15 Philanderer, in slang
 - 17 Our genus
 - 18 Madre's hermanos
 - 19 To this point, in verse
 - 20 Intravenous hookup
 - 21 Hamid Karzai, starting in 2004
 - 24 Uppity type
 - 25 Org. concerned with firing practices?
 - 26 One of four generations in a photo
 - 34 Iranian cash
 - 35 Occasion for a proctor
 - 36 Overly
- 37 "Must've been something ___"
- 38 Like "King Lear"
- 41 Keep an appointment
- 42 When juillet and août occur
- 43 Get rid of
- 44 Vacant, in a way
- 45 Driver's electric convenience
- 50 Old Ford model
- 51 Like 26-Down
- 52 Frances Hodgson Burnett kid-lit novel ... and a hint to 21-, 26- and 45-Across
- 59 Piltdown man, notably
- 60 Longtime label for 38-Down
- 61 Like a hottie
- 62 Rocker Quatro
- 63 Father ___ leper priest of Molokai
- 64 "Ain't it the truth!"
- 65 Siesta time, maybe
- 66 Has-___ (ones who are washed up)
- 67 Like some sums

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 - 6 Sluggishness
 - 7 Mobster's code
 - 8 Dots over eyes?
 - 9 New Mexico skiing locale
 - 10 "Mercy!"
 - 11 Dog-eared
 - 12 Discharge
 - 13 Conciliatory bribe
 - 16 Promo container that's a twofer
 - 22 See 39-Down
 - 23 Apothecary weight
 - 26 "Peer Gynt" composer
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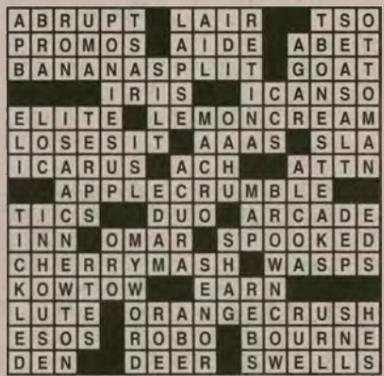


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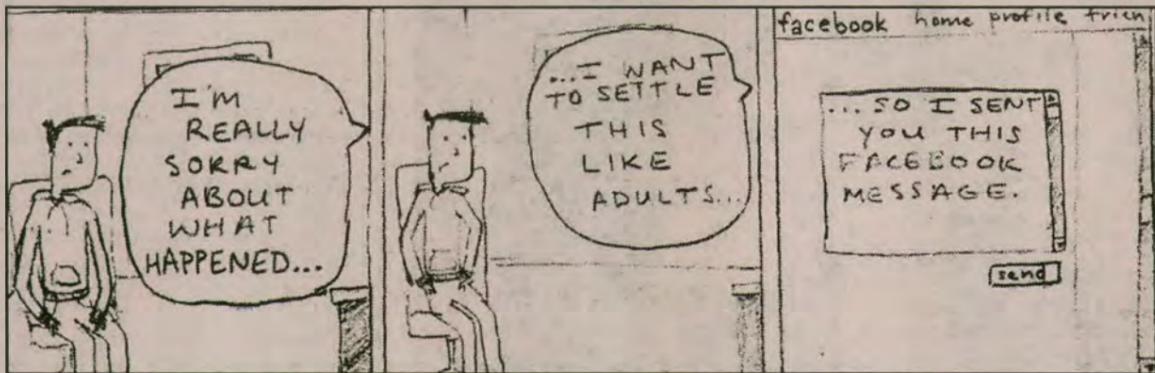
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid doing anything in excess. You have to cut back, not spend frivolously. Settle for what's available instead of striving for the impossible. Someone will condemn you if you are lazy or too impartial. ★★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have to leave someone behind or search for a new group to collaborate with if things aren't moving fast enough. You will face opposition if you are too bold or pushy. Make your work or endeavor interesting and you won't have to ask for favors or help. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let someone else's wants and needs surpass your own or those of the people you feel are worthy of your help. You will find answers to the questions that have been confusing you for some time. Get involved in something unusual. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not want to confront a situation you face but, by avoiding it, you will end up in a much worse position. Face your demons head on with facts and figures that cannot be denied. Set the record straight and move on. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get out and celebrate. You've got so much to be thankful for and, if you let people see your positive outlook, ideas and plans, you will be offered all the help you need. A partnership that is important to you needs a little nurturing. ★★★★★

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MEN'S GOLF

Kubinski brings Irish to national prominence

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Entering his sixth season as the head coach for the Irish, Jim Kubinski has already made a major impact on the program, and looks to continue building for the future.

Kubinski was given the position half-way through the 2004-05 season, inheriting a very skilled team that went on to claim the Big East Conference title that season, but saw flaws in the structure of the program.

"From my very first meeting

here, my focus has been to instill pride, discipline, confidence and good work habits," Kubinski said. "When I took over, a number of practices that I took for granted as necessities were not in place here."

Kubinski began putting those practices in place as soon as he arrived, and the Irish went on to win a second straight Big East championship in 2006.

"We've worked hard to structure practices, create class schedules conducive to playing and practicing as a team, build chemistry where it's about 'us' rather than 'I' or 'my' and sever-

al seemingly little pieces that, when pieced together, have had a huge impact in preparing us to make the jump from a more regionalized program to a national program," Kubinski said.

The Irish golf program has substantially evolved over the past 10 years, due in large part to the coaching ability and recruiting efforts of Kubinski. He was nominated for the 2007 GOLF Magazine Top 100 Teachers list, which places his name in conversation as one of the best young coaches in the country.

"I think it's important to have a perspective on where we've come from as a program," Kubinski said. "Just 10 years ago, we had only one scholarship for men's golf, no championship Warren Golf Course, no Rolfs Varsity Building and a travel schedule that was mainly limited to the Midwest. In 10 short years, we now have our full NCAA complement of scholarships, the very best practice facilities around, a fantastic and championship golf course and a schedule that sees us compete against the very best teams in the country and on the very best

courses."

It is a team-oriented focus that defines the success that Kubinski and the Irish have had throughout his tenure. During his coaching career, Kubinski's teams have recorded the top four single-season stroke averages in school history and nine of the 12 best single-round scores. In addition, Kubinski's teams have recorded 15 wins over Top 25 teams and have been ranked as high as No. 12.

"It is evident that (Kubinski) truly cares not only about the

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FOOTBALL

Twists and Turns

Clausen, Allen ready for Purdue Saturday

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Injured quarterback Jimmy Clausen's MRI Monday came back negative Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday. Weis expects the junior to play against Purdue Saturday.

"I'll probably hold him from practice today," Weis said. "So what I'll do today is I'll give Dayne [Crist] the majority of the reps, and I'm going to give [Evan] Sharpley some reps too to knock off a little bit of the rust on him."

Junior running back Armando Allen also suffered a foot injury Saturday, tweaking his right ankle.

"The [practice] pattern for him is going to be very similar [to Clausen]," Weis said. "Hold him

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen hobbles off the field during Saturday's victory over Michigan State. Clausen injured his toe in the game, but is expected to play this week.

SMC GOLF

Belles have high hopes for tourney

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After winning the first of four MIAA Jamborees of the season, the No. 13 Saint Mary's will be looking for its second victory as it heads to Hope College's home course, Macatawa Legends Country Club.

The Belles opened the season with a stellar win last week at the Medalist Golf Club.

The team broke the school record for best combined score after shooting a 317, 15 strokes ahead of second place, MIAA-rival Olivet.

As the Belles head into today's matchup, they will be counting on repeat perform-

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish get used to shutouts

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Eight games into its young 2009 season, every contest No. 14 Notre Dame has played in has ended in a shutout.

However, unlike the 2008 squad, which was 8-0 after its first eight games, this year's Irish find themselves at 5-3 one game into their conference season.

In their three losses this season, opponents have outscored the Irish by a combined score of 10-0. On the other hand, in their five victories, the Irish have

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Senior defender Amanda Clark slows a North Carolina attack in the Irish 6-0 defeat Sept. 4.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's sweeps Olivet to reach .500

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team concluded a stretch of five straight MIAA matches with a bang. The Belles had only one win with three losses in that stretch coming into their final match, but managed to sweep Olivet College 3-0 at Angela Athletic Facility on Tuesday.

The win brings their overall record to the .500 mark at 5-5, and drops the Comets to a dismal 3-9 on the season. The Belles came out aggressively on offense, taking an early 7-1

lead. With freshman Stephanie Bodien's five kills in six attempts, Olivet could not climb back in it and dropped the first set 25-14.

The second set mirrored the first as the Belles took the lead early and did not relinquish it, winning 25-18.

The Comets showed some resiliency and came out strong in the third set. Led by senior Kim Travis' outside hitting, the Comets managed a 13-13 tie. The Belles, backed by the home crowd, subdued the comeback and rattled off seven straight points to take a 20-13 lead.

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