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Health care debate discussed

Rising costs, limited access and lack of sustainability cause confusion

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the first installment in a two-part series examining some issues in the health care debate in the United States.

The complex health care picture in the United States can be broken down into three major issues, according to Bill Evans, a professor of Economics and Econometrics who specializes in health economics.

Evans said the main issues in the health care sector are rising costs, limited access and the lack of sustainability of Medicare.

"We seem to have no handle on costs," Evans said. "The cost of medical care is increasing at a much higher rate than inflation. The cost of insurance is increasing faster than inflation."

One problem with the rising cost of health care is that it impacts wages, Evans said.

"Most people receive health-care from private insurance, and most insurance is provided by employers," Evans said. "The cost of insurance is coming from the wages of workers."

Evans said a common misconception about employer-based health insurance is that the employer is paying for the insurance. However, he said



A nurse cares for a patient amid a widely debated time in the health care sector.

workers ultimately pay in the form of receiving lower wages.

"Because of the rising cost in health care, there is a limited growth in other components of compensation," Evans said.

The second problem of the U.S. healthcare system — limited access — is the easiest problem to solve, he said.

The uninsured rate can be lowered by heavily subsidizing insurance for low-income people and establishing individual mandates that require everyone to have health insurance.

These solutions to the prob-

lem of access have been proposed in the ongoing Congressional debates on health care, he said.

But Evans said the proposals to expand access are not problem-free.

"Few of the proposals are doing anything on the cost side," he said.

They also do not address the third major problem of the healthcare system, which is Medicare.

"Medicare is a time bomb

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Hannah and Friends opens 30-acre farm



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Maura and Hannah Weis cut the ribbon at the Hannah and Friends organization's first residential home Monday.

By SAM WERNER
News Writer

With a count of "1, 2, 3" followed by a snip of some scissors, Maura and Hannah Weis officially opened the next chapter of the Hannah and Friends organization.

The group officially opened its first residential home Monday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the foundation's 30-acre farm in South Bend.

"It's great," Maura Weis, the wife of Irish football coach Charlie Weis, said. "It's emotional, but happy."

Maura and Charlie Weis

started Hannah and Friends in 2003. Charlie said Monday that the couple began thinking about charity work after he suffered serious complications from an attempted gastric bypass surgery.

"Maura looked at me and said, 'You know, you could have died and we never would have done any good for anyone other than ourselves,'" Charlie said.

Weis said he and Maura began thinking about their daughter, Hannah, who suffers from global development delays. He said the most

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Initiative raises funds for water development

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Student government will launch "The Global Water Initiative" — a year-long fundraising and awareness campaign for water development — with a T-shirt giveaway, lecture and benefit concert Tuesday.

The initiative marks the first time that Notre Dame student government has focused on one social issue for an entire year, Rachel Roseberry, chair of the Senate social concerns committee, said.

"We can pick an issue and really make a difference," Roseberry said. "Water is such a fundamental issue. Globally, more than one in six people are without access to

safe drinking water."

All of the money that student government raises will go to The Water Project, a nonprofit organization. The funds will be used to dig wells in Kenya and possibly Uganda, Roseberry said.

Justin Pham, director of the Global Water Initiative project, said the organization was carefully chosen and they are confident in the work that The Water Project does.

"The issue of water development is so complex and there are so many issues surrounding it, we wanted to make sure that we chose a nonprofit that would address all those issues," Pham said.

Student government also collaborated on the project with the Ford Family Program

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DuBois looks at religious issues

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

The government needs to make contact with non-profit groups to help shape faith-based initiatives from the federal level, The Rev. Joshua Dubois said Monday.

Dubois, a Pentecostal minister and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, spoke to an audience of about 50 students, faculty and community members at Geddes Hall auditorium.

"President Obama's logic behind the re-launching of this office is based on two foundational concepts," Dubois said. "The first is that we are facing significant challenges in our nation and across the globe ... The sec-



ANDREW WEBER/The Observer

Rev. Joshua Dubois, executive director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, discusses his goals for the future.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Civantos Hall

The year is 2030 A.D. The coal plant on campus has been replaced by a windmill. The squirrels on South Quad are the size of cats. And I am a gazillionaire.

That last thing is the least likely to happen. I'm a Program of Liberal Studies major, which means, by definition, that I'll make peanuts after graduation, if I'm lucky enough to have a job at all. But a girl can dream, and here's what I would do if I had a gazillion dollars in 2030 A.D.:

I would build a new College of Arts and Letters. I mean, take a look at O'Shag. It's not that I don't love the old place — Waddick's is my second home — but compare it to Jordan. Or Mendoza. We all know that Arts and Letters majors earn significantly less than Business or Science majors after graduation. Here at Notre Dame, we get to feel the status difference while we're still undergrads. We get an ancient building with cramped classrooms that probably haven't been repainted since Reagan was president, while they get, well, Jordan.

The reason for this disparity is obvious. Business and Science majors can afford to build gorgeous new buildings for their alma maters, and Arts and Letters grads just don't have those kinds of resources. That's all about to change, though, with the new College of Arts and Letters I'm going to build in 2030.

Civantos Hall, as I'm calling it for lack of a better name, will feature everything beloved by liberal arts kids. There will be a Waddick's, of course, with its usual vast selection of coffee, fresh-baked muffins and scones, and those surprisingly tasty microwaved breakfast sandwiches. My version of Waddick's, though, will have a lot more booths, and no pesky art gallery across the hall.

As you approach Civantos Hall, the front of the building will resemble Plato's Academy, with huge steps and tall pillars. Inside, the high, arching glass ceiling will let in natural light, with all of the classrooms opening off this central great hall.

The classes will be seminar-style (hey, I'm a PLS major) so the classrooms will be planned to feel like living rooms, with comfortable couches, squashy armchairs, warm broad-hearthed fireplaces and wide windows framed by long, luxurious curtains.

That is, of course, when the classes are actually held indoors. Usually the classes will be held outside on a grassy knoll, or in a forest clearing.

Best of all will be the library. It will be enormous, with at least three copies of each PLS book. Every effort will be made to exactly replicate the library from Disney's Beauty and the Beast. There will be a soaring ceiling topped by a chandelier, lots of cozy reading nooks tucked into the window alcoves and, of course, a rolling ladder.

I've already picked out a location for Civantos Hall. Have you ever run around St. Mary's Lake and seen that plaque commemorating where Holy Cross Hall used to stand? That's where I'll build. Just wait for it. We only have 20 years to go.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT DURING THE END OF THE PURDUE GAME?



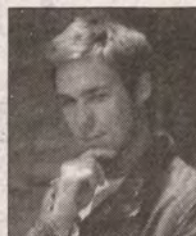
Brooke Reid
sophomore
Lewis

"How much I wanted to push the Purdue fans in front of me off the stands."



MaryJeanne Brenholts
freshman
Lewis

"Not again!"



Matt Cook
freshman
O'Neill

"I was lonely in a bar in Ontario and I wanted to kill myself."



Michael Selep
freshman
Keenan

"It shouldn't be this close!"



Rory Norton
senior
off campus

"I should probably wake up from my nap now ..."



Zoe Evans
freshman
Pasquerilla West

"Woo! We're going to win!"

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



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Students participate in a barefoot three versus three soccer game Saturday to benefit Grassroots, an AIDS prevention charity.

OFFBEAT

Islamist party wants Beyonce to cancel concert

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Malaysia's opposition Islamist party wants U.S. pop star Beyonce to cancel a planned concert in this Southeast Asian country, two years after it prevented the singer from performing, citing moral issues.

Foreign acts often draw protests by the Pan Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS), whose youth wing succeeded in forcing Beyonce to cancel a 2007 concert and sought last year to prevent Canadian

singer Avril Lavigne from performing in this mainly Muslim country of 27 million people.

"We are against western entertainment that promotes hedonism. We do not want our youth to be misled," said Ahmad Sabki, vice-president of PAS Youth, was quoted as saying in Thursday's New Straits Times newspaper.

Naked man arrested for stealing truck Thursday

ATHENS, Ala. — Authorities said a naked man was arrested after he allegedly stole a truck and drove it into a ditch on

Thursday. Chief Investigator Stanley McNatt said the man was shouting "somebody's trying to kill me" when he appeared in an Ardmore neighborhood. He said the man jumped in the back of a truck and broke the window to the cab. The man's name has not been released.

McNatt said driver then abandoned the truck and the naked man drove away with the vehicle.

A man was arrested a short time later after the truck ran into a ditch.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture entitled "Memor Across Generations: The Meanings of 1968 in Military Brazil" will be held at 12:30 p.m. today. The lecture will be held in C-103 in the Hesburgh Center.

"Experimental Characterization of Buffer Layer Structures Associate with Extreme Wall Stress Events in a Layer" will be held at 3:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall today.

Daily Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

The Post Graduate Service Fair will be held in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College today at 5:00 p.m.

Part one of the four-part Internship Prep Seminar will be held at Saint Mary's College today. The seminar will be located in 137 Spes Unica and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic Culture Literature Series: "Close to Catholic: A Celebration of Kindred Spirits" will be held at 8 p.m. The lecture will be in 155 DeBartolo Hall today.

A movie entitled "The Man Who Would be Polka King" will show at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tomorrow. To reserve tickets, call 574-631-2800. Tickets are free.

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

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Students, staff satisfied by Google

Office of Information Technology says G-mail received an increase of 36 percent in satisfaction

By JILLIAN STINCHOMB
News Writer

The first year with Google has "absolutely" been a positive experience, Katie Rose of the Office of Information and Technology (OIT) said.

Incoming freshmen of the Class of 2012 were introduced to Notre Dame Gmail in May 2008, and the rest of the upperclassmen made the switch on Sept. 3 of last year.

"All 12,000 accounts were switched in one day," Rose said.

OIT made the switch for several reasons.

"All of the stars aligned," Rose said.

In January 2008, Legacy, the old Notre Dame server for e-mail, informed OIT that they would stop supporting parts of the old infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the majority of student government candidates in that spring had at

least part of their platform based on improving e-mail, particularly by switching to Google.

"Students were asking for Google in a variety of ways," she said.

Students are making use of the applications available to them on Gmail.

"I use all the apps available," Kevin McKenzie, a sophomore, said. "Gmail, obviously, but I also update my calendar almost

every day, chat with classmates about projects, and I use Google Docs consistently. Also, I have the Ninja theme as my background of my Gmail."

Junior Chris Dinkins, who is

on the cheerleading team, uses the cheerleading Google calendar to keep track of events.

"The biggest benefit is better teaming with the students. Google improved our relations with the students. It's been a fantastic move for us."

Katie Rose
Office of Information
Technology

"It's very convenient and easy to use," he said.

He also uses Google Docs with his work at OIT, when they are testing new software.

Sophomore Stephanie Sansone uses the start page for weather, Observer news and her Google Calendar.

"We saw a 36 percent increase in student satisfaction with mail," Rose said in reference to the yearly satisfaction survey.

It's harder to tell how much use the other apps are get-

ting, since they weren't available with the Legacy server, but students as well as clubs are using Calendars (such as the cheerleading squad) and Google docs.

Google has been a great support. Since Google is in charge of their apps, "there's much less internal maintenance," Rose said.

Google also has a blog and Twitter account to support students, give tips and answer questions, as well as their continued technological improvements.

For OIT, however, the most important aspect is student satisfaction.

"The biggest benefit is better teaming with the students. Google improved our relations with the students. It's been a fantastic move for us," Rose said.

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SGA

Budget to be set next meeting

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) is off to a successful year with its first sponsored event, a trip to Wabash College, running smoothly this past weekend, student body president Jenny Hoffman said.

A total of 37 Saint Mary's students went on the bus trip to the all-male Wabash college in Crawfordsville, Ind. Hoffman attended the trip and deemed it a "great success."

With two resolutions passed and one event under their belt SGA is preparing to finalize their budget next week, Hoffman said.

Clubs and organizations can now begin to request allotments of funds. These funds will cover office supplies and other basics that clubs need to conduct regular business. Co-sponsorships will be available for trips or conferences but will require a separate petition to SGA before funds are granted, Hoffman said.

Another project that SGA is undertaking is researching the computer networks and services of peer institutions in order to propose changes to Saint Mary's ResNet. SGA is currently talking to ResNet to see more ResNet support of SGA and other student organization computers. They would also like to see some printers in the residence halls and for all the halls to be equipped with wireless Internet access, Hoffman and student body vice president Meg Griffin said.

Peer institutions are schools with similar statistics such as enrollment, including some that are also single sex. Some of the peer institutions that Hoffman and Griffin are talking to are Smith College, Mount Holyoke College and Stephen's College, which are all all-female, Hoffman said.

Hoffman and Griffin are still accumulating data on peer institutions but did offer a report of what they have found thus far.

The network administrators of most schools of similar size to Saint Mary's offer support to student organization computers, most ResNet offices hold similar hours to that of Saint Mary's, and about half offer printers in the residence halls, Griffin said.

"We're looking for better justification to ask our ResNet for what we want," Hoffman said.

SGA's new Facebook page is now up and running. Students can "friend" SGA to find links to their events calendar and also to see status updates, which will serve as reminders for events around campus, public relations commissioner Caitlin O'Brien said.

"We've been here a month and we've already had a successful event and passed two resolutions. I think it's going really well," Hoffman said to the Board.

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Study Abroad in Perth, Australia

Information Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

5:30 PM 140 DeBartolo Hall

For ALPP and ANTH
College of Science
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Application Deadline is November 15, 2009

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that no one is doing anything about," Evans said.

He said Medicare is in part a budgetary problem for the federal government.

"Medicare is going to go broke relatively soon," Evans said, citing the projection that the number of people eligible for Medicare will double over the next 30 years.

Evans said Medicare is in part a problem because of inconsistencies in how much money the program requires.

Medicare spending is determined by counties, according to Evans.

"If you look at the county level, spending on Medicare varies by a factor of three from the highest to the lowest," he said. "But the factors that influence the spending don't vary."

"It appears that a lot of procedures are being done that aren't medically necessary in the Medicare program."

Evans also attributed problems with Medicare to the healthcare bureaucracy.

"Not all the dollars are going to patients," he said.

He said the bureaucracy impacts the high cost of healthcare in general, and has ramifications beyond the Medicare program.

Reducing the overhead costs of healthcare "is going to be difficult," Evans said.

The political proposals that seek to solve health care issues won't address the fiscal problems of Medicare and costs.

"No one seems to want to touch the Medicare program at all," Evans said.

Evans said he predicts legis-

lation will ultimately work to solve one problem, but will ignore the other two.

"We'll get something on access, but the cost of that is that you're not going to make heavy inroads on costs," he said.

The only viable way to reform the system is to overhaul it, and an overhaul cannot happen without making changes to Medicare, according to Evans.

"I think you have to show the political will to do something about Medicare before you can ever do something to the system," Evans said.

An overhaul to the health care system will cost money and the government will have to be creative to find sources for that money.

"The money is going to have to come from somewhere and the most obvious place is Medicare," Evans said. "It's not going to be politically viable if you raise taxes."

Despite the problems in the health care sector, Evans said it is not true that the sector's size is a problem. He cited the tremendous advances in medical care over the past 30 years as a benefit of the size of the industry.

"The United States spends a lot of money on medical care, but if you take a look at particular examples, we are getting a lot out of it," Evans said. "There's good evidence that there's a lot of waste, but there are also tremendous benefits."

The second part of this series in Wednesday's issue of The Observer will look at the relationship between health care and Catholic Social Teaching.

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DuBois

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ond thing is that we can meet these challenges, but we can't do it in Washington alone."

DuBois stressed the importance of the government enlisting the help of non-profit groups.

"Instead, it's incumbent upon us in the government to connect with the real change agents: The churches that are feeding the hungry. The non-profits that are giving dropouts a second chance and helping prisoners."

According to DuBois, universities and colleges can play a major role in reform.

"That's where change happens: with community serving institutions and faith-based groups. With you," he said.

He said he would like for his office to connect with smaller organizations to bring about change.

"My office is a facilitator to provide a link between the government and the grassroots, and to help organizations across the country connect with one another, strengthen their own capacity to serve, and have a greater impact on their communities," DuBois said.

He did point out however, that this theory has its issues.

"The problem is that when

the government and religion have gotten together in the past, even if it was with the best of intentions, it hasn't always ended up roses," DuBois said.

DuBois stressed that his federal office, while working with and funding faith communities, was working within the bounds of the First Amendment of the Constitution. The communities could only use the federal dollars given to them to aid in their community service efforts, and not to explicitly further their own religious agendas.

DuBois also said his office was not an advocate for the president's agendas, but there were still

points in which political conjecture made its way into the lecture, especially concerning the health care debate.

During a question-and-answer session, he was asked about what his biggest goal was before the end of President Obama's term. DuBois said, "We want to impact the way that the government sees this office and its own relationship with faith-based groups that's not standoffish, as it sometimes was before President Bush established this office. Also, it scope of aid should extend beyond grant money to a broader notion of effective partnership."

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Water

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in human development studies — a part of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies — to better understand the issues behind the initiative.

"We wanted to make sure that we also had experts on our side about what water development was," Pham said.

The Global Water Initiative will begin with T-shirt giveaway and information table this afternoon from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Dooley room of LaFortune.

At 7:30 p.m., Professor Steve Silliman will deliver a lecture in the Geddes Hall Auditorium about the importance of water development.

An outdoor benefit concert was planned, but weather forecasts caused Roseberry and Pham to move the event to the basement of LaFortune from 9 to 10:30 p.m. It will

feature student performers, free hot chocolate and information about water development.

Throughout the day today, there will also be information tables at North and South Dining Halls and in LaFortune.

At all of these events, students will have the opportunity to donate money and sign up to become more involved.

"We want you to hear about the Global Water Initiative, but we want you to learn about it too," Roseberry said.

After Tuesday's events, Student Government will work to involve more campus groups in the fundraising process.

"It's a unique way to bring everyone together," Roseberry said. "Ideally, we'd like to involve every student and have every student feel like they're a part of this."

Future events for the initiative will include a documentary film screening, forums and fundraisers including the possibility of a benefit CD fea-

turing Notre Dame student performers, Roseberry said.

The idea originally grew out of student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber's campaign last spring. They realized that by focusing on one issue, student government and the student body could make a tangible difference, Roseberry said.

"This is one of the best places to start an initiative like this," Pham said.

Roseberry and Pham said they are unable to set a specific fundraising goal because they do not want to aim too low. The cost of one shallow well in Africa is \$4,500 to \$5,000, but they hope that they will raise enough money to build more than one.

"This hasn't happened before," Roseberry said. "We'd like to present this from as many perspectives as possible because it's such a complex issue."

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Hannah

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common concern about children with "different abilities" is who will take care of them if the parents are unable. Eventually, the Weis' settled on founding Hannah and Friends, and, in typical Charlie Weis fashion, they dreamed big from the beginning.

"This room was drawn up on a napkin," Weis said as he motioned to the spacious recreation room at the new facility. "And it looks almost identical to that chicken scratch."

The Eck Rec Room, named

after Notre Dame alumnus Frank Eck, was the first building opened on the farm. Since then, the compound has added a fully functioning barn with five horses, the Peter Schivarelli and Chicago Home, which opened Monday, and the Jon Bon Jovi Home, which Maura expects to open around Christmas.

Each home can house four individuals with what Maura calls "different abilities," women in the Schivarelli Home, and men in the soon-to-be-completed Bon Jovi Home. The homes are being run by Mosaic, another non-profit group with homes around the country.

The individuals must apply to Hannah and Friends for

housing and the Board of Directors reviews applications and selects residents. Maura said two residents — "huge Notre Dame fans" — have already been selected to move into the Bon Jovi home when it opens.

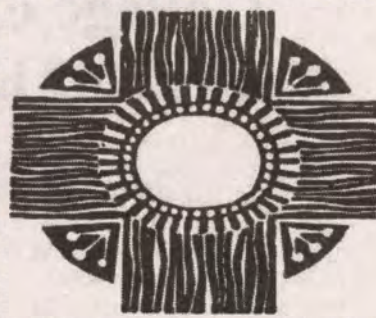
At the ceremony, Schivarelli, manager of the musical band Chicago, said he was proud of how far the organization had come. The group donates 50 cents from every ticket sold to Hannah and Friends.

"We have done a lot of charitable things over the years before we got involved with Hannah and Friends," he said. "But we never actu-

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Mass

With an African American Flavor
(aka Rejoice! Mass)



Sunday, Oct. 4

9:00p.m.

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Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terror charges dropped against activist

HARARE, Zimbabwe — A prominent human rights activist and her co-accused cannot be tried — now or in the future — on terror charges because they were beaten and tortured in jail, Zimbabwe's Supreme Court ruled Monday.

Chief Justice Godfrey Chidyausiku said the court was issuing a permanent stay of prosecution in the case of Jestina Mukoko and eight other defendants because their constitutional rights had been violated.

Such a ruling from judges appointed by longtime President Robert Mugabe could signal a new willingness on his part to meet demands for reform from Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, his partner in the country's troubled unity government. But in a country that seems to lurch from promising to perilous from day to day, trends are hard to spot.

Abuse led woman to kill daughter, self

LONDON — Years of torment from young neighbors led a despairing single mother to kill herself and her disabled daughter, and police inaction contributed to the deaths, a British inquest jury ruled Monday.

Fiona Pilkington suffered more than a decade of abuse from a gang of youths who terrorized her family by urinating on her house, taunting her developmentally challenged daughter and beating her severely dyslexic son.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mom arrested for imprisoning son

OKLAHOMA CITY — A woman was arrested after her 14-year-old son told authorities he escaped from a home where he'd been kept for 4½ years, spending most of his time locked in a bedroom closet, police said Monday.

A security guard at a National Guard facility in Oklahoma City called police on Friday after the teen showed up malnourished and with numerous scars and other signs of abuse, police Sgt. Gary Knight said.

"He was hungry. He was dirty. He had numerous scars on his body," Knight said. "It was very sad."

The boy was taken to a hospital to be examined and then turned over to the custody of the Department of Human Services, Knight said.

Officers on Saturday arrested the boy's mother, 37-year-old LaRhonda Marie McCall, and a friend, 38-year-old Steve Vern Hamilton, on 20 complaints each of child abuse and child neglect.

Boy charged with rape cries in court

PHOENIX — A 10-year-old boy charged in the alleged gang-rape of an 8-year-old Liberian girl cried in an Arizona courtroom Monday as his schoolteacher testified that he rarely did his homework and often got into fights with other students.

Toya Abrams, a second-grade teacher at Camelview Elementary School in Phoenix, says the boy had various behavioral problems.

The boy eventually put his head down on a table and began sobbing, prompting his attorney to ask for a recess.

LOCAL NEWS

Boy loses foot to passing train

INDIANAPOLIS — A 9-year-old boy is recovering after his left foot was severed by a passing train.

Authorities say Phillip Cross and two friends were walking along railroad tracks about 8 p.m. Sunday as a 51-car CSX train traveling less than 10 mph approached.

One friend said Phillip slipped on some rocks and his left leg fell across the track and as the train passed by. The other friend said the train clipped Phillip's shoulder from behind and spun him around until his leg landed beneath the train. The boy's foot was found on the tracks about 300 yards away.

HONDURAS

President tries to appease citizens

Coup-installed leader claims he will back down from censoring and crushing opponents

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA — The coup-installed president of Honduras backed down Monday from an escalating standoff with protesters and suggested he would restore civil liberties and reopen dissident television and radio stations by the end of the week.

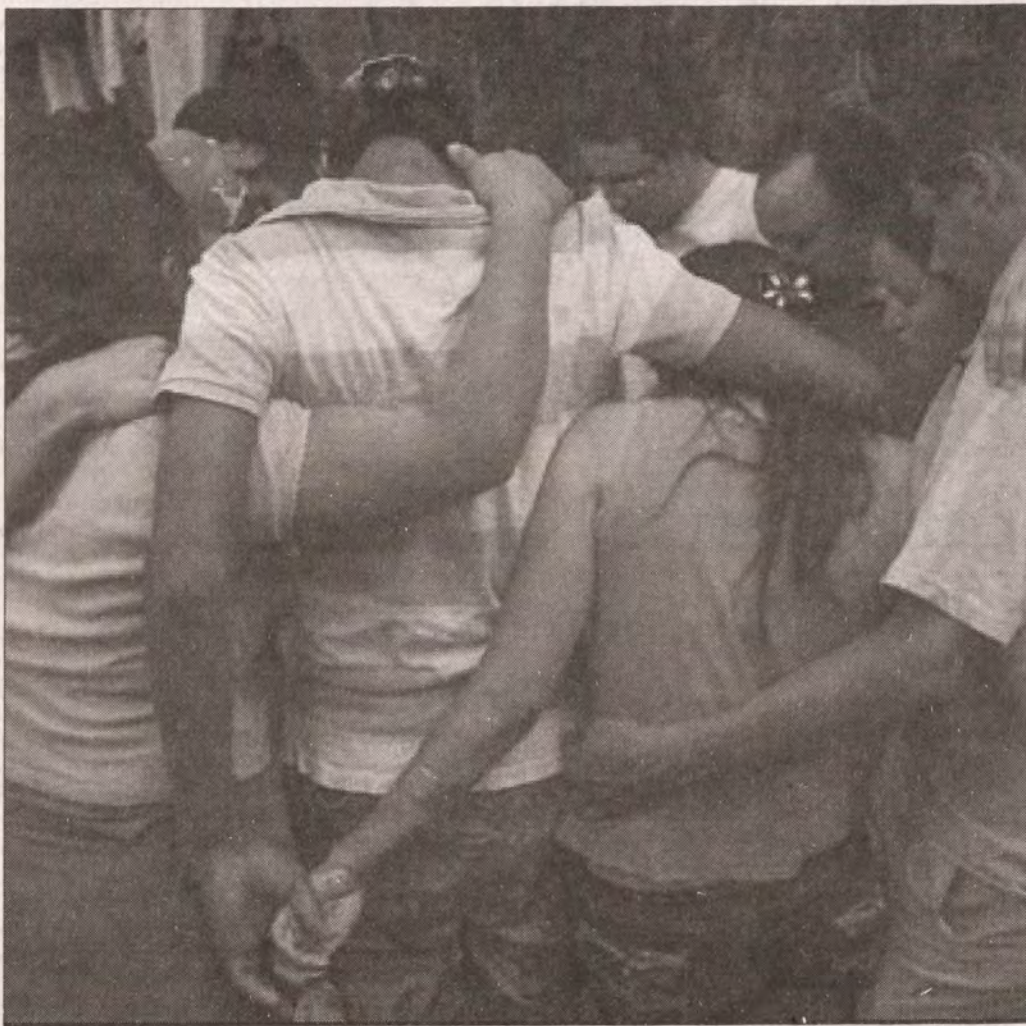
Riot police ringed supporters of ousted President Manuel Zelaya who gathered for a large-scale protest march, setting off a daylong standoff. The government of interim President Roberto Micheletti declared the march illegal, sent soldiers to silence dissident broadcasters, and suspended civil liberties for 45 days.

But in a sudden reversal, Micheletti said Monday afternoon that he wanted to "ask the Honduran people for forgiveness" for the measures and said he would lift them in accordance with demands from the same Congress that installed him after a June 28 coup. He said he would discuss lifting the measures with court officials "as soon as possible," adding: "By the end of this week we'll have this resolved."

He also repeated his pledge not to attack the Brazilian Embassy, where Zelaya has been holed up with 60 supporters since sneaking back into the country on Sept. 21. He even sent "a big hug" to Brazil's president, a day after giving him a 10-day ultimatum to expel Zelaya or move him to Brazil.

The increasingly authoritarian measures by the government had prompted international condemnation, though the U.S. representative to the Organization of American States also had harsh words for Zelaya, calling his return to Honduras "irresponsible and foolish."

The Micheletti government says Zelaya supporters are planning a violent insurrection. So far, protests have seen little bloodshed — the government says three people have been killed since the



Supporters of Honduras' ousted president pray at the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa Monday. The government is backing off of its measures to retain power.

coup, while protesters put the number at 10. Protest leader Juan Barahona said that could change.

"This mass movement is peaceful, but to the extent they repress us, fence us in and make this method useless, we have to find some other form of struggle," he said.

Micheletti made clear that even if the emergency measures are lifted, "that doesn't mean the police are going back to barracks."

Monday's march drew hundreds of people, many of whom covered their mouths with tape to protest government censorship. Protest leaders insisted that thousands more were trying to join but were stopped from leaving poorer neighborhoods or from traveling from

the countryside.

"There is brutal repression against the people," Zelaya told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday.

The emergency decree issued Sunday bans unauthorized gatherings and lets police arrest people without warrants, rights guaranteed in the Honduran Constitution. It also allows authorities to shut news media for "statements that attack peace and the public order, or which offend the human dignity of public officials, or attack the law."

In late afternoon, police allowed the protesters to board buses and leave.

Government soldiers raided the offices of Radio Globo and the television station Channel 36, both critics of

the Micheletti government, and silenced both. Afterward, the TV station broadcast only a test pattern.

Radio Globo employees scrambled out of an emergency exit to escape the raid that involved as many as 200 soldiers.

"They took away all the equipment," said owner Alejandro Villatoro. "This is the death of the station."

Two journalists covering the raid for Mexico's Televisa and Guatemala's Guatevision were beaten by security forces, who also took their camera, according to Guatemala's ambassador to the Organization of American States, Jorge Skinner. He asked the InterAmerican Human Rights Commission to intervene.

Recession will change religious life for good

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Organized religion was already in trouble in the U.S. before the fall of 2008. Denominations were stagnating or shrinking, and congregations across faith groups were fretting about their finances.

The Great Recession made things worse.

It's further drained the financial resources of many congregations, seminaries and religious day schools. Some congregations have disappeared and schools have been closed. In areas hit hardest by the recession, worshippers have moved

away to find jobs, leaving those who remain to minister to communities struggling with rising home foreclosures, unemployment and uncertainty.

Religion has a long history of drawing hope out of suffering, but there's little good news emerging from the recession. Long after the economy improves, the changes made today will have a profound effect on how Americans practice their faith, where they turn for help in times of stress and how they pass their beliefs to their children.

"In 2010, I think we're going to see 10 or 15 percent of congregations saying they're in serious

financial trouble," says David Roozen, a lead researcher for the Faith Communities Today multi-faith survey, which measures congregational health annually. "With around 320,000 or 350,000 congregations, that's a hell of a lot of them."

The sense of community that holds together religious groups is broken when large numbers of people move to find work or if a ministry is forced to close.

"I'm really still in the mourning process," says Eve Fein, former head of the now-shuttered Morasha Jewish Day School in Rancho Santa Margarita, California.



Najibullah Zazi, center, is escorted from a New York Police Department helicopter by US Marshals. Zazi was sent to New York to face conspiracy charges.

Zazi taken to New York for conspiracy charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After interrupting what they believed was a terrorist plot on New York City with a series of raids and arrests, authorities have intensified their focus on possible accomplices of the suspected al-Qaida associate at the heart of the case, a law enforcement official said Monday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation continues, confirmed that investigators know the identities of at least three people believed to be in on a bombing plot they say might have targeted mass transit in the New York area.

Authorities released a flurry of terrorism warnings for sports complexes, hotels and transit systems even while saying the plot was disrupted before it became an immediate threat. But many questions remain unanswered, including the whereabouts of co-conspirators and whether any may be cooperating with the probe.

There also have been no reports that any of the bomb-making materials have been recovered.

The accomplices are suspected of traveling from New York City to suburban Denver this summer and using stolen credit cards to help Najibullah Zazi stockpile beauty products containing hydrogen peroxide and acetone, which can be key ingredients for homemade bombs, authorities have said.

Before the raids, police detectives showed a source — a Queens imam at a mosque where Zazi had once worshipped — photographs of him and three people considered possible suspects, court papers say. It was unclear whether those three were the same ones suspected of traveling to Denver.

The official who spoke to The Associated Press declined to comment further Monday. Spokesmen James Margolin for the FBI, Edward Mullen for the New York Police Department and Robert Nardoza for the U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn declined to discuss the case.

After initially being charged along with his father and the imam with lying to investigators, Zazi was due in federal court in Brooklyn on Tuesday for an arraignment on charges he conspired to use weapons of mass destruction. The 24-year-old airport van driver has denied any wrongdoing.

A letter filed by Brooklyn prosecutors last week argued that that Zazi should be jailed indefinitely because, as an Afghan immigrant with ties to Pakistan, he could flee, and because he "poses a significant danger" to the community.

Evidence gathered so far — including bomb-making instructions found on his laptop computer — shows "that Zazi remained committed to detonating an explosive device" until he was arrested, the letter said.

Prosecutors allege that Zazi has admitted that while living in Queens, he traveled last year to Pakistan and received explosives training from al-Qaida. Security videos and store receipts show that when he returned and moved to Aurora, Colo., he and three others bought several bottles of beauty products over the course of several weeks, court papers said.

On Sept. 6, Zazi took some of his products into a Colorado hotel room outfitted with a stove on which he later left acetone residue, authorities said. He repeatedly sought another person's help cooking up the bomb, "each communication more urgent in tone than the last," the papers said.

The FBI was listening to Zazi and becoming increasingly concerned as the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and a New York visit by President Barack Obama approached, officials said. They decided to track him on Sept. 9 when he rented a car and drove to New York.

On Sept. 10, Zazi told the Queens imam in an intercepted phone call that he feared he was being watched, court papers said. The imam later tipped Zazi off, saying police had come around and asked questions, the papers said.

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ally saw the fruits of the labor. It makes it all worthwhile."

Charlie Weis, for his part, said Schivarelli's generosity was only natural.

"People don't realize this, but Peter Schivarelli has one of the biggest hearts of anyone I've ever met," Weis said.

Perhaps the most astonishing part of Monday's ceremony was simply that it was taking place already. Sharon Bui Green, Hannah and Friends' executive director said the farm originally hoped to welcome its first occupants in 2015.

"I've been working for them for four years and we've literally just been collecting our pennies to have this beautiful place," Bui Green said.

She added that the extremely early opening was made possible by the generosity of the individuals in the Notre Dame and Michiana community. Couches and appliances were donated at cost by local businesses to complete the homes.

Bui Green said the foundation bought the property in 2006 and broke ground in 2007.

While Hannah and Friends doesn't plan on expanding quite that much, Bui Green said the residents, as well as Hannah herself, have taught her invaluable lessons.

"Even though [Hannah] has a limited vocabulary, we call her our professor of life," Bui Green said. "She really teaches us to be better people. We learn values like compassion and love because of Hannah."

Bui Green said one of the

primary aspects of Misericordia — a Home in Chicago, where Sister Rosemary Connelly maintains a home for more than 550 people with different abilities — that Hannah and Friends hopes to emulate is the placement of residents into job environments. For example, residents who are interested in horses are encouraged to work and spend time in the barn.

"We have them brushing the horses, helping with the feeding, giving them hay and everything," Bui Green said.

While Bui Green and Maura do most of the legwork for the organization, the man most people associate with Hannah and Friends is Charlie Weis. Weis was appointed to President Bush's Committee For People With Intellectual Disabilities in 2008 and has continued to work with Hannah and Friends since then. Maura said even though most people think of Charlie as a figurehead, he plays a vital role in the foundation.

"Charlie doesn't mess around," Maura said. "He acts like he doesn't do anything and we're doing this. But he's such a big part it's not even funny."

It may be hard to imagine the screaming, hard-nosed Charlie Weis football fans see on Saturdays as a caring father, but Bui Green said the two are one and the same.

"I always see a guy who's a hard worker that loves his family," she said. "Sometimes when we have dance parties, he'll just sit incognito and watch them dancing. He's not the head football coach at Notre Dame. He gets all giddy because he just sees kids so happy."

Bui Green also said Weis' inherent generosity is present simply in the organiza-

tion's name.

"He could have called it 'The Charlie Weis Foundation,'" she said. "But it's Hannah and Friends. You can see just from the name the cause and why we do the things we do."

The next step, Bui Green said, was to get the Notre Dame student community more involved. Some groups have done events with Hannah and Friends, and Alumni Hall donated the farm's playground.

"It's great because [the students are] not only helping other people," Bui Green said. "But they help themselves become better people. That's really what we want the message to be."

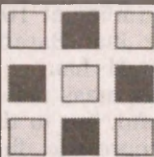
The next buildings planned are a respite home for parents of children with different abilities, as well as an indoor community swimming pool. Maura said the group may eventually add more homes, but faces opposition from some special needs advocacy groups. She said these groups don't want too many special needs people living in one place, to avoid an institutional feel.

"My biggest thing is why can't our people have choices," Maura said. "For now, though, we're going to be fine with just doing the respite home, these homes, and the community pool."

While it may seem like an ambitious goal, Bui Green said the Hannah and Friends farm is only a natural fit for Maura, Charlie and Notre Dame.

"This is the vision of Father Sorin," Bui Green said. "For Notre Dame to be the most powerful means of good in the country."

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Warner to return music to YouTube

LOS ANGELES — Warner Music Group Corp. has agreed to return songs and music videos from its artists to the YouTube video site, after a months-long boycott over what it called unfair terms, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The deal would involve sharing advertising revenue with the Google Inc. unit on music videos provided by Warner from artists such as T.I., Red Hot Chili Peppers and Michael Buble, as well as on song streams uploaded by users, said the person.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a formal deal has not yet been announced.

In December, Warner Music pulled all of its music from YouTube, saying the payments it received did not fairly compensate the label or its artists and songwriters.

Under the new arrangement, Warner will gain a greater share of advertising revenue because it is also bearing the burden of selling ads, for which it will contract a third-party agency. Artists will have individual channels that will allow for greater fan interaction but also give advertisers a more defined demographic for marketers to target.

It was not immediately clear when the channels would launch.

Microsoft releases antivirus software

REDMOND, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. says its new computer security program can be downloaded starting on Tuesday.

Microsoft Security Essentials, as the free antivirus software is called, has been available in a beta test version since June.

The software updates daily to stay current with the latest malicious programs, which can steal passwords or turn PCs into spam servers. Microsoft says it won't make computers run slower.

Microsoft has said it isn't out to steal business from companies like McAfee Inc. and Symantec Corp., which make popular antivirus programs with more features. Microsoft says it hopes the free program will appeal to people who don't already run antivirus software.

U.S. role in Web security grows

Debate rages over how active the government should be in policing the Internet

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no kill switch for the Internet, no secret on-off button in an Oval Office drawer.

Yet when a Senate committee was exploring ways to secure computer networks, a provision to give the president the power to shut down Internet traffic to compromised Web sites in an emergency set off alarms.

Corporate leaders and privacy advocates quickly objected, saying the government must not seize control of the Internet.

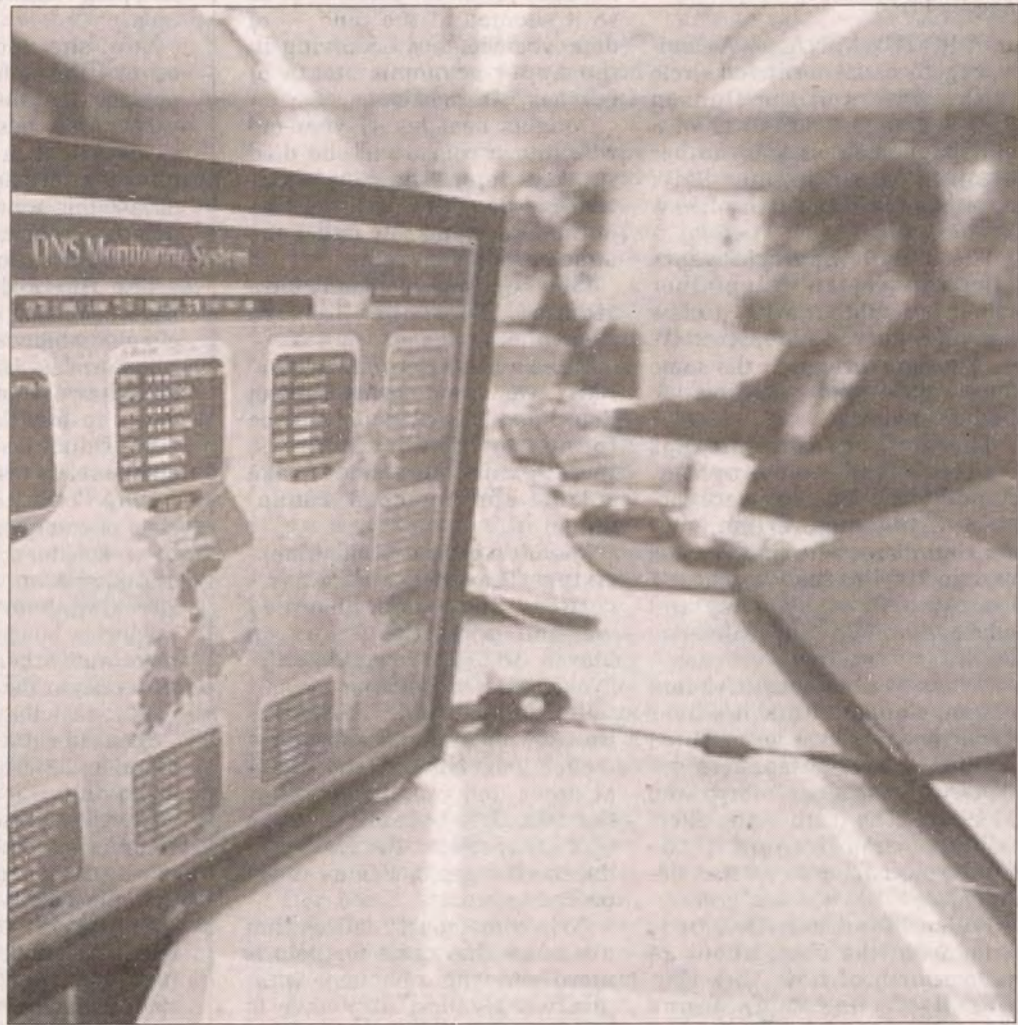
Lawmakers dropped it, but the debate rages on. How much control should federal authorities have over the Web in a crisis? How much should be left to the private sector? It does own and operate at least 80 percent of the Internet and argues it can do a better job.

"We need to prepare for that digital disaster," said Melissa Hathaway, the former White House cybersecurity adviser. "We need a system to identify, isolate and respond to cyberattacks at the speed of light."

So far at least 18 bills have been introduced as Congress works carefully to give federal authorities the power to protect the country in the event of a massive cyberattack. Lawmakers do not want to violate privacy or squelching innovation. All involved acknowledge it isn't going to be easy.

For most people, the Internet is a public haven for free thought and enterprise. Over time it has become the electronic control panel for much of the world's critical infrastructure. Computer networks today hold government secrets, military weapons specifications, sensitive corporate data, and vast amounts of personal information.

Millions of times a day,



An employee of Korea Internet Security Center works at a monitoring room in Seoul, South Korea.

hackers, cybercriminals and mercenaries working for governments and private entities are scanning those networks, looking to defraud, disrupt or even destroy.

Just eight years ago, the government ordered planes from the sky in the hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Could or should the president have the same power over the Internet in a digital disaster?

If hackers take over a nuclear plant's control system, should the president order the computer networks shut down? If there's a terrorist attack, should the government knock users off other computer networks to ensure that critical systems stay

online? And should the government be able to dictate who companies can hire and what they must do to secure the networks that affect Americans' daily life?

Government officials say the U.S. must improve efforts to share information about cyberthreats with private industry. They also want companies to ensure they are using secure software and hiring qualified workers to run critical systems.

Much like the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, cybersecurity has attracted the interest of a number of House and Senate committees, all hoping to get a piece of the oversight power.

Bills in the House

Homeland Security Committee bills would protect the electric grid and require the department to secure its networks.

The Senate Homeland Security and Government Reform Committee is writing legislation aimed largely at federal agencies.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee is working on a bill that promotes public awareness and technical education, raises the planned White House cyberadviser to a Cabinet-level position and calls for professional cyberstandards. An early draft would have given the president the power to shut down compromised federal or critical networks in an emergency.

Hotel workers union OKs deal with casinos

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The union representing 15,000 Atlantic City casino hotel workers approved a new contract Monday with four casinos, providing raises for most workers and guaranteeing benefits won't be reduced.

Local 54 of UNITE-HERE, which brought the nation's second-largest gambling resort to its knees with a 34-day strike five years ago, approved the new two-year deal by a 97 percent margin, union president Robert McDevitt said.

The deal calls for hourly increases of 35 cents to \$1 for all but the highest-paid workers. Those workers will be able to negotiate for raises a year from now.

"The most important thing here is the health care is in place," he said. "The

company agreed to pick up all increases in health care (premiums), sight unseen."

The deal affects Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, Caesars Atlantic City, Bally's Atlantic City, and the Showboat Casino Hotel. But it is expected to become the blueprint for deals with the remaining six casinos that are not yet under contract.

McDevitt said the union has "no interest in negotiating changes now that we have an approved contract."

But he said the bargaining committee was careful to ask for a deal that would be acceptable to all 11 of the city's casinos. The union has an existing contract in place with the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

McDevitt said Trump Entertainment Resorts, which has three casinos here

and is operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, is studying the deal reached with the four Harrah's Entertainment Inc. casinos.

In his praise of the deal, Don Marrandino, the Eastern Division president of Harrah's, appeared to refer indirectly to tortured negotiations with the United Auto Workers involving dealers, which have degenerated into a costly, bitter fight that is scaring away customers.

Two and a half years after the union won representation elections at four Atlantic City casinos, it has yet to sign a contract with any of them.

"Harrah's is proud of its record as a responsible union partner as further evidenced by this contract which was developed and agreed to in just a few short weeks and without disruption to the business and employees," he said.

Woman commits suicide by jumping off of bridge

Daughter of heiress found 24 miles north of New York City after jumping Sunday

Associated Press

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. — A family tragedy came eerily full circle in the waters of the Hudson River when the daughter of a newspaper heiress leapt to her death after parking her BMW on a busy bridge north of New York City.

The suicide came 15 years after the woman's stepfather killed her mother with a claw hammer, parked his own BMW on the same bridge at the same age — 38 — and ended his life in the same way.

The mother, Anne Scripps Douglas, and the daughter, Anne Morell Petrillo, were victims of the same crime, said Jeanine Pirro, who handled the case in 1994 as the Westchester County district attorney and who is now TV's "Judge Jeanine Pirro."

"When you commit a violent crime, people think it's over once the person is prosecuted or dies or the newspapers are done with the story," Pirro said Monday. "The truth is the effect of that crime lives on in the family and friends of the victim."

Police found Petrillo's body Sunday in the river about 24 miles north of New York City. Her BMW had been found Thursday on the nearby Tappan Zee Bridge with a suicide note inside. The Rockland County medical examiner's office confirmed Monday that the body was Petrillo's.

Peter Goodrich, a family friend and lawyer, said Petrillo's two sisters were "mourning and terribly upset."

"They love their sister," he said.

Pirro's career as district attorney began with the sensational case; Scott Douglas attacked his wife in their Bronxville home on New Year's Eve 1993 and the crime came to light the next day, Pirro's first on the job.

Anne Scripps Douglas was the great-great-granddaughter of James E. Scripps, who founded The Detroit News and built the Evening News Association, which was sold to the Gannett Co. in 1985. His brother E.W. Scripps founded Cincinnati-based E.W. Scripps Co., which owns newspapers, television stations and the Scripps Howard News Service.

"Little did I think that on my first day as district attorney I would be facing a case that would garner national attention

because of the uniqueness — or so it seemed at the time — of domestic violence occurring in the upper-economic strata of families," Pirro said.

Douglas beat his 47-year-old wife into a coma, and she died six days later. The couple's 3-year-old daughter, Victoria, was in the house and saw either the attack or its aftermath.

"She kept saying, 'Daddy gave Mommy boo-boos,'" Pirro remembers.

Meanwhile, Scott Douglas' BMW was found on the Tappan Zee, but his body could not be found in the icy waters. Investigators suspected a fake suicide and launched a manhunt.

The little girl's two older step-sisters feared their father's return, and when his body washed up in the Bronx on March 30, 1994, Petrillo said, "We can get on with our lives."

Because Anne Scripps Douglas had sought court protection from her husband several times and was turned away the last time because a judge was on vacation, the case produced changes in Family Court procedures.

"When the court realizes that a woman who came for help is murdered with a hammer within a week's time, they have to look at themselves and say, 'Why did we miss this one?'" Pirro said.

These days, if no Family Court judge is available when needed, the Criminal Court judge on 24-hour duty can sign an order of protection.

Petrillo and her sister Alexandra lost a custody case for Victoria and a lawsuit charging that the state failed to protect their mother. Petrillo was divorced or separated from her husband, and their son reportedly lived with his father. Petrillo's father died in 2005.

"According to family, she lived with a sadness all her life, and it culminated in the jump last week," Pirro said.

For Pirro, memories of the case linger strongly.

"I remember going to the house in Bronxville," Pirro said Monday. "I remember it was freezing, there was snow on the ground, but it was sunny, it was quiet. A murder had occurred and yet the sun was coming through the windows."

"I couldn't help but think of the horror, the screams, the blood. I remember thinking, 'The devil has been at this house.'"

Dam shows signs of wear

Associated Press

KENT, Wash. — For nearly 25 years Kathy Gladden has lived about 100 feet from the Green River, a normally placid stream that meanders past the many homes, offices, warehouses and shopping malls that blanket the area.

Now, she and thousands of others face the all-too-real prospect that the river will gush past a leaky upstream dam and swallow up their homes once the rainy season starts in November, devastating a heavily developed area in the Seattle suburbs that is a vital hub of commerce.

The Howard Hanson Dam began showing disturbing signs of vulnerability after a torrential rainstorm in January, and officials have been warning residents to buy flood insurance, stow valuables in safe places and be ready to flee.

King County has declared a state of emergency that allows it to seek federal reimbursement and speed up work to bolster levees, while the Army Corps of Engineers bought 400,000 sandbags and other flood-fighting materials in the round-the-clock fight to save the dam.

"I can't bear it. It's awful," said Gladden, 72, who hates the idea of having to leave her mobile home park and its tight-knit community. "I never even heard of the Howard Hanson Dam until the trouble started."

The dam, located in the Cascade foothills east of Seattle, has prevented major floods in the Green River valley since it was completed in 1962. That changed when last winter's heavy rains weakened a hillside next to the dam.

A record 15 inches of rain fell in 12 hours on the Green River's upper watershed in January,

sending torrents into the 235-foot-high dam's reservoir. The reservoir rapidly filled 6 feet higher than ever before.

The dam held the water back and remained sound. But at the high water levels, engineers saw worrying signs within the dam's right abutment, a 450-foot-wide pile of rock deposited by a huge landslide 10,000 years ago.

As a temporary fix, the corps is spending \$8.9 million to inject grout into the abutment, forming a shield to lessen the seepage. Without such work, Col. Anthony Wright, the corps' Seattle District commander, said there would be a 1 in 3 chance this winter for flooding in the Green River Valley.

But Wright won't know by how well the fixes will work until tests are performed. Wright said he's "going to do everything possible to prevent flooding downstream, but this structure's ability to do what it's done well for 50 years is hampered and therefore they have a higher risk of that flooding."

The possibility of catastrophic flooding has caused considerable anxiety in the flood-prone area.

Besides homes and apartment complexes, the valley has hundreds of offices — including headquarters for Boeing Commercial Airplanes — sprawling shopping malls, factories and what the corps says is the third-largest warehouse area in the nation.

"There's \$50 billion of economic activity in the valley, and no one takes that for granted," says Kent city spokeswoman Michelle Witham.

About 25,000 people live on the valley floor, which includes parts of the cities of Kent, Auburn, Renton and Tukwila, but hundreds of thousands

work, shop or travel there daily. State officials say 22,000 people might have to be evacuated in a flood.

In a flood, county officials estimate Kent's downtown could be under 6 feet of water, swamping businesses, city offices and the county's regional justice center, which includes courtrooms, offices and a jail that can house up to 1,384 inmates. Already, the county has relocated its election offices from Renton, just south of Seattle, to ensure it can count votes from November's election in the event of flooding.

"I don't understand why they didn't repair it earlier," said Nathan Sorrell, 30, a truck driver who recently bought flood insurance for his Kent home. "This is people's lives. It's not going to be 'Oh, there's water on my lawn.' We're not going to have water, sewer, power. It's almost like a little Katrina."

Mamie Brouwer, Hanson Dam's program manager, said the problems weren't known until January's high water. She said the corps hopes to have a permanent fix — a concrete wall the length of the abutment and reaching down to bedrock — designed within a year and finished after two years of construction — a project that could cost up to \$500 million.

County Executive Kurt Triplet has asked the County Council to approve \$8.4 million to strengthen 40 miles of levees, though he acknowledges there isn't enough time to complete the work before winter. He also wants the cash-strapped county to borrow more than \$32 million for such things as protecting a critical sewage treatment plant, building a flood-proof wall around the justice center, relocating offices and, if necessary, evacuating jail inmates.



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Judge allows Smart to testify in proceedings

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge says he will allow Elizabeth Smart to testify in competency proceedings for the man charged with her 2002 abduction.

In a ruling Monday, U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball says Smart's testimony is rele-

vant to the issue of Brian David Mitchell's competency for trial.

Smart is scheduled to provide her testimony Thursday.

Smart was 14 when she was abducted from her Salt Lake City home. She was found nine months later in a suburb with Mitchell and his estranged wife.

Sex offenders set up camp

Without a place to live, they make their home behind Atlanta office park

Associated Press

MARIETTA, Georgia — A small group of homeless sex offenders have set up camp in a densely wooded area behind a suburban Atlanta office park, directed there by probation officers who say it's a place of last resort for those with nowhere else to go.

Nine sex offenders live in tents surrounding a makeshift fire pit in the trees behind a towering "no trespassing" sign, waiting out their probation sentences as they face numerous living restrictions under one of the nation's toughest sex offender policies.

"It's kind of like a mind-game, it's like 'Survivor,'" said William Hawkins, a 34-year-old who said he was directed to the campsite two weeks ago after being released from prison for violating probation by failing to register as a sex offender in Georgia.

The muddy camp on the outskirts of prosperous Cobb County is an unintended consequence of Georgia law, which bans the state's 16,000 sex offenders from living, working or loitering within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of schools, churches, parks and other spots where children gather.

It's not the only place in Cobb County where offenders can live — there are hundreds of other sex offenders throughout the county living in compliance with the law. But Ahmed Holt, manager of the state's sex offender administration unit, calls the camp a "last resort" for homeless offenders who can't find another place to live that complies with the law.

He said probation officers direct them to the outpost if other options fail, such as transferring to another county or state or sending them to a relative's place that meets the requirements. Homeless shelters and halfway houses are often not an option, he said, because of the restrictions that bar them from being near children.

Critics say it's an example of how laws designed to keep Georgia's children out of harm's way create a hazard where penniless sex offenders live largely unsupervised at the government's urging.

"The state needs to find a responsible way to deal with

this problem," said Sarah Geraghty, an attorney with the Atlanta-based Southern Center for Human Rights who represents another man living in the camp. "Requiring people to live like animals in the woods is both inhumane and a terrible idea for public safety."

On Monday, after The Associated Press' story was published, state officials told the sex offenders they had 24 hours to leave the property, according to Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren. The sheriff said the decision was made by the Georgia Department of Transportation, which owns the property, and Warren was uncertain where the offenders would go.

"It's not up to us to tell them where to live or not to live unless they are in violation of the ordinance," he said. "It's not my job or my responsibility or obligation to tell them where to live."

The outpost illustrates the unique dilemma the law creates for homeless sex offenders, who unlike other homeless people, cannot take shelter in a church or curl up in a park because they are barred from both.

Geraghty, the attorney, said she has found only one homeless shelter in the state that meets the residency requirements for homeless sex offenders. The shelter, she said, is in the northwest Georgia city of Rome and has only two beds, which are often unavailable.

The tent city is similar to one in south Florida, where dozens of sex offenders moved under a remote bridge because it was among the few places that complied with local ordinances. Florida officials say the sex offenders found the bridge on their own, while some residents of the camp dispute that.

In Georgia, however, Holt said state probation officers have directed homeless offenders into the woods.

"While having an offender located in a camp area is not ideal, the greater threat lies in homeless offenders that are not a specified location and eventually absconding supervision with their whereabouts unknown," he said.

Several of the sex offenders in the camp said they did a double-take when their probation officers told them

about the outpost.

"Even the probation officer, he looked at me and said there's nothing he can do," said Levertice Johnson, a 52-year-old who moved to the woods after he couldn't find a job and couldn't afford \$60 a week for rent at an Atlanta shelter. "He knows it's wrong."

Holt said the sex offenders at the camp were monitored closely by their probation officials, adding public safety is a chief concern. He said sex offenders at the site are required to report once a week and the office sends a field agent to the camp at least twice a week.

He added two of the sex offenders at the camp have landed jobs and are now moving toward more permanent housing, which he said is the department's "goal for all the offenders residing at this location."

Some of the homeless sex offenders living in the woods say the rugged conditions make life seem hopeless.

"I'm living like an animal. It's just bad," said Johnson, who was convicted in 2002 of child molestation. "You can't clean up, you can't clean yourself, you can't do nothing. I'd rather be dead. I'm serious. I'd rather be dead."

For Hawkins, it feels like an extension of his prison time.

The former truck driver has been on the registry since he was convicted of attempted sexual battery of a 12-year-old in 1991 when he was 15. He said after he emerged from his latest stint behind bars without a place to live, he was directed to the forest despite pleas from his wife to allow him to live at the couple's home in Swords Creek, Virginia.

"I don't understand how the state gets away with it," Mindy Hawkins said from her home in Virginia. "This is ridiculous — especially when he has a family, a home, a support system here. It's inhumane."

Her husband had tried to make the meager outpost feel as much like home as possible as he waits for his probation to end early next year. Now he is scrambling to find another place to pitch his tent in the next 24 hours.

"I don't know where I'm going to go," Hawkins said. "And if I don't have anywhere to go, they will re-arrest me."

Man plots murder of Wal-Mart employee

Three hatch plan to kill disabled cashier for hitting on girl, use her as bait in homicide

Associated Press

NORTH HAVERHILL, N.H. — It was a murder plot hatched over what happened at a Wal-Mart.

Christopher Gray, a developmentally disabled cashier, had eyes for 17-year-old Amber Talbot. She worked in the health and beauty aids department — and she already had a boyfriend. Gray, 25, flirted with her and sometimes followed her around in the store, she told her boyfriend.

Gray made no secret of it. He told her friend, Timothy Smith, who worked at a Subway sandwich shop inside the store, that he was interested in her, and about the things he'd like to do with her. Smith told him to stop talking that way.

Furious over what he was hearing but locked up in county jail on an unrelated charge, boyfriend Michael Robie, Talbot and Smith allegedly hatched a plot to kill Gray, using Talbot as the bait.

On Oct. 6, 2008, police say, they followed the plan. Talbot invited Gray to watch movies at her home. Once there, Smith, 24, and cousin Anthony Howe, 19, said they stabbed and strangled Gray as they stood around a bonfire. On Monday, Talbot, Smith and Howe pleaded guilty to conspiracy and second-degree murder in exchange for long prison terms. Robie, 19, is awaiting trial.

"It's such a waste of a young life," said Gray's aunt, Shirley Kingsbury. "It's just a brutal, violent murder. It didn't need to take place over a stupid jealousy."

Gray, an aspiring auto mechanic with a low IQ, attention deficit disorder and a speech impediment, attended special schools when he was young and lived in Groton, Vt., with a legal guardian who was once his care provider.

His interest in Talbot blossomed at the Wal-Mart in nearby Woodsville, N.H.

On the night of the killing, Talbot — accompanied by Smith and Howe — picked Gray up after work and drove all four to her home.

After building a bonfire, Smith and Howe set upon Gray, according to prosecutor Jeffery Strelzin. Howe grabbed Gray from behind and started choking him, and Smith pulled a knife

and stabbed him. Gray, crying, tried to resist — he had defensive wounds from the knife on one hand — before collapsing.

Smith stabbed him more than 30 times, bending the handle of the kitchen knife he was using, before pulling out a folding knife to finish the job, according to an autopsy that also showed signs of strangulation.

The alibi — that the three had dropped Gray off at a nearby boat launch — unraveled quickly.

Police used Wal-Mart surveillance footage to identify the people with Gray when he left work. After lying to police initially, Talbot and Smith admitted to the plot. Smith wrote a letter of apology to Gray's family in which he admitted stabbing him.

Investigators also obtained recordings of jailhouse phone conversations between Robie and Talbot in which they discussed the plot.

Howe, a short, baby-faced 19-year-old with the body of a linebacker, eventually admitted his role, too.

On Monday, each stood shackled at the waist and the feet for nearly identical plea hearings in Grafton Superior Court.

Talbot got 23 to 50 years, with the possibility of an earlier release if she gets a high-school equivalency diploma and other education in prison. Smith and Howe got 40 years to life, also with the potential for earlier releases if they complete education courses.

Formal sentencing was delayed until Robie's case is resolved.

Gray's family members and friends watched quietly from the gallery, several wearing big lapel buttons bearing his smiling face and the words "Remember Chris for Justice Sake."

His brother, David Kemp, briefly ducked out of each hearing so he wouldn't have to listen to Strelzin describe Gray's wounds.

"It's senseless, it's sad," said Gray's guardian, Annie Crowley. "It's a very sad and disgusting thing."

His father, Michael Gray, said the terms of the plea were a disappointment.

"I don't think 100 years would be enough, just for the fact that he's gone and they're still alive, and we gotta feed 'em, keep 'em alive," he said. "That's the sad part."

Teens fatally beat 16-year-old boy with railroad ties

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cell phone footage showing a group of teens viciously kicking and striking a 16-year-old honors student with splintered railroad ties has ramped up pressure on Chicago officials to address chronic violence that has led to dozens of deaths of city teens each year.

The graphic video of the afternoon melee emerged on local news stations over the weekend, showed the fatal beating of Derion Albert, a sophomore honor roll student at Christian Fenger Academy

High School. His death was the latest addition to a toll that keeps getting higher: More than 30 students were killed last school year, and the city could exceed that number this year.

Prosecutors charged three teenagers on Monday with fatally beating Albert, who was walking to a bus stop when he got caught up in the mob street fighting, authorities said.

The violence stemmed from a shooting early Thursday morning involving two groups of students from different neighborhoods, said Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for the Cook

County prosecutor's office. When school ended, members of the two groups began fighting near the Agape Community Center.

The attack, captured in part on a bystander's cell phone video, shows Albert being struck on the head by one of several young men wielding wooden planks. After he falls to the ground an appears to try to get up, he is struck again and then kicked.

Prosecutors charged Silvonus Shannon, 19, Eugene Riley, 18, and Eric Carson, 16, with first-degree murder, and they were

ordered held without bond on Monday, said Andy Conklin, a spokesman for the Cook County prosecutor's office. The Cook County Public Defender's Office, which represented the three teenagers in court, had no immediate comment Monday.

Chicago police said charges are pending against a fourth suspect and that they are looking for at least three more suspects, but would not discuss a possible motive for the attack.

Simonton said Albert was a bystander and not part of either group. She said he was knocked unconscious when Carson

struck him in the head with a board and the second person punched him in the face. Albert regained consciousness and was trying to get up when he was attacked a second time by five people and was struck in the head with a board by Riley and stomped in the head by Shannon, Simonton said.

Desiyan Bacon, Riley's aunt, said her nephew didn't have anything to do with the beating and was a friend of the victim.

"They need to stop the crime, but when they do it, they need to get the right person," Bacon said.

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Whose side is Holder on?

Last month, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Justice Department will investigate whether Bush-era CIA agents should face prosecution for suspected prisoner abuse. His statement came on the heels of the Department's release of a 2004 report from the agency's inspector general describing the alleged use of harsh interrogation practices, with both decisions sparking fury among conservatives as well as CIA Director Leon Panetta, a Democrat and an Obama appointee.



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Critics received support from seven former CIA directors on Sept. 19, who requested that the president call off the criminal probe in a letter to the White House. These seven directors served under both Republican and Democratic presidents.

"This approach will seriously damage the willingness of many other intelligence officers to take risks to protect the country," the letter states. "In our judgment such risk-taking is vital to success in the long and difficult fight against the terrorists who continue to threaten us."

This latest debacle is not the first time Holder has interfered in a situation involving imprisoned terrorists, nor is it the first time he has chosen to argue on their behalf.

During the final days of the Clinton administration, for instance, Holder was one of those responsible for making recommendations on who should receive executive pardons. Among the recipients of such pardons were former Weather Underground members Susan Rosenberg and Linda Evans. Rosenberg was caught in possession of 740 pounds of dynamite she intended to use to carry out terrorist attacks, and Evans was imprisoned for conspiring to bomb the U.S. Capitol in addition to using false identification to buy weapons and harboring a fugitive.

Yet the most alarming of Holder's actions involves his efforts to win clemency for a group of terrorists known as FALN.

Back in the 1970s and 1980s, members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN is the Spanish acronym), a paramilitary group seeking Puerto Rican independence from the U.S. through violent means, carried out a series of brutal attacks on American targets that included bombings, arson, armed robberies, kidnappings and prison escapes. The most horrific of these attacks occurred in 1975, when a bomb exploded inside a tavern in Manhattan during the lunch-hour rush, killing four and injuring 60 innocent bystanders.

The eventual capture and conviction of individual FALN members halted their reign of terror. Then in 1999, President Bill Clinton offered clemency to 16 of the prisoners. Those who had worked tirelessly to put them behind bars were livid, along with family members of those slain.

But it wasn't until January of 2009, during Holder's confirmation hearings, that the public learned of the details surrounding our current attorney general's role in Clinton's contentious decision.

In 1993, a self-identified human rights organization calling itself "Ofensiva '92" filed a petition for clemency on behalf of the imprisoned FALN members because the prisoners, according to a House Committee on Government Reform report, "refused to take part in any process that would legitimize the government's actions against them, therefore they refused to file their own petitions." Under normal circumstances, the Justice Department only considers clemency if a prisoner files a petition. Officials were apparently willing to make an exception in this case, however, because the petition portrayed the prisoners as innocent freedom fighters rather than violent terrorists.

In fact, the prisoners were described in the aforementioned congressional report as "very unlikely candidates for clemency" on the grounds that "they did not admit to wrongdoing and they had not renounced violence before such a renunciation had been made a quid pro quo for their release. They expressed no contrition for their crimes, and were at times openly beligerent about their actions."

Perhaps the most telling line in the report proclaimed, "The White House seemed to want clemency more than the terrorists."

But these circumstances did little to

deter Holder, who was serving as deputy attorney general at the time. After previous efforts by Ofensiva '92 failed, they managed to win Holder's sympathy, and he spent months actively negotiating with FALN supporters pushing for clemency.

Moreover, according to documents and interviews that remained undisclosed up until his confirmation hearings last January, Holder ordered his staff at the Office of the Pardon Attorney to replace its original report opposing any commutation of the sentences with a new one favoring clemency for at least half of the prisoners. Upon encountering resistance, Holder's chief of staff suggested the attorneys draft a neutral memo laying out possible options. This little maneuver effectively enabled Clinton to grant clemency while avoiding the appearance of conflict with the Justice Department.

Thanks to his repeated efforts to convince subordinates at the Justice Department to drop their opposition to the grant, Holder got exactly what he wanted: clemency for the terrorists and political cover for the president.

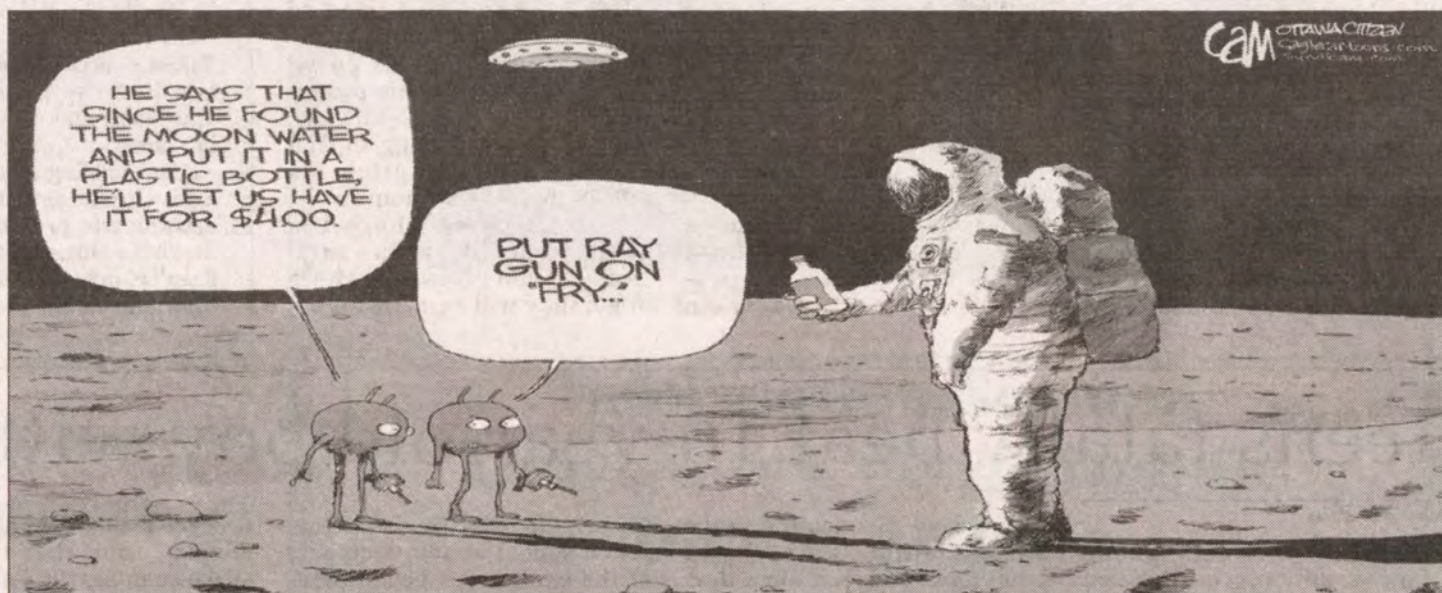
Now, as the U.S. Attorney General, Holder is again taking the side of the terrorists while taking measures to shield his boss from the brunt of criticism.

Of course this does not necessarily mean that Holder is intentionally choosing to side with those who wish to do innocent Americans harm; perhaps he has had a change of heart after the fallout from the Clinton pardons and is now acting out of genuine concern for the law. Recently, however, the Washington Post reported that Holder "did not read detailed memos that prosecutors drafted . . . to explain their decision to decline prosecution" of the CIA officials, suggesting he was more determined to carry out his own plans than to do what the law requires. This disturbing pattern of behavior that assumes the U.S. is at fault cannot and should not simply be dismissed outright, especially when national security is at stake.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."

Victor Borge
U.S. comedian and pianist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reasons behind the rule

I'm Catholic and I think that God can bless women to lead others to Himself. In fact, both parents of a good friend of mine are Presbyterian ministers; I have no problem with his mother, a woman, being a minister. The Roman Catholic priesthood is different, however; it is not a position that is about power. Clearly there are occasionally those who abuse their vocation, but the priesthood is in its essence a position of service.

Jesus is not sexist. The Catholic Church is not sexist. Jesus was not a man who was afraid to break with customs [Lk 6:3]. In a time when women were scorned, he loved, healed and forgave males and females alike [Mt 9:22]. Though the misogynistic culture continued after Jesus' death, the Church demonstrates through its histo-

ry that women and men can be as holy as saints, as wise as Doctors of the Church and as able to lead as priests and nuns. It has honored Mary, a lay woman, as the perfect Christian model. We believe that Jesus is God. We believe that he founded one Christian Church [Mt 16:18], and that Peter taught from the center of civilization, Rome, which currently houses his 266th successor.

He is omniscient. When Jesus established the priesthood, He knew the effects that his actions would have across all time; he knew that the Apostles would ordain male successors by the laying of hands [Acts 8: 17] and that they would continue the breaking of the bread [Acts 2:42] as He commanded [Lk 22:19]. In other occasions, when Jesus knew that He had been misunderstood by

the Apostles, He corrected them [Jn 11:14].

The Church cannot add to or subtract from anything that has been revealed to it. Because Jesus did not correct the Apostles in this case, the Church states that it cannot ordain women. The statement is not "will not" but "cannot" ordain. This is not because the Church deems women as inferior, but because it cannot change what its God instituted. The priesthood is a life of service to Christians, but not necessarily their ultimate goal.

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senior
off campus
Sept. 23

Burrito blues

As a resident of the Eddy Street Commons, I was thrilled when I discovered that the Chipotle would be opening so soon. I was even more thrilled when I discovered that it's luscious scent wafts directly into my bedroom window, and on "Free Burrito Day", no less! Naturally, I partook in the "Free Burrito" extravaganza. Everyone that was in line with me seemed really excited to be a part of this promotion. However, upon reading Friday's Observer, I was disturbed to see the comments of fellow students griping about not receiving free burritos.

This ungratefulness is truly unattractive. Of course the store manager had to cut the line off. I promise, it DID take an hour and a half. Furthermore, the restaurant did not "not fulfill" any promises. When I left for band practice at 6:30, the line was still quite long, and I am certain that there were students who received a free burrito after 7 p.m. If the manager had not cut off the line, they would have been serving burritos until at least 8:30 p.m. Is that what the promotion stated was the ending time? No.

To those students who complained about not receiving free burritos: I am really happy for you that you enjoyed your Hot Box Pizza. Now stop complaining. You did absolutely nothing to earn that free burrito, and you showed up too late. That's nobody else's fault and it's just bad luck. Sorry. Just be grateful that you had food in your stomach Thursday night — many people around the world can not say the same. In general, let's all be a little more grateful when we receive anything for free. Thanks.

Kelsey Robertson
senior
off campus
Sept. 25

No band, no excuses

We don't want to hear excuses about how the band is going to San Antonio this year, etc., etc. At the VERY LEAST, band members should have been encouraged to VOLUNTARILY attend the Purdue game Saturday night, just like the 90 percent of the end zone fans who were there rooting for Notre Dame. The volunteer band members could have signed any necessary waiver to the University, etc. It was just SO depressing to see our fans in the end zone try to get up a chorus of the Notre Dame Fight Song, as the team was defending the opposite end zone 100 yards away, and hear the team members have to lead themselves in the alma mater after the game. No excuses. Time for the administration leaders of the band to start thinking outside the box, and make sure the band is represented at a game which is being played only a little more than an hour away from campus.

Jim Blase
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class of 1981
Sept. 28

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The privilege of being a woman

In response to Andy Hill ("Is God Sexist?", Sept. 25), I would first like to note that women, like all lay men, still participate in the common priesthood by virtue of their baptism (CCC, 1547). While excluded from the ordained priesthood, women are also 'privileged' in ways that men are not. I highly doubt that the same God who chose a woman to effect the great mystery of the Incarnation was sexist or misogynistic. It was through the most humble and most ordinary of women, Mary, Mother of God, that the Word became flesh — that God became man.

It was a woman whom God chose out of all people to be called 'theotokos,' her womb untouched by the seed of man. It was her 'Fiat' that brought Christ into the world to accomplish the salvation of all people. She is also the only human being to ever be conceived without original sin.

This woman now sits at God's side as the Queen of Heaven. There is no ordinary man in all of history who is

comparably privileged. If one looks at the images painted above the Bernini altar in the Basilica, he or she will see that it is Mary, a woman, who sits at the center, being crowned by the Holy Trinity, and it is she who stands atop the Golden Dome. One can hardly call the Catholic Church 'sexist' when she, as our university, exalts a woman, Our Lady — Notre Dame, as "our life, our sweetness, and our hope" (Vita, Dulcedo, Spes).

When we awaken ourselves to the astounding reverence which the Church pays to Mary, the humble virgin of Nazareth, and to ALL of womankind who share her feminine nature, we will recognize that, far from being discriminated against, women are immensely privileged in the Church for their unique role in the work of redemption, which does not rely on the ordained priesthood.

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senior
Lyons
Sept. 28

Bait

For shame Notre Dame, for shame. The viewpoint section has been painfully monotonous this year; it is a disgrace to the reputable name of editorial columns everywhere. Where is the indignation? You didn't get accepted into this university because you were an apathetic, open-minded urchin. No, you are here because you can banter with the best. I implore you, write into The Observer and express that ire. Is it too much to ask for a little brimstone and fire with my grande french vanilla latte? Release some of that repressed sexual frustration and show me passion, baby!

Topic Suggestions:

1. The Spoon Scandal: "two forks and a knife" barely touched on the possibly apocalyptic implications of this predicament. I've had to eat my yogurt with a fork on multiple occasions. Not OK.

2. Lauren Greenfield's "THIN" exhibit: a truly inspiring piece of work that may even teach some struggling wannarexics how to drop those last few pounds and dive into a debilitating and life-threatening disorder.

3. Swine Flu: Why don't we just let it run its course? Natural selection, I say. The strongest will survive.

4. Matisyahu: a Hasidic Jewish rapper on a Catholic campus? What if he tried to brainwash us in the same way our President did when he spoke at commencement? Mmm, won't you pass me a glass of that embryonic Kool-Aid?

5. Sluttle: the clamor of Saint Marys' girls, lost in the irony of self-efficacy, has demoted the original Urban Dictionary definition. Ugly and fat females of Notre Dame, it's time to stand up for yourselves!

6. @ndsmcnews: empty promises about unpublished stories? Talk about failure to perform.

7. Pep Rallies: Sorin, your boycotts were a fail.

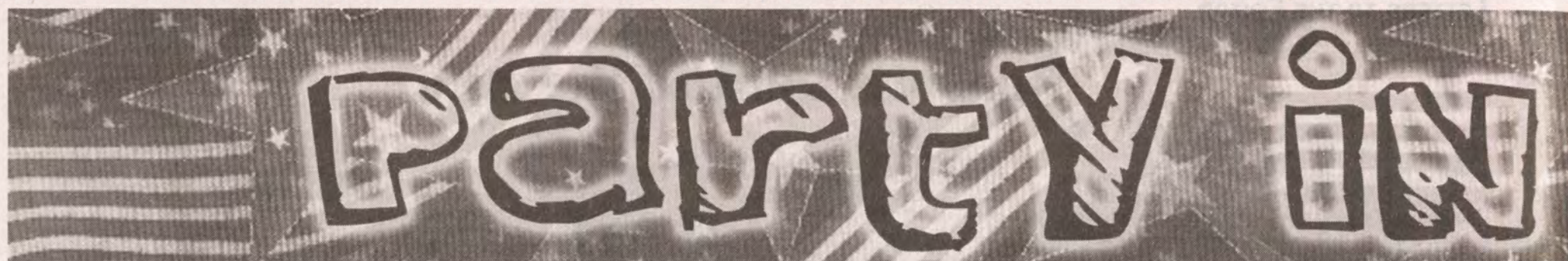
8. Charlie Weis' internship: did anyone see him at the career fair?

It's your turn. Open your laptop and submit something inflammatory! Homogeneity? Not fine by me.

Britt Burgeson
sophomore
Pasquerilla West
Sept. 28

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Guilty Pleasure

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Assistant Scene Editor

I like it but I'm too ashamed to tell anyone except the entire readership of The Observer. Hello, my name is Jordan, and I'm a Mileyholic.

After watching the Irish crush Purdue's hopes and dreams last Saturday night, after screaming and singing our fight song and weaving through throngs of disheartened Boilermaker fans, after trudging 4.8 miles to the public pay lot on the southern edge of Purdue's campus, I felt the urge. The urge to crank up Miley Cyrus in my Pontiac and belt out, "I throw my hands up, they're playin' my song, the butterflies fly away..."

Miley Cyrus's latest release is one of those songs that you don't like to admit to liking. It's derivative, nasally and ridiculous, which is exactly why I love it. I absolutely adore "Party in the U.S.A." because it never fails to make me nostalgic, giggly and incredibly confident in my singing ability all at once.

It's derivative.

It mashes together all the carefree summer songs of my youth, the ones that I enjoyed on my neon-colored stereo with the detached purple speakers. My sister and I would put on Hanson and sing along to the entire album on repeat. Then we graduated to the Spice Girls and their sassy pop. Then it was Britney Spears. Obviously, Miley Cyrus' people understand that about half her demographic consists of closet listeners who are yearning for the mindless, lyrically simple and catchy-as-heck music of the late 1990s. Miley's producers shrewdly dissected each of these songs, harvesting the catchiest ele-

ments of each.

It's nasally.

Duh. Everyone knows Miley Cyrus can't sing. (Or act, or dance, or speak whole sentences, or refrain from taking MySpace shots of herself to send to a Jonas Brother.) She is physically incapable of technicalities like "singing." She just yells the words in random order while standing in a recording booth and hopes for the best.

Her lack of talent is useful, of course. With a little computer help, Miley's voice is just tuneful enough that just about every hearing person on Earth can sing along with gusto. I will snicker about how terrible she sounds, but inside, I'm so happy she's mediocre. Mediocre is accessible.

Take, for comparison, "She Wolf." It's not fun to sing along to Shakira, guys. She's so experimental and high-pitched, and she howls. It's too darn complicated. "Party in the U.S.A." makes me feel good about myself because I can sing along competently. No one will look at me and think, "Oh, great, there's that girl who thinks she can sing but totally cannot. What a sad excuse for a human being."

It's ridiculous.

While I appreciate that the song rhymes "stilettos" with "memo," the lyrics are truly awful. "Nodding my head like yeah, moving my hips like yeah." What is this "yeah" you speak of, Miley?

The song references Britney (one word), which I can understand. Like I said before, this song is a shameless reiteration of every feel-good pop ditty ever. But why a Jay-Z shout-out? Does Miley even know he does other things besides be Beyonce's husband? If she does, maybe Miley

Cyrus deserves an Oscar, because she's really been fooling me.

Yet if the lyrics weren't ridiculous, I probably wouldn't even like this song. I wouldn't like any Miley Cyrus songs if I couldn't play it "ironically" and sing along to the inane lyrics "ironically." As if I don't enjoy it and am only putting myself through the horror to partake in some college ritual that demands I listen to Disney stars in order to proclaim my college-fostered love of "irony."

Don't even pretend you don't relish the chance to sing along to all three minutes and 25 seconds of that insidious ear crack that is "Party in the U.S.A." It's already a dorm party staple, obliterating the rule that stipulates songs must spend five months in popular release before they enter the iTunes of Notre Dame students. Obviously this song is the devil's work.

(But I love it. I do.)

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Menacing Mediocrity

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Miley Cyrus is a menace. Her lack of talent, annoying demeanor and overall hideousness frighten me. Other female artists attempt to have personalities, but Miley Cyrus is a parody of stardom, a caricature marketed appropriately to "tweens" by the Disney corporation. A more terrifying fact is that college students and even adults are listening to this shameful garbage. I have heard songs by the Chipmunks with better lyrics. Concerning the hooks in Miley's songs, they are catchy, but so is the flu, and I think I'd rather have the latter stuck in my head all day.

She's not her own person. She doesn't have the absurd sense of style of Lady Gaga and Katy Perry or the "girl power" attitude of Pink and Kelly Clarkson. She's just a trashy, generic teen who rose to fame because her father sang "Achy Breaky Heart." I will repeat that: "Achy Breaky Heart." I hope that sunk in. Just for good measure, she is famous because her father is

exploitative and sang "Achy Breaky Heart." I rest my case.

"Party in the U.S.A." is the least effort I have ever heard put into a song. Half of the chorus consists of random throat sounds, and the other half consists of the words "Party in the U.S.A." What does that even mean? Miley rhymes it with "OK." What songwriting genius came up with that gem? But this is hardly the biggest problem with "Party in the U.S.A." How does an artist get away with singing about listening to other artists? This is a hit song? Referencing how much you love Jay-Z and Britney in a track of your own is shameful.

The plot of the song isn't awful; it's the story of a girl coming into the big city, trying to find her place. But it doesn't have to be nearly as annoying as it turns out to be. Also, why the pole dancing on an ice cream truck? She is attempting to create a risqué image, and perhaps it is succeeding, but hardly any young stars escape from that stratagem unscathed. Britney had her meltdown and it was spectacular; Miley is following

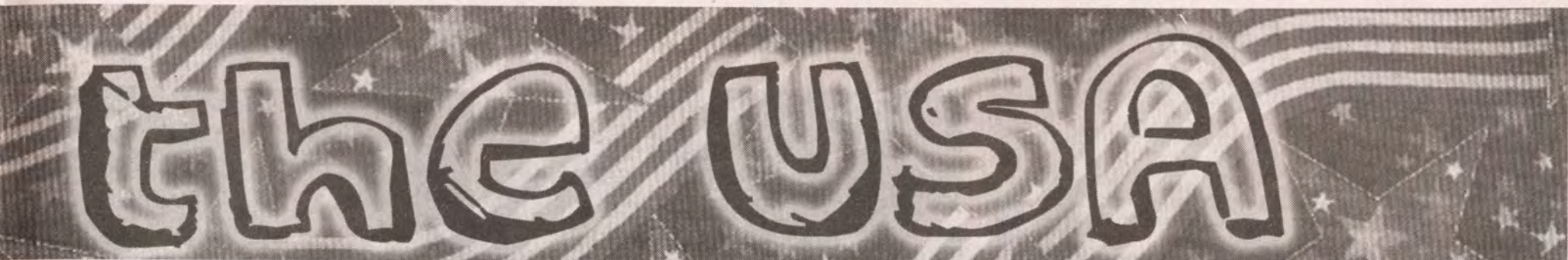
her step for step.

The greatest problem with Miley Cyrus is that adults dignify her with attention. Twenty-year-olds sing and dance to a song sung by a 16-year-old. Not written, not composed — just sung. There are plenty of more talented, non-sellout artists who demand our attention, yet as consumers we settle for the status quo. There is better, catchier, generally more fun music out there, so why is this spawn of Billy Ray getting so much attention?

Genuine girl-power pop and rock is out there, and that is something I entirely approve of. Ultimately, though, I have probably been too extreme with my judgments of Cyrus. Lots of little girls look up to her, and she should act like an adult in recognizing that. I will even give Miley Cyrus one ounce of credit — she's less infuriating than the Jonas Brothers.

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Empty calories

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Author's Note: I'm writing this in the interest of full disclosure: I fear Miley Cyrus. While I detest what she and the Disney brat pack have done to popular culture, that's not the source of my fear. I am afraid that Miley Cyrus will eat me. I'm not sure if that's a metaphor for her devouring my soul or if I'm actually going to be cannibalized.

While not an academic resource, Wikipedia has proven extremely informative. Because it is knowledge by democracy, it can help determine what is important to our culture. Miley Cyrus's wiki contains 6,132 words. That is six times the length of this article. It is also roughly 500 more words than both Mozart's and President James K. Polk's entries. The Beatles' entry comes in at 16,155 words, implying that Miley is equivalent to .380 Beatles. That's Ringo and a little bit of George. There's no way that is right. In Google results, Miley Cyrus also beats Elvis Presley and the Rolling Stones. Combined.

The entry for Miley Cyrus' latest single, "Party in the U.S.A.,"

runs for 3,796 words, about 25 fewer than "Stairway to Heaven." It's hard to be sure, but the title almost implies an allusion to Neil Young's classic, "Rockin' in the Free World." If it is, it fails as such. Young was harnessing his talent to criticize both our government and society. Cyrus is narrating her stressful move from Nashville to Hollywood, three years after she first became famous and 16 years after she was born into a rich, semi-famous family. The song also came out at the same time as her clothing line. Other than that, it's an everyday story.

Even stranger, the video, while officially an homage to "Grease," channels Tupac's "California Love." A rumbling, gravelly base line filters through both songs. Both take place in a dystopian California desert, often in a twisted metal cage. Again, it's unclear if this is intentional. One thing is clear: although Tupac's video is about future warring tribes, Miley's desert party is orders of magnitudes scarier.

This brings the real question: Haven't we seen this act before? An innocent Southern teenager who has stumbled into pop success, unaware that she embodies the Madonna/whore complex, complete with press release-ready feuds and the remarkable ability to claim to be a role model for young girls. Miley even name drops her

predecessor in the song: "And a Britney song was on." We all watched as Britney went down in flames. Let's just hope Miley follows the comparatively good example of the Olson twins by taking the money and leaving the public spot light.

The worst part about this is how little quality music exists. At least we had an excuse before now. This song, along with the thousands of others like it released in the past 40 years, is manufactured from start to end. It may as well be a petroleum by-product. Miley's "aw-shucks, I'm just a country girl" gimmick is the latest in a long line of consumer-ready personalities, from the Sex Pistols' anarchism to anything disco. History doesn't look kindly upon any of them.

What record companies offer today is the musical equivalent of corn syrup. We consume it in massive quantities and it tastes oh-so-good. Twenty years from now we'll be bloated and indifferent, with nothing to show for our misspent youths. If we don't clean up our tastes now, we're in for trouble in the long run. No one will be looking for MP3s to pass on to their children. Instead, we'll have to hang our heads in shame. On a related note, I would like those kids to kindly get off my lawn.

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Party Starter

By ADRIANA PRATT
Assistant Scene Editor

It is impossible not to feel fantastic when "Party in the U.S.A." comes on. Ignore who sings it, ignore that it's pop to an extreme (unless you're like me and genuinely enjoy a quality pop song) and just embrace it. Although Miley Cyrus might not be a college student's favorite — unless you're Viewpoint writer Brooks Smith — her song has certainly made its way into almost every dorm party, workout playlist and even The Observer office during a particularly late night of editing. I have to say, Miley's done it again.

This past weekend I visited a frat at DePauw University and, lo and behold, they had a dance to "Party in the U.S.A.," complete with camouflage and an American flag. The song has crossed even the most unlikely borders, and for good reason. How many of us have been caught in an uncomfortable or daunting situation

full of strangers? It might even have happened to you when you first set foot on Notre Dame's campus. That's what Miley sings about — putting yourself out there, even though it's scary, and realizing it will all be OK. "Party in the U.S.A." is a song that calms your nerves, lets you take a deep breath and gets you excited for what is ahead.

My recommendation is to take the song and put it on repeat while running. The beat keeps your adrenaline rushing, your face smiling and your legs kicking. It sufficiently distracts you from the miles ahead, and it throws you back into the night before, reminding you of the great time you had dancing to (or mocking) it.

You know that awkward beginning-of-party hour when people start to arrive and stand around uncomfortably because there are only five of them there? The best way to avoid that scenario is to turn on "Party in the U.S.A." It is guaranteed to relax your guests, get the laughs started and propel the party forward to the fun portion. The best part is that you can play it again later once everyone has arrived, because by that hour, the original five won't remember they've already heard it.

Unfortunately, the innocence of the song

doesn't seem to reflect the real Miley Cyrus. The 16-year-old's performance of this hit at the Teen Choice Awards caused quite a bit of scandal, especially when she got up in extremely short shorts and danced around an ice cream truck pole. Here is my question: Why does her dad let her do that? Why would a parent of a 16-year-old think, "Yeah! Let's get Miley to dress like a miniature Britney and stick a pole next to her and let thousands of Disney fans and their parents see what happens! Genius!" Beats me.

The music video isn't much better. If I watch her make a pouty face and look seductively at the camera one more time while she runs her hands through her hair, I might hurl. It's just so strange and borderline creepy. I have a 16-year-old sister, and to picture someone her age dressing and dancing like Miley Cyrus ... it spells trouble. I'm thinking Miley might have given Britney a shout-out in her song for a reason.

But take my advice and don't let the song's artist distract you from the greatness that is "Party in the U.S.A." Just nod your head like yeah and move your hips like yeah, and you won't regret it. Do it for America.

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MLB

LaRoche's two homers keep Dodgers from clinching

Beckham's three RBIs lift White Sox over Indians; Detwiler gets first win for Nationals

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Dodgers prospect Andy LaRoche homered twice, doubled twice and singled, driving in six runs as the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates again prevented Los Angeles from clinching the NL West with an 11-1 romp Monday. Zach Duke pitched shutout ball into the ninth inning against a patchwork Dodgers lineup. LaRoche set a career high for hits in going 5 for 5 and scoring four runs.

Already assured of a playoff spot, the Dodgers lost three of four to the Pirates, who had dropped 23 of 26 going into the series — the franchise's worst stretch in 119 seasons.

The Dodgers blew a three-run lead in the ninth inning Sunday and lost 6-5, then got blown out in the series finale. Technically, their magic number is two, but in reality it is one because they own the tiebreaker against Colorado.

Los Angeles was missing the injured Manny Ramirez (hamstring), Ronnie Belliard (groin) and Casey Blake (hamstring) and their makeshift lineup included Mark Loretta at third, Juan Castro at short and Brad Ausmus catching.

The Dodgers played like a team that couldn't wait to get out of Pittsburgh — a sentiment shared by few teams this season — while having three runners thrown out on the bases and committing a key error in the first two innings alone. For one day, the Dodgers who looked like the team with 96 losses, not the Pirates.

Orlando Hudson was caught in a rundown trying to advance on an errant throw in the first. In the second, Loretta was picked off first and Matt Kemp was caught too far off second on James Loney's popup and was thrown out.

The Dodgers had champagne iced in their clubhouse, ready to celebrate on Sunday, but the Pirates scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth. Now, it must be toted back to San Diego for the start of a two-game series against the Padres on Tuesday.

Duke (11-15) was in control from the start, allowing only three singles until Orlando Hudson tripled with one out in the ninth — a low total for a pitcher who has allowed an

NL-high 225 hits.

Duke couldn't believe it when manager John Russell lifted him following Chin-Lung Hu's sacrifice fly, with a 10-run lead and only one batter to get for his fourth complete game, and the fans booed loudly as Duke walked to the dugout.

LaRoche, traded to the Pirates in the three-team deal last year in which Los Angeles landed Ramirez, had never had more than three hits or three RBIs in a game.

LaRoche had a two-run double off Hiroki Kuroda (8-7) during the Pirates' big second inning that began with Loretta's throwing error on Lastings Milledge's grounder.

Delwyn Young's double scored Milledge, Luis Cruz singled and Duke drove in a run with a grounder ahead of LaRoche's double and Garrett Jones' RBI single. Jones also homered, his 21st, in the fourth immediately after LaRoche hit his 11th.

Jones wasn't called up by Pittsburgh until June 30, but leads NL rookies in homers.

LaRoche had a chance for the cycle his final two times up. He rounded second sharply and thought about trying to advance after he doubled to center in the sixth, but pulled up. He hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

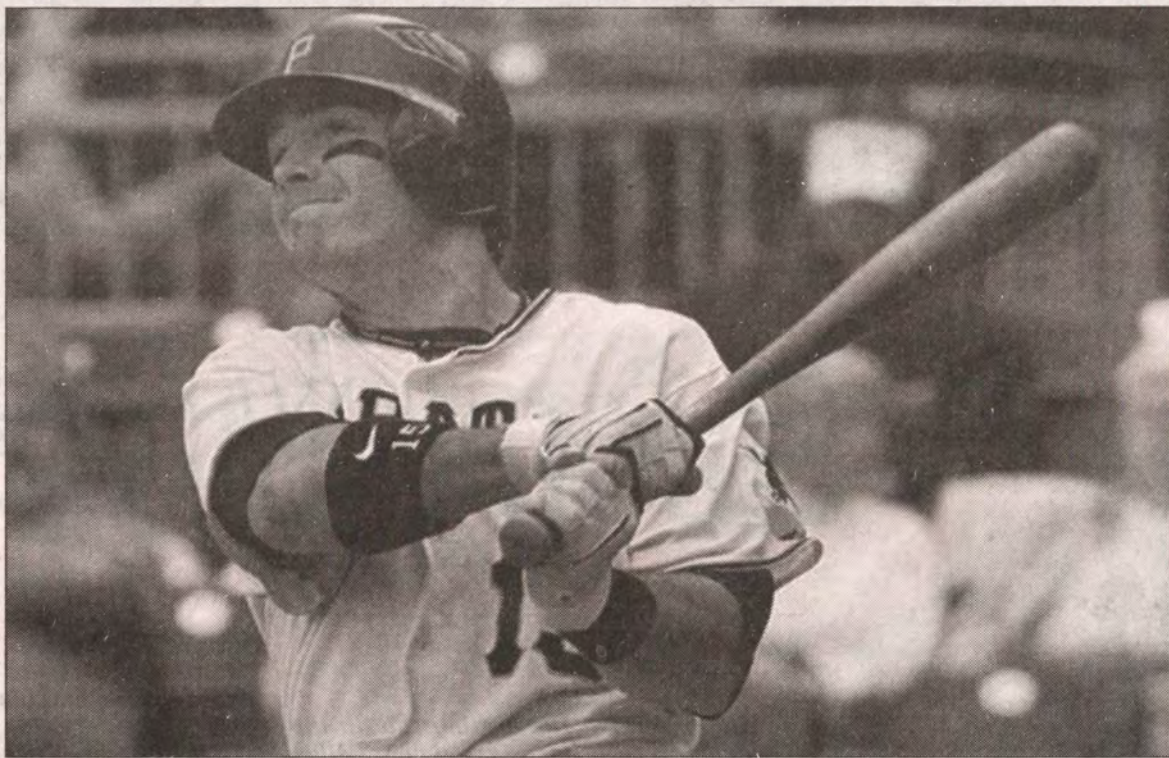
Kuroda was 3-1 with a 2.16 ERA in four starts since coming off the disabled list (concussion), but gave up eight hits and seven runs, only three earned.

White Sox 6, Indians 1

Gordon Beckham drove in three runs to help John Danks earn his first win in more than a month and the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Danks' first career complete game gave Chicago its third win in four games following a stretch of seven losses in eight games.

Cleveland came in one-half game ahead of last-place Kansas City in the AL Central after sweeping a three-game series from Baltimore. The Indians, trying to avoid a last-place finish for the first time since going a franchise-worst 57-101 in 1991, are 6-20 in September. A year ago, they went 32-17 down the stretch to finish at .500 — giving hope to Cleveland fans that the Indians could return to contention after winning the division in 2007.



Pirates infielder Andy LaRoche follows through after he hit a two-run home run during the eighth inning of the Pirates 11-1 win over the Dodgers Monday.

Danks (13-10) allowed three hits and one run, striking out seven in his first complete game at any level since being drafted in 2003 by Texas. Shin-Soo Choo hit his 19th homer leading off the seventh to break up the left-hander's bid for his first career shutout.

Danks bounced back from being hit hard in an 8-6 loss to Minnesota on Tuesday in which he gave up seven runs and eight hits, including a career high-tying three homers, in six innings. He had been 0-2 in five starts since beating the Boston Red Sox on Aug. 27 — but set a career high in wins, one more than he had last year.

The White Sox took a 3-0 lead in the second against Aaron Laffey (7-8) without hitting the ball hard. They loaded the bases on three consecutive one-out singles — then scored three times without hitting a ball out of the infield.

Brent Lillibridge topped a two-out slow roller that third baseman Jhonny Peralta charged but could not field cleanly between the foul line and the mound. It was ruled an RBI single.

Laffey then hit DeWayne Wise with a pitch to force in a run and Beckham grounded a ball up the middle that was fielded behind second base by Jamey Carroll. Wise slid in safely before shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera took the

flip from Carroll at the bag as another run scored.

Beckham's two-run double off Jensen Lewis made it 5-1 in the ninth. Beckham then scored on a throwing error by center fielder Trevor Crowe, who fielded Paul Konerko's single and threw home wildly. Beckham went to third when catcher Lou Marson retrieved the ball and tossed it past Lewis attempting to cover home.

Danks held the Indians hitless until Choo doubled with two outs in the fourth, finally reversing his fortunes against Cleveland. He had been 1-5 with a 5.63 ERA in nine previous starts against the Indians, posting a 10.54 ERA in losing his last three.

Laffey lost his fifth straight start, allowing three runs and eight hits over 7 1/3 innings. Cleveland has totaled 12 runs of support during the five losses. The left-hander is 0-5 in seven starts since beating Minnesota on Aug. 16.

Nationals 2, Mets 1

Mike Morse homered for the third straight game and Ross Detwiler earned his first career win as the Washington Nationals beat the New York Mets on Monday night.

Morse led off the sixth inning with a home run over the out-of-town scoreboard in right field to break a 1-all tie. The home run was his third this season, all in the past

three games. During the stretch he has doubled his career total — Morse had three before Saturday, all in 2005.

Morse has had a hard time breaking into the lineup. He was used at first and third base the past two games, started in right field Monday, and Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said he may play second base before the season ends.

Detwiler (1-6), who won in his 13th start, allowed seven hits and one run in six innings. Mike MacDougal pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Nelson Figueroa (2-8) picked up his fifth straight loss, allowing six hits and two runs in six innings.

Justin Maxwell led off the bottom of the first with a grounder that glanced off third baseman David Wright's glove as he tried to backhand it on the run. The ball bounced deep into foul territory, allowing Maxwell to reach second with a double. He advanced to third on a groundout and scored on Ryan Zimmerman's sacrifice fly to right field.

New York's Carlos Beltran led off the sixth with a single, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on Fernando Tatis' single up the middle. Detwiler's wild pitch put runners on second and third with two outs, but Figueroa struck out.

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Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday dear Jared, Happy Birthday to me.

Midwinter spring is its own season
Sempiternal though sodden towards
sundown,
Suspended in time, between pole and
tropic.
When the short day is brightest, with
frost and fire,
The brief sun flames the ice, on pond
and ditches,
In windless cold that is the heart's heat,

Reflecting in a watery mirror
A glare that is blindness in the early
afternoon.
And glow more intense than blaze
of branch, or brazier,
Stirs the dumb spirit: no wind, but
pentecostal fire
In the dark time of the year.
Between melting and freezing
The soul's sap quivers. There is no
earth smell
Or smell of living thing. This is the
spring time
But not in time's covenant. Now the
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4 Alabama	4
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8 Georgia Tech	11
9 USC	10
10 Florida	9
11 Arkansas	8
12 Texas A&M	7
13 UNLV	NR
14 Florida St.	25
15 Georgia (1)	3
16 North Carolina St.	13
17 South Carolina	15
18 LSU	17
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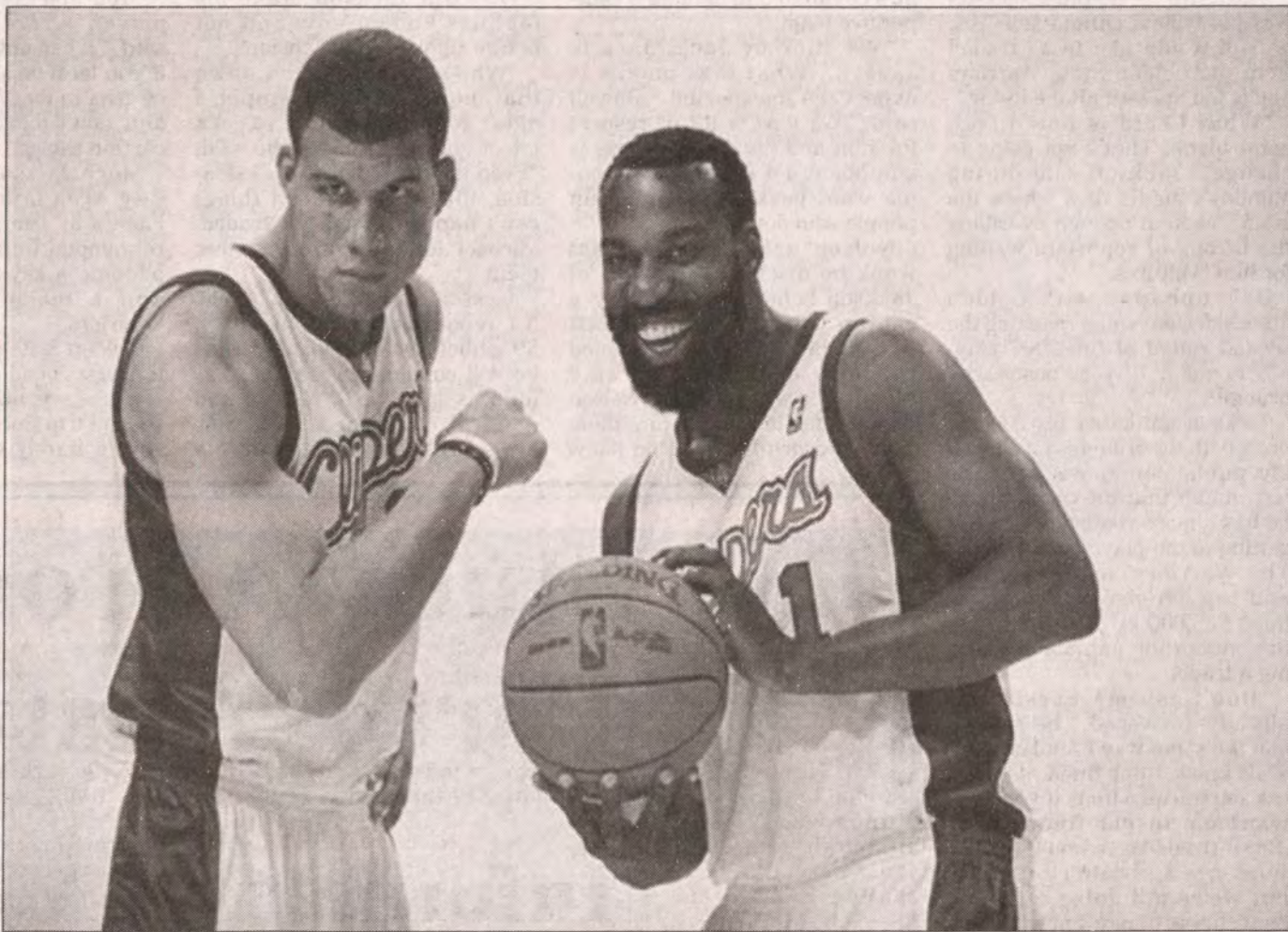
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NBA



Recent NBA number 1 draft pick Blake Griffin, left, poses with his teammate Baron Davis for photos during the Los Angeles Clippers media day Monday.

'Clipper Curse' does not worry Griffin

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Blake Griffin has battled Los Angeles' famous traffic. He's played Good Samaritan for a woman in a stalled car. He's been photographed by paparazzi.

Now if only he could get around to the real reason he came to town — helping the Los Angeles Clippers become a playoff team.

"It's been a long time waiting for this," he said Monday. "I'm ready to get going."

The No. 1 pick in the NBA draft joined his teammates at Staples Center for media day, which began with a glitch. Power within several blocks of the arena went

out, cutting the lights shortly before the players took the court. Backup power eventually kicked in, allowing a small group of fans to meet and greet Griffin.

He comes to a team that has had two winning seasons in the last 30 years — they were 19-63 last season amid a slew of injuries — and just one playoff appearance since 1997.

Still, Griffin doesn't believe in a so-called Clippers Curse.

"I did some research on my own and there's not enough evidence for me to believe," he said, smiling.

The Clippers have focused their marketing campaign around Griffin, including a full-page color ad in the Los

Angeles Times.

"I don't feel like a lot of individual pressure to go out and do this or that," he said. "We have guys that can do all this stuff. I just need to come in and contribute."

But coach Mike Dunleavy said Griffin will open training camp on the bench, with last season's starters — Baron Davis, Marcus Camby, Eric Gordon, Al Thornton and Chris Kaman — retaining their spots.

"If I have to come off the bench, I'm perfectly happy with that," said Griffin, who hasn't been in that position since getting hurt his freshman year at Oklahoma.

He was the consensus college player of the year after leading the nation with 14.4

rebounds per game while averaging 22.7 points last season for the Sooners.

The rookie forward strained his right shoulder during a summer league game in July, but Griffin said it was back to normal in less than a month though the Clippers kept him sidelined longer as a precaution.

Dunleavy liked what he saw from Griffin, who averaged 19.2 points and 10.8 rebounds in summer league play.

"He came in defensively and I don't think he missed a rotation, knew exactly where he's supposed to be and was there and was on time," the coach and general manager said. "For a rookie that really impressed me."

IN BRIEF

Whisenhunt stresses patience following offensive ineptitude

TEMPE, Ariz. — Costly turnovers on offense. Critical breakdowns on defense. Boos from the home crowd.

Sounds like the same old Arizona Cardinals.

After a 31-10 home loss to the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday night, the defending NFC champions are 1-2 heading into their bye week.

The once-feared offense of Kurt Warner, Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin — Pro Bowlers all — has produced two touchdowns and five turnovers in two home losses.

It's not what coach Ken Whisenhunt expected, but he's preaching patience.

"I don't think three games in that you hit the panic button or that you think, we want to blow up what we're doing," Whisenhunt said at his Monday morning news conference.

That may be true, but some serious tweaking is in order during the week off.

Colts hope Dwight Freeney quadriceps injury not serious

INDIANAPOLIS — Dwight Freeney spent the first three quarters Sunday night in the Arizona Cardinals backfield.

He was relegated to watching the final 15 minutes from the Colts locker room.

The Colts are hoping Freeney won't be a spectator this Sunday after hurting his right quadriceps in Indy's 31-10 victory over the Cardinals. Team officials were trying to get answers Monday about the severity of the injury and how much time, if any, the Colts' top pass-rusher might miss.

Coach Jim Caldwell and team president Bill Polian declined to provide specifics until getting results from an MRI.

"The docs will report to us later this evening, so we'll know something then, but I don't think there will be anything definitive for quite a while," Polian said on his weekly radio show. Polian night on his weekly radio show. Polian said, "The positive side is that he basically said, 'I can walk, I can play.'"

Yankees prepare for playoffs after clinching AL East title

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter ambled into a clubhouse that still smelled of stale champagne, less than two hours before game time Monday.

Other than the two bottles of bubbly stashed behind several bats in his locker, he saw scant evidence of the raucous celebration that took place a day earlier at Yankee Stadium.

About 24 hours after wrapping up the AL East title, it was back to business for the New York Yankees. And that first order of business: resting the regulars.

"I think it's important for them to relax their minds for a day or two before we turn it up again," manager Joe Girardi said Monday as the Yankees prepared to play the Kansas City Royals.

But the festive mood could only last so long for a \$200 million team that expects to go far in the postseason after missing the 2008 playoffs.

NBA

Jackson still wants to be traded from Oakland

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Stephen Jackson was his typical candid self: Yes, he still would like to be traded from the Golden State Warriors and is fed up with all the losing.

"What I said is how I feel, point blank. That's not going to change," Jackson said during Monday's media day, where the team's captain opened by calling the throng of reporters waiting for him "vultures."

He's unhappy with Golden State's decline since reaching the second round of the 2007 playoffs to end a 13-year postseason drought.

Jackson unloaded his frustrations with the franchise, reiterating public comments he made last month that he wants out so he has a more realistic chance of getting to the playoffs elsewhere. The Warriors' leading scorer and top defensive player was fined \$25,000 by the NBA earlier this month for publicly requesting a trade.

"Don't ask me questions I already answered," he said. "I feel the same way I felt last time. Y'all know I got fined, so don't ask me the questions if you don't want me to get fined. Kobe (Bryant) said the same thing two years ago and didn't get a fine, but we're not going to beat a dead horse. They know they're wrong. But I can't beat the NBA so I've got to roll with it."

Jackson said he will put all of this out of mind once the team hits the practice floor for the start of training camp Tuesday — and coach Don Nelson insists he won't have trouble dealing with the disgruntled swingman.

"Nobody has any less faith in him," forward Anthony Randolph said. "This is a business."

While at least some of the Warriors' front office and fans were caught off guard hearing Jackson's statements — made to Dime Magazine in New York while with buddy and former teammate Al Harrington at an event sponsored by their shoe company — he isn't concerned.

"I mean, you gotta hear it some way," Jackson said. "You want me to send you an e-mail, Facebook or something? I'm a grown man, I have six kids, I'm married now, so I speak my mind. I thought I had freedom of speech but obviously I don't."

He even went as far as to say he regrets nothing in his career, speaking specifically about going into the stands with then-Indiana teammate Ron Artest during an ugly brawl with the Detroit Pistons in 2004.

"I don't have a regret about anything I've done. I don't have a regret about going in the stands with Ron Artest," Jackson said. "I say what I want to say when I feel like it, regardless of what the consequence is. That's just always been me."

Jackson had a brief conversation with team president Robert Rowell before a series of photo shoots Monday in his No. 1 jersey, and Rowell categorized it as "positive." But Jackson, given a three-year contract extension worth \$28 million in November, said their relationship has

become strained.

Rowell said he told Jackson he's committed to fielding a competitive team.

"We stick by Jack. Jack is Jack. ... What that means is expect the unexpected," Rowell said. "We have a lot of respect for him and his game. Sports is emotional. I'd rather have people who speak their mind than people who don't."

Nelson acknowledged last week he discussed the idea of Jackson being traded during a conversation they had early last season, before Jackson accepted the new deal. Jackson said Monday he was surprised Nelson brought the idea up to him then, but the coach has said he knew

Jackson would struggle with the losing by a young roster.

Why did Jackson make his feelings known now and not before signing the extension?

"Who's going to turn down that money? I'm not stupid. I didn't go to college but I've got a lot of common sense," he said. "Even though I signed my extension, that doesn't mean things can't happen. Shaq got traded. Michael Jordan went to another team."

Jackson averaged 20.7 points, 5.1 rebounds and 6.5 assists in 59 games last season. He insists he will continue to play hard as long as he's here. Nelson and general manager Larry Riley have said they will explore a

trade for Jackson only if it's the right situation for the Warriors.

"You don't hold it against the player," guard Speedy Claxton said. "It can only be a distraction if you let it be a distraction. A lot of guys in the NBA could be mad and don't think before they say certain things."

Since Jackson arrived in the Bay Area in a trade with the Pacers in January 2007, he has rebounded from a rocky past to become a key piece for Nelson and a major spark for the Warriors.

Golden State shocked Dallas in the first round of the 2007 playoffs, the organization's lone postseason trip since 1994. The 2008 squad barely missed the post-

season despite winning 48 games, the most by a non-playoff NBA team in a quarter-century.

"It don't feel good to me that ever since I've been here I know I had a big part in getting this organization back to a winning attitude, if not the biggest part," Jackson said. "Every year I've lost somebody I felt helped me get to that, with Baron (Davis), Jason (Richardson), Al. It felt like I'm next. It feels like we're not getting better. It's no disrespect to guys on the team. I love all the guys on the team and I'm not saying the job couldn't get done with them, but at the same time I came into this game a winner and I want to continue to be a winner."

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Shamrocks begin title defense against Howard

Pyros hope to stay hot against Lewis; Whirlwinds try to bounce back, return to dominance vs. Farley

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McGlinn vs. Howard

When it opens its 2009 season tonight against Howard, McGlinn will be anxious to show that its championship victory in the 2008 season was not a fluke.

"We're out for [the championship] again this year," senior captain Emily Dore said. "We want to show everyone that we're not just a one-trick pony."

Not only was Dore confident that the Shamrocks could repeat a championship victory, she even cited some improvements in the

team for the 2009 season.

"We have a lot of depth on our team, even more than last year," she said.

Dore highlighted the strength and versatility of both the offensive and defensive squads, saying that the team feels extremely confident putting the ball in the hands of sophomore quarterback Lauren Miller and her favorite receiver, junior Kathleen Stanley. Dore also praised the ruthless defensive line, led by sophomore Jillian Stinchcom.

"We're really excited for our opening game against Howard," Dore said. "We've been waiting for this [game] for a long time now."

Howard's (1-0) senior captain Kayla Bishop echoed the same high

hopes for the Ducks 2009 season, after winning their first game against Welsh Family.

"We're hoping to gather momentum from our win on Sunday and carry it through the season," she said. "McGlinn is an excellent team, we're expecting them to put up a good fight."

In order to combat the toughness of the Shamrock squad, Bishop said the team plans to rely on their solid wide receivers, particularly sophomore Kristyn Jeffries and junior Kaitlin Robinson.

"We're expecting [Jeffries and Robinson] to step up and make big plays," she said.

As for the Duck's strategy to combat the defending champion

Shamrocks, Bishop anticipates the team will play hard and fight hard.

"We're hoping to come out strong and play with that same intensity throughout [the game]," she said.

The McGlinn Shamrocks will open their season against the Howard Ducks (1-0) tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Pasquerilla East vs. Lewis

Two teams looking to bounce back from lackluster seasons last year square off tonight as Pasquerilla East takes on Lewis. The two teams combined for one win last year and are both looking for statement wins tonight.

In just one week, the Pyros have already surpassed their win total

from last season, dominating Breen Philips 22-0. They look to improve to 2-0 tonight, leaving a forgettable season last year behind them. As they showed in the first game, this is a new Pyro team.

"Last year was last year," senior captain Tara Pillai said. "We had a horrible record, no wins, a tie and a bunch of losses. We have put that in the past. This year we are 1-0, it's a great start."

Lewis is also trying to put last season behind them, as they finished 1-4-1. However they face a little more of an uphill battle than the Pyros do, trying to get their season on track after a 7-0 loss to Farley last week. However, the Chicks are staying optimistic.

"Even though we lost, we thought we looked pretty good," sophomore Brandy Cerne said.

"[We've looked] amazing in practice," senior captain Tara Gilbride said. "We definitely have some secret weapons we're going to use."

The game should tell both teams a lot about their chances of reaching the playoffs and accomplishing their goals for the season.

"We want a winning record and to make the playoffs ... and of course the goal of every team is to make it to the stadium," Pillai said.

Added Gilbride: "Our eyes are on the stadium."

The two teams are set to square off at 8:00 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Welsh Family vs. Farley

When Farley faces Welsh Family under the lights tonight, one team will be hoping to build on its momentum while the other will be hoping to create some.

Farley won a close 7-0 game over Lewis Sunday, while the Whirlwinds fell to Howard 13-12. Farley junior captain Emma Klosterman made it quite clear what the momentum has done to the Finest's mentality.

"We are undefeated so far this season," Klosterman said. "We go out and practice hard to keep it that way."

Even though Farley only managed one touchdown against Lewis, Klosterman expects the team's coaches, juniors Tommy Smith and Kevin Ritt, will help generate some points tonight.

"We have to give a lot of credit to our offensive coaches," Klosterman said. "I'm sure they will think of something good, but for now it's a secret."

Welsh Family hopes to change its recent fortunes senior captain Tara Schimpf said.

"We are a very driven and talented team," Schimpf said. "There is a new dynamic to our team this year, so we are concentrating on meshing well."

Farley hopes to continue its unbeaten season, en route to the ultimate goal.

"We just have one common goal, [to] get to the stadium," Klosterman said.

The Whirlwinds look to prove their talent on the field, returning to the interhall dominance they have shown in past years.

"No matter what ups and downs we may have in a season, or what changes we have gone through as a team, we give our all on the field," Schimpf said.

Kickoff will be at 9:00 p.m. between the two at Riehle Field.

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the end," said senior captain Kelley Daniels. "The freshmen were great, defense was fabulous and the offense set up some great potential plays."

Daniels is already looking forward to next week, confident her team will rebound from this loss to face their next challenge, Walsh Hall on Sunday.

"We've got to focus, sharpen our routes and be ready to play," she said.

Badin will also face Walsh Hall this week, on Thursday.

"We'll be ready for Walsh," said Cline. "We're always ready."

Breen-Phillips 22, Pasquerilla East 0

Despite a winless 2008 campaign, Pasquerilla East came out firing against Breen-Phillips Sunday, shutting out the Babes.

Senior captain and quarterback Tara Pillai led the Pyros with a strong performance. Pillai proved to be a dual-threat as she used both her passing prowess and running agility to pick apart the Babes' defense.

Pillai threw two touchdowns and ran for a third. On the Pyros' first offensive play from scrimmage in the second half, Pillai scrambled out of the pocket, danced and weaved through the entire BP defense, and ended up in the end zone 45-yards later. On the three touchdowns, the Pyros were able to complete 2-point conversions twice.

The Pyros' defense was similarly dominant, forcing several turnovers on downs and intercepting the Babes' quarterback once. They also had a handful of timely sacks to stall BP drives.

Of course, Pillai was satisfied with the Pyros' performance as well.

"We won," Pillai said. "It's our first win in two years. We had a shutout, and our offense scored three touchdowns."

Breen-Phillips' offense was simply unable to put a solid drive together against the strong Pasquerilla East defense. Despite several drives that garnered first downs on big plays, each drive eventually screeched to a halt, forcing the Babes to punt or go for it on fourth down, which resulted in a handful of turnovers on downs.

However, the Babes are confident in their ability to continue improving as the season progresses.

"We have a brand new team, a brand new quarterback and a lot of young players," senior captain and safety Stephanie Wuerdeman said. "This game gave us the opportunity to see a

lot of things we can't see in practice."

The Babes have work to do on both sides of the ball, but made several promising offensive plays and had a handful of crucial stops on fourth down.

"We need to work on routes and most of our offense," Wuerdeman said. "The defense also needs to tighten up."

Despite the loss, Wuerdeman said she was "definitely satisfied" with the team's performance, but the Babes remain hungry for their first victory in over a year.

"This loss is just going to make us angry," said Wuerdeman. "We want to come out next week even stronger and play to win."

Likewise, the Pyros' are not going to let this win satisfy them, and they are hungry to keep the winning ways going.

"We are going to keep moving forward," Pillai said. "We'll take every game one week at a time."

Farley 7, Lewis 0

At the end of its first game, Farley's defense had given up as many points as it had before the game started. The Finest used the shutout and a second half touchdown pass to top Lewis.

Farley sophomore quarterback Megan Bastedo completed a touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Laura Yoviene for the game's only touchdown after neither defense allowed any lee-way in the first half.

"We all played really well," Bastedo said.

While the scoreboard may not indicate it, the Chicks played a solid game. Freshman running back Connaught Blood was responsible for some of the team's big offensive gains, and the defense effectively shutting down Farley's passing game in the first half. Two critical interceptions by freshman Mara Catlaw and sophomore Margot Debot ended two Farley drives, and a big sack stopped a third threat in the first half.

"Our D-line was pretty intense," Lewis sophomore Brandy Cerne said.

The Chicks are confident they will learn from the mistakes of the loss to build their program up to where it needs to be to finish with a winning season.

"We still looked good," Cerne said. "We've got some small problems to work out in practice."

The Finest defense did an excellent job containing the Lewis offense, with a crucial second quarter sack as well as forcing numerous turnovers. Big playmakers included sophomore Clare Cooney, who made a clutch interception in the first half and helped regain the team's momentum after a disappointing offensive drive, as

well as sophomore Katie Smith, who switched between offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"Katie Smith really stepped up and made plays," junior captain Emma Klosterman said.

Klosterman commended her team's performance in the absence of many key players, especially on offense.

"It was awesome," she said.

Walsh 18, Pangborn 12

Walsh pulled out all the stops to beat Pangborn Sunday, utilizing everything from trick plays to "secret" ones.

Junior wide receiver Lindsay Schanzer scooped up a punt and sprinted untouched to the end zone in the waning minutes of the game for what proved to be the game-winning touchdown for the Wild Women.

"We called it our secret play because no one really knows the rules on kick returns, and well, it worked," Schanzer said.

The play capped an improbable comeback for the Wild Women. They trailed by as much as two touchdowns to Pangborn as the Phoxes came out firing early. Pangborn's defense forced two quick turnovers to give the ball to a potent offense led by junior quarterback Gabbi Tate. Tate orchestrated two nearly flawless touchdown drives, tossing a touchdown pass to standout senior wide receiver Meghan Bescher and then running one in herself.

"We've worked very hard on our offense, and even with the outcome, this game affirmed what we're trying to do," Tate said.

The Wild Women closed the gap to a single touchdown when quarterback Amy Langnecker fired a touchdown pass to Kat Leach in the waning seconds of the first half.

In the second half, Walsh faced a fourth-and-three at midfield. Langnecker took the snap and rolled right to draw the entire Phox defense. No one noticed Langnecker had flicked the ball to senior captain Meghan Hadley until she was 15 yards downfield and heading for the end zone to tie the game.

Hadley's run set the stage for Schanzer's punt return heroics.

"The ball bounced right to me, most of Pangborn thought the play was already over and even I did too," Schanzer said. "But the coach yelled at me to pick it up and I caught it and ran until I scored."

The Walsh defense stalled the Phoxes on their final drive with two sacks. Junior Amanda Spiegelberg cemented the Wild Women's comeback victory with an interception in the final minute.

"This was a huge win for us," Hadley said of Walsh's victory. "We came back from behind

and showed everyone we're a fighting team and not going to take no for an answer."

As for the Phoxes, the loss proved a step in the right direction.

"Today was a great effort," Tate said. "We gave it our all and even though it's a sad loss, we're still very excited about this team."

Pasquerilla West 12, Ryan 6

In an exciting game between the newcomer and the established power, Pasquerilla West prevailed over Ryan 12-6 despite a valiant Ryan comeback that fell short.

The Purple Weasels' defense came up with two big fourth down stands near the end of the game to come up with the win.

"We had every confidence in the defense to make a stop and shut down Ryan," Pasquerilla West senior coach Justin Betz said.

After both teams traded three-and-outs to start the game, Pasquerilla West finally broke through with a quarterback sweep by junior Simoni Bigi. The Purple Weasels followed on their next drive with the successful utilization of the option. Bigi pitched to freshman running back Alice Yerotun for a long run to the 3-yard line. They followed up with the same play to walk in for the score.

Throughout the first half, Ryan was unable to create much offense. "We knew our offense wasn't moving the ball, so we put it on the defense to step up with a big play," Ryan senior coach Justin Smith said. "We focused on shutting down the option since the [Pasquerilla West] passing game wasn't working."

Not only did the Ryan defense shut down the Purple Weasel option attack in the second half, but they also took their coach's words to heart and made a huge interception, which led to a touchdown on a toss.

Despite this setback, the Purple Weasels were able to shut down the Ryan comeback attempt.

"We came out a little flat in the second half and Ryan exploited our overconfidence," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "But after Ryan scored that touchdown we switched the intensity back on. I was proud of the way the girls refused to panic. Defense stepped up after that score and only allowed one more first down the rest of the game"

The game showed a lot about both teams. The Purple Weasels will focus on improving for next week. Ryan showed the ability to play with any team in the league after playing a close game with an established power.

Howard 13, Welsh Family 12

An extra point conversion was all that separated Howard and Welsh Family Sunday, as Howard was able to convert one more than the Whirlwinds did en route to a 13-12 victory and scoring the biggest upset of the season so far.

Junior quarterback Kayla Bishop completed the winning conversion to senior Mary Jenkins late in the second half to create Howard's winning margin.

"[Jenkins's conversion] was a key play in the game," Bishop said.

The game started out in favor of the Ducks as they recovered a Whirlwind fumble on the opening drive of the game deep in Whirlwind territory. Bishop capitalized on the opportunity as she completed an eight-yard touchdown pass that gave the Ducks the lead within the first two minutes of the game.

Welsh Family began the game slowly with the turnover and a string of incomplete passes. Despite this slow start, the Whirlwinds offense clicked and they tied the game halfway through the first half. Welsh Fam looked comfortable heading into half timem, as an interception by junior Sam Miller led to a touchdown to take over the lead with under a minute left.

Howard came out in the second half with a solid drive completing six out of seven passes with the final completion resulting in a 10-yard touchdown catch. The key conversion followed the touchdown.

An interception in the second half by sophomore Kristyn Jeffries helped Howard seal the victory.

With the win, the Ducks know that they still have a long season to play.

"It feels great to win, but we are going to take it one game at a time," Bishop said.

The Whirlwinds will not be down and out following the loss. They know that there are still plenty of games left and a play-off seed to fight for.

"We have a young team," senior captain Stephanie Vossler said. "But it was a great learning experience for us."

"Welsh Fam only loses one game each season, this year it won't be in the playoffs," senior captain and quarterback Demi Hueth added.

Each team looks to take that experience into the next game of the season.

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Schaefer

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"I got great experience from watching Matt Besler play and watching Cory [Rellias]," Schaefer said. "Practice is not that different from the games."

And it is in practice that Schaefer was able to develop his competitive spirit and his work ethic that are finally paying dividends now that he is seeing some real game action.

"As a player at the bottom of

the depth chart, you can either slack off, or say that you are going to push everyone around you harder," Schaefer said. "I chose the latter option. If we want our shot to play, we have to play hard or we won't get it."

Clark is impressed with what he sees from Schaefer, noting a player with many of the skills needed to be a good leader.

"[Schaefer] has a very good attitude," Clark said. "He has learned from his time on the bench. He has played a lot of soccer since he's been here in

practice. He has matured well and been behind some pretty big people."

And now that he has reached the starting role, some of Schaefer leadership characteristics are finally getting an opportunity for expression.

"Every day I prepared like I was going to play," Schaefer said.

Clark likes having a player like Schaefer in one of the most important positions on the pitch, citing his ability to control the game.

"[Schaefer] is able to control

the tempo and have the best view of the field from the center defenseman position," Clark said. "Schaefer has been playing next to a young player in [sophomore defenseman] Chris Sutton and he has taken on the leadership role. He is still growing, and he gets better every game."

What Schaefer believes he brings to the game is an intensity and competitiveness that he believes is key to any team having success.

"Every time I step out onto the pitch, I know I am going to

beat this guy no matter what," Schaefer said. "I know that I can do it and that I have the support of my team."

This intensity is something Schaefer hopes will translate into more wins for the Irish.

"I think we are much better than our record shows," Schaefer said. "Look for us to start coming up flying soon."

The Irish will have the chance to start flying this Friday against Seton Hall.

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Water polo squad loses heartbreaker to GVSU

Associated Press

The Irish participated this weekend at a conference tournament at the Rolfs Aquatic center at Notre Dame. The games determined the seeding for the conference championship tournament that will take place at the University of Dayton, Oct. 24.

The Irish opened the set of games against the winner of the conferences for the last seven years, Grand Valley State. Notre Dame came out early and after allowing a few early goals, the Irish held Grand Valley's counter-attack offense in check.

Notre Dame slowly built a lead throughout the game with many Notre Dame players contributing, including Sebastian Testero with two goals, and Billy Bauman with three. Henry Short also contributed by putting in a great performance in goal.

The Irish were winning 9-6 with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Grand Valley scored two goals, but Notre Dame still had possession with 30 seconds to go in the match. After a steal, Grand Valley put a shot on goal that hit off the post and floated along the goal line. A questionable call by the official calling it a goal tied up the score and sent the game into a two period overtime.

The Irish found themselves trailing 10-9 in the second period of overtime, when Billy Bauman tied it up from a nice cross pass on a Notre Dame 6 on 5, and sent the game into sudden death format. Unfortunately, the Irish were unable to capitalize on their first possession, and Grand Valley ended the game on the ensuing possession on their own man up opportunity.

The next game was later that day against the University of Illinois-Chicago. Notre Dame came out sluggish, spotting UIC a 5-1 lead by the middle of the second period. Through great defense and a solid performance in goal by freshman Tate Kernell, Notre Dame was able to slow down UIC's offense. The Irish did not give up, and found success with multiple Irish players scoring with lob shots over the goalie.

Down three goals going into the fourth period, Notre Dame fought back to tie up the game at 8-8, and force the second overtime of the day. The late charge was led by junior Matt Fordonski who scored three goals, and freshman John Hancher and Chris Jennis who each scored two goals apiece. However, fatigue showed as the Irish failed to score in overtime, and went on to lose the game 10-8.

Notre Dame's next game was against Ball State University. The Irish came out strong early, winning by a count of 8-0 after the first period.

After giving the entire Irish bench significant playing time, Notre Dame cruised to an 18-4 victory. Billy Bauman scored four goals and junior Clark Madison put in six.

Despite the two tough losses, Notre Dame played well all weekend, and will work hard to come away with a victory in the conference championship coming up in a few weeks.

Field Hockey

The Notre Dame Club field hockey team traveled to Cincinnati this Sunday to play Xavier University and the Centurions, a local club team.

Notre Dame won the first game 6-1. The Irish scored five times in the

first half. Danielle Straccia scored twice, both assisted by Mary Ulliman. Nellie Gotebeski also scored a pair of goals in the first half, assisted by Jen O'Neil and Mary Ulliman. Finally, Jen O'Neil put one in the back of the net to end the half.

Xavier came back strong in the second half, allowing only a goal by Ellen Blatt.

After playing Xavier, Notre Dame had a tough match against the Centurions, a local club team composed of mostly international players.

In the first half, Danielle Straccia rifled home a shot, making it 1-0 at half. The Irish defense was very solid in holding the fresh Centurions to a single goal. The match ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Irish will next face off this Sunday against both Xavier and St. Louis University at the LaBar Field.

Water Skiing

The water ski club is currently sitting ninth among 18 college teams in the conference championships held this weekend. The results of the men's jump will not be known until Wednesday to tabulate final rankings.

Oliver Chmell led the men's squad, while Robin Link and Alison Lindeen performed very well in women's competition. Twenty skiers represented the Irish in the tournament.

Squash

An undermanned Notre Dame squash club dropped a pair of 9-0 matches this weekend at Purdue, losing to the host Boilermakers and Illinois. Four Irish starters missed the match due to ROTC, freshman/sophomore retreats, and

the LSAT.

Of particular note, new players Jamie Urbana, Mark Hincapi, and Thomas Dore were very competitive at second, third, and fourth singles. Urbana stepped up to take on the No. 2 spot despite being a freshman at his first collegiate squash tournament. Hincapi, a senior, played hard and quick against Purdue and Illinois, but the more seasoned opponents took advantage of his inexperience. Dore showed significant potential, playing very well at times against both teams, but his inconsistency led to his downfall. Peter Gallagher held number one for the Irish, while Matt Sushinskyk and Kenny Schlax completed the line-up, with the Irish forfeiting the final three matches.

Men's Rugby

The Notre Dame Rugby club traveled to Elkhart, Ind. this weekend to play in the "Big Ten Plus One Tournament."

On Saturday, the team started off against a strong Michigan State side. The Notre Dame squad, led in part by David Bray and Dan Scheper, was able to take a quick advantage in the first half, leading by five going into halftime. Michigan State struck back at the open of the second half with a quick score, but the Irish pushed down the field with intensity and discipline and were able to score a try within two minutes of Michigan State's strike.

With five minutes left, Sean Peterson hit a penalty kick to put MSU away for good.

In their second game, the Irish faced up against a sizable Purdue side. Within the first four minutes, Purdue punched in a try to take an

early lead. However, the Irish were able to score twice before halftime, taking a 14-7 lead.

During the second half, both teams had trouble scoring, but with 5 minutes remaining, Purdue threatened to tie the score with offensive pressure in the scrums. However, the Irish were able to hold them off until time expired and therefore would move onto the semifinals the next morning.

On Sunday, Notre Dame played Indiana. The backs controlled the majority of the game with heavy insertion from key forwards, including Jaime Urquijo and Michael Doran. Through heavy reliance on the kicks from Sean Peterson and Alex Macomber, the Irish were able to keep the game in Indiana's side of the field and scored two tries due to quick movement within the backline.

Indiana struck back with a try in the second half, but they were not able to score again as the Irish won 12-5.

Notre Dame's victory over Indiana qualified them for a spot in the championship game against No. 5 ranked Penn State, who had beaten Ohio State in their previous match. The game started with a series of kicks by Penn State, which planted the Irish deep in their own territory.

Penn State took an early 7-0 lead, but the Irish came back with a penalty kick set up by a long line-break lead by Jason Gonzalez. The rest of the half was dominated by the Irish, who scored another try to go ahead 8-7 at halftime.

During the second half, the tides turned in favor of Penn State, who scored two tries with 10 minutes left in the game to give the Nittany Lions the win.

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Cossell

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Barrick Bollman and senior Matt Mooney, held the Duncan running attack scoreless all game.

"Our defense played out of their minds all game," junior captain and quarterback Pat Rushford said. "With the young guys, it's looking good for the future."

Alumni got on the board first after a couple of scoreless long drives. Midway through the second quarter the Dawgs put together a long drive kept alive by a third down completion from Rushford to freshman wide receiver Carlos Cortes. Grojean, a fullback on the offensive side of the ball, finished the drive with a run for a touchdown to put Alumni up 7-0.

"I thought our offense moved the ball really well," Rushford said. "We moved it with the pass and the run."

Alumni's defense continued to control the game well into the second half, getting several stops including an interception by Bollman.

The Highlanders finally caught a break with nine minutes left in the game and Alumni on offense. Rushford threw a swing pass that sophomore Duncan linebacker Adam Zaabel intercepted and returned 35 yards for a game-tying touchdown.

"I knew I had the flat on that play and I really just read the quarterback's eyes," Zaabel said.

On Alumni's ensuing possession the Dawgs marched down the field, converting three fourth downs on Rushford runs. After a costly holding penalty brought back a big run, the Dawgs settled for Libel's field goal try.

The miss left both teams searching for meaning in a tie game. Rushford drew hope from the previous game's outcome.

"Knott and Siegfried are in our division and they tied," Rushford said. "It's really up for grabs, and if we're still in the running then I'm happy."

Duncan, who appeared lucky to have come away with a tie, also was optimistic at game's end.

"I told the guys we fought a pretty big battle for a tie," Zaabel said. "We made a lot of mistakes but we're happy."

Dillon 14, Keenan 0

The Dillon defense shut out its opponent en route to a victory for the second straight week.

This week Keenan took its turn to be stifled by the Dillon defense. The Knights never threatened as they fell to 0-2 on the season with the loss.

"We know we need to win next week," sophomore captain and quarterback Terry Mahoney said. "We need to come out with the intensity we didn't show today. We just didn't come out firing."

Following a 7-3 loss last week to Keough, the Keenan offense once again failed to match the strong play of their defense.

"The defense played great," Mahoney said. "The offense's struggles are on me. As the quarterback I didn't play up to the standards of this football team in the past. The loss is on me. It's tough when guys are battling around you and the offense just can't put points on the board."

Keenan's secondary, led by sophomore ball-hound P.J. McHugh, never yielded any open space to the Big Red, thus Dillon relied on its ground attack. The Big Red took control of the game when they marched down the field without ever throwing the ball in the third quarter for the first score of the day. The athleticism of freshman running back Terry Howard and junior running back Eric Herbert along with the leadership of senior quarterback Jason Miller allowed the Big Red to travel 61 yards down the field in 11 plays.

"In the first half we were running

the ball well," junior captain Jordan Smith said. "We gained 15 yards but we had a holding penalty so I thought it was just a matter of time until we scored."

The Dillon offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage the entire game, led by senior center Mike Belotti.

"That offensive line is just great," Smith said. "Last week they had an awesome game and this week they were even better. They created a lot of holes. [On] our scoring drive we never passed the ball, so that was pretty good. I'd like to give our center Mike Belotti a shout-out, he had a heck of a game."

The Big Red will try to keep smothering opposing offenses when they face Stanford this coming Sunday. The Knights will try to win their first game when they face off with O'Neill.

Fisher 6, Carroll 6

Neither Fisher nor Carroll managed to convert an extra point, and both failed to pull out a win over their rival Sunday, as the game ended tied at six.

The game was sloppy on both sides of the ball, with half a dozen fumbled snaps, more incomplete passes than connected ones, and two game-altering turnovers.

Do-it-all senior Jamie Ellis set up Fisher's touchdown with an impressive interception near the sideline in the first quarter.

Fisher's touchdown went unanswered until the second half when sophomore linebacker Albert Toscano forced a crucial fumble leading to a scoring drive for Carroll. The turnover was immediately put to good use by Toscano's fellow sophomore, running back Nick Tammerine. Tammerine proved himself not only as one of the fastest players in the game, but thoroughly capable of making a catch under any amount of pressure from the Fisher defense. Two decisive passing plays and one hand off later, junior quarterback Brian Vaio was able to land the ball into the arms of senior receiver Tommy Mumford for a 20-yard strike. Only needing one point for the lead, Carroll set up for an extra point attempt but a missed snap left the game tied.

Neither defense allowed either team to near the end zone for the remainder of the game, leaving the score tied.

While it wasn't a win for either team it was also not a loss and the attitude of the coaches reflected the mediocre finish.

"We weren't clicking on offense," Carroll sophomore coach Patrick Shanley said. "However, our defense was as impregnable as I had pre-

dicted."

Fisher head coach senior Pat Hogan chose not to comment on specifics of the game other than that he was upset that Miley Cyrus had not attended. He also wished to issue a warning from the Green Wave to the St. Edward's Gentlemen, who they will be facing next week.

"Watch out St. Ed's," Hogan said. "We will be blitzing all day."

Knott 7, Siegfried 7

The latest edition of the Mod Quad rivalry between Knott and Siegfried ended in a tie that left both teams feeling unsatisfied and disappointed in their performance.

Knott looked to have the upper hand early, forcing Siegfried into a four-and-out on the opening possession of the game and driving to the Siegfried six-yard-line. The drive, however, stalled and ended when freshman kicker David Pratt's field goal attempt missed on the last play of the first quarter, seemingly giving the Ramblers the momentum.

On Siegfried's first offensive play after the turnover, Knott took the ball right back with a fumble recovery by senior cornerback Jeff Skourp. The series of turnovers continued one step further when Knott senior quarterback Aidan Fitzgerald threw an interception to Ramblers senior linebacker Dex Cure.

After the wild sequence of consecutive turnovers, Siegfried possessed the ball in Knott territory. The Ramblers took quick advantage by virtue of a 30-yard touchdown run by senior Michael DesJardins, taking a 7-0 lead in the process. Siegfried's defense then forced a three-and-out, giving the Ramblers possession with two minutes remaining in the first half and a chance to take complete control of the game. Though Siegfried was able to drive to the red zone, the half ended with another missed field goal attempt by freshman kicker Stephen Wandor.

Knott scored in the third quarter on an 11-yard Fitzgerald touchdown pass to junior tight end Connor Smith after a long pass to Skourp gave the Juggerknotts excellent field position.

The fourth quarter was a defensive struggle featuring multiple fourth down stops and punts in the closing minutes of the game. The teams were unhappy with their offense, but the defenses seem to be the strong suit of these teams early into the season.

"We made some good defensive plays," Fitzgerald said. "Our defensive front played well."

Siegfried's defense also kept Knott's playmakers — including Fitzgerald, Skourp, and sophomore

running back Houston Clark — in check for the majority of the game.

Both sidelines were unhappy with the result, considering how much the rivalry meant to the teams. The seniors seemed especially crestfallen as they realized that they would never get another chance to fight for Mod Quad supremacy.

"I'm definitely disappointed that we didn't get those points," said Fitzgerald. "Tying is about as un-American as you can get."

Sorin 20, Zahm 0

Sorin's lock-down secondary and big-play ability overpowered Zahm's strong running attack Sunday.

The Zahm offense got off to a quick start behind their running backs, junior Greg Bennet and senior captain Jared Carter. The two split Sorin's defense for large gains on the opening drive, but a pivotal fourth-down stop gave the Otters the ball and the momentum.

From that point on, the game and momentum belonged to Sorin. Defensively, while the Zahm's persistent run game was a nuisance, the secondary dominated the game. Zahm struggled to complete a pass, and the defensive line frequently got to the quarterback.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Otters were firing on all cylinders. The quarterback, senior Casey "Pistol" McGushin, led Sorin the length of the field and scored on a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line with 40 seconds left in the half. After a quick turnover by Zahm's offense, McGushin threw a long touchdown on the final play of the half. At halftime, the Otters led the Rabid Bats 13-0.

Things seemed to be looking up at the beginning of the second half for Zahm. They resumed pounding the football with the run game, and McGushin left the game after suffering a concussion. Nonetheless, Zahm still struggled throwing the ball over the superior defensive backs of Sorin and couldn't amass more than a few first downs in the second half.

Despite the injury to their starting quarterback, the Otters continued to thrive. Junior Jon Beckerle stepped in as the leader of the offense and moved the ball well against the Rabid Bats. He threw a demoralizing touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to seal the win for Sorin.

"It was a play I've executed 30,000 times in Madden," Beckerle said jokingly about the pass. "But seriously, it was a great play by my receiver and it was a big win for Sorin."

The Otter's victory boosts their record to 2-0 while Zahm moves to 0-1 on the season.

Stanford 16, Keough 0

Stanford came out swinging in their season opener, shutting out Keough in a win Sunday.

In their first offensive drive of the game, the Griffins' first-time starting quarterback junior Tony Rizzo connected with fellow junior Dave Galiyas for a touchdown, which was followed by a two-point conversion also orchestrated by Rizzo.

"The offense did exactly what they needed to do," senior captain Chris Gill said. "Our offensive line play was impressive."

In the second half, it was Rizzo again with a pass to sophomore Pat Kelly, who followed with a 55-yard run to the end zone for the game's second and final touchdown.

Although the offense was certainly impressive throughout the game, Gill highlighted the tough, consistent play of the Griffins' defense as the main contributor to the victory.

"Our defense played great. We were missing a few guys this week and we really stepped it up," Gill said.

He emphasized defensemen junior Josh Von Shaumburg, sophomore Griffin Naylor and freshman Eric Zeltwanger as key contributors in the shutout victory.

Gill forced multiple incompleteness and recorded the only interception of the game. He returned the ball back to the Kangaroo's 11-yard line, but the Griffins were unable to convert the turnover into points.

While Keough's offense failed to capitalize on key opportunities, such as Stanford's fumble on their own 33 yard-line, their defense had impressive stands throughout the game, particularly in the red zone.

"We played pretty well, it was a much closer game than the scoreboard indicated," Kangaroo sophomore captain Ryan Cordell said.

Keough's senior quarterback Matt Bruggeman and sophomore running back Reed Loomer both played impressive games, but were unable to string together enough successful plays on a single drive.

Cordell acknowledged this as the ultimate flaw in the loss.

"Stanford made big plays when it counted," he said.

The Griffins' impressive win leaves the team feeling confident about the upcoming season.

"We're looking forward to next week," Gill said.

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Weis

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Purdue averaged only 2.8 yards per carry as a team, and Weis said even that number was a touch inflated by three long runs.

"You know, they had a couple of carries where they got yards, and then the rest of the carries, I mean, they gained 56 yards on three carries, and they gained 11 yards on the other 14 carries," Weis said. "The rest of it averaged less than a yard a carry."

That doesn't eliminate all concerns, however, as the Irish struggled to stop a mediocre passing attack for the second straight week.

Notre Dame's two safeties, senior Kyle McCarthy and junior Harrison Smith, are the team's two leading tacklers through four games. Both are relied upon to help significantly in stopping the run, especially when the front seven struggles to contain the ground game.

When McCarthy and Smith creep closer into the box, that forces the corner backs to play a softer coverage to avoid being beat deep, and that likely accounts for the cushion that both Michigan State and Purdue exploited in consecutive weeks for 354 and 289 yards, respectively. And the Irish still need to improve their tackling, which Weis mentioned as early as Week One.

Even still, Weis said the improvement the defense showed against the

Boilermakers was significant.

"This is [coordinator] Jon [Tenuta] and the defensive staff deciding that they had to put a couple wrinkles in here to get a little bit of balance," Weis said. "I think that especially when a lot of those coverage's they went to were bluff and blitzes, I thought it was a nice change of pace."

Though he was used sparingly, there was one Irish player in particular who looked a major change of pace.

Freshman linebacker Manti Te'o still hasn't garnered consistent playing time, as junior Brian Smith and sophomore Darius Fleming have flanked senior middle linebacker Toryan Smith in most base defensive packages.

But when Te'o has been in the game, he has made his presence felt. Te'o surged through the Purdue line and sacked quarterback Joey Elliot for a loss of 12 to bury the Boilermakers on their first play after Notre Dame's final touchdown.

"I think one thing we need to do both in practice and in games is just play him more," Weis said. "The only thing, when you have a young linebacker you'll go through some growing pains, but I think that you'll see him just playing more."

"We talked about that today. I think as the year goes on, you'll see his playing time just increase more and more."

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Tryout

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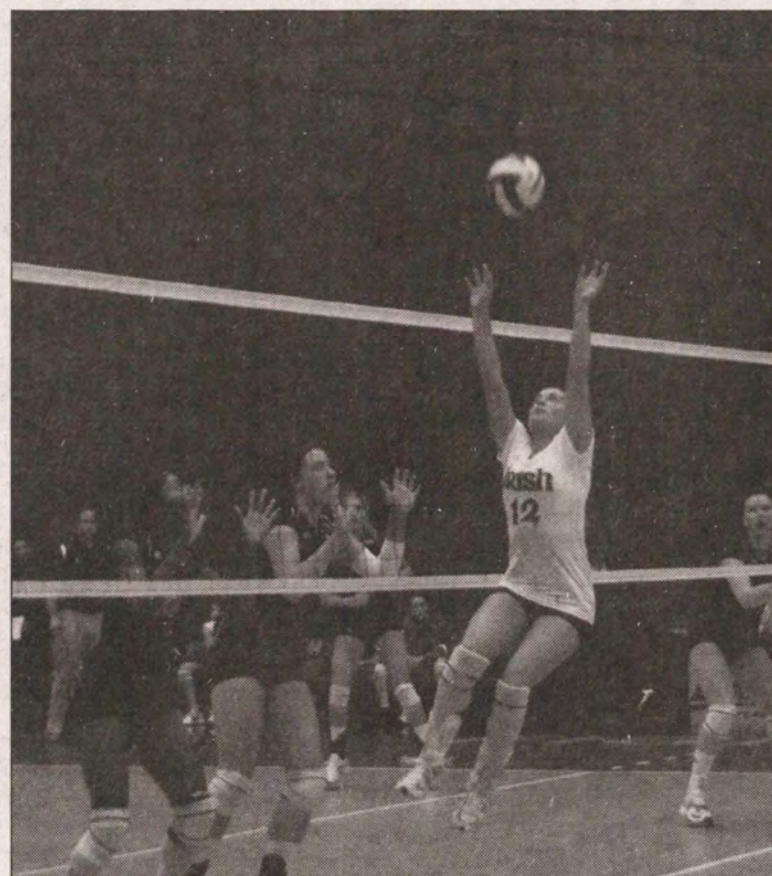
"It was very worthwhile for us to do that because we felt if we could find somebody that could come in and help run the second team, it would be a really good thing for us," Brown said. "I think we had 13 people come out and I thought the tryout went well, but we just felt like the speed of the game and for what we needed, we didn't end up keeping anybody."

Nicholas, who has been nursing a painful leg injury all season, leads the Irish in sets played with 43 and total assists with 473 (11 assists per set). Nicholas has played in more than 100 matches in her Irish career, accumulating a total of 2,431 assists.

"She's been hurt, so it's tough," Brown said. "She's doing everything she possibly can in terms of being as strong and in shape and anything she can do, but she's limited even with that. It's a lot of just her leadership and experience and determination, but she's certainly been vital to the team's success."

So for now Brown will employ a setter-by-committee solution, giving Nicholas breathers by substituting in freshman outside hitter Marie Roof and freshman libero Christina Theofilos, who has some experience at the setter position in high school.

"Both Marie Roof and Christina Theofilos can help us in that role," Brown said. "Christina can set out of the back row and Marie out of



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Senior setter Jamel Nicholas sets the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over New Mexico State on Sept. 13.

the front row. Marie hasn't set before, but she's a very good blocker and she does have a good touch on the ball, so we're working with her a little bit to do a simple-side offense."

Nevertheless, the lion's share of the playing time will still go to Nicholas, whose health will continue to be a concern for the Irish as they head into the season's grind. But Irish fans have every reason to believe that Nicholas will carry the load without

complaint as she has done all season.

"I'm totally fine with it," Nicholas said. "I'll have to be careful on my leg and just start the offense like I have been running it all year. The girls who are going to come in have been around the game, they know what they need to do, just encourage them to be confident out there."

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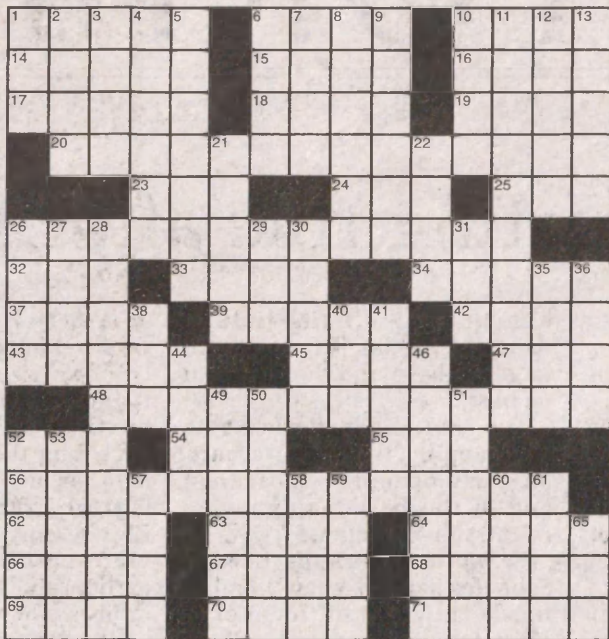
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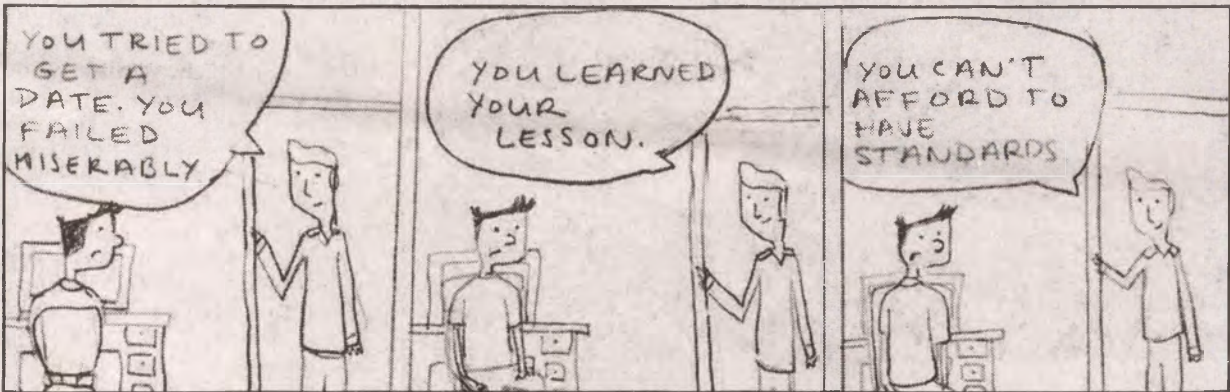
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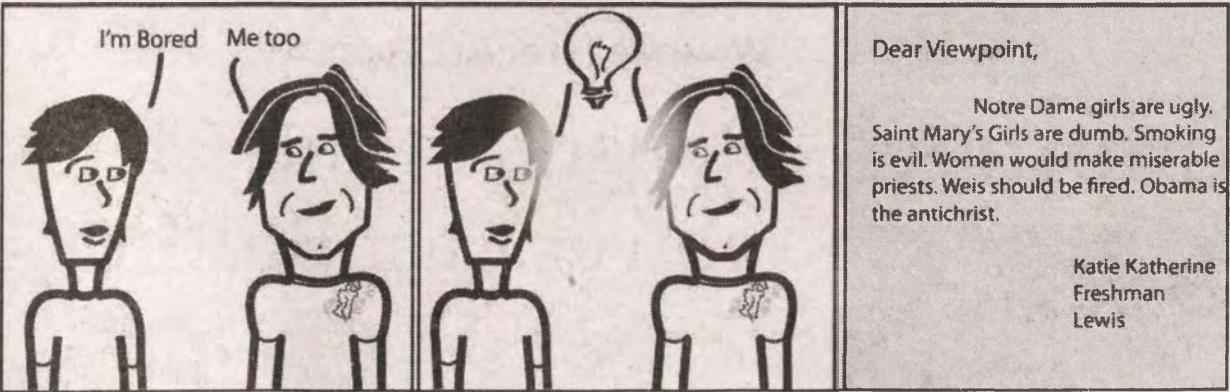
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MEN'S SOCCER

Schaefer steps into starting role after Rellas goes down

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The last thing a team wants to experience to begin the year is a season-ending injury to one of its key players, but that is exactly what happened to the Irish when fifth-year senior defenseman Cory Rellas went down with an ACL injury to his left knee just minutes into the first game of the season

against Michigan.

"We didn't want it to happen that way," head coach Bobby Clark said. "It was unfortunate. Cory missed last year with an ACL injury too."

But the Irish had an answer when senior defenseman John Schaefer stepped up and took over the role seamlessly.

"I didn't see Cory go down," Schaefer said. "But then [senior goalkeeper Phillip] Tuttle nudged me and I saw

him limping off the field. I thought that this is it, you have to go in there and do what you do best."

And that is exactly what he did, helping the Irish to earn an early opening win against one of the best teams in the country in Michigan.

"I was not nervous at all," Schaefer said. "I knew I had to finish the game off for [Cory]. He is such a great leader. If we could get him back and he can

do a better job for the team, we need to get him out there."

Schaefer had a long road from playing ball with his brother as a young kid to becoming the starting defenseman for one of the premier college programs in the country. He had only played in two previous games in his college career, and both of those were in his sophomore year.

"It kills you," Schaefer said. "In my junior year I really

wanted to play, but I had some good players ahead of me."

It is no small wonder why he did not see the field early in his career, as Schaefer has some big Notre Dame shoes to fill, having played behind players like Rellas and Matt Besler, currently a starting defenseman for the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

All knotted up

Three games finish deadlocked Sunday

By CHRIS ALLEN, ANDREW OWENS, KATIE GABRIEL, ALLAN JOSEPH, LEX DENNIS and KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writers

Only a couple of inches separated Alumni from its first victory of the season Sunday.

Duncan and Alumni were tied at seven when sophomore kicker Matt Libel's 25-yard field goal bounced off the crossbar as time expired, leaving both teams with records of 0-1-1.

The unkind bounce came at the end of a game in which Alumni's defense, led by freshman linebackers Anthony Cossell and Ryan Grojean, sophomore defensive back

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Knott running back Houston Clark runs past a diving Siegfried defender during Sunday's game. The Mod Quad rivalry ended unresolved in a 7-7 tie.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish hold tryout to find setter

By CHRIS MASOUD
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One of a coach's most useful tools, a deep bench gives a team the flexibility to substitute a fatigued player without a major drop-off in intensity or talent. Leading the Irish into Big East play without such a luxury at the setter position, coach Debbie Brown is confident her team will not be held back.

Brown recently held an open tryout in an effort to provide some support for senior setter Jamel Nicholas, who has played in nearly every minute of every set this season.

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FOOTBALL

Rushing defense improves

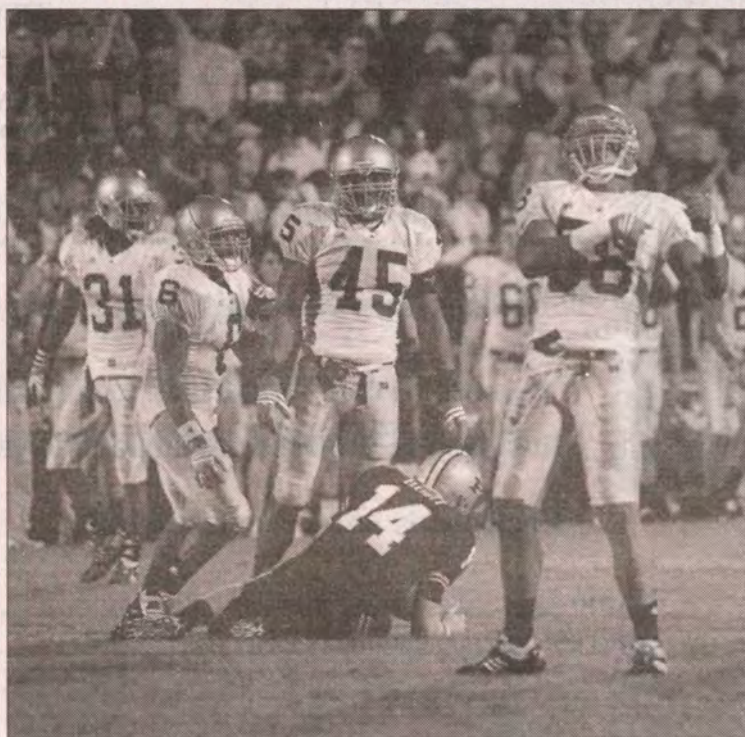
By MATT GAMBER
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The Irish defense was far from dominant in Saturday's heart-stopping 24-21 win at Purdue, but a quick look at the statistics shows Notre Dame did a pretty decent job of stopping the Boilermakers, particularly on the ground.

The Irish held their hosts to 363 yards of total offense and limited talented tailback Ralph Bolden to 67 yards on 17 carries in what was, by far, Notre Dame's best effort against the run since the opening shutout of Nevada.

"The rushing defense I thought was dramatically improved," Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his Sunday press conference. "I think that was one of the things that I was pleased with the most, especially in the second half."

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Junior linebacker Brian Smith, right, celebrates after sacking Purdue quarterback Joey Elliot during Notre Dame's 24-21 win.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Robertson and Chaos power past Bullfrogs

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Cavanaugh used two touchdown runs by its quarterback to top Badin 14-7 Sunday.

Sophomore quarterback Megan Robertson ran the ball in on the Chaos' first possession to give them a quick 7-0 lead.

After a long defensive struggle for both teams, Badin managed a touchdown in the second half to tie the game. But the Chaos responded on the very next possession with another spectacular touchdown run by Robertson after a key block from sophomore running back Brittini Alexander sprung the quarterback free.

The Bullfrogs had one final

chance to score in the last minute of the game after a pass interference call gave them a first down in Cavanaugh territory, but the Cavanaugh defense foiled Badin's desperation passes with pressure on the quarterback and excellent coverage on the receivers.

Chaos captain, senior Sarah Cline, was pleased with her squad's performance, pointing out that they played well on both sides of the ball.

"I'm very proud of our team, especially the defense," Cline said. "The defensive line held strong and put constant pressure on their quarterback."

The Bullfrogs remain optimistic, undaunted by the early season loss. The young team gave a solid performance and fought until the last down.

"We stayed competitive until

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