SUB expects well-run lottery

Student organizers say ticket lottery will not repeat previous mistakes

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Keeping in mind last year's debacle — when 1,500 students lined up for tickets, leading to confusion, long lines and outrage — the Student Union Board said it is prepared to handle the rush of students expected to queue up for the Michigan State away game ticket lottery today. The event, plagued in the past by fraud, organization and hundreds of irate students left with nothing after hours in line, is well in hand this year, said SUB president Jimmy Flaherty. Over 1,500 students lined up for tickets to the University of Michigan away game last September — the second largest crowd in the lottery's history.

According to physical education instructor Diane Scherzer, this addition on gambling is designed to raise student awareness of the hazards of gambling.

"A lot of students don't realize gambling can become addictive, and they also don't realize they can get help," Scherzer said. She said the program involves an in-class discussion about the consequences of gambling as well as a discussion of gambling's addictive nature.

In addition, the program extends outside of the Contemporary Topics course. In the wellness planners given to this year's freshmen, information is provided on the social and professional risks of gambling.

"The wellness planner is a good vehicle to disseminate the information," Scherzer said.

State alcohol board to decide Boat's fate

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

More than 19 months after a major police raid on The Boat Club, the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission is expected to decide today whether the popular student bar will ultimately sink or sail.

Though the bar managed to bounce back after suffering the largest raid in South Bend history — citing 213 underage patrons on Jan. 24, 2003 — today's decision could finally force The Boat Club to go under.

If the August recommendation of the local South Bend alcohol and tobacco board is any indication, the state commission will not renew The Boat Club's license. Typically, see BOAT/page 4

Steele said he has observed a definite increase in gambling among Manor residents. In part, he attributed its popularity to the glorification of televised poker events, such as the World Series of Poker on ESPN.

"I think that tournaments on TV have made gambling very hip," Steele said. 

Community disagrees on severity of impact

By JENACA FORQUER
News Writer

A small, humid dorm room is packed with college students. Brightly colored plastic chips clink on the table as folded green bills pass from wallet to hand. The scene is, for many students, all too familiar — tonight is bound to be poker night for at least one male dorm at Notre Dame.

Though campus opinion was divided about the severity of the issue, most agreed that gambling — from poker nights to fantasy football to online betting — is clearly on the rise. Morrissey Hall rector Jay Shiriaev, who attended Saint Mary's her freshman year, said her floor is gradually adjusting to live on the fifth floor of Regina Hall until rooms opened up in University residence halls.

"It was all going to be transfers so we were all in the same boat," she said.

If the fifth floor of Regina started as a community of 20 but has dwindled to 13 as students moved to available Notre Dame rooms, transfer student Alyse Kinchen welcomed the option to live on the fifth floor of Regina Hall.

"It was all going to be transfers so we were all in the same boat," she said.

Kinchen's roommate Michelle Shiriaz, who attended Saint Mary's her freshman year, said their floor is gradually adjusting.

Community disagrees on severity of impact
Not a good deal

The average college kid gets most of the nutrients from two very low food groups — pizza and beer. Not only are these staples of the collegiate diet delicious, but they easily fit into both our schedules and our budgets. Everywhere I look, I see flyers and advertisements for pizzas that seem to get bigger and bigger but somehow drop- ping to record low prices, discounted for college kids. Pizza here is more common than grass. Even though they are virtually giving it away.

Papa John's, Dominos and Shabar still make a killing at Notre Dame. Sadly, they will not take one dollar of mine. My world crashed in around me on July 11, when my doctor told me I was a Celiac. Celiac Sprue is a genetic disorder that causes the patient to have an intolerance to gluten, a protein in grains such as wheat and barley. I come from a long, proud tradition of Celbacs. Both my mother and Father have the gene. While some families produce world-class athletes and others produce great thinkers, we give people who can't eat bread.

The worst part of Saturday evening didn't even involve football. It came at halftime, when my friends came back with two large pizzas and a case of beer. Though offered some, I had to respectfully decline, seeing how my stale rice crackers and Coke made even the finest food on the planet taste like garbage.

Overnight, I have become that kid, the one at the birthday party who never had cake and always brought his own snacks. No matter how popular, that kid never needed to have a good time, and now I know why. Every party I have every attended had someone outside of the doors has had a keg of beer. To my knowledge, not one person who's thrown a party has thought to stock up on something like "two-week-old ham".

The dining hall has become a repetitive nightmare as well. At what was once an overwhelming smorgasbord that could satisfy whatever craving I could conjure up now only one option; dry fried, grilled chicken, and tater-tots. I still haven't even entered the pasta room at NDH, my old reliable on "two-week-old ham" night.

Not everything about my new life is all bad. Because I'm forced to eat healthy, my midsection is no longer as puffy as a Job's donut, which I can't eat anyway. If you want to know what brands of rice pasta to buy, I'm your guy.

Still, some wounds may never heal.

Every time I see a pizza deliveryman, it's like a slap in the face. Can of beer laugh at me. Every day I'm painfully reminded of what used to be.

My doctor says that they're developing a treatment, but I hope it's not too late to reverse the effects of this disorder. She tells me it could be on the market in three years. Perfect. Just in time for full-priced pizza.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW TACO BAR AT NORTH?

Katie Linhares
sophomore
Howard
Mark Manninghoff
sophomore
Keenan
Karli Matwick
senior
Leatts
Matt Insen
sophomore
Keenan
Kelsi Matwick
senior
Leatts
Neel Recco
sophomore
Keenan

"Taco bar? North Dining Hall? I know nothing."

"I wish it were self-serve cause this isn't Taco Bell."

"They never put enough tomatoes. I wish we could just make them ourselves."

"I've never tried it, but I imagine it would be amazing."

"Yeah, me too."

"Beef. Heck yes."

Notre Dame student percussion players gather to practice their music Monday outside of Crowley Hall.

IN BRIEF

Discover your inner child today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the children's section of the Notre Dame bookstore. Kay Londergan will be reading stories and leading activities.

Learn about Latin American politics at a lecture given by Kellogg Institute visiting fellow Mala Huu. She will talk about "Identidades y Representacion en Latin America" at 12:30 p.m. today in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Come cheer on the Notre Dame volleyball team as they take on Valparaiso tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Pianist Jacqueline Smith, tenor Paul Appleby and cellist Nicole Thors will perform classical music Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the penrose Performer's Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Entrepreneur's Club will hold its first meeting today at 8 p.m. in room 119 of DeBartolo Hall.

Learn about volunteer opportunities with special needs children in the South Bend community. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Special Friends Club will host an informational meeting today from 9 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Prison guards find basketball full of pot

MCALESTER, Okla. — Basketballs are usually puffed up with air, but somebody found a way of inflating one with a substance usually associated with puffing of another kind.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary officials cut into the prison and sits away mum security inmates for information about an event to be held on the third floor of the Talawanda Heights Center.

They seized the basketball, which houses 65 mini-mum security inmates for the prison and sits away from the main part of the facility.

"Monopoly" money for pizza send man to jail

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A Danish man was sentenced to 25 days in jail after trying to buy a pizza with fake banknotes he said his grandchildren had made for a game of Monopoly.

The 57-year-old said he had rented two color photocopiers to make extra fake money for the regular family games of Finans, a Danish version of the popular board game, the news agency Ritzau reported on Monday.

He said he had simply made a mistake when he tried to pay for pizza and ice cream with a fake 500 crown ($80) note.

But the court, hearing that he had been carrying 57,000 crowns worth of forged notes when he was arrested, followed one of the Monopoly game's instructions and told him to "Go to Jail."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Students consider adding members

By ELIZABETH CHEFFERS  
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss the possibility of adding three new non-voting members to the council, from RecSports, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns.

Such a move would facilitate better communication between different interests in the student body, members said.

Kate Olesker, a member of the CSC student advisory board Voice, spoke at the meeting about the CSC's possible participation in COR.

"The CSC plays such a major role in so many campus events and they do not have a voice on any of the major programming boards," she said.

Student body president Adam Istvan said he would support the addition of a CSC representative.

"It would be a completely new, a completely outside voice," said Istvan.

The council plans to vote on the proposition at next week's meeting.

The RecSports representative would be chosen from the athletic advisory board, which includes dorm athletic commissioners and faculty members.

"All three of these organizations do a lot of programming events on campus, and so it makes a lot of sense to have them here to help us spittball ideas," Istvan said.

The group also discussed the Rock the Vote project. Representative Dave Baron introduced Peter Quaranto, a member of the Rock the Vote steering committee, who gave a presentation on the overall goals and upcoming events he hoped student government would support.

"We're fighting apathy every way we know how," Quaranto said. Quaranto said Rock the Vote was formed to combat the traditional apathy of Notre Dame students. It is a non-partisan group that includes representatives from various campus organizations such as College Republicans, College Democrats, the CSC, the political science, English and film, television and theater departments.

"We've had some trouble because some people are afraid we are going to disrupt 'business as usual' on campus, but these are big times no matter where you stand," Quaranto said.

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Students discussed the possibility of adding three new COR representatives at Monday's meeting.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group finishes constitution

By KELLY MEEHAN  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance approved revisions to its constitution Monday.

"I am very excited to approve the Constitution," student body president Sarah Catherine White said. "A lot of hard work went into this."

Campus Clubs commissioner Becky Bosak presented seven new clubs to BOG, which the board had approved for club status. The new clubs are College Democrats, Dance Collectives, Feminists United, Friends with Sisters, History Club, Super Site and Toastmasters I.

White said she had recently talked with new College president Carol Mooney. BOG will host several "meet-and-greet" events with the student body, according to White.

The first "Dessert with Dr. Mooney" will take place Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall. Mooney will also be having dessert with students in McCandless Hall on Oct. 10, Regina Hall on Oct. 31 and LeMans Hall on Nov. 21.

In other BOG news:

• Student Activity Board president Lauren Falina reported an overwhelming success with last week's "Singled Out" game at Dalloway's.

"We are really looking forward to our next MTV-themed game, Boom Raiders," Falina said.

The SAB's annual Twilight Tailgate will be Thursday with a performance by the band Blessed Union of Souls. The tailgate will also consist of a barbecue and inflatables.

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Tony Gill Student

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Nation mourns victims of siege

BESLAN, Russia — Funeral processions filled the rainy streets of this southern Russian city Monday, carrying coffins large and small, as townspeople buried scores of missing from the siege at a school.

The school, whose stock up on supplies as the fourth major hurricane in 105 mph.

Hurricane warnings were issued for Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Martinique. Martinique was under a hurricane watch, while Trinidad and Tobago were under a tropical storm warning.

Barbados Prime Minister Owen Arthur convened an emergency session of the Cabinet Monday to plan a strategy against Hurricane Ivan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Conditions hamper Cal. firefighting

SAN FRANCISCO — Firefighters were hampered by erratic wind and low humidity Monday as they made slow progress against a fire that has burned nearly 12,000 acres and four homes in the Northern California wine country.

The fire, which started Friday northeast of Geyserville in Sonoma County, had been 20 percent contained and full containment was not expected until Wednesday, said Janet Marshall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The unpredictable wind and dry vegetation, compounded by uneven and often steep terrain, made the situation extremely dangerous for the 1,875 firefighters, Marshall said.

Bush and Kerry spar over Iraq

WASHINGTON — After the Republican National Convention, President Bush accused President Bush on Monday of send­ing U.S. troops to the "wrong war at the wrong time" and said he'd try to bring them all home in four years.

Bush linked his re-election effort to securingFallujah and ousting Anbar province, the heartland of Sunni Muslim insurgency located in Iraq.

The bombing underscored the challenges U.S. commanders face in securingFallujah and surrounding Anbar province, the heartland of Sunni Muslim insurgency bent on driving coalition forces from the country.

U.S. forces have not patrolled in Fallujah since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that had been aimed at rooting out militia control. Insurgents have only strengthened their hold on Fallujah since then.

Early Tuesday, residents reported strong explosions around Baghdad. But the U.S. command said it had no information.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry said medical tests confirmed that Iraqi authorities had once again mistakenly reported the capture of an insurgent who played a role in Saddam Hussein's regime.

Ministry spokesman Sabah Kadhim said unspecified tests had shown that a man being held in Iraqi custody was actually a relative of al-Douri who played only a minor role in Saddam's regime but was nevertheless wanted by authorities.

Suicide bomb kills seven in Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide attacker sped up to a U.S. military convoy outside Fallujah Monday, detonating an explosives-packed vehicle that killed seven Marines and two U.S. military officials, said it could be on the low end of that range.

"If it's the same all the way across, we're looking at a couple of billion dollars rather than the big numbers we were seeing earlier," state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, who oversees the insurance industry, said Monday. Experts estimate that total damages are typically about double insured losses.

Parts of downtown Tampa were flooded Monday. In Daytona Beach, one of the hardest-hit cities, roofs were torn off several small hotels and the Peabody Auditorium, where the London Symphony Orchestra appears annually. The sign across the coastal highway proclaiming Daytona "The World's Most Famous Beach" was destroyed. Most of Daytona Beach and about a third of the state's 17 Panhandle counties.

"We really are hopeful that the winds won't be too severe — or the rain," said Scott Paterna, who raised to board up his bar and tackle shop near St. Marks, about 20 miles south of Tallahassee.

At about 11 a.m. Monday, Frances remained a tropical storm, with maximum sustained wind near 65 mph and its center about 60 miles east-southeast of Apalachicola. The storm was moving northwest at about 8 mph, forecasters said.

After passing through the Panhandle, Frances will move into Georgia and Alabama. Radar showed rain already spreading into southern Georgia and parts of South Carolina, and the storm's effects were felt as far north as New Jersey, where rigid and rough surf interfered with weekend swimming plans.
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is gradually adjusting to the unique situation. “If 
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At that lottery, SUB placed no 
limits on the number of IDs per 
student, producing long lines, 
and ended the lottery earlier 
than necessary because organiz­
ers misinterpreted NCAA and 
Indiana state rules governing 
lotteries. Prior to 2003, lotteries 
were plagued with fraud as indi­
guals who were not students 
and still staff member IDs obtained 
tickets. Now, SUB uses a machine 
to check student IDs.

Homestays in location and 
borders should prevent similar 
problems this year, Flaherty said. 
Last year’s issues with the ticket 
lottery occurred with the first 
one of the year when the lottery 
was held both at Reckers and the 
North Dining Hall,” he said. “Last 
year’s Executive Board recog­
nized the issues and made great 
changes to the process by 
switching it to Legends and mak­
ing the guidelines more explicit.” 

Like last year, Flaherty said the 
lottery would not be open to 
Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross stu­
dents. He said the decision was 
made after lengthy discussion 
among SUB members and rep­
resentatives of the College.

“It’s just a decision we made as 
an executive board, based on what we 
did last year,” he said. “We are the 
Notre Dame Student Union 
Board, and it’s our job to serve the 
Notre Dame student percent.” 

Tickets will be distributed on the 
campus side of Legends from 
noon to 5 p.m. Flaherty said. 
Organizers will assign as many 
lottery tickets as they can within 
that time period, he said, but 
winners will be drawn only for 
the approximately 140 pairs of 
tickets supplied to SUB by the 
Office of Student Activities and 
the Athletic Department.

The system, which Flaherty 
described as “basic and clear,”
details that students can bring 
up to six IDs per person and 
will be given an instruction packet 
along with their lottery numbers 
to minimize confusion. IDs will be 
scanned to secure the system 
against fraud.

Contrary to past reports, the 
ticket lottery does not fall under 
the regulation of Indiana state law 
or the NCAA, said Flaherty.

The winning numbers will be 
selected after the lottery is closed 
and will be posted at the SUB office. 
The Observer 
Students will be able to purchase 
their tickets at the LaFortune 
box office.

Despite the football team’s less 
than stellar start, Flaherty said 
that he does not expect a drop­
off in the number of students 
buying a ticket. “I think traveling to away 
football games are a great 
experience for students and Notre 
Dame students are going to be 
excited to travel to East Lansing to the 
cheer on our team,” he said.

Sophomore Stephanie Best said 
that a long wait, not the football 
team’s record, would be the 
main deterrent.

“I know that a lot of people were 
worried about the lottery in huge long 
lines last year. I don’t want to 
stand in line all day for it — I’d 
rather buy tickets from someone 
standing outside the stadium on 
game day,” she said. “Whether I 
go or not depends how long the 
line is.”

Keenan sophomore Gary Jost, 
still deciding on whether to 
take the SUB lottery or the 
reverse lottery in the option 
logic mind.

“Last year was a real lottery — you 
wait in line and you either get it 
or you don’t,” he said. “I’m not 
very confident [in the lottery]. I think Michigan State’s a 
better team than BYU.”

SUB will also oversee a ticket 
lottery for the October 16 Navy away 
game.

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Alitalia plans to cut 5,000 jobs

To avoid collapse, Italian carrier will cut almost one-fourth of its workforce

By Andrea Riccardi

Employees leave the building during a meeting between executives and labor union representatives at the airline's Magliana Centro Direzionale headquarters, in Rome.

Sao Paolo, Brazil — Brazil's government got a big boost Friday when the new head of the International Monetary Fund praised its economic policy and economists raised their growth forecast for the continent's largest economy.

The upgrade came four times in the last 16 months amid a repeat performance in the second quarter amid a turnaround in industrial spending.

The country's robust growth in the second quarter amid a rebound in industrial spending.

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'Since taking power in January 2003, the administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva "has maintained coherent macroeconomic policies and formulated an ambitious agenda of structural reforms," IMF managing director Rodrigo de Rato said after meeting with Silva and senior government officials in Brasilia, the capital.

"These courageous policies are bearing fruit," said de Rato, a Spaniard and economist by training who took over the top job at the Washington-based lender three months ago.

He said he agreed with the conclusion of economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires, who raised their expectations Friday for Brazil's economic growth in 2004 to 4.5 percent from about 4 percent.

"Consumer spending is providing optimism, as is falling unemployment," said Ana Paula Rocha, an economist for ABN Amro in Sao Paulo.

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Brazil did experience its worst recession in a decade last year, but has now posted four straight quarters of growth and a decline in the unemployment rate three months running. The jobless rate stood at 11.2 percent in June, down from a high of 13 percent earlier this year.

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Vaccinations help prevent hospital stays

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Vaccinating children against chickenpox saves the U.S. health care system $100 million a year in reduced hospitalizations for severe complications of this highly infectious disease, a study found.

Though most people who get chickenpox can avoid serious complications and hospitalization even when untreated, experts say the toll can be heavy for young children who get the shots and helped keep the disease from spreading to unvaccinated older children.

The researchers estimated that 90 percent of chickenpox-related complications were the work of one person.

Police say single person responsible for 6 killings

Police Capt. Richard Lockhart said police were looking for a single killer who was responsible for the slayings of three women within a blighted 18-block area frequented by drug addicts and prostitutes.

Routine vaccination has been cited as a reason children who get the shots and helped keep the disease from spreading to unvaccinated older children.

One of those slain was found dead Sunday in her apartment on the Far South Side. Two others have been covered since Thursday — including those found after someone calling for a $3,000 reward to look.

All the bodies were discovered on vacant lots or near vacant houses or apartments in a southeast area of downtown where drug dealers and prostitutes were known to congregate.

Lockhart said police were looking for similarities between the victims and the crime scenes. Police have not said how the victims died; autopsies were under way Monday.

One person was working with the FBI to develop a profile of the killer.

The reduction in the disease "is excellent news for the vaccine program," said lead researcher Dr. Matthew Davis, a University of Michigan pediatrician who said he has no ties to the vaccine makers. The study was funded by the university.

Dr. Ben Katz, an infectious disease specialist at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, said the numbers are believable.

"There's less complications, less hospitalizations, and you're saving money to boot. It's all good news," Katz said.

The study appears in the September edition of Pediatrics, prepared for release Tuesday.

Davids and colleagues analyzed 1993-2001 data from a nationally representative annual compilation of cases discharged from hundreds of hospitals nationwide, including information on costs and diagnoses.

Before 1995, 41 percent of patients hospitalized for chickenpox were children from infancy through age 4, compared with 33 percent for people age 20 and older. That pattern reversed by 2001, when 28 percent of chickenpox-related hospitalizations were very young children and 46 percent were adults, the researchers found.

Despite indirect protection from vaccinating young children, adults and teens who have not yet had chickenpox should consider getting the shots themselves, Davis said.

This is especially important for those who work with young children and for women of childbearing age, because the disease can be hazardous during the early stages of pregnancy, and the shots are not advised during pregnancy, he said.

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Polio vaccine still safe and effective

Children now receive at least four doses of polio vaccination, including one that has an ingredient that was questioned earlier because it was found to cause inflammation at the injection site.
Doctors say Clinton bypass successful

Heart attack may have been in near future

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton underwent a successful quadruple heart bypass surgery Monday to relieve severely clogged arteries that had put the former president at high risk of suffering a heart attack. "He is recovering normally at this point," said Dr. Craig R. Smith, the surgeon who led the operation. "Right now everything looks straightforward." Smith said Clinton could leave the hospital in four or five days.

Doctors said they expect him to make a full recovery, although the heart disease they repaired was "extensive." The four-hour surgery came three days after Clinton checked himself into the hospital complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath. Tests soon revealed that blockage in several of Clinton's arteries was "well over 90 percent," Smith said.

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Related fact found between TV and sex

CHICAGO — Children who watched a lot of TV with sexual content were about twice as likely to start having intercourse during the subsequent year as those with little exposure to televised sex, researchers found.

High exposure to TV sex among those age 12 to 17 also was linked with a lower but still substantially increased risk of starting non-intercourse behavior, including passionate kissing and oral sex, the researchers found. Even shows that only refer to sex don't depict it had the effect, they found.

"Exposure to TV that included only talk about sex was associated with the same risks as exposure to TV that depicted sexual behavior," said Rand Corp. behavioral scientist Rebecca Collins and colleagues.

From immundoes to depicting of intercourse, sex is pervasive on TV, present in about two-thirds of all shows other than news and sports, and teens watch an average of three hours of television daily, previous research has shown.

TV thus "may create the illusion that sex is a normal, daily life thing as true in and may promote sexual activity as true in the research," the researchers said.

"When they're watching it for three hours a day, it really does become their social world," one of the researchers said. Those that were sexually active tended to have a better understanding of "what happens," Collins said. "You don't learn the facts of life in television." The couple has sex, and the next morning says, "You gave me an STD."

The study appears in September's Pediatrics, released Tuesday.

The results are based on nationwide telephone surveys of 1,792 adolescents queried in 2001 and again in 2002. Parental consent for participation was obtained before the interviews.

The researchers devised a list of 23 popular shows that on average featured abundant sexual content.

"Programs the researchers considered high in sexual content included "That 70s Show," "Friends" and "Sex and the City,"" — all popular with teens.

Participants then were asked how often they watched sex scenes in these shows. They also were asked whether they engaged in various sexual activities, results were compared from the two surveys.

The number of teens who reported having had intercourse climbed from about 18 percent to 36 percent. The number who'd had sexual experiences other than intercourse climbed from 62 percent to 75 percent, Collins said.

Factors that increased the likelihood of having intercourse included being older, having older friends and getting poor grades. But even considering these factors, television still remained a strong influence, the researchers said.

Many youngsters start having sex during their teen years, and previous data show that 46 percent of high school students say they've had intercourse. But many say they wish they'd waited longer to have sex, and television might be among factors influencing them to become sexually active too soon, the researchers said.

Liliana Escobar-Chaves, a researcher at the University of Texas School of Public Health, said the findings illustrate the importance of parents viewing and discussing TV with their kids, and of encouraging TV writers to depict sex responsibly.

On the latter effort is a focus of The Media Project, a Los Angeles-based advocacy program that works with TV networks to include accurate and responsible sex images in programming.

"We want kids to look at television with an educated eye," said Carl Folta, the group's director. 

One example is an HIV/AIDS effort the group has collaborated on with media giant Viacom, whose properties include CBS and MTV. In the past year and a half, Viacom has produced 22 shows with positive HIV messages, including a "Star Trek" television series and the group's deal with the stigma of having an AIDS-like disease, said Viacom spokesman Carl Folta.

But while acknowledging that television "certainly can have an impact," Folta was skeptical of the study results.

"I don't think television makes anybody do anything," Folta said. It's just one of many factors that influence young people's lives, he said.

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What John Kerry will do for America

Politics is a rather contentious topic at my house these days. My father has long espoused the view that Bill Clinton is the devil incarnate and that John Kerry and John Edwards are only days away from picking up pitch forks and burning the country with their own brand of red-hot liberalism. In contrast, I spent my summer in Washington D.C. working for the Democratic National Committee. This decision caused not only raised eyebrows, but a few epithets as well. Even my 77-year-old grandmother told me before I left, "Honey, it's never too late to change your mind. You could still vote for George Bush when you walk into that ballot box." Although not everyone in my family is Republican, as you can imagine, going against this grain has made for an interesting experience. While at home, I find myself defending my views against the atypical outburst and informed debate, and while in D.C. I could almost always hear the ever-critical voice of e-mails for a little more than a year, but the segment that had the public's attention — the trial — is now over. District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case Wednesday in a deal where no criminal charges can be filed. Apparently the woman who filed the complaint dropped the charges because she didn't want to participate and be subject to more relentless media coverage. I am not for a minute saying that I understand what it's like to be sexually assaulted, but I can say that it was my idea and I knew who the perpetrator was, I would want to see him brought to justice. The 20-year-old woman's credibility was put in jeopardy when the defense attorneys tried to get her mental health admitted as evidence to show her instability and desire for attention. The case breaker was when the judge ruled that the defense could use her recent sexual history against it's client's accuser. By that time it seemed as though from the outside looking in, and apparently from the inside looking out, their case was deteriorating. On top of all of that, District Attorney Mark Hurbert told the woman that she did not and was not going to testify. Look at George W. Bush's platform as well. The Bush-Cheney ticket's slogan is "Heart and soul. Moving America forward." This phrase exemplifies the Bush-Cheney campaign's focus championed, rather arrogantly, by the current administration. It is, of course, imperative that we look forward and have the well-being of our nation as its top priority. In my opinion, however, the only way to provide and plan for the strength and security of the United States lies in being cognizant of the larger world that surrounds us, which includes that world. He recognizes the need for a firm yet respectful and collaborative attitude within foreign relations. He will be an advocate for our safety and security. He will help boost economic growth. He will promote education and the environment. John Kerry and his plans are controversial. One would be hard pressed to find a worthwhile political plan who is not. America deserves the courage of Kerry's convictions and honesty of Kerry's character. In four years. John Kerry is not flawless. But neither is he the lesser of two evils as a sole focus on attacking Bush implies. At this point in time, the best way to support him is to explain why John Kerry instead of why not George Bush. I don't believe there is a perfect choice for America in the upcoming election. I do, however, strongly believe there is a clear choice and that our next president should be John Kerry.

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U-Wire

Bryant case leaves both parties with stained reps

The Kobe Bryant case has been on our TV's, radios and in our newspaper over the past few weeks. Through a segment that had the public's attention — the trial — is now over. District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case Wednesday in a deal where no criminal charges can be filed. Apparently the woman who filed the complaint dropped the charges because she didn't want to participate and be subject to more relentless media coverage. I am not for a minute saying that I understand what it's like to be sexually assaulted, but I can say that it was my idea and I knew who the perpetrator was, I would want to see him brought to justice. The 20-year-old woman's credibility was put in jeopardy when the defense attorneys tried to get her mental health admitted as evidence to show her instability and desire for attention. The case breaker was when the judge ruled that the defense could use her recent sexual history against it's client's accuser. By that time it seemed as though from the outside looking in, and apparently from the inside looking out, their case was deteriorating. On top of all of that, District Attorney Mark Hurbert told the woman that she did not and was not going to testify.

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Bryant, 26, isn't off-scot-free. Under the conditions that the case could never be filed again, he had to make a public apology to his accuser. She is quoted on FoxSports.com saying she "insisted on that statement as a price of freedom." Even though the criminal trial is over, a civil suit is still pending and the only thing won in civil suits are — surprise — money. 1. For one, I am glad the messy ordeal is over. It's sad that now both of them are going to have to spend quite a bit of time rebuilding their reputations. I hope the woman gets through this and finds happiness. As for Kobe, I hope he has learned his lesson and others have learned from him that everything that looks good isn't good for you.

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Show support this weekend

After Saturday night I noticed many people question­ ing the leadership of our team, as if the direction our football team is heading in has been doubtful. I’ve heard many locals think about how much work our teams have put in this season. I would like to think that the reasons for these are attractive. The first, is the return of the invest­ ment. Let’s just say you proba­ bly would not be selling your ticket for less than you paid for it. The second reason 1 think most people have some people have had no chance to watch the same product on the field. It’s been a great week in Utah on Saturday. This is also under­ standable.

Saturday, we face an oppo­ nent that we clearly believed was going to be a 10-point victory. I urge each and every student at this school to support Saturday’s game. First, you get 24 home games as a student. Cherish every one of them. This is a once in a lifetime — no matter what the outcome — that will be spent

U-Wire

War on terror needs candidates' creativity

Whether local or national, let there be no mistake — Election Day 2004 is quickly approaching. For Americans, it is time to engage in some much needed decision making on the issues that matter most. Two months remain before voters choose which candidate will defend those issues best.

The war on terror continues to be the issue that begs for creative answers by both candidates running for president. The Bush adminis­ tration is the first in what will be a long line of presidents who must use innovation and creativ­ ity to fight this lingering problem.

As Afghanistan and Iraq move toward free­ dom, it is time to evaluate where we were and where we’re headed. What is next with regard to the international fight against terrorism? What is next here at home for maintaining and increasing homeland security?

The questions above should be the foremost concern of voters across the nation. Terrorism, being the unconventional war it is, will be fought with less power and more finesse. Bush, in his three years as president, created the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Patriot Act and the TSA. Not a bad start, considering he has outlined further ideas for a second term.

Kerry must match this by explaining a unique strategy for maintaining security aside from the feel-good remedies he has pro­ posed. The American people deserve much more than Kerry saying “ditto” to the 9/11 Commission or offering universally agreed-upon ideas. Adding troops and strengthening the military are wonderful, but where is the innovation?

Kerry must explain what it means to “lead a coalition of the able,” as it states on his Web site. Post 9/11, the world thrives on intelli­ gence gathering. Kerry uses opponents of the war in Iraq (France, Germany, Russia, etc.) to be indicative of our opponents in the war on terror. We continue to share intelligence on a continual basis with countless nations, including those who failed to assist America in Operation: Iraq Freedom. When free nations share the burden of intelligence, everyone benefits. So what is this new “coalition” Kerry is so insistent on the U.S.A. Parkie Act is also room for concern. In the aftermath of 9/11, Kerry gave his support to this commonplace of domestic security, even setting portions of the bill “I believe these serious threats to our security justifying our passing this legislation swiftly,” he stated in 2001.

Now he wavers on how much or how little he supports the Patriot Act.

The real issue at stake is whether Kerry has any unique ideas for making America safer. If stem cells and abortion prevented terrorism, I guess Kerry has all the answers. Where are the efforts to bring business into the fight against terrorism? Where are the ideas for reforming intelligence gathering?

Kerry has made the case that America is less safe due in part to the Bush administration. If that is true, then creative solutions should exist in abundance. Either Kerry has no ideas or wants to keep a secret and delay until his inauguration. Either way, America does not need a Socratic talk show. Kerry uses opponents of the war in Iraq (France, Germany, Russia, etc.) to be indicative of our opponents in the war on terror. We continue to share intelligence on a continual basis with countless nations, including those who failed to assist America in Operation: Iraq Freedom. When free nations share the burden of intelligence, everyone benefits. So what is this new “coalition” Kerry is so insistent on the U.S.A. Parkie Act is also room for concern. In the aftermath of 9/11, Kerry gave his support to this commonplace of domestic security, even setting portions of the bill “I believe these serious threats to our security justifying our passing this legislation swiftly,” he stated in 2001.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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**DVD Review**

**Season 6 of ‘Sex and the City’ delivers**

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

The final season of a television show usually goes one of two ways. More often than not, the final season reminds you why it’s going off of the air in the first place with uninspired episodes and a feeling of obligation to wrap up all plot lines. The rarer ender to a show is a season that makes you wish that the show would go on forever. “Sex and the City.” Season 6 Part 1, while not the complete final season, manages to keep the show fresh while slowly and subtly wrapping up the loose ends in preparation for the final farewell.

“Sex and the City” is a completely character-driven show as the entire premise is following the love lives of four single New York women. The four women are Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), the shoe-addicted sex-column writer; Charlotte (Kristin Davis), the WASP-y art gallery director; Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), the cynical lawyer; and Samantha (Kim Cattrall), the manic PR executive. Some episodes may be confusing to those who are jumping into the series cold, because they follow a story-arc built up over the past five seasons, but the series can still be enjoyed by just about anyone, even males.

Season 6 opens with “Market to Market,” a great episode comparing the volatility of the stock market with the instability and uncertainty of dating. Carrie begins her relationship with Jack Berger (Ron Livingston of “Office Space” fame), another writer. Their union seems blissful, until both of them release books at the same time. While Carrie finds major success with her book, Berger is dropped by his publisher and the whole thing ends with Berger dumping her on a post-it note, prompting one of the funniest episodes on the disc, “The Post-it Always Sticks Twice.”

While Carrie’s love life takes a turn for the worse, her friends have their own personal adventures. Miranda is torn between her love for the bartender Steve (David Eigenberg), the father of her baby, and the perfect New York Knicks doctor (Blair Underwood) she’s dating. Charlotte finally finds true love with Harry (Evan Handler), but they face a dilemma when marriage becomes an issue because he’s Jewish and she isn’t. Samantha has a fling with a bot waiter/actor Smith Jarrett (Jason Lewis), and it quickly becomes more serious than she ever wants a relationship to be.

The DVD set, like all of the “Sex and the City” collections, does not have many extras. There are commentaries from producer Michael Patrick King for a few episodes, and this set also includes a discussion from the Museum of TV and Radio Seminar Series and the previews for all of the episodes. The most unfortunate aspect of this set of DVDs was HBO’s choice to divide the last season into two separate discs. There can be no good reason behind it except greed and a desire to extend the “Sex and the City” brand for as long as possible. It also leaves the set with something of an unfinished feeling, which I suppose is what they want viewers to feel so that they go out and buy the last half of the season, but it just doesn’t seem like a fair thing to do. “Sex and the City” Season 6 Part One is a great DVD set, marred only by the decision to divide the final season into two parts.

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**DVD Review**

**‘Butterfly Effect’ rises above shortcomings**

By MARK BEMENDERFER

The two versions are far enough apart, that they both warrant a viewing. The director's cut, with its major changes, is available on most DVD editions of the film, and you should purchase that version if at all possible. While there can be no good reason behind it except greed and a desire to extend the “Sex and the City” brand for as long as possible. It also leaves the set with something of an unfinished feeling, which I suppose is what they want viewers to feel so that they go out and buy the last half of the season, but it just doesn’t seem like a fair thing to do. “Sex and the City” Season 6 Part One is a great DVD set, marred only by the decision to divide the final season into two parts.

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**The Butterfly Effect New Line**

Even though Ashton Kutcher’s role as the main character is a drawing point for interested viewers, the supporting roles are what drive the movie. Amy Smart, Elden Henson and Mélora Walters all turn in memorable performances. Kutcher does suffer a little through his manipulations, but the secondary characters make up for the main character’s shortcomings.

‘Butterfly Effect’ is a good movie, but it is far from perfect. There are some obvious plot holes, and Kutcher may not have been the best young actor for the job. Another movie that follows the same idea, but with a better lead and execution is “Donnie Darko,” starring Jake Gyllenhaal. If you haven’t seen that movie, check it out. If you have seen only one of these two movies, and liked it, I would recommend the seeing the other to see a different execution of similar story ideas.

This movie is a dark movie. If you are looking for the feel good movie of the year, look else where. Badly handled mental harm come to almost every person in this movie, innocent or other wise. While some may appreciate the grim nature of the movie and some of its inhabitants, others may not.

The director’s cut, included on the new DVD by New Line Cinema’s Infinifilm, is even darker. Many of the things that were transcribed very clearly. The DVD comes packed with quite a few extras, just like previous Infinitfilm’s DVD releases. There are two documentaries, one about time travel and the other dealing with chaos theory. Commentary from the directors and writers and some DVD-ROM content is also included. Overall, this is a classy presentation for the film and one that would please any movie fan.

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Foreign language film is a visual masterpiece

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Assistant Scene Editor

At first it doesn't make sense. With no long-winded explanations or details, men and women soar into the open sky, engaged in a graceful ballet of martial arts. It's been seen before in Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." But the status of limitations on this part of entertainment seems to be timeless as this hybrid of art and action still feels like a breath of fresh air. While "Hero" does not capture the same beating heart emotions as its artistic predecessor, it still succeeds on its own as a simply gorgeous piece of filmmaking.

"Hero" tells the story of a distant war torn land when ancient China was divided into seven kingdoms. Qin (Jet Li), the ruthless and ambitious emperor of the northern province, is rising to power and seeks to unite all the seven provinces under his iron fist. However, he is under constant threat of assassination from the three greatest warriors of the time.

Broken Sword (Tony Leung), Flying Snow (Ziyi Zhang) and Sky (Donnie Yen). When one of Qin's local magistrates claims to have defeated all three warriors, Qin decides to test his claim. Jet Li is summoned to the king's palace to relate how he managed his single-handed victories.

In many ways, "Hero" feels like an evolution of the same visual elements that made "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" such a wonder to behold. Watching the fight scenes is like watching poetry in motion. Beasts within the plot come from the requited lust and luscious settings, each battle seems to have been hand painted with a brush to produce breathtaking results. Two particularly memorable conflicts included one set amongst a swirl of countless red-tinted spring blossoms and another on the clear, serene surface of a remote lake. Painstakingly rehearsed and coordinated fight choreography just adds to the overall equation and produces moments within the film that rival, and sometimes surpass, those in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.

"The cast of "Hero" has been described as an Asian version of "Ocean's 11" in it's star-studded cast and the selection of the most successful actors. A list Hong Kong film stars. The performances in "Hero" certainly support this claim. Jet Li gives a quietly reserved, no-nonsense performance that is unlike many of the big-budget action films that have captivated him to fame. But the most memorable moments within the plot come from the required love between Tony Leung and Maggie Cheung's characters. Instead of playing on the pair's passion, the actors give much more subtle performances that focus on their characters' search for a peaceful end together in a harsh, embattled world.

The primary downfall for "Hero" is its length, or lack thereof. In order for the motivations of the characters and their ideals to really resonate, the themes of the film should have been explored for more than 90 minutes. The themes revolving around honor and a warrior's duty form the main focus for the film but there are times when these themes seem to be pushed to the rear in order to fast forward to another captivating warrior clash. For this reason, the film does not resonate with the same raw emotion that "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" did. Instead, "Hero" will probably be remembered more for the beautiful images it conveys. If audience members take a step back and allow themselves to soak in all that the film's artful canvas has to offer, they might truly love the film. And that's certainly not a shallow way to be remembered in years to come.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Fourth time is a charm for 'The Simpsons'

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Critic

All television shows manage to eek out a few good episodes, and some even boast a great batch in their run, but the mark of a television classic is when you have an entire season of memorable shows. "The Simpsons" Season 4 is about as close as you can get to a perfect season of television. The fourth season established the show as a solid classic, and not just the fact it was thought to be when it first aired. There is not a bad episode to be found, and fortunately for fans, the DVD package is worthy of such a flawlessness of television programming.

Classic episodes from the season deal with very seemingly tangential subjects, but they all tie up nicely at the end. "Marge vs. the Monorail" is a classic written by Conan O'Brien that matches "The Music Man" and mass transit. "Last Exit to Springfield," one of the best episode ever by Entertainment Weekly, finds Homer accidentally becoming a Union leader because Lisa needs braces and the nuclear power plant workers are ready to trade their dental plan for a keg.

"Promotional Stuff" features the quickie segment, "The Simpsons," storyboards and a promotional syndication reel. One of the major benefits of watching the DVD versus syndicated episodes is the quality of the sound and picture. The images are clear, the colors vivid and the sound quality is wonderful. About the only thing that isn't almost perfect in the set is the episode-selection menu. Each disc has a different character on the menu, and when you select an episode, a short animation clip runs. This is fairly amusing at first, but upon subsequent viewings, it becomes somewhat tedious.

"The Simpsons" Season 4 DVD set is a fitting package for the season that proved that the show was not just a cartoon, but a show that mixed the best of social commentary deftly with come- dy.

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The Simpsons

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Associated Press

David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to their 12th win in 14 games for a wild victory over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Ortiz, Ramirez homer in Boston's 8-3 win

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BOSTON - The Patriots' second straight win was their 63rd of the season, preventing them from losing to the New England Patriots for the 100th time for a third straight season. Detroit lost an American League-record 19 games in 2003.

"It's only Sept. 6, so honestly, we knew we were going to get there," Trammell said. "It's a nice feeling after last year, but for these young players, they have stayed with his family during the hurricane.

Gary Knotts pitched the final three innings and gave up two hits and one run. Angel Berroa's solo homer in the ninth -- for his second save.

Denny Bautista (0-1) lost in his first major league start, allowing four runs in six innings. The Royals have lost four straight games.

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Journeyman minor leaguer Smith leads Braves to win

Associated Press

About an hour before the game, Travis Smith found out he’d be starting.

The journeyman didn’t want to squander the chance. Filling in for the ailing Mike Hampton, Smith pitched five solid innings and earned his first major league win in more than two years, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 on Monday.

“It seems like a long time,” Smith said. “I’m fortunate they couldn’t go because of a stiff neck. The 31-year-old replacement allowed five hits and one run before giving way to the bullpen.”

Smith (1-3), who has spent most of the season at Triple-A, got the start when Hampton couldn’t go because of a stiff neck. The 31-year-old replacement allowed five hits and a run before giving way to the bullpen.

Smith has made four starts for the Braves this season, losing each.

The crowd was on its feet, making only his fourth career start. He gave the Braves closer John Smoltz, who had two saves, a huge boost.

“I’m fortunate they couldn’t go because of a stiff neck,” Smith said. “I’m fortunate they couldn’t go because of a stiff neck, and had two hits in seven innings to keep the Astros in the thick of the NL wild-card race.”

Ramirez took advantage off the long weekend to rest his sore left groin, which has been bothering him since July.

“I feel a lot better. I’m not a 100 percent, but the four days off really helped my groin,” Ramirez said.

He also prepared himself for the team’s remaining games against the Expos.

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The Cubs took a half-game lead over idle San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Houston stayed 1 1/2 games back with a 11-5 win over Cincinnati.

The Giants and the Astros moved closer in the standings, while the Cubs remained idle during the weekend.

“They’re kind of frustrating, but we will still have to play those games, too,” Ramirez said. “There is going to be a time when we are playing and they will be off and we have to take advantage of that, too.”

Chicago won without Sammy Sosa in the lineup. The seven-time All-Star has bursitis in his right hip and is listed as day to day. The injury is not related to a lower back injury Sosa suffered earlier in the season, which put him on the disabled list May 19 through June 18.

Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano delivers a pitch in the fifth inning against the Expos on Monday. Zambrano pitched eight innings as the Cubs won 9-1.

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Yankees-Devil Rays game postponed

Yankees ask for game to be declared a forfeit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees asked the commissioner's office to award them a forfeit over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after they failed to arrive in time Monday because of travel problems due to Hurricane Frances. It was a request that had no chance of being granted.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"They're just got to go with the punches," Torre said in a statement.

Yankees fans applauded loudly when the Yankees took batting practice starting about 4:45 p.m., the start time pushed back two hours on Sunday. Because of the delay, the commissioner's office told the teams to play one game at 7 p.m. and said it would decide later on when to reschedule the second game.

The Devil Rays arrived at 6:05 p.m., and commissioner Bud Selig had no intention of ordering a forfeit.

"Given the stage of the season we are in, and the exciting pennant races, it is critical that we do everything to decide the championship on the field," he said in a statement.

The Yankee Stadium gates opened at 11 a.m., and about 1,000 fans were on hand. They were given free hot dogs and sodas, and fans applauded loudly when the Yankees took batting practice starting about 4:45 p.m.

"This could keep the energy level up," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They're cheering batting practice."

About 20,000 fans appeared to be on hand when Orlando Hernandez finally threw the first pitch to Julio Lugo at 7:02 p.m.

Before the game, Yankees president Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman held a news conference on the field, explaining why they wanted a forfeit.

Baseball rules say a forfeit may be called if a team isn't ready within five minutes of umpires calling "play" unless the delay is "unavoidable."

"If your team is here and ready to play, and the other team isn't here and not ready to play, there should be a forfeit," Levine said.

Tampa Bay's home games against Detroit on Saturday and Sunday were postponed, and the Tigers returned home after Friday night's games. Bob DuPuy, chief operating officer of the commissioner's office, said the Devil Rays were asked to investigate leaving Friday night or Saturday.

"There were plenty of opportunities to get out of Tampa on Satuday. The airports were open until 3 or 4 o'clock," Levine said after Yankees officials checked with airlines.

"Guys' minds were not on football," center Joel Rodriguez said. "Guys' minds were on their families, their houses, their property and their safety. It's understandable. ... To have three days off where you're not even thinking about football, but about your house being blown away or whatever, it's a lot to come back from and get right into the flow."

Several players' families and friends were still without power and water Monday.

Miami defensive back Devin Hester, from Riviera Beach, said the roof on his parents' home collapsed, flooding every room, and a tree crushed his mother's car.

"It didn't turn out too good," Hester said. "It's kind of bad knowing that I'm here and my mom, they're in Palm Beach struggling. I'm just trying to keep my focus and concentrate on football right now."

Miami receiver Ryan Moore, from Orlando, said Hurricane Charley affected his family more than Frances. But having two hurricanes within three weeks left him with some troubling nights.

"I've never seen anything back to back like that," Moore said. "All of us from Florida, we're as used to it as you can get. You've just got to go with the punches."
U.S. Open wraps up fourth round, quarterfinals to start

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams was grunting loudly, Lindsay Davenport was muttering to herself, and the fans were jumping out of their seats after each point.

The matchup was fit for a Grand Slam final, not the fourth round. So, too, was the riveting last game.

Davenport and Williams, seven major titles and 49 weeks at No. 1 between them, swapped powerful strokes and anxious moments for 13 minutes and 24 points Monday at the U.S. Open. Nine deuces. Five break points for 2000-01 Open champion Williams. Five match points for 1998 Open champ Davenport. In the end, Davenport was slightly steadier and stronger, pulling out a 7-5, 6-4 victory to get to the quarterfinals.

It was a fittingly tight way to end the pair’s 25th meeting; they came in 12-all.

“A tough one to get through,” said Davenport, who faces 62nd-ranked Shinobu Asagii for a semifinal berth. “I wanted to win as badly, and I played such a great, calm match until that point, and then let a few errors creep in.”

Not as many as Williams, who since playing her first Slam in 1997 never before went an entire season without reaching at least one major semifinal. She hurt herself with 42 miscues, mostly off forehands and more than double Davenport’s count.

“It was me. I made too many errors,” Williams said. “The thing that hurt me the most was my incoordinated forehand.

“That’s been a problem for a while, leading to her slide to No. 12 in the rankings ... why she was forced to play Davenport so early. Davenport, meanwhile, has won 21 straight matches since taking retirement at Wimbledon.

The big-name showdown is looming in the men’s quarterfinals: Andre Agassi vs. Roger Federer. Agassi owns eight major titles, while the top-ranked Federer has won three of the past five.

Agassi advanced Monday with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over pal and occasional practice partner Sargis Sargsian, who was on court for nearly 10 hours in his previous two outings. This one was so lopsided, it took just 90 minutes. Federer spent less time in action Monday, because his opponent, No. 16 Andrei Pavel, pulled out with a herniated disc in his lower back.

Federer is in the Open quarterfinals for the first time. He lost in the fourth round the last three years.

“There’s nothing more you ask for than to play a big event against the best player in this environment,” said Agassi, the 1994 and 1999 Open winner.

“It’s time to bring the best tennis,”

First-time Flashing Meadows quarterfinalist No. 5 Tim Henman and No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty will meet for another semifinal slot. Playing on his 30th birthday, Henman came through when No. 19 Nicolas Kiefer quit with a right wrist injury while down 3-0 in the fifth set. Hrbaty came back to eliminate Olivier Rochus 2-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

“I’m slowing up already,”

Henman said, smiling.

Mary Pierce, a two-time major champion enjoying a bit of a renaissance at 29, lost in the fourth round to No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6 (5), 6-2. Kuznetsova plays No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne or No. 14 Nadia Petrova next.

Asagii upset No. 29 Elena Dandilidou 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3, making her the lowest-ranked Open quarterfinalist since Williams was 66th in her 1997 debut.

No long ago that seems. Now Williams needs to regroup and recapture the drive that carried her to the top ranking, four Slam titles, and six runner-up finishes. Already this year, she had earlier-than-usual exits at the Australian Open (third round), French Open (quarterfinals) and Wimbledon (second round).

She missed the second half of last season, including the Open, with a torn abdominal muscle, and had to try to deal with the shooting death of half-sister Yetunde in September.

“I’m really disappointed (about) all this year’s Grand Slams. But I’ve learned that the position that I’m in is not necessarily my fault,” Williams said. “I can’t be hard on myself. I have to take my time and realize that it’s just a matter of time before I’m playing my best.”

She brought her level up by a lot in that fantastic final game, with Davenport serving at 5-4. Williams also raised the volume, grunting louder and louder with each shot, a sharp contrast to Davenport’s soft exchanges.

Davenport played impeccable until then, never facing a breakpoint and winning her serve just once: at love-15 in the second set’s fourth game, which she opened by sailing a backhand long.

And she broke Williams twice, for a 6-5 lead in the first set, and 3-2 in the second.

In the final game, they went back and forth, with Williams swatting two winners to get her first break point, wasted with a forehand return long. On the first match point, a 12-stroke exchange ended with Williams striking a cross-court forehand winner. Davenport ended her second match point by double-faulting, then turned her back to the net and chatted to herself.

“I felt OK until I lost the second match point,” Davenport said. “Then you get a little like: ‘Oh, no. Don’t do this.’

There was more, including a forehand sailed long on match point No. 3, and Williams’ brilliant cross-court forehand passing winner to erase No. 4. Eventually, though, Williams succumbed, floating a forehand return long on No. 5.

“Definitely had the buzz of a bigger match than a round-of-16 match. They were definitely into it there at the end,” Davenport said, referring to the crowd.

“I certainly don’t want to have a letdown now.”

Lindsay Davenport reacts to a call in her match against Venus Williams Monday. Davenport defeated Williams 7-5, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

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New faces, same hopes for Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens and Jason Tucker are here. Hugh Douglas and Jeremiah Trotter are back. Troy Vincent, Bobby Taylor and Duce Staley are gone.

Despite some drastic changes, expectations remain the same for the Philadelphia Eagles: It's Super Bowl or bust again.

After three consecutive losses in the NFC championship game, the Eagles are out of excuses, especially after adding Owens and Kears to the mix.

But the Eagles have little depth behind Westbrook, who ran for 613 yards and totaled 13 touchdowns rushing, receiving and returning punts last season.

Staley went to Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury, leaving second-year pro Reno Mahe and rookie Thomas Tapeh as backups to the undersized and injury-prone Westbrook.

Coach Andy Reid prefers the pass, however, using it almost 60 percent of the time. With Owens in the mix, receivers Todd Pinkston and former first-round pick Freddie Mitchell could thrive. Also, second-year tight end L.J. Smith and three-time Pro Bowl tight end Chad Lewis give McNabb plenty of options.

"The sky is the limit for this team," McNabb said. "We can do a lot of good things."

Owens brings a lot of talent and some attitude. So far, though, the flamboyant star has fit into the offense and hasn't upset the chemistry in the locker room. He expects to raise McNabb's game to another level.

"We're filling a void for each other," Owens said. "I think a lot of people have seen flashes of what we can do throughout the season. Obviously, it's everybody's goal here to get to the Super Bowl. Everybody keeps reflecting on the three losses in the championship game. We just have to take it one game at a time until we get to that goal. "I'm excited about the opportunities to get us over the hump. That's why I'm here."

With five new starters, the defense is even more improved under Coach Jim Johnson. But savvy defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has a knack for getting results from whichever players he puts on the field.

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Patriots look to make history this season

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots can become only the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years. If the Patriots win Sunday's game, they also came very close to winning a fourth last season.

So they'll start the NFL season knowing they can make history, but only if they make sure they take little for granted.

The Patriots squeaked by St. Louis 20-17 in the 2002 Super Bowl on Adam Vinatieri's last-play field goal, then edged Carolina 32-29 in the 2004 title game on Vinatieri's field goal with 4 seconds left. Not exactly a rut in either game.

"Our goal is to win the playoffs, every team that makes it to that level is a good team," Vinatieri said.

"One or two plays a game makes a difference between winning and losing a game a lot of times."

Coach Bill Belichick keeps his players focused on the next play. But if they open the season 4-0, they would break Miami's record with 19 consecutive wins, counting regular-season and playoff games. They could do that with a win over the Dolphins on Oct. 10.

"It could make us 1-3," Belichick said.

The Patriots were 2-2 last season before starting the streak that gives them a chance to join Dallas, which won the 1993, 1994 and 1996 Super Bowls, as the only teams to take three titles.

"Would I love to be in the history books as being one of the best teams in a short era? Of course," defensive and Richard Seymour said. "I think we have the ability to do that, but it's not going to come easy. We still have to put in the work day by day."

The Patriots know opponents will be extra eager to beat the champs, starting with Indianapolis in Thursday night's opener. They beat the Colts 24-14 in last season's AFC championship game.

But they also have three top players who didn't contribute to last season's title run: running back Corey Dillon, punter Josh Miller and linebacker Rosevelt Colvin.

"I've been playing this game for a long time. I'm not approaching like I approach every other game. I'm just out there, out there to do whatever it takes to help the team win," said Dillon, who gained at least 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons with Cincinnati before dropping to 541 last year.

Miller, a free agent from Pittsburgh, is an upgrade over Ken Walter, while Colvin, a top pass rusher, didn't play after breaking his arm.

That is another one of those extra things that you can get distracted by.

The Patriots play in what could be a weaker AFC East with Buffalo, Miami and the New York Jets, and are deep at every position except one — quarterback.

If Brady gets hurt, they have only Rob Davel and Jim Miller. Davel was effective MVP in NFL Europe, but was inconsistent in the Patriots' exhibition season. Miller, a 10-year veteran who missed last season because of a shoulder injury and had surgery on his right shoulder in February, didn't play in any exhibition games.

The Patriots lost two solid defensive linemen, and Bobby Hamilton and nose tackle Ted Washington, who both signed with Oakland. But Ty Warren, the 13th pick in last year's draft, had an outstanding off-season as Hamilton's replacement, and Keith Traylor and rookie Vince Wilfork give the Patriots depth in Washington's absence.

The team's rankings last season weren't anything special: 17th in the league in offense and seventh in defense. Seven players start this season with two Super Bowls or less. And it needed a field goal by Vinatieri in the fourth quarter to win the divisional playoff game against Tennessee 17-14 before beating Indianapolis and Carolina.
**GOLF**

With a victory in the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh ended Tiger Woods' streak as the number one ranked golfer in the world. Woods has held that honor since August of 1999.

**In Brief**

**Colts interested in adding quarterback Couch**

**Indianapolis** — The Indianapolis Colts were still fine-tuning their roster Monday, and one option is quarterback Tim Couch.

After announcing 12 player cuts Monday, one day after the NFL deadline to trim rosters to 53, coach Tony Dungy acknowledged the Colts were interested in Couch, the No. 1 pick in 1999 who was cut Sunday by Green Bay.

"I'm sure we'll take a look at Tim Couch," Dungy said. "He played in a similar system to what we have when he was in Cleveland. He was the first pick in the draft. He played well both times we played against him, and I think it's something we'll talk about."

Dungy's comments came on the same day that the Colts made a surprise move by waiving guard Steve Sciuolo, who started 13 games last season, so they could claim Ryan Lilja off waivers from Kansas City.

**Singh takes number one rank from Tiger**

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Vijay Singh won a head-to-head matchup with Tiger Woods to end his record reign atop golf's ultimate leaderboard.

Singh shot a 69 to beat Woods and Adam Scott by three strokes in the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday, clinching the No. 1 ranking in the world with his sixth victory of the year. Woods had been first for more than five years — a record 264 consecutive weeks.

Scott, the defending champion, started the day tied for 13 under with a birdie on the first hole; Woods matched him; John Rollins and Daniel Chopra were another two strokes back at minus 10.

Singh is the top winner on the tour this year with six victories, including the PGA Championship, and $7,889,566 in earnings. He needed only to finish ahead of Woods to take over the No. 1 ranking that he has been closing in on all year.

The computer rankings factor in performance over the past two years, taking the strength of field into account; Woods held a 12.09-11.71 lead heading into this week. The new numbers were expected to be released later Monday, but Singh's will be the first player other than Woods to hold the No. 1 ranking since Aug. 8, 1999.

"That's not too bad, is it?" Woods asked. "I've had a good run."

Singh improved to 15 under with a birdie on the first hole; Woods left a 15-foot footer on the rim of the cup.

On the second hole, a par-5, 553-yard dogleg right, both players got into trouble. Singh couldn't find his ball and took a drop, hit to 14 feet of the pin and two-putted for bogey. Woods found his ball among the rocks in front of the green, but when he swung at the ball he hit it a rock instead, jamming his wrist, breaking his club and costing himself a stroke.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall to 0-3 with four-game loss to Albion

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles lost their third straight game of the season Monday night, dropping a four-game match to MIAA rival Albion. The loss drops Saint Mary's to 0-2 in conference play and 0-3 on the young season.

The Belles were able to close the margin as they prevailed in the third game winning 30-28, but they ultimately fell in the fourth game by a score of 30-23.

"I think we need to improve our overall communication," Belles defensive specialist Michelle Gary said. "And better utilize each player's strengths."

Similar to the past couple of matches, Saint Mary's could not find their rhythm and dropped the first two games.

They played tough in the second, but failed to close the set out, losing a heartbreaker, 31-29.

The Belles were were outscored in kills and attacks in all four games.

Aside from the loss, there were a number of players who executed on both sides of the court.

"Michelle Turley did a very good job, but everyone had their ups and downs tonight," Gary said. "Elise Rupright played well in the middle, and Shelly Bender and Anne Cusack did a great job on defense."

Turley's play was one of the highlights in the game as she kept her team relatively close.

She collected a total of 17 kills in the four games along with an impressive 46 attacks. On defense, she added 22 digs.

Once again, Rupright showed why she is one of the team's leaders, putting up some very good numbers.

On the night, Bender also performed well with 27 attacks, and sophomore Ann Carpenter was second on the team in attacks, racking up a total of 26.

Ann Cusack played well defensively with 16 digs.

Following the contest, coach Julie Schroeder-Biek told her players they needed to play their game instead of playing down to the level of their opponents.

This is crucial for the team's success as they go deeper into their schedule.

Up next for the Belles is Kalamazoo on Wednesday, which will be their second home game and third conference matchup. The game begins at 6 p.m.

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champion Simmerman tied for 15th with a 158 and Megan Mattia added a 258-place finish with 17-over par, 161.

For Saint Mary's this meet served as an opportunity to prove to its rivals — and to the conference — just how much talent the team possesses.

"We know we can dominate the conference," Simmerman said. "It is our mental preparation that we need to work on for the season."

During the invitational, it was the team's positive mental- ity that stood out, as the standings during the two-day competition. After the opening day, the Belles stood in fifth place. It took the confi- dence and a personal record from Nicole Bellino to pull the team to fourth.

"She helped us capture fourth place," Simmerman said. "She cared with an 81 and that helped us to beat Southern Indiana by one stroke."

The team hopes that its men- tal toughness and personal bests have left an impression with its conference and regional rivals. Conference rivals Tri- State University, Olivet College and Alma College all finished in the bottom half of the competi- tion. However, the Belles were expecting heavy competition from regional rival Defiance. "Although they graduated two seniors, we felt they were going to be a big chal- lenge," Simmerman said.

Besides the expectations, the Belles were also planning to perform 20 strokes bet- ter than their rival. The fourth- place finish is just one step for- ward for Saint Mary's, who is still expecting challenges dur- ing the season from talented individual golfers.

"There will be a lot of indi- vidual competition," Simmerman said. "But we know what we are capable of."

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ior defender Katie Taylor, will join her.

Taylor, along with teammates Shannon Culbertson and Jen Hrdman, anchor a strong defensive squad that must deal with the loss of two-year cap- tain and second team All-MIAA defensive specialist Lynn Taylor to graduation.

However, the team's much-improved goals average of 1.4 in 2003 does well for this year's Saint Mary's back- field.

Defense will be an important aspect under the game plan of new head coach Peter Haring, who will look to improve upon the success of last year's team.

Haring hopes the defense can provide consistently strong play, which will allow the mid- fielders to find open spaces, including Concannon, who along with Wendy Irvin scored 50 percent of the team's goals last year — to play with possession and fire more open runs into the attack. He also hopes to get contribu- tion on offense this year from midfielders Carrie Orr and Emily Watson.

Under the strategy that the best offense will come from a good defense, Haring has his sights set on a top-three MIAA finish, and

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Stefanie Simmerman
Belles golfer

Jen Concannon, middle, takes the ball upfield during a Saint Mary's soccer game last season.

"I'm really excited for the start of the season," sophomore forward McKenna Keenan said. "I can't wait to see how our team works together, to see how the upperclassmen play with the underclassmen and work together."

"Under the leadership of our new coach, we're hoping to win conference."

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Crusaders

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with any team in the coun- try. Every time they made mistakes, we capitalized on their errors.

"We can only get better from here on," coach Debbie Brown said.

Since the Nebraska match, the Irish have worked to for- tify their defense, zeroing in on side- out offense and services. All of this offensive con- d i t i o n i n g should pre- pare the team for both tonight's match and for the rest of the season, coach Debbie Brown said.

"We need to play at the highest level we can from the first point to the last. It doesn't matter who we're playing, we can't just be up for a ranked team," Brown said.

"Our opponents will not be a challenge as much as maintaining a consistent level of play at the highest level we can from the first point to the last," Brown said.

Valparaiso will present plenty of challenges to both the Irish offense and defense. The Crusaders are off to a good start this year after receiving a bid to the NCAA Tournament last year. Last weekend, the team defeated Southeast Missouri State, Albany and Ball State in three games each.

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Crusaders' play, the Irish believe they have identified their opponent's weaknesses and have adjusted their game plan accordingly.

"Our hitters will really have to work their shots and vary them," Stasik said. "It will be really important to keep a high level of intensity and be aggressive."

The Irish will take the court to face Valparaiso at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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Getting a chance
Zbikowski starts at strong safety against BYU

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When Tom Zbikowski rushed onto the field with the rest of the starters during the first quarter of Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to BYU Saturday, it was a surprise to nearly everyone, except Zbikowski.

"They told me earlier in the week to get ready, and we started going over some plays and by Thursday I was getting all the reps in practice," Zbikowski said.

Zbikowski, who was recruited in 2000 and switched to defensive back upon his arrival with the Irish, was believed to be in competition with senior Quentin Burrell for the starting spot at free safety this season.

Burrell started at free safety in the Brigham Young game, but Zbikowski still saw the field as the starter at strong safety.

Zbikowski played well, finishing the game with five tackles.

Stepping on the field as a Notre Dame starter was the end of a long journey for Zbikowski, who threw for 1,287 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 1,287 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior year at Buffalo Grove's starting quarterback.

He was named the Chicago area player of the year as a senior by the Chicago Sun-Times, and named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Illinois. However, Zbikowski's awards weren't just limited to local accolades. He was named 29th on an ESPN list of the 100 top recruits nationally in 2003, and named a USA Today first-team All-American.

The national spotlight also focused on Zbikowski as he documented his recruiting experience in a daily diary he wrote for ESPN.com. In the end, Zbikowski selected Notre Dame over Nebraska and Iowa, primarily because the Irish were willing to let Zbikowski change positions from quarterback to defense.

"But nothing was more impressive than the boxing gym under coach Willingham's office," Zbikowski wrote in his Dec. 19, 2002 article for Blue Chip Diaries — the series he

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The Belles fell to 0-3 on the season after a loss Monday night to MIAA rival Albion.

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Vijsy Singh overtook Tiger Woods for the No. 1 overall ranking in the world.

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Freshman Adrianna Stasiuk, left, passes the ball during Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska Saturday at the Joyce Center.

SMC GOLF
Belles look impressive in opener

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