Complex fire investigation continues

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

After a string of unexplained fires at Castle Point Apartments nearly four weeks ago, investigations into possible causes, including arson.

"We still have three open cases regarding that and until we close any one of them, they're all open because they occurred in the same complex," Clay fire marshal Dave Cherrone said. "That's their common denominator." In addition to the Indiana state marshal and the Clay fire marshal's involvement, Castle Point has hired a private company as a third party to investigate.

"We welcome (the private investigation) because it gives you someone else to bounce information off of to see if they see something that you didn't, to test some things that may not have been initially tested," Cherrone said. "That's a standard thing because insurance companies have a financial interest and they want to make sure they are getting the best they can for the tenants money."

Since the fires took place right before fall break, it was difficult for authorities to begin a prompt and complete investigation, as many residents had left for the week.

"We still have some people that we are questioning," Cherrone said. "We are just hoping that we get some definitive answers in the next week or so."

Cherrone confirmed the trashcan fires have been listed as arson because of their location and time. The third fire, which damaged two apartment units, is still listed as undetermined. Though all three cases remain open, there are suspects for the first two fires.

"We had already begun, of course, the investigation in regards to the trashcan incidents before the other fire occurred," Cherrone said.

"There were some people who were questioned in regards to that and some who we are still looking at as far as those two," Castle Point has increased lighting in dark areas of the area.

Fairness, efficiency of registration questioned

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Notre Dame students will begin assembling their spring schedules today through an online course registration process — formerly called "DART-ing" — that has promised some Dome's to question its efficiency and fairness.

The current procedure for scheduling second semester classes is called IrishLink, an online course registration process. However many students and faculty members still refer to the process in terms of its archaic acronym, DART, or Direct Access Registration by Telephone, even though this particular method of scheduling was terminated several years ago.

"We asked academic department and colleges to stop using the term 'DART,' but old habits die hard," Notre Dame Registrar Harold Pace said. In web registration, each student enrolled in the University is assigned a unique PIN number, which will allow him or her to enter the IrishLink database during a randomly allocated time slot within his or her appropriate level. Levels are for the most part class-specific in that they are assigned based on the number of semesters and credit hours completed by the student.

Members of the first level — comprised of seniors and 3rd year law and graduate business students — chose their courses earliest in the registration process. Juniors and 2nd year law and graduate business students were the last to choose, which was 4-5 weeks after the first.

"There were some people who were frustrated," Cherrone said.

"We wanted to simultaneously raise money and increase interest and they want to make sure they are getting the best they can for the tenants money."

Journalist analyzes election

Carlson cites religious groups as key to win

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Margaret Carlson, a political commentator and 2004-05 journalist-in-residence at Notre Dame, spoke about the presidential election Tuesday, contending that if President Bush won because of his ability to mobilize his conservative base and get them to the polls.

"How did Bush get here? Karl Rove and those four millions evangelicals. He said he was going to get them, and he did ... and he formed a religious coalition, he got Orthodox Jews and he got Catholics," she said in her lecture at the Hesburgh Center.

But Carlson also said the issue of moral values, which helped make conservative turnout so high, is in fact much more complex than Bush and Republicans would have America believe.

"Much is being made of the moral values issue, and people voting on that basis, but you have to ask, 'What does it mean? What are moral values?'" she said. "Do people that voted for Bush have better ones than the people that voted for Kerry?"

Pink bracelets show solidarity in breast cancer fight

By KATIE O'HARA
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses are 'bonding' together in the fight against breast cancer, as separate pink wristband campaigns are running at both schools.

At Notre Dame, the Women in Social Service and Health (WISSH) circulated the wristbands through dorms last week as a fundraising effort for breast cancer patients.

"This is the first thing we've been able to get out there," senior Ashley Merusi, co-president of the newly formed WISSH, said. "I've seen (them) around campus, and I've been getting good feedback."

Again, this year had, until last year, been known as the Women's Resource Center. But when the full-time Gender Resource Center was developed, the WRC members felt they had to redefine their student-run club.

"As the Gender Resource Center grew, we had decided we weren't really needed anymore," Merusi said. "We've switched our focus to fundraising, awareness and service projects. We still distribute information, but we are no longer the primary source."

Prompted by the national success of the Livestrong yellow bracelet, whose proceeds supported the Lance Armstrong Foundation and cancer survivors, Merusi said WISSH wanted to simultaneously raise money and increase breast cancer awareness.
INSIDE COLUMN

Betting on blind faith

I have deep loyalty in many things, one of them being the New York Yankees. The suffering loss to Boston in the ALCS was heart-wrenching enough, but the pain that befell me following their Game 7 defeat was only amplified by the fact that I had gambled on the series. And when the Yankees lost, I lost. Big time.

In my mind, betting on the Yankees was betting on gravity. For me to lose would mean that some universal law of nature would be defied, and this of course could never happen. I was so certain of victory that I hastily placed bets with two separate friends. I barely listened to the terms — after all, I wasn’t going to lose — and continued reading over-the-top condolences in my team. While some may perceive my lofty declaration of imminent victory as sheer arrogance, I subscribe to it a different name — blind faith.

My swagger only increased as the Yankees steamrolled through the first three games of the series. The momentum was ours and the sweep was certain. With Game 4 looming I was on top of the world. I incessantly taunted the friends I had placed bets with, as well as every other Red Sox fan I encountered. My stance on the Yankees’ intrinsic superiority was becoming instantaneous, and I was not about to let anyone forget it.

And then it happened. We lost, but not just once. We lost four times in a row, four consecutive defeats, and the Red Sox had somehow broken a curse, made history, and severely traumatized every Yankee fan on God’s green Earth. It felt as though someone had jabbed a piece of David Ortiz’s shattered bat through my heart. Recalling my bets only added insult to injury.

In the first bet I was required to wear a Red Sox T-Shirt for an entire day. Not so bad, I thought to myself. Even though I would never willingly dress in such atrocious apparel, I still could imagine a worse scenario. I expected to see that it had been altered, and the first thing I would do, how ever, recognized that we will make mistakes. Without hesitation, I responded. I do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. Without hesitation, I responded. Without hesitation, I responded. "It's the biggest rush of my school year." "It think it needs to be revised to a certain extent." "It's a little confusing." "Oh yeah, I have to pick out my classes, d0n't I?" "I say just play the music and dance. I graduate in December."
Symposium addresses nuclear proliferation

By Eileen Duffy

Three speakers offered a variety of thoughts on nuclear proliferation Tuesday evening in a symposium panel discussion called, "Rethinking the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons in the Age of Terrorism."

The discussion, sponsored by The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy as well as The Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government, featured guest speakers Dale Watson, Joseph Cirincione and Jared Silberman. With Jimmy Gurule, director of security at the FBI, speaking first.

Gurule offered unique insight into the threat of nuclear proliferation, based on his individual experiences.

"During the most recent presidential debates, there were few issues on which the candidates agreed," moderator Gurulé said in the opening. "But when asked about the greatest threat to national security, both candidates responded — without hesitation — nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists.

"After outlining the general problem of nuclear proliferation, he introduced the main speakers. Watson, former executive assistant director of the counter-terrorism division at the FBI, spoke first. He brought up the issue of Sept. 11 and addressed two of the reasons behind the attacks.

First, he said, we are the "melteme of nuclear proliferation, he said. "Some German government officials thought we were the number one nuclear power, we heard from America, all we hear is to be afraid. Germans see terrorism as a problem, not as an overriding, terrifying issue," he said.

He then outlined four nuclear threats faced by America — nuclear terrorism, the emergence of non-nuclear weapon states (such as North Korea and Iran), the danger from existing arsenals and the systematic danger of collapse of existing non-proliferation regimes.

Cirincione recalled past presidential administrations who successfully fought against various types of weapons — President Richard Nixon against biological weapons and President George H.W. Bush against chemical weapons. In President George W. Bush's term, the focus became on what was the administration became intent on eliminating the regime rather than the weapons.

"Essentially, he said, our focus must be on preventing terrorists from getting at the existing nuclear material in Russia and elsewhere. The ultimate problem terrorists have is getting such material. "Even a softball-sized chunk of highly-enriched uranium would be the key to them making a weapon," Cirincione said.

Silberman, associate counsel for Arms Control and International Law in the United States Navy, spoke last on two themes of non-nuclear weapons and non-proliferation. "Increased lethality of weapons is not necessarily the best means to achieve success," Silberman said.

He presented an extensive list of non-lethal weapons, including high-powered microwave agents, which would bring a burning sensation upon the enemy's skin with no harmful effects, acoustic alteration, which would bring about an unbearable loud noise without actually disastering the enemy and calmative agents, which would put enemies in a sleep-like state.

"Although most of the weapons he mentioned are currently illegal in warfare due to the ban on chemical weapons, he said such weapons would be beneficial not only in preventing lethality but also in raising morale in soldiers, who would be able to complete their missions without killing. There would also be fewer people needing to be burdened.

Silberman praised Bush's Proliferation Security Initiative. He pointed out that 34 nations have fully embraced it, and 60 total have accepted it in a general way.

After a question and answer session and some closing remarks from Gurule, Watson asked permission to add one more thing. He encouraged both law students and undergraduates from Notre Dame to take up public service.

"Serve something other than your own personal interests," he said. "If not you, who's going to step up and take the challenge?"

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Center for Social Concerns: centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Dickinson Intermediate Center**

Dickinson Intermediate Center desperately needs volunteers. They have a large special education population and almost all of their students live below the poverty line. They need teachers to help with programming that they offer 3:00-4:30pm Monday-Thursday. If interested in tutoring, mentoring or just listening, call Diane Richards at 283-7625.

**LaSalle Academy**

LaSalle Academy needs volunteers Monday through Thursday from 3:00-4:30 pm. Students in the gifted and talented educational program need help with tutoring, especially with writing, comprehension and encouragement. Contact Vice Principal Orba Reese at 283-7628.

**Good Shepard Montessori School**

Good Shepard needs volunteers to assist with the after-school program for elementary school aged children one day a week. The program runs from 3:30-5:30pm Monday-Friday. Please call Kathy Royer at 292-2590 or 288-0899.

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**Prayer Service Held Wednesday for the Cemetery of the Innocents**

The Notre Dame Right to Life Club will be holding a prayer service as part of its efforts to recognize the Crematorium of the Innocents.

Members of the campus community are invited to participate in the prayer service and to keep vigil at the cemetery from Midnight to 6 a.m., Wednesday to Thursday and again Thursday to Friday. Contact Kyle Bertoli (kbertoli@nd.edu) for more information.

**Where:** Wednesday at 8 a.m.

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Visit the LEAD-ND website for more details: www.nd.edu/-leadnd. Applications due November 24.

**Where:** Information sessions on Wednesday, November 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Center for Social Concerns.

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**Vocation & Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition’ Course Offering**

The Center for Social Concerns is offering a course in the spring semester, "Vocation and Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition" and would like to invite students to consider taking it.

Specifically, the Center is looking for students who will continue to be involved in the greater South Bend community next semester. The service/social action experience will be built in as one of the dimensions of the course. The course description follows:

**THEO 273—Tuesday and Thursday 2-3:15 p.m.**

This course will invite students to consider the meaning of vocation in relation to the social mission of the church.

Beginning with a theological understanding of the significance of vocation and charisma, this course will provide a narrative-based exploration of the vocational journey of prominent figures in the Catholic social tradition such as Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, and Thich Nhat Hanh.

The emergent understanding of vocation will be held in conversation with the witness given by leaders from other religious traditions, e.g., Mahatma Gandhi, and Thich Nhat Hanh. Using the method of service-learning, this course will invite students to develop an awareness of their social justice commitments in light of their own sense of vocation.

Permission is required. More information about the course format is available in the Learning Agreement and Application Form, which are available at the Center for Social Concerns. If you have questions, email Andrea at ashappel@nd.edu.

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**How to Submit Events to Happenings**

To submit an event for the CSC Happenings or for "Campusique" the weekly email newsletter for the CSC, send your event to conques@nd.edu. For more information on events, check http://www.nd.edu/-campusique or http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu.
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Classes

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ness students form the second level, sophomores are included in the third level and freshmen are designated to the first and final level.

Although the specification of levels based on seniority is widely accepted as fair, there is a way to simplify the scheduling process.

Lauren Messina, a junior majoring in film, television and theater, believes that a student's major should affect his or her designated time slot.

"Those who have majors — such as engineering or math — that are completely dependent upon major classes should have later times," Messina said. "People with majors like English or American studies, where the classes are mostly dependent on a first-year, first-serve basis should have the earlier times."

But Messina believes major should not be the only factor. She would like to see past academic records have some bearing on the process.

"The higher the GPA, the later the time should be because if you have an earlier time, you will take the easier classes," Messina said. "People with a higher GPA don't need (the earlier time) as much as people with a lower GPA."

Sophomore management information systems major Walker Adams disagreed with Messina, citing that in giving students with lower GPAs preferential treatment, the University would be relying on the principle that students with lower grades should do less work in an easier class simply to raise their GPA.

"My GPA is sub-par in terms of how I would like it to be, but I'm not going to take buffer classes to raise it," Adams said. "I'm going to take classes which are essential to my major and classes which interest me."

A d.m.s. supports the current class registration method and believes the process of randomly assigning time slots within each level is intrinsically fair. Assigning time slots at random is the most efficient approach, he said.

Freshman Magda Karol, a Russian and East European studies major, agrees the random allocation of time slots is the most effective method of class registration.

"Assigning time slots randomly is a good thing because special preferences aren't given to any particular individual," Karol said.

According to Karol, the system is efficient the majority of the time and only falls when late times are repeatedly given to the same student over the course of any semesters. The University has accounted for this apparent unfairness by imposing strict deadlines. During the last two years, students who have received a fourth consecutive second-day appointment automatically have had their appointment changed to a first-day appointment, Pace said.

Other steps to prevent problems of this sort have also been taken.

"A request has been made to alternate the first-day and second-day appointments for under-graduates from semester to semester," Pace said. "We are testing the feasibility of this proposal, and if feasible it could be implemented in the future."

The Office of the Registrar is continuously considering alternative methods and options to make class registration easier and more efficient, said Pace.

"I am always open to ideas and suggestions from the student leadership — especially freshmen students concerning ways to improve the registration process," Pace said.

Registration for the summer and fall 2005 semesters will involve brand new software recently purchased by the University. Students, advisors and faculty will start receiving information about the upcoming system in January.

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"People like to give money to good causes," Merusi said. "When it is something they can wear and, as opposed to a T-shirt, wear everyday to show support, it reminds every- one that (breast cancer) is a con- stant issue."

The pink bracelets sport the phrase "Notre Dame Fighting Breast Cancer WISH" and are sold for $2. Proceeds will go to the South Bend community.

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Four hundred have been sold thus far during the three-week campaign, with Brand ordering a second ship- ment of 200 after the first run out.

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complex, added smoke detectors and enforced stricter rules for gaining access to laundry rooms following the fires. An increased number of safety parishioners have also been hired to watch the grounds.

"They've done a lot of things on their own to ensure that the area stays safer," Cherone said. "They already had a list of things they wanted to improve upon before the trash- can fires. Hopefully people will notice the changes as time goes on."

An apartment was displaced for a month, although it was the only damage. The pink bracelets sport the phrase "Notre Dame Fighting Breast Cancer WISH" and are sold for $2. Proceeds will go to the South Bend community.

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NATIONAL NEWS
Reagan honored with stamp
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan was honored with a stamp on Tuesday.

The U.S. Postal Service unveiled a stamp featuring Reagan at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. The stamp was first issued in 2003.

Reagan served as the 40th president from 1981 to 1989 and was known for his conservative policies and his leadership during the Cold War. The stamp features Reagan's image along with a quote from his farewell address to the nation in 1989: "I believe that the promise of your horizons, the promise of your tomorrows, will be well served by the future that the American people want and the American people can have if they work and vote together and meet every day for a three-mile jog."

The stamp is part of the Postal Service's "Great Americans" series, which honors notable figures in U.S. history. Reagan's stamp is the 128th in the series.

LOCAL NEWS
Darfur peace agreement signed

AUJRA, Nigeria — Sudan's government and rebel representatives signed an agreement on Sunday to end hostilities and guarantee aid groups access to people affected by conflict in the Sudanese Darfur region.

The agreement was reached after two previous rounds of talks in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, failed to hold. The third round of talks in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, on April 20, which failed to hold.

The accord on security and humanitarian access came in the third week of talks in Nigeria's capital, after two previous rounds of African Union-brokered talks failed. Sudanese spokesman Ibrahim Obasanjo told reporters that the agreement was an historic moment. Sudanese representative Obasanjo current chairman of the African Union and the talks' best praised the accord. "There is no problem in Africa that we cannot solve if we in Africa are given the opportunity," he said.

Obasanjo added that the African Union, which has more than 500 peacekeepers in Darfur, would "insist on the scrupulous implementa-

Darfur peace agreement signed

A joint African Union and Arab League peace agreement was signed on Sunday in Khartoum, Sudan. The agreement is aimed at ending the conflict in Darfur, a region that has been ravaged by war for more than a decade.

The agreement was signed by representatives of the Sudanese government and rebel groups. It includes provisions for the withdrawal of foreign forces and the release of detainees.

The agreement was welcomed by the United Nations, which has been seeking to end the conflict in Darfur for many years.

In a statement, the UN said: "We welcome the signing of the Darfur peace agreement, which represents a significant step forward in the process of bringing peace and stability to the region."
Republicans look to open Alaskan drilling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican gains in the Senate could give President Bush his best chance yet to achieve his No. 1 energy priority — opening an oil-rich, environmentally sensitive Alaskan wildlife refuge to drilling.

If he is successful, it would be a staging defeat for environmentalists and an energy triumph that eluded Bush his first four years in the White House. A broader agenda that includes reviving nuclear power, preventing blackouts and expanding oil and gas drilling in the Rockies will be more difficult to enact.

Republicans in the House and Senate said this week they plan to push for Alaska refuge drilling legislation early next year, and they predict success, given the 54-44-1 GOP Senate majority in the next Congress. Democrats and some environmental activists say continued protection of the refuge has never been as much in doubt.

"It's probably the best chance we've had," Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Resources Committee and a vocal drilling advocate, said in an interview.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he will press to roll back environmental restrictions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as part of the government budget deliberations early in 2005. That would enable Congress to skirt otherwise certain Democratic-led filibusters that would be difficult to overcome.

"With oil trading at nearly $50 a barrel, the case for ANWR is more compelling than ever," said Domenici. "We have the technology to develop oil without harming the environment and wildlife."

Bush is also expected in his second term to renew his call for action by Congress on a broader, largely pro-production, energy agenda, from easing rules for oil and gas drilling on federal land in the Rocky Mountains to expanding clean-coal technology and improving the reliability of the electricity grid.

New tax incentives to spur construction of next-generation nuclear power plants also will be back on the table after Democrats and some moderate Republicans scuttled it last year. Greater use of coal-based ethanol in gasoline also has wide support at the White House and in Congress. Drilling in the Alaska refuge has been all but dismissed as unachievable since drilling opponents two years ago beat back a proposal to develop energy by a 52-48 vote. Bush did not make an issue of the refuge during the presidential campaign.

But with four new GOP senators expected to support ANWR drilling and the loss of a Republican moderate who opposed it, drilling advocates believe they now have at least 55 votes sufficient to get the measure through Congress as part of the budget process. Under Senate rules, opponents of drilling cannot filibuster a budget measure. ANWR qualifies as a budget measure because it will generate increased revenue from the permanent tax break from oil companies.

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She relayed her own moral values to the criticism of liberals.

"I didn't want my daughter watching Britney Spears or Paris Hilton and some of MTV or Viagam commercials during the Super Bowl," she said. "I am not responsible for Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction. I don't want it any more than people in the red states, and yet Karl Rove seems to suggest that we [liberals] are okay with it."

After rejecting this conclusion of conservatives as unfair, Carlson said that control of media content ultimately rests with the president.

She went on to blame Rupert Murdoch, the politically conservative founder of the FOX Corporation, for some amount of the vulgarity on television, including the Janet Jackson incident and Viagam commercials, both of which occurred during FOX's Super Bowl coverage.

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Carlson also said another reason President Bush's reelection was the popular impression of Sen. John Kerry as liberal, aristocratic and coldly cerebral — and therefore unable to connect with the common person.

It was the atmospheres of Kerry, the five marines, the windsurfing, Nantucket, the Hockies.

Carlson said, "It's Wrangler's versus Gortex, clearing brush versus windsurfing, when it's the wife from Mozambique versus Laura Bush ... Kerry was too easy to caricature, a little too French, a little bit too rich, a little too long-winded, a little bit too intellectual."

Carlson then turned on the right's perceptions of Kerry's economic plan.

"The other thing that stuck was the 'tax-and-spend liberal,' she said. "Tax-and-spend is a really bad label, and there was no way a Massachusetts liberal was going to be able to say we can begin this health care program and then look him in the eye and say he's not going to raise taxes on Americans who make less than $200,000 a year."

Carlson also said that opposition to the Iraq War was made difficult by the president's tactics.

"Bush welded together the war on terror and the war in Iraq ... no amount of media coverage or John Kerry speeches could pull the two apart," she said.

She then cited as an example a poll taken of University of Maryland students, 70 percent of whom believed incorrectly that there was a connection between Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Carlson also mentioned Kerry's inability to articulate a clear exit strategy for U.S. forces in Iraq as a reason why he was not able to capitalize upon the Bush administration's lack of success there.

"He never had a plan," she said. "People didn't buy that he could fix Iraq any better than Bush would be able to do."

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Falwell announces new coalition

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Va. — Seeking to take advantage of the momentum from an election where moral values proved important to voters, the Rev. Jerry Falwell announced Tuesday he has begun the first conservative coalition to guide an "evangelical revolution." Falwell, a religious broadcaster based in Lynchburg, Va., said the Faith and Values Coalition will be a "21st century re-creation of the Moral Majority," the organization he founded in 1979.

Falwell said he would serve as the coalition's national chairman for four years. The added support of the new group's mission would be to lobby for anti-abortion candidates to fill openings on the Supreme Court and lower courts, a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages, and the election of another "George Bush-type" conservative in 2008.

"We all, for the first time, began to realize the potential of the evangelical community," Falwell said. "We have never had a plan," he said. "People didn't buy that he could fix Iraq any better than Bush would be able to do."

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In Brief

Scandal results in layoffs

NEW YORK — Insurance brokerage Marsh & McLennan said Tuesday it will lay off 3,000 employees, or about 5 percent of its work force, because of fallout from a bid-rigging scandal that has engulfed the insurance industry.

Marsh & McLennan the nation's largest insurance brokerage said in a statement accompanying its earnings report that the job cuts are "based on the realities of the marketplace and our current situation."

The layoffs are the result of a civil lawsuit filed last month by Attorney General Elliot Spitzer that accused the company of bid rigging and price fixing in the sale of property and casualty insurance to businesses.

Several executives at Marsh and other insurance heavyweights, including American International Group, have stepped down or been ousted amid the investigation, which has caused the companies' stock prices to tumble. Marsh's stock is off more than 40 percent since Spitzer announced his investigation on Oct. 14.

Chinese investment blooms

NEW YORK — With a series of open-market reforms and an economy expanding by at least 8 percent a year, China has enjoyed unprecedented international investment and investors have enjoyed double-digit returns.

So how do mutual fund investors get in on the China phenomenon?

The nation's sole flu shot supplier said Tuesday it had won a federal contract to move toward year-round vaccine production, a step that should mean faster action if a new killer flu emerges.

The $10 million contract to Aventis Pasteur, the vaccine division of French-based Sanofi-Aventis, comes just two days before the world's vaccine makers gather in Geneva to plan how to respond to a pandemic.

Flu vaccine is made from chicken eggs that are produced on a seasonal basis. The contract will allow Aventis to maintain chicken flocks that are laying eggs year-round. That would ensure a constant supply of eggs that could be used to make a new vaccine if one were needed in a hurry to fight a new deadly strain.

The new contract will bar any effect on the current flu shot shortage, but experts believe it will help address a more dangerous threat a flu strain for which people have no immunity.

The company also will make a potential pandemic vaccine once a year from a virus identified by federal health officials that can be held in reserve in case a worldwide epidemic emerges.

Aventis already has made 8,000 doses of an experimental "bird flu" vaccine to be tested in people early next year and another 2 million doses to be held in bulk in case the worst- some outbreaks in Asia become more widespread.

"The company already is involved in multiple pandemic vaccine development efforts in Europe and the United States" and would welcome the chance to make similar arrangements for year-round stocks in other countries, said a statement from Aventis chairman David J. Williams.

The contract can be extended for a total value of $45 million over five years.

"The existing flu vaccine manufacturing system is not adequate to meet the nation's needs in the event of a flu pandemic or a shortage," said a statement from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Fueled by the anticipation of a deal

California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, who approved a $16.4 billion merger, speaks at the Los Angeles Free Clinic on Tuesday.

Garamendi allows creation of nation's largest health insurance company

California would be able to review an accounting of BC/BS's ratios to make certain premiums would not increase to pay for the buyout.

The companies also agreed to contribute $35 million to provide health care clinics in underserved California communities. $15 million to extend the number of children covered by the state's Healthy Families and Medicaid programs and $15 million to train 2,500 new nurses.

The companies also pledged to allocate $200 million over 20 years to invest in health care services to underserved communities, and to develop a program to improve health care quality in the state.
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday to block the nation’s only law legalizing assisted suicide in terminally ill patients die more quickly.

The appeal from Attorney General John Ashcroft had been made when a lower court ruled the federal government could not punish Oregon doctors who prescribed lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.

Oregon voters approved the measure in 1994, and more than 170 people have used it to end their lives. Most had cancer.

The Bush administration believes allowing assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" and that doctors should take an oath to heal patients, not help them die.

While not as powerful as legalizing abortion, the issue is an important one for conservatives who helped President Bush win reelection in November and term last week. The government waited until Tuesday to file its final day possible, to file paperwork at the high court.

"I am extremely disappointed that Attorney General Ashcroft has chosen to continue ignoring the will of the voters of Oregon," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., "I certainly plan to look into how many taxpayer dollars Mr. Ashcroft has wasted in his attempt to disenfranchise Oregon voters.

The filing came on the day Ashcroft's resignation was announced at the White House. Scott Swenson, executive director of the advocacy group Death with Dignity, called it "Ashcroft's parting shot from the far left, not the people of Oregon.

Oregon is the only state that has an assisted suicide law, approved by voters in 1997, although leaders in other states have considered laws of their own. A bill is expected soon in the California Legislature.

At issue for the court now would be the bounds of a federal law declaring what drugs doctors may prescribe. Traditionally states, not the federal government, regulate medical practices.

The federal judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, however, have ruled that federal officials do not have the power to circumvent the Oregon law to punish health professionals in Oregon.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In several states, women considering abortion are given government-issued pamphlets warning they the procedure could increase their chance of developing breast cancer, despite scientific findings to the contrary.

More than a year ago, a panel of scientists convened by the National Cancer Institute concluded available data and concluded there was no link. A scientific review in the Lancet, a British medical journal, came to the same conclusion, questioning the methodology in studies that suggested a link.

The cancer information is distributed to women during waiting periods before abortions. In some cases, the information is on the state's Web sites.

"We're going to continue to educate the public about this," said Karen Malen, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, an anti-abortion group. She dismissed the National Cancer Institute's findings as politically motivated and maintained the link has been scientifically proven.

The effort to write the issue into federal law began in the mid-1990s, when a few states began sued women who had abortions or miscarriages might be more likely to develop breast cancer. The warnings are now required in Texas and Mississippi, and both officials in Kansas and Louisiana voluntarily issued them.

In Mississippi, women who want abortions must sign a form indicating they've been told there is a "medical risk of breast cancer. In other states, pamphlets say there is no link or that evidence is mixed.

"Nonetheless, it's incumbent on us as the health agency to make sure any information is factually correct," he said. "We don't want to be misleading women who are making this choice."

A Democrat, Kathleen Blanco was elected Louisiana governor last year, replacing a Republican. The case is expected to be debated in state legislatures, with bills considered this year by Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia.

On the federal level, several members of Congress have blocked the issue for years. As of the November 2003 that "well established" evidence shows no link.

Those findings were confirmed this year by an article in the Lancet, which examined those studies. Lancet found that studies which purported a link had flawed methodologies. Still, anti-abortion activists are not waning.

"Having an abortion or miscarriage could increase a woman's sub­ stantial risk of developing breast cancer," the pamphlet now says.

In Oregon, the studies cited by the NCI expert panel was Danish research that used computerized medical records to compare women who had undergone abortio­ ns with that country's cancer registry and found no higher cancer risk.

"Having an abortion or miscarriage won't increase a woman's sub­ stantial risk of developing breast cancer," the pamphlet now says.

"We don't want to be misleading women who are making this important choice."

Bob Johannessen
Louisiana Department of Health

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Ivory Coast borders on civil war

Leaders struggle to maintain peace in precarious political environment

Associated Press

DAKAR — On a continent that absorbs 75 percent of the world's cocoa, ivory sales — and budget, Ivory Coast's violent downward spiral threatens hard-won gains against West Africa's devastating civil wars of the 1990s.

If Ivory Coast — West Africa's economic powerhouse and the world's top cocoa producer — returns to war, everyone from its neighbors to the world's chocolate lovers will feel the pain.

Many hold one main responsi­bility: President Laurent Gbagbo. His fate after the week's violence stands to determine his country's fate as well.

Tuesday saw South African President Thabo Mbeki arrive in Ivory Coast on a peace mission, amid deadly rampages that erupted when France left its troops at its border for fear of another massacre.

The world's chocolate lovers will probably feel the effects of the chaos by Christmas. The violence has shut down Ivory Coast's cocoa exports since Saturday, closing ports that ship 40 percent of the world's raw material for chocolate. The likely result will be higher prices within a month, and then a shortage.

Ivory Coast's neighbors will feel the impact immediately — 5,000 refugees fled into neighboring Liberia and Guinea, masked troops at its border for fear of unannounced attacks.

As Ivory Coast plunges into war, its neighbors are reveling in the quiet victories of peace. One of those is the deployment of peacekeeping forces by the African Union to its borders.

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If the fighting continues, it will plunge Ivory Coast into a cycle of violence that has engulfed it since independence — and its commercial capital, Abidjan, was dubbed the African "Paris" for its Boutiques, the Hotel Ivoires even boasted an ice skating rink, one of only two in sub-Saharan Africa.

Ivory Coast is the world's second-largest producer of cocoa, after Ghana, absorbing 75 percent of the world's cocoa beans. But the country is divided by civil war since 2002, and its neighbors increasingly are saying they have a strategic interest in Africa — and a stake in keeping it peaceful.

"More than half of the world's total peacekeepers — 32,402 — are based in Taylor's old stomping grounds. They are based in Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast itself, divided by civil war since 2002. In this war, its neighbors are reveling in the quiet victories of peace.

The ivory trade is one of the world's major sources of income, with estimates of up to $20 billion a year. The African Union has said it would deploy peacekeeping forces to its borders. Peacekeeping forces from the African Union have been deployed to its borders.

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"In my lifetime, I have seen the world's largest deployments of peacekeepers, to get Perry and the others home."


Taylor, a Cold War creation of Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi's guerrilla camps, had trafficked arms and insurgencies across West Africa's borders since 1989.

Today, 75 percent of the world's 62,000 U.N. peaceke­epers are trying to enforce peace deals across Africa, and 70 percent of the world's $3.5 billion peacekeeping budgets are spent here.

With up to 10 percent of the world's oil reserves in West Africa and Lib­erian and other nations increasingly are saying they have a strategic interest in Africa — and a stake in keeping it peaceful.

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Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Dutch Muslims and Christians urged an end to a cycle of retaliatory violence at churches Tuesday as slain filmmaker Theo van Gogh was cremated, a week after his murder by a suspected Islamic extremist.

In a memorial service shown live on television, friends and family told stories about Van Gogh's playful nature and his love of provoking debate.

About 150 people gathered at the Die Nieuwe Ooster Crematorium. Hundreds more watched on a screen outside.

"Our country is confused and divided by civil war since 2002, and the others will feel the effects of the chaos by Christmas," Mbeki said in a news conference.

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I must admit, after working on an election
matter full times in Portland, Ore. For the summer and part-time
with campus groups in our communi-
ity and swing states, I am only now,
accomplishing myself in the fact
that it is over. While I was highly
disappointed with the results,
and I feel ready for the next fight.
Yet, how Republicans and conserva-
tive pundits have described this elec-
tion concerns me. Vice President Dick
Cheney declared last week, "President
Bush ran forthrightly on a clear agen-
da for this nation's future, and the
nation responded by giving him a
mandate." Much like the Republican
platform, I find fault with every word
of this statement. First of all, President George W.
Bush's re-election campaign was any
thing but forthright. Anyone remember
how Bush stoked questions, spouted ambiguous allusions to policy
and continually resigned to Sen. John
Kerry hussing and fear-mongering
over answering questions in every
debate? Even now, Bush has no defi-
nite plans for his next term's policy
focuses—Social Security reform, tax
code reform and securing the peace in
Iraq. One week before the election, "Misdeal
issues" and "violent" Buns's stance remains unclear. He ran
with the promise of a constitutional
amendment to ban gay marriage, yet
day before the election on Good
Morning America, declared civil
unions were fine by him. He said, "I
don't think we should deny people
rights to a civil union." This has some
members of his Christian conservative
case——who adamantly disapprove of any
extension of rights to same-sex
couples—grumbling. Even Bush sup-
porters are unclear what the next
four years will bring.

Enough of Bush's incoherent cam-
paigning; now let us turn to the
extremely troubling "Bush-Cheney
viewvision" of Tuesday's results.
To declare a mandate, Bush won on
the narrowest margin of a sitting presi-
dent since former President Woodrow
Wilson. With a 51 percent to 48 per-
cent edge over Kerry, the only thing
Bush can claim this time is that he
was actually elected.

I understand their thinking. To go from what a New York Times
article describes as a "one-term acci-
dent of history" to a real, but close
win in the popular vote and electoral
college must feel like a
mandate," yet expecting the 48 percent of voters
who stood against Bush to share their sentiments is folly. Furthermore, the
illusive "political capital" Bush lacked
these past four years did not stop his
decisions to take unilateral and
aggressive moves to invade Iraq
or give tax cuts to the wealthy. Sounds
like more of the same out of touch-
ness with reality from the Bush camp.
Now to this warm and fuzzy talk of
uniting America after the election.
While it sounds nice to promise to
bridge these gaps, it is neither realis-
tic nor favorable. Blue voters and red
electors full with "political capital"
were the 48 percent of voters
where it counts. We have dramatically
different perceptions of policy reme-
des to national and international
problems. The passion Jubilant these
conservatives possess to cut spending
and social programs in the next four years, I
find and reconcile the roots and val-
vues in these different perceptions of
our nation. I would like to see the passion and
constructive energy behind this divi-
sion on the left/northeasiern nos;
to continue and grow. In the next four
years, we could see massive progress to our
country, continued consoli-
dation of corporate power and elite
wealth with tax reform, privatization
of Social Security and further devo-
cration of the environment. We who
believe government must address the
income and living standard disparities
with progressive income tax code and
social welfare programs, that preserv-
ing the Earth comes before economic
efficiency and expediency and that
America can not orchestrate demo-
cratic elections in Iraq and
Afghanistan until we ensure each
American vote counts, must not con-
cede our positions for any reason.
While our mobilizations to take back
the White House fell short, we did
manage to open the door to more to
do. Division among citizens is our
democracy's last line of defense
against narrow single-minded inter-
ests and factions from dictating to
everyone what America is and does.
Let us keep our division sharp and
safeguard our democracy.

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sarily of The Observer.
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Broaden understanding of ‘moral values’**

It appears that it was the “moral val­ues” campaign that resonated with the wealthy and not the youth vote. I asked several evangelicals what the most important issue of the campaign was to them: gay marriage. They also said Sen. John Kerry was not a man of moral conviction.

I issue a challenge to my conservative Catholic and evangelical friends: challenge yourself and the church you attend to broaden “moral values.” One hundred or so years ago, the wealthy paid much money at others’ expense and for you will broaden “usurers” fortunate.


everyone’s president, interest rates. In other words, he was in the Bible. For instance, in Isaiah, the prophet is very favored the wealthy! and not the many Democrats ardently believed (i.e. bankers) charging high interest rates. In other words, he was in the Bible. For instance, in Isaiah, the prophet is very

Mon Dieu (My God)! This in a country that allowed Jean Marie Le Pen to advance to a presidential runoff in 2002? It seems that so many issues, and incorrect political and historical assumptions, have been better. The international community has proven once more that it is a select pantheon of great and punished and hated individuals.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Four years might not be so bad**

In the famous, oft-quoted words of Benjamin Franklin, “In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.” The idea that it may be hard to realize from the post-election politics of much death is not quite as clear cut. President George W. Bush’s second administration might make a profound (and positive) result on our nation’s tax code.

First of all, let me clarify — I am about as liberal as they come on an issue such as abortion and taxation is definitely one. I have little sympathy for the “over $200,000” bracket who don’t complain about bearing the brunt of our nation’s taxes. I was not a fan of Dubya’s tax cut plan, and frankly, I’m not a fan of President Bush’s policies, such as the tax cuts, his “rich” friends, and not all benefit from paved roads. But, all presidents have been better. The international community has proven once more that it is a select pantheon of great and punished and hated individuals.

**Kirstine Bocke**

**Four years might not be so bad**

As a student of politics and history, it is necessary for me to understand trends to repeat themselves. The election of 2004 has proven once again, in times of war, the nation overwhelmingly stands behind its leadership as a sign of unity and respect for the different values it represents.

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Malloy’s experiences told in ‘Monk’s Travels’

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

University President Father Edward “Monk” Malloy is a well-known figure to virtually all Notre Dame students. Although actual contact with him is generally rare for the average student, any student knows enough about Malloy to get a reasonably extensive impression of him. However, their knowledge usually ends after his characteristically slow manner of talking is discussed.

The opportunity to understand Malloy as a person, not just as a tall president, presents itself in Malloy’s latest novel, “Monk’s Travels.” Malloy provides insight into his life, character and opinions throughout the novel, which is composed of edited journal entries describing his experiences abroad, at Notre Dame and with some of the world’s prominent people.

While the novel on a whole is not entirely captivating, it is an interesting travel narrative outlining Malloy’s specific experiences. Most of the novel is taken directly from the journal Malloy kept as he traveled around the world. This covers the bulk of the content of the novel, but the actual novel begins with Malloy’s account of the activities at Notre Dame surrounding the attack on Sept. 11.

From the campus-wide Mass to the firefighters from New York being honored at the U2 concert on campus that happened soon after 9/11, Malloy’s thoughts and feelings are revealed. The novel ends with “Snapshots” describing Malloy’s encounters with various famous people of the world including Pope John Paul II, former President George Bush, current President George W. Bush, Martin Luther King Jr. and even Donald Trump. Saving the last seems to be the case in deciding to end with the “Snapshots” as they are the most interesting and extensive portion of the novel. The “Snapshots” provide an insight into Malloy’s character and personality, as well as showing the prominence of his position as the president of the University of Notre Dame.

The actual travels of Malloy cover almost the entire world. The entries are divided into sections by continent and include Europe, the Mediterranean Region, Eastern Europe, Latin America, South America, Africa, Down Under and the Far East. Some of the most interesting accounts revolve around Malloy’s trip to the Holy Land. Beyond descriptions of the scenery, Malloy also covers the history of the region and his sentiments of the region at the time of his visits.

Malloy recounts a particular conversation with a Christian Palestinian woman from Ramallah in the West Bank. “She spoke of her disappointment that so few of the 800,000 Christian tourists each year make any effort to learn about the local Christian communities,” Malloy writes, “and she expressed fears that the sacred Christian shrines in the Holy Land could become museums instead of places of active worship if the Arab Christian population is not supported.”

Malloy’s opinions regarding the area are intriguing and interesting because he is an educated man in both faith and history, and his opinions are generally very well-founded and rather objective.

The unique perspective is made more apparent in his description of his visit to Rome. While Malloy shows a great respect for the Vatican, he is not above criticizing some of the smaller aspects of the Vatican itself. Malloy reveals, “I must admit that, other than the fundamental sense of loyalty I feel as a Roman Catholic and a priest, I am not attracted to the Vatican scene. Much of the pomp and formality I find off-putting, and I am hardly unique in these feelings.”

He continues on the greater state of the Church. He says that although the men of the Vatican are generally good people, “yet I wish that the broader church community would have had more of an impact on the Vatican as a bureaucracy, and I wish that the church, which is dying, has had its share of those who care at the Vatican.”

Malloy’s latest book, is composed of journal entries he wrote while traveling the world.

With anecdotes about getting moved to the end of his row in the Vatican due to his great height, to moving a couch with President Bush in the locker room of the JACC, Malloy’s general character is seen in a way that most Notre Dame students never get to personally experience. While the content of the novel is generally less than gripping, it is well-written, and for people interested in the regions of the world Malloy discusses or Malloy himself, “Monk’s Travels” is well worth the read.

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‘Swan Lake’ ballet arrives at the Morris

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While many people may not have extensive knowledge of ballet, most will have at least heard of “Swan Lake.” It is one of the most popular and frequently performed productions in ballet, and there are interesting stories behind the story, music and choreography that add to its mythical status. The Moscow Ballet will perform "Swan Lake" at the Morris Performing Arts Center Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The story of “Swan Lake” is part of a longstanding mythological tradition of stories forming into birds, for example in a Disney classic, The Little Mermaid, including Greek, Arabic and Russian. The ballet follows Odette, the Swan Princess, who has been transformed into a swan by the sorcerer, Von Rothbart. The Swan Lake was formed by her parent’s tears after she was kidnapped by the magician, a prince, Siegfried, falls in love with her, and Odette explains she must remain as a swan-woman hybrid until she is pledged a man’s undying love. Siegfried pledges his love to her, but he is tricked into giving his love to Odile, who is Odette’s evil twin.

The prince realizes he has accidentally betrayed his love, and he races to meet Odette. She is dying, but he throws her tiara into the lake, it rises and they are united together in death. There are many subtle variations applied to the story, and like many classics, it is reinterpreted with a variety of settings and costumes.

Peter Tchaikovsky, the famous classical composer, wrote the score to the equally well-known ballet. He had never written an entire ballet before “Swan Lake,” and he died before he ever saw the work performed in its entirety. The difficulty and complexities of the score initially caused trouble for the original dancers, but the work radically changed the music to which ballets were performed, as well as how they were danced.

Due to the usual nature of Tchaikovsky’s score, the choreography of “Swan Lake” became somewhat of a problem. Russian choreographers Marian Peplis and Lev Ivanov worked to create dances that worked with the composer’s difficult score, and they finally emerged with what has become the standard choreography for “Swan Lake.”

Italian ballerina Pierlina Lagnani added another level of technical difficulty when she introduced a sequence that included 32 fouettés, which are fast, whipping turns done on one foot. The music and beauty of the production, combined with the technical difficulty of the production has made it a favorite of audiences and dancers the world over.

Tickets are available at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

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Green Day rocks Chicago

With Sugarcult and New Found Glory, Green Day performs an entertaining show heavy with political messages

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Writer

On Monday, Chicago bore witness to thousands of angst-filled teenagers emerging from middle-class suburbia fully clad in their mismatched clothing and metal jewelry to unite together in defiance of all oppression and authority.

That’s right. These rogues stood tall against the law and proclaimed their inalienable right to go out on a school night. A unanimous few even allowed their driver’s license and credit card toting parents to tag along — as long as they didn’t stand too close, of course. Defiance of authority was indeed the name of the game Monday night as Green Day performed with Sugar Cult and New Found Glory at the UIC pavilion.

With the release of its successful concept album, “American Idiot,” Green Day has taken its political views on the road on a tour sponsored by Verizon Wireless and MTV2. Attempting to amuse the crowd before the show, Verizon set up large screens that the audience could send text messages and pictures from their cell phones. After witnessing a fair share of messages proclaiming “I LUV BILLY 4eva” and “I want to make out with a high school girl,” Sugar Cult opened the show. It gave an enthusiastic performance in which the lead singer’s gymnastic abilities would put many a cheerleader to shame. The set was relatively short, but included radio hits like “Stuck in America,” “Pretty Girl” and “Memory.”

Next up was New Found Glory, MTV’s favorite pop-punk band from Coral Springs, Fla. New Found Glory mostly played songs from its latest album, “Catalyst,” including its single “All Downhill from Here.” Other songs included “My friends over you,” “Understatement” and “Head On Collision.” Disappointingly, the only older song played was “Hit or Miss.” New Found Glory played a decent set, but its stale on-stage banter left much to be desired.

After being introduced by a beer chugging rabbit, Green Day took the stage with “American Idiot” — a song that lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong feels even more passionately about since last week’s election. Banners featuring band grenades hung from the stage as a symbol of fascism, while the audience raised its arms in unison in support as Armstrong’s bellows gave way to the incredibly infectious “Hit or Miss.”

Billie Joe even revealed his political views in a passionate performance of “Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)” that the audience was able to sing along with. Little by little, the crowd has been won over to Armstrong’s political views, and the audience chanted wholeheartedly with Armstrong when he performed a new song titled “Punk, Miss America.”

Armstrong continued on stage with “American Idiot,” in which a trumpet cavorted in a crown and cape. The rest of the set included songs like “Basket Case,” “She,” “Brain Stew” and “When September Ends” — a new ballad dedicated to the memory of Armstrong’s father. The band continued its well-balanced mix of songs from its new album and older crowd favorites. It was a little bit of a let down to see that Green Day was using the same improv pieces in the show it used three years ago, but it was still just as fun the second time around.

New Found Glory is a popular punk rock band from Coral Springs, Fla. and has been together since 1997.

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Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger is accosted to being slighted, beginning when his high school coach's lack of presence limited him to one season at quarterback, and continuing when he was an often-overlooked star at "the other school in the one in Ohio, not in Florida.

So when quarterbacks Eli Manning and Philip Rivers were chosen before the Steelers drafted him No. 11 in April, Roethlisberger responded with words that bordered on anger and were wrapped with a promise: Play me, and I'll show you.

"The people seem to think that (Manning and Rivers) had better systems, have played against better teams, have been born into a football family," he said. "I feel that once I get on the field, my will to win is much greater than both of them. I...thinks I bring a little more athleticism than both of them, but I...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But I...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. But...think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them. 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Maurice Clarett ponders a question during a press conference on Feb. 19. Clarett accused Tressel and his staff of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars, and thousands of dollars, including for bogus summer jobs.

**Clarett accuses Ohio State of improprieties**

**IN BRIEF**

Six women test for possible ride in Infiniti Pro Series

*INDIANAPOLIS — The Indy Racing League expects to have the first female driver in its developmental Infiniti Pro Series next season in preparation for an eventual ride in the IndyCar Series.*

The Infiniti series graduated three drivers to the bigger open-wheel circuit in its first two years of competition. This week, six women are testing at Texas Motor Speedway for a possible ride next year.

"This is designed as the developing ground for the IndyCar series," IRL spokesman Tim Harmes said Tuesday. "The same type of cars, running the same circuits, running at speeds just slightly slower than the IndyCar Series cars. Everything is basically set up to give them an environment as close to the IndyCar Series as possible."

Car owner and former Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal said in May he would give a ride next year at Indianapolis to Danica Patrick, who competes in the Champ Car's developmental Toyota Atlantic series. And Nunn Motorsports, the only IRL team owned by a woman, is conducting tests this week in Texas and plans to offer at least one of the six women a full-time ride in 2003. "It is probably the best training ground there is to get somebody into the IndyCar Series, a very good opportunity for the women in this test to take that step," Harmes said.

**Women's Basketball**

**AP Preseason Top 25**

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Manning uncharacteristic in Colts victory over Vikings

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is known as a conventional pocket passer. He’s quickly adopting an unconventional style.

Manning showed Monday night on the game-winning drive against Minnesota that nothing is off limits. He can beat opponents right-handed, left-handed or with his feet.

“That’s the kind of thing good players, MVP-type players, do,” Colts coach Tony Dungy said Tuesday. “(Daunte) Culpepper is the same way, and guys like that can make things happen.”

For Manning, football has always been about preparation and execution. He spends countless hours studying videos, working on the smallest details, preparing for any contingency he might face and playing within the system.

The combination would seemingly make Manning an unlikely candidate to master improvisational skills, but that’s what’s he’s done.

On the biggest play in Monday night’s 31-28 victory, Manning switched the ball from his right hand to his rarely used left hand and somehow pushed a pass forward to Edgerrin James, who caught it and ran 6 yards for a first down. Minnesota never got another chance.

An improbable play, yes, but it illustrated the kind of season Manning is having.

After eight games, he’s thrown for 2,429 yards, 26 touchdowns and has just four interceptions. He’s thrown nine TD passes in the last two weeks, produced a single-game career-high 472 yards passing and helped lead the Colts (5-3) back into a first-place tie with Jacksonville in the AFC South.

Manning is on pace to throw for nearly 5,000 yards. He needs just three more TD passes to match the total from his co-MVP season of last year, and his quarterback rating of 121.2 is nearly nine points better than Steve Young’s NFL record of 112.8 set in 1994.

Those are the tangible results. What’s become increasingly more complex for opponents is gauging Manning’s strategy.

“I thought we’d stop him, but we let him get out scrambling,” Vikings coach Mike Tice lamented after Manning ran for 15 yards late in Monday night’s game.

Manning used to confound defenses with mind games such as the Colts’ no-huddle offense or his continual gesturing at the line of scrimmage.

Now he’s adding new wrinkles.

With the score tied at 28 and 2:13 to go, Manning faced first-and-10 from the Colts 44. Comfortably in the pocket, Manning had no open receivers so he did his best impersonation of Michael Vick before hook sliding for the big gain. An unnecessary roughness penalty on Minnesota’s Lance Johnson backed the Colts on 15 more yards.

“We caught them in man-to-man and all the receivers were accounted for,” Manning said. “No one accounted for the quarterback and usually they don’t play a spy on me.”

Why would they? In Manning’s 103 previous NFL careers, he ran for 603 career yards, a meager average of 5.9 yards.

Three plays later, Manning delivered again on third-and-5 from the Vikings 21. This time, he was pressured from the side and opted for what he considered the safe play — a left-handed flip to James.

“That’s one of those you kind of practice every now and then,” he said. “You’re out there on a Saturday and don’t really want to throw to you but you might do a couple left-handed options. I did a little option high school, that’s about the last time I did anything left-handed.”

NFL anxious to finalize contract negotiations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS got what it wanted. Fox did, too.

So did the NFL.

Now it’s ABC/ESPN’s turn.

The NFL eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season, agreed Monday to $8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years. The deals also would allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

“Our goal in the negotiations has been to continue to deliver our games to the widest possible audience,” commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. “The agreements underscore a unique commitment to broadcast television that no other sport has.”

The current eight-year contract was worth $17.6 billion, including the Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, Fox will pay $3.7 billion, or $622.5 million a year. In the current deal, Fox is paying $550 million a year and CBS is paying $500 million.

“We’re extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL,” CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. “This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made.

“We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal. The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year. But there’s been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday night and Monday night packages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years — gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups. The NFL also can develop regional packages. The extensions run through 2010.

The satellite distributor will pay $550 million over five years for regional in prime time, $500 million for regional in late night and $500 million for split regional in late night.

The league also can develop late-season prime-time satellite or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

“We got some protections,” Fox Sports chairman David Hill said. “The last several weeks of the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football and we’re still in conversation on details.”

DirectTV also extended its deal with the league through 2010 for the Sunday Ticket package. The satellite distributor will pay $3.5 billion for the five-year extension.

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Strahan gone for the year

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' chances of getting back to the playoffs took a major hit with the loss of All-Pro defensive end Michael Strahan for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Strahan, the NFL's all-time single-season sacks leader, tore a pectoral muscle on his right side while attempting a tackle in the third quarter of Sunday's 22-15 loss to the Chicago Bears.

"Not only did the Giants (5-3) lose the six-time Pro Bowl player and cornerstone of their defense, they also lost the other starting defensive end, Keith Washington, for the season with a knee injury.

"Obviously Michael is an integral part of our defense," corner­back Will Allen said Monday. "He is the foundation of our defense. Some way, somehow, the rest of the guys on the field are going to have to find a way to pick it up.

Strahan is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday. His status for the season is not known.

The loss of the defensive ends made the question of whether it was time for top draft pick Eli Manning to take over at quarterback for Kurt Warner insignificant Monday. For the record, Warner will start at Arizona on Sunday.

"We see what Michael means to this team every time we take the field," coach Tom Coughlin said Monday. "Michael is the one guy on our defense that opposing offenses know they have to figure out a way to block if they are going to be successful.

Strahan was early in the third quarter, reaching out to tackle Anthony Thomas. When the Bears' running back cut back, Strahan's right arm bent back. He walked off the field with his arm hanging down.

Coughlin called the injury a shame.

"On the field, our players look to him for inspiration," Coughlin said. "Actions inspire. What the average person doesn't know is what a leader Michael is in the locker room and in the weight room when nobody is watching. Osi Umenyiora and Lance Legree finished the game at the defensive ends.

The Giants, looking to rebound from a 4-12 season, don't have many replacement options. Lorenzo Bruton, on the physically unable to perform list with a knee injury, is one. The former Oakland Raider has been practicing with the team in recent weeks.

"Like I told Osi last night, in the event that me and Stray are out, it's the young guys, they have to step forward," said Washington, who tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Strahan has not made his game since sitting out against Dallas late in the 1995 season with a hamstring injury. He has played in 137 straight regular-season games, starting 136, including the last 95. The only missed start was midway through the 1996 season when back spasms prevented him from starting against Dallas, although he played much of the game.

Strahan also has started five playoff games in his 15-year career with the Giants, all six is franchise history.

A 1993 second-round draft pick out of Texas Southern, Strahan leads all active NFL players with 118 sacks, which is 12th all-time.

Strahan won the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award in 2001 with a single-season record 22 1/2 sacks, breaking Lawrence Taylor's record of 22 in 1984 with the New York Jets.

"We're going to be out for him for the rest of the season," Willingham said Tuesday.

Strahan is third in the history of his weekly press conference.

"I'm afraid to fail," Strahan said in an interview with The Associated Press in October. "I think at one point, when you get to a certain level that you expect of yourself and everyone expects of you, you can't take a break. 'If you do your game drops off, and it's noticed easier than if you are trying to build a career. So for me, I want to play at a certain level until I am tired of playing. At that point, it's time for me to quit." Strahan said.

The Giants also announced that backup safety Jack Brewer will be sidelined indefinitely after having surgery on his right leg Monday.

Brower was kicked in the leg Sunday and had swelling overnight. Surgery was performed to improve the circulation.

Willingham acknowledged Tuesday that his offensive production has not been as good as had been hoped, and reiterated that if the Irish win, there can't be too much to complain about.

"Do you how fix it?" Willingham asked. "We just have to try to get it better? Our guys are trying, they're working their tails off, they're doing the best they can do. Our quarter­back doesn't want to see any incompleteds. I don't think our linemen want to miss a block. I don't think Coach Willingham wants to put them in a bad situation. We're trying to do all those things. But do understand, the other one prerequisite for Coach Willingham is we won.

Injury report

Willingham said Tuesday that true freshman Chris Vaughn was out for the season with a knee injury. Vaughn played on special teams primarily, and saw a limited amount of action at wide receiver this season.

"No one wanted to be down for this string of this season. Willingham said he expected Stoval to be fine by the end of the weekend.

Another true freshman, Justin Hopkins did not travel to Tennessee because of an injury. Hopkins had been reconsidering kicking for the Irish. He was replaced Saturday by Matt Shelton.

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**College Football**

**Zook to sit out the ‘Gator Growl’**

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Ron Zook will skip one of the school’s top homecoming festivities, saying Tuesday he doesn’t want to be a distraction in his final days with the team.

Zook won’t take part in “Gator Growl” on Friday night, a day before the Gators host South Carolina in their home finale.

Normally, the coach introduces the seniors in front of a packed stadium. Steve Spurrier did it during each of his 12 seasons. So did former coaches Gary Dunnell, Galen Hall, Charley Pell, Doug Dickey and Ray Graves.

But Zook, fired Oct. 25 after an embarrassing loss at Mississippi State, said he wanted to make sure the focus is on the event, not him.

“I don’t want anything to happen that would interrupt a special time for them,” he said.

“This is their time and I would hate for something to happen that would take away from their moment.”

Zook declined to say whether he thought he would get booted.

The loss to Mississippi State, one of the Southeastern Conference’s worst teams, was just the latest in a series of problems for the third-year coach.

The Gators finished 8-5 in each of Zook’s first two seasons — losing to unranked teams each year — and have had several late collapses and two more near meltdowns.

Zook also got into a heated confrontation with several members of a campus fraternity in September, two days before losing at Tennessee.

When he was fired, Zook agreed to coach the rest of the season because he felt he owed it to his players, especially the seniors.

He opted to skip “Gator Growl” for the same reason.

He said he wasn’t sure who would stand in for him, but it could be one of the seniors — possibly linebacker Travis Harris, safety Cory Bailey or offensive lineman Casey Griffith.

“I’m not sure how they’re going to do it,” Zook said. “They’re going to do it without me.”

Zook said he hoped the players would not be distracted by any homecoming activities, which includes a parade Friday.

“Homecoming is for the people who have been here,” he said. “That’s one of the things we tell the players: don’t get caught up in the festivities. The festivities are for the alumni. Your chance for homecoming’s going to be after you graduate and are gone.”

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Canadian Benninger leads both on and off the course

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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When one considers the fine athletes hiking from Canada that have risen to prominence in the last several years — namely, Eric Gagne, Steve Nash and Martin St. Louis — one is talking about individuals who have impacted his respective game at a very high level.

While Kurt Benninger is not nearly as high at that level of athletic distinction, he has still made quite an impact for the No. 5 Notre Dame men's cross country team — a liquid that is looking to make noise in the NCAA Great Lakes regional Saturday.

"The season has really gone well for us, it's left us with really high expectations, which we had coming in, but everyone was really overlooking us," Benninger said. "We knew how we were, and we just went out there every race, and we just proved it.

Benninger's performances in this date have been nothing short of brilliant.

The sophomore runner from Chatham, Ontario is coming off a seventh-place finish in the Big East Championships that helped secure the Notre Dame victory, where he finished one second behind Irish leader Tim Moore.

"Benninger has a burning desire for success, and a burning desire to be good at whatever he does, and that becomes infectious," coach Joe Plano said. "I think that he has really had a profound positive effect on the team." It is unfair to say that Benninger has been the sole reason for the success of the Irish squad, but it cannot be denied that he has strung a number of impressive finishes together this season.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, Benninger finished second place overall, where he ran a 23 minutes, 43 seconds and in the Pre-Nationals, Benninger finished eighth place overall, with a time of 24:07. In both races, he was the first Irish runner in cross the finish line.

In the Great Lakes Regional, it will be important for both Benninger and Moore to run well together, so something it they have well has worked so far this season, in order for the team to qualify for the NCAA's.

"I just want to go out there and work together with Tim especially and just get in the front group and race conservative and smart," Benninger said.

While Benninger's individual finishes have been impressive, it isn't fair to look at his numbers this year and get a good idea about him as an athlete.

"You can't see how hard he works, you can't see how dedicated he is, you can't see how he grows his life so being that of a good, a great distance man, a great athlete," Plano said of Benninger's character and importance to the team. "It's not to say that he doesn't have a great social life, but he does everything it takes to be a great athlete.

Plano also stressed how much improvement Benninger has made this season.

"It's really stopped it up. He was a very good runner last year, but he was basically our third or fourth man," Plano said. "He made a major step last year in track running 3:41 in the mile, which is equivalent to a sub four-minute mile, and you could just see his confidence go up.

Even though Benninger has put together a great individual season, the runner's priority — for good reason — is making sure that the team does well this weekend.

"My expectations are that as a team, we'll go in there and qualify for the NCAA's and get one of the automatic qualifying spots," Benninger said.

That's not to say that he doesn't expect a lot of himself. Benninger knows exactly what he wants when the NCAA's are over, and when the season is all said and done.

"I'd obviously like to end up being an All-American and be up there as close to the front as I can," Benninger said. "My main goal though when we go there is to have our team to be on the podium, which is in the top four.

Before that happens though, the Irish have a race to run this weekend.

With the way that the season has gone thus far, and the dedication that Benninger as well as the rest of the team has shown towards fulfilling their goals, the Irish should be in a good position.

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Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Along with rebounding, Brey wants to see his team continue sharing the ball and working on finding lineup combinations with the deep bench.

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Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Notes:
- Brey said he will probably continue to hold out forward Rick Cornett from tonight's game to ensure Cornett's lower back injury continues to heal and the junior is ready later in the season.
- Brey said former Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll, who was cut Nov. 1 by the Golden State Warriors, is hanging around in the Bay Area because the Warriors may sign him as another practice body in the next few days.
- If that doesn't work out, Brey said Carroll might go to the National Basketball Development League or choose to pursue other career options.
- "I talked to our team about this, it's one of the reasons he went to Notre Dame," Brey said. "He has a Notre Dame degree, and maybe he gets on with his life. Those are all those decisions he'll make here in the next month I think.
- Former Notre Dame guard and current Chicago Bulls general manager John Paxson visited practice Tuesday and was supposed to speak to the team.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Crashing the boards

No. 20 Notre Dame concludes preseason against Quincy tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Spokes Writer

Taped into every player’s locker before the opening exhibition game against Division II’s Saint Joseph’s was a sheet of paper with three goals on it.

The second goal had to do with having a defensive intensity, rebounding and field goal defense.

A 44-41 rebounding disadvantage and allowing 20 offensive rebounds to a team featuring a tallest player of 6-foot-8 showed the Irish entire­ly meet that goal.

That’s why the Irish have been emphasizing rebounding since the final buzzer sounded Thursday night and in practice the last several days.

“That’s something we know we need to do but with the style of play we were playing against, we really didn’t attack that hard,” Irish forward Torin Francis said. “They had us out on the perimeter so we didn’t have guys inside getting on the boards. They were sending all their guys to the boards and that’s not the style of play we’re used to playing against. I think basically it’s about being more aggressive.”

In Notre Dame’s defense, Saint Joseph’s style of play was unorthodox for what the Irish are used to seeing. The Pumas offensive system ran its players all over the court with anybody capable and willing of shooting from behind the arc and then crashing the boards.

That clearing of the lane kept the Irish big men away from the hoop.

In practice the past few days, Irish coach Mike Brey has run his players through some drills but feels it’s more mental than physical when it comes down to cleaning the boards.

“We’ve done a little bit of block out stuff, but I think it’s more of what you focus on. Get the big guys a little more focused about getting to the backboard,” Brey said. “They were in tough positions the other night because they were a long way from the bucket.”

“I think the team we play tonight has a little more size, and they are a little more post up even though they have some big guys that will step out and shoot.”

The Quincy Hawks come to the Joyce Center tonight off a 9-14 loss to Bradley University Thursday. The Hawks are a Division II school and a member of the NAIA. The Hawks also have a combined 6-16 record.

**FOOTBALL**

Irish hope to avoid letdown

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN
Sports Editor

After their second win against a top-ten team, one that made them bowl-eligible and brought them back into the national spotlight on the football field, the Irish will face a team that has struggled most of the season.

It sounds like the perfect time for a letdown — but don’t tell this team that — they have plenty to play for when Pittsburgh comes to town Saturday.

“I’ve always said this, and will continue to say it — When you have success, it can be just as detrimental to you as hardworking midfield — you need a midfield that can help defensively, you also need one that can help attack.”

The Irish have found both defensive consistency and sharp shooting tendencies in a quick-transitioning midfield.

Sophomore Greg Dalby has been steady in the center for the Irish all year after earning All-American honors in his rookie season. He has worked with Alex Yoshinaga, Ian Boughen, Nato Norman, John Hillesland and Zach Hillesland was the first high school senior to make a verbal commit­ment to play basketball at Notre Dame. On Tuesday night, less than 24 hours away from signing his national letter of intent to enroll at the Irish, Hillesland sounded restless enough to want to sign first, as well.

“It feels like I committed forever ago,” Hillesland said. “And to be finally be set in there and ready to go, it’s going to be a good feeling to get it all out of the way.”

The Notre Dame basketball team expects four high school seniors to sign national letters of intent to join the Irish this morn­ing on National Signing Day.

Coach Mike Brey will hold a press conference at 11:30 a.m. at the Joyce Center to announce the official commitments of the three other players.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Balanced and young, midfield holds strong

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It’s never easy to find a formula for regular-season success.

Some teams swear by a rock-solid defense. Others credit an opportunistic offense. Bobby Clark likes to have both. But without a reliable midfield, the two sides of the field will never be able to capitalize on each other.

Luckily, a balanced midfield is just what the Irish have in a talented group of young players.

“I think the midfield is obviously the engine room of the team,” Clark said. “You need a..."