Panel addresses lack of media trust

Gallivan advisors discuss increase in biased news online, on T.V.

By CLAIRE REISING
New Editor

Public confidence in the media and decline in readership are two of the major problems facing journalists today, Professor Robert Schmuhl said at the forum "Confidence in Journalism: Regaining Public Trust." Monday.

The panel featured journalists on the advisory committee of Notre Dame's John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

Schmuhl, director of the Gallivan program, introduced the forum yesterday in McKenna Hall by contrasting

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Gates Foundation gives ND $20 million

Award for malaria research by professor ranks in top 10 single grants in University history

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded a $20 million grant to the University for a five-year research initiative to combat the causes and transmission of malaria—a disease that kills more than one million people each year.

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Collins and his team began working on their proposal nearly a year and a half ago, he said.

"We proposed to do research in something we're qualified to do—where we can use our strengths to answer important questions," The Gates Foundation is known for awarding grants to research

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Delayed opening does not hinder reservations

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The Hilton Garden Inn opened for business Thursday, three weeks later than expected.

The hotel, which was originally set to open in time for the Notre Dame home opener against Georgia Tech.

The hotel, located on Douglas Street, has 100 rooms, many of which were occupied this weekend.

"Business was strong this week and we were extremely happy with the turnout," General Manager Jim Benak said.

"We didn't sell out, but we didn't really plan to either. We had large crowds for dinner after the game and many people visiting who hadn't been back to campus in a while." The Hilton began taking reservations around two and a half weeks ago, Benak said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Easy being green

The Notre Dame mission statement reads, “The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensitivity to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many.”

Notre Dame students are well known for actively engaging in community service, and the University strongly promotes that its students are some of the most community-oriented in the world. The Catholic bishop of Notre Dame has led students to pursue a wide variety of service programs, from Teach for America to anti-abortion groups. However, one of the greatest causes of our time is often ignored at Notre Dame — environmentalism.

It has only been recently that the University really started addressing, launching the “It’s Easy Bein’ Green” at ND campaign. Several of the new buildings will have solar panels on their roofs, and the University even came together with the energy and Environmental task force in setting up recycling stations and several dorms and handing out blue recycling bags to tailgaters this past Saturday.

Although some certainly steps in the positive direction, the University is still a big environmental offender. Notre Dame still has a power plant that burns coal and natural gas, releasing thousands of tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year. According to ND’s Energy, and Environmental student task force, the University is 10-15 years behind Howard and Yale in establishing energy efficiency. Recycling bags are often contaminated and although all dorm rooms are supposed to be equipped with a blue recycling trashcan, few have them.

Nonetheless, our poor environmental record is not only the fault of the University, but also in part to the laziness of the students. One dorm — St. Edward’s — has even resisted the environmental clubs’ calls to establish a recycling commissioner in each dorm. Despite the fact that they are everywhere, recycling stations are rarely used, with students instead either opting not to take the time to pick through the trash. This bias is something you are reading right now will probably just be tossed into a garbage can instead of the newspaper-recycling bin.

Although the problem is great, the University and the students are moving in the right direction. This past Saturday marked the first time the administration and students collaborated on a project to help encourage recycling at tailgates and cookouts. The preliminary results have been positive, with over 120 bags of contamination-free recyclables collected in just the first parking lot.

In the long term, the University must seriously reexamine its energy use policy, and consider switching away from coal to solar and wind energy. It is time for the University and the student body to both strive towards helping ensure that the environment is kept safe.

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IN BRIEF

“Between Figurative and Abstract,” will feature paintings by Gao Xingjian. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m in O’Sullivan Library. The exhibit will end Nov. 11.

“Solid Flame: Fundamentals and Applications” seminar will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in 129 Bellartello Hall. Alex M. Maksay, research professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, will speak about solid flame fundamentals and applications of solid flame (SF).

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily.

There is a Post Graduate Service Fair Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m at the Joyce Center. Representatives from over 70 service programs will be present for students who wish to commit to a year or more of full-time service after graduation. The event is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

Fall intramural fees will start being collected Thursday. Monday can be composed of a Hounds SportCenter. College basketball will be $20 per team and intramural volleyball will be $20. The final deadline is Oct. 4.

The film “El Note” is playing Thursday at 7 p.m. in Browing Cinema, Bellartello Performing Arts Center. Director Gregory Vann is scheduled to be present. Tickets are $3 for students.

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By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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CEO addresses integrity
Brennan speaks about business ethics, standards

By DAVIS RHORER, JR.
News Writer

Capitalism extends far beyond maximizing profits John Brennan, CEO and chairman of Vanguard Group, said at Monday's lecture titled "The Market Value of Integrity." Brennan spoke to an audience of business school students and professors in Jordan Auditorium. He stressed the connection between corporate responsibility and ethics and asserted that character was, above all, the most important characteristic in a CEO, even surpassing confidence.

"Citing the corporate scandals of the last 10 years involving Enron, Worldcom and Tyco, Brennan demonstrated the drastic psychological effects of corruption — emphasizing the overwhelming feeling of "what a terrible place to be" felt by those who viewed American corporate society as corrupt and immoral.

"All business evil stems from ego or greed," Brennan said. "The fact of the matter is greed corrupts and greed is not good in the business world." But the overwhelming majority of businesses and corporations in the United States are operated by good and capable people, he said. The feeling of disillusionment with corporate America is emerging more than "a biased spurred on by a few terrible cases of corruption," Brennan said.

"We have to have high standards companies or businesses," work," he said. Action in the business place was another point heavily emphasized by Brennan, who felt that all employees of a company are obligated to maintain a degree of responsibility and honesty. "Defining an organization's character is what goes on everyday," Brennan said.

When asked about his own company, Brennan said that Vanguard dealt with companies that had a history of corruption only if those companies dealt with the issue quickly and overcame it. Vanguard, Brennan said, had a higher degree of ethics to maintain than most other companies due to its dealings with the savings and investments of individual people. "Those firms' sloppy ethics affected my clients' financial futures," he said. "The defining character is how people act in the everyday."

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While he admitted there will always be companies that "go over the edge" and that a degree of government regulation over business will always be necessary, Brennan stressed his belief in the overwhelming amount of honest leaders present in capitalist enterprises in the United States.

"The lecture was sponsored by the John A. Berges Endowment and is part of the Berges Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

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Iranian president speaks at Columbia

Ahmadinejad questions official version of 9/11, responds to criticism

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad questioned the official version of the Sept. 11 attacks and defended the right to doubt on the Holocaust in a tense appearance Monday at Columbia University, whose president accused the hard-line leader of behaving like "a petty and cruel dictator."

Ahmadinejad smiled at first, but appeared increasingly agitated, decrying the "insults" and "offensive speech" to his "sacred name" by Columbia President Lee Bollinger and audience members who took him to task over Iran's human-rights record and foreign policy, as well as Ahmadinejad's repeated statements denying the Holocaust and calling for its "disappearance of Israel."

"Mr. President, you exhibit all the signs of a petty and cruel dictator," Bollinger said, to loud applause.

He said Ahmadinejad's denial of the Holocaust "might fool the illiterate," and the knowledge of the Holocaust was evidence the "truth is the Holocaust is the most documented event in human history." Ahmadinejad roused the audience to applause, and after a religious invocation, said Bollinger's speech was "an insult to information and the knowledge of the audience here."

There were many insults delivered and claims were incorrect, regretfully," Ahmadinejad said, according to Bollinger's summary of Ahmadinejad's remarks earlier in the day.

But then he said he was defending the rights of European scholars, an apparent reference to a small number who have been prosecuted under national laws for denying or minimizing the Holocaust.

"There's nothing known as absolute," he said. He reiterated his desire to visit ground zero to express sympathy with the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, but then appeared to question whether al-Qaida was responsible.

"Why did this happen? What caused it? What conditions led to it?" he said. "Who truly was involved? Who was really involved and put it all together?"

Asked about executions of homosexuals in Iran, Ahmadinejad said the judiciary system executed violent criminals and high-level drug dealers, comparing them to microbes eliminated through medical treatment. Pressured specifically about punishment of homosexuals, he said: "In Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country."

With the audience laughing derisively, he continued: "In Iran we do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who's told you that we have this."

Bollinger was strongly criticized for inviting Ahmadinejad to Columbia, and had promised tough questions in his introduction to Ahmadinejad's talk. But the stringent and personal nature of his attack on the president of Iran was startling.

"You are either brazenly provocative or astonishingly uneducated," Bollinger told Ahmadinejad about the leader's Holocaust denial. During his prepared remarks, the Iranian president did not address Bollinger's accusations directly.

UN puts urgency on reducing emissions

UNITED NATIONS — With tales of rising seas and talk of human solidarity, world leaders at the first United Nations climate summit sought Monday to put new urgency into global efforts to reduce global warming emissions.

What's needed is "action, action, action," California's environmentalist governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, told delegates at the three-day UN conference and premiers.

The high-level administration showed no sign, however, that it would reverse its stand against mandatory emission cuts endorsed by 172 other nations. Some expressed fears the White House, with its own forum later this week, would launch talks rivaling the U.N. climate treaty negotiations.

President Bush didn't take part in the day's sessions, which drew more than 80 national leaders, but planned to attend a small dinner Monday evening, a gathering of key climate players hosted by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Ban set the day's theme in his opening speech, declaring that "the time for doubt has passed" on the issue of global warming and calling the U.N. climate talks "the appropriate forum for negotiating global action."

He organized the one-day summit to build momentum for December's annual climate treaty conference in Bali, Indonesia, where Europe, Japan and others hope to initiate talks for an emissions-reduction agreement to succeed the Kyoto Protocol in 2012.

The 175-nation Kyoto pact, which the U.N. seeks, requires 36 industrial nations to reduce carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. It set an average target of a 5 percent cut below 1990 levels by 2012 for emissions from power plants and other industrial, agricultural and transportation sources.

Advocates for emissions reductions say the Kyoto framework needs to be strengthened or replaced at Bali to ensure an uninterrupted transition from the 1997 Kyoto pact to a new, deeper-cutting regime, something that almost certainly would require a change in the U.S. position.
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**IN BRIEF**

Comcast hit with $4,000 fine

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission is proposing a $4,000 fine against Comcast Corp., telling viewers that the spot was financed by the maker of the product.

The fine was in response to a complaint by the Center for Media and Democracy, a media watchdog group, which said it marks the first time a company has been hit with a fine for an ad that does not list its sponsor.

**Social Security faces $13.6 trillion shortfall**

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration’s report on Social Security is facing a $13.6 trillion shortfall in coming years and that delaying reforms is not fair to younger workers.

A report issued by the Treasury Department said that some combination of benefit cuts and tax increases will be needed to permanently fix the funding shortfall. But White House officials stressed that President Bush remains opposed to raising taxes.

The report said delaying necessary changes reduces the number of people available to share in the burden of those changes and is unfair to younger workers. "Not taking action is thus unfair to future generations. This is a significant cost of delay," the report said.

In another key finding, the report said: "Social Security can be made permanent by solving the current and future tax revenue shortfalls. The proposals and strategies detailed in this report provide a foundation for ensuring that Social Security is solvent in the long term."
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insitutions, such as universities. “It is my experience that the foundation is not interested in giving small amounts of money to institutions. They like to give large amounts of money to large institutions, such as universities. That way they can control the dissemination of knowledge.”

The foundation’s grants are usually given to projects that work to revitalize the transmission of malaria and its prevention. “We have already supported a large number of projects in this area,” Collins said.

“Also, we see the impact of the behavior of the mosquito will help us understand transmission more completely and in greater detail,” he said.

Computer science students and faculty from the College of Engineering will play a key role in the project, as well as researchers from the Swiss Tropical Institute, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of Zurich.

The university, Representatives from Indonesia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe will also be part of the research.

Within the Notre Dame community, the department of computer science and engineering will spearhead the project, which will be led by a multidisciplinary team that includes engineers, mathematicians, epidemiologists and medical professionals. The project will include test areas in Africa and Asia.

“Even though many of us are focused on Africa, we also have a big component that will be in India, which represents a kind of step outside of the standard high transmission zone that’s typically looked at in Africa,” Collins said in a press release.

All Notre Dame is working with several other outside organizations, all of the money is going directly to the University. How the money is then distributed is at Collins discretion.

“Within the grant, we established sub-contacts to organize what we are going to do,” he said. “The collaborating organizations also helped in writing the initial proposal to the Gates Foundation.”

The Foundation assigns a program officer to each grant to oversee the progress of the initiative.

“The officer won’t tell us what to do or how to do it, but they will monitor to make sure we are meeting the milestones we set for ourselves at the beginning of the project,” Collins said.

The project’s officer will participate in conference calls and meet with the group throughout the five-year tenure.

The next step, Collins said, is an organizational one.

“We are now in the process of writing detailed protocols for our research,” he said.

The principle researchers and organizers will meet for a five-day conference in Zambia in December, where they will present the details of their project to an external advisory board and colleagues.

Collins has no plans to leave the University before the project is complete the project.

The Gates Foundation focuses on global health and development and was established in 2000 to “help the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people succeed in the United States and around the world,” according to the Gates Foundation Website.

It gave over $1,562,514,000 in grants in 2006 within the Foundation’s three main initiatives: global development, global health and the United States.

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changes to the final version of the ordinance with its establishment of the CGCC. “This cooperation and collaboration with the Common Council is unprecedented,” she said.

There was no extensive debate before the vote Monday. Public comments were heard Sept. 17, after which Council members decided to postpone their vote in order to make minor changes.

Common Council member David Varner praised the reasoned discourse that tamed an initially volatile proposal. He acknowledged that certain segments of the population felt targeted by the provisions of the new ordinance, but said the final draft “ends a good debate and a good discussion.”

Varner said, “It’s about responsibility, not retribution.”

Varner said he hopes the permit requirements will not be implemented when the CGCC goes into effect Oct. 5 at midnight, any paperwork needed to complete such a law is now on the books.

The permit rules – designed to locate a person responsible for each large event – Kirsis said require an event sponsor to provide the city with his or her name and proof of identity along with information about the property ownership, number of people expected to attend, starting and ending times of the party and a description of the type of music which would be played.

If the rules are enacted, residents will be charged $5 to apply for a permit and an additional $15 if the permit is granted. Failure to file for a required permit would be subject to a $500 fine for a first offense and a $1,000 fine for each subsequent offense.

Kirsis emphasized the permit requirement would not be aimed at small gatherings.

“Let’s cut to the chase,” he said Sept. 17. “This is about those keggers.”

The ordinance is meant to cut down on any major disturbances in residential neighborhoods, he said — not just those caused by Notre Dame students.

“This isn’t about Notre Dame,” he said. “It’s about students moving off campus for the first time — it’s like ‘woohoo.’”

“There are rules of conduct in residential communities, not just at Notre Dame. He said.”

In addition to the party permit legislation, the bill includes rules allowing residents to purchase parking permits for their lawn parking on Notre Dame home football games. The parking rules for the two issues was cited at numerous meetings as a reason the ordinance was addressed without delay, as Council members sought to finalize lawn parking rules before the fall semester was well underway.

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Putting Study in Study Abroad

The place of international studies in a liberal arts education.

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2007
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Speaker: Tony Messina, Associate Professor Political Science

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If you can see Chuck Norris, he can see you. If you can’t see Chuck Norris, you may live only two seconds away from death.

Those, my friends, are words to live by.

These days, Chuck Norris enjoys international fame and a well-deserved place among the pantheon of American heroes. He is a phenomenon that crosses all boundaries, be they cultural, political, religious, sexual, racial, or other. He is a man whose popularity, far from declining with his age, only waxes as he ripens into his upper 60s. Chuck Norris has roundhouse-kicked his way into our televisions, our movies, and our hearts.

Right now Chuck Norris is on my wall. Not literally — that wouldn’t work — but in the form of a poster for a 1982 action movie called “Silent Rage.” My roommate and I found this little gem at the University Park Mall and we could hardly contain our excitement. The large tagline near the top of the poster reads: “Science created him. Now Chuck Norris must destroy him.”

Below that is more description — ah, but how this poor language fails me! “Description” does not accurately capture the poetry contained in these words. “He’s an indescribable man fused with powers beyond comprehension. / An unstoppable woman who in one final showdown, will push Chuck Norris to his limits. / And beyond.” Below the text (and a picture of Chuck Norris sporting a shrill’s hedge and ten gallon hat, the title “Silent Rage” appears in bulky shadowed black letters. Next to this, a smaller image of Chuck Norris, shirtless, delivers a kick to the word “Rage” so that it begins to crumble and crack in half. This poster aply showcases the selling power of Chuck Norris. In the movie he plays Texas sheriff Steven’s, but you see no mention of that character on the poster. Instead the actor’s name appears multiple times like a brand product. The marketing genius at Columbia Pictures knew they were not going to sell this film on the basis of the plot alone. (In case you’re curious, the story follows Chuck Norris as he battles a re-animated murderer he previously shot and killed, but whom scien­tists brought back to life with rejuvenat­ ing powers.) So they tried to sell the film based on Chuck Norris’ superstar charm, his captivating charisma, and his unassailable martial arts skills.

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I would like to respond to the comments Dan Toler made on the Jena Six on Monday (“Hate is no matter what color,” Sept. 24). While I can understand what Dan means, I feel he is ignoring some key facts. Here is a brief recap of the facts: Last fall, a new black student sat under the “white” tree. The next day three white boys hung three moose heads on the tree. Six days later a white student hung a black student under the “white tree.” The local D.A. decided to charge the kids as adults, and the first to go to trial was his 17-year-old cousin. He was later acquitted by an all-white jury and could face up to 22 years in prison.

The issue here is injustice. I agree with Dan Toler, the Jena Six should be punished for their actions. However, it is clear by Dan’s comment, “When do African-Americans get a pass on promoting good race relations?” that he has failed to realize that protesters are not demanding that the Jena Six be let off the hook. They are arguing that the charges were excessive and that the Jena Six should be tried in a juvenile court.

It is quite clear that the legal system in Jena has given the whites involved in these events merely a slap on the wrist (or a free pass, to use Dan’s words), while filing excessive charges against the blacks.

People wore black last Thursday because they want fair and appropriate punishment for both the blacks and whites in Jena.

Justice also means equality.

Alternative ways to fight ordinance

I have been following your coverage of the proposal to ban open carrying of firearms on campus.

Since or less than a quarter of the student body, and I am reasonably certain that only a small minority of all undergraduate students are at the heart of this problem. Whether or not the Common Council is ever going to carefully consider this ordinance, there may be some justification for their concerns, nevertheless.

I am a student at ND some years ago now, and when I lived on campus all four years, I remember that the trek back at closing time from what was then known as Frankle’s could be somewhat raucous.

However, if the Common Council is singularly Notre Dame students for disparate treatment, there should be recourse through the courts to have the ordinance nullified on constitutional grounds.

That said, if Notre Dame students feel they are being made unwelcome by the South Bend Council, then they should explore every opportunity to take their business elsewhere. If a concerted effort, for example, was made to purchase all necessities (beer, wine, etc.) outside of South Bend, (in say, Niles and Mishawaka) perhaps the Common Council would have a better appreciation of the value that the Notre Dame students bring to South Bend year round.

Perhaps too, the University could make Notre Dame housing available to students away from the troubled neighborhood by providing accommodations in apartments at, or houses to the north and east of the campus outside of South Bend.

If students were directed to suitable housing where their presence would be less disruptive, I am sure that many students would choose to live in areas that are safe, welcoming, and convenient to campus outside of South Bend.

If nothing else, a skirmish such as this one can be a good vehicle to take everyone’s mind off the football season, and with winter just around the corner, a little something to keep the blood pumping is in order.

Mark McGuire
sophomore
Keough Hall
Sept. 24

AllianceND focuses on tolerance, support

I wanted to talk about a certain group I represent, AllianceND. You might know this group better by those orange ‘Gay? Fine by me’ shirts. Indeed, I find it encouraging that the police department has to evaluate the culture within the State. They surely understand that during our collegiate years, the average student is going to consume alcohol.

That's just the way it is, and Step One in dealing with underage drinking is understanding that such behavior is inevitable and, regrettably, with this particular problem, whether or not people want to admit it, drinking is as much a tradition at Notre Dame (and almost every university in the country) as football and Frosh-O.

Overly enforcing the law is not the smoothest attempt at erosion of a mostly longed for and respected facet of our university's identity. Why can we all laugh at the flipper's legendary boulevard, but not at current college juniors having a drink? I know it may be a harsh reality, but Notre Dame, please listen; you're making your students extremely unhappy. Nobody wants to hear that the normal University of Notre Dame grad has at least two or three of your students on their record.

It's not a good state. We are asking for reasonable regulation. We love Notre Dame, and we don't want to look on for years with such negative memories.

As well as we know happy alumni give more money back to the school, so help us love it here. It's good for the endowment.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

The Observer

Reasonable regulation is key

I love Notre Dame. I really do. I love the campus as well as everything about this place. But this weekend, my friend, a 20-year-old junior, was ticketed for blowing a .05 at an off-campus party.

Since going to Notre Dame, the second week of our freshman year, my group of friends has received at least two tickets or tickets each. For the most part, these citations were examples of being at the wrong place at the wrong time, with each of them blowing less than .10 every time.

In light of all the political controversy regarding the new South Bend party ordinance, it is particularly important that students voice a reasonable response to these community issues.

When we’re drinking underage, we know it against Indiana State Law, and we could be penalized for breaking such laws. We get it. We’re not ignorant of our wrongs. We fully comprehend the consequences necessary to preserve both the peaceful atmosphere of our institution and safety of the community.

I think I speak for all of the student body when I say that we also realize that with the intensely high number of people who attend this university during the entire season, there is little room for leniency in this department.

That being said, after three years of living at Notre Dame, I have yet to find a happy medium between respecting state law and being accused of turning Notre Dame into Wisconsin-Madison on the weekends.

I have to question whether South Bend police breaking up an off-campus party are truly concerned with the health and safety of their fellow St. Joseph’s County residents, or whether they have to meet their usual quota (which has probably been elevated since the ordinance was presented). I know I am not the first to dare to admit I am not a representative of this group, but I am not a representative of this group, but I am not afraid to write regarding this issue, however, because I believe the increasingly strict law enforcement has become a serious strain on the student body.

To a certain extent, this definitely believe that the police department has to evaluate the culture within the State. They surely understand that during our collegiate years, the average student is going to consume alcohol.

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Carla DeMarco-Sanchez
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Sep. 23

Letters to the Editor

THE OÆERVER
Hopes are high for new seasons

The new television season is upon us and I once again have certain dreams and expectations when it comes to my favorite characters and series. Inevitably I will be disappointed by some of the developments (for example, when "Arrested Development" got cancelled or when Joey and Rachel got together on "Friends."). But the start of the new season offers me hope.

Attending a new beginning and a new hope. So here is my 2007-2008 television season wish list.

Television, don’t break my heart.

My first wish is by far the most important. Each season a truly amazing show flirts with cancellation due to a negligible audience who should really just listen to those television critics. Last season two such shows faced this direful fate, but thanks to the saving hand of ex-NBC President, Kevin Reilly, “30 Rock” and “Friday Night Lights” lived to see another day. I wish that these series live to see not just another day but another few seasons. The best comedy and best drama on television deserve a large and dedicated audience.

My second wish involves the campy and colorful “Ugly Betty.” Week after week we see Betty Suarez take her problems head on as she juggles her complicated home life and the unforgiving fashion world. But does Betty get her happy ending? We not only had to suffer as the braces-clad heroine pined after cute accountant Henry, but once her happiness was in arm’s reach, it was ripped away byHenry’s ex-girlfriend. I wish for Betty’s happiness, even just for one or two episodes.

Alison’s sister Debbie (Leslie Mann) has who lies and ignores her on a regular basis. In season three, the single-camera sitcom is still fighting for predominance. I’m one to shun the multi-camera sitcom with its irritating laugh track, but I do make an special exception for “How I Met Your Mother.” It’s like “Friends,” but updated and a little true to real life. In season two, the episode “Slap Bet” – by far one of the funniest episodes of television last season - gave us two delightful treats. The first was the introduction of the slap bet. Everyone loves watching a good slap. The second treat was the revelation that friend Robin is actually a former Canadian teen pop princess who went by the name of Robin Sparkles. The full video for her hit single “Let’s Go to the Mall” is available online and it’s a doozy. I wish that season three brings us not only more slap bets, but more of Robin Sparkles’ glorious music.

And last but certainly not least, I have a very special wish concerning “The Office.” While much attention is devoted to Jim and Pam, my favorite Office relationship by far is Dwight and Angela. Season three introduced us to the multiple dimensions of their connection. While Jim and Pam have a somewhat dramatic relationship, Dwight and Angela offer us the most comedy out of their union. The two crazies found each other and, in the process, made the other less crazy. Therefore, my final wish for the new television season is a Dwight and Angela’s. I can imagine the pair keeping their relationship a secret as Angela’s protruding belly enters each trimester. Pray that I will have my wish come true.

While “The Office” and “Ugly Betty” are not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Cassie Belek at cb358@ohio.edu

America Ferrera plays Betty Suarez in the hit comedy-series “Ugly Betty.”

"Knocked Up," the comedy from the makers of 40-Year Old Virgin, is a film that has grossed millions of dollars worldwide. As the film comes out on DVD, I warn that this flick is not for everyone.

The problem with "Knocked Up" is that the subject matter was very serious, meaning some moments in the movie caused more tears than laughter.

The main two couples in the film dealt with complicated, but familiar life-altering situations, which make the subject matter too realistic to be funny. After Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl) finds out she is pregnant with Ben Stone’s (Seann William Scott) baby, the movie switches from comedy to depressingly where Alison is crying that Ben is neither supportive nor capable of being a decent father or relationship partner. Alison’s sister Debbie (Leslie Mann) has 80 an equally difficult time with the man in her life, husband Pete (Paul Rudd), who lies and ignores her on a regular basis.

Had the women’s behavior been depicted as funny, the film as a whole would have been a comedy. But the women were instead portrayed as the victims and the men as the insensitive jerks. Alison and Ben’s relationship is at the center of most of the movie’s main relationships. Luckily they deal with other characters and are not related to the movie’s main relationships. Luckily the film ends with Ben pulling his life together and making a home for Alison and their baby, but the couple only reached that point after a sad and depressing nine months.

Pete tells Ben, “Marriage is like that show ‘Everybody Loves Raymond,’ but it’s not funny. All the problems are the same, but you know instead of all the funny, pitiful dialogue, everybody is really pissed off and tense.” That’s how "Knocked Up" was - like an episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond," but not as funny.

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Despite its global success, "Knocked Up" may not be a comedy for everyone.
On Tuesday night, all of your maladies will be cured. All those itchy little voices in your head telling you to always say nice things, always be polite, and to say everything you would if you were at quick enough to think of it and be gutsy enough to say it out loud.

"House" has come a long way. Three seasons ago "House, M.D." premiered to a healthy audience and quickly began bringing in awards, everything from Emmys to Golden Globes (two of which went straight to Hugh Laurie for Best Actor in a Drama Series). The show has also received a Humanitas award, a Screen Actors Guild award and the Peabody award for Best Electronic Media.

Throughout the next two seasons the ratings began to climb, and last season Gregory House managed to show to challenge Fox's other mega-hit, "American Idol." Executive producer Katie Jacobs and creator David Shore have brought "House" full circle. Tonight the world will find out how House deals with being "Alone," the title of the premier episode. Earlier this summer Jacobs went to Fox and asked if they could "play survivor" on "House" in order to find his new team of doctors.

The plan is to start with 40 prospective employees and have House narrow them down as the season continues. Rumor has it that one of the surviving M.D.'s will be Kal Penn of Harold & Kumar fame. Whatever happens, it won't be conventional, that's for sure. Let's just hope these doctors can handle "House"'s House of Pain.

**Quotable Quotes From House**

"There's no 'I' in team, but there is a me though if you jumble it up a bit."  

"People choose the paths that grant them the greatest rewards for the least amount of effort."  

House's Complex Background Sets Stage for Drama

If you are a newcomer to the world of "House," you might want to take the time to read this background based on the first three seasons. It will leave you fully prepared to enjoy the next season.

Gregory House is a diagnostician with a specialty in infectious diseases. He works at Princeton Plainsboro Hospital under the ever-watchful eyes of Dr. Lisa Cuddy, Dean of Medicine. She manages to put up with House's unorthodox methods and ever-present insults about her ever-plunging neckline.

House's best friend is Dr. James Wilson, an oncologist whose office is next door to House's. Wilson is around to foil House, point out his flaws and be his conscience. Wilson is probably the only person House will listen to. (It's a known fact that the series attempts to mirror Sherlock Holmes House/Holmes, Wilson/Watson.)

A number of years ago House had an infarction in his right thigh. If it happens in your heart, it's a heart attack; in your brain, it's a stroke; and in the muscle, it's an infarction. His doctors wanted to remove the leg but House refused. Instead, he insisted they cut off the muscle and let it die. He still has his leg, but it's basically immobile. That's why he walks with a cane.

House is also addicted to Vicodin. In his words, "If I'm in a butt load of pain, I need a butt load of pills." For the past three seasons House has had three doctors working for him — Dr. Eric Foreman (neurologist), Dr. Robert Chase (intensive care), and Dr. Allison Cameron (pathologist). They managed to survive under House's rule and even learned from him as they were forced to do his bidding and challenge his decisions.

Cameron had a crush on House in the first season, but after she forced him to go on a date with her that quickly dissolved. During the last season Chase developed a crush on Cameron that was finally requited in the season finale. At the end of last season, Foreman quit because he did not want to turn into House. Instead of talking to Foreman and asking him to stay (as Wilson was suggesting), House turned around and fired Chase, saying that Chase had learned all he could. In the last 30 seconds of the finale Cameron handed House her letter of resignation. The team disbanded and left House completely on his own.

It remains to be seen whether this season will go, but if it is anything like the previous installments of "House," it is sure to be a dramatic and enjoyable ride.

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**Falling in Love with Hugh**

Hugh Laurie is television's most respected British comedian. Or at least, that's how he started. Laurie began cracking jokes in college while he attended Cambridge. He was president of the undergraduate comedy team the Footlights Club with Emma Thompson, who was vice president. After Cambridge he began to work with Steven Fry, who became his true comedy partner.

"A Bit of Fry and Laurie" is classic British comedy. This sketch show began in the 80s and featured Fry and Laurie portraying a myriad of characters. The jokes are still good — the DVD's have recently been released and are selling well. Last season One this summer, and, while watching it one night, turned around to find my entire family laughing out loud on the couch. Thud!" says Matthew P. Wilson "House" meets "Saturday Night Live."

Fry and Laurie also did a series called "Fleabag and Whoopee," which was big in Britain. Laurie's most well known work in America is probably his role in the "Blackadder" series, with Rowan Atkinson (who is currently starring in the movie "Mr. Bean's Holiday").

Aside from British humor, Laurie has appeared in many bit-roles in American films. He was Jasper in "101 Dalmatians," played the devil in "Stuart Little." In 2004 he starred with Dennis Quaid in "Flight of the Phoenix." While stranded in the desert filming on location for that movie, he recorded an audition tape for a new American TV show slated to be called "Medical Mystery."

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Nats win over Mets opens door for Phillies

Fielder hits league-leading 48th home run to help bring Brewers within three games of division-leading Cubs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets couldn't get off to a fast start on their season-ending homestand.

By the end of the night, they just wanted to move on.

The Mets squandered a chance to widen their lead in the NL East as Austin Kearns hit a three-run homer and Ronnie Belliard drove in three more in the Washington Nationals' 13-4 victory Monday.

"It's over now," New York manager Willie Randolph said. "We have to get ready for tomorrow."

New York's magic number remained at five and its lead in the division dropped to two games over idle Philadelphia. The Mets play the Nationals again Tuesday while the host Atlanta is in the opener of a three-game series.

"It's embarrassing with the season on the line to go out there and get embarrassed on your own home field," said David Wright, who had three hits.

Carl Crawford went 2-for-5 and Moises Alou extended his club-record hitting streak to 28 games, a six-inning double for the Mets, who had won four of five. Alou also committed an error in left that allowed a run to score in the fourth.

Brewers first baseman Prince Fielder is congratulated after hitting his 48th home run of the year Monday in Milwaukee's 13-8 win over New York.

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NEW YORK — The New York Yankees took a day off Monday. At least, that's how it looked.

The Yankees' drive for a playoff spot paused, with Andy Pettitte falling behind early and a small crowd watching Toronto rookie Jesse Litsch pitch the Blue Jays to a 4-1 victory.

"It definitely felt like a makeup game," Pettitte said.

Bedschelled from an April 25 rainout, there was hardly any energy in the ballpark. That is, until it was over.

Then, in their version of noke hazing, the Yankees made their newcomers dress up in Wizard of Oz costumes for the bus ride to the airport and flight to Tampa Bay. There was plenty of hooting and hollering, and the rucks all posed for pictures.

Joe Thomebrother drew the Cowardly Lion, Edwin Ramirez was the Wicked Witch of the West and Ian Kennedy was Dorothy.

"I think I got the short end," Kennedy said, stepping into his sparkly, ruby red slippers.

Had things clicked right, the Yankees could've clinched a postseason berth — they needed a win, a coupled with a Detroit loss later against Minnesota.

Instead, the Yankees never quite woke up in their final home game of the regular season and fell two games behind idle Boston in the AL East.

Alex Rodriguez drew the Yankees' lone run for his 147th hit of the season. It barely rolled halfway down the first-base line. Many hitters swing at the first pitch as New York lost for just the fourth time in the last 18 games.

"We weren't anything offensively today," manager Joe Torre said.

There were only about 12,000 people in the stands when the game started. Officially, there were 23,567 fans at the park. According to TV ratings, if any were said, this counted as the Yankees' 50th sellout of the year. That brought their season attendance to a record

4,272,356, breaking last year's mark of 4,243,780.

Still, it was a sleepy afternoon for most everyone on the New York side. Derek Jeter missed an easy grounder for an error, Rodriguez let a bouncer roll underneath his glove and Pettitte (4-9) struggled.

Kennedy had a tough start, too, and he didn't even pitch. The 22-year-old was briefly stopped at the players' entrance by a guard who didn't recognize him.

Litsch (7-9) also looked a little different, at least to the Yankees. They'd tagged him twice this season, but this time he pitched five-hit ball for 2 2/3 innings without a walk.

"You want to keep people out as much as you want to win yourself," Litsch said.

Cory Jayssenn finished for his sixth save.

Litsch started in place of A.J. Burnett, who left the Blue Jays for a day on what they described as "personal business."

Burnett's appearance appeared to be a break for the Yankees. He was 0-0 with an 0.66 ERA in two starts against them this season.

Instead, Litsch and the Blue Jays did fine on their own.

"We're going after our own pride," manager John Gibbons said. "I've never seen them tank it.

The Blue Jays also had a no-hit moment. With two outs and runners at the corners in the eighth, left fielder Reed Johnson caught a fly ball and fired home, forgetting the inning was over.

Pitching for the first time since posting his 200th career victory, Pettitte fell behind walk 3-0 in the second inning.

Twins 2, Tigers 0

Nearly 33,000 fans were on hand for the finale, hoping the Detroit Tigers would rally in the ninth inning to maintain their thin American League Central lead.

They let out a collective sigh when Iwroti fell short and took another step toward losing a chance to defend the American League title.

Minnesota's Carlos Silva shut down Detroit over 7 2/3 innings in a victory Monday night that put the Tigers on the brink of elimination from the playoff race.

"I think it's kind of sad," losing pitcher Nate Robertson said. "A lot of people were enjoying our run."

"But we're still not out of it," Robertson said. 

Mathematically, that's true. The Tigers (85-72) are one loss, or a New York Yankees' win, from officially being relegated to watching this postseason.

The Tigers have lost five of their last seven games, speeding up the seemingly inevitable conclusion to their season.

New York leads Detroit in the AL wild-card race by 5 1/2 games.

"There is not one guy here that is not going to show up tomorrow," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "There's a lot of people that are not going to let us lose."

"With Carlos, a lot was said as to whether he would be able to go or not," Gardenhire said. "He's answered those questions."

Orioles 3, Royals 2

In a season filled with negatives, the Baltimore Orioles can perhaps derive a bit of consolation from one noteworthy accomplishment: They never lost to the Kansas City Royals.

Nick Markakis hit a tiebreaking, two-run home run in the eighth inning and the Orioles completed a season sweep of the Royals with a victory Monday night.

Baltimore went 7-0 against Kansas City. It's only the sixth time in club history that Baltimore swept a season series from an AL opponent.

The Orioles are assured a 10th straight losing season, and they still have a chance to finish in last place in the AL East. But they sure knew how to handle the Royals.

"They scored more runs than we have," Kansas City manager Buddy Bell said with no small degree of irritation.

The game was a makeup of a rainout on April 15. The announced attendance was 15,769, but there were no more than a few hundred fans in the stands.

Bell wasn't exactly thrilled about leaving Detroit for Baltimore before going to Chicago in the span of three days. He was less enamored with playing a doubleheader, but he was trying to figure out why we didn't play a day game," Bell said before the game.

The Orioles probably would have preferred a day off, but they didn't have any choice.

"This is the final week for us at home, and it's a good way to get it started," manager Dave Trembley said. "I thought the guys showed a lot of hustle tonight. They played hard. There was a lot of enthusiasm from the first inning."

Markakis hit his 22nd homer on an 0-1 pitch from Glen Meche (9-13), who allowed seven hits in his first complete game of the season.

Markakis struck out twice and grounded into a second double play, base driving a curveball over the center-field wall.

Meche, a rookie, allowed two on and no outs in the sixth, but Silva got out of the jam with a double play — despite the Tigers executing a hit and run — and a sacrifice fly.

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Twins second baseman Placido Polanco catches a pop fly during Detroit's 2-0 loss Monday to Minnesota.
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Piniella, Cubs see finish line after wild season

une 2 temper tantrum looked upon as one turning point in Cubs rise to first place in NL Central over Brewers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Lou Piniella called upon decades of baseball knowledge when the Chicago Cubs were scuffling for the first two months. He watched intently, took mental notes and then started swapping out the parts.

Finally, he used some theories to literally kick-start his team. Turns out, a diet-kicking temper tantrum against umpire Mark Wegner on June 2 was just what the Cubs needed, whether it was premeditated or not, whether it was the old Lou resurfacing in the more mellow one.

"It's just evolved. I don't think there were any turning points. We had to do some things to straighten ourselves out and just let the guys play," Piniella said. "If things aren't working — and they weren't working earlier in the year — you try to do different things to shore things up."

The Cubs fell nine games under .500 that day after Piniella was ejected, but are 61-42 since June 3. Now, 3 1/2 months later, Chicago is on the cusp of clinching the NL Central. The magic number is four headed into the first two months. Ile is four headed into the 1/2 months later, Chicago on the cusp of clinching the NL Central.

The Cubs have a comfortable working margin, but the franchise has a long history of gut-wrenching collapses, like in 1969 when they led by 7 1/2 games on June 3. Now, 3 1/2 months later, they're still nine games left before the wild card by 1 1/2 games.

Three years ago, they led nine games in the eighth inning of Game 6, they were a mere five outs from the World Championship of Game 6, they were a mere five outs from the World Series. But Florida scored eight runs after a fan interfered with a foul ball, went on to win that night and again in Game 7.

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Piniella mixed those young players with veterans like Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez and Derrek Lee. He moved future Hall of Famer, who was languishing on the bench and nearly traded, into the starter's role in center field and he also got a strong season from lefty starter Ted Lilly. All those have helped make the Cubs winners — they have 12 victories in their last 16 games.

"So, nothing is safe. Not that past means much to a manager, the Cubs led the Marlins 3-1 in the NL Championship Series. With a 2-0 lead in the eighth inning of Game 6, they were a mere five outs from the World Series. But Florida scored eight runs after a fan interfered with a foul ball, went on to win that night and again in Game 7."

"I've been preparing for this eventuality, for this last week," Piniella said. "Now we've got business to take care of and hopefully we can do it soon so we can rest our team a little bit. But the important thing is getting it done, so we're going to South Florida on Tuesday and go out and give it everything we got."

For general manager Jim Hendry, it was Piniella's leadership that kept the Cubs from getting into an even bigger hole.

"I thought Lou did a good job of weathering the storm and keeping everybody together," Hendry said. "Lou didn't panic. It's not easy to play when you're 8 or 9 games down. We were not far from being in a serious situation we couldn't have gotten out of."

"Now they're not far from the playoffs. The Cubs have only been to the postseason four times since their last World Series appearance in 1945. They haven't won the World Series since 1908."

"We knew when we came out of spring training that had the makings of a playoff-caliber team," Delcosa said. "We didn't get off on the right foot the way we would have liked to, but we found a hot streak at the right time and we're getting it done."

So, nothing is safe. Not that past means much to a team that was overhauled in the offseason with $300 million going to salaries. The Cubs traded Milwaukee this season by 8 1/2 games on June 23 but have caught and passed the young and talented Brewers.

"Nothing has been clinched yet," said second baseman Mark DeRosa, one of the key offseason acquisitions. "Milwaukee, I have a lot of respect for them. They've played hard all year and we know they're not going to go down easy."

The season has been a memorable one already for the Cubs. A franchise-record attendance of 3.25 million came to Wrigley Field. There was a fight in the dugout and clubhouse between ace Carlos Zambrano and catcher Michael Barrett, who was later traded; a brawl with the Padres: a $91 million contract extension for Zambrano, who criticized the fans for booing him and then later apologized. The temperature-sensitive right-hander has a career-high 17 wins but also 13 losses and has been bothered by heat cramping.

"All this with the knowledge since opening day that the team is going to go on the auction block, probably sometime after the World Series.

"The 64-year-old Piniella is going to salaries. The Cubs have never wavered in using their young players. Reliever Carlos Marmol has pitched 22 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings and catcher Geoany Soto, a late callup after an MVP season in the Pacific Coast League, has given the team another strong bat and good defense behind the plate.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Panbong throws 70-yard TD on first play in win

Failed extra point leaves Badin just short of BP, Welsh Fam offense overwhelms Lewis with four touchdowns

By KEVIN HENRY, ANTHONY STANTE, ELLEN DINN, OR CRIN DASATTI, ERIC PRISTER and PATRICK STYNES

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Panbong 16, Lyons 0

The Chicks wasted little time in scoring during their shutout win Sunday over Lyons.

The sophomore quarterback Gabby Tate connected with sophomore wide receiver Meghan Bescher for a 70-yard touchdown on the first play of the game. The Panbong defense, however, was pivotal in the Chicks' victory. "We've been really working hard in practice on our defense, and it really showed up today," Panbong coach Matt Mattingly said.

Bescher said the defense's solid play allowed her offense to open up. "Our defense really gave our offense momentum and gave our young receivers a lot more comfortable feeling in themselves," Bescher said.

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Breen-Phillips 7, Badin 6

The defensive units kept the game close before Breen-Phillips scored a victory over Badin that came down to an extra-point conversion.

On the game's lone touchdown came on a pass by junior quarterback Meghan McGlinn. Badin held Breen-Phillips scoreless for the rest of the game and scored its only touchdown on an interception return. But the seniors were unable to convert the extra point and came up just short of ending the game in the back.

Farley 7, Cavanaugh 6

In a tough defensive battle Farley just squeezed by Cavanaugh Sunday.

Farley junior wide receiver and captain Jenny Bobo was on the receiving end of the Chicks’ few big plays, scoring two touchdowns. The junior quarterback Brittany Baron on the opening drive. Sophomore defensive end Kaitlin Faryn helped the Chicks' interception also gave Farley's defense an early lead, but Cavanaugh's touchdown came midway through the first half from junior quarterback Katie Dunn to senior wide receiver Eliza Suarez. But despite three interceptions by the Chicks defense (two by senior middle

linebacker Lizzy Brown and one by senior defensive back Kim Halpin), the game came down to one extra-point attempt following a touchdown.

Bobo gave credit to the Chaos defense for a good game.

"Cavanaugh's defense was really good, and we're getting better each game," Bobo said. "It's just making those big plays and finishing our chances, which we're improving at."

"We'll get a couple good days, we just have to string them together."

"We're the most dangerous team in the league," Bescher said. "Our defense has really stepped up in big games." Bescher said that the Chicks defense picked up its intensity as the game went on.

"I think we definitely have our defense more prepared to win games now because we obviously want to make it to the playoffs, so we can't afford to lose again," Bescher said. "Our team has a phenomenal defense, so it's going to be up to the offense to make stuff happen."

As Breen-Phillips looks to continue its dominance Thursday against Pasquerella West, Lewis hopes to bounce back when it takes on Badin.

"We've got a lot to prove out there," Shumaker said. "We can do a lot, that did here in the second half, I think we've got a chance."

Walsh 20, McGlinn 0

Walsh proved that it is a force to be reckoned with, cruising to its third victory of the season with a shutout victory over McGlinn.

Wild Women senior quarterback Mary Sullivan connected with sophomore receiver Sierra Smith, freshman receiver Sven Mawhinney and senior receiver Marie Brenner to drive down the field twice early in the game to jump out to an early lead that would not disappear.

Sullivan hit Hudley on a quick slant, who then turned it up the field and outran defenders for the first score. On the ensuing possession, the McGlinn offense looked out of sync. The pressure of the Walsh defense, lead by junior Elizabeth Berger, proved to be too much for Shannocks junior quarterback Sarah de Groot.

"It was a great game. All the players, both the seniors and the younger players are really meshing together," Walsh coach J.J. Reene said. "All the coaches know what they're doing, and the players are executing well.

The Walsh defense looked stout throughout the contest. Allowing only 43.4 yards per game, the stingy linebacker corps and the quick defensive line force every offense for every game have faced. What has been most impressive about this defensive unit, however, has been their ability to step up in big spots.

The Shannocks threatened in the second half as de Groot completed a bomb to Kathleen Stanley, but the defense held up and forced McGlinn to turn the ball over on downs.

Later in the game, Shannocks senior captain Taryn Lewis intercepted Sullivan's pass, the Wild Women defense once again forced a turnover on downs to seal the game.

McGlinn, however, did see some bright spots. After initially having trouble in the first half establishing a running game or developing any momentum on offense, de Groot and sophomore running back Tina Koranba found some movement upfield in the second half.

"I'm really excited about our team, especially the defense who played very well. Aside from the two or three big plays, we were right with Walsh," Shannocks coach Jeff Paramore said. "A couple different things go our way, some of the incomplete passes are caught or on target, and it's a different ballgame."

Walsh faces Howard today and McGlinn plays today against Cavanaugh.

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more Jon Sarna was hurried all day, and nearly all of his 12 pass attempts were highly contested or broken up at the line. He completed five passes for 24 yards, but his two interceptions were costly. Vermin senior tail-

Mike Valuzzo was effective, gaining 29 yards on six carries, but his impact was lim-

limited because the Vermin were playing from behind.

Senior linefan Ben Gern recorded a sack for a Carroll defense that, for the most part, held strong. Freshman Kris Kasb blocked a punt in the fourth quarter, but Zahm had pulled too far ahead after the Vermin mounted a comeback.

"Our performance was really impressive, especially considering all the freshmen we had," Wieland said. "We just stuck to some basic plays, and hey — if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

**St. Ed's 12, Sorin 7**

St. Ed's broke a three-year winless streak by defeating Sorin on Sunday.

The euphoria on the St. Ed's sideline was palpable as a team that hadn't scored a point in over a year got a victory.

St. Ed's coach Coach Hugues set the tone on offense early by connecting the first pass from scrimmage.

"We've got to play to our strengths," Hugues said. But after making the catch, freshman quarterback Matt Bove said the receiver Dan Scime fumbled the ball, giving Sorin its first opportunity.

After a messy Otters drive ended in a blocked punt, Crisman took advantage of a chance at redemption. Freshman quarterback Matt Abeling was called in with Crisman for a deep touchdown.

"It was the perfect play for our first touchdown in years," Crisman said.

**Morrissey 20, Alumni 0**

A 50-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Joe McBrayer connected with Andrew Anderson down the sideline for a 60-yard touchdown pass, part of an inspiring passing performance by McBrayer that sparked a blowout win over the Dawgs.

Despite the score, Alumni captain Rex Shapi said his team was not completely over-

"They were a good team," Shapiot said. "They had three long pass attempts, but other than that, as far as I'm concerned it was a 16-16 game.

Anderson's impact was not limited to the offensive side of the ball. On Alumni's third possession, Anderson broke up a fourth-down pass from the safety position to regain the possession for the Maroons in their own territory.

Two plays later, McBrayer once again opened an open Anderson running down the sideline for another 60-yard touchdown pass that put the defending champions in firm control of the game.

But when they came out for the second half, the Maroons dis-

played the balance that led them to the championship a season ago. Senior captain Nick Boye said the key was to get running attack behind a skilled offensive line that guided McBrayer down the field on the opening drive of the half. Ultimately, the Alumni defense stalled the drive by forcing a turnover on downs.

After halftime, both teams came out with an added intensity and another touchdown in the third quarter for Keenan and Keough defensive offensive coordinator Tom O'Donnell said.

But the Keenan defense kept the Kangaroo offense out of the end zone.

"We have a great potential for a running offense, we just need to work on basics and our work," Keough senior defensive end and tackle John Kadous said.

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Walsh looks to remain hot

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Walsh vs. Howard

Unde feated Walsh looks to continue its dominance against Howard today, several days after it made a powerful statement Sunday, rolling over Mc Gillen 20-0.

The Wild Women hope to do the same against the Ducks.

"We're hoping the momentum of the past three games will carry on," Walsh senior captain Marie Brenner said. "We're very encouraged by the way we've been playing."

Senior quarterback Mary Sullivan, sophomore receiver Sierra Smith and junior defensive back Mary Campbell are largely responsible for Walsh's 3-0 start. But Brenner explained that the team's first-half success is truly a team effort.

"The offense and defense are a cohesive unit," Brenner said. "The intensity of the defense takes some pressure off of the offense."

Howard's young offensive unit is led by freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop, freshman receiver Leslie Allen and sophomore receiver Mary Jenkins. The Ducks could pose a challenge to the Wild Women defense.

In a 13-7 win over Mc Gillen on Sept. 16, Bishop threw for two touchdowns.

The Ducks have one tie but are also looking to stay undefeated. The two teams will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at Rice Field.

McGillen vs. Cavanaugh

Mc Gillen looks to get its season back on track tonight against Cavanaugh. The winless Shamrocks face off against the Chaos on Rice Field at 7 p.m.

"This game against Cavanaugh is a must win for us," Shamrocks senior captain Taryn Lewis said. "But once we start scoring points, we're really going to be a force to be reckoned with."

Lewis expects freshman Kathleen Stanley, who competes on both sides of the ball as a safety and wide receiver for the Shamrocks, to play a prominent role in the game.

"We're hoping [Stanley] makes some big plays tomorrow," Lewis said. "She brings the noise, literally."

On the other sideline, the Chaos look to salvage what's left of a tough season. With Sunday's 7-6 loss to Farley, Cavanaugh dropped to 0-3 on the season and hope to knock off McG illen for their first win of the season. The Chaos have yet to capitalize on the limited opportunities and have lost by one point in each of the last two weeks.

Farley vs. Pasquerilla East

Pasquerilla East coach Matt Gibson made a strong statement about tonight's matchup between the Pyros and Farley at Rice West Field.

"Not only am I confident going into this game, I guarantee the victory tomorrow versus Farley," Gibson said.

Gibson feels that the team is playing well after losing its last game against Howard. Today, the team will have to contend with the Finest and their tough defense. Farley won its last game, a 7-6 triumph over Cavanaugh Sunday.

Farley moved to 1-0-1 with the victory over the Chaos. Junior receiver Jenny Rolfs and sophomore defensive back Caity Shepherd will be the key players for the Finest.

Pasquerilla East's speed has been its strength and the team hopes it will be a factor once again against the Finest. But Pasquerilla East's lack of size has hurt them and the Chaos will look to play a physical game.

The game begins at 9 p.m.

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SMC Soccer

Belles prepare to face Albion without Hinton

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The Belles head into their second conference game at 4 p.m. today against Albion, a team they lost to twice last season during regular season play.

A year ago, the Belles finished third place in the MIAA and Saint Mary's was third. This season, Saint Mary's holds an overall record of 5-1-2, while Albion stands at 7-1-1. Each squad has a conference record of 1-0 and will look to remain undefeated in league play.

"It should be a great match," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "They have a lot of talent, and we're looking forward to playing them.

But the Belles will be forced to play without their leading scorer, injured junior forward Lauren Hinton.

"I have a lot of confidence in our team, and I am feeling good about our chances even minus [Hinton]," MacKenzie said. "But we're going to put our game face on and try to get a win out on our home field."

The Belles are coming off a victory against Kalamazoo last Saturday, which they won in the last 13 minutes of play with back-to-back goals by sophomore defender Bridget Ronayne and senior midfielder Julienne Higgins.

Ronayne and Higgins were named MIAA players of the week in the defensive and offensive divisions, respectively.

The Belles dropped both of their matches to Albion last season and face a tough task again this season.

Hinton won't be on the field due to a rolled ankle she sustained in Saturday's game, in addition to previous injuries from earlier in the season. Belles sophomore forward Micki Bedinger, who has been struggling with a hip injury, will also miss today's contest.

"We have some versatile talent, which you have to do with injury," MacKenzie said. "Julienne [Higgins] worked up top real well, Amy Mahoney back in the goal for us has been stellar, and we've had a great start to our season. We're just going to have to respond and do the best we can."

Saint Mary's has already shown some flexibility this season, shifting defenders in efforts to keep the ball moving forward.

"We have a completely different chemistry and approach on the team this year; we're definitely a cohesive team," MacKenzie said. "They definitely have been fun to coach and to watch them play."

The Belles will look to score early and improve communication among the defense — two tactics they did not utilize against Kalamazoo.

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Grossman’s struggles may cost QB his job

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Rex Grossman still had his health when he walked off the field. But he may not have his starting job much longer after his latest meltdown.

Grossman threw three interceptions as the Chicago Bears fell to the Dallas Cowboys 34-10 on Sunday night, and he did not get a vote of confidence from his coach a day later. Now, the question is: Will he start this week at Detroit?

"Will Rex Grossman start Sunday?" coach Lovie Smith asked on Monday, repeating the question. "Well, our evaluation process is going on right now, and if you come out to practice Wednesday, you’ll have a better idea of who will be starting at all positions."

Has Smith made a decision? "I’m always thinking ahead," he said.

Smith gave his usual answer when asked Sunday night about Grossman — "Rex Grossman is our quarterback" — but his tone was different on Monday, fueling speculation Brian Griese might start Sunday against Detroit.

Grossman’s supporters would have a hard time arguing against the move, considering he ranks 23rd in the league with 500 yards, has a 45.2 rating and is 47-of-89 (52.8 percent) with a league-leading six interceptions and just one touchdown.

But is Griese the answer? A Pro Bowl pick with Denver in 2000, he has passed for 16,564 yards, but has also been released three times — by the Broncos, Miami and Tampa Bay.

"I have confidence in our entire football team," Smith said. "Brian is a part of that. After you have a loss like that, we all feel bad. We should."

And Smith realizes something needs to change — quickly.

At 1-2, the Bears are certainly not living up to those soaring expectations after last season’s Super Bowl appearance. Besides Grossman’s struggles, injuries are mounting.

They lost former Pro Bowl safety Mike Brown and starting nose tackle Dusty Dvoracek to season-ending knee injuries in the opener at San Diego. And on Sunday, Bears were falling like dominoes.

As for the evaluation at quarterback, Grossman’s troubles are well-documented and they explain why the Bears let him enter this season with an expiring contract rather than an extension.

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run a quick offense, and we won't be able to count on getting many unearned points out of the field.

"I had had up until then adequate play time every year, and going from that to having as many minutes as I want at this point, you have a different perspective on things," Yoshinaga said. After I came back, I didn't take it for granted, but, and this sounds kind of cheesy, I gave it my all every time. I think it was a blessing in disguise.

Although Yoshinaga and his teammates admit that he benefited greatly from his time on the sideline, all are glad that the senior midfielder is now the center of the pitch for the Irish once again.

Since his return, Yoshinaga has wasted little time in making his presence felt once again. In Notre Dame's first game of the season against then-No. 1 UCLA, he scored the game-winning golden goal in addition to assisting on the team's first goal of the game.

And despite that performance, he is not motivated by last year's injury.

To tell you the truth I haven't contributed as much as I should have these past couple of years, and last year I didn't contribute at all," Yoshinaga said. "I just want to contribute as much as I can."

"He's become an excellent leader," Bobby Clark, Irish coach on Alex Yoshinaga.

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Yoshinaga also recognizes that the experience affected him in how he approaches the game both on and off the field.

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FOOTBALL

Follow the leader

Yoshinaga returns from injury to become team captain

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

As the cross floated in, Irish then-junior midfielder Alex Yoshinaga could have been looking at perhaps his first goal of the young 2006 season.

What he didn’t see was Creighton goalkeeper Matt Allen crashing from his blind side in a move that would take Yoshinaga’s feet out from under him and send him crashing down on his shoulder. Just two games into his junior season, Yoshinaga’s year was ended by a broken collar bone.

What did Notre Dame lose when Yoshinaga’s injury ended his season?

“Tremendous drive, energy and enthusiasm,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “Those are the things you think of when you put the name Yosh.”

“A big part of our team,” senior forward Kurt Martin said of his teammate. “He was our central midfielder, so obviously we had to make some changes.”

The Irish lost all that—a player who started 42 games in his first two seasons in South Bend, racking up five goals, three assists and 13 points.

But despite all Notre Dame

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad set to take on MIAA foe

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to shut down Calvin’s dominant offense as the Bells host Bell to first-place Calvin tonight.

Calvin (11-0, 5-0 MIAA) not only brings a first-place record into town, but also the reigning MIAA specialty player of the week, senior setter Katie Zondervan. This is the seventh time Zondervan has received the recognition. She has an average of 14.56 assists per game and led the Knights to two conference victories with 27 digs and five kills last week.

Head coach Julie Schrodeter-Birk said her team is ready for a tough contest.

“I expect a great challenge,” Schrodeter-Birk said. “It will be exciting. Calvin has some very solid, veteran players. They will

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SMC GOLF

Golfers set for Jamboree

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

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FOOTBALL

Reuland withdraws from Notre Dame

Observer Staff Report

Tight end Konrad Reuland has withdrawn from Notre Dame, Irish head coach Charlie Weiss announced in a statement Monday.

“After meeting with Konrad Reuland on Sunday, he has decided he will leave the team and withdraw from Notre Dame,” Weiss said in a statement. “I appreciate all Konrad has done for Notre Dame and I wish him nothing but the best.”

Reuland, a sophomore from San Juan Capistrano, Calif., saw action both this year and last year at tight end, but was third on the depth chart behind fifth-year senior John Carlson and fellow sophomore Bill Yeatman for Notre Dame’s 31-14 loss to Michigan State. He did enter the game in multiple tight-end sets, however.

Reuland did not catch a pass in his Notre Dame career.

Coming out of high school, Reuland was rated the No. 2 tight end in the country by Scout.com.

In order to play in 2008, Reuland would have to transfer to a school that is less than twelve days into the fall semester.

While Reuland has not indicated where he is planning to go, one possibility is UCLA, who recruited him out of high school and fulfills Weiss’ requirement that transfers not go to schools on future Notre Dame schedules.

Zahm takes down Carroll, St. Ed’s wins

By MATT GAMBER, JARED JEDICK, EUGENIA ALFONZO, MIKE GOTTMER, MEGHAN MCMAHON and ALEX MARRER
Sports Writers

Zahm 12, Carroll 0

If the Zahmbies had any opening day jitters, they can thank junior running back Theo Ossei-Anto for calming them quickly.

Ossei-Anto tore through the Zahmbies defense for a 50-yard touchdown run on the game’s second play, setting the tone for Zahm’s triumph over the Vermin. Ossei-Anto finished with 123 yards on 12 carries and two rushing touchdowns. Despite those eye-popping numbers, he downplayed his role and deflected praise to his teammates.

“I didn’t do anything special, I didn’t really even have to juke anybody,” Ossei-Anto said. “When the offensive line’s that good, opening holes that big, all I have to do is run through them.”

Senior quarterback Sean Wieland was efficient in directing the Zahm offense, which gained 227 total yards on 45 plays. Wieland completed four of his seven passes for 86 yards. He found freshman Xavier Murphy three times for 70 yards, as the tail back receiver repeatedly caused a mismatch on the outside.

“The workhorse” of the day, Ossei-Anto said, was sophomore Jared Carter. He played every snap on both offense and defense, running six times for 15 yards and providing Ossei-Anto with plenty of running room — and Carroll’s offense none at all.

Carter’s defense included Murphy and fellow freshman Bobbie Weber, who both had interceptions.

“This defense was in a couple tough spots, but they came up with some huge plays,” Ossei-Anto said of the unit that didn’t allow a first down in the second half.

Carroll quarterback sopho

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MEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

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