Missing soldier, wife of ND grad found

Newly-married Air Force major returns to family, friends after ordeal in Kyrgyzstan

By JOE PARULLI
News Writer

U.S. Air Force Captain Joshua Mayo, Notre Dame Class of 2002, was looking forward to his honeymoon in Jamaica when he heard the dismaying news.

Married on April 8 of this year, Mayo was expecting his honeymoon in Jamaica to be a celebration of his new wife, a departure from the neighborhood previously riddled with violence, and a call from Mayo that day. The news came as a complete shock.

"I had no words, I couldn't even think," she said. "[Mayo] was so happy about it... Diamante had only met Metzger recently, but was left with a strong impression.

"I actually only met Jill when I went to their wedding in April, and she's a fabulous girl," she said. "She's beautiful and incredibly nice." Diamante found the details of the story confusing and difficult to follow during the days Metzger was missing — a situation partially due to problems with translation and communication between Kyrgyz officials and U.S. officials and media outlets.

"I tried following it through the media and through the papers, but nobody could seem to get any sort of story straight," she said. "There was no clear idea of what was happening."

Metzger's father, John Metzger, told the Associated Press he was hoping and praying for her return.

University develops off-campus

Faculty, staff members purchase recently constructed homes on Notre Dame Avenue

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

While the University moves forward with major construction projects on-campus, it has been quietly extending its reach into the neighborhood just south of Notre Dame's boundaries.

The stately new homes lining Notre Dame Avenue are housing Notre Dame faculty and staff and their families, who purchased the lots from the University.

With their manicured lawns, spacious porches and fresh paint, the new homes are evidence of a redevelopment effort taking place in a neighborhood previously riddled with dilapidated homes.

The University's Department of Asset Management has been directing the purchase of properties along Notre Dame Avenue and selling them to faculty and staff under the condition that the buyers will build a new home fitting certain architectural guidelines.

The University has acquired property off-campus since the late '80s, but only in the last four years has it started selling the properties to full-time faculty and staff, said Vice President for Business Operations Jim Lysyhot.

In the last four years, 17 properties on Notre Dame Avenue have been sold to full-time faculty or staff members. Of those, 15 were empty lots and two were houses that needed to be rehabilitated.

Two more properties are currently available on St. Peter Street as well — one is an empty lot and the other is a house that needs to be rehabilitated.

The University's housing effort, known as the Notre Dame Avenue Initiative, is designed to address an issue that affects so many people from different backgrounds who seem reluctant to address an issue that affects so many people from different backgrounds.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss student issues

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

A reduced wait time before pep rallies, work on the disorderly house ordinance and a new club promoting intercultural awareness were among the topics of discussion at Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting in LaFortune.

In response to last week's discussion surrounding racial insensitivity, student body president Lizzi Shappell brought in senior Chris Wagner to talk to COR members about the new club, Sustained Dialogue.

Sustained Dialogue's goal is to "get people from different backgrounds to work together to address a problem," Wagner said.

Conference to address eating disorders issues

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Saturday Night Live may poke fun at a suspiciously thin Nicole Richie — and everywhere, viewers enjoy the jokes — but in reality the subject of anorexia and other eating disorders is no laughing matter.

That is precisely why Student Body President Lizzi Shappell and the Student Senate Gender Issues Committee, who are taking this matter very seriously, are organizing a three-day conference in February that will address eating disorders at Notre Dame.

Valerie Staples, Coordinator for Eating Disorders Services at the University Counseling Center, says that up to 17 percent, or roughly 130 of all students who go seeking guidance are afflicted with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder and muscular dysmorphia.

These figures do not take into account those students who deal with eating disorders in private and don't go to the UCC for help.

Junior Ashley Weiss, chair of the Gender Issues Coalition, said one of the conference's most important objectives is to create awareness among administrators and faculty members who seem reluctant to address an issue that affects so many students.

Italian major expands on current program

By VALERIE KORNFIELD
News Writer

After decades of Saint Mary's students spending a semester abroad in Rome, a piece of the country is finally coming to the College with the institution of a new Italian major.

According to Peter Checca, counselor for Saint Mary's Rome Program, the Italian major has been a long time coming. The Rome Program has been in place since 1970, and with strong courses in Italian offered both on campus and abroad, the main impediment to introducing an Italian major was the shortage of personnel, Checca said.

An initial step to remedying this problem came six years ago, when Umberto Taccheri joined the ranks of Saint Mary's professors of Italian.

The driving force behind the inception of the new major was, however, the students themselves, who continued "asking, (inquiring) and demanding" that it be made available, said Checca. Two especially instrumental students were former Rome Program attendees. Jessica Sloan, class of 2005 and Maria Francesca Muscardini, class of 2006, who put together surveys of the first-year students studying Italian and of the returnees from the Rome Program.

These surveys showed whole-hearted support of the Italian major, Checca said, especially from those who went abroad.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Saturday sell-outs**

I woke up Tuesday morning to perform one of the proudest deeds of my life. Since I'd be covering Saturday's game from the press box, I told my dad that I would exchange my student ticket for a regular admission ticket with which he could enter the game. No big deal. You know, just a little thanks for the 21 years of lessons he's taught me about the value of hard work, integrity and the importance of Notre Dame football.

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But amid all the excitement, sometimes he's got to wonder what it'd be like to be me. So I was going to give him that chance—and more importantly, that third ticket he needed to bring my two brothers (one still studying at Ohio State—we REALLY hate Michigan) to the game this Saturday.

But when I got to the Joyce Center at 8:30 a.m., I was informed that in less than two hours, 300 shameless students already exchanged their tickets—most, no doubt, to turn around and illegally sell to the highest bidder at upward of $400.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DINING HALL ALTERNATIVE?**

I was going to I-Bean, but my colleague, Tim Dougherty, convinced me that "Subway's the best alternative because it's close to my dorm and it's good food." He's not an alumnus. Actually, he's been graduated from Ohio State. Before you start booing, I must say I've never seen a man so sad to see his alma mater win when the Buckeyes defeated the Irish in '95 and '96. In our house there was never any question as to allegiances: God, Country, Notre Dame. The way it should be.

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**Correction**

Due to a reporting error, the article "ND Cross Country: Irish runners sweep at men’s meet in Valparaiso" in the Sept. 11 edition of The Observer failed to mention the fourth medalist for the women’s cross country team, Becca Busemeyer, who finished in ninth place. The Observer regrets this error.

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**IN BRIEF**

Dolloway's Board will host "Wheel of Fortune," a student run game show, today from 8 to 9 p.m. at Dolloway's Clubhouse on the campus of Saint Mary's.

An exhibit entitled "Caras Vermeo, Carazones No Sabemos: The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration to the United States" is on display at the Snite Museum of Art until Nov. 12. Museum hours vary by day. Admission is free.

Actors from the London Stage will perform "Hamlet" in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. from today through Saturday. Tickets are $18 for the general public, $16 for seniors/Notre Dame faculty and staff and $12 for students, and are available for purchase through the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center ticket office.

"Let Your Sister Pick Your Sister" social mixer will take place on Thursday from 8 p.m. to 11 in the Saint Mary's student center ballroom. Admission is $5 per couple.

Saint Mary's will celebrate Constitution Day on Thursday with a panel on "The War on Terror, National Security, and Civil Liberties," from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 in the West Wing of the Dining Hall.


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

Webcams send views of quads and buildings

Special to The Observer

It used to be that if you wanted to "reach out and touch someone," you used the telephone, e-mail or, even (gasp!), snail mail.

Today, there's another way to make contact from the Notre Dame campus, courtesy of a collection of cameras that broadcast images on the World Wide Web. They have a loyal following in cyberspace, where people check regularly for campus views, keep an eye on the Quad when they are missing of campus, with or without a student in the frame.

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Dame Avenue Housing Program, is one component of an extensive rehabilitation program driven by the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, which was developed in 2003 and 2004, said Gregory Hakanen, Director of the Department of Asset Management. Notre Dame is one of five institutional sponsors of the NNRO, which seeks to revitalize the area that stretches from the edge of campus south to South Bend Avenue, west to Hill Street and east to the edge of Notre Dame woods.

"When you look at the overall redevelopment plan for the neighborhood, by no means is it just Notre Dame," Hakanen said. "It's the city. It's other local institutions, it's residents ... getting together to plan for redevelopment of the neighborhood."

The Notre Dame Housing Program focuses on just one zone within that area — covering Notre Dame Avenue, Franklin Street and St. Peter Street.

The program is popular among faculty and staff, Hakanen said, and his office already has a waiting list of faculty and staff interested in purchasing a lot from the University. Likewise, his office is always looking out for potential properties to purchase.

"There are still several properties we'd like to acquire," Hakanen said, noting that sometimes his office will approach property owners who appear to be interested in selling.

"What happens is if a 'For Rent' sign goes up in the window, we might say 'Hey, is it time to sell your property?'" Lyphout said that in the years since the University began purchasing and re-selling properties on Notre Dame Avenue, residents in the area have been largely receptive to the idea.

"People learned that the University is interested in that area (on and around Notre Dame Avenue) and many times they call my office and let us know that they were going to sell their home," Lyphout said.

If the University can purchase the home for its appraised value, they might "strike a deal" with the homeowner, Lyphout said.

Specific architectural requirements for the new homes vary from house to house, Hakanen said, but the goal for each new home is the same.

"We want the homes to look like they've been there and fit the architecture of the homes in that neighborhood," Lyphout said.

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"We've got a prayer chain all the way across the nation, and it's our hope that God will return her safely," he said.

Those prayers were soon answered.

On Sept. 8, Kyrgyz law enforcement officials found Metzger.

Initial investigations indicate that Metzger may have been abducted after a shopping trip, according to a statement by U.S. Embassy officials as reported by the Air Force Print News. Further details are not being released without confirmation.

Mays called Diamante to tell her the good news, which came as a happy shock.

"I nearly dropped the phone," she said. "I was laughing and felt sad at the same time because I was so relieved."

Diamante said Mayo and Metzger are currently in a hospital in Germany and cannot be reached for comment.

The two met several years ago when they were both stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

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INTERNATIONAL

Over 50 die in stadium stampede
SANAA, Yemen — A stampede broke out in a stadium packed with thousands of people during a charity campaign rally for Yemen's president, killing at least 51 people and injuring more than 200, including youths injured in the event.

The tragedy came as President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in power for nearly 30 years, and his campaign rally in the oil-rich nation's capital could highlight the Syrian regime's weakening grip on militants, who have battled with Syrian security forces repeatedly in recent years.

The attack, which left at least 10 civilians and a Chinese diplomat wounded, also quickly brought to the surface entrenched differences between the United States and Syria, such as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Damascus' ties with Iran and Hezbollah and the war in Iraq.

The Bush administration praised Syria's security forces for their professionalism but then called on the country to play a more constructive role in fighting terrorism.

Prime Minister Malik visits Iran
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki made his first official visit to Iran, a close ally, asking the Islamic regime on Tuesday to help his country and seeking new deals to help Iraq's troubled oil industry.

Iraq has sought better relations with Iran and to heal scars left by the 1980-88 war that killed more than 1 million people on both sides.

NATIONAL

Democrats acknowledge tape leak
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The campaign of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Democratic rival acknowledged Tuesday that it downloaded — and leaked to the media — a recording of a radio conversation in which the governor described a Hispanic legislator as having a Mexican personality.

But Cathy Calfo, campaign manager for Defeating the Governor, said the campaign had done nothing wrong because the file was available publicly on the governor's Web site.

"No one hacked," Calfo said at a news conference to address the role played by the Schwarzenegger campaign, as first reported by The Sacramento Bee. "They accessed information that was available to the public."

Smith's son dies during hospital visit
NAPA, Calif. — A DEA agent investigating the death of Anna Nicole Smith's 20-year-old son said Tuesday that he had no evidence that he had suffered a heart attack or that drugs were involved.

The 38-year-old reality TV star and former Playboy playmate found dead here in March was recuperating from giving birth to a baby girl, and called for help, according to police.

A hospital official said medical personnel applied CPR and other measures to try to save the young man.

LOCAL

North Carolina congressman loses job
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The South Carolina congressman accused of sexual harassment was heading into the unusual situation of facing a new set of charges:

Iraqi guards kill four terrorists; ten civilians, Chinese diplomat wounded

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian guards foiled an attack by suspected al-Qaida-linked militants to blow up the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday, exchanging fire outside the compound's walls with gunmen who shouted "God is great" and tried to storm in with automatic weapons and hand grenades.

The brazen, midmorning attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission, one of the most secure in the world, comes after a sharp criticism of the administration's anti-terrorism policies in Lebanon and Iraq, and after a month on top of a new, more sophisticated attack by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

A Syrian policeman stands in front the VIP visitors' entrance to the U.S. Embassy, which is marked by bullets, in Damascus, Syria, Tuesday.

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A Astronauts begin ISS addition
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking astronauts Thursday began installing the first big addition to the international space station in more than 3 1/2 years, and NASA pronounced the outing a success, even though a small bolt floated off and got lost.

"It feels like this is what NASA is supposed to do," lead space station flight director John McCullough said. "This is what we've been waiting for."

Wearing bulky suits and gloves, the two astronauts worked outside to begin attaching a new 17 1/2-ton box-like truss section that the space shuttle delivered earlier this week. The job involved connecting 17 wires or tubes and tightening or loosening 167 bolts.

Astronaut Joe Tanner was working with a 1 1/2-inch bolt with an attached spring, when the washer holding it in fell off. The bolt and spring floated over the head of astronaut Jeffrey Williams, but Williams caught them and stashed them in his backpack.

"It just goes to show that we have to be careful, and we've got to be attentive," McCullough said.

The dashed mission, first car pulled up in front of the embassy's entrance and three gunmen burst out. Shouting "Allahu akbar" — "God is great" — they threw hand grenades and fired automatic weapons toward the gate and a Syrian guard post, sparking a 15-minute gunbattle.

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A Syrian policeman stands in front the VIP visitors' entrance to the U.S. Embassy, which is marked by bullets, in Damascus, Syria, Tuesday.
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groups who wouldn’t normally socialize to interact,” Wagner said.

The club consists of about 60 students committed to meet once per week in groups of 10 to 12. Trained student moderators lead a discussion about important issues affecting student life, particularly racial relations on campus, Wagner said.

“What we do is provide a space for students to talk with people who honestly do care about race relations so that those with concerns can feel like their voices are being heard,” he said.

While COR members applauded Sustained Dialogue for brainstorming answers to difficult problems, they also urged the group to act on the issues at hand.

“It would be great if you went to hall councils and gave dorms an opportunity to come and participate,” chief executive assistant Liz Brown said. “It could be a one-time thing — not mandatory — but still getting the name of the group out there.”

As for community relations, Shappell acknowledged South Bend Common Council member Karen White’s invitation to meet with student leaders during the Common Council meeting Sept. 27 to discuss the disorderly housing ordinance.

Shappell, alongside other student government leaders, said she continues to work toward changing the ordinance enacted in the summer of 2000.

Ideally, Shappell said, she’d like to see a warning given to students before the possibility of eviction.

“We don’t feel eviction fits the crime in this case,” she said.

While changing the ordinance may solve some problems, Shappell urged students to first and foremost be polite neighbors.

“Introducing yourself to others and becoming a member of the community rather than a temporary resident is crucial,” she said.

Off-campus president Spencer Feran encouraged students to take up an equally polite attitude when confronted by the police.

The number one thing the South Bend Police Department said to me was for home owners to come outside and be polite when the police arrive at a party,” he said. “Most of the time they are just looking to settle you down, and complying makes a big difference.”

“Being a good neighbor can go a long way,” he said, as a neighbor is more likely to come to students first if there’s a problem if they have a friendly relationship.

Also during the meeting, Hall Council co-chair Bryan Lowery said this weekend’s pep rally entry schedule will be tightened to cut down the waiting period between student entry and the start of the festivities.

This Friday’s pep rally will also be in the stadium, Lowery said, and with an excess of 35,000 people present, he deemed last week’s “a great success.”

Barbara Bush speaks at fundraiser

Former first lady backs Ind. Republican Sodrel

Associated Press

SELLERSBURG, Ind. — As a resident of Louisville, Ky., Dottie Frank can’t even vote for Indiana Republican Rep. Mike Sodrel.

But she likes Sodrel and traveled 20 miles north to attend a Tuesday fundraiser featuring former first lady Barbara Bush that the Sodrel campaign said netted $50,000 in one of the most closely watched races in the nation.

Bush’s appearance was delightful, Frank said.

“She has always been such a sweet heart,” she said.

Mrs. Bush said Sodrel had immersed himself in matters crucial to the country, including job creation, eliminating the inheritance tax, making previous tax cuts permanent and backing legislation to promote alternative fuels.

She also said that although Sodrel, like everyone, wants American troops now in Iraq to return home “he also knows we cannot cut and run.”

“Mike Sodrel is as close to a ‘Mr. Smith Goes to Washington’ as you can get,” Bush told about 230 people at golfer Fuzzy Zoeller’s Covered Bridge Golf Course. “It is very important that we give him a chance to stay in Washington and finish what he started. Electing Mike is selfishly, ‘hugely important to me.’”

Sodrel, the millionaire owner of a Jeffersonville-based trucking company, is in his third consecutive campaign against former Democratic Rep. Baron Hill in southern Indiana’s 9th district. Hill won their first matchup in 2002 but Sodrel won the 2004 election by fewer than 1,500 votes.

Sodrel remained in Washington and did not attend Tuesday’s event hosted by Bill and Teresa Boyd, the latter a friend of Sodrel’s wife, Keta.

It was yet another big name to stump for Sodrel as separate fundraising visits by President Bush and first lady Laura Bush netted about $700,000.

Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Lynda, and GOP congressional leaders also have helped Sodrel raise money.

Former President Bill Clinton held a fundraiser for Hill in July that his campaign said brought in about $250,000.

Abby Curran, a spokesman for Hill’s campaign, said Barbara Bush’s visit was the latest in a parade of national Republicans to stump for Sodrel and a sign that he was in “serious trouble.”

“Mike Sodrel continues to hope that his friends in Washington will come visit his district to bail him out,” she said.

The Sodrel-Hill race could be among the hardest-fought nationwide as Democrats try to gain control of the U.S. House. A new poll for Indianapolis television station WISH released Tuesday found Hill with a 46 percent to 40 percent lead over Sodrel. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points.

Campaigns in the neighboring 8th District and the South Bend area’s 2nd District also are considered to be key races.

Hill and Sodrel are each airing television commercials now. Sodrel had raised about $1.74 million and had $1.13 million left as of June 30, according to Political Money Line, a nonpartisan clearing house for fundraising and lobbying data. Hill had raised about $1.17 million and had nearly $963,000 as of June 30.

Libertarian Eric Schansberg is also running for the 9th district seat.

The cost for Barbara Bush’s fundraiser was $250 a couple. Several people paid $1,500 to attend an exclusive reception and have their photos taken with Bush. She spoke earlier Tuesday in Connecticut on behalf of Rep. Chris Shays, and has held a fundraiser for a congressional candidate in Vermont.
The trade deficit increased to $68 billion in July as record oil prices sent the U.S. trade deficit to an all-time high and Democrats said the worse-than-expected

"America's trade policies are a miserable

Experts say profit increase aided by families eating out at restaurants less

Soopers may be fed gasoline and groceries.

Regulators caution BP on pipeline

The rally helped lift the Dow to a four-month high and the Nasdaq composite index and Standard & Poor's 500 index to three-month highs.

The Dow rose 101.25, or 0.89 percent, to 11,498.09, while the S&P 500 was up 13.57 or 1.04 percent, at 1,313.11. The Nasdaq composite index rose 42.57, or 1.96 percent, to 2,215.82, its highest point since Aug. 15, when it rose 45.97.

Bonds also advanced, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.72 percent from 4.80 percent Monday. The dollar was mixed

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BPs share price rose 0.89 percent Monday. The dollar was mixed.

"The major benchmarks are performing extraordinarily well. What we've been seeing is the movement of assets out of commodities and stocks

Many companies have been open five full quarters, are a key gauge for the coming earnings season. Kroger has been doing well during the quarter.

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Kroger shares fell $1.33, or 5.5 percent, to close at $24.15 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock reached $24.15 during Monday trading and has traded as low as $18.05 in the past year.

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Michigan requires new cervical cancer vaccine

**Sixth grade girls will get FDA-approved shots**

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan girls entering the sixth grade next year would have to be vaccinated against cervical cancer under legislation backed Tuesday by a bipartisan group of female lawmakers.

The legislation is the first of its kind in the United States, said Republican state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, lead sponsor.

The vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in June for use in girls and women and has been hailed as a breakthrough in cancer prevention. It prevents infections from some strains of the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus, which can cause cervical cancer and genital warts.

A government advisory panel said that ideally, the vaccine should be given before girls become sexually active.

The American Cancer Society estimates that cervical cancer will be diagnosed in 9,700 women nationwide, and that 3,700 will die.

"We believe we can save the lives of these girls," Hammerstrom said.

Some critics around the country have expressed concerns that schools would make the vaccine a requirement for enrollment. They have argued that requiring the vaccine would infringe on parents' rights and send a message that underage sex is OK.

"We don't feel using school attendance as a form of coercion to get parents to vaccinate their child is appropriate, simply because this disease is not transmitted through casual contact the way other diseases are that are subject to school mandates," said Peter Spring, vice president for policy at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

"Parents should be able to opt in rather than opting out," he added.

The three-shot vaccination costs $360. Hammerstrom said that most Michigan employers will cover the vaccine, and that uninsured girls could be covered through the federal government's Vaccines for Children program.

Health officials estimate that 20 million people are infected with HPV, with 6.2 million new infections occurring every year. About 80 percent of sexually active women will be infected by age 50, but for 90 percent of those infected, the virus is naturally cleared from the body and becomes undetectable.

Former governor on Oprah

**McGreevey will discuss new book, announcement of homosexuality**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey, who had been publicly silent since announcing two years ago that he was gay and was resigning, made "The Oprah Winfrey Show" the first stop on his national book tour Tuesday.

But what he said will remain a mystery until the show airs.

Audience members who attended the two-hour-long taping said they were instructed not to discuss the show or McGreevey's comments. The former governor's book, "The Confession," has been cloaked in secrecy and will be released Sept. 19 — the same day the show is to air.

Winfrey landed the exclusive interview with McGreevey because of her sense of faith and spirituality, according to friends of the former governor. McGreevey is said to be a fan of Winfrey's education and anti-poverty work, two issues to which the former governor is devoting more time in his post-political life.

The 49-year-old Democrat drew national attention when he resigned Aug. 12, 2004, as New Jersey's governor and announced he would resign because of his gay affair with his campaign director, whom he now calls his lover.

McGreevey resigned from the governor's office and the sudden, public implosion of his political career.

McGreevey, a Democrat, announced his homosexuality and his impending resignation in the same speech on Aug. 12, 2004, and acknowledged that he had been involved in an affair with a man.

State Sen. Ray Lesniak, who was interviewed by Winfrey's staff in preparation for the program, said the show was interesting and that Winfrey is now, compared with how he was as governor.
Nonaligned nations seek new ‘terrorist’ definition

North Korea, Iran, among countries that want to see violent actions of powerful nations characterized as terrorism

Associated Press

HAVANA — Iran, Syria, North Korea and more than 100 other nations are pushing to broaden the world’s definition of “terrorism” to include the U.S. occupation of Iraq and the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Converging on Fidel Castro’s communist Cuba for a summit this week, members of the Nonaligned Movement complain of a double standard — powerful nations like the United States and Israel decide for the world who the terrorists are, but face no punishment for their own acts of aggression.

A draft of the group’s joint declaration condemns “terrorism in all its forms,” especially violence that targets civilians.

Terrorism should not be associated with any religion or nationality, says the draft. It singles out a favored phrase of President Bush in declaring that member countries “totally reject the use of the term ‘axis of evil’ by a certain state to target other states under the pretext of combating terrorism.”

A Cuban official said sarcastically on Tuesday that the U.S. could one day accuse the entire Nonaligned Movement of supporting terrorism.

“Reading some news reports... I’m left to believe that the axis of evil is growing,” said Abelardo Moreno, Cuba’s vice foreign minister. “Soon, the (axis of evil) will be made up of 118 countries.”

Cuba says the U.S. is particularly hypocritical in the case of a former CIA operative and Castro foe wanted in Venezuela in the 1976 bombing of a Cuban jetliner from Caracas that killed 73 people.

On Monday, as the U.S. sought global support for its response to the Sept. 11 attacks five years ago, a federal magistrate in Texas said Luis Posada Carriles should be released while he waits to be deported anywhere but Cuba or Venezuela, where the U.S. fears he could be tortured.

The draft declaration condemns Israel’s invasion of Lebanon, with no balancing comments about Hezbollah’s missile attacks on Israel.

It also hails the Lebanese people’s “heroic resistance to the Israeli aggression” and demands that Israel compensate the Lebanese government and people for the deaths, injuries and destruction the war caused.

Despite the recent spotlight on Lebanon, many representatives from nonaligned countries said much of the world’s terrorist activity won’t end until a solution is found for the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian territories.

“This issue is at the core of so many problems that it would help stop some terrorism if it were resolved,” said Khalid A. al-Akwa, a Yemeni Foreign Ministry official.

If Israel and its neighbors respect each other’s borders and recognize the right of both states to exist, Palestinian resistance groups could eventually disappear, he predicted.

Many Arab officials say al-Qaida is in a different category, one representing true terrorists. Al-Akwa agreed.

“They target civilians, they lack the cause and the justifi-
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Pope urges Muslims to end jihad, begin dialogue

Benedict said violence incompatible with God, spreading faith in his speech about faith and reason at German university

Associated Press

REGENSBURG — Pope Benedict XVI said Tuesday that Islamic holy war was not against God's nature and offenders should join a peaceful cultural dialogue.

In a speech at Regensburg University, Benedict made an unusual reference to jihad, or holy war — a concept used by today's Islamic extremists to justify suicide bombings and other attacks.

Benedict's address was about faith and reason, and how they cannot be separated and are essential for "that genuine dialogue of cultures and religions so urgently needed today."

Citing historic Christian commentary on holy war and forced conversion, the 79-year-old pontiff quoted from a 14th-century Byzantine emperor, Manuel II Paleologus: "The emperor comes to speak about the issue of jihad, holy war," the pope said. "He said, I quote, 'Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.'"

Clearly aware of the sensitivity of the issue, Benedict added, "I quote," twice before pronouncing the phrases on Islam and described them as "horrific," while neither explicitly agreeing with nor repudiating them.

"The emperor goes on to explain in detail the reasons why spreading the faith through violence is something unreasonable," Benedict said. "Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul," the pope said, issuing an open invitation to dialogue among cultures.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the pope was not giving an interpretation of Islam as "something violent" although he said the religion contains both violent and nonviolent strains.

Benedict did not touch directly on the current controversy over Islamic extremism, although it is an issue he follows with concern. Last year in Cologne, Germany, he urged Islamic leaders to take responsibility for their communities and teach their young to abhor violence.

Last week, he told a gathering of Christians, Muslim and Jewish representatives in Rome that he was not going to "use the motive of religious difference as a reason or pretext forフレソbehavior toward other human beings."

Benedict was making his first visit to a Muslim country in November, when he is scheduled to travel to Turkey.

Gerlinde Axmann, a 40-year-old social worker, watched Tuesday's speech on one of the large screens set up in a square near the cathedral.

"That was a very important start to dialogue with Muslims amid the terrorist threat," she said, calling Benedict's appeal to reason "a building block toward finding a way to argue with each other without using weapons."

"I think it's very important for him to bring these things up in society," she said. "Muslims aren't going to take us seriously until we become conscious of our own values. For example, they take the pope much more seriously than others in the West."

Benedict earlier celebrated Mass for some 230,000 people, the second-largest crowd of his six-day homeward tour, which ends Thursday.

From atop the altar platform, the pope looked over a throng dotted with blue-and-white Bavarian flags and the yellow-and-white Vatican banners. In discussing faith and reason, Benedict in his sermon at Mass scoffed at the idea of a "mathematically ordered cosmos" without any hand of God. He said this would mean "nothing more than a chance result of evolution."

"We believe in God. This is a fundamental decision on our part," he said.

Eva Renz dozed in the sun as she waited for the pope, having been on the road since 3 a.m. with her husband and six children.

"His presence is important because he is a representative of Christ," she said. "I brought all the children because it's important for them to see this huge crowd and all the joy."

Some people turned out in spite of disagreeing with Benedict's conservative stands such as his opposition to ordaining women and marrying gay men.
Democrats say Bush used 9-11 speech to advance agenda

Bush did not intend nationally televised remarks about recent U.S. foreign policy to be controversial, White House said.
"Sex Grandma" not so sweet

Kimberley Burkart

The Observer

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

The subject matter I am about to address makes me very, very nervous. I am, you remember, the writer who was too apprehensive to print the first letter of the (expletive) word in her last column. Let me say up front that this column will include the word "sex" as well as occasional references to the male anatomy. Somehow, I feel better if everyone knows I’m ashamed.

Here it goes: Every Sunday night after Mass, I watch the television program "Talk Sex With Sue Johanson." For those of you living under a rock, Sue Johanson is an elderly Canadian nurse/marital relations counselor who hosts a weekly cable television program where she answers viewers’ questions about sex. As for the nature of the questions — well, we had fine sex education in my parochial schools but Sue takes it up a notch. Augmenting the Sue experience are commercials advertising assorted condom brands. Lovely.

Every Sunday night Sue’s rooms turn it on, and every Sunday I die a little. Okay, so it’s not that bad. But Sue’s digressions on artificial methods for the enlargement of the male anatomy are not my background music of choice when craniuming The Canterbury Tales. Or writing columns. Actually, I must admit that I do not protest nearly as much as I used to.

The last time it was on I could even tell it was a rerun. Sue Johanson’s charm, as it were, is that Sue Johanson may well have been present when God invented sex. The woman is at least sixty-five years old. She speaks like — well, she looks like a grandmother, and according to her Web site she is one. Evidently there are some young men among us suffering from a deformity known as "bent penis." Sue can discuss this with the same candor and earnestness that my own grandmother has when she talks about dress patterns. I swear they have some of the same turtleneck sweaters.

The show becomes a viewer’s sex fascination and I, for one, believe that Sue exploits this reality shamelessly. Anyone who styles herself the Sex Grandma has got to know what she’s doing. Heck, she can claim people like me as regular viewers, and the information she gives is of no use to me. But that’s another column.

Even though I watch it, I do not, in any way, shape or form endorse Sue Johanson’s program. I do not want to turn this column into a commercial for Talk Sex With Sue Johanson, Incorporated, and I do not particularly want anything nice to happen to Sue Johanson. Humor or medical value aside, some of the stuff she deals with is just indicative of greater societal problems. When this sort of thing comes up it renders debates over whether she belongs on Channel 9 as well as her contributions to sexual health awareness.

But personally, I don’t think that catchphrases like, “Before you bang, cover your thang” count as sex ed.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Chances of Iran Giving Up Its Nuclear Program...

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A SNOWBALL IN HELL

WINNING FIRST PRIZE IN THE LOTTERY, THREE TIMES IN A YEAR

THE U.S. FINDING WMDS IN IRAQ

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who can’t make it." — George Bernard Shaw

Irish dramatist
Police priorities still in doubt

To protect and serve the community is the heart of a police department's mission; however, recent events have led many among the student body to doubt that protecting and serving Notre Dame students is a priority of the South Bend Police Department. It is debatable how much a loud party of mostly underage drinkers taking place in a student neighborhood affects the near-University members of this city.

That is not the point. The ceaseless dispute that Notre Dame students are a hazard to South Bend is irrelevant. The point is that raids draw attention to some of Notre Dame's most controversial events. Some members of the South Bend community physically harmed some members of the Notre Dame community. This has tarnished students, and in the meantime, failed to act in their defense.

Although I would like to believe no part of South Bend wishes harm on students, it speaks volumes about the state of this city's government that resources are being spent to reprimand students instead of protecting them. Had funds been directed toward better security at Turtle Creek, rather than last weekend's raids, the female resident may never have been attacked. It was not an accident, but an intentional attack. Had police been patrolling the streets of the city rather than busting student parties, the Notre Dame student may not have been robbed on his walk back to campus.

The change that must be made will not result because of my Viewpoint editorial, or with a thousand more letters to the editor. The distressing thing is ultimately what will cause change will be something far worse than a robbery or an unsuccessful breaking-and-entering. It is just like the subject of the interaction that needs a traffic light; no matter how many mothers write letters to the counselor, it isn't until a fatal car crash that the light will be constructed. My only hope is that someone who can make a difference will step in and do something before the two cars collide.

Kailin Devine
junior
威厅 Hall
Sep. 7

Remembering 9/11

Five years ago this week, I was sitting in French class when just a few miles away from my high school the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center fell over on lower Manhattan.

They say that everything can change in a New York minute. On the morning of September 11, 2001, the Tower fell and I ran to my French class, but it was not necessary to be present to begin reciting their names to the world at Ground Zero. On Tuesday and therefore every day since then, existence, their absence — like the gaping hole in our New York skyline — will linger at the forefront of our minds and hearts.

Today, September 11, is the concrete memorial for our dead. But in shared grief, pain has nonetheless revealed that the most fitting way to commemorate lost life is to celebrate it.

This fall, as you pursue your studies at Notre Dame, I ask you to do so with vigor and purpose. Look at the world through a global context, but always keep sight of the smaller things in life. Enjoy afternoons cheer­
ing our Irish on to victory, and above all, remember the moment, always the moment, always the moment.

Pray for them daily, and pray for their families.

Michelle McCarty
class of 2006
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Think safety first

This time it is expert-Observer-letter-writer Professor A. Edward Manier who needs to rectify his position (Letter to the Editor 9/1/06). He is seriously opposed to a "clean, safe and sober" social environment and not the other way around. Professor Manier needs to rethink his position. The problem is that Notre Dame drinking habits are at worst a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to Exodus. Like any other violation, underage drinking is not a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to the new-created offense of smoking too close to a doorway. It is not a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to the new-created offense of smoking too close to a doorway. It is not a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to the new-created offense of smoking too close to a doorway.

Underage drinking by college students is at worst a violation, akin to speeding, jawwalking, "rolling stops," or the latest fad, "bong smoking." Yet to police this is a dangerous way. It is not a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to the new-created offense of smoking too close to a doorway. It is not a violation of the natural law to be dealt with according to the new-created offense of smoking too close to a doorway.

The physical safety of Notre Dame students, on the other hand, should be a paramount concern for the administration and faculty alike, as they are in loco parentis. The Observer's position that the underage drinking laws should be enforced strategically, so as not to increase the danger of off-campus situations is entirely reasonable and one that Professor Manier need not address sarcastically.

Twenty-five or 30 years ago, a Notre Dame student couldn't go down to the common area of a dorm and pour a beer or three. Does Professor Manier have science evidence or even an argument from first principles, that demonstra­tes that Notre Dame is better off with the more aggressive alcohol enforcement of the last few years? If so, perhaps he'd share it in a future letter reflecting the "deeper thought" he expects from the editorial board of the student newspaper, instead of dismissing the measured view of the paper out of hand.

Let's formulate the question: Should 6,000 underage Notre Dame drinkers be lightly reprimanded and sent to bed (or even, horrors, go free), so that just one or two will not be run over by an SUV at 3 a.m. on RT. 23, or be stabbed to death on the way home from the Lafayette Apartment? Or should justice be "swift and sure," no mat­ter how hard? After "thoughtful" consideration and desire­ing to be "helpful," I'll take the former. After all, tipsy college sophomore co-eds and their overly loud freshman boyfriends have already learned that LaFountain or, murderous highwaymen on North Quadr. How about we keep them safe, and maybe they'll outgrow it.

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Sep. 12
Season One DVD Review

Although "Prison Break" met with a great deal of skepticism at the beginning (only 13 episodes were initially ordered by FX), it quickly developed into one of the best new shows during the 2005 television season. Season one began with Michael Scofield ( Wentworth Miller, "Underworld") plotting to break his brother, Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell, "Equilibrium"), out of the Fox River penitentiary where he was on death row for the murder of the vice president's brother. Lincoln claimed that he was innocent and was framed. In hopes of freeing him, Scofield attempted to rob a bank in order to get placed in the same prison as his brother so that they could break out together. Scofield's elaborate plan is revealed slowly episode-by-episode as he enlists the aid of other inmates and eventually works his way past the various obstacles that arise with each new twist. "Prison Break" was developed in light of the latest trends to base shows, such as "Lost" or "24," around intelligent, although rather ridiculous, plotlines, strong characters and exciting and shocking plot twists to keep the audience anticipating the next episode. "Prison Break" evoked this intense anticipation and build up through such tools as Scofield's body tattoos with all of his plans for escape. Season one of "Prison Break" is now available in a DVD set with all 22 episodes on six discs. Along with the episodes are 10 audio commentaries from the cast and the crew, as well as Executive Producer Brett Ratner. Scofield (Wentworth Miller), left, walks through Fox River Prison with fellow inmates and upcoming mob boss John Abruzzi (Peter Stormare), Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

Season Two Preview

Moving into its second season, currently airing Mondays at 8 on FOX, "Prison Break" has evolved into a cross between "The Fugitive" (1965) and "Batman Race" (2001). With some of the prisoners having escaped Fox River, they are now on the run from the feds as well as trying to beat each other to Utah in order to find the millions of dollars left there by another inmate. All of the cast members return from season one, with one notable addition—William Fichtner as FBI Agent Alexander Mahone, head of the search for the escaped convicts. Fichtner, who was most recently in the popular ABC show "Invasion," has been around as a popular character actor in movies (including both "Equilibrium" and "Armageddon"), which also cast other "Prison Break" stars) and video games (the voice of Ken Rosenberg in the Grand Theft Auto games). While Fichtner's role is the brains behind the inmates, returning character Brad Bellick (Wade Williams) moves from prison guard to bounty hunter as he hunts down Scofield.

Each episode focuses mostly on Scofield and Lincoln, and their switch between the two and the stories involving the other inmates. They are still working on Scofield's escape, while Fichtner's FBI agent is the brain behind the inmates, returning character Brad Bellick (Wade Williams) moves from prison guard to bounty hunter as he hunts down Scofield.

Although the setting and the basic plot have been altered, "Prison Break" still remains a tautly written and well-acted series. It's still an exciting show to watch the prisoners escape from the FBI agents as it was to watch them plan their prison escape. Much of the earlier episodes which showed the life of the inmates before escaping in Fox River, having the action switch between the characters is interesting and keeps the pace of the show moving quickly so it is able to move from action to action. As of now, "Prison Break" is set to end its run at the end of this season, which has caused a great deal of happiness and anguish from its fans.
"Prison Break" Feature

"Prison Break" might have one of the most unbelievable storylines on television, but after moving past the impressive premise, this relatively new Fox television series is one of the best. Starting with the premise of breaking out of prison is not necessarily the best idea for the longevity of a television series. At some point, it must come to an end — either with the escape or a long time in solitary confinement. However, "Prison Break" not only emerged as one of the best new shows on television during the 2005 network season, but showed that there are enough hooks to possibly demand future seasons of the show.

The show's main plot revolves around two brothers — Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller, "Underworld") and Lincoln Burrows (Rockmond Dunbar, "Equilibrium"). Lincoln was accused of killing the brother of the Vice President of the United States and sentenced to death row in the Fox River Prison — set just outside of Chicago.

Michaels, believing his brother's claims of innocence, develops an elaborate and complicated plan to break his brother out of the Fox River Prison by robbing a bank with the intention of getting placed in the same prison as Lincoln.

Once Scofield is in Fox River Prison, he sets his plan in motion by following the blueprints and designs for escape he had tattooed on his body. An engineer, Scofield helped to create the original blueprints for the prison — among other things, the complete blueprint of the penitentiary is hidden within the elaborate creations tattooed on his body.

One of the best and most innovative elements of the show is the incorporation of the tattoos and the clues that they give to Scofield indicating the next step he needs to take in order to escape the prison with his brother.

Along the way, he runs into obstacles and must turn to other inmates for help. His cellmate, a good-natured Latino, Sucre (Amaury Nolasco, "Fast 2 Furious") becomes an early confidant. He also comes up against mob boss, John Abruzzi (Peter Stormare), the racist and pedophilic, Theodore "T-Bag" Bagwell (Robert Knepper, "Good Night and Good Luck") and ex-Army officer, Benjamin "C-Note" Franklin (Rockmond Dunbar, "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang").

Another central character in Fox River is the prison doctor, Sara Tancredi (Sarah Wayne Callies, "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit") who early on becomes interested in Scofield's case and tries to determine why he ended up in prison. Sara eventually becomes an ally of the prisoners and aids in their escape plans.

In the outside world, siding the brothers in their quest to shed the truth about Lincoln's set-up is Veronica Donovan (Robin Tunney, "The Craft"). Lincoln's old girlfriend, who is also an attorney for the City of Chicago.

During her investigations she begins to unravel a conspiracy involving the Vice President, Secret Service agents and other organizations all leading up to Lincoln being framed for the murder.

Veronica enlists the help of death-row champion Nick Savino (Frank Grillo, "The Sweetest Thing") and together they gather evidence to support Lincoln's case. Often with the two attorneys is Lincoln's son L.J. (Marshall Allman, "Hostage"), forced to go into hiding when wanted by police because he is suspected of the murder of his mother and stepfather.

The show's two main strengths lie in the pace of the action as well as the actors' portrayals of their respective characters. The storyline of the show, although unbelievable on the surface, is in fact at its core very intelligent, complicated and well thought out.

"Prison Break" is anchored by tight, suspenseful writing — the plot moves very quickly, which keeps each episode fresh and exciting. Unfortunately, much like its counterpart, such as "Lost" or "24," it is hard to keep up with the show if an episode is missed.

However, some of the complications in the plot sometimes serve as distractions more than anything else. One of the weaker elements of the show is the political intrigue, which tends to come in and out of the show at odd points, often detracting from the main focus of the prison escape itself.

Although these references to political conspiracies are interesting, they are not consistent enough within the show in terms of its importance to be enjoyable, except to the most hard core fans.

Each of the actors does a superb job and, although most of the show's characters are inmates, they generally develop a great deal of empathy toward their respective plights. Miller and Purcell both deliver stand-out performances as the two brothers. Miller especially does an excellent job handling the always calculating and scheming Scofield.

The supporting cast also does an amazing job, with a solid combination of known and unknown actors. One cast member is worth noting — Peter Stormare as mob boss John Abruzzi. Stormare is well known for his roles on television as "Slippery Pete" in "Sopranos," in popular movies such as "Fargo" and "Armageddon," as well as starring in the recent line of exceedingly popular Volkswagen commercials.

Within the story, the supporting characters develop more and more as the series progresses with parts of episodes devoted to how each inmate wound up in Fox River as well as other information about their respective pasts. Each supporting character is very well developed, and the show definitely turns from focusing solely on the brothers to the whole group of prison inmates.

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the extent that it begins to take a toll on his own personal life. Thankfully, the film never collapses into a typical whodunit, framing the investigation around Reeves’ life and Simo’s own personal demons.

“Hollywoodland” gets its noir-ish period piece quality exactly right — it’s not inconceivable to believe that this film and “LA Confidential” exist in the same narrative world. Coulter gets all little touches correct, from the cameras to the cars to the clothing, and it all adds to the atmosphere quite nicely.

The film continuously cuts back and forth between Reeves’ life and Simo’s investigation. This is a little problematic, since Reeves’ life is more compelling than Simo’s, though Brody’s command of the screen hasn’t diminished. The final scenes are affecting, even if it seems that Coulter has lost interest in the plot and is more concerned with Simo’s character.

“Hollywoodland” is anchored by fantastic acting, most notably the subdued, as always, Affleck. Brody and a surprisingly affecting Affleck create a character, is given the most emotional weight and Affleck delivers, proving that Kevin Smith isn’t the only one who can direct him.

Affleck doesn’t look or sound anything like the real Reeves, but he does show the same heroic charisma and machismo that propelled the actor to television fame.

Detective Louis Simo (Adrien Brody), left, dismisses theories of suicide in his death investigation of Superman actor George Reeves in “Hollywoodland.”

Accordingly, Affleck won the Best Actor Award at the highly respected Venice Film Festival, a turn of events which is sad and ironic, considering Reeves’ own tragic career.

“Hollywoodland” is the first of two major films this year that deal with Tinseltown murders — the other is Brian DePalma’s upcoming “The Black Dahlia.”

Coulter’s approach is ambitious, and though he doesn’t fully hit the mark, the film is moving and transcends its simplistic origins. His choices manage to avoid cliché — and though brave — cause the film to drag at times.

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

When “L.A. Confidential” was released in 1997, it was hailed as the rebirth of the noir film. “Hollywoodland,” released last weekend, could very well be the death of it.

Directed by Allen Coulter, who has directed episodes of both “Sex and the City” and “The Sopranos” among many other shows including “The X Files” and “Golden Years” in a prolific directorial career, “Hollywoodland” is a blunted moviedom of a movie that cannot decide what it wants to be about.

Paul Bernbaum’s script moves through a detective story in which private investigator Louis Simo (Adrien Brody, “The Piano”) digs deep into the mysterious death of Superman actor George Reeves (Ben Affleck, “Pearl Harbor,” Daredevil).

However, “Hollywoodland” is a film that does not know who or what it wants to be about.

It follows Simo through his investigation in such a way as to make the audience think that “Hollywoodland” is about this character as the script takes great pains to explain: dependencies of Simo and the relationship he has with his dysfunctional family.

His relationships with his wife, Toni Mannix (Diane Lane, “Unfaithful,” “Under the Tuscan Sun”) — with whom he is separated — and his son are explored in depth and seem to provide the backbone of the narrative.

However, the film does not follow this narrative line and denies the audience a story that develops and portrays a singular character.

Contrasting this, “Hollywoodland” moves back in time following the life of George Reeves before his death, as Simo investigates the death in the present time of the narrative. The time of the film that is devoted to these sections would make it seem that the primary focus of the film is the rise and fall of Reeves.

His life is traced from his beginning in the industry through the television serials of “Superman” through his fall and eventual death. Reeves’ character, similar to Jake LaMotta in Martin Scorsese’s “Raging Bull,” moves to the top of his profession and then falls hard into a depression and a misunderstanding meant to explore the cut-throat nature that exist in the glamour and glitz of Hollywood.

The two lines of narrative, by themselves, are told relatively well, however, the writer and director should have chosen either to focus on one or figure out a way to merge both. The combination of the two leads to a confusing and aimless narrative.

The family situations seem irrelevant if Reeves is intended to be the center of the narrative and the directing and does not endow audiences with the same satisfaction of “L.A. Confidential,” with its ensemble cast and tight narrative focus.

Narrative structure aside, Adrien Brody and Ben Affleck put in fine performances in their respective characters. This is by far the best performance that Affleck has produced and it would be no surprise if his name is on the Academy Award’s list of Best Supporting Actor nominees, given the Best Actor Award he already won at the Venice Film Festival.

Brody also delivers a very fine performance as the troubled detective Simo. Although not as outstanding as Affleck, Brody’s acting is solid nonetheless, in keeping with his propensity to deliver fine performances throughout his career.

The fact the narrative of “Hollywoodland” does not follow typical noir conventions may have been an effort to create a film that deals with the dark side of celebrity without being an outright sequel to “L.A. Confidential.”

However, the corpulent narrative relies too heavily on Brody and, as fine an actor as he is, it collapses under its own weight. This would have been better as a character film about Simo or a murder mystery about Reeves, but it can’t be both.

If you want good neo-noir, go watch “L.A. Confidential,” and if you want to see some amazing performances go to waste on a bad narrative, watch “Hollywoodland.”

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Yankees outfelder Bobby Abreu watches the flight of his three-run home run in the first inning of New York’s 12-4 win over Tampa Bay Tuesday. Abreu knocked in six runs during the inning.

Abreu’s seven RBI, Matsui’s 4-for-4 lead Yanks

Detroit, Kansas City manage close wins

**MLB**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bobby Abreu finished off the Devil Rays by himself — in the first inning. Abreu hit a three-run homer and a three-run double in a nine-run first and finished with a career-high seven RBIs on Tuesday night in the New York Yankees’ 12-4 laugher over Tampa Bay.

Abreu became the first Yankee player with six RBIs in an inning since Gil McDougald in the ninth on May 3, 1951, at the St. Louis Browns, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, and the first major leaguer with six RBIs in the first since Oakland’s Matt Stairs had a grand slam and a two-run double against the California Angels on July 5, 1996.

In his first game since breaking his left wrist on May 11, Hideki Matsui was 4-for-4 with four singles and a walk, tying his career league high for hits in a game.

Mike Mussina (14-6) pitched 6 1-3 shutout innings to win for the first time in six starts, and the Yankees lowered their magic number in the race for clinching their ninth straight AL East title.

New York (87-56) won its fourth straight and moved 31 games over .500 for the first time this season. The Devil Rays (56-86) dropped 30 games under .500 for the first time this year.

Abreu, who has 31 RBIs in 41 games since the Yankees acquired him from Philadelphia, homered off starter Tim Corcoran (4-8) for a 3-0 lead, a drive off an adver­

senist toad board attached to the bottom of the upper deck in right field.

Coming to the plate as the 12th batter of the inning, Abreu doubled off reliever Brian Stokes to make it 9-0, the ball going just over the outstretched glove of left fielder Carl Crawford deep in the left-center gap.

**Tigers 3, Angels 2**

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**Royals 5, Indians 3**

in a tiebreaking single in the top seventh, but Thames hit his 26th home run of the season in the bottom half.

Fernando Rodney (7-3) pitched five perfect innings and ninth to pick up the win.

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Texas’ Gary Matthews Jr. hit a tiebreaking single in the top seventh, but Thames hit his 26th home run of the season in the bottom half.

Tigers starter Kenny Rogers gave up two runs and 10 hits in seven innings for his second straight scoreless decision after four straight scoreless outings.

Vicente Padilla allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Gutiérrez, who also homered in the first inning, got out of the jam in the fourth, inning-ending double-play.

Padilla gave up six earned runs in each of his last two starts.

Will Littleton gave up a walk to Craig Monroe in the eighth but he was stranded at first.

Carlos Lee was caught trying to advance to second base on Mark DeSaul’s long fly ball to left field in the second inning.

The Tigers turned a double play in each of the first three innings, and Rogers helped his cause defensively when he made a sliding stop along the first base line to throw out Nelson Cruz at first in the third.

Michael Young hit his 13th homer on the year in the fourth for the Rangers to tie the score at one.

With two on in the fourth, Hank Blalock singled to left field, but Monroe threw out Lee at home plate.

Monroe later reached first on a throwing error by Texas third baseman DeSauls. The replay appeared to show that Mark Teixeira made the tag.

He helped the Royals snap a 11-game losing streak at Jacobs Field, where the Indians are 570-430 since the ballpark opened in 1994. Kansas City had not won in Cleveland since July 29, 2095.

Esteban German went 4-for-4 and scored three times for the Royals.

He doubled leading off the ninth, went to third on a foul out and scored on a throwing error by right fielder Shin-Soo Choo to make it 5-3.

German is batting .351 (39- for-113) in his last 43 games following a 2-for-27 (0.74) streak.

Joe pickup pitched the ninth for his seventh save as the Royals got their 23rd road win, surpassing last year’s total.

Mark Grudzielanek drove in two runs and Buck hit an RBI single.
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Seahawks deal for Branch

Patriots finally move disgruntled receiver for first-round pick

Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash — Even sore ribs couldn't contain Matt Hasselbeck's excitement over having former New England Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch to throw to as his newest Seahawks receiver.

Branch's arrival had Hasselbeck laughing Monday through ribs that hurt enough from the battering by the Detroit Lions a day earlier, he held them while juggling through his first news conference after the session.

"I'm going to be that much harder to defend our offense," Hasselbeck said of a unit that as has now NFL MVP and rushing leader Shaun Alexander.

As happy as the Pro Bowl quarterback was, he thought of his father Dun's reaction at the family home in Westwood, Mass.

"Oh, my dad loves the Patriots. If he had a fantasy draft, he'd pick Tom [Brady] over me," the younger Hasselbeck said.


"We still have to figure out how to use all the people on the field," coach Mike Holmgren said, smiling. "That's the chess game for our coaches right now.

The last time the Seahawks traded their first-round pick for a veteran player was March 2, 2001, when general manager Holmgren traded for Hasselbeck.

While the Patriots now are without their top two receivers from last season, the Patriots were grinning about getting Branch. He had been entering the last season of the five-year contract he signed with New England in 2002. But Branch, getting a new, long-term deal in Seattle.

"His representatives are flying in today," Seattle general manager Tim Ruskell said. "Obviously, we wouldn't have done this without the guts of the deal getting done."

The league has given the Seahawks a two-week roster exemption for Branch to learn Holmgren's intricate offense. Branch will begin practicing this week, but Holmgren said he was unsure when Branch might make his Seattle debut.

"It's going to be tough for him to make it work out. I think Deion tried hard. We tried," Burleson said.

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Oakland took 27-0 thrashing from San Diego Monday night

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Art Shell was brought back to the Oakland Raiders to return the team to its level of the old days.

Only those days weren't supposed to be 1963, the only time the Raiders were blanked in a season opener before Monday night's 27-0 loss to the San Diego Chargers.

"I thought it was embarrassing the way we played," Shell said Tuesday. "We had all those guys out there rooting for us, and we didn't play good football.

A new coach, new quarterback and new attitude were supposed to restore Oakland's pride, but after one week it looks like the same old Raiders who won just 13 games the past three seasons, leading to coachess Bill Callahan and Nerv Turner getting fired.

LaDainian Tomlinson ran through the defense with ease, as usual, the Raiders were unable to pressure San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers in his first start, and worst of all, the offensive line looked lost on the field against Shawne Merriman and the Chargers.

It added up to Oakland's first shutout since a 30-0 loss to Kansas City on Dec. 7, 1997. Its second shutout ever at home (along with a 17-0 loss to Denver in 1981), and first in an opener since a 55-0 loss to Houston in 1991. That game came two years before Al Davis even joined the franchise, and in a then-record was 17-0, followed by a 44-0 loss the next week at San Diego.

"As bad as we played tonight, there really is no way but up," Raiders coach Tom Cable said after the game. "I'm not concerned with what the outsiders think. Once we do go out there and play well, those outsiders they're going to be supporting us. What I can say is, it's the first game of the season."

The biggest problem was the offensive line. With four players starting in different spots than they played last season, includ­ ing rookie Paul McQuistan at right guard, the line looked overmatched.

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DiPietro inks huge deal with Islanders Tuesday

Goaltender re-signs for 15 years and 67.5 million dollars

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The New York Islanders have become the NHL's version of a three-ring circus — and the spotlight keeps shining on the guys in net.

"I guess it's pretty beneficial to be a goaltender on Long Island right now," Rick DiPietro said Tuesday, moments after signing the longest playing contract in NHL history.

One week shy of his 25th birthday, the brash netminder from New England grabbed a pen and confidently inked his name to a 15-year deal that will pay him $4.5 million each season until 2021, totaling $67.5 million.

"Well, 15 years seems like a long time," he said before a deep sigh. "It is a long time."

Standing next to him was Garth Snow, his 37-year-old former teammate and backup, who hung up his skates earlier this summer the same day he took over as Islanders general manager. If that was strange enough, he was replacing Neil Smith, who had been on the job a little more than a month.

"That is a long time," DiPietro said. "That means I'm playing really well or really poorly, depending on how you look at it."

DiPietro's landmark deal topped the one given to enigmatic teammate Alexei Yashin in 2001, a 10-year, $87.5 million contract that sent NHL salaries soaring and led to the NHL's version of a three-ring circus — and the spotlight keeps shining on the guys in net.

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Snow's biggest priority suddenly became negotiating the deal to keep the Islanders' most popular player in the fold until he's nearly 40.

"At first it was a little awkward," DiPietro said.

And so it goes for the Islanders, who always seem to make more news and noise during the off-season than in winter.

"This is not a big deal," owner Charles Wang said. "You have to have a commitment to who you're working with. I've done this all my business career. Now I'm doing it in sports and everybody is like, 'Oh my God. How could he do that?'

He's been hearing that a lot. The Islanders missed the playoffs and then led the league in summer news conferences.

Since they last played, the Islanders have hired a coach (Ted Nolan) who was out of the league since being dismissed by Buffalo in 1997; a GM (Smith), in NHL exile since he was fired by the Rangers in 2000; and then his replacement (Snow), who was set to play another season.

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It also saddled New York with a player who is nearly impossible to move and takes up a big chunk of the team's $44 million maximum payroll.

"We have to do it together," said Yashin, one of several Islanders at the news conference. "The contract is the contract, and we have to keep focus on the game now."

But with the Islanders, the focus is often elsewhere. Wang acknowledged that some people might think he's "crazy," yet he is undeterred.

DiPietro's deal is believed to be second only in length to North American sports to the 20-year pact Magic Johnson signed with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1981.

"Clubs are free to make their own decisions" within the rules, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said. "Time will tell whether this will be a good decision or a bad one for the Islanders." And for DiPietro.

The Islanders will save money at the front end and won't have to worry about DiPietro becoming an unrestricted free agent down the road. DiPietro risks losing a player who is nearly impossible to move and takes up a big chunk of the team's $44 million maximum payroll.

"I hope at some point I'm underpaid," DiPietro said. "That means I'm playing really well and becoming an elite goaltender."

The contract is guaranteed. DiPietro will be paid in full should he retire because of injury; if he ends his career otherwise before the deal expires, he would forfeit the remaining dollars.

He will be the eighth highest-paid goalie in the NHL. Chicago's Nikolai Khabibulin and Vancouver's Roberto Luongo top the list at $6.75 million.

DiPietro was 30-24-5 with a 3.02 goals-against average in 63 games last season. He is 58-62-13 with a 2.85 GAA in 143 NHL games.

"I don't really think that salaries are going to go up that much more. How much higher can they go?" DiPietro said.

DiPietro and Wang talked about a 15-year deal last summer.

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**CYCLING**

Lance Armstrong bikes down the Mente Pass during the 15th stage of the 1999 Tour de France. Two of Armstrong's former teammates have announced they used steroids while teammates with him.

**Armstrong replies to steroids claims**

Associated Press

Lance Armstrong bristled Tuesday at a report that two former teammates admitted using performance-enhancing drugs, calling it "a hatchet job ... to link me to doping through somebody else's admission." Frank Jim Andreu and another former Armstrong teammate who requested anonymity because he still works in cycling told The New York Times they use the endurance-booster EPO to prepare for the 1999 Tour de France, when Armstrong won the first of his seven titles.

"Neither rider has ever tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs and both said they never saw Armstrong take any banned substances. "I think it's a pretty nasty attempt by The New York Times to link me to doping through somebody else's admission. You have to read way down in the article until Frankie says, 'I never saw Lance do anything.' "To me, this is a story about Frankie Andreu," Armstrong said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Los Angeles. "The fact he took drugs has nothing to do with me." The Times first reported the story on its Web site Monday night. Armstrong could not be reached for comment by the Times because he was attending a meeting of the President's Cancer Panel in Minneapolis.

"We feel the story is completely false. It says in the eighth paragraph his teammates never saw him take drugs, and in next paragraph, that he always denied using performance-enhancing drugs," Times sports editor Tom Jolly said. "They are two of his former teammates. Obviously, he was the star of that team and that's their claim to fame. The story never accuses him of using drugs."

Andreu admitted taking EPO for only a few races and said he came forward now because he's worried doping is having a negative effect on the sport. "There are two levels of guys," he told the paper. "You got the guys that cheat and guys that are just trying to survive." Armstrong has devoted considerable time and money fighting doping allegations in the past, both during interviews and with lawsuits. He said any implication that he used performance-enhancers was "ludicrous."

**IN BRIEF**

FIFA to have Materazzi, Zidane apologize in 2010

File this one under silly ideas taken way too far:

Soccer king Sepp Blatter is working on a plan for the two to get together and resolve their differences in South Africa, where the 2010 World Cup is scheduled to take place. Actually, the meeting would be off the coast of South Africa on Robben Island.

If you haven't heard of Robben Island, it's never been known as a place for jolly summits. For the better part of four centuries, it served as a prison for political troublemakers and social outcasts. Its most famous inmate was Nelson Mandela, who spent more than 20 years locked up there in a tiny cell that's now a museum.

The perfect place, it seems, for two soccer players to shake hands and maybe even exchange a hug or two.

"We are working on bringing together Zidane and Materazzi and to bring to end this story," Blatter said Monday.

USA topples China to open 2006 Women's World Basketball Championships

Sue Bird led all scorers with 20 points and Candace Parker had 12 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday to lead the two-time defending champions United States to a 119-72 victory over China on the opening day of the Women's World Basketball Championship.

Tina Thompson and Diana Taurasi had 17 points each and Seimone Augustus added 10 as the Americans recorded the most lopsided victory of the opening day.

Earlier in the day, Amaya Valdemoro scored 17 points and led Spain to an 87-57 win over South Korea.

Eliza Aguilar had 15 points, Marta Fernandez added 13, and Ana Montanaña chipped in with 12 in the near Western Diggers at the Spanish, whose male counterparts won the men's championship earlier this month, overtime 50 percent field goal shooting by outrebounding the South Koreans 39-18.

Top seeds advance in first round of China Open

Third-seeded Marcos Baghdatis came back from a 4-1 deficit in the last set to beat Germany's Dennis Greenman 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5) in the first round of the China Open on Tuesday.

Baghdatis, the Australian Open runner-up, was also behind 5-3 in the tiebreaker.

Top-seeded Ivan Ljubicic led two other Croatians — No. 4 Mario Ancic and Ivo Karlovic — into the second round.

Ljubicic defeated Go Soeda of Japan for his 50th win this year on the ATP tour. The world No. 3 entered the China Open late to help his bid for one of the six remaining berths in the season-end Masters Cup.
Hoeppner's MRI worrisome

Indiana head coach will have potential brain tumor removed

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Wins, losses and quarterback controversies can wait. For now, life weighs more heavily on Indiana's football program.

Hoosiers coach Terry Hoeppner is to undergo brain surgery Wednesday morning in Bloomington to remove a possible tumor from the right side of his head.

Hoeppner is expected to miss two to four weeks. Assistant head coach Bill Lynch will fill in for Hoeppner.

It's the second time since in less than nine months Hoeppner has needed surgery and doctors fear its a recurrence of the tumor he removed in December from his right temple. But nobody's sure whether the growth detected in a routine scan Friday is cancerous.

"We're hoping it's scar tissue, that's what our prayer is," Hoeppner said during a Tuesday evening news conference. "These tests, as I've come to find out, give you a pretty good indication whether it's enough of a possibility either way. But we don't want to sit around and see what it is these next three days.

The 59-year-old Hoosiers coach has had periodic checkups and scans since the first surgery.

On Friday, he went in for another MRI. Doctors got the results back over the weekend, but Hoeppner said they waited to meet with him until Monday - after the Hoosiers beat Ball State 24-23, their biggest comeback since 2002.

"Neurosurgeon Marshall Poor said in a written statement there was evidence of a possible recurrent tumor, and Hoeppner's medical team offered several options. "I said 'Can we do this in January or February?'" Hoeppner said while his wife, Jane, assistants and a few boosters watched. "And they said that's probably not a smart thing. So I'm deferring to their expertise."

The news was a surprise.

Since having surgery last winter, and taking time off the recruiting trail, Hoeppner had eased his way back into coaching. In June, he told The Associated Press he felt great, and when fall practice began, his wife, children and grandchildren joined him on the sideline.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday that Hoeppner appeared to be doing well during a coaches meeting in May and seemed better when they met again in July at the funeral for Northwestern coach Randy Walker. Walker, one of Hoeppner's close friends and his predecessor at Ohio, died of a heart attack at age 52.

"He's real positive, upbeat, he's a player's coach, highly competitive," Tressel said of Hoeppner. "When the game starts, he's as excited as anyone in the stadium."

Even Tuesday, Hoeppner said he felt well - a vast difference from the headaches that first prompted him to seek medical treatment in December.

"They're going to clean out the area, which means to cut something out," he said. "The good news is that they can do that area again without causing some peripheral side effects.

Hoeppner held his usual weekly news conference on Tuesday but never mentioned his illness after telling his assistants in the morning. He said he wanted inform his players personally, which he did before their afternoon practice.

Afterward, receiver Lance Bennett, one of the team's captains, gathered the team in prayer on the field.

"We walked into the locker room and saw a sign up that said team meeting at 2:30, so we didn't know what to expect," Bennett said. "When we got in there and heard that news, it was shocking. But he's upbeat, so it doesn't make it as depressing."

Hoeppner's health problems began late last year, after enduring his first losing season as a head coach. While on a trip to Cleveland to watch his prized pupil, Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, Hoeppner began having headaches. Hoeppner was flown to Miami and the Roethlisberger's career suffered.

"Ben is the only person I called outside the family," Hoeppner said Thursday, his voice quivering slightly. "He first said congratulations on the win and get another win this week. And call me when you get out of the hospital."

But the Hoosiers were 4-7 in Hoeppner's first season and ure 2-0 for the third straight year. It's the first time Indiana has opened three straight seasons with back-to-back wins in 100 years. Hoeppner is 34-32 in seven-plus seasons as a head coach.

Lynch has an overall record of 81-67-3 as a head coach.

MLB

Tigers trapped in late-season swoon

Detroit's bats have lost their pop after team's fast opening

Associated Press

DETOUR - The Motor City skyline was draped in clouds, and a steady rain patterned on the tarp-covered field at Comerica Park. If things weren't gloomy enough in Detroit on Tuesday, the Tigers only needed to look at the AL Central standings.

One of the biggest stories of this baseball season has been the Tigers' surprising turnaround. With the playoffs just three weeks away, Detroit finds itself as the focus of another story line - its collapse. At the end of the day on Aug. 7, Detroit was 76-36, eight games better than any other team. Their closest AL Central rival was Chicago at 10 games behind, with Minnesota facing a 10-1-2 game deficit.

Since then, the Tigers were 10-22 - only the Chicago Cubs were worse during that stretch in the majors - entering Tuesday's games. Their division lead had shrunk to 1-½ games over Minnesota and three games ahead of the White Sox. Fans in Detroit, who finally have something to cheer about after years of lousy baseball and a team that's been largely ignored, are understandably worried.

"The Tigers were 84-51 after play Sept. 1, 5-½ games ahead of Chicago and six games ahead of Minnesota. If Detroit does not finish first in the division, it would be the largest flop entering the final month of the season since 1995, when the California Angels lost a 7-1-2 game lead, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"If you're scared about what might happen, you shouldn't be here," pitcher Jeremy Bonderman said.

"We've been scuffling for the first three months, but we still have the same guys that were here when things were going better.

"They just aren't hitting as well. In the 32-game slide, the Tigers averaged just 3.6 runs and had a mere .247 batting average.
ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish close in on team goals, finish 12th in S.C.

Team hovers around 300 in three rounds of Cougar Classic, can't crack top-10 of competitive tournament

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame posted scores near its team goals but managed only a 12th-place finish out of 18 teams at the Cougar Classic at Yeaman's Hall Club in Hanahan, S.C. Monday and Tuesday.

The Irish (301-300-305; 42-over par) finished 33 strokes behind tournament winner Florida State.

"We were happy with our team scoring," senior Noriko Nakazaki said. "It's just that the other teams played better."

Nakazaki led the way for the Irish, posting a 220 (76-72-72; plus-4) to tie for No. 14 overall in the tournament.

Annie Brophy Irish freshman

"I can definitely improve. I shot a 3-under on the front nine in my third round. I should have been under-par [Tuesday]. It was upsetting." Noriko Nakazaki Irish senior

"I was pleased with how I played in the tournament."

Nakazaki's 72 was the low round for Notre Dame on Tuesday, with a 6-under 66.

"Overall, I was pleased with how I played in the tournament."

Freshman Kristen Wetzel (239, 82-75-81; plus 23) and senior Stacy Brown (243, 80-78-85, plus 27) also contributed scoring rounds for the Irish.

North Carolina's Lauren Hunt led all individual scorers with a 6-under par 210, while Florida State's Caroline Westrup shot the low round of the tournament on Tuesday with a 6-under 66.

Next on the Irish schedule is the Notre Dame Invitational at Yeaman's Hall Club Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24.

Before that begins, newly named head coach Susan Holt will join the team for the first time.

Holt is replacing former coach Debby King.

Assistant coach Kyle Veltri, who has led Notre Dame in South Bend, as the team was flying back to South Bend.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad hopes second match brings same end

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After a runner-up finish in the Baldwin-Wallace tournament last weekend, a confident Saint Mary's team will travel to face Albion tonight in a MIAA match. The Belles started fast this season, winning eight of their first ten matches. Over the weekend at Baldwin-Wallace, the team swept all three of its matches in pool play before falling to the host and eventual champion Yellow Jackets 3-1 (30-27, 16-30, 30-19, 30-28).

Saint Mary’s coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was impressed with the team's performance. “We were able to play a strong and consistent game throughout the tournament and dominated the group play,” Schroeder-Biek said. “The strength we showed in the tournament did wonders for our confidence.”

Before the tough loss to Baldwin-Wallace, the Belles defeated John Carroll 3-0 (30-19, 30-23, 30-20) to finish undefeated in group play and advance to the final. St. Mary’s easily defeated Lake Erie 3-0 (30-16, 30-8, 30-10) and Case Western 3-0 (30-22, 30-11, 30-23) on Friday.

The team faced Albion once already this season — the Britons were the Belles’ first opponent this year, in the Tri-State tournament. The Belles finished strong after a slow start, winning the match 3-2 (30-16, 27-26, 17-30, 30-10, 15-6).

Saint Mary’s senior Kristen Plakydj led the winning effort with 15 kills. Libero Anne Cusack starred defensively with 19 digs and freshman Lorna Supczynski added 12 digs and 11 kills. The win was one of four consecutive St. Mary’s victories that led to winning the Tri-State tournament title.

Albion has not fared as well as the Belles, however, losing five of its first six matches. The Britons are led by senior Kristen Slamer, who has tallied 53 kills on the season. Albion coach Melissa Walton and the Britons look to turn their season around with a league victory at home.

Schroeder-Biek believes her squad will be up to the challenge. “We've had a really balanced offensive attack and solid defense behind them.”

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Belles
continued from page 32 said: "I just need to focus on staying positive and staying on the fairways."
After finishing 15th in their last event — the non-conference Ferris State Invitational — Hamilton says the Belles have a lot on their plates as they seek their fifth-consecutive MIAA championship in 2006.
"We are looking to hit more consistently and improve from last week," Hamilton said. Belles sophomore Katie McNerney said Saint Mary's has a strong chance of placing at the top of the conference both this week and for the season.
"If the team continues to work as hard as we have been doing and can bring the individual and team aspects of golf together, we should win our conference again," she said.
Hamilton said he is considering playing freshmen in this and upcoming events.
"The freshmen are improving every week," he said. "They are still adjusting to playing at the college level but the team is very pleased with their progress."
But for now, the Belles will have to concentrate on the task at hand, beating Tri-State and the seven other MIAA teams.
Sei believes the squad's hard work will translate into an improved performance today.
"I'm going to focus on my game," she said. "I'm not intimidated by any opponent. I'm just there to beat the course."

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And as a result, Bresnahan and Manningham will pose different challenges. Bresnahan presents multiple threats as a receiver, kick returner and punt returner. He leads the team with six catches and 91 yards in two games this season. The senior also has two carries for 39 yards.
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He makes a point of giving recruits their own personal tour of campus—highlighting his own preferred parts of the University.
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freshmen so as the season goes on we will continue to improve and work better as one unit," senior goalkeeper Nicole Leach said.
Both teams carry nine freshmen on their rosters and rely on the younger players to make a big impact in the games.
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"He's a little bit of a top-notch,
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Gaul is the newest verbal com­
mit for the Irish — he gave his
word to the team Aug. 9 to enter
the fall class of 2005 and made his
decision a week before the
Under-17's won the Three
Nations Tournament in Rochester, New York.

"I would've liked to talk to
Jackson about committing and all that,
he would be like, 'I'm not trying to
put pressure on you — it's a big
decision and I don't want you to
make a decision you will regret,"
Gaul said. "You could tell they
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ariana Richards, 26; Brad Fischetti, 30; Harry Connick Jr., 38; Earl Holliman, 77

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have the discipline and the drive to take a creative idea and turn it into something great. The person you love will encourage you and contribute to your plans for the future. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may wish to make some changes to your residence, but now is not the time. Set aside some time to take a break and set a budget. You'll come up with a solution that is within your means. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will feel torn between two choices. Don't make a decision based on what other people want. You have to decide for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider what you can do to change your routine. Decide what is healthy and what isn't. Now is the time to make a to-do list and stick to it. You will gain respect. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have so much enthusiasm that everyone wants to mimic and an approach to life that is riveting. Practice what you preach and your life will be as wonderful as you portray. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A difficult project is about to be completed. Instead of thinking of the project as a barrier, consider it as an opportunity to display your abilities. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone may try to take advantage of you financially. Don't lend, borrow or get involved in joint financial deals. Love and romance are in the picture, as plans on exciting events for two. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in an activity that will bring you closer to your dream of the past. If you do something connected with an industry you long to be in, it could lead to something great. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be hard to pin down and even more difficult to keep up with. You will excite those who meet you and exhaust those you have known for some time. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The quieter you are about your plans, the less you will have to contend with. Watch what everyone else is doing and the people you have known for some time. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can come up with a great idea that can turn into a prosperous future if you stick to it and turn this rather shoestring project into something tangible. Your trendy style and unique way of doing things will enter prospective business partners' eyes. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let the dust settle before you decide to deal with emotional matters. Take a closer look at your financial position and make sure you have enough in the bank. Making changes to your living arrangements will do you some good. **

Birthday Baby: You are practical, clever, unique, adaptable and open-minded. You are courageous and have the stamina to finish what you start.

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HOCKEY RECRUITING

Magnificent 7

Standout prospects tell Irish coach they'll play for Notre Dame

By KYLE CASSILY
Sporf Writer

Jeff Jackson's rebuilding plans for Notre Dame have taken him back to his roots. The second-year Irish coach and the team's recruiting specialist, Andy Slaggert, have secured three verbal commitments from players on the U.S. Under-18 national team — where Jackson served as coach and senior director of the National Team Development Program (NTDP) for four years — and three more from the country's top junior hockey league.

And that, one recruit says, has given the Irish "the top one or two" recruiting class for the 2007-08 season.

The four years Jackson spent with the NTDP wasn't the only connection he had to a program that produced current Irish seniors Josh Sciba and Michael Bartlett and past Irish stars Brett Lebda and Rob Globke.

Ron Rolston, current head coach of the U.S. Under-18 team, served as associate head coach under Jackson during his tenure at Lake Superior State.

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 Rolston is also the brother of Brian Rolston — the star of Jackson's 1992 national champion Lakers and now a center for the Minnesota Wild.

"With [Jackson] being [with the NTDP], he knows the environment the kids are put in here," Ron Rolston said of the NTDP, located in Ann Arbor, Mich. "He knows that if he gets a player out of here, they're going to be ready to go as freshmen and be able to contribute right away just from the surroundings and environment they're put in there."


United States Hockey League forwards Ben Ryan (St. Louis, Mo.), John Haden (Tampa, Fla.) and Jordan Subban (Naperville, Ill.) committed to Notre Dame ahead of Jake Jackson.

But Jackson's rebuilding plans won't end with those six players.

"We're aware half the team are from players on the U.S. Under-18's," Jackson said. "And that, one recruit says, has given the Irish "the top one or two.""

FOOTBALL

Weis aware of receivers' talent

Coach prepares for fast Manningham, versatile Breaston

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's highly scrutinized secondary heading into 2006 has turned a few heads so far this season — shutting down Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson in the second half of a 14-10 win Sept. 2 and holding Penn State quarterback Anthony Morelli to 189 yards passing Sept. 9.

Saturday's matchup with Michigan will serve as another test. Given the dynamic receiving combination of Steve Breaston and Mario Manningham — a major threat, the Irish coach Charlie Weis answers questions during his weekly press conference at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

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By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

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