A jury acquitted former Notre Dame football player Donald Dykes of rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery early Tuesday morning.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 12 hours and returned a verdict at 12:15 a.m., following closing arguments that focused on the credibility of the alleged victim's testimony. Dykes, along with former Notre Dame football players Lorenzo Crawford, Justin Smith and Abram Elam, were accused of sexually assaulting and gang raping a former student. The four former players maintain the woman consented to the sexual acts.

Stanley said the woman, who originally consented to the sex acts, decided to tell Notre Dame and law enforcement authorities she was raped because she did not want to be held accountable for her actions under Notre Dame's disciplinary system. Notre Dame's policy states that if an individual makes a rape allegation, the victim will not be held accountable under its disciplinary process. Students can otherwise be expelled for engaging in sexual intercourse outside of marriage.

The four former players were expelled from the team.

University spokesman Matt Storin declined to comment on the verdict.

"Notre Dame fulfilled its responsibilities in this case through its own disciplinary process, which is quite distinct from a criminal case and rendered a judgment based on what we consider to be best for the welfare of our students based on our codes of conduct and sexual behavior," Storin said.

The two remaining rape trials will begin later this fall.

Last month, a jury convicted Illam of sexual battery and see DYKES/page 4

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Gameday crackdowns follow fans

Turtle Creek bust raises questions

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

The Sept. 6 alcohol bust at the Turtle Creek apartment complex raised concerns about the aggressive manner with which law enforcement officials apprehended student offenders at the scene.

A team of Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police Department and Notre Dame Security Police raided several tailgate parties prior to Notre Dame's first home football game of the 2003 season.

Student witnesses at Turtle Creek alleged that officers tackled several students and even stumped one with a tazer as they attempted to flee the scene.

The crackdown resulted in five arrests, and 26 people were charged with offenses such as minor in consumption, including a minor to possess alcoholic beverages and resisting arrest.

Captain Jim Hasig of the South Bend Police Department participated in the Sept. 6 operation and said he is positive that it was not unnecessarily rough.

"A couple people got tackled because they were fleeing," said Hasig. "They were told to stay put by police as we entered an apartment, and they find out the door. There were about 20 other people in that apartment, but they stayed in the apartment and there were no problems. They would not have been tackled had they not fled."

Zahm Hall junior Eric Tarnowski, who was in Turtle Creek said, "I was surprised by the arrests and the tactics that the police used. It was a very tense situation and the students were very upset."

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Saint Mary's releases new mission statement

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Last week, Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff found the College's newly revised mission statement posted on bulletin boards, Web sites and dorm doors around campus.

The rewriting process began in 1999 after the College's accrediting body, The Higher Learning Commission, mandated that the statement be updated. The last mission statement was written in 1980.

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The committee began the process of revising by reviewing all of the drafts that had been written since 1996. Together they discussed the drafts, brought together the philosophy behind them and presented the newly revised statement to the Board of Trustees.

The long process used to arrive at the final version approved by the board was deliberative and inclusive of the entire campus community.

"After the last accreditation, it was suggested that the mission be clearer with its statement of purpose," said Sister Anne Schulz, vice president for the mission. "It needed to be a document that everyone would know.

The new mission statement is shorter, yet still manages to encompass all of the facets of the old statement, she said. The four core values of the College—community, truth, faith/spirituality and justice—are included at the bottom.

"The core values have never been outlined before, and that is an important facet to the new statement," Schulz said. "It is important for St. Mary's community to understand and embrace this as our identity.

The old statement has not been done away with. Instead, it has become the college's nonacademic and see MISSION/page 4

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Students cited at Michigan game

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

At least eight students or individuals associated with Notre Dame were cited Saturday by the University of Michigan's Department of Public Safety.

Public Safety Lt. Crystal James said most of the citations were for public urination or were alcohol-related. She did not comment specifically on the offenses or their possible consequences.

James said the Department of Public Safety processes and investigates all citations it issues. The department does not forward the citations to other law enforcement agencies or universities if students are involved, she said. For serious offenses, the prosecutor's office is notified.

James said cited individuals do have to appear in the 15th District Court.

"The citation would be handled in court," James said. "It might just be a fine. It depends if (the individuals) want to fight it." In total, the Public Safety police officers issued 47 citations Saturday and ejected four individuals from the stadium.

James said to her knowledge there were no major incidents that occurred during, before or after the game. She was unaware of whether the four ejected individuals were Notre Dame or Michigan fans and did not know what prompted their ejections.

"Fifty-four citations are probably the most that we do clip multiple people each game," James said.

The citations include offenses that occurred both inside the stadium and on the newly revised statement to the Board of Trustees.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Holding onto Irish pride

This past weekend, accompanied by nine of my closest friends, I went home. Conveniently, home happens to be in Novi, Mich., a mere 30 miles from Ann Arbor and the "Big House." I have lived in this area my entire life and, therefore, have had to face the hounding of U of M fans for my devotion to the Irish since as far back as I can remember. While my peers in school sported blue and gold — a much better color combination, if you ask me. Up until last week, I had no intention of ever entering the Big House. But, when a friend managed to find a set of tickets at a reasonable price, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to support the Irish as they continued their quest of the most noted traditions in college sports history. Hearing of the arrogant nature that overtook a majority of Michigan fans (at least those I've come across) failed to shock me into believability. I would encounter behavior that I hadn't faced before. Boy, was I wrong.

From the drive to Ann Arbor to the drive home, there was rarely a moment when I, my friends or anyone in green wasn't the target of derogatory comments and actions geared towards opposing fans — and derogatory is putting it nicely. In fact, I can count two Michigan fans I met that at least showed it nicely. In fact, I can count two Michigan fans I met that at least showed some civility and class. Two. The university must be so proud.

By the time we entered the stadium, I had had enough of getting flicked off, being told to "F-the Irish," getting pushed and other behavior I can't even mention in print. Luckily, our seats were in an area primarily occupied by Irish fans, aside from a 40-year-old Michigan man who sold Himself in front of us. Yet, a doubt, this man displayed the most obnoxious, hautephy and immature behavior I have ever seen. Despite the requests of those in our section, representing both Notre Dame and Michigan fans alike, he refused to disem­ pose himself. Instead, he and his wife shrugged and continued to stare directly into our faces and ignored the fact that a seven-year-old boy was sitting only a seat away.

"I apologize," another Michigan fan said. "These guys are all true fans and some are just tapes.

Perhaps there were a few exceptions Saturday, but overall, Michigan fans treated us (their guests) in an extreme manner. I have yet to see occur on Notre Dame's campus. So congratulations, Wolverines. I suppose you did surprise me, but despite the upset of a lifetime, at least we left with something to be proud of — dignity.

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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: WHICH GRAB’N’GO IS BETTER, NORTH OR SOUTH?

Kyre Blackwell
Freshman
Zahm Hall

"South has better variety."

Veronica Bradham
Freshman
Caravan Hall

"South is ten times better."

Bridget Brennan
Junior
Walsh Hall

"I like the chocolate cream filled long johns at South."

Leah McKelvey
Junior
Walsh Hall

"South, it's closer."

Lynee Layne
Freshman
McGlinn Hall

"SDH Grab’n’Go is magnificently better than North."

Andy Ramirez
Junior
Morrissey Manor

OFFBEAT

Hungry Blaine endures British humor

LONDON — When magi­ cian David Blaine organized his latest feat — six food-free days suspended in a Plexi­ glass box beside London’s Tower Bridge — he prepared for loneliness, hunger and boredom. He may not have planned for Londoneers.

Since he entered the dangle­ box on Sept. 5, Blaine has been jizzed, pelted with eggs and awakened by drum­ mers. A tabloid newspaper grilled hamburgers under his box. A toy helicopter was sent up to dangle a cheeseburger in front of him.

One newspaper dubbed Blaine-hating "the new national sport."

That may be changing, as Londoneers come to admire the endurance — or at least the curiosity value — of the New York showman.

On a warm Monday after­ noon, dozens of onlookers paused to squat at Blaine as he sat unshaven and shirt­ less in his transparent case. For a while, he sat resting his head in his hands, occasional­ ly waving at the crowd. After a while, he opened his journal and contemplated its pages.

China’s diaper dilemma

BILLING — With a lack of intense concentration on his face, 21-month-old Zhang Xueyang explores the play­ ground, ducking under swings and sitting at fast as his legs can carry him.

His head is shaved. His red- and-yellow T-shirt proclaims "Cute Girl!" His bony, white­ cotton shorts are gritty with dirt. Suddenly, he strips in mid-stride and squats, the seam of his pants parting smoothly to allow a stream of urine to pool onto the concrete.

"Good boy!" his 25-year-old mother, Wu, shouts encourage­ ingly as he speeds back to the crowd.

The principle is clear: no­ fuss waste disposal. Pants are split down the middle — in front and back — and provide what many parents say is maximum convenience with minimum coverage.

But in recent years, with China’s experiment in capital­ ism creating a growing mid­ dle class, rising incomes and more sophisticated lifestyles have pushed many parents, particularly those in big cities, toward disposable diapers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

International Student Services and Activities will present two showings of the Irish film "Bloody Sunday" today in LaFortune Student Center’s Montgomery Theater at both 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. The films are free and open to the public.

A screening of the Italian movie "Johnny Stecchino" will be sponsored by the Italian Club tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium at the Hesburgh Library. The film, which stars Roberto Benigni, will be shown free of charge, and is open to the public.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will present a forum entitled "Americans are from Mars, Europeans are from Venus: Can we still talk?" today from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium.

The Center for Social Concerns will hold an information session for students interested in postgraduate international service opportunities today from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Siegfried Hall lounge.

The annual Business Career Fair will be held Wednesday from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the JACC. Students from all colleges and all years of study are encouraged to attend.

A new installation of the Kellogg/ILS film series "Looking Out, Looking In: Latino and Latin American Perspectives" will be shown in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The film, entitled "My Family," will be shown at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday’s ‘Inside head squeeze into Michigan’ article, Sandy Barbour was identified as deputy athletic dean at the University of Michigan. Barbour is Notre Dame’s Deputy Director of Athletics. The Observer regrets the error.

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SMC kicks off Pride Week with picnic

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's kicked off its annual pride week Monday evening with a picnic and free concert, as students gathered on the lawn outside of the Cushwa-Lehighton Library and enjoyed the respite from humidity and rain.

The event, featuring "Red Wanting Blue," a rock band from Ohio, was the first in a series of programs slated for the upcoming week. Pride Week is sponsored by the College's Student Activities Board.

"This year, we are trying to put more emphasis on our SMC pride," said Becca Boll, board president. "We especially want to get first-year students excited about Saint Mary's."

Activities planned for the remainder of the week include a showing of the movie "Animal House," featured tonight at 8 p.m. on the library green, "Table Talk" will take place at Dallaway's Coffee House Wednesday at 8 p.m., allowing students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with faculty, staff and peers.

"Ghost Stories," an event based off of last year's student-written book "Quiet Hours," will be held on the Lake Marion island at 7:30 p.m. "Ghost Stories" verbalizes a number of the legends students have heard about and strange experiences they have had on campus. Doll said it is anticipated to become a traditional event.

To conclude its Pride Week Festivities, Saint Mary's will be a host of the Notre Dame/Michigan State pep rally Friday at 6 p.m. in the JACC. Those interested in attending will meet at the LeMans bus circle at 4:15 p.m. and walk over together.

To gain maximum exposure, activities are advertised by e-mail, staff news, the Saint Mary's website and table-top sales.

"We always like to see the faculty and staff turn out at events. It really helps facilitate our community here at Saint Mary's," she said. "The events are open to anyone from the three campuses."

Helping students dress the part for pride week, SAB will sell Saint Mary's pride T-shirts through Friday. They are available outside of Staggard Student Center in the afternoon and during all dinners at the Noble Family Dining Hall for $5 each.

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Engineers sponsor Industry Day

College of Engineering students meet at a banquet with representatives from engineering firms Monday.

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF
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The College of Engineering will sponsor its annual Engineering Industry Day today in the Joyce Center.

The event, which is primarily directed toward seniors who are seeking full-time employment, will feature employers interested in hiring Notre Dame students upon graduation.

"Over 60 companies will be here," said John Uhran, senior associate dean of the College of Engineering. "These companies keep coming back to the Industry Day."

Uhran said that corporations such as Boeing, DuPont, General Electric, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, IBM and Lockheed Martin are expected to attend.

The fair has been steadily growing over the past five or six years. Uhran said, outgrowing its former home in Fitzpatrick Hall. Several hundred students are expected to attend this year, from all levels and majors within the College.

Because the fair has been steadily growing, it was moved to its present Joyce Center location, where students and employers will have the opportunity to discuss potential job openings within the field of engineering.

Students also have the option of submitting their resumes to participating employers via GoRISII, an online resume bank maintained by the Career Center. Many companies involved with today's event will return later in the semester and again during the spring semester for Career Center-sponsored internship and job fairs.

Engineering Industry Day officially opened Monday night with a banquet and reception for students and business representatives. It will conclude Wednesday with an opportunity for potential employers to conduct interviews with students they met at today's fair.

Run primarily by students in the College of Engineering, the Engineering Industry Day is also sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the Joint Engineering Council.

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campus property. The Ann Arbor Police Department also has jurisdiction over city property where football-related activities such as tailgating occurred. Attempts to reach Ann Arbor police for information regarding citations and arrests were unsuccessful. Sgt. Andrew Zazulia said police were called to many incidents involving Michigan and Notre Dame fans Friday and Saturday.

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purpose, which explains how to carry out the mission. Rewriting the mission statement was the first and most critical step in the College’s Strategic Plan. "It was important to outline the purpose of the college before we tried to remodel anything else," said Shulte.

Although the statement was approved by the Board of Trustees in the past June, it has only recently been widely spread around campus.

The next meeting of The Higher Learning Commission will take place in 2005, when the mission statement will again be reviewed.

"It has always been intended that the mission statement will be reviewed every five years," said Schultz. "The mission statement's message will a l w a y s remain. It is the expression of that which will change."

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Dykes

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acquired him of conspiracy to commit rape and criminal deviate conduct. In contrast to Dykes' trial, all of the former players testified at Elam's trial and said the woman told Elam on multiple occasions, "No, you have a girlfriend." The former players did not state that the woman told anyone else "No."

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Bust

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Creek for the bust, said he saw tailgaters being tackled as they attempted to bust away. "I saw at least one person get tackled, and more people who looked like they were about to be tackled," Tarnowski said. "But it wasn't like the cops came through and just started tackling people."

Hassig said four individuals were tackled at the bust, all of them by Excise Police, and no injuries resulted from those tackles.

According to Rex Bakow of the Notre Dame Security Police, a police officer has the right to tackle an individual when he or she is fleeing or resisting arrest.

Hassig also said that no one at the scene was tazed. He said only the South Bend police officers brought tazers to the scene and none of the officers removed those tazers from their holsters during the operation.

Mike Russell, a Zahm Hall junior, said he saw the officers using tazers at the bust. "I saw a [police officer] with a dot-long rod; he was chasing a guy and holding out a stick towards him," Russell said. "I've seen a stun-stick before, and that's what it looked like to me."

The crackdown, motivated by the Indiana State Excise Police and organized in conjunction with the South Bend city attorney's office and the South Bend Police Department, was an attempt to cut down on large parties involving Michigan and Notre Dame fans Friday and Saturday.

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Edward's marketed as a working man

Associated Press

John Edwards, the Southern moderate dogged by complaints that he's short on political experience, is pitching himself as a champion of the working man as he formally joins the crowded Democratic presidential race.

The North Carolina senator, who made millions as a trial attorney before entering politics five years ago, highlighted his blue collar roots by staging his announcement at the Robbins, N.C., textile mill where his father worked for 36 years. A young John Edwards once had a job there, mopping beneath looms in the weave room.

"This is where I learned that the simple promise of America is the enduring greatness of America — a better life for all who work for it," Edwards said in the text of a speech prepared for delivery Tuesday. "And so this is where — today — to make opportunity the birthright of every American, I declare myself a candidate for president of the United States."

The next stop on the official kickoff was Columbia, S.C., a must-win state in Edwards' strategy to reach the White House. Rather than try to take a win in New Hampshire against more seasoned rivals, Edwards was looking for his candidacy to take off with a win in South Carolina. He was banking that voters in the state would be attracted to a fresh-faced moderate with Carolina roots.

In some ways, Edwards is a presidential candidate in the mold of Bill Clinton, the youthful centrist with Southern charm. But having run for office just once before and served only a single term in the Senate, he doesn't have the resume or the experience of his leading rivals in the nine-way race for the Democratic nomination.

In most state and national polls, he draws single-digit support and ranks behind rivals with less funding and organization, such as Al Sharpton and Carol Moseley Braun, despite working for the nomination for more than a year. He was the leading fund-raiser in the Democratic field early this year, but has lost that advantage to insurgent candidate Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor.

Edwards joked about his second-tier standing in an appearance Monday night on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

"I don't know if you've seen the polls, but I think it will be news to some people that I will be running for president," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Explosion in Chechnya kills two

MAGN, Russia — A truck bomb exploded Monday outside a government security build­
ing near Chechnya, killing at least two peo­ple and underscoring Russia's vulnerability in the region just weeks before an election.

Moscow hopes will lead to peace.

Officials said at least 26 people were

wounded in the bombing in Magan, the capi­
tal of the Russian republic of Ingushetia, which borders the rebellious Chechen repub­
lic and shelters tens of thousands of Chechen refugees.

Officials called the attack a terrorist act but did not say who might be behind it.

There was no immediate claim of responsi­

bility.

Tourists kidnapped in Colombia

SANTA MARTA, Colombia — Camouflaged guerrillas kidnapped two tourists where more than a dozen foreign backpackers slept, took their valuables, then marched eight of the blindfolded tourists into the jungles surrounding Colombia's tallest peak.

Four Israelis, two Britons, a German and a Spaniard were kidnapped at dawn Friday in spectacular pre-Columbian archaeological ruins known as Untied Perida, or Lost City, in the snowcapped Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta range.

Army Gen. Leonel Gomez told the AFP that Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, was likely responsible, but that other illegal armed groups had not been ruled out as suspects.

The FARC and a smaller rebel group, the National Liberation Army, have often carried out kidnappings during their four-decade-old war against the Colombian government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ritter remembered in service

INDIANAPOLIS — FILE — Memorial service for Rep. Jim Ritter was remembered by his family and close friends at a private service Monday, four days after his sudden death.

Ritter's publicist, Lisa Kasteller, did not release details of the service. She said a pub­

lic memorial was being planned and Ritter's friends and colleagues will pay tribute to him in an upcoming event.

"A Life of Laughter: Remembering John Ritter," the program anchored by Diane Sawyer, will air at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

Ritter, 54, died last Thursday after suffer­
ing a heart attack. He was stricken while on the set of "8 Simple Rules.

Republicans draft new energy bill

WASHINGTON — Republicans offered a tentative package of proposals for energy legisla­tion Monday to help build a natural gas pipeline in Alaska, develop hydro as a fuel and expand research into how to cut pollution from burning coal.

The draft language was agreed to by the Republican heads of House and Senate dele­
gations working on the energy legislation and will be discussed with Democratic staff members this week.

The more contentious issues such as wheth­er to drill for oil in an Arctic wildlife refuge and various measures to address problems with the nation's electricity system have yet to be considered in any details.

LOCAL NEWS

Kernan begins work as governor

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans area got its new governor Monday when Democrat Joe Kernan began his first working day as governor, meeting privately with top offici­

als and greeting rank-and-file govern­

ment workers at a Statehouse in still morn­ing over the death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

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Appeals court strikes down "blanket" primary

American sound

OLYMPIA — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Washington state's "blanket" primary system Monday, saying it violates the right of political parties to have their own members choose candidates for office.

The judges cited a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court decision that found a similar system in California unconstitutional.

The state Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties had challenged Washington's law.

Democratic state Chairman Paul Berendt called it "a decisive victory — unanimous. They have ruled that we are protected under the Bill of Rights just like any individual would be, that we have rights of free association."

State GOP Chairman Chris Vance added: "We have long contended that the blanket primary violates a political party's First Amendment right of free speech."

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IRAQ

Iraqi police chief killed in ambush

FALLUJAH — Three assailants in red-and-white Arab headdresses gunned down the police chief of a city west of Baghdad Monday in an ambush that underscored the peril for Iraqis who join U.S.-backed security forces.

The Americans hope those forces will gradually take over security from U.S. troops — part of the effort to transfer sovereignty to Iraqis.

The attack came three days after U.S. forces mistakenly killed eight Iraqi policemen in Fallujah in the worst friendly fire incident since major fighting ended.

The motive for the slaying of Falluja's police chief, Col. Khdeir Mekhalef Ali, was not immediately clear.

"The three attackers opened fire with machine guns, shot one of the tires of the chief's car and then approached the vehicle and shot him at least 25 times," said his driver, Ali's bodyguard, Khalid Aleree, 40, was wounded in the shoulder and back.

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Hurricane sparks gas futures rise

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures prices jumped nearly 2 percent Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange amid growing concern that Hurricane Isabel could disrupt the New England and East Coast affect refinery operations or imports.

Crude oil futures fell 0.5 percent, however, continuing their trend down as supply concerns have eased with the passing of the summer driving season and the winter heating season.

"There's a little bit of concern that the storm, if it takes a bit of a track north, could disrupt the New York harbor somehow," said Phil Flynn, analyst with Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "That's one of the reasons we're up so much. The storm could disrupt gasoline imports, and activity in the New York harbor."

Tourism spoils Tibetan temples

LHASA, China — Nothing in the Jokhang Temple’s rough history prepared its monks for what may be the biggest threat yet to their monastic existence — tourists.

Already under tight supervision by communist authorities, the monks now find themselves playing tour guide, doorman and janitor to thousands of daily visitors attracted by the temple’s religious and historic significance.

"There's no say in how open they want to be to visitors," said a monk who asked that his name not be used.

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New vehicle ratings released

WASHINGTON — The BMW 74 convertible was only one of 21 vehicles to win the government's highest rating for its ability to resist rollovers, according to test results released Monday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Ford Ranger Sport the sport utility vehicle and a rear-wheel drive version of the Jeep Liberty performed worst, earning two-star rollover ratings on NHTSA’s five-star scale.

Both the four-wheel and rear-wheel drive versions of the Sport Trac were tested.

Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Carolyn Brown said the test results show the company has made improvements in rollover propensity through a mathematical formula, not a moving test — fails to reflect the vehicle’s actual behavior on the road.

NHTSA insists the test as a good predictor of vehicle behavior. But the agency also plans to adopt a moving test this year that will make way for the vehicle manufacturers to quickly build cars with better rollover performance.

Ford said its new rules would encourage plants, like the Detroit Edison facility he toured to invest in new, environmentally friendly equipment without fear of costlier improvements ordered by the government or years of litigation.

Ford, in a letter to Governor Christine Todd Whitman and other influential states, has been encouraging power companies to install new equipment that would help improve the nation’s power infrastructure.

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The president’s remarks prompted the worst criticism from environmentalists in the Democratic party.

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The Detroit Edison plant is one of the dirtiest in the country, emitting nearly 150,000 tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides every year, said Ernie Schaeffer, the chief of civil enforcement under the Clinton administration's Environmental Protection Agency. It is also one of the biggest in the country.

"The plant is the perfect place for the White House and the energy lobby to celebrate their latest roll­back of the Clean Air Act," said Schaeffer, now the director of the Environment Protection Agency.

Ford, GM labor talks continue

DETROIT — The auto workers union said it was close to new labor agreements with General Motors and Ford, but that sticky issues remained Monday that talk to 9 a.m.

The United Auto Workers also announced Tuesday that it has reached a tentative, four-year agreement Monday morning with DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

The union and the Big Three automakers began talks on new labor pact in mid-July, but GM and Ford were unable to reach deals before the current contracts expired at midnight Sunday.

"Our contract's been extended, and we're continuing to negotiate," said Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Anne Marie Gattari.

Senior UAW officials said both companies will report to work as usual during talks.

At a time when the three companies are working with DaimlerChrysler to the automakers, GM and Ford had hoped to reach agreements with the Big Three as well as two auto suppliers, Visteon and Delphi.

"We're very close to completing our work, but we're not done yet," said Chuck Roy, a union negotiator, said in a telephone message recorded Monday for workers. "The UAW, Ford and Visteon have agreed to a three-year extension so we continue negotiating on a couple of very difficult issues.

Roy did not specify the issues, and representatives of the automakers and UAW have declined to discuss the talks substantively.

Details of the tentative agreement with Chrysler weren't released, but UAW Vice President Nate Gordon said in a recorded message that the deal protects pensions, wages and health care benefits, while improving safety.

The contract must be ratified by Chrysler workers.

The pact covers wages and benefits for 63,000 active workers and 66,000 retirees and surviving spouses.

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Powell honors 5,000 slain Kurds

Associated Press

HALABJA — Standing near rows of white grave markers, Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday honored 5,000 Iraqi Kurds who died in chemical weapons attacks and pledged such brutality was gone along with Saddam Hussein.

With relatives of victims standing before him, Powell said: “I can’t tell you that Saddam Hussein was a murderous tyrant — you know that. What I can tell you is that what happened here in 1988 is never going to happen again.”

Powell added that Saddam is “running and hiding. He’s going to be running until we catch him or he’s dead.”

After Powell dedicated a memorial and museum to commemorate the victims, women wearing black thrust bouquets of flowers toward him. Many in the audience wept, holding pictures of their loved ones.

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U.S. officials argued the talks would have found new markets for their goods.

“Unite: They listen to countries that are most affected by problems we have in meeting some of the demands of the developing countries, this is what will happen,” said Ralf Abt, Malawi’s minister for international trade and investment.

The failure of the talks will be felt around the world. Rice farmers in Asia and wheat farmers in Kansas were preparing for a decision in Cancun that would have led to the reduction of agricultural subsidies and tariffs.

Some farmers could have been forced out of business, while other over-producing farmers in Africa were often global in price, could have found new markets.

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Re-election likely for Prime Minister

Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's rivals have panned his reforms and blamed his fiscal austerity for causing Japan's record-high crime and unemployment.

But with only a week left before the ruling party votes whether to re-elect Koizumi as party president, his opponents appear to have almost no chance of toppling him.

The national Asahi newspaper said Monday in its survey of Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers and members indicated Koizumi would likely win a majority of votes in the Sept. 20 party poll. As party president, Koizumi would be virtually guaranteed of becoming the prime minister for another three-year term because the LDP's three-party bloc controls Parliament.

Koizumi says he's the front-runner because he's aged as party president, his minister for another three years, and is the most popular leader in Japan.

"They (critics within the party) say he's too soft, but he's not as a leader," Koizumi told a crowd in Osaka while campaigning Monday.

For weeks, Koizumi has been the strong favorite to retain the party's top post. His reforms have been slow in coming, but his approval ratings of about 50 percent make him by far Japan's most popular leader in decades.

With general elections for Parliament's powerful lower house expected later this year — media reports say Nov. 1 — the house is divided in October — Liberal Democratic Party officials are counting on Koizumi's stamina to attract votes and solidify the party's dominance in the legislature.

"Koizumi is the appealing, public face of the party. Who better to have as its head?" said Yoshinori Yamano, a professor of politics at Tokyo University.

He hasn't necessarily lived up to his promises of an economic revival. Critics think many people who back him don't expect him to do it right away. They like him because they lack faith in all other candidates," Yamamoto said.

Inside the party, the politicians aren't so simple. To win, the president-elect needs a majority of the 657 ballots — 357 from LDP lawmakers and 300 divvied up among 1.6 million party members.

Mobilizing the LDP lawmakers is tricky because the party is divided into factions that form and break alliances to suit their political ends.

The Asahi survey said Koizumi looked poised to take 60 percent of the lawmakers' votes and more than half of the party members. It didn't offer a breakdown for his three opponents in the LDP race, Takao Fujii, Shuzo Sato and Tsutomu Hata.

While anti-Koizumi sentiment runs high, many lawmakers decided to support the prime minister after party policy was a "no-go," the report said. Others pointed to veteran knipmaker and Koizumi critic, pensioner Masahiko Komura, said Monday its survey of 3,000 people shows 50 percent of those polled support Koizumi, while 30 percent back his three rivals, "for a return to the glory days of the Liberal Democratic Party's rule in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"Privatization, trade liberalization and fighting the national debt have been Koizumi's strong points," said Fujii.

Feds attempt to fight obesity, change habits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Some Initiative to reduce obesity is under way to return to a traditional menu of wine and fish in hopes of fighting soaring obesity-caused health problems.

Boston-area schools will begin teaching students why 10 percent of them are living on a diet of soda and are hungry parents to limit children's TV time in an effort to knock out childhood obesity.

And a California-based managed care firm will soon let patients compete for prizes like a mountain bike or, for some, a discount on prescriptions if they lose weight and exercise.

Years of dire warnings about obesity's dangers don't seem to have shrunk Americans' grip on their waistbands. Now federal health officials hope programs that meet different communities' special needs — plus financial incentives that like the Affordable Care Act. Health Systems is about to offer — will work better.

"This is the most difficult thing we can do, to get people to change their habits," says Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

This week, the Michigan and Boston communities become the first of about a dozen recipients of $13.4 million in federal grants to target unhealthy habits locally. The other 10 states and cities were announced. It's a program that's been in the works for years.

"It's one of the most difficult programs to bring into the center's obesity fight, if Congress grants Thompson's request for $20 million more next year to fund dozens more so-called healthier communities.

He envisions cities eventually will compete to be the healthiest.

Physicians say the same thing. Thompson wants health insurance companies to offer different programs similar to the Affordable Care Act. Raising the idea of being paid to lose weight may be the final push some need to shape up. Patients' work with doctors is too soft and want the buzz and the money.

Make it easier for consumers to learn how many calories are in restaurant meals, urges Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. She says people might not notice the 1,600 calorie meal if it was posted right on the menu.

Or, she says, put more real calorie counts onads, such as deli-sold chips and 20-ounce soft drinks, which are labeled as containing two or more servings but that are too large to be consumed in one sitting.

"We are looking at what we can do so help get information to people who eat out," responds Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Mark McClellan. He just ordered an agency task force to look at new calorie measures, from better food labels to speedup developing a new system.

But federal officials argue that the most imminent opportunity may prove which programs really help residents improve health habits.
United Nations

U.S. calls for peace keepers in Liberia

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The United States called Monday on the United Nations to send as many as 15,000 peacekeepers and 900 police officers to Liberia to help restore peace and start rebuilding the battered West African nation.

The U.S. draft resolution circulated to Security Council members asks Secretary-General Kofi Annan to transfer authority to a new U.N. peacekeeping force in October. A Nigerian-led West African force has been in the country since early August, Tuesday on Liberia.

It also expresses alarm "at the dire consequences of the prolonged conflict for the civilian population throughout the territory of Liberia." The resolution would welcome the appointment of Jacques Klein as Annan's envoy for Liberia and put him in charge of the U.N. mission. Klein predicted Friday a long road to helping the country back onto its feet and called for generous contributions to rebuild the devastated country.

The council was scheduled to receive an open briefing Tuesday on Liberia.

The Security Council authorized a two-month deployment for a 3,250-strong West African force to help end fighting between forces loyal to warlord-turned-President Charles Taylor and rebels belligerent since 1999 to oust him.

Taylor went into exile in Nigeria on Aug. 11, and a power-sharing government will be installed Oct. 14, leading to democratic elections in 2005.

Despite promises from all combatants to avoid violence, however, armed gangs allied with the government and the rebels have been losing villages.

The U.N. Mission in Liberia, known as UNMIL, which would take over from the West Africans under the proposed U.S. resolution, would be authorized for a year and consist of "up to 15,000 United Nations military personnel, including up to 250 military observers, and up to 900 civilian police officers, and a civilian component."

The draft resolution declares "that the situation in Liberia continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security, to stability in the West Africa subregion, and to the peace process for Liberia."

Critics see drug plan as illegal

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s plan to explore buying state employees’ prescription drugs in Canada was met with opposition Monday as critics said such a move would be illegal and harmful to patients and businesses alike.

"It’s not a long-term solution," said Michael Polzin, a spokesman for Illinois-based drugstore chain Walgreen Co. "I think the efforts would be better put toward finding a permanent solution rather than a quick fix that is illegal."

Americans seeking relief from high prescription drug prices have increasingly turned to pharmacies in Canada, where prescription drugs are much cheaper because of a favorable exchange rate and government controls.

But federal law bars consumers from bringing foreign drugs into the United States, and the Food and Drug Administration warns that buying Canadian drugs presents "significant, potential health risks." Canadian health officials do not regulate drugs sold to Americans, including drugs manufactured elsewhere in the world and brought to Canada specifically to be exported. The FDA hopes to convince Blagojevich his idea is flawed. "Our concern can be summed up in a word: safe," said Lawrence Bachorik.

"Businesses say the practice saps money from American companies, hurting small businesses and leaving pharmaceutical giants less money for research and development," Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said the first-term Democrat is simply exploring the idea and has not reached any conclusions about its safety or legality. If he concludes that buying from Canada makes sense but is illegal, he probably would lobby Congress to approve pending legislation allowing the practice, she said.

Rob Karr, a vice president for the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said if Illinois begins buying drugs in Canada, it could trigger an avalanche that sweeps business away from local pharmacies.

"That would clearly be the snowball. If you do it for the state employees, then what about everybody else?" Karr said.

No state has taken the step of using Canadian drugs in its prescription programs, although California officials have discussed the issue. The city of Springfield, Mass., recently began encouraging its employees to buy in Canada.

The Justice Department filed a lawsuit last week to shut down two companies that help senior citizens purchase cheaper prescription medicines in Canada.

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ALL SOPHOMORES WELCOME!
Since our founding, Americans have used historical events to draw inspiration or insight for current circumstances. We, like all socialized communities, transform our triumphs and disasters into symbols. The Revolutionary period exemplifies our traditions of independence and compromise, while World War II, American resilience and determination comes to mind.

In our time, Sept. 11, 2001 has become one such occurrence. Although how it will be remembered is still being constructed by Americans today, the mere mention of this tragedy has the power to incite as much emotion as other events of years past. I remember vividly where I was when the first airplane crashed into the first World Trade Center tower — on a bus headed for downtown Chicago — and how I felt as the horrific events unfolded. America changed that day, and we all have a story.

Now, two years later, as individuals and a country we are trying to decide how best to remember Sept. 11 and extract some lesson to add our definition to what it means to be American.

McGowan says President Bush has "reinvented" himself since the terrorist attacks, I feel Bush has missed the memory of Sept. 11. People, including me, are not interested in supporting the invasion of another country, or spending millions of dollars to „fight terrorizers,“, we want to know where the terrorists are, we want to know that the word „set up in our nation’s most valuable passageways”. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, the outpour of patriotism and nationwide concern showed the best of our citizens.

George W. Bush and company dismantled that solidarity and replaced it with an exclusionary form of nationalism while threatening education and health care, eradicating a country we are trying to decide how best to remember Sept. 11 and extract some lesson to add our definition to what it means to be American. We have a nationwide presence. Let’s remind ourselves of our triumphs and disasters into symbols.

"Bush’s combination of secrecy, urgency and vengeance has entrenched our soldiers and tax dollars in an ambiguous conflict which has alienated America from other nations and many of its citizens."
An argument about arguing

Welcome back. Last episode we discussed Oxford: its history as a university and as a town. Now, if you remember, I am not leaving for England until Oct. 4, which leaves me little lee-way for the topic of this week. I want to talk about the logical structure of the Viewpoint column. Why am I picking such a boring topic? Who cares about the "basic points under consideration," anyway? Is that a piece of lettuce stuck between my teeth? Read on, for all these questions we bring to the table. As the year lies in tent with not, the question is not.

Last year, the Observer published what I considered to be an inflammatory and ill-conceived Viewpoint column — I won't mention either the topic or the author. Two of my friends and I decided to respond to its publication. We didn't dispute the facts; we were concerned with was the tone and structure of the essay. Having read many of the columns submitted in the past, I've decided to try my best to lay out the "dos" and "don'ts" of editorial writing. The tone we choose to set determines whether our arguments are coherent, well-considered, constructive essays, not angry, pandering, illogical trash.

There are my guidelines, in order from first to last, that should be fulfilled in a well-constructed logical argument.

Define your terms. If you are arguing against Papal infallibility, describe what you mean by "Papal infallibility." I have a good friend who is guilty of arguing with someone for 10 or 20 minutes before we finally realized that we were using the same word to mean two different things.

State your assumptions. If you are arguing about abortion, first state what you believe in God. If so, do you believe abortion is limited to cases where the life of the mother is in danger? Or that all abortions are an infringement of the right to life? I have a good friend who is alluded to in his Declaration of Independence states, "all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." According to Webster, "unalienable means, "inseparable, not subject to removal," thus I might begin your argument by quoting the Bible.

It is not enough for two people share the exact same set of beliefs (with the exception of us Notre Dame students). Thus, you are often going to have to argue for a few assumptions individually. The way the reader can tell your argument for capital punishment, and that your claim is that murderers have forfeited their right to life is by stating their core assumptions. The argument presupposes that people are able to forfeit their right to life. But as the Declaration of Independence states, "of the people are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life." According to Webster, unalienable means, "inseparable, not subject to removal." I might begin your argument by quoting the Bible. How is it possible to determine whether two people share the exact same set of beliefs? One way is by using the phrase, "if you believe in God, do you believe that human life is sacred?" If so, do you believe that quickening occurs at the points of conception? When arguing, you must always respect the sensibilities of the reader. If the reader is an atheist, then you cannot begin your argument by quoting the Bible.

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Construct a valid argument and support with verifiable facts. Once you have built a base of common beliefs by the above method, you can begin to construct an argument. Hopefully you will have already agreed on some points under consideration; the argument should now be a simple matter of connecting the dots. If you need to introduce new claims, then do so with supporting facts, don't rely on vague references like, "it's obvious that," or, "Well, most people would agree..."

Be friendly and open. This is the most important step. Arguments should be constructive; they should strive to affect some good. There is no reason to insult, to belittle or to ignore because these tactics serve only to separate people and divide them from others. Arguments should help unite and help build community. As Aristotle alluded to in his Ethics, friendship is the environment in which to debate and discuss, because friendship is necessary in the search for truth.

Some of you may still be wondering why I have stated the obvious, or why I didn't simply write an argumentative essay on a current issue. The truth is that many of our current social problems come from people who don't have well-considered opinions. I have a good friend who is a Catholic and also claims that abortion should be a choice, not a right. The problem is that these two positions are incompatible. There are basic propositions that Catholicism assumes and others that abortion assumes that conflict with one another.

But many people don't have a coherent world view, so they allow themselves to be carried away by contradictory things, simply because they have never examined the assumptions on which their opinions rest. The question is not, "Is the war in Iraq right?" The question should be, "Can I remain a Christian and support the war?" The question is not, "Is affirmative action good," but, "Is affirmative action consistent with Christian social justice?"

We must stop considering problems in total isolation, without questioning their assumptions. We belong to the table. As the year flies by, demand that the arguments you read are coherent and constructive, rather than being vague, inconsistent and intolerant. If you do this, you won't be shortchanged from experience, then we will finally be able to solve the seemingly intracable issues of abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, capital punishment and a just war criterion.

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The Observer at Oxford

Letters to the Editor

Three World leaders must take responsibility for problems

In his column in Monday's Observer, BJ Strew attempted to place the blame for the problems that Third World countries face on the Third World countries, the world such as the United States. Is it possible that we are not the cause of every problem that the world faces? Could a country's own issues, whether economic or not, be their fault?

The cause of many of the problems that these countries face is the fact that many of these Third World governments are run by fanatical despots who do not care about the welfare of their own citizens. These leaders only care about increasing their own power and going to any means necessary to protect that power.

The United States has tried, in many cases, to provide aid to these countries, almost exclusively has this plan been thwarted by the government of that country. In Somalia, for example, the United States, along with the U.N., tried to aid the people of Somalia by delivering food and medical aid. The leadership of Somalia refused to allow the U.S. to do this and captured the shipments.

How is this America's fault? We try to feed hungry people in many countries throughout the world, including Somalia. Many people would consider this to be the right thing to do, except for the despotical leaders of these countries and BJ Strew.

Strew blames the United States for pushing down agricultural prices in those countries when we provide food shipments to them. What are we supposed to do? Should we simply say sorry, you can't eat today because it will affect your agricultural price? This is what Strew is proposing. I will propose a radical idea — that it is the leaders of those countries who are responsible for the problems facing their countries, not the United States.

Instead of blaming Starbucks for problems facing coffee growers in South America, blame the drug cartels who force the farmers to supply the coca to them at lower prices than could be had if sold for coffee production. Once again, this is not the fault of some vast American conspiracy to rule the world.

Also, Strew claims that pharmaceutical companies should give up monopoles in order to supply state-of-the-art medicines to Third World countries. He makes it sound evil that the companies think that they are being compensated for the research funds that they poured into these drugs. He says that the annual cost for this is 14 million lives. The cost is also billions of dollars in research. If these companies are forced to lose that money, what incentive do they have to produce new and better drugs? If they are not being compensated for their expense, the drug companies will simply stop developing those drugs. How exactly is that supposed to help anyone, whether they live in the Third World or the First World?

Instead of crying exploitation of Third World countries by the "big bad bully," the United States, we should hold these countries accountable for their own problems.

Ryan Brady senior english major Sept. 15

Support football team unconditionally

In yesterday's Irish Insider, the sports editors have done the most damage to the outcome of the Michigan game. They seem to have been devoured by 

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Cabin Fever is the mindless tale of five college students, who head to a cabin in the woods on a no-stop orgy of sex and alcohol. Any time a story begins with a bunch of rowdy teens heading into the woods on a bender, I immediately become disinterested because this is the biggest horror movie cliché ever.

Unfortunately, a sicky drifter, who shows up on the group’s front porch, interrupts their planned debauchery. Some rare, mysterious disease, which is never named, has nearly eaten all of this drifter’s flesh. The door of course, is quickly shut in his face but it is too late — one of the teenagers has already been infected and, one by one, they all begin to infect each other.

The majority of the paper-thin plot is driven by their paranoia and irrational behavior. The dialogue between the characters is so awkward and ridiculous it is impossible to take the movie seriously. Cabin Fever is The Blair Witch Project meets 28 Days Later. Rider Strong, who played Shawn on the hit TV sitcom Boy Meets World, is Paul. Paul represents “Joe-everybody” and is the most likable guy in the bunch, which isn’t saying much.

The object of Paul’s affection is the virginal Karen (Jordan Ladd) who is the “All-American” girl. She is the first one to be infected, forcing Paul to watch his childhood love waste away before his very eyes.

Marcy (Cerina Vincent) is the sex kitten; her only purpose is to provide for some occasional gratuitous nudity. She has several upper body nude scenes that have absolutely nothing to do with the furthering of the story, but, strangely enough, do provide entertainment for the men in the audience. Alumna’s boyfriend, Jeff (Joey Kern), is the egocentric jerk who eventually abandons the group in order to save his own skin, pardon the pun.

Bert (James DeBello) is the bumbling sidekick, who makes random crude jokes and comments. Even the director, Eli Roth, makes a cameo, which is also something of a clichéd.”

Cabin Fever is unapologetically gross. The make-up artists create surprisingly real flesh-eating bacteria façades for the actors; and considering the movie was made with such a low budget, I defy anyone who saw the movie to tell me that he or she didn’t get nauseous at least once.

However, the make-up artists are the only ones who should receive any accolades for this train wreck of a movie. It looks as though the film Giant, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, might have some competition for worst movie of the year. Cabin Fever will leave you feeling the same way you did after seeing The Blair Witch Project: disappointed, violated and annoyed.

The most transparent, the dialogue is contrived and a majority of the characters are so unlike you don’t really care who makes it out in the end. It is insulting for the creators of this movie to think that the youth of today would actually enjoy a movie like this.

But more and more, this is the trend for Hollywood — the mass production of mediocre films that give little respect to the audience. Could this mean the end of Hollywood or is this just a slump?

MOVIE REVIEW

Spade disappoints as a screenwriter in latest venture

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS
Some Movie Critic:

The movie E! True Hollywood Story of Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star is a satire which attempts to capture the life of a once-famous child star of the 70s, Dickie Roberts (David Spade), as he tries to regain his former television commercial glory days, throwing aside his adult life of parking cars.

Dickie Roberts is an abandoned child who grows up to be no more than a valet until he decides to audition for a role in an upcoming movie produced by Rob Reiner (played by himself). However, Roberts encounters dilemmas, forcing him to step outside himself and his usual methods of acting. He auditions for a role that requires him to portray the elated sentiments of a child who has discovered a red bike on Christmas Day. Reiner gives Roberts a chance to prove himself, but to Roberts’ dismay, he fails to meet the acting ability needed.

After this disappointment, Roberts meets his manager and will go to any length in order to become the character Reiner desires to fill the role.

Roberts never experienced the emotions of a normal child, particularly in reference to receiving Christmas gifts like that of a beautiful, shiny red bike. He resolves to prove Reiner’s suspicions wrong by correcting his unsteady acting capability.

The Tracy family is Roberts’ cure to his acting woes. Roberts pays the Tracy family more than $20,000 to move in and glean the interactions of a normal family, one in which he never encountered.

The children, Sam and Sally, give Roberts pointers on how to speak and deal with parents. In return, Roberts offers tips to Sam on Bo Michael Jackson’s abnormal childhood stories than this theoretical life story. David Spade, former film writer, ought to produce something fun for himself. I wonder who cares? The ill-plotted movie is not worth the time or the money. The main focus of the movie — Roberts is a normal child — is almost lost in him proving he’s not a loser.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Cage shines in fresh, quirky film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Society has always been fascinated with the trade of con men. Perhaps it is their ability to gain a quick buck solely through the use of their wits, while the rest of us have to earn that same dollar through hard work. But while society may be more intrigued by the exact details of their scams, it is the minds and personalities behind these gifts that really give life to the crimes.

Matchstick Men presents a fresh, lively look at the humorous inner-workings of an unlikely con artist while creating a very memorable protagonist in the process.

In the film, Nicolas Cage plays Roy, a neurotic, obsessive-compulsive con artist who is a wily veteran at the precise art of confidence scams. Backed by his ambitious protégé, Frank (Sam Rockwell), Roy is on the verge of pulling off a lucrative scam when the unexpected occurs. He finds out that his estranged teenage daughter, Angela (Alison Lohman), disrupts his carefully ordered life and jeopardizes his high-risk scheme.

There is a scene in Matchstick Men where Roy, the epitome of a neat freak, is explaining to his psychiatrist that he spent last Tuesday watching dust fibers settle on his carpet and worrying that he might vomit because of this. That got Roy to thinking that he shouldn't just blow his brains out and end it all. But, thinking more about the matter, he started worrying about what that would do to his "darn carpet."

And according to Roy, that was a good day.

Watching Nicolas Cage bring life to Roy in scenes like these is delightful. He carefully balances the neuroses that plague Roy with the other side of the man — the poised, cunning and experienced con man whose obsession with perfection translates to flawlessly executed scams. This balance makes the performance that much more believable and memorable.

Every twitch of an eyelid and spasm of a muscle that Roy exhibits is amusing. Cage has proven himself again to be one of Hollywood's most versatile actors, easily handling this complicated comedic role with the same success that has made him a big-budget action star with films like The Rock and Gone in Sixty Seconds, and an Academy Award winner and nominee with Leaning Las Vegas and Adaptation, respectively.

With a different approach, the role of Roy could easily have become either over-the-top or mundane. But Cage adds a sincerity to the role that convinces the audience how frustrating even the simplest tasks are for Roy, while also showing the humor behind the character's awkward behavior.

While Cage's performance overshines those of his fellow actors at times, both Sam Rockwell and Alison Lohman also impress in their respective roles. Rockwell, who is an easy-going but very adept con man, provides a much-needed contrast to Roy's hyper-type-A personality. Lohman, who is almost 25 years old in real life, does a wonderful job in conveying the wide-eyed fascination of a 14-year-old with her father's questionable trade.

If Matchstick Men could be summed up in one word, it would probably be "quirky." Every aspect of the film gets impressively, from the outlandish directing style of Ridley Scott and the offbeat score composed by Hans Zimmer, down to the very plot and characters, which break the mold set by previous crime capers.

The ending seems forced at first, until you consider that it fits perfectly with the type of film that it resolves — a quirky one. Ultimately, the film concentrates on the characters rather than the scam, which is a pleasant change that, given the obvious talents of the cast, translates impressively to the silver screen.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Added humor of Depp drives sequel to success

By MELANIE RATCHFORD

Scene Movie Critic

He's a myth. He's a legend. He's the guitar-carrying, gun-slinging El Mariachi in Robert Rodriguez's Once Upon a Time in Mexico. The concluding tale in the trilogy of the legendary folk hero El Mariachi, which stars Antonio Banderas as El Mariachi, Salma Hayek as Carolina and Johnny Depp as Agent Sands, is more stylish than its predecessors and also features more comedic role with the same success that has made him a big-budget action star with films like The Rock and Gone in Sixty Seconds, and an Academy Award winner and nominee with Leaning Las Vegas and Adaptation, respectively.

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Chicago, 4 New York 1
The thought of the playoffs is enough to make even the most cautious of Cubs fans crack a smile. The three-game series against the Mets is the first real test against a team which has been one of the worst in the league this season.

The Mets are struggling with injuries, pitching, and hitting. Their lead over the Nats is shrinking. The Mets have lost eight of their last ten games, and they are without stars Carlos Beltran and Andrés Torres, who have been placed on the DL.

However, the Cubs are coming off a six-game winning streak, and they have a young and talented roster.

The key for the Cubs will be to continue their hitting streak. If they can score runs, they will have a chance to win.

The Mets will rely on their pitching to get through this series. If their starters can throw deep into games, they will have a chance to win.

Overall, this will be a crucial series for both teams. The Cubs need to prove they can compete with the best in the league, while the Mets need to show they can turn things around.
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Yankees pound Orioles with rain delay

Associated Press

Baltimore — When the tarp was spread on the field amid a driving rain, the New York Yankees were locked in a tight duel with the Baltimore Orioles.

When the rain stopped, the rout was on.

Allison Soriano went 4-for-5 with two home runs, and Aaron Boone also connected twice to lead a six-homer attack that carried the Yankees to a 13-1 victory Monday night.

Soriano set the tone by driving the first pitch of the game into the left-field seats, and New York took control by scoring five runs in a span of five pitches against Rodrigo Lopez (7-10) during a six-run fourth.

Jason Giambi led off the fourth with his 39th homer, and 100th RBI, to put the Yankees up 2-1. After a walk and an out, rain caused a 49-minute delay.

After play resumed, Ruben Sierra took a pitch and then singled. Boone hit the next offering far over the left-field wall, a three-run shot that made it 5-1. Karim Garcia singled on the next pitch, and Soriano hit the following pitch into the left-field seats.

"I don't think I ever remember a game with an hour rain delay — or 40-minute minutes, whatever it was — and then in five minutes we score five more runs," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"He likes to throw strikes," Torre said of Lopez. "We certainly don't want to get him in a position where he can use his other ammunition. We're a 1-0, 2-0 ballclub, but when we see a strike, we're going to swing at it."

Lopez got the first two outs, but did not return for the fifth inning.

"He was loose, he had plenty of time to get ready," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "He just made some bad pitches right off the bat."

After the game, Lopez received a lecture from Orioles pitching coach Mark Wiley and catcher Brook Fordyce in the middle of the clubhouse.

Texas 6, Seattle 4

Seattle pitcher Rob Melvin did not want Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro to beat him. Instead, Mark Teixeira did the job.

Palmeiro and Teixeira homered as the Texas Rangers ended a five-game losing streak and knocked Seattle farther back in the AL wild-card race, beating the Mariners 6-4 Monday night.

The Mariners fell 1 1/2 games behind the Rangers in the wild-card race, beating the Texas Rangers 6-4, for the 13th straight decision in an 8-2 win Monday night as former-Tiger Joe Randa drove in the Rangers with a half-game ahead of idle Chicago (80-69). The defending AL Central champions, 37-20 after the All-Star break, begin a three-game series Tuesday against the White Sox, the start of an eight-game homestand.

"It's going to be tough because they are pumped up. Just like us," Hunter said. "We can't think of sweeping them. That would be great, but we've got to take two of three."

Johan Santana (11-3) improved to 7-0 in nine starts since July 29 as the Twins won for the 10th time in 13 games. He gave up four runs — three earned — and four hits in five-plus innings.

Kansas City 10, Detroit 4

Trying to avoid setting the post-1900 record for losses, the Detroit Tigers keep coming up against them in a fight for playoff spots.

Detroit became the first AL team to lose as many as 20 games since the 1939 St. Louis Browns, who went to Kansas City 10-4 Monday night as former-Tiger Joe Randa drove in five runs.

The Tigers lost their third in a row after winning the series opener.

"A win in a win, even against them," Kansas City manager Tony Pena said. "You beat us in the first game, but now we've started to get some momentum. We need to keep that and take it into the next series."
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Women's soccer league decides to call it quits

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- The cash-strapped WUSA called it quits Monday just five days before the Women's World Cup, bringing an abrupt end to a soccer league built on the success of the 1999 tournament.

The decision was made by the league's board of governors at a meeting in New York.

The eight-team WUSA was filled with the world's best female players, including U.S. stars Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy.

Foudy provided the signature moment in the '99 tournament when she ripped off her shirt after scoring the championship-winning goal against China.

But the attention the Women's World Cup received faded over the years, leaving the WUSA founderless. TV ratings were almost nonexistent and the league had trouble finding fans who weren't under 18 and play on a soccer team. Average attendance slipped from more than 8,000 the first season to about 6,700 a game last season.

"This is a sad day for women's soccer and women's sports," Foudy said.

The WUSA hoped another World Cup success would fuel last-minute corporate sponsorships to save the league, but that hasn't happened, said John Hendricks, chairman of the WUSA board of governors.

Hendricks blamed weak corporate support for the league's failures.

"I was intoxicated by what I witnessed in 1999, and I mistakenly believed that level of support would flow over into the league," Hendricks said.

The WUSA's owners have invested more than $100 million to the league, and some of the top players took pay cuts this season to help keep it afloat. Even after cutting costs, the league was about $16 million in the red.

Hendricks said the league needed eight sponsors to spend $25 million each per year. The WUSA recruited only two sponsors willing to spend that much, Hyundai and Johnson & Johnson.

"If we only had six or seven CEOs in America that had stepped forward in the past year," Hendricks said, "an independent women's professional league can survive -- if it has corporate support."

The league conceded the timing of the announcement was awkward but said the WUSA had to consider all its employees and players who aren't in the World Cup.

"We couldn't keep the doors open even another 24 hours without jeopardizing a decent and fair severance package for our employees," Hendricks said.

Foudy said the announcement will be a distraction to players on the U.S. national team. Every member of the 1999 World Cup champions was a WUSA founding player.

"Yeah, I wish we had the opportunity to not have this distraction," she said from Charlottesville, Va., where the U.S. team is training for its opener Sunday in Washington.

"That's true for all the WUSA players in the World Cup. But we are not just going to give up, even though the odds are stacked against us. We will still hold out the possibility of reviving this."

The league employed 375 people, including players, and had franchises in Boston, Atlanta, San Diego, Washington, New York, San Jose, North Carolina and Philadelphia. The Washington Freedom won the title last month.

The Women's World Cup begins Saturday in Philadelphia, and the U.S. team opens the next day against Sweden in Washington, D.C.

Fifty-six WUSA players are to compete, representing 15 of 16 countries in the tournament.

The league took an active role in the league's management and were involved in the decision to close the league.

"The impact of the WUSA on women's sports and millions of fans has been extraordinary," said Foudy, captain of the San Diego Spirit and U.S. team, and a member of the WUSA board of governors.

"The players remain hopeful that more sponsors will recognize the value of associating their brands and products with the wholesomeness of the WUSA," added Hamm, the sport's biggest star and career scoring leader. "Major sponsors committed to bringing back world class women's soccer could enable a successor league to launch in 2005 or perhaps even earlier."

The WUSA will not dissolve entirely until next spring, Hendricks said.

"There is a glimmer of hope that a few months down the road the phone will ring from a deep-pocketed sponsor," Hendricks said.

The folding of the WUSA leaves Major League Soccer as the sport's only top-level professional league in the United States.

"Although we are disappointed by today's action, we believe this decision has no impact on the future viability of the sport of soccer in the United States," MLS commissioner Don Garber said. "Major League Soccer continues to be encouraged and excited about the explosion of youth participation in the sport, as well as the Hispanic and international opportunities which present themselves daily."

"The WUSA was a league to bring soccer to all the new stadiums, developing players and expanding our footprint across the United States."

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SILVIS, Ill. — Vijay Singh played a quick 13 holes and earned a hefty check that moved him closer to one of his career goals: winning the PGA Tour's season money title.

Singh collected $630,000 for his four-shot win at the rain-delayed John Deere Classic on Monday, moving ahead of Davis Love III on this year's tour earnings list.

"My goal is to really be able to win the money list just once before I finish. This will probably be the best opportunity I get," said Singh, who now has collected $5.7 million and a career-high three wins this year.

Singh closed with a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Chris Riley (71), J.L. Lewis (71) and Jonathan Byrd (68) shared second at 12-under for the weekend.

"If I can win one more time, I think I've got it sealed," said Singh, who also moved past Phil Mickelson for third place in the career money list with nearly $24 million in 11 years on the tour.

Singh closed with a 6-under-par 66 for a total of 16-under 268. He had six birdies in a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Riley said Singh is tough to catch when he has the lead in the final round.

"He's in the Tiger Woods, Davis Love, Mike Weir, their class. I'm trying to get to there," said Riley, who now has six top-10 finishes this year.

Byrd said consistency is the key to Singh's game, especially with his short irons.

"He's hitting it [within] 15, 20, 10 feet all day. You do that for enough holes, you're going to make something," Byrd said.

Singh also is being mentioned as player of the year.

"I can control the money list. I cannot control the player of the year," he said.

Singh started play Monday at 12 under, tied with Lewis, who posted his lone career win at the Deere Classic in 1999.

The pair resumed their final round Monday on No. 6, and Singh began to pull away after he birdied No. 8 and Lewis followed with a bogey on No. 9.

Lewis, who used only 50 putts when he shot consecutive 6-under 65s in the first two rounds, struggled on the green over the weekend.

"I didn't feel nervous but I played like I was so I must have been," said Lewis, who shot even par the last two rounds.

Paul Stankowski, in his third PGA event since returning from wrist surgery, tied for fifth at 11 under with Hidemichi Tanaka and Kevin Sutherland.

The Deere Classic drew its best field after being moved back from its usual tee off in June. However, the tournament was plagued by a Saturday downpour that postponed the third round and pushed play into Monday.

It was the first PGA Tour event to extend into Monday since the FBR Capital Open in June. However, 22 of 39 tournaments this year have had some kind of weather delay.
ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner's two MVP awards were of no use to him Monday. Marc Bulger was named starting quarterback of the St. Louis Rams.

Coach Mike Martz made his choice a day after Bulger's strong play in the second half of the Rams' 27-24 overtime victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Martz emphasized his decision wasn't necessary for the long term.

"Marc Bulger will be our quarterback this week," Martz said. "Where that goes, who knows? How long that is, let's not worry about it."

Martz's decision apparently had nothing to do with Warner's health.

Warner sustained a concussion in the first half of the opening 23-13 loss to the Giants, but has not missed any practice and ran the scout team last week.

"What I based this decision on was a lot of things, and those are things I'll keep to myself," Martz said. "I think it's better left that way."

Instead, Martz said he made the decision in the "best interest" of the team. The overriding factor: Bulger moved the team last week.

"That's why he's in the saddle right now," Martz said.

Bulger lost two fumbles in the first half Sunday, but was 15-for-17 for 155 yards and two touchdowns in the Rams' 36-17 victory over the 49ers.

"I got into a little bit of a rhythm," Bulger said. "Once halftime came, I was able to sit there and say I'm not going to have fun that bad, don't do anything stupid, protect the ball and regroup. It worked this time."

Martz said Bulger improved as the game went on.

"Had he not gotten better every quarter, I'm not sure I'm standing here and saying this is our decision," Martz said. "But he did. The fourth quarter I thought was exceptional, so we're going to pick it up from there and see where it goes."

Bulger, who finished 23-for-36 for 236 yards and two touchdowns, is 7-1 as the starter for the Rams the last two seasons. Warner is 0-7 in that same span and had six fumbles in the opener.

Martz said he hadn't been able to talk to Warner about his decision.

Players had the day off Monday.

Martz said he felt a "tremendous sense of loyalty" to Warner, who led the Rams to two Super Bowls in a three-year span from 1999-2001 and helped win a championship after the '99 season. He expects Warner to be ready whenever the team called upon him.

"Kurt is not a has-been," Martz said.

On Sunday, Martz said Warner relayed in plays from the sideline without complaint.

"You can't handle it better than the way Kurt handled it," Martz said. "He handled it like a pro, and you know he's dying inside. He has to be."}

The Rams paid Warner a $6 million roster bonus in February after the parties were unable to agree on a restructuring of his contract. But Martz said he has full support of the Rams' front office.

"This is a very important decision, and I can't imagine a better situation for a head coach," Martz said. "They're very supportive of the decision."

Rams players also are behind Bulger.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Marc Bulger," offensive tackle Kyle Turley said. "He definitely played an excellent game. I've got a lot of respect for that kid."

Offensive guard Andy McCollum said Bulger acts like a seasoned veteran instead of a sixth-round draft pick who was an unknown backup before getting his shot last year.

"Marc's the man out there," McCollum said. "It's doing a great job out there running the show."

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Rams quarterback Marc Bulger smiles during an interview after the St. Louis victory Sunday over the 49ers. Bulger was named the Rams quarterback for next Sunday's game.

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TENNIS
Tennis stars Venus (left) and Serena Williams (center) with their grandmother Oracene Price, mother Oranda and sister Yetunde Price (right) in Florida. Yetunde, the eldest sister of Venus and Serena, was shot dead early on Sept. 14.

Suspect arrested in Williams shooting

Associated Press

COMPTON, Calif. — A man was arrested in the shooting death of a sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, and authorities Monday searched for four other possible suspects in the slaying outside a house known to attract gang members.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday and jailed without bail. Sheriff’s deputies said he had ties to a gang but was not a member.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Saturday about a mile from the tennis courts where her younger sisters first rose to prominence in this gang-ridden and violence-plagued city outside Los Angeles.

The motive for the slaying remained under investigation.

Price was killed by a gun-man standing in front of a house that was known to attract gang members and where drugs have been sold and violence-plagued city residents frequent.

“At this point we just don’t know why she was killed,” said sheriff’s Lt. Daniel Rosenberg, a homicide detective.

“Price was uninvolved and drove her to a relative’s house, where he called 911, authorities said. Price was then taken to a hospital, where she died.

The man with Price, Rolland Wormley, 28, was jailed after authorities discovered he was on parole, which he allegedly violated by being at the scene of the shooting. Deputies did not disclose why he was on parole.

Price, one of five sisters who spent their early years in Compton, was a registered nurse who owned a beauty salon. She also served as a personal assistant to her famous half-sisters, who moved to Florida with their parents when they turned pro as teenagers.

Price was divorced and had three children, ages 5, 9 and 11.

IN BRIEF

Jurevicius out after collision

Tampa Bay receiver Joe Jurevicius tore a ligament in his right knee during a loss to the Carolina Panthers and will be sidelined four-to-six weeks.

The injury to the medial collateral ligament will not require surgery.

Jurevicius was hurt in a collision with Bucs fullback Mike Alstott during Tampa Bay’s 12-9 overtime loss Sunday.

Jurevicius had four receptions for 31 yards against Carolina. He had four catches and scored two touchdowns in Tampa Bay’s 17-0 season-opening victory over Philadelphia.

Karl Williams replaced Jurevicius against the Panthers. The injury also could mean more playing time for Reggie Barlow.

“It’s unfortunate that Joe Jurevicius and Rickey Dudley, two guys who played a significant role in our offense, are no longer with us,” Gruden said.

Mora suffers knee injury

Orioles outfielder Melvin Mora will miss the final two weeks of the season because of a knee injury.

Mora, who played in his first All-Star game this season, has a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

"I've just got to let it heal," said Mora, who struggled to adapt to a new role because of a knee injury.

"It's definitely want to make an impression," Swann said.

Hargrove views Swann, who had brief stints with Toronto and Atlanta, as an extra outfielder and a part-time left-handed bat off the bench.

The injury occurred Saturday in Toronto, where Mora awkwardly landed against the right-field wall at Skydome. He was to be taken from the field on a cart.

The fact that he won’t need surgery is of little consolation to Mora, whose career year was interrupted by injuries.

With Mora out, the Orioles purchased the contract of outfielder Pedro Swann from Triple-A Ottawa.

Designated hitter David Segui, recovering from wrist surgery, was transferred to the 60-day disabled list to open a spot on the 40-man roster.

Swann, selected Ottawa’s MVP after hitting .280 with 10 homers and 53 RBIs, missed the Sunday phone call from Darrell “Doc” Rodgers, the Orioles’ director of minor league operations.

A resident of Newark, Del., an hour northeast of Baltimore, Swann routinely turns off his cell phone during NFL games. When he checked his voice mail after flipping between the first halves of two games, Swann found messages from his agent and Rogers.

"I definitely want to make an impression," Swann said.

“Rest, rest and rest,” said Mora, who was not a member.

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By JUSTIN SCHUYER
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What a difference two weeks make. Last week the Maroons found the season back on Aug. 30. Saint Mary’s faced the University of Chicago at the SMC Triangular, losing in straight sets by a score of 3-0, 30-32, 30-28. Saint Mary’s current has a four game winning streak.

"The University of Chicago is a good team," said Saint Mary coach Julie Schroeder-Biek. "Even though they had some injuries and only dressed eight, they still had four starters from their team out on the court.

"It was happy with how our first game two the momentum back on Aug. eight, they still http://www.abbott.com today.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Lewis defense stops Badin in 8-6 season opening win

By MIKE GILLOON AND DANNY TAPETILLO
Sports Writers

If Sunday’s game between Badin and Lewis was any indication of what women’s interhall football that is going to be played this year, fans are in for a treat. The Chicks defeated the Bullfrogs 8-6 in a defensive battle on a cool, cloudy afternoon.

Lewis was led by senior quarterback Erin Nasrallah. The scrambler with a rocket arm connected on a 20-yard touchdown pass and the ensuing two-point conversion midway through the first half to put the Chicks up 8-0. Badin took over and promptly went three and out against a stingy Lewis defensive secondary that kept the football away from the Badin receivers.

But the Bullfrogs were not about to croak. After a key fourth-down stand by their defense they went on over their own 25-yard line. With time running down in the first half, they connected a couple of big passes to move the football deep into Chick territory but we couldn’t punch the ball across the goal line and the score remained 8-0 at intermission.

The beginning of the second half was marked by miscues as Badin throw an interception on their second play from scrimmage. Lewis took over and immediately gave the ball right back to the Bullfrogs when Nasrallah threw her first interception of the day.

Both teams’ offenses stalled on their ensuing drives as the defenses controlled the game. Lewis was in a must punt with about seven minutes remaining in the second quarter when Badin return. Badin only needed a couple of passes to score their first points of the season.

But Lewis’ defense didn’t relent on the two-point conversion. The Chicks swatted away the Bullfrog pass and scored the safety.

The Lewis offense took the field and ran out the clock.

“it was good to get back into the swing of things,” Nasrallah said. “We have come a long way since our first practice and we are confident on our chances coming in.”

The four-year starter at quarterback also gave credit to her team’s defense.

“They were the key to this game,” Nasrallah said.

It was a physical ballgame with a couple of personal foul penalties for excessive tackling and blocking. The defensive tackle was especially crucial.

It came on a quarterback keeper by Nasrallah around right end and resulted in Lewis convert a key third down.

Bardin captain Lindsey Wind was not pleased.

“I was disappointed today about some of the calls,” Wind said.

However, she was also upbeat about her team’s play.

“This game was a litmus test for the season. We are a very fast team and our quarter-back’s arms are fantastic,” Wind said.

The senior center said that they lost fast furthering Badin’s game against Lyons and Welsh Family.

Both teams showed a lot of potential on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The play of both quarterbacks was outstanding and low scores speak to the strength of the defenses.

Though her team came out on the losing end, Wind was upbeat about Badin.

“We will see them in the playoffs,” she said.

Cavanaugh 13,
Welsh Family 8

The game was a match between two of the top two teams from last season.

Cavanaugh and Welsh Family both wanted to establish themselves as “the team to beat.” However, it was a close match.

Welsh Family’s defense didn’t yield until the last two minutes of the game, with the Chaos hanging on for a 13-8 victory.

Early in the first half Cavanaugh took advantage of their first possession and scored with a 10-yard completion to captain Jennifer Nokes.

However, it all took two minutes for Welsh Family to come back with a 50-yard pass to Lauren Pease. Welsh Family scored the touchdown but missed the one-point conversion.

But it was Cavanaugh who came back strong late in the first half with a successful turning interception by Kerri Bergen to the 5-yard line and scored the touchdown and make the score 13-8.

To come out with the win, Cavanaugh needed to rely on their defense to stop a strong Welsh Family offense led by a couple of critical completions by Pease. After a close to controversial calls, Welsh Family was the victor with a hard fought game with two minutes left in the half.

However, Welsh Family could take a lot of pride in the opportunity.

Kerri Bergen’s quarterback Lisa Ruffer for the safety with 10 minutes for Welsh Family to closed out the season.

We would not have had the opportunities we had today if it was not for them,” she said.

However, Ruffer was more than satisfied with the day as she took a look at the opportunity.

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Runners

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Senior Jackie Bauters was the only other Buller runner in the top 50, coming in just two seconds behind Otto.

All three runners placed highest for their team in Saint Mary’s first meet, as well — a fifth-place finish at the Tiffin/Wellendorf College Invitational.

White improved her previous time in the 5,000-meter run by 10 seconds. Otto and Bauters were 20 and 30 seconds slower in this weekend’s respective meets.

The Belles had seven of runners able to score for the first time in a 10,000-meterInvitational.

Dimensions: Freshmen Elizabeth Emmers, Erin Nolan and Becky Feaustine and sophomore Mandy work all broke the 22-minute barrier. Feaustine has the anchor with a 21:54 time for 1st place.

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goals and added an assist in Notre Dame's 5-0 thrashing of Western Kentucky. In starting all six games so far for the Irish, Schefter ranks second on the team in assists with four, while scoring three goals.

"It was really hard for me," said Schefter of not being able to what we've had in the past. She's really part of the core of the midfield - more than I thought. She was definitely a learning experience. I didn't realize how happy playing soccer made me before. I was hurt.

"She really has a composure and experience level above what we've had," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "She adds some goal scoring dimension out of the midfield — more than what we've had in the past. She's really part of the core of the team, even though she's a freshman with regard to experience. I didn't realize how much strength and physical that you really have to get used to it. You can't describe it until you step out on the field."

"Her preparation and training with the U-19 Team really brought her game to a higher level," Waldrum said. "She should only get better as her experience grows, and once she gets fully back by adding more strength and quickness."

Now, with the team off to a good start, things seem to be returning to the norm for Schefter and the Irish program, which made the Final Four into an annual occurrence over the past decade.

"The team is completely different this year," Schefter said. "The team just has a new attitude, the team chemistry is completely different. Last year, we never had a chance to play as good as we can."

"I think we match up really well with both Stanford and Santa Clara," said Schefter. "We need to go out and have fun and play as good as we can."
McGlinn, Breen-Phillips start off season with victories

By MATT PUGLISI AND KEVIN O'NEILL
Sports Writer

Good things come to those who wait. Such was the case for McGlinn Sunday as they took a big step toward a 7-0 over Lyons on the strength of a late fourth quarter touchdown drive.

While the Shamrocks were undoubtedly pleased with the game's results, the contest began on a rather ominous note for McGlinn. Lyons defensive back Julian Hubbins picked off McGlinn quarterback Bridget Meacham on the game's first play, setting up a prime scoring chance for the Lions. However, they were unable to take advantage of the turnover as senior quarterback Roxie Presner's pass fell incomplete on fourth and goal from the eight.

"We got some of the first game jitters out of the way and we're ready to take it to PE," Raquel Ferrer McGlinn wide receiver said.

While the last second score predictably demoralized Lyons, Treviso is confident better results are in store against Badin on Thursday. "It's just a matter of getting our timing," Trevino said. "We should be 110 percent better by next week."

Breen Phillips 24,
Pangborn 12

Even through a torrential rainstorm on Sunday afternoon at the West Quad athletic fields, it was easy to see that Breen-Phillips would be a force to be reckoned with in the coming season as they raced past Pangborn 24-12.

The game got off to a roaring start as Pangborn took the opening possession and ran a double pass as the first play of the season. As the Breen-Phillips defense reacted to the first pass behind the line of scrimmage, the ball sailed over their heads and into the waiting arms of Pangborn receiver who made a terrific catch on the underthrown ball for a 30-yard gain. The Breen-Phillips defense recovered and forced a Pangborn three and out, getting the ball to their offense, led by quarterback Traci Kazmerski. Pangborn's defense came out strong by sacking Kazmerski twice on the opening possession and forcing a 3rd and 23 while shifting the momentum to the Phoenix side.

It was on that play that Breen-Phillips seized control and never looked back. As the Breen-Phillips sideline said, "We never punt!" Kazmerski faded back and found receiver Tara Johnson running behind the Pangborn defense for a 45-yard touchdown pass to make the score 6-0 in favor of the Bubes after a failed conversion attempt.

"It was just a fly pattern and I got behind the coverage and just ran it in," Johnson said after the game.

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Breen-Phillips defense made an interception to thwart the next Pangborn drive and Kazmerski accounted for another score, this time running the ball in three yards on 4th and goal to make the score 12-0 after another failed conversion attempt.

For the rest of the half, the Breen-Phillips defense continued to frustrate the Pangborn attack, a fact that could have been attributed to the lack of a game ball as Pangborn's freshman quarterback was unable to throw a ball she wasn't used to.

With the Breen-Phillips defense in complete control, Kazmerski and the Bubes offense got the ball back with 2:00 left in the half and ran a two-minute drill to perfection, utilizing the combination of Kazmerski's short, strong arm, accurate passing, and opportunistic scrambling to mount yet another scoring drive. Kazmerski capped the 41-yard drive with a yard quarterback draw to make the score 18-0 in favor of BP at the half.

During halftime the threatening skies finally let loose with a hard, driving rain that delighted the two teams, both of which cheered as the rain got progressively harder. For a time, it appeared as though the downpour had given new life to Pangborn as they quickly got on the board with a 7-yard scoring strike to cut the deficit to 18-6. Kazmerski and the Breen-Phillips offense answered on the very next series, covering 50 yards, most of it on the legs of the star quarterback. Although a 25-yard touchdown run put a Kazmerski naked bootleg was inadvertently blown dead, it proved to be only a temporary postponement of the inevitable as the Bubes quarterback ran it in from seven yards two plays later on the same naked bootleg to make the score an insurmountable 24-6 late in the 2nd half.

Pangborn continued to fight, scoring one more touchdown on a 6-yard slant pattern to give the game a final score of 24-12 and give the Phoenix their captain Katie Murray some semblance to build on for the rest of the season.

"We just need to get in some more practices and gain some experience," Murray said. "We are 75-90 percent freshmen. As the year goes on, Sunday Breen-Phillips announced themselves as the defending champion in the Blue League."
Optimism runs high as Farley squares off with BP

By STEVE COYER, RACHEL SCHIROS
SCHIROS AND KATIE WAGNER
Sports Writers

All teams must face the inevitability of rebuilding at some point. This is routine but it’s surprising to see two teams so energized by their newcomers.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the women of Farley and Breen-Phillips will put their young teams to the test.

Breen-Phillips looks strong coming off a 24-12 victory last Sunday against Pangborn. Hoping to repeat last year’s success that brought them to some point. This is routine but so energized by their newcomers.

The semi-finals, will look to improve their standing. Their quarter-back and wide receivers.

No. 1 Farley and Breen-Phillips feel the road to the playoffs. For Farley, this game is an opportunity to show off the rejuvenated strength of the team. Due to the optimistic outlook of both teams, this game should be closely contested. The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Riehle West.

Walsh vs. Walsh Family

Their names differ by only a letter, their mascots both evoke the untamed and when Walsh and Walsh take the field tonight other likenesses of their particular teams will likely become apparent as well.

This game between two teams with defensive strengths, dedication to time on the practice field and an eye on the prize promises to be an interesting meeting.

Despite being a member of Farley’s newest class of seniors, Walsh’s Walsh family already has a reputation for athletic dominance. Nonetheless, they come to their second game of the season with a 0-1 record after an opening upset by Cavanaugh Sunday. This is perhaps in part due to a predominantly freshman team, so much so that they are calling themselves "Walsh Family Reloaded".

Walsh hopes that the arrival of a new offensive coach this fall will improve the effectiveness of an offensive line that has suffered a seeming inability to score consistently. Coming off last year’s loss against the Whirlwinds, Gannon said, "It will be a competitive game. It’d be a real good win for us to start the season to boost the team confidence."

Equally positive, Sprinz said of "Walsh Reloaded.", "It was an opportunity to show off the rejuvenated strength of the team. Due to the optimistic outlook of both teams, this game should be closely contested. The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Riehle West.

Farley captain

"Farley’s Finest are looking to take teams by surprise on the road to the stadium."

Angeline Zehrbach

Farley captain

Walsh family

"We definitely are looking to the stadium, and while Contributing to knowing there is no guarantee, it is definitely doable."

Katie Sprinz

Walsh Family captain

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Searching for answers

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

It's gut-check time for the Irish. The season is only two games old and 10 games remain, but after the worst loss in 18 years, nothing appears to be going right.

The offense was nonproductive against Michigan, passing for one yard in the first half, never advancing past the Michigan 37-yard line and being outgained by Wolverine running back Chris Perry by 37 yards (177 to 140).

The defense yielded 439 yards and the strength of the team, the ability to stop the run, turned into a major weakness Saturday allowing Michigan to run for 188 yards. The special teams didn't help either, allowing a number of long punt returns and making poor decisions on whether to run out of the end zone or take a touchback.

The Irish won't make excuses. "It's a poor game by us as a team," running back Julius Jones said. "We've just got to go back and look at it and get better for next week."

"We didn't perform and guys didn't step up. Plain and simple, guys didn't get the job done," running back Ryan Grant said. "For the talent level we have, there is no excuse that guys don't step up."

While the defense's only big play was linebacker Courtney Watson's first quarter forced fumble, the offense didn't contribute anything significant to the game. In the fourth quarter against Washington State, the offense capitalized off opportunities created by the defense by driving down the field to put 20 points on the board. Against Michigan, the Irish regressed.

"Anytime that you don't score any points and you aren't very effective in anything, then I think it is always a step backwards because you aren't moving forward," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "You've got to regroup and we play the Spartans next week."

Michigan State comes into Notre Dame Stadium this weekend not feeling too good about itself either. The Spartans gave up two touchdowns in the last 69 seconds of their game Saturday against Louisiana Tech to lose 20-19. Making the loss tougher to swallow, the Spartans had a touchdown called back because of a penalty, recovered a fumble inside the Louisiana Tech red zone, failed to get any points out of it and had a face-mask penalty on a sack during Louisiana Tech's final touchdown drive.

One more thing the Spartans have to worry about is the health of their reinstated quarterback Jeff Smoker who is questionable for Saturday's game. Smoker left the team last season to treat a substance abuse problem. He returned to the team this summer and earned his starting job.

Maybe the Spartans are just what the Irish need. No matter who lines up on the opposite side of the field, the Irish know they have to play a whole lot better than they did Saturday.

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Julius Jones runs the ball against Michigan on Saturday. The Irish find themselves struggling for answers after their 38-0 loss to the Wolverines. They only gained 140 total yards in the loss.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Schefter returns to boost Irish

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Due to an ACL injury, a year ago Annie Schefter could only watch as her teammates struggled to a 13-5 record and she missed the Big East Tournament. With the injury healed and a year of classes under her belt, Schefter, now a sophomore, has played a major role as the No. 2 Irish have returned to national prominence by starting the season 6-0.

In what may have been her best game thus far in an Irish uniform, Schefter scored two goals and an assist in an Irish victory over No. 15 Wisconsin on Sunday. "I was pleased with the outcome," Barstis said. "One of the things we are working on is closing our 1-5 gap. We need to get the gap down to 30-45 seconds. Since I view these races as workouts, we train through them. That means they are racing on tired legs. They'll get a break before the first conference meet at the end of the month."

The Saint Mary's freshmen led the way for the Belles for the second straight race. Katie White placed highest at 30th with a time of 20:09, and Sara Otto finished close behind her in 35th (20:21).