Owners put Turtle Creek up for sale
Apartments billed at $12.25 million

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

Owners of Turtle Creek Apartments, the popular student off-campus housing area east of Notre Dame, have decided to sell the complex. Property manager Tammy Michelbrink said Monday.

According to Michelbrink, Turtle Creek's owners are asking $12.25 million for the property and have no specific reason for selling. The 192-unit housing complex was listed for sale by Los Angeles-based real estate firm CB Richard Ellis.

Michelbrink said Turtle Creek would continue to operate normally throughout the sale.

"We have already begun the application and lease signing process for 2005-06," she said. "No matter who owns Turtle Creek, it will always remain one of the number one choices for students wanting to live off-campus."

Faculty looks for truth
"Election Perspectives" panel discusses foreign affairs

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

The greatest casualties of the 2004 presidential campaign are the facts, a group of professor-panelists who discussed foreign policy topics said Monday night at Notre Dame.

The four professors commenting at the panel were political science professors Dan Lindley and Curtis Kamman, economics professor David Ruccio and peace studies professor Gerry Powers.

The four professors served on the "Election Perspectives on Foreign Affairs" faculty panel in the first of many election season events sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and others.

While all four professors highlighted the issue of the war in Iraq, each focused on a different area concerning the war.

According to Lindley, one of the biggest security threats facing the United States is the problem of "loose nukes" in the former Soviet Union.

"Facilities are largely unguarded," Lindley said. Prior to Sept. 11 and after, some analysts drew attention to the problem as a major security threat, but the current Bush administration has instead focused on the war in Iraq, according to Lindley.

"Between a glass that's empty, cracked and broken, and a glass that's a quarter full, I'll choose the latter," he said.

Ruccio focused on issues concerning economics, including international trade pacts and negotiations, immigration and energy concerns for America.

"How do we manage our relations with oil-producing nations?" Ruccio said.

Some oil-producing nations are those who harbor many terrorists and commit violations of human rights that the United States must keep in mind.

Legal downloading service not an option
ND doesn't pursue music program

By DAN TOLER
News Writer

To satisfy students' interest in music downloading, while avoiding clashes over illegal file sharing, many colleges — including nearby Purdue University — are considering formal campus-wide programs that would allow students to purchase songs legally. However, the University currently has no plans to open a similar service, said Katie Christman, help desk manager at the Office of Information Technologies.

Last year, the Office of Residence Life and Housing sent emails to specific students instructing them to remove downloaded music from their computers or face disciplinary action. This move came as a result of the lawsuit filed by the Recording Industry Association of America against students who were illegally downloading music at a variety of universities, including Notre Dame.

"The OIT doesn't condone the use of file-sharing programs such as Kazaa," Christman said, but added that the University does not monitor student computers for file-sharing programs.

"We are not involved in the event of a lawsuit," she said.

Despite these actions, illegal file sharing and downloading at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is still widespread.

But at West Lafayette, students will soon be able to get their music legally. Purdue University is currently in negotiations with Napster, the online music service, to offer its students a similar service. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are considering a similar program.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
SafeBus plan met with concerns
Funding, locations, NDSP involvement still up in the air

By MARY KATE MALONE and AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writers

Members of the Council of Representatives voiced their constituents concerns about the proposed Notre Dame SafeBus at Monday's meeting.

The SafeBus, part of student body president Adam Istvan's campaign platform, would serve as an alternative mode of transportation for students going to parties at off-campus residences or bars.

Currently no concrete plans for how to implement the measure exist, as Istvan is still gauging funding, pick-up and drop-off locations and Notre Dame Student Body president Adam Istvan discusses SafeBus plans with representatives at Monday's meeting.
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Smaller enrollment leads to shortfalls

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Due to decreased enrollment at Saint Mary's, the Board of Governance will face a budget cut of roughly $9,000, students said at Monday's board meeting. Students spent the meeting reviewing and approving the budget.

"This is the primary budget that we need to approve, and I will have Student Diversity Board, Residence Hall Association and individual class allotments next week," treasurer Molly Welton said.

Student Activities Commissioner Lauren Falbina told the board that next week is Saint Mary's Pride Week, and Pride Week T-shirts will be sold for $5 all week in front of Haggar Hall.

"The experience Vance said, "You can go to a country that has been in war for 20 years was really eye-opening." One of the presentation pictures showed a large billboard warning motorists to avoid land mines and stay on the highway.

"The problem with landmines is that they are cheap," Susan Vance said. "They are still a lot of land mines in Sri Lanka." The participants are currently working on a report that will be presented to CWIL. They also anticipate utilizing the information gathered during the trip in the classroom.

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SMC professors visit Sri Lanka

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Five Saint Mary's professors presented a slide show and discussion Monday on a group summer research trip they took to the war-torn nation of Sri Lanka, just off the southern coast of India.

The professors, from various academic departments, toured and met with women leaders in Sri Lanka. The trip was sponsored by a grant from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

"What we were trying to do was visit different projects to see how women were trying to change society," CWIL fellow and participant Meredith Sarkees said.

Sri Lanka has been plagued by ethnic conflict since 1972.

"Since the game will be so late, the dining hall will be closed and this will be a great way for everyone to enjoy some food afterwards," Learner said.

Freshmen elections will be held today, elections commissioner Anna Bauer said. If a run-off is necessary, it will be held Thursday. A total of seven tickets are running, Bauer said.

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Though multiple parties have expressed interest, Mitchelbrink said Notre Dame has not shown any desire to purchase Turtle Creek. To date, the sale of Turtle Creek has remained quiet. "I'm not sure that anyone knows about it yet," Mitchelbrink said. "If they do, there has been no reaction." Students living at the apartments said they were generally aware that Turtle Creek was for sale. "I did hear TC was for sale, but I didn't know for how much or what the reasons behind it were," said senior Liz Hartmann, a resident of the complex.

However, some changes have been made at Turtle Creek to prepare for the potential sale. "In preparation for possibly transforming our two-bedroom town homes into four-bedroom town homes, we did in fact combine some of our units," Mitchelbrink said. "We simply did some minor carpeting work in the living rooms downstairs and made a walkway to the town home next door." Senior Matt McConnell said he was directly affected by those changes, "They had two of us move into a vacant apartment next door and arranged the next rent payment so we are pretty much paying the same amount. We intended to live in one unit, and we did for about three weeks," he said. "They basically just put a door in between the two townhouses. They didn't say, but we kind of just figured it was because of the sale." Contact: Kate Antonacci at kantonac@nd.edu

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Security/Police involvement.

Istvan asked members to find out if the student body would be willing to pay for a trip on the bus. According to NDSP administrators, but not ResLife were available for comment.

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Though student Senate has been in contact with Residence Life about possibly bringing Napster on campus, neither the Senate's Residence Life Affairs Chair nor ResLife were available for comment.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Floods kill at least 241 in Haiti

Catastrophic flooding Monday swept across parts of France and Brazil on Monday warned that poverty leads to violence and urged the international community to find ways to narrow the gap between rich and poor, casting a spotlight on the more than 1 billion people living on less than $1 per day.

One of the few meetings, held on the eve of the annual U.N. General Assembly gathering, that focused on the impact of globalization and on ways to narrow the gap between rich and poor. The one of the few meetings drew more than 50 world leaders.

Bush's speech to the General Assembly on Tuesday also will emphasize international humanitarian concerns as the world body begins two weeks of meetings amid an upsurge of violence in Iraq and a massive humanitarian crisis in western Sudan.

National News

Kerry said Bush misused power

NEW YORK — Staking out new ground on Iraq, Sen. John Kerry said Monday he would not have overthrown Saddam Hussein and said the Bush administration had misused that power by rushing to war with Iraq.

Less than two years after voting to give Bush authority to invade Iraq, the Democratic candidate said the president had misused that power by rushing to war with Iraq.

"The view is that the United States coalition should be part of a broader international approach to trying to help the people of Iraq.

Almost immediately after the address, 8,500 experts from around the world read a statement in the traditional news conference that the documents are authentic, which is the only acceptable journalistic standard to justify using them in the report," Heyward said. "We should not have used them.

The Associated Press could not immediately reach Burkett for comment. Rather was set to announce the number of the "60 Minutes" on Thursday night.

Kerry said he was deeply concerned about the reports.

Security guard killed at Capitol

An armed security officer at the White House was killed early Monday when a gunman opened fire, police said.

The officer was killed with one gunshot to the chest, said Capt. Larry Schmidt, chief deputy director of the Secret Service. Authorities did not immediately provide any motive.

Local News

Minister avoids jail in sexual battery

FORT WAYNE -- A 73-year-old Baptist minister convicted of sexual battery likely will serve out his prison sentence on a house arrest sentence handed down by a judge Monday.

The Rev. James Fincher, pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, was found guilty in August by a jury of inappropriately touching a woman who came to his office last fall to borrow $100. He was accused of a criminal confinement charge.

Video on Web shows beheading

Baghdad, Iraq - A video posted Monday on the CBS News Web site showed the beheading of a man identified as American engineer Robert F. Armstrong. The militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the killing and said it was a "justification" for the death of the American soldier.

The beheading is the latest killing in a particularly violent month in Iraq, with more than 300 people dead in insurgent attacks on U.S. military forces over the past seven days. Earlier in the week, gunmen in Baghdad assassinated two clerics from a powerful Sunni Muslim group that has served as a mediator to release hostages.

President Andrew Heyward, left, pictured with Dan Rather, right, said the network made a mistake in using questionable documents on Bush Guard duty.
INDONESIA

Ex-general takes leads in election returns
Susilo Yudhoyono expected to defeat incumbent Megawati

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A U.S.-trained former general who led the fight against al-Qaeda-linked extremists in Indonesia appeared headed for a landslide victory Tuesday in a presidential runoff that was hailed as a key step for democracy in the world’s most populous Muslim nation.

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who focused his campaign on fixing the economy and cracking down on corruption, had 60 percent of the votes with nearly half counted early Tuesday. Incumbent President Megawati Sukarnoputri had 40 percent.

The General Election Commission said about 122 million votes were cast during Monday’s balloting. Voter turnout was about 92 percent.

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"I am grateful to God, and thankful to the people of Indonesia who have given me ... that kind of support," Megawati, who had stabilized the economy but saw her popularity wane because of anger over continuing graft, did not concede, saying she would await the announcement of official results in early October.

The election was held to choose Indonesia’s fourth head of state since widespread street protests over an economic slump forced an end to the 32-year dictatorship of former military leader Suharto in 1998.

The polls were free of violence and accusations of fraud in a further boost to an orderly succession in Indonesia that is being held up as evidence that democracy can prosper in the Muslim world, most of which is ruled by authoritarian regimes.

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While Yudhoyono appealed to Washington because of his hard line against terror­ists in this strategically located nation that stretches under Southeast Asia from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean, most Indonesians were concerned about the economy and corruption.

The 55-year-old retired soldier said his priorities are building up an economy that is growing much slower than Indonesia’s neighbors, attacking graft and providing jobs for the country’s 210 million people.

But he also promised to crack down harder on Jemaah Islamiyah, a group with links to al-Qaeda that has been blamed for three bloody terror attacks — the Sept. 9 truck bombing outside the Australian Embassy, last year’s bombing at the Marriott hotel in Jakarta and the 2002 bombings in a nightclub district on the resort island of Bali.

As security minister under Megawati, Yudhoyono oversaw a campaign that is thought to have dispersed Jemaah Islamiyah’s members, forcing them to split up into smaller groups with less coordination.

"Yudhoyono is strong, caring. He is hard. He is best for Indonesia," said Marni, a 37-year-old housekeeper who like many Indonesians uses only one name.

Megawati will remain a force. Her Indonesian Party of Struggle and Moderate Religious Party emerged from April’s parlia­mentary elections as the largest factions in the legis­lature, each winning about a fifth of the seats.

Yudhoyono’s new Democratic Party won just 8 percent of the seats, so his government will have to rely on a wide coalition of secular and moderate religious par­ties. But the projected size of his victory Monday should strengthen him in dealing with parliament.

Under Subharti, lawmakers — not voters — picked the head of state in a system the dictator abused to maintain his grip on power. Monday’s vote was the first time Indonesians directly elected their leader.

Students, restaurant support charity

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

Notre Dame students gathered at Chili’s restaurant in Mishawaka Monday to help support the service club Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids.

"I thought it was great. A lot of stu­dents showed up," said Notre Dame senior Kristen Simko, executive direc­tor of the service club. "A lot of students were going in when we left at eight."

The restaurant will donate 100 per­cent of Monday night’s profit to St. Jude’s Hospital.

Throughout September, Chili’s cus­tomers have been able to give $1 to the hospital as well. Many Notre Dame stu­dents came to the restaurant Monday as well as people from the South Bend community.

"It’s tremendous that they donate all not just a portion of the proceeds to St. Jude because it makes them look like they are actually interested in the cause," said senior Allison Janusz, a member of the Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids club.

The Notre Dame student service club was founded two years ago and focuses on promoting and organizing events to help St. Jude’s children.

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Delta tries to prevent bankruptcy

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines' pilots union agreed Monday to allow the struggling carrier to bring pilots out of retirement on a limited basis to deal with staff shortages that threaten to ground flights.

The move came after the company agreed not to terminate the pilots' pension plan before February even if it files for bankruptcy.

The tentative agreement must be ratified by the unions of its active Delta pilots. The nation's third-largest airline has warned that it would have to file for bankruptcy if it did not stem a wave of early pilot retirements by the end of September.

The agreement still does not resolve Delta's immediate predicament.

The pilots union said there will be a vote to ground flights.

When asked if any of the jury pool had heard specifically of the Delta case, Werlein told the prospective jurors that he didn't expect them to raise their hands. Another two were familiar with at least one of the lawyers involved in the case.

Prosecutors contend that Merrill Lynch's hunger for lucrative banking business from Enron prompted the Merrill Lynch defendants to help push through the sham sale nearly two years before Enron crashed in scandal. While not alleged to have contributed to Enron's December 2001 bankruptcy, prosecutors say it's one of many schemes the company used to polish a facade of viability.

The six defendants are charged with conspiracy and fraud, and three face additional charges of lying to investigators or a grand jury.

The defendants, who have pleaded innocent, are:

- Daniel Bayly, former chairman of investment banking for Merrill Lynch;
- Robert S. Furst, the former Enron relationship manager for Merrill Lynch;
- James A. Brown, former head of Merrill Lynch's asset lease and finance group; William Fuhs, former Merrill Lynch vice president who answered to Brown; Dan Boyle, a former finance executive on Fasano's staff; and Sheila Kahane, a former house counsel for Enron.

Fannie Mae manipulated earnings

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators have found evidence suggesting that mortgage giant Fannie Mae manipulated earnings to facilitate bigger bonuses to executives, according to a lawyer familiar with the findings.

In an eight-month investigation, the agency that oversees Fannie Mae found a pattern of manipulation aimed at smoothing out volatility in profits from quarter to quarter similar to that which occurred at rival Freddie Mac — and a “strong concern” that increasing executive bonuses may have been a factor behind the faulty accounting.

The agency, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, was presenting its new report criticizing Fannie Mae's accounting practices to the board of the government-sponsored company on Monday.

The report provides “a strong indication that Fannie Mae manipulated earnings in a way that appears to be smoothing,” said Michael Diliberto, spokesman for Rep. Richard Baker, R- La., who has been briefed on the OFHEO findings.

Diliberto was confirming a report in Monday's Wall Street Journal. He said that Baker, who heads a House panel that oversees the two mortgage giants, had a “strong concern” that increasing executive bonuses may have been a factor behind the faulty accounting.

In the report, the Justice Department came under close scrutiny after Freddie Mac, its smaller rival in the multitrillion-dollar home mortgage market, disclosed in June 2003 that it had understated profits.
EPA to create new rules for waste

July that was tied to 10,000 years into the future, even though some of the waste will be at its most dangerous thousands of years later.

The court said EPA failed to take into account a 1995 National Academy of Sciences recommendation that the standard be set at periods of peak radiation, although Congress required that the recommendation be followed. Opponents of the project have argued that the design of the waste site as it is now contemplated cannot meet a standard set that far into the future.

Members of the Board of Radiactive Waste Management, a part of the National Academy of Sciences, examined at a meeting Monday the implications of the court case and possible options for future action. The board frequently offers a forum to examine waste management issues. Robert Fri, chairman of the National Academy panel that wrote the 1995 report cited by the court, suggested the EPA satisfy the court's objections only by significantly altering its standard more in line with what has been recommended.

That would involve going well beyond 10,000 years, but not necessarily so far into the future that risk modeling, or even the proposed Yucca design, might be useless, Fri suggested. EPA would have to adopt a less conservative approach to determining public risks from exposure, said Fri, a scholar at the environmental think tank Resources for the Future.

Fact-finding done in DeLay case

Ethics committee to present news on majority leader

WASHINGTON — House ethics committee leaders said Monday they soon will present the panel with information on Majority Leader Tom DeLay's conduct and recommend whether to undertake a full investigation.

The announcement from Chairman Joel Hefley, R-Colo., and Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va., did not say whether the committee would be convened this week on a complaint that DeLay misused his office for political purposes.

"In the near future we will be presenting to the committee the information we have obtained and recommendations for committee action," the written statement said.

A three-part complaint was filed by a Democratic lawmaker defeated in the primary, Rep. Chris Bell of Texas. The 10-member committee, equally divided by party, could send the allegations to an investigative subcommittee, dismiss some allegations while ordering a probe of others or throw out the complaint.

Two allegations directly involve use of DeLay's congressional office.

One accuses the Texas Republican of soliciting corporate contributions in return for help on legislation. A second contends he improperly used his staff to contact U.S. aviation authorities and ask them to track down Texas Democratic legislators who had fled the state while trying to thwart a DeLay-backed redistricting plan.

The third allegation accuses DeLay of using his political action committees to distribute money from corporations to Texas legislative candidates in violation of state law.

DeLay has replied to the committee, but has not released his response publicly.

In related developments:

A grand jury in Austin, Texas, was expected to meet Tuesday in its investigation of election spending by a political action committee associated with DeLay. Texans for a Republican Majority. Bell's complaint contends the same political committee sent $190,000 in corporate money to the Republican National Committee in an illegal scheme to give money to Texas state legislative candidates. The grand jury is looking into similar allegations.

Bell asked the ethics committee, formally the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, to subpoena a report that could provide insight into one of his allegations. The report, prepared for Westar Energy, investigated the company's 2002 plan to influence pending federal legislation by making political contributions.

A group seeking an independent investigator in the case ran newspaper ads this week in Hefley's and Mollohan's home states. The ads accuse the committee members of keeping their heads in the sand and playing ostrich rather than investigate Delay.

First fallen female firefighter honored

Thousands gather in California

Associated Press

ANGELS CAMP, Calif. — Thousands of colleagues from around the country gathered Monday to honor the first female firefighter from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to die in the line of duty.

Eva Marie Schicke, who died Sept. 12 while battling a fire in Stanislaus National Forest, was remembered as a small-town girl who was religious, fiercely competitive, musical, athletic and at home whether baby-sitting children or drinking beer with guys.

The funeral for Schicke, who was in her fifth season as a firefighter and would have been 24 next month, drew more than 3,000 colleagues from throughout California, and as far as New York City.

A line of uniformed firefighters stretched for a quarter-mile around the main arena as pallbearers unloaded the casket under an arch of flag-draped ladders.

"No firefighter lives with guarantees. Eva was fully aware of the danger inherent in answering the call," said Jim Wright, CALFIRE's chief of fire protection. "She wanted to make a difference. She knew that acts of quiet heroism must be performed on a daily basis as well as when the fire strikes." An investigation into the circumstances that led to Schicke's death is expected to take several more weeks.

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Candidates agree on presidential debates

**Bush, Kerry to participate in three sessions**

Associated Press

DERRY, N.H. — Negotiators for President Bush and Democrat John Kerry agreed Monday to three 90-minute debates beginning Sept. 30, including one town-hall format with questions from undecided voters.

The two campaigns essentially went along with recommendations from the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates — except for the proposed subject matter of the first and third debates.

The topic of the first meeting will be foreign policy and homeland security, rather than the economy as the commission had suggested. The final debate, which was to be on foreign policy, will now be about the economy.

Details of the agreement were announced by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, the chief negotiator for Bush, and attorney Vernon Jordan for Kerry.

The first debate will be Sept. 30 at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. The second, a town-hall style format, will be held Oct. 13 at Arizona State University in Tempe.

One vice presidential debate will be held Oct. 17 at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Bush and Kerry are pleased with today’s announcement and look forward to the debates,” Baker and Jordan said in a joint statement. Details were outlined in an accompanying 32-page document.

Kerry’s campaign agreed to the commission’s proposal for venues, dates and moderators in July, about a month after the commission released its schedule. Bush’s campaign at first sought only to limit the scope to two presidential debates and one vice presidential debate, according to those familiar with the negotiations.

The campaigns also agreed to the commission’s choice of moderators: Jim Lehrer of PBS for the first, Charles Gibson of ABC for the second, Bob Schieffer of CBS for the third, and Gwen Ifill of PBS for the vice presidential debate.

The commission only invited the two major-party candidates. In the agreement, Bush and Kerry said that should circumstances change, and a third-party candidate be added, the candidate would have to abide by terms of their agreement.

GOP leads in financial backing

**President Bush spoke at a town hall style meeting in Derry, N.H., as he continues on the campaign trail. Bush holds a large financial advantage over Kerry, largely thanks to the decision to hold the convention at the end of August, as opposed to the Democrat's choice of July.**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The GOP’s decision to hold its presidential nominating convention a month later than the Democratic gathering is giving President Bush a big financial advantage in the campaign’s final weeks.

Not only does Democratic hopeful John Kerry have to make his $75 million in full government financing for the general-election campaign stretch a month longer than Bush does, but the Democratic National Committee has also started burning through the money it has banked to promote its nominee faster than the Republican National Committee has.

Kerry spent $10 million of his $75 million government check last month, starting September with $62 million left. The DNC started this month with $56 million in the bank after spending roughly $46 million in August, much of it on TV and radio ads supporting Kerry and opposing Bush.

The Republican National Committee spent about $20 million in August, starting September with nearly $94 million on hand. The party nominated Bush on Sept. 2, putting an end to his private campaign fund-raising just over a month after Kerry’s nomination put an end to his.

Both parties are aggressively raising money to spend in the presidential race, in addition to the unlimited amounts they can spend independent of their nominees, each can spend roughly $16 million in coordination with them.

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John Kerry on Iraq: a reasoned approach

Katie Boyle

For what it's worth

You've heard the jokes on both sides. Daddy's Texas cowboy paints the war on terror in black and white, unable or refusing to acknowledge the complexities of the situation abroad. The bleeding heart liberal equivocates on the issues at stake while babbling on about a few Purple Hearts he may or may not have earned during Vietnam. I have a suggestion. Forget about President Bush and Sen. John Kerry's respective military records. I guarantee that you can find many soldiers who have proven more heroic than they. In addition, the legitimacy of Vietnam is still debated today. Bush's father allegedly pulled strings to place him in the National Guard. Blame him for this opportunism if you will, but many would have done the same. Some also question Bush's fulfillment of his National Guard duties.

Conversely, Kerry did a shortened tour of duty in Vietnam. Some, however, question his motivation and honors earned. Squabbling over which man was more patriotic over a quarter of a century ago is a waste of time.

More importantly, consider that the biggest manipulation of facts by political candidates could in layman's terms, be called lying. I do not claim that the Democratic Party or its candidate has never engaged in this act. Indeed, however, I'd like to point out the mind-boggling level of stupidity the Republican Party assigns the average voter in this election.

I am astonished that the Republicans have chosen to make Kerry's military service a key issue this year as they attempt to attack him and fortify their "tough on terror" image. I hear Bush captures rattlesnakes too.

Barehanded.

The reason, however, is that I am surprised that the Republican National Committee decided to prioritize this issue in conjunction with the war on terror is the relative weakness of its position. Bush's record aside, Vice President Al Gore's base was never stronger than in this campaign. Kerry, however, could have exploited the mind-boggling level of stupidity the Republican Party assigns the average voter in this election.

As president, Kerry is the one who was to keep the country further into debt to fund the war with Iraq instead of repealing tax cuts. Kerry has always maintained that the bill been in danger of not passing, he would never have endangered our troops in his second vote against it. Kerry, I believe, is the strength of anti-American sentiment abroad.

I use the phrase "anti-American" hesitantly, as in most cases I was met with incredible passivity and civility. The name "George Bush," however, was not.

If elected, Kerry will help to raise America's image from thegravyard of unilateralism. Not only does such a policy of Kerry make a stark statement of difference to the rest of the world, he will counteract the current egotistical view of our nation the Bush administration perpetuates.

Kerry claims he will try to adhere to the advice of the United Nations. Despite Bush's flat repudiation of weapons of mass destruction, in 2003 at the U.N. General Assembly, the United States was the organization to vote against the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

In an even more telling move, the United States, India and Micronesia were the sole votes against a plan to prevent nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. Were this technology its reason for preemptively attacking Iraq, one would think such a strategy was not approved.

Fighting the war on terror without revamping America's image assumes the war on terror can be won with guns and firepower. Without discounting its importance in this effort, if America does not directly counteract the imperialist portrayal it projects even in Western Europe, how will she refute the slander of radical ideologues in the Middle East? Instead, in many cases, the United States has strengthened the perception of an imperious America that lacks respect for other cultures. The sympathy our nation garnered after Sept. 11 is giving way to the increasing popularity of jihad in the Middle East, promulgating support for terrorist attacks.

A decisive victory has never been possible in the war on terror. What America needs is the slow transformation of a worldview. Of course, one cannot rain upon a hundred thousand阿森纳.

The Bush administration's dependence upon them is only likely to antagonize those who have not yet left America's side.

When accepting the Democratic nomination, Kerry quoted a former, great President. "I don't want to claim that God is on our side. As Abraham Lincoln told us, I want to pray humbly that we are on God's side." America needs a change in its approach to foreign policy and the war on terror.

That change will come with the election of John Kerry.

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Battling over the right to life

I am loath to state the obvious to the learned fellows that make up the philosophy faculty: that the fruit to which we cling is the right to life — each individual human being's fundamental right to receive and preserve the incidents of their unique creation in due course — has never and should never be allowed "whether life begins at conception." If such was the case, Roe v. Wade could not be "unabashedly reaffirmed monthly" — the fruit of whatever "Studies-Have-Shown" bestseller happens to appear emboldened by our academic journals, chock full of words like "inadequate cellular respiration."

Whether life scientifically begins at conception is a question that, if answered affirmatively, would surely benefit the pro-life movement. Nevertheless, it remains but a red-her-ring enabling those who deny a fundamental right to life is to the starting point of human development to avert their eyes in a principled way from what technology has evolved to reveal since Roe v. Wade — ultrasound pictures of hearts beating; babies being born premature at four to five months gestation, yet thriving; the in-womb surgery to correct spina-bifida.

By inserting highly technical language into their arguments, our professors obscure the humanness of the fetuses of hearts beating; babies being born premature at four to five months gestation, yet thriving; the in-womb surgery to correct spina-bifida. It makes no difference that you are talking about the precincts being serviced are over­run by our academic journals, chock full of words like "inadequate cellular respiration." The point is that the question of human life is a "con­catenation of points in time" because the worthy undergrad has more experience by our logic, as described above; above. It is our logic, as described above; above. It is not, as Ben Stein said recently on C-Span, "I don't know."

Like some convicted soldier crawling up perilous two Jima to a destination of victory, whatever "it[.]" "is" unabashedly reaches for the tools to grow into what society might in its ever-unprincipled short-sightedness recognize as a human being — e.g. some appearance we can at least measure against Mona Lisa or David. For thousands of years — excepting Roman barbarism — we could trust the fruit of nature's will — a defect in the process itself — could prevent "his" successful ascent to its birthright. Indeed, we might easily replace our so-called "conceit" of thinking a human life as a "con­catenation of points in time" because the worthy undergrad has more experience by our logic, as described above; above. It is not, as Ben Stein said recently on C-Span, "I don't know."

The College Democrats and Rock the Vote canons of College Republicans meeting on Wednesday with a proposal. They requested assistance with their program, designed to register voters throughout the South Bend area, and then to provide transportation for those voters to the polls. Needless to say, their cause is a noble one. It is important that everyone have the abili­ty to vote.

The problem perceived by the College Republicans is that program was that the precincts being serviced are over­run by our academic journals, chock full of words like "inadequate cellular respiration." The point is that the question of human life is a "con­catenation of points in time" because the worthy undergrad has more experience by our logic, as described above; above. It is not, as Ben Stein said recently on C-Span, "I don't know."
The movie remains largely faithful to the comic, with only minor changes. Frank Castle, the Punisher’s alter ego, hasn’t developed psychic powers, or the ability to turn green when angry. He’s an average guy, so driven by grief that he accomplishes feats that some would consider impossible. After his family is killed, Frank proceeds to take on the malevolent role decently, but does not come off as evil as his character in “Face/Off.”

As the film progresses, Dave becomes more and more of a prominent suspect. His wife looks through the paper each day hoping to find support for her husband, and he sets out to prove his innocence. With no police officer. He is in fact a sex offender. Luckily, Dave is able to escape after a horrifying experience and returns home. But it is here that “Mystic River” raises one of several thought provoking questions. Can victims of such violent sexual abuse really go on with their lives? Twenty-five years later something about him is definitely disconcerting. There is an emptiness in his blue eyes that one can’t help but notice.

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Film serves up new shot at old game

By LIZ BYRUM
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“The Sopranos,” HBO triumph at Emmys

Associated Press

“Friends” spiff up “Joey.”

Mirror the concern in Hollywood over the dwindling number and quality of situation comedies, the four major comedy awarding each for their work in a series that has ended, Kelsey Grammer won his fourth Emmy for best actor in a comedy for “Frasier” and Sarah Jessica Parker won once again for “Sex and the City.”

I had the most extraordinary life on television,” Grammer said. “Frasier was a gift in my life and the people that I met and worked with were the greatest and this is just the cherry on top.”

David Hyde Pierce won a supporting actor award for “Frasier,” which ended an 11-year run this spring, and Cynthia Nixon won best supporting actress for “Sex and the City.”

“arrested Development,” which was in the sitcom school, they tell you how great it is to have a long-running show,” said Hyde Pierce, “but they don’t tell you how hard it is to say goodbye.”

Although cable ruled the night, Fox’s “American Dad!” provided a rare bright spot for broadcast television, winning best comedy series after a freshman year that was critically acclaimed but low rated.

“This is so huge for us. You know what? Let’s watch it,” series creator Mitchell Hurwitz urged viewers.

The broadcast networks claimed honors for Allison Janney of NBC’s “The West Wing” and James Spader of CBS’s “The Practice,” who won best actor awards for drama.

“You’ve all made wonderful choices in shoes and dresses tonight and you all look absolutely beautiful,” Spader said in a lighthearted acceptance.

“Angels in America,” the miniseries adaptation of Tony Kushner’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the 1980s AIDS crisis, won seven Emmys, including outstanding miniseries and acting trophies for Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Mary-Louise Parker and Jeffrey Wright. Kushner received a best writing award and Mike Nichols won best director.

The two-part series proved a record breaker. With the four Emmys won by “American Dad!” and the creative arts awards, it exceeded the nine awards “Roots” won in 1977 to become the most honored miniseries, and matched the 11 won by “Eleanor and Franklin” in 1976, the most for any program in one season.

Streep praised Kushner’s words as the reason for the TV miniseries’ success.

“The bravest thing in the world is that writer who sits alone in a room and works out his grief, his rage, his imagination and his deep desire to make people laugh. And he makes a work of art that then transforms the world with the truth, because that’s all we want, you know,” she said. “It’s all we need.”

The edgier programming on cable has come to overshadow the more restrained fare found on network television, where language, violence and sex are dealt with obliquely.

HBO received a dominant 32 awards. Fox collected 10, followed by NBC with 8, ABC and PBS with seven each and CBS with two.

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CHICAGO — As Torii Hunter stood in the middle of the Minnesota Twins’ ravenous clubhouse, two teammates peeked out behind and threw a couple of water bottles at his head. Hunter didn’t even flinch. If anything, he smiled and donned a T-shirt that was threatened with getting wet.

“Every year we’ve got to go out there and prove to some¬body that we’re the best, like it,” Hunter said after the Twins clinched their third straight AL Central title Monday night with an 8-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

“We’re the underdogs, and we’ve got something to prove every day,” he said. “That’s our motivation, to go out there and prove something every day.”

The game was all over after the first inning, when Hunter and Corey Koskie each hit a two-run homer off Mark Buehrle. Though they were forced to play host to giant mural of water on him. The Angels won 8-2, the Twins third straight AL Central victory.

The Twins hung over the railing in front of their dugout for the first time in their history, Ron Gardenhire inserted into the game, one of the few players left over from the team that was threatened with contraction, as a defensive replace¬ment so the veteran could be on the mound.

When Timo Perez popped out to shortstop Cristian Guzman for the second out, he was pushed into the field, second bottom of an impos¬sible triple play.

After bopping around and hanging around for a few minutes, they walked toward the dugout to shake hands with the coach¬ing staff, which includes the manager of the end of the line, hugging each player as he came off the field.

A couple hundred Twins fans stayed in the dugout when the Twins played Minnesota’s three straight divi¬sion titles. It means everything in the majors.

And that was just the start of the party. The Twins donned hats and T-shirts proclaiming them division champions and tossed each other with champagne, beer and water in the clubhouse. Someone poured beer over Hunter’s head, and several players poured beer down Gardenhire’s back.

Not even manager Terry Ryan was safe; players sprayed him with champagne when he walked into the clubhouse.

But one more ended the mess. Minnesota had to wait for someone else to lose to win its 22nd two-out win of the season. They won on the field.

Minnesota is the second team to clinch its division this year, joining NL Central champ St. Louis.

Corey Koskie each hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to help the Kansas City Royals defeat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

When I took the swing, it cramped up,” Pickering said. On the next pitch: hit the ball, but I wasn’t even worrying about where the ball was going. I didn’t even know where it was. Then I looked up and saw everybody running. I’m happy with the way I hit the ball.

Pickering’s opposite-field drive off Jorge Sosa (4-5) put the Royals up 5-3. He was booted by some fans unaware of the injury as he trotted slowly around the bases.

Chacin became the first lefty to win his major league debut against the Yankees in the Joe Torre era, leading the Toronto Blue Jays past New York.

With a shaved head, a 19-2 record in the minors and fresh off a playoff win at Double-A, Chacin held the AL East leaders to a mere four hits before leav¬ing in the eighth inning.

It’s a big difference, coming here to Yankee Stadium,” he said. “They’ve got a big, good lineup.

"I was just trying to do what I’ve been doing,” he said, “don’t have to be perfect.”

The loss to last-place Toronto was just the Yankees’ fourth defeat in 15 games. They were coming off an emotional two days in which they battered Boston, ousting the Red Sox 2-0.

Alex Rodriguez reached 100 RBIs for the eighth straight season as New York remained 4 1/2 games ahead of Boston, which lost 8-3.

A crowd of only 10,732 saw a game reached less than two weeks ago. This three-game series was supposed to open Tuesday night, but was pushed up to accommodate a makeup against Tampa Bay caused by Hurricane Frances.

Angeles 5, Mariners 2

Dallas McPherson had three hits and 80 RBI in his first major league start, helping the Anaheim Angels gain ground in the playoff race with a victory over the Seattle Mariners.

The Angels closed within 2 1/2 games of idle Oakland in the AL West and 4 1/2 of Boston in the wild-card chase despite playing most of the night with¬out star right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, who was hit in the head by a pitch in the first inning.

X-rays at a hospital were normal, and Guerrero returned to the dugout during the game.

Toy’s Ichiro Suzuki went for a walk. His two singles gave him 238 hits this sea¬son, 19 short of George Sisler’s major league record set in 1920. The Mariners have 12 games remaining.

Winning pitcher John Lackey (3-2) gave up two runs and 10 hits in six innings, striking out seven and walking none.

Jeter also pelted a score¬less ninth inning for his 29th save in 34 chances.

Angel second baseman Adam Kennedy left the game after spraining his right knee in the fifth on a fielding play.

Guerrero left after he hit the line drive that led to a triple from Ryan Franklin (4-16). Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia was ejected after yelling and pointing at Franklin.

McPherson started at third base in place of Chone Figgins as Scioscia juggled the lineup in an attempt to spark the offense.

McPherson made his major league debut on Sept. 10.

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Chicago splits doubleheader against Florida

Cubs win game one, remain half-game back of the Giants

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MIAMI — The Chicago Cubs' 24-hour visit to Miami included a brief stay atop the NL wild-card standings when they lost their lead because they couldn't beat David Weathers.

The journeyman right-hander, making his first start in six years, limited Chicago to two hits and one run in five innings, and the Florida Marlins won 5-2 for a split of their doubleheader Monday.

Mark Prior allowed just five hits in 7 2-3 innings and outpitched Carl Pavano in the opener to help the Cubs win 5-1.

With the victory in Game 1, Chicago climbed one percentage point ahead of San Francisco in the wild-card race. But the Cubs ended the day where they started: a half-game behind the idle Giants.

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The four teams that have clinched spots in the playoffs are the San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, Arizona Diamondbacks and New York Mets. The Cubs need one more win for a share of the NL Wild Card. The NL Central race — even though St. Louis manager Tony La Russa refused to permit a celebration or acknowledge his team clinched the division.

St. Louis has 97 victories, and the best Chicago can do is 96. The Cubs and Marlins would have to win Monday off as originally scheduled. For the Cubs, the split came during a stretch of four road games in three days in three cities. Miami was added to the itinerary to make up two games postponed during Labor Day weekend because of Hurricane Frances.

The doubleheader was the third for the Marlins in 11 days, and the grind has depleted their pitching while all but dashing their hopes of returning to the playoffs.

"The last three weeks have been tough," McKeon said. "To go through what we did, no other club in this league has done it. And yet to be still batt­ling and fighting and thinking we've got a chance, it's a credit to the guys."

Announced attendance was 37,412, but it was a late-arriv­ing crowd. Game 1 began in front of 2,000,000 spectators, many of them blue-clad fans who did plenty of cheering as Chicago took a 4-1 lead with three runs in the second against Pavano (17-7).

Cubs pitcher Mark Prior delivers a pitch during the second inning of the first game of a double­header Monday against the Marlins. The Cubs won the opener 5-1, but dropped game two 5-2.

"I hate to say you'd almost rather strike out," Walker said. "But that was disappointing."

Damion Easley said the Cubs were a three­run homer and an RBI double off Matt Clement (9-13). Michael Barrett hit his 16th home run and got a standing ovation from fans behind the Florida dugout when he walked off the mound after the fifth 5-1 loss.

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Weathers (7-7) showed the Marlins that anything is possi­ble. Pitching for his third team this season, he came into the game 0-4 lifetime against the Cubs with an 11.44 ERA. But he earned a standing ovation from fans behind the Florida dugout when he walked off the mound after the fifth 5-1 loss.

"It felt good to go out there and do something to help, instead of sitting around collect­ing a free check," Weathers said.

Rudy Seanez pitched out of a jam in the sixth, and Guillermo Mot
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Cubs split their series with the Florida Marlins. The Cubs won the opener 5-1, but dropped game two 5-2.

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McNabb, Eagles dispose of Vikings 27-16

The Eagles’ 2-0 start at the Line is a switch from last season, when they lost the first two games at their new home. The Vikings (1-1) have lost six of their last 17 outdoor regular-season games.

Neither defense was particularly responsible for the lack of scoring. Time-consuming marches ate up chunks of yards, but the end zone was elusive for Minnesota until 3 1/2 minutes were left — even though the Vikings had the ball for nearly 38 minutes. That was not problematic for Philadelphia because McNabb made several big plays in throwing for 245 yards. He passed for two scores, including the clincher to Owens for 45 yards with 7:40 remaining, and ran for another.

Otherwise, Owens, who had three TD receptions in his Eagles debut last week, didn’t have a big impact with four catches for 79 yards.

Moss, whose costly offensive pass interference penalty was his most noteworthy play until a 4-yard TD catch in the final minute, did have eight receptions for 69 yards. But the Vikings kept bogging down in or near the red zone, in part because Moss was blanketed and Culpepper was sacked four times.

Culpepper finished 37-for-47 for 343 yards. Morton Anderson, at 44, the league’s oldest player, appeared in his 340th NFL game, tying George Blanda’s record. The 23-year veteran’s left leg looked plenty strong as he made three field goals, including a 44-yarder to open the scoring. But he was short on a 44-yarder with 9:14 remaining.

Brian Westbrook dominated the Eagles’ 72-yard march to a 7-3 lead on their first series. He was involved in six of the 11 plays, gaining 44 yards.

Former Irish back injures shoulder

NOTTINGHAM, Texas — Cowboys rookie running back Julius Jones broke his left shoulder and is expected to be out about two months.

Coach Bill Parcells said Monday he didn’t know exactly when Jones, a second-round pick from Notre Dame, was injured during a 19-12 win over Cleveland on Sunday.

“I’m sad to lose the player, sorry for him,” Parcells said.

Parcells said Jones probably will not need surgery. But if Jones is likely to be out more than half the season, the team might put him on injured reserve.

For now, Parcells said the team probably won’t sign another running back. Eddie George and KeithLee Leach are expected to get more carries in place of Jones.

Jones missed the opener because of a rib injury during the preseason. Richie Anderson was inactive against Cleveland because of a knee problem, but Parcells expected him to return to practice this week.

Wolfmeyer acquitted in Danton hit man case

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — A young Missouri woman was acquitted Monday of charges she helped former NHL player Mike Danton hire a hit man in a failed plot to kill his manager.

The federal jury deliberated more than three hours before clearing 19-year-old Katie Wolfmeyer in the scheme, which unravelled in April when the man recruited for the hit notified authorities.

“I knew all along that I was innocent,” the young woman said, reiterating her claim that the FBI had twisted her story and used it against her. “I’m glad the jury saw through all that.”

Prosecutors, who had argued that jurors should look past Wolfmeyer’s sobbing testimony and her claims the FBI was plotting against her, did not take questions after the verdict but released a statement.

De La Hoya faces uncertain future after knockout loss

LAS VEGAS — Oscar De La Hoya predicted before he met Bernard Hopkins that the fight would define his career, and sadly it might.

Knocked out by a punch to the liver, De La Hoya must deal with the fact he has come up short in some of his biggest fights.

De La Hoya made at least $30 million to fight Hopkins, but the questions afterward weren’t about money. He has plenty of that, but he might be nearing the end of a once brilliant career.

“I really can’t answer that now,” De La Hoya said. “You know us fighters have a love-hate relationship with boxing.”

Hopkins seems to have a much better future ahead, after doing nothing but win but getting little out of it until De La Hoya handed him a $10 million payday that he didn’t have to work that hard to earn.
The rookie season of Cleveland Browns tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. may have ended after just two games. The Associated Press

The first-round draft pick is among several players who will be sidelined for a few weeks, or more, as a result of injuries in Sunday's games. Others include New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister and Baltimore Ravens tight end Todd Heap, both of whom were knocked out of games with a sprained ankle.

The Browns said Winslow will miss at least two months with a broken right leg, and that they might keep him out for the rest of the season. Winslow was in injured trying to recover an onside kick late in Sunday's 19-12 loss at Dallas.

Winslow is scheduled for surgery Tuesday and might need screws and plates inserted in the leg, Browns trainer Mike Colello said Monday. The team expects Winslow to make a full recovery in eight to 10 weeks, but coach Butch Davis said the team has considered placing him on injured reserve.

McAllister, who had his foot in a heavy orthopedic boot Monday, said he thought he'd be able to play soon — maybe even this coming weekend. But coach Jim Haslett said the Saints' top rusher is expected to be out four to five weeks.

McAllister was injured on his third carry in the Saints' 30-27 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. Defensive tackle Bryant Young grabbed McAllister's ankle and the pain was immediate, causing McAllister to drop the football. "I felt it pop," said McAllister, who set franchise records in 2003 for yards from scrimmage (2,157) and rushing yards (1,641). "That's why I dropped the ball."

Heap, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, will miss two to four weeks with a sprained right ankle. Heap led the Ravens in receptions in each of the past two seasons and has a team-high 12 catches this year. The injury occurred late in the second quarter of the Ravens' 30-13 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's huge," coach Brian Billick said Monday. "He's your No. 1 target, your No. 1 receiver."

Heap was blocking downfield when his right ankle was rolled over by Pittsburgh linebacker James Farrior. Heap then stumbled back to the line of scrimmage and lined up for another play. Quarterback Kyle Boller motioned that he was going to spike the ball, and did so as Steelers linebacker Joey Porter shoved Heap backward. Unable to lift himself from the turf, Heap was helped off the field and did not return.

"You just deal with it," said Heap, who hasn't missed a game since his rookie season in 2001. "You have to make sure the other guys know what's going on and make sure they can step up."

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox will be out at least six weeks with a torn ligament and tendon damage in his right elbow, an injury that at least temporarily makes rookie Ben Roethlisberger the starter.

Maddox was injured in the third quarter of the loss in Baltimore. Coach Bill Cowher thought Maddox might need season-ending reconstructive surgery, but team doctors said an operation isn't necessary.

Kellen Winslow, Jr., is carted off the field with Cleveland Browns trainer Marty Lauzon after being injured against Dallas on Sunday.
WASHINGTON HOPES TO IMPROVE ON 0-2 START

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Keith Gilbertson did not script the season to begin this way.
The Washington Huskies’ head coach has started his sec­ond season 0-2 after early home losses to unranked teams.

Fresno State erupted in a 21-point fourth quarter to take Washington’s opener at Husky Stadium, 35-16, and UCLA run­ning back Maurice Drew cut up the Huskies’ defense for a school-record 322 yards and five touchdowns in a 37-31 Bruins win Saturday.

“Saturday was a] terrible struggle,” Gilbertson said. “We had a lot of concerns with what happened to our defense.

On several occasions you’ll see we’ll run around a scheme when we’re supposed to take them on.”

Drew ran for touchdowns of 47, 62, 58, 15 and 37 yards.

There’s also the case where [the UCLA offensive linemen] grabbed us and threw us on the ground,” Gilbertson said. “If you look at the tape of the game, we have a lot of guys on the ground.”

Gilbertson was disappointed with every aspect of his team’s defensive effort against UCLA. He said players who made good tackles often had missed their original assignment and were out of position.

But there is not a shortage of bright spots for the Huskies.

“I think the offense played better,” Gilbertson said. “We ran it pretty consistently . . . we made some good decisions.”

Kenny James rushed 27 times for 133 yards, and Washington finished with 219 total rushing yards. But quarterback Casey Paus made the biggest differ­ence, going 13-of-28 for 200 yards and two touchdowns.

“One thing I was pleased with was we did not turn the ball over,” Gilbertson said.

Paus threw three intercep­tions against Fresno State. The Bulldogs returned two of those intercep­tions — and a fourth quarter fumble — for touch­downs. But Paus played well enough against UCLA — putting up 24 first quarter points — to stay in Gilbertson’s good graces.

“Casey will get 75 to 80 per­cent of the snaps this week and 80 to 90 percent of those snaps will come with the first-team offense,” Gilbertson said.

The last two Husky teams to start 0-2 rebounded to have winning seasons and appear in bowls. But a 2004 turnaround becomes harder when the first road game takes a team to Notre Dame Stadium.

“If you were 2-0, it’d be tough to go in there,” Gilbertson said. “We certainly have a lot of respect for the tradition and game and atmosphere at Notre Dame. It’s been a tough place to play for generations.

Now you’ve still got to play the game . . . against a good team. And once all that settles down, it’s our team versus their team between the stripes. But of course there’s a special uniqueness about playing at Notre Dame . . . I mean, come on, it’s one of the great places in all of college football.”

Last season, Washington traveled to Ohio State and California for its two biggest road games. The Huskies lost in Columbus to Ohio State, 28-9, and California, 54-7.

“We’ve had some tough road trips,” Gilbertson said. “We’ve been to some landmark places. It would be nice to win one of those games.”

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Alumni defeats Keough on game's final play

By KEVIN BRENNAN, KEN FOWLER and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

Brent Locey saved his best for last.

After struggling all game, the Alumni freshman quarterback hit receiver Ryan “King” McGletic for a 34-yard score on the final play to give Alumni a 6-3 victory over Keough.

The dramatic game-winner ended a day of offensive frustration for Locey and the Dawgs. Alumni failed to move the ball with any consistency.

Amazingly, the touchdown was Locey’s first completion of the game.

Alumni captain AJ Remen attributed the troubles to the offense.

“Our offense struggled the entire game,” Remen said. “They did a good job stopping the run on the inside. They were shutting down our passing lanes as well.”

The Kangaroo offense found it equally difficult to maneuver, particularly through the air.

“We couldn’t get much going on offense,” Keough quarterback and captain Eddie Medrick Kosper said. “We had some communications issues on routes, and we struggled trying to run the ball to the outside.”

The scoring began early in the second quarter after a key special teams miscue. Alumni returner Willie D. Williams fielded a punt on his own 15-yard line and fumbled after taking a hard hit from a Kangaroo defender. The Kangaroos recovered, but their offense failed to put the ball in the end zone. On fourth down, kicker Nick Dobilinski was successful on a 32-yard field goal attempt.

Early in the fourth quarter, Alumni had a chance to tie the game, but Keough’s Bob Hallman blocked a 33-yard field goal attempt. The Kangaroos recovered the ball and returned it to the 43-yard line. It looked as if the Dawgs had squandered their only scoring opportunity of the day.

However, the stingy Alumni defense held strong. Keough did not make a first down in the fourth quarter and with 25 seconds to play, the Dawgs stopped the Kangaroos on a crucial third down, forcing a punt.

Williams made up for his earlier blunder by returning the punt from his own 25 to the Keough 34-yard line. Two plays later, with three seconds left on the clock, Locey found McGletic for the amazing touchdown. While thrilled with the victory, Alumni knows that it must play better offensively to remain competitive. The Dawgs have a bye this week and will face O’Neill in two weeks. “Hopefully this extra week of practice will help us,” Remen said.

“We need less predictable play calling and a more varied, consistent attack.”

Keenan 7, Stanford 6

After nearly three quarters of failing to convert on every opportunity Stanford gave them, Keenan finally made the Griffins pay with a 19-yard touchdown pass from Eric Laumann to wide receiver Dan Zenker.

“It was a bootleg left, and the line gave me plenty of time,” Zenker said. “I finally got outside and threw it.”

The touchdown pass came three plays after a pass interference call on third-and-11 kept the seven-play, 52-yard drive alive. The extra point gave the Knights a 7-6 lead, which was ultimately the game’s final score.

In a sloppy first half, Stanford managed to break out to an 18-0 advantage after failing to convert a two-point conversion attempt.

Griffins missed the extra point, and would later pay for that mistake.

With fifty seconds left in the second quarter, Keenan returned a punt 66 yards for an apparent score, only to have the return called back for a clipping penalty.

Even with the punt return negated, the Knights rushed to drive just 28 yards for a 15-yard game-tying touchdown.

On second-and-10, Laumann hooked up with Matt McQueary for 14 yards, and the Knights needed to drive just 27 yards for a winning field goal.

The final play of the game was a 49-yard field goal attempt by Patrick Dobbertin which went wide right.

“Eric (Laumann) did a great job of keeping rolling out until I finally got open,” Zenker said.

Keenan wide receiver A.J. Remen summed up the victory.

“This is a great day for the defense,” Remen said. “We didn’t give the offense a lot of chances.”

While thrilled with the victory, O’Neill knows that it must continue to play solid defense and work on its offensive line.

“King” McGletic did a great job for the offense, lifting the wing-T.

The wing-T, which includes many fakes and misdirection, had early success against an initially-confused Morrissey defense, but a poorly executed special teams play lead to a key 15-yard loss in the fourth quarter.

“The offense hasn’t practiced much,” said Hughie, who completed three passes for 33 yards. “We needed something they hadn’t seen.”

The Angry Mob’s 5-3 defense, however, was not nearly as successful in controlling the offense when defending the Manities’ powerful backfield. Morrissey rushed for 186 yards on 28 attempts, while O’Neill only managed 90 on 24 carries.

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O’Neill had some quick turns into the open field.

Morrissey opened the game by driving deep into Mob territory, but an overthrown pass turned into the first interception for O’Neill.

O’Neill had some quick successes with outside runs by Dan Stein, as the Morrissey defense looked confused in the face of the fakes and reverses.

“We got a lot of different looks out of the wing-T,” Hughie said. “When the defense starts cheating over in one direction, we’ll flip it around and go the other way.”

However, the Mob couldn’t turn the solid running into points, and a four-yard punt on their second possession was translated into a Morrissey touchdown.

O’Neill closed within one early in the second half when Hughie completed a 16-yard pass down the sideline to the Morrissey 17-yard line and then connected for his team’s only touchdown on a four-yard pass later.

Morrissey blocked the extra point and then killed the underdog’s momentum with the long kickoff return.

“We just settled in, found the holes and played our game,” fullback Steve Klein said of the third-quarter march.

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Defending champion Badin started the year off right Sunday afternoon, defeating Lewis 7-0 in a rematch of last year's championship game.

The Bullfrogs scored the only points of the game early in the second half when quarterback and senior captain Stephanie Heath connected with Melissa Sands for a 10-yard touchdown pass. Heath ran in the extra point herself, and that was all Badin would need.

The game was a defensive struggle from the start, as neither team could get much going on offense. Badin had a balanced running game, but the Lewis defense led by linebacker and senior captain Bethany Bustin was solid as well. "In the first half of the first game you always have lots of jitters," Heath said.

Lewis also had trouble on offense and failed to take advantage of a strong Badin defense. The Chickes played much of the first half in their own end but were not able to strike pay dirt.

After starting just short of midfield, the Chicks offense went nowhere, and Lewis was unable to penetrate the Badin defense. Badin's strong defense and offense were key to their victory.

"In the second half, we knew what we had to do; what adjustments we had to make," Heath said of her offense.

The Badin defense made adjustments as well, and Bustin was not able to get the Lewis attack off the ground.

Bustin continued its season Thursday night at 8 p.m. against Howard on Riehle Field.

Lewis' next game is also against the Ducks from Howard and is scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m. on West Quad.

Welsh Family 39, Pangborn 0

Amidst a chorus of shrill cheers and songs, Welsh Family showed an impressive aptitude for pigskin power in their 19-0 win over the
Walsh confidence high before game with PW

By PETER CRACCHIOLO, MIKE LASKEY AND NATHAN DYE

Sporn Writers

Walsh has a game plan. The Wild Women are confident their defense will carry them through the season. Coming off a 0-0 tie with Cavanaugh Sunday, Walsh has proven it can compete with the best. "Our defensive line was solid," Walsh captain Carrie Campbell said. "But, offensively, we need to put the ball in the end zone."

Both Cavanaugh and Walsh faced a defensive stalemate Sunday preventing either team from scoring. Having one game under its belt, Walsh believes it has a slight edge over Pasquerilla West. Since last weekend's game, the team has had time to formulate a better offensive strategy. This has given the team confidence in putting points on the scoreboard. "The plan is to score more," Campbell said. "We need to put the ball in the end zone."

Despite opening its season against a slightly more experienced opponent, Pasquerilla West believes it is up for the challenge. According to captain Abby Meacham, one of the team's strong points is its defense. "We're pretty psyched about it," Campbell said. "Our momentum is really high." McGlinn vs. Breen-Phillips

As Notre Dame students are well aware, introducing team's new blood is one of the most exciting and important aspects of a fresh football season. Following the lead of their counterparts on the varsity squad, a number of freshmen are ready to gear up for their introduction to Notre Dame interhall football. Two teams looking to their freshmen for a boost from last season include the squads from McGlinn and Breen-Phillips, who square off tonight at 7 p.m. at the Riehle Fields.

McGlinn captain Bridget Meacham has liked what she's seen from her newcomers so far. "I can't say enough about the entire freshman class," Meacham said. "They have great promise for this season."

In addition to an exciting freshman class, McGlinn has its eye on another new addition to its squad's lineup. "Gift" McGlinn, the team's new blood, has been great about putting both of them on the field. "I expect nothing less than the championship," Allison Ferber, PE captain

"You can definitely quote me as saying, 'For this season, I expect nothing less than the championship.'"

Farley vs. Pasquerilla East

Jenny Rice and Tyler Taylor, Lynn Swann and John Stallworth, Kris Carter and Randy Moss. Some of the greatest receivers in football history, and the Finest of Farley say that they have two names to add to the list, in sophomore receivers tandem Megan Spokes and Diane Duran.

Farley captain Angelina Zehrbach's game plan for tonight's game against Pasquerilla East is to get the ball into the hands of their two key playmakers, with great hands, on the field at the same time. "They both are very potent weapons, with great hands," Zehrbach said. "When we've been able to keep them under pressure," Zehrbach continued, "we've really stepped up against Farley."

"We've been having fun in practice. The girls have been great about getting the work done. Our defense really stepped up against Farley," said Jamie Feltault, McGlinn's twin terror.

"We have to combine the excitement of the younger players with the experience of the upperclassmen."

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Breen-Phillips captain

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A member of the offensive line will face Siegfried ultimately prevailed in the second half, scoring two touchdowns and successfully completing one two-point conversion. Breen-Phillips’ excellent receivers displayed their veteran prowess by catching several 10-yard throws and at least two 50-yard passes thrown by the Babes’ quarterback.

Additional notes:
- The drive was capped off by a 5-yard option, in which the Stedsmen defense. The Rabid Bats quarter were more native and fired up, Campbell said.
- The game showed everyone because the Finest took the second half by storm.
- Breen-Phillips 20, Farley 14
- The finest began the second half with a long punt return by sophomore Megan Speck, as she went on to score Farley’s first touchdown of the game as they marched 65 yards in a little under 1:40 to open the second half.
- Walsh is hoping its returning veterans, the Rabid Bats and the Stedsmen defense.
- Walsh’s defense was solid, said McCarthy. "But our offense has to defend well," said Mackenzie. "It'll definitely be a pivotal game for us in terms of our MAAC every game matters. Even though it's only the fifth game.
- The Belles will rely on their strong defense, featuring the quarterback, to keep the Breen-Phillips scorers in check. Although the Babes have played fewer games than most of the other teams in the division, Saint Mary's has the fewest goals allowed in the conference.
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19 Charlie Rose's network
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8 Big ape
9 Unseat
10 Assortments
11 Inlets
12 Post-it
13 Ox's partner in old comedy
14 Capital of Punjab province
15 Faithful
16 Staff leader?
17 First year West Pointer
18 Mobile romance
19 Before long
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21 Passed with flying colors
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Break out your dictionary, and you're sure to have a laugh with our Daily Jumble.

Celebrities Born on this Day: Sophia Loren, Anne Mearns, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Joan Pablo Moncayo

Happy Birthday: Have a clear picture in mind if you want to accomplish your goals. By letting someone or something cloud your vision, you will only waste valuable time this year. Count on yourself and you will succeed.

Your numbers are: 2, 7, 10, 19, 28, 36

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Gemini (May 21-June 20): The emphasis will be on love, however, if you have designs on more than one person, you may have some problems. The main rule you must to protect the relationship you must is interested in, the better.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will come across interesting information through friends or relatives. Your work ethics and excellent skills will reassure that you end up in the best possible position.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22): Don't be too quick to pay for others or be frivolous in what you buy today. You can make beaucoup on the romance department and you shouldn't have to spend money to do so.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will be helpful today. You have to rely on what you can handle yourself and try not to worry about what doesn't go done. Overthinking will lead to added worry.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep everything out in the open and you will have a terrific day. You can enjoy the company of friends and love connections will blossom. Secret affairs must be avoided.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel like throwing in the towel and changing your direction, but don't do so because someone has promised you a better period. You should end up something to find something else close to do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be fooled by someone who has been pumping you up and encouraging your ego. Being overly confident will backfire, giving this person the edge.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more you do to encourage others, the better. You can form friendships with people from different backgrounds. You will learn from the experience you have today.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Getting involved in something that perks your interests will bring favorable results. New partnerships can be formed and you may even find yourself moving in an altogether new direction.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You can't get caught in the middle of some one else's problem. This is not the time to offer help, but instead to make yourself from whatever is going on around you.

Birthday Baby: You are practical, critical and analytical, but will take a risk if you think it's worth it. You have diplomacy, integrity and all the things necessary to make it big.

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By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

Before the talk was about just getting a win. Now it's about closing out the win the right way.

In the upset against Michigan, it wasn't a big topic when the Wolverines got within one score late in the game. But after building a 28-7 lead Saturday at Michigan State and allowing the Spartans to get within 28-17 while almost going in for another touchdown, the Irish know letting a team hang around is flattering with disaster.

"I'm not too excited about that. Obviously you would like to finish the game stronger than how you started, but we would like to start faster too," linebacker Durek Curry said. "We saw what we did wrong and try to get it corrected going into next week. I'm definitely not happy with the way we ended it."

While it was just the deficit that permitted the Spartans to make the final score closer than the game should have been, the special teams allowed DeAndre Cobb to return a kickoff for a touchdown after the offense gave the Irish a 21-point lead.

"That was very disappointing because we spent so much time on special teams for that to go out and happen it took a little bit out of the team," punt returner Carlyle Holiday said. "We are going to come back strong this week. We know special teams are a big part of the game and an area that can control the game.

"We've got a lot of work this week in trying to get big plays to happen for this team."

Despite putting up a season-high 31 points, the offense wasn't immune from being critical of its performance. The unit committed three turnovers in Michigan State territory, including one at the goal line.

Converting these opportunities would have put the Spartans away earlier in the second half. Finding that consistency for 60 minutes will save the Irish from having to make big plays later in the game like the second down conversions the Irish made in the fourth quarter.

"Offensively, we felt we could have put them away or at least..."

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**FOOTBALL**

**Finishing the job**

**Irish disappointed with letting Spartans back into game Saturday**

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

Fisher opened with victory Walsh, Cavanaugh play to a scoreless tie

**SMC Soccer**

**Belles get ready for Albion**

By RYAN DUFFY  
Sports Writer

On the road to the MIAA championship, the Belles are hoping that today's game against Albion will be remembered more as a speed bump than a roadblock.

Although the Belles remain undefeated in MIAA play with a record of 5-0-1, Albion presents the first significant challenge visiting Saint Mary's for today's 4 p.m. game.

"They [Albion] will be a good competitor, there's no way around it," coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "Without question, this is the toughest game to date in conference. Our women know it and are prepared for it."

The Belles enter this game after numerous missed opportunities prevented them from coming home with a victory in Saturday's game against Alma.

"We played well on Saturday, even if we came away with a tie," Mackenzie said. "We did a lot of good things in the last few minutes will be a good test for us to see how we handle ourselves against a team with a lot of size and speed."