SUB takes big loss on Purdue lottery

Only half of raffle winners claim tickets

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Student Union Board (SUB) was unable to sell 58 student football tickets to Notre Dame's game Saturday at Purdue, according to SUB manager Phil Ross — making the 33-19 loss against the Boilermakers the biggest loss SUB has experienced on a football ticket sale in recent years.

SUB originally offered the Purdue tickets for sale through a lottery held Sept. 12, in which there were 196 winners who were eligible to purchase two tickets each. Of the 196 lottery winners, however, about half were claimed before the Sept. 24 deadline.

The remaining tickets were then made available for sale to the general student body, SUB director of publicity Laura Fox said.

For the Michigan game, the first away game ticket sale this year, SUB sold the entirety of its 196 ticket allotment. All 98 winners of the initial lottery claimed their tickets, who were each allowed to purchase two tickets.

After only half of the lottery winners claimed their tickets, virtually all of the remaining 98 were then made available for sale to the general student body.

Notre Dame fans watch the football game at Purdue. Nearly half the student lottery tickets for Saturday's game went unsold.

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Entrepreneurs vie for prizes, investors

Gigot contest encourages, rewards innovation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Facebook began as a Harvard student's idea — and today the social network is a business valued at nearly $1 billion.

The next great idea could be under construction right now — and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies' business plan competition could be the tool that helps it become a reality.

The Center's annual contest awards more than $40,000 in prizes to teams of students, alumni and University employees that can present to potential investors promising and innovative ventures and their respective business plans.

Since 1999, the yearlong competition has drawn students from every college and major to submit pioneering, financially-realizable projects and helped them to produce a business proposal they can submit to investors, Daniel Buckenmeyer, the Center's associate director, said Tuesday.

"Students can come up with ideas that may seem crazy at first, but in reality they may be the next YouTube, and this competition allows them to build a tool that will tell them whether or not this thing can succeed in the market," he said.

The walk not only benefits international agencies combating hunger and poverty, but also the local South Bend community.

"Twenty-five percent of the money collected by the CROP walk stays in our community," said Carrie Gall, the director of the Office for Civic and

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SCM connects students, leaders

Senator Bayh's regional director reflects on career, emphasizes internships

By MANDI STRIONE
News Writer

The first ever Leadership Luncheon at Saint Mary's took place Monday when a regional director to U.S. Senator Evan Bayh led a roundtable discussion.

Julie Vuckovich, regional director in the office of Sen. Bayh, spoke to 10 to 15 people about leadership, exploring its political and social aspects.

Vuckovich explained how she became involved in politics. She took a job with the Urban Coalition, which led her to become involved with community, communication, and she transi-
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**No slim pickings here**

Perhaps the greatest joy of being a Notre Dame student is knowing that one day you’ll get to use your degree to do something spectacular in the real world.

Then senior year arrives and the options pile up like snow on a mountaintop. The fact that there are so many possibilities is both exciting and daunting. Most students probably don’t know exactly what they’ll be continuing on the path of higher learning or venturing out into a world far removed from the libraries and labs of academia.

It’s this idea of branching out that causes such anxious thought and frazzled conversation at any number of the local South Bend watering holes on any night of the week. Maybe you want to do service. That’s great. But where to begin? You could touch with the ACE program or Teach For America. Or are the struggling third-world populations of the world constantly calling out in the back of your mind for help and aid? Peace Corps could be just the right fit.

And those are just three of the many service options available to graduating seniors.

So the choice is Africa or a ram­bunctious classroom of sixth graders in the Bronx, just aren’t exactly what you have in mind?

That’s entirely fair. After all, most would agree that falling deep into debt for the opportu­nity of studying beneath the watchful gaze of Lady is service enough for awhile.

If you’re smart with numbers and an intelligent communicator, a gig with an investment bank or a spot in a business leadership program might be appealing with all their fat paychecks and upper-management exposure in the first few years out of school.

But don’t look dull and boring.

There’s always consulting, where it is possible to work with a wide variety of clients and businesses. After all, it’s not too tough to be a consultant. But you’ll be in the same ideological jam you found yourself in when you turned down the job with Gil’ to stalk the halls of Brian.

Or maybe all this seems like it’s just not worth the effort. Well, there’s always mom and dad’s couch and the accompanying privi­lege of overhearing mom constantly reaffirming her friends that yes, her dear son or daughter is “find­ing” himself or herself and will soon be the great success we all expected after watching the little rascal graduate with NIL honors four years ago.

Or maybe you’ll end up doing something no one ever would guess. We’ll see.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact James Costa at jcosta10@nd.edu

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Oct. 2 issue, the title of Emerson Sparrow’s book should have read, “War Will Happen in Harry Potter 7: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Falls in Love. and How Will the Adventure Finally End.” The Observer regrets this error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE NOTRE DAME TO BRING TO CAMPUS AS A SPEAKER?**

- Obama. He’s the new thing in politics, and I hear he’s a good speaker.
- Nelson, Willie. “Captain Falcon from Smash Bros.”
- Danny Franco’s momma.
- The Office. Dwight is my home for life.
- “Love. and How Will the Adventure Finally End.”

**OFFBEAT**

Spiders, scorpions found in Manila mall

MANILA, Philippines — The package from Hong Kong looked innocent enough, marked “personal clothing.” But when customs officials opened it, they were stunned to see about 300 live scorpions and spiders.

The scorpions and spiders — which included tarantulas — were packed in nets, bot­tles and transparent plastic boxes, concealed under clothes, newspapers reported Wednesday.

“The scorpions almost bit the examiner,” Nelson Elio, a port collector at the Central Mail Exchange Center, told the Philippine Daily Inquirer. It was the first time the past office had encountered such poisonous mail, he said.

The Philippine Star daily quoted Elio as saying the package arrived from Hong Kong on Monday, but it was not clear who sent it or why, though some speculated it could have been intended for a collector of the creatures.

Man uses adult store’s cuffs in robbery

FERNDALE, Mich. — A pan­demic faces charges of rob­bing a lingerie and adult nov­elty store after locking up a clerk with a pair of off-the-shelf handcuffs.

Police in the Detroit subur­bub of Ferndale say the clerk triggered a holdup alarm after seeing the masked sus­pect enter the Priscilla’s store shortly after noon Monday. The man announced a robbery, led the woman into a back room and handcuffed her to a stor­age shelf.

The clerk got to a phone and called police, who were waiting for the man as he walked out the back door. Officers said they recovered $213 in cash.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

There will be a workshop titled “Interviewing for the Academic Job Market” today from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in 130 DeBartolo Hall. Registration is needed. Panelists will concentrate on issues related to Science and Engineering stu­dents.

Our Dame men’s soccer will play Michigan tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

There will be an Eastern Orthodox Prayer Service tonight as part of the Prayer From Around the World series. The service will be at 8 p.m. in 330 Coleman-Morse.

The Feast of St. Francis Mass will be held Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Alumni Hall chapel. The Mass is sponsored by the Orestes Brownson Council.

A conference on “Knowledge and Religious Identity: Institutions of Higher Learning in Judaism, Christianity and Beyond” will take place all day Friday at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding auditions for its spring production, Black Images 2007. The auditions are Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday Oct. 9 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in LaFortune Gold Room. All tal­ents are welcome in audition.

Army ROTC will host its annu­al Firm Fit Challenge Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The thri­llion will kick off outside Loues Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project.

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

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Irish WWII neutrality examined

Government's stance did nothing to shelter people from effects of war

By THERESA CIVANTOS

Irish neutrality during World War II did not keep the Irish people from experiencing the effects of the war, despite media censorship by the Irish government, an Irish scholar said in a lecture Tuesday.

Clair Wills, a professor of Irish Literature at Queen Mary's College at the University of London, spoke in Flanner Hall Tuesday. Wills said, creating a major problem for the Irish government as it tried to censor war news. Officials could not prevent corpses of German and British soldiers from washing up on the Irish coast.

"As many as 10 or 12 bodies washed up each day," Wills said.

Faced with such hard evidence of the war's destruction and its repercussions, the Irish spent the duration of the conflict in a "really detailed and complex public discourse" on how to handle and approach the events around them, she said.

Eventually, Ireland resolved to follow Catholic social teaching throughout the entire neutrality experience, "focusing on justice with compassion," Wills said.

Wills noted the importance of propaganda during the war. British propaganda referred to the Irish "betrayal" while American propaganda accused Ireland of cowardice," Wills said. Despite these charges against Ireland, what remained in Ireland was pride in having pulled it off, in resisting Allied pressure," Wills said.

But the propaganda didn't just come from the Allies, she said. The Irish government used censorship during the war to try to make neutrality popular. Wills referenced a series of memos among top-ranking Irish government officials at the time which emphasized the need for the propaganda to "talk about other neutral states, keep up morale, tell the Irish how the Pope is really pleased with Ireland for being neutral."

Despite these efforts, neutrality created "a deep awkwardness for the Irish people over not having taken part in the war," which still exists today.

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Geoscience professor's work top-10 most cited

Special to The Observer

Peter C. Burns, chair and Henry J. Massman Professor of Civil Engineering and Geosciences at the University of Notre Dame, has been named one of the top 10 most cited authors in the field of geosciences for the period 1997 to 2006.

Thomson Scientific, a division of the Thomson Corp., published the rankings of the most cited institutions, authors and journals in a recent edition of Science Watch. Data from 224 journals and more than 150,000 papers were analyzed and used to determine the rankings.

Burns, with 1,330 citations in the past decade, ranks seventh. He is one of just three researchers from a U.S. institution (Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley, are the others) represented on the list.

Burns' research encompasses environmental mineralogy and crystallography, mineral crystal structures and crystal chemistry, mineral structural energetics, mineral paragenesis and nuclear waste disposal.

A faculty member since 1997, Burns has served as department chair since 2002. In addition to his work in the College of Engineering, he serves as a concurrent professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

A fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), Burns also is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Materials Research Society and serves as vice president of the Mineralogical Association of Canada.

He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including the Winthrop Spencer Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Geological Sciences, the Hawley Medal and the Young Scientists Medal of the Mineralogical Association of Canada, the Mineralogical Society of America Award and the Donath Medal as the outstanding young scientist from the Geological Society of America.

Burns was graduated from the University of New Brunswick and earned his master's degree in geology from the University of Western Ontario and his doctorate in geology from the University of Manitoba.

The most cited author in the survey was the University of Manitoba's Frank C. Hawthorne, who was Burns' dissertation adviser.
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Purdue tickets, SUB-eailed students Sept. 27 to announce the sale of the remaining half at the Lafayette Area Credit Union. On Sept. 27, just two days before the game, SUB sent the student body a second e-mail, reminding them that there were still Purdue tickets available to purchase. 

"We will continue to make every effort possible to provide game tickets for the student away game lottery," Josh Berlo, Ticket Office director, said.

At a meeting of the Council of Representatives on Sept. 11, Ross said SUB loses about $1,000 on each ticket sold and that sale holds — even when all tickets are sold — due to a $75 deposit that must be paid to the ticket office and to Legions, which hosts the lottery.

When not all of the tickets are sold, Ross said loss increases as it must absorb the difference between the cost of the number of tickets allotted to students and the revenue the actual sales brought in.

For the Purdue game, 392 tickets were sold and only 334 were sold to students, Ross said.

SUB buys away tickets from the ticket office at face value and sells them to students for the same price.

Tickets to the Purdue game cost $65 for students, while tickets for the Michigan game cost $60.

Based on The Observer's calculations, the cost approximately $3,770 more on the Purdue ticket lottery and $5,000 on a typical away-game ticket distribution, closely bringing the total losses up to as much as $5,000.

And with the team's continued losing streak, it is unclear how much student support they will choose to pay a premium for tickets at future lotteries.

Stirone said he was "so embarrassed" when he realized he had no tickets to sell. 

He was less enthusiastic, however, about student government director of communications Will Kearney's suggestion to "use physical force to keep Marla and [student body president] Liz Brown in line." 

"I don't know about physical force," Smith said. 

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Braun, who is also responsible for running Senate meetings, asked, "Are you prepared today to take me for one hour on Wednesday nights because my meetings are a train wreck?"

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Social Events (OCSE).

Money raised at this year's event will benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, Hope Rescue Mission and La Casa de Amistad, among other local food pantries.

Saint Mary's has been sending students to the CROP walk for the last eight years, including 13 students in 2006, Call said.

The goal for this year, she said, was to send at least 20 students and that many more are interested. Call said the other benefit walk scheduled for this week — Thursday's Light the Night walk, will take place on Saint Mary's campus. The event will raise money for the Luekenke and Lymphoma Society.

Moreover, the College is also sending the "Belles Brigade" to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in downtown South Bend Saturday.

The option to attend the other walks might have contributed to this year's low attendance to the CROP walk, said Call. 

"The number of students from Saint Mary's walking this year is low compared to previous years. The other two walks are pulling in many of the volunteers who might have done the CROP walk."

With groups, however, were able to send larger delegations. St. Joseph's High School's Helping Other People Endure (H.O.P.E.) charity organization sent a group of almost 100 students to the CROP walk, according to the South Bend Tribune.

To boost Saint Mary's participation in the event, the OCSE was hoping to increase the College's CROP donation to $400, up from last year's $350 contribution. Final figures weren't available, since donations for the event can still be made.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Korean leaders meet for rare summit

SEOUL, South Korea — The first summit between the division of Korea in seven years opened Tuesday to rapturous cheers from hundreds of thousands of North Koreans, but their leader gave the visiting South Korean president a chillier reception.

The words "I'm glad to meet you" were apparently the only ones North Korean leader Kim Jong Il uttered to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun during their first encounter in the North's capital, Pyongyang — a 3-minute welcoming ceremony to launch the three-day summit. The two did not have substantive talks.

Brown to reduce British troops in Iraq

LONDON — Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced Tuesday that he was slashing the remaining British contingent in Basra, provinee, to reduce British troops operating in Iraq by nearly 20 percent. A beleaguered Fraser Brown laid out his own forces would be ready to take up the slack in the country's oil-rich southernmost province in two months.

Brown's one-day, unannounced swing through Iraq came as U.S. military officials are concerned that the reduced British presence in the south could open security gaps along key supply and transit routes to Kuwait.

"The roadways are a vital lifeline for U.S. forces. And everything that the Americans can't fly out of the country when they eventually leave must make its way through Iraq," Brown said.

MOTHER charged for child drownings

FORT WORTH, Texas — A woman on Tuesday was charged in the bathtub drowning deaths of her two young daughters, and was being held in jail on suicide watch.

City prosecutors filed two counts of aggravated murder against Amber Hill, 22, after a coroner ruled the deaths of the girls, ages 4 and 2, were homicides.

Hill had no documented history of neglecting the girls, but had been herself the victim of abuse by her father, Jamie Cisneros, according to authorities and court records.

LOCAL NEWS

Lab tech accused of biting patient

INDIANAPOLIS — A former lab technician father was charged after she was accused of biting a 3-year-old boy's shoulder during a blood test.

Anne McDonnell, 53, of Indianapolis could face six months to three years in prison if she's convicted.

The boy's mother, Faith Buntin, said she took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis on Sept. 21 because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said the worker later identified as McDonnell put her mouth on Victor's shoulder while restraining him so another lab worker could draw the blood.

AFGHANISTAN

Suicide bombing kills 12 on Kabul bus

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber boarded a police bus just after a woman and her two children got on, setting off a blast Tuesday that blew the roof off the bus and killed at least 12 people, including several children, officials and witnesses said.

The explosion — the second such attack in Kabul in four days — came at a bus stop serving civilians and police.

Ahmad Saqi, a 20-year-old mechanic, said he helped put seven people in vehicles for runs to the hospital, and that several of those people had no legs. He said he saw at least four dead children.

"One woman was holding a baby in her arms, and they were both killed," Saqi said. "Half of the woman's face was blown off."

At least 12 people were killed, said Ahmad Zia Aflahi, chief of Kabul's military hospital.

One witness told Afghan investigators he thinks a man wearing a pakul — an Afghan but commonly worn in the country's north — and a chador around the upper half of his body called a chador set off the explosion.

Amin Gul said he first saw several police board the bus, followed by the bomber.

"When the bus came, an old man entered the bus, then a woman with two children, then the guy wearing the chador entered, and then a big boom," said Gul.

The seats in the front of the bus were covered in blood and small body parts, and a reporter at the scene said he thought there would be few survivors among people sitting there.

Several people waiting at the bus stop suspected the bomber of having explosives because he let one police bus go by without boarding it, said Aqil and another shop owner, Aqil Khan.

Tuesday's explosion is the third attack in four months against police or army buses.

AFGHANISTAN

Wildfires growing more intense, aggressive

Firefighters say they are less likely to risk their lives saving unprotected homes from fires.

Associated Press

A fire burns near a home in the Warm Springs area of Ketchum, Idaho, August 30. Fire crews are becoming more reluctant to save homes as fires become more aggressive.

"We at least seem to be having larger and more intense fires," said U.S. Forest Service fire researcher Jack Cohen in Missoula, Mont.

So far this year, wildfires have consumed 8.2 million acres nationwide, an area larger than Maryland, and most of it in the West, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. That figure is fast approaching last year's record of 9.9 million acres, and the fire season can last through November in parts of the West, particularly in fire-prone Southern California.

By Sept. 26, wildfires had destroyed 49 homes across the West, more than 1 1/2 times last year's total of 26,300, federal statistics show. California, as usual, has the biggest toll, with 338 houses burned so far this year.

From the West Coast to a Plains states, 26 million homes — 40 percent of the housing stock — are in forests or perched on the edge of flammable wildlands, according to Valter C. Radefeldt, a professor of forest ecology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"There's more at stake," Radefeldt said. "Everybody loves to live close to the wilderness and the houses are getting dispersed, making them harder to defend."

WORLD & NATION

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the marketplace," Buckenmeyer said. "It's a real world test bed for students.

The competition's judges are not professors or University administrators but successful businessmen who volunteer their time to judge through the IrishAngels network.

The network brings together Notre Dame alumni who have entrepreneurial experience and share the mission of fostering entrepreneurship in students through education and networking.

"It is through IrishAngels that we are able to find the speakers that come to campus throughout the year to teach the students how to put together a business plan," Buckenmeyer said. "And they review every single business plan that apps produced in this competition.

He said by putting the students' work in the hands of IrishAngels judges rather than professors, the Center is drawing a clear line between the classroom and the real marketplace.

"The people that look at the business plan aren't grading grammar. They are looking at them from a pure, real-world business perspective and saying 'Would this thing sell?' And that's really the value of the competition," Buckenmeyer said. "Students will know the marketplace value of their invention or their venture.

Last year, approximately 80 teams entered the competition with nothing but an idea and a general proposal to realize it. About 40 teams made it to the next round, where they actually had to put together a full-length business plan.

And the Gigz Center walked the different teams through this process.

With training sessions and workshops spread throughout the academic year, the Center sought to prepare each section of their business plans, from realizing a good idea to understanding the target customer to locating funding for the venture.

Besides IrishAngels, the NASA/NDM Educational Foundation and PaloAlto Software help the Gigz Center prepare the teams for the final round of the competition, where they will pitch their venture in a panel of seasoned entrepreneurs.

Each team working on a business plan, Buckenmeyer said, will be partnered with a mentor from the IrishAngels network that will contribute his professional expertise to the project.

"One of the teams from several years ago continued to work with its mentor from the business plan competition after they graduated," Buckenmeyer said. "Their mentor helped them launch the business, and the team actually hired him as mentor in the company's CEO." Buckenmeyer said.

That company, Better World Books, is now an established social enterprise that collects used books and resells them to collect money for under­

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Record companies attack file sharing

Capital, Warner Bros, Sony BMG begin first civil copyright claims trial against Minnesota woman

Jammie Thomas, a 30-year-old mother of two, speaks to reporters after her lawyer after record labels accused her of sharing music files illegally.

The trial was expected to last just a few days.

Record companies including Capitol Records Inc. and Warner Bros. Records Inc., as well as Sony BMG, accuse Thomas of making 1,702 songs available on her Kazaa file-sharing account in 2005 without permission.

In court, they will try to prove Thomas shared 25 specific copyrighted songs in violation of copyrights the companies hold.

Thomas's computer hard drive will be a key to the case, and she says she replaced it after she had some computer problems in 2005. The court has ruled she is not to destroy the hard drive.

Thomas was only slightly fazed by the National Association of Realtors' report Tuesday that its seasonally adjusted index of pending sales for existing homes fell 6.5 percent in August from July and 21.5 percent from a year ago. The data suggests sales of existing homes will probably keep declining in the coming months, but real estate agents say that would be good news for the economy, but good news for those hoping for another interest rate cut.

The record companies claim that on Feb. 21, 2005, they said they were having more than 26,000 actions against people for downloads that violated copyrights, with most of the defendants settling by paying a few thousand dollars.

The record companies are pretty weak numbers, said a few thousand dollars.

Music downloads, both legal and illegal, have damped sales of recorded music in recent years. In 2001, the industry pressured a federal judge to shut down Napster, which made copyrighted music available on its own computers. Since Napster reopened, it has charged users for music.

The file-sharing programs that emerged to take Napster's place offer users to files available on a variety of computers and servers, instead of leading to files in a single location.

Ford auto sales plummet in September

DETROIT — Weakeness in the housing market and flagging consumer confidence made September another tough month for the auto industry, although General Motors, Honda and Nissan bucked the trend with hot-selling new models.

In the struggle to limit new-car sales figures released Tuesday, the nation's largest light-truck producer, GM, said its sales plummeted 28 percent for the month, largely due to a 62 percent reduction in sales to rental car companies. Toyota Motor Corp. posted a 4 percent decline in the United Auto Workers union. GM produced 30,000 fewer vehicles because of the strike, but the work stoppage had no impact on sales and GM's production schedule is unchanged, said GM's top sales analyst, Paul Ballew.

Ballew said the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut in the middle of September didn't have an immediate impact on sales but helped calm the market and ensure that the tightening mortgage market won't affect automotive credit.

For us as an industry, we support and applaud the Fed's move because we cannot have the spillover effects into other categories, he said.

Still, he said high energy prices and a slump in important markets like California and Florida will continue to hurt the industry through the fourth quarter.

Erich Merkle, vice president of auto industry forecasting for consulting company IHS Inc. in Grand Rapids, said it will take months for the rate cut to trickle down to average consumers.

"These are pretty weak numbers and this is indicative of the overall weakness we've seen in the economy," he said.

GM's car sales were down 4 percent while truck sales were up 4 percent on the strength of the Chevrolet Silverado and other new pickups. GM also got a boost from new crossovers like the Buick Enclave and the new Cadillac CTS sedan, which posted a 73 percent sales increase for the month.
Iraq needs decentralized government

Even Ray Charles could probably see that the violence in Iraq has reached epic proportions. Barely a day goes by without multiple reports of bombings in crowded places, rockets attacks on mosques, abductions, beheadings and executions. The presence of Iraqi civilians and generals is nowhere to be found.

Estimates of Iraqi civilian deaths due to violence since 2003 range anywhere from 50,000 to the hundreds of thousands. According to a poll conducted by the Opinion Research Business in 2007, one out of four Iraqis has had a family member murdered and one in three said a family member has fled abroad. Iraq is hardly peaceful.

While people can and should argue about the true origins of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, the fact remains that the U.S. is there and Iraq is truly a war-torn country. This is a fact and no amount of claiming that the U.S. could not have been in Iraq in the first place will change it. Consequently, the U.S. should be asking what it can do to help decrease the bloodshed. Particularly, it should focus on what type of government for Iraq is most likely to stem the violence. To do so, we must first look at what motivates the Iraqis in the first place. Iraq is a large and diverse country.

As of 2006, Iraq had a population of nearly 27 million people, ethnically. Arabs make up about 75 percent of the population, Kurds make up about 15 percent, and the remaining five percent are made up of Sunni, Turkmen and others make up the remaining five percent. Nearly all of Iraq (97 percent) is Muslim. Of those, just over 60 percent are Shi'ite and fewer than 40 percent are Sunni. These religious denominations are also associated with different political groups, which make the situation even more complicated. Shi'ites are comprised mostly of Arabs, Turkmen and Faili Kurds, while Sunnis are also comprised of 5, Turkmen, and Shia school Kurds.

From an American perspective, what is particularly confusing is that much of the violence in Iraq isn’t a result of conflicts between American troops and those opposed to their presence; most of the violence is due to infighting between different Iraqi factions, whether religious or ethnic. It seems odd at first that citizens of the same country who have lived alongside each other for so many years would start to attack each other, but a few quick facts about the relations between the groups explains much of it.

Chief Hussein and his ruling Baath Party heavily favored the Sunnis under Karzai, even though the Sunnis made up at most 40 percent of the population. He gave Sunnis high positions in his government and kept the Sunni minority family friendly, but economically. Consequently, many Sunnis hated Hussein as their leader and those not in power (the Shi'ite and Kurds) resented those in power (the Sunni). In addition, Hussein had a well-publicized tendency to “crack down” on Shi'ite and Kurdish dissidents. In 1988, for example, Saddam began a campaign to exterminate the Kurdish people living in Northern Iraq, killing between 50,000 and 100,000. Just after the Gulf War, he killed between 60,000 and 30,000 rebellious Shi'ites. Incidents such as these caused tension between the factions in Iraq and are now overflowing in a vitriol form of violence between different sects. In particular, the former oppressed Shi'ites blame the Sunnis for decades of oppression. They are fighting for control of the newly created government.

As Charles Yatrola pointed out last week (“Anorexia sufferers overlooked in Iraq,” Sept. 26), the U.S. government is trying to force all the Sunnis under Karzai, with the same powerful central democratic government rather than allow the separate groups to govern themselves. The problem is that in authoritarian Iraq where the central government is powerful, the majority frequently tramples on the rights of the minority. As Rice showed, those now in power are abusing the Assyrians because the Assyrians don’t have the numbers to do anything about it. Giving the majority power would lead the central government over the rest of the population. (i.e. the Sunni) when the Shi’ites want revenge for their oppression at the hands of the Sunnis, is a recipe for disaster. Such a policy would only lead to further violence and conflict between groups.

The solution is to create a republic like the one that the Constitution created.

Nearly all of the power remained at the state level, rather than the federal level. The federal government’s powers were limited and defined. Consequently, the states were able to govern themselves largely without interference. Power resided at the local level — Americans not living in Virginia held virtually no power over those living in Virginia. In Iraq, because most local populations are of the same ethnicity or religion, each community would be mostly free to govern itself without interference from the majority via the central government. Sunnis would govern Sunnis at the local level, Shi'ites would govern Shi'ites, Kurds would govern Kurds. Shi'ites would have very little power over Sunnis. If each faction had little power over the other factions, there was a little incentive to continue the fighting. A federalist system was needed for the U.S. and can work for Iraq.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Denunciation of beauty standards ill-founded

I was initially heartened to read Greg Yatrola’s column (“Anorexia and the devil,” Oct. 2) describing the pernicious beauty standards our popular culture foists upon women. But I have to disagree profoundly with the basis he gives for his denunciations.

While Yatrola points out the harm these standards do to women, this is not the central complaint of his piece. Rather, the real problem he sees with the beauty standards is that they’re not his standards. Rather than judging women by how well they live up to the standards set by Greg Yatrola, he believes we should be judging women by how well they live up to the standards set by Greg Yatrola.

It’s true that Yatrola does not say this in so many words. He pretends to be “intellectually open” and a “straightforward” one who is willing to look at either advertisements or to take the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Language is a relic of the past. In her letter to the editor, Sarah Falvey claims that the Irish Language is spoken by few and is a "relic." Recently, I travelled to Ireland and spent several days on an island off the coast of Ireland, where the working language was clearly Irish. The island's name is always spelled the Irish way—except in tourist information, for ease of pronunciation by those unfamiliar with the language, and most signs—not just road signs, but also commemorative markers—are as well. The mass I attended was on an island, Inis Oírr, where the working language, and most signs—not just road signs, but also commemorative markers—are as well.

In light of the recent ignorance shown by some of Notre Dame's students in relation to language matters in general, perhaps the University might consider instituting a program in socio-linguistics.

For those who disagree and believe Henss is just as culpable as a high-ranking officer, the question remains—what would deportation actually achieve? While any level of involvement in the Holocaust is appalling, deportation is not the best way to punish Henss. No matter how minor his role may have been, he did lie about his two month duty in order to enter the U.S. in 1955.

Instead of deportation, which achieves nothing, Henss should be required to travel to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., at his own expense, to host a public lecture on his role in the Holocaust. This kind of event not only forces Henss to confront his past, but also offers the opportunity for others to hear how a perpetrator of history's most infamous atrocity fell under the spell of a twisted, murderous ideology. No one is asking Nazi-hunters to stop hunting—Henss will have to start demanding more constructive solutions.

Greg Wagman
January 2008
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Deportation not solution for ex-Nazi

Editorial Cartoon

Liberal radio limited by low popularity

After reading Andrea Laidman's "Hosting Ignorance," (Oct. 1), I came away fairly certain that Laidman is ignorant of how the free market really works. She claims conservative talk radio dominates the airwaves, quoting figures from the Center for American Progress. Having never heard of this group, I decided to do some research on my own.

I found out that I actually agree wholeheartedly with a statement of their "About Us" section that seems to apply to this debate. They say, "As progressives we believe that America should be a country of boundless opportunity—where people can better themselves through education, hard work, and the freedom to pursue their dreams."

Freedom, though, seems to be what Laidman finds as the problem in the U.S. radio market. She claims that conservative leanings of widely syndicated radio hosts are due to "structural imbalances and not popular demand." She also later quotes the Center saying that "the relaxation of ownership rules have tipped the scales against localism." So here we have a situation where freedom is not what we want—apparently allowing more free choice somehow "tips the scales."

Corporations, including those in radio, are driven by profits. In radio, that means advertising dollars, and advertising revenue is driven by ratings. Ultimately, it is the listeners who decide what they listen to, and apparently they like listening to the content on the air, because Laidman says that "90 percent of Americans age 12 or over tune into radio programs each week." Laidman says that "radio outlets like NPR demonstrate that longer stories can be consumed in-depth discussion of controversial issues through thoughtful, well-reasoned arguments, inquiry and interviews.

If NPR is what people want to listen to, why is it really "in popular demand," then why don't they dominate the ratings? It is on the air—it's just that there is no much demand for this kind of programming. Air America Radio, a group that also describes itself as "progressive," was founded in March 2004 to provide an avenue for left wing radio. In our free market, they were allowed to do this. They were also allowed to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy a little more than 30 months later, because they had few listeners and no money.

Laidman seems to believe that access to radio outlets is what limits liberal radio—this has been proven to be inaccurate by the lack of success of NPR and Air America. Americans have shown that we do not want to listen to left wing radio. I am glad that we are free to listen to whatever we want. I find it ironic that many "progressives," who claim to be champions of free speech, seem to be finding this freedom when they agree with what is said.

Brian Duffy
Senior
Manchester Champlain Oct. 1
Review: Halo 3 Finishes the Fight

By DAMON JASON
Scene Writer

Halo 3's single player campaign starts where its predecessor left off. Master Chief is pursuing the Prophet of Truth to stop him from activating the "sacred rings," which would destroy everything in the universe.

Many fans were disappointed with this cliffhanger ending of Halo 2, as well as the repetitive level design, and Bungie's decision to have Master Chief's story take a backseat to what was happening within the internal ranks of the Covenant. All of these issues are addressed this time around, and make for a very solid and engrossing campaign.

If Halo 3's single player campaign can be faulted for anything, it would be for being too short. The single player mode is only nine levels and lasts a little more than 10 hours on the normal difficulty. Veteran Halo players should play the campaign on a harder difficulty, because the default difficulty is simply too easy.

This is not to say the campaign is not fun. While there are certain sections of the game where backtracking is necessary, this is kept to a minimum. The action is solely on Master Chief and his marines. From the start of the game, the action picks up almost instantaneously. The single player campaign is so engrossing that it is very hard to put the controller down once you start.

Tired of playing alone? You can play through any of the nine campaign levels via system link or XBox Live. This adds a level of replay that was not available on previous iterations of the game.

The final chapter of the Halo trilogy has benefited from the added graphical prowess of the Xbox 360. Everything is beautifully done. All of the in-game environments look simply amazing, and the attention to detail deserves much praise.

Surfaces such as the armor of certain vehicles show reflections in real time. The water physics are simply beautiful - the developers even took refraction into account.

The multiplayer has essentially carried this title since it was released. In the past, there have been numerous complaints about weapon balance, ranging from certain weapons being too powerful to every map having a limited number of "power weapons." Everything has been tweaked to make for a much more balanced multiplayer game.

Speaking of weapons, Bungie has created quite a few new additions. Of these new weapons, the Spiker is probably the most balanced.

A surefire instant-to-be favorite is the Gravity Hammer, which is essentially a large hammer that can take vehicles out of commission, so you can imagine what it can do to your opponents. There are even some tweaks to old weapons. It's no longer embarrassing to die at the hands of a Needler because its damage has been upped significantly.

The multiplayer maps are just plain fun. There are 11 maps right now, but there will be more offered later at downloadable content. Bungie has attempted to make sure that these maps never get old by offering a sort of map editor, called Forge. While you can't alter the actual layout of the maps, you can change the location of vehicles, weapons, spawn point and others.

The multiplayer for Halo 3 is so good that it will keep players occupied until Bungie's next project. Many players will enjoy the new saved films mode, which allows you to save replays of your favorite in-game moments. While this has been popular in sports titles for some time, it's relatively new for console gamers. Microsoft has also added a mode called File Share, in which you can upload your favorite videos to XBox Live to share with the world. By default, everyone is given 25 MB of space, although you can purchase more space if desired.

Bungie could have shipped Halo 3 with just the multiplayer mode and the game would still have been impressive. Considering that you get the superb multiplayer, the excellent single player campaign and a bevy of other features, Halo 3 is easily the most solid and complete game available for any console on the market today.

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Follow the Story So Far

By DAMON JASON
Scene Writer

The first game of Microsoft's immensely popular trilogy is called Halo: Combat Evolved. Halo's story is that the human race has been in a decades-long battle with the Covenant, which is a collective group of various alien species. The Covenant is waging holy war and desires to wipe out the human race.

Following a devastating attack by the Covenant on the stronghold planet of Reach, only one ship, the Pillar of Autumn, escapes by making a blind jump. However, this jump lands them in close proximity to a Covenant artifact. This artifact is an artificially built ring called Halo, which is habitable and planetary in size. Built by an ancient race called the Forerunners, and unknown to both the humans and the Covenant, Halo was a weapon of incredible power.

As the Autumn came under attack, one of the last surviving SPARTAN-112 soldiers was activated and charged with safeguarding Cortana, the shipboard AI. This was Spartan 117, known more commonly as the Master Chief.

With Cortana's assistance, the Master Chief and the surviving marines rallied to fight the overwhelming Covenant resistance on the ring's surface, and raced to unlock the secrets of Halo. As the story unfolds, it is revealed that the Covenant believed that by activating the ring a "divine wind" would be released and would cleanse the galaxy of humans.

This ring was one of seven installations. Contrary to the Covenant's beliefs, the rings were a final solution against a threat so awful that the Forerunners who built the ring thought killing an entire galaxy was the only solution.

The threat was the Flood, which is a parasitic life form that is both intelligent and powerful. Humans and Covenant alike were infected and assimilated into the ranks. In order to stop this threat, the Chief, much to the chagrin of the Covenant, blows up the reactor core of the Pillar of Autumn, thereby destroying the ring instead of activating it. Master Chief knows this is just the beginning of the fight.

Halo 2 capitalizes on the success of its predecessor. The story time is split between the Master Chief and an elite soldier (one of the Covenant's many races) commander. This Elite commander was seemingly destined to death for failing to prevent Halo's destruction. However, he is secretly ordered by the Covenant's high Prophet to take Covenant's sacred mantle.

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of the Arbiter, which is essentially a symbol for "blade of the Prophets." The role of the Arbiter is expected to be a death sentence as well.

The story begins with Master Chief receiving awards for his work on Halo. However, the ceremony is cut short due to a Covenant invasion.

Master Chief is charged with stopping the Covenant strike on Earth. Meanwhile, the Arbiter was tasked with assassinating a "heretic" (as labeled by the Prophets) Elite spreading "lies" about the true purpose of the sacred rings. After completing his mission, the Arbiter starts to question his loyalties to the Covenant.

The stories of Master Chief and the Arbiter converge with the release of the Flood from Delta Halo, a second installation built by the Forerunners.

Things get convoluted when mysterious Flood creatures called the Gravemind manipulates both the Arbiter and Master Chief because they all have a "common" goal. To prevent the rings from being activated, Gravemind sends the Arbiter and Master Chief in separate directions to prevent The High Prophets from activating Delta Halo.

Master Chief goes to the Covenant city called High Charity, an immense space station, and pursues the remaining Prophets. Meanwhile, Master Chief stows away on board and leaves Cortana behind in order to destroy Delta Halo and High Charity if the Brute captain Tartarus activates the ring.

After capturing a Covenant ship, the Flood arrives at the city and begins infecting the population. The surviving remaining High Prophet, Truth, escapes on a ship located in the core of High Charity. The Master Chief stows away on board and leaves Cortana behind in order to destroy Delta Halo and High Charity if the Brute captain Tartarus activates the ring. The Arbiter, with the help of fellow Elites and human marines, manages to stop the ring from being activated. However, the unexpected shutdown causes the ring to send a signal out to the other remaining Hales, sending them all into a "standby" mode so they can be remotely activated from the Ark, which is a device that can activate all of the remaining rings.

Meanwhile, the ship that Master Chief is stowed away on approaches Earth. The game ends with the Chief being questioned by one of Earth's patent services regarding what he is doing aboard the ship. The Chief answers by stating, "Sir, finishing this fight, sir."
Attention on A-Rod as Yankees face Indians

**MLB**

**Powerful offenses collide**

Phillies, Rockies look for big bats to make statements in hitters’ ballparks

Associated Press

**NEW YORK —** Everywhere Alex Rodriguez went, the lenses were on him. When he took batting practice, the cameras clicked. In the clubhouse, so many mini-cams wanted to capture his words and image that he had to move away from his locker to the center of the room.

Not that he had much to say, just a collection of cliches so old that he probably chuckled to himself as he said them. He’s made a career of effort-first spring training not to reveal his thinking, to focus on the field.

And who could blame him? Why concentrate on his past postseason performances? He is 4-for-41 (0.098) with no RBIs in his last 12 playoff games and hitless in his last 15 postseason at-bats with runners in scoring position. His own failures are a big reason baseball’s best player has never reached the World Series.

When the Yankees were elimi­nated during each of his first three seasons in New York, A-Rod was the top target in the blame game and accused of being the fate of the pinstripes this season. Now, his postseason performance starting Thursday in the first-round series against Cleveland is the big story.

"I think my mind-set definitely changed," Johnny Damon said. "He was always out trying to please people, try to do, say the right thing all the time.

A-Rod cut down his appear­ances in the media and increased his time on the bench.

Rodriguez hit 54 homers and had 156 RBIs this season, an outsized likely to earn him his third AL MVP. Rodriguez hit 30 of his seventh inning on, he batted .342. Yankees captain Derek Jeter said he’s never seen an offensive performance like it.

"New York City’s Kauffman Stadium is second at .279," Rodriguez said. "They have thin air and long dongs, so balls fall in and it’s the complete opposite here."

Rodriguez added, "I have no goals, but you hit it over somebody’s head and it’s going to go out. If you don’t have pitchers that can pitch to the ballpark, you can find yourself in a lot of high-run games."

As the weather cools down, baseballs usually travel less. That was clear in Philadelphia’s opening series against Washington.

"Howard hit two balls against the Nationals that he absolutely crushed that were only three rows deep," Rowand said.

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**Attention on A-Rod as Yankees face Indians**

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**Philadelphia** — Pitchers beware: Two potent offenses plus two hitter-friendly ball­parks could equal a slugfest. The Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies go at this point mainly because of their hitting. And, they’ll need to keep it going.

Game 1 of this NL first-round series is at Citizens Bank Park, the East Coast ver­sion of Coors Field. Both teams are hitting a combined .412 at that round — Cole Hamels (15-5) for the Phillies and Jeff Francis (17-9) for the Rockies.

But it’ll be the hitters getting most of the attention. Phillies’ coach Jimy Rollins, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Pat Burrell and Aaron Rowand.

Colorado brings Matt Holliday, Todd Helton, Garrett Atkins, Brad Hawpe and Troy Tulowitzki.

All these guys can flat-out hit no matter where they play. However, many often find themselves explaining why it’s easier to have success at home.

Balls have been flying out in Philadelphia since the Phillies opened in 2004. The dimensions are rather standard, 329-330 feet down the lines, and there’s a Coors Field-like center fielder and 401 to straightaway center. But for some reason, they hit more at Citizens Park than at the old Veterans Stadium.

Perhaps the open-air outfield allows the wind to play too much too a factor. Maybe the power­alleys aren’t deep enough. Whatever the case, it plays small.

The ball seems to carry more.

Burrell, said, “They just look small, so people feel a little strung. Maybe the pitchers make a lot of mistakes because the park gets in their head. It could be a number of things, but you still have to hit the ball out of the ballpark. I’ve always said where you hit a ball and it’s a home run, it don’t make a difference if you’re playing. If you hit it here 10 rows deep, that’s out of any subdivision.

There’s a much easier explana­tion of this all the scoring at Coors. Blame it on the high altitude. Balls dry out in the thin, arid air, making them slicker and harder to grip.

There’s also less air resistance, causing breaking balls to flat­en out and change-ups to stay up in the zone.

Home run totals have decreased significantly at Coors over the past decade — several years ago, the Rockies installed a humidifier to store baseballs and control their moisture. Still, it remains the best park to hit in.

Batters had a .286 average in Colorado this season, high­est in the majors. It was sec­ond in runs at 747 and ninth in home runs at 185. Meanwhile, the Park led the majors with 241 home runs and was third in runs at 871. Batters hit .277 in Philly.

Regardless of where you play, you still have to get it and hit it,” Howard said. "Sometimes the wind may be blowing in at a field that’s consi­dered to play large. If you hit it in the air, it might go out. You still have to hit it. You still have to put a good swing on it. Howard go for it."

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**Big East Men's Soccer Standings (Blue Division)**

**NBA**

New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas enters court earlier this week. The owners of the Knicks were ordered to pay $11.6 million after Thomas was found guilty of sexual harassment against former Knicks employee Anucha Browne Sanders.

**Knicks owners ordered to pay in suit**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an end to a salacious three-week trial, a jury ordered the owners of the New York Knicks to pay $11.6 million to a former team executive who endured crude insults and unwanted advances from coach Isiah Thomas.

The jury of four women and three men found Thomas and Madison Square Garden sexually harassed Anucha Browne Sanders, but it decided only MSG and chairman James Dolan should pay for harassing and firing Browne Sanders from her $260,000-a-year job out of spite.

The result: The Garden owes $6 million for contributing a hostile work environment and $2.6 million for retaliation. Dolan owes $3 million. Though Thomas is off the hook for any damages, he leaves the case with a tarnished image.

Outside court, a beaming Browne Sanders insisted her victory was more about sending a message than the money.

"What I did here, I did for every working woman in America," she said.

"And that includes everyone who gets up and goes to work in the morning, everyone working in a corporate environment."

Earlier, Thomas, who led Indiana to the 1981 NCAA championship and coached the Pacers during 2000-03, emerged from the federal courthouse in lower Manhattan with his trade mark smile but flashed anger as he reassured his innocence amid a crush of reporters and cameras.

"I'm extremely disappointed that the jury did not see the facts in this case," he said. "I will appeal this, and I remain confident in the man that I am and what I stand for and the family that I have."

MSG said it will appeal, also denying wrongdoing in a case widely viewed as a public relations disaster for a franchise struggling to regain credibility.

The team hasn't won a playoff game since Thomas was signed as president in December 2003 and has wasted millions this decade on a series of free-agent busts.

The verdict also amounts to another blemish on the resume of Thomas, a two-time NBA champion whose post-playing career has been marked by one failure after another.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank said the league's policies "do not encompass civil litigation."

Jury members who needed roughly two days to decide on the allegations but only an hour to determine damages, declined to talk about the verdict.

**Pena wins AL comeback player of the year**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — One season after being released by three teams, Carlos Pena put together the best performance in Tampa Bay Devil Rays history and was chosen Tuesday as Major League Baseball's AL comeback player of the year.

The 28-year-old slacker batted a career-best .282 with a club-record 46 home runs and 121 RBIs after joining the Devil Rays in spring training as a non-roster invitee.

"I knew in my heart it was going to be a great season ... but I went beyond what I envisioned," Pena said.

Last year, he homered once in 18 games for Boston and spent most of the season in Triple-A with the Red Sox and New York Yankees. He hit 27 homers and drove in 82 runs for Detroit in 2004, but slipped to 18 homers and 44 RBIs the following season and was released by the Tigers in March 2006.

**NASCAR finalizing deal with Nationwide Insurance**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — NASCAR was finalizing a deal Tuesday night with Nationwide Insurance to sponsor its No. 2 series beginning in 2008. The Associated Press has learned.

Nationwide will replace Anheuser-Busch, which has sponsored the second-tier Busch Series for 26 seasons but said earlier this year it would end its entitlement deal at the conclusion of this season.

The deal with Nationwide is estimated to be seven years at $10 million a year, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who requested anonymity because the deal had yet to be completed.

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But despite a flurry of early sallies, NASCAR was unable to secure sponsorship in a search that has stretched nearly 10 months.

**IN BRIEF**

**Former punter sentenced to seven years in prison**

GREELEY, Colo. — Former Northern Colorado backup punter Mitch Cozad was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday for stabbing a rival in what prosecutors said was a brutal attempt to take over local gridiron dominance.

"Clearly, this was deliberate to hurt him, and you succeeded," Weld County District Judge Marcelo Kocot told Cozad as he announced the sentence.

"The goal is to not ruin your life," Kocot said. "I would like you to succeed in your life."

Prosecutors said Cozad ambushed starting punter Rafael Mendoza on the night of Sept. 11, 2006. Mendoza was left with a deep gash in his kicking leg but later returned to the team.

Cozad was convicted in August of second-degree assault but acquitted of the more serious charge of attempted first-degree murder.
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Playoff tested Beckett, Lackey to start Game 1

Red Sox, Angels will open tonight at 6:30

Associated Press

BOSTON — Josh Beckett was just 23 the last time he pitched in the postseason, coming back on three days' rest to shut out the New York Yankees and clinch the World Series for Florida.

John Lackey was a 24-year-old rookie when he won Game 7 of the 2002 Series for the Anaheim Angels.

The two big-game veterans will start things off in Game 1 of their AL division series on Wednesday when the East champion Boston Red Sox play West champion Los Angeles Angels.

With Beckett facing Lackey in the opener, the only sure bet is that they won't be crumbling under the pressure.

"He's been in these big games just like I have, and done extremely well," Lackey said. "I mean, throwing a shutout to win a World Series, it doesn't get much better than that. He's obviously got great stuff and it's going to be a great challenge for us. I just want to go out there and pitch well to give our guys a chance to win.

Now 27, Beckett was the MVP of the '03 Series after beating the Yankees in the Game 6 finale. Already flush with confidence, he grew even more confident as he continued to succeed and became convinced that his best pitch in every situation was to throw his fastball, the hitter.

That resulted in some rough starts last year — his first in Boston — and a whopping 36 home runs allowed, along with a 5.01 ERA.

"You learn a lot through failure and through succeeding," Beckett said after the Red Sox worked out at Fenway Park on the day before the playoff opener. "As you get older, obviously, you're still learning. But I think you learn a lot of crucial things along the way. But I don't think anyone will ever consider the learning process complete in this game.

"Mixing his curveball and changeup more this season, he became the majors' first 20-game winner in two years. He also reached a career high with 194 strikeouts while topping 200 innings and cutting his homer total to 17.

"We've seen a young guy work so hard and mature so much, and he became the guy that we really needed him to become," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "Every good team has guys like that — where you say, 'This is our guy, and go get 'em.'

"And he'll respond to adversity, and he competes. He's got a lot of different weapons. And you need that, because we're playing a guy in Lackey who's obviously got a lot of them.

"And facing a pitcher who's as tough as Josh Beckett is obviously going to make any guy better," Scioscia said.

Although Lackey was smiling and joking around at Tuesday's workout — Beckett was all stow — Angels manager Mike Scioscia knows that, once the game starts, his ace is plenty serious.

In Lackey's mind, a visit to the mound is the opening bid in a negotiation.

"Anytime he comes out of the game, he's upset. He wants 10 more pitches or 15 more pitches," Scioscia said. "This guy is one of the best competitors I've been around in 30-plus years. He's channeled his emotions into something that's positive out there to get to the next pitch."

"He had the ability to get to the big leagues, but to do it under the most powerful of microscopes, the playoffs, the pennant race, whatever the situation might be. Obviously his success in the playoffs in pitching Game 7 of a World Series shows the confidence we have in him."

Lackey, 28, set career highs this season with 19 wins, a 3.01 ERA, 224 innings and a 1.44 strikeout-to-walk ratio. But heading into the series against Boston, he will be drawing upon his playoff experience.

"Mets' Randolph will return despite collapse

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mets manager Willie Randolph has sported a new, clean-shaven look as he walked past rows of empty lockers in New York's clubhouse.

"It's not a good time to be recognized in this town," he joked. "Hoping to slip by and dodge a few daggers.

Randolph dodged one Tuesday, two days after his team completed an enormous collapse. General manager Omar Minaya announced Randolph will be back with the club next year, ending speculation that he might be fired despite getting a contract extension before this season.

"I do believe that Willie is going to continue to work hard," Minaya said. "I do believe that Willie's passion for winning is there."

New York went 5-12 down the stretch, squandering its big lead in the NL East and missing the playoffs entirely. The Mets became the first major league team that failed to finish in first place after owning a lead of seven games or more with 17 remaining. New York, which had that margin in Sept. 12, also matched the largest lead blown in September.

"It just hurts right now," Randolph said. "It's been tough sleeping the last couple of nights, trying to come to grips with what happened."

The Mets were tied for first with the Phillies heading into the final three games of the season, and Randolph remained confident that his club would pull it out. New York lost 7-4 to Florida on Friday night, falling one back of Philadelphia, but bounced back with a 13-0 victory Saturday to move into a tie again.

Yet that was all washed away with an 8-1 loss Sunday that included Florida's seven-run first inning against Tom Glavine, and 10 runners left on base by the Mets.

"I've always been associated with winning and it hurts deep down inside, it really hurts to be associated with this type of collapse," Randolph said. "That's not why we play the game and there's no way in the world that I thought we'd be in this position right now talking about this."

Randolph, who grew up in Brooklyn, replaced Art Howe as New York's manager in 2004. The Mets went 83-79 the following year and 97-65 last season, matching the Yankees for the best record in the major leagues. They lost to St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL championship series.

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Youth gangs took over the slums of Rio de Janeiro during the 1960s and didn’t relinquish their stronghold until the mid-1980s. Blood spills throughout the streets of the Ciudad de Deus as gang leader Lil' Zé is challenged by local drug lords and a gang of pre-teens known as the Runts. Naive teen Rocket shoots all of this action with his weapon of choice, a camera.

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Thursday, October 4, at 10:00 p.m.
Fans of hard-hitting Brazilian films such as City of God should find much to admire in the similarly themed TV show City of Men. As two teenage boys grow up in a dangerous Rio de Janeiro slum, they encounter events that will change their lives forever, but they somehow manage to keep their heads and even inject a dash of humor as they enter into some of the darkest moments of their young lives.

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Cavanaugh a first and goal on the 10-yard line with plenty of time on the clock. Sophomore receiver Sarah Gline caught the go-ahead touchdown pass to put the Chaos on top again, 13-8.

"It was a perfect pass that I was able to take advantage of," Nally said.

McGlinn once again started off the second half strong, forcing a three-and-out, but were unable to convert on fourth down, giving the ball back to the Pyros.

Lewie gave the Shamrocks a chance to comeback after intercepting both the following drive, but McGlinn turned the ball over on downs.

The Pyros next drive resulted in another touchdown pass from Lynch to Nally, extending the lead to 19-6.

McGlinn senior co-captain Jeff Paramore said his team will be much better next year.

"We really struggled to find eight players for the game this year as we had twelve, but we finally made the playoffs," McGlinn said.

Junior co-captain Kate Sylvias was thrilled to have the Belles' feet to give Adrian an 1-0 lead by senior Julie Sullivan, and the defense, "But it was the only time McGlinn would see the endzone on the day.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Saint Mary's ends seven-game losing streak to Bulldogs

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In Saint Mary's season opener Sept. 4, the Belles lost to Adrian in straight games — extending the Bulldogs streak to seven con­secutive wins over the Belles. That streak was broken Tuesday when the Belles took down the Bulldogs in five hard-fought games.

"Tonight it really just came together," senior Amanda David said.

"We have been having some really good practices this past week, and it really showed in tonight's match." The Belles (7-10, 4-5 MAC) took game one easily 30-24, but could not keep momentum going into game two.

Bulldogs outside hitter Lindsey Edelman had multiple kills at the Belles' feet to give Adrian an early lead. After getting down 6-13, the Belles began to rally back. But after a strong effort by both teams and multiple lead changes, the Belles were victorious in the Bulldogs (11-7, 8-2 MAC) 3-2.

Game three was an even tougher match for the Belles. The Bulldogs and Belles were neck and neck the entire game, but multiple errors by the Belles gave Adrian the win 25-24, 25-22, 19-25, 25-21.

With two losses in a row, it was a game the Belles were going to fall to their conference foe again.

Saint Mary's, however, kicked in the intensity.

They started the game with six unanswered points and never lost that lead, taking game four 30-22.

Saint Mary's also dominated the match's final game, beginning with five unanswered points. Adrian fought hard, but could not catch Saint Mary's. The Belles finished the game with a 15-8 score, sealing the win and breaking its losing streak against the Bulldogs.

But Adrian, the team leader was sophomore outside hitter Lorna Bieg, who had a career-high and match-best 27 kills to go along with her match-high 19 digs and a double-double of the night with 13 kills and 13 digs.

Freshman middle blocker Andrea Saganova gave a standout performance as well with 13 kills, 16 digs and a team-high 13 blocks. While her senior co-captain setter David had a season-best 65 assists and 14 digs.

Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said, "They really executed well. I felt like every member of our team came to compete tonight." Although she was excited and glad for the win, Schroeder-Biek is ready for the next conference match Thursday against Hope.

"As wonderful as this win was, it is, she said, "We now only carry the confidence gained from that win along with the momentum of that win into our next game," she said. "But it's a great start to the second half of our season off right, and we have got to keep our focus on the here and now - one match at a time to achieve our goal.

The timing of the win may provide dividends later in the season with conference match-ups and tournament play.

"This was really a big win for us. We could've taken a lot of strong serves when the team needed it most," she added.

Another standout was junior middle blocker Kanu Hellmann, who tallied up the third double-double of the night with 13 kills and 13 digs. "I thought my teammates were a little out of sync tonight, but in the end, it just wasn't enough. We played really well tonight," Schroeder-Biek said.

"Our offense was a real well-oiled machine. Sullivan chewed up yards on the field," they said.

"I'm really happy with the way we played tonight. We were a tough squad and put up a fight," Rees said. "In the end, it just wasn't enough. We plan on going undefeated, and then going all the way to the final four again." Both the Belles and Bulldogs were neck and neck the majority of the game, but ultimately lost when the Belles won four straight points to pull away.

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**Clausen**

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there was perfect," Weis said.

When Sharpley entered the game, the Irish trailed 26-6, but two touchdowns passes by the junior tight end of 26-19 before a game-clinch touching-down by Purdue.

Weis said that while Claussen is still going to be the starter if he's healthy enough, Notre Dame is fortunate to have two quarterbacks with game experience.

"They both have done a very good job progressing and running the team," he said. Combined, Sharpley and Claussen threw for 377 yards against the Boilermakers over 200 more yards than the Irish had passed for in any other game this year.

Weis said the improvement was partially because he made the quarterbacks practice without playing calling wristbands all last week.

"Last week was a turning point with both of them going from calling plays to running plays," Weis said. "They did a lot better job of running the offense in practice."

Weis said without the wristbands, Sharpley and Claussen had to focus on the play being called.

"It just gives a little bit of pressure on them," he said. "They didn't have the security blanket where you say 'number 3 throw' and they just read it. They're not calling a play, they're just reading the play."

Getting rid of the wristbands also took away a distraction for the signal callers as the team approached the line of scrimmage.

"Sometimes you'll see them go to the line of scrimmage and they're both thinking and saying things about an audible again," Weis said. "It's like, 'what was that play again?'"

Both quarterbacks were wristbands during the game against the Boilermakers.

Injured players may return

Weis said junior wide receiver David Grimes and sophomore offensive guard Dan Wenger are both "50/50" for the UCLA game. Grimes was injured against Purdue, while Wenger has not played since the Michigan game Sept. 15.

Maust takes over punt

Sophomore Eric Maust handled Notre Dame's punting Saturday against Purdue instead of fifth-year senior Geoff Prie, and Weis said Maust will start again against UCLA.

Maust kicked three times against the Boilermakers, aver- aging 44 yards per punt.

Chancing depth chart

In addition to Maust, several other players moved up on the official Irish depth chart. Sophomore James Aldridge was moved to first string running back, with fifth-year senior Travis Thomas, senior Junior Jabie, and freshman Armando Allen all sharing the No. 2 spot.

Offensive guard Matt Carufel and defensive end Dwight Stephenson were also officially moved into starting roles. The original starters in those position- mens, Wenger and senior Justin Brown, are injured.

Kickers get live practice

After missing one extra point, botching another and having a field goal blocked, placekickercs Brandon Walker and Nate Whitaker practiced against a live rush Tuesday. Both were solid inside 30 yards, but both also had ugly misses beyond that distance.

The Irish also worked on other areas of special teams at full speed and in full pads Tuesday, including field goal blocking and punt coverage.

Stewart back on the field

After missing last Thursday's practice and not making the trip to West Lafayette Saturday amid rumors that he was thinking of transferring, sophomore offensive linemen Chris Stewart was back on the practice field Tuesday.

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**Fortner**

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Fortner and Virginia's Greg carrot finished five strokes behind of Spartan medalist Ryan Brehm (72-64-69), whose final round 69 put him at five-under for the tournament. Fortner's previous best tournament score was 212 at last year's Triumph at Pauma Valley, where he finished 18th.

Other top Notre Dame finishers included junior Josh Sandidge who finished in a tie for 15th, Sandidge fired a one-over 71 in the third round for a three-round total of 217 (seven-over).

Notre Dame's golfers that did not start but competed as individuals were among Notre Dame's top performers. Sophomore Kyle Willis tied for eighth at 8-under, the best finish of his Irish career.

Freshmen Tyler Hock and Jeff Chen also shot scores of 10 and 11 over to finish in the top 40. Finishing third among the Irish starters was senior Greg Rodgers, who tied for 50th with a score of 14-over. Fellow senior Eddie Peckels tied for 52nd at 19-over, and sophomore Carl Santus-Ocampo rounded out the Notre Dame starters with a total of 30-over.

Other Irish players competing as individuals included freshman Connor Alar-Lee, senior Mike King, sophomore Olavo Batista, and freshman Dustin Zhang. Alar-Lee finished strong with a 71 in the third round, giving him a 13-over total.

King and Batista tied for 56th with scores of 236, 21-over. Zhang's final round 81 put him in 69th place with a score of 34-over.

The Irish will be right back in action this weekend, traveling to Durham, North Carolina to compete in the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic October 7-8.

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**Clark**

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however, Irish coach Bobby Clark feels his team still has room for improvement.

"They're playing a full game of good college basketball," Clark said. "We're piecing it together, and we still have something away from each game and take it to the next game. We still have room to grow."

One development that may help Notre Dame find their best form will be the impending return of several injured players. Sophomore midfield- er Michael Thomas, out with a foot injury, the UCLA game Aug. 31, will visit the doctor today and will play tonight if he receives clearance.

Sophomore forward Tamba Samba may also make his first appearance of the season against the Irish. A foot injury has kept Samba out of the lineup.

"There's certainly a possibility of both (Samba and Thomas) playing, and if they did, it said. "The thing with Tamba is his fitness as he wasn't able to do anything for three to four weeks. He won't be able to go 90 minutes, but he may be able to give us some minutes tonight."

While Notre Dame has reinforcement on the way in Thomas and Samba, the Irish lineup continues to be altered by other injuries. Senior forward Kurt Martin will have to miss some time due to an ankle injury he aggravated this past Friday against Cincinnati. Senior defender Kyle Dagan also left Friday night's game with an injury.

"The nice thing with the injuries is that we've been able to get some younger players involved, which is great because down the line it's only going to make our team deeper and stronger," Clark said.

Tonight's game will be the season opener between Notre Dame and Michigan, with the Irish holding a 5-0-1 edge in the all-time series. The last meeting took place last year in Ann Arbor with Notre Dame winning 2-0 on two goals from senior forward Joseph Lagira.

Tonight's game starts at 7 p.m. and will be televiscd live on Comcast East (Michigan).

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love, romance, having fun and meeting people who can change your life for all of your joys. If you use someone who influences you, cast your fate to the wind and jump with both feet. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It’s no use talking about this. You have the right idea but someone won’t try to stand your shoulder to make credit for your hard work, plans or ideas. You have to take control if you want it come out on top. 2 stars

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**FOOTBALL**

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Weis said Clausen will start at UCLA if ready

By Chris Khorey

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen will start Saturday against UCLA if he is healthy enough, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said in his press conference Tuesday.

Clausen was in full pads for Tuesday’s practice and is cleared to play. Whether he will start his first career game remains to be seen.

Clausen played most of the first three quarters against the Boilermakers Saturday, completing 13-of-15 passes for 169 yards, with a touchdown and an interception.

He was spelled by Sharpay after taking a big hit during the third quarter. Sharpay, who has to complete 10 of 26 throws for 208 yards with two touchdowns and one interception in slightly more than a quarter of action.

"Last fall, both quarterbacks did a lot of good things, but we...

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Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws downfield during Notre Dame’s 31-14 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 22. Clausen was injured Saturday against Purdue.

**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Irish prepare for Michigan**

ND 5-0 in Big East for first time since 1997

By Greg Arboagast

After starting its Big East season 0-0 for the first time since 1997, No. 3 Notre Dame will take a break from conference play tonight when No. 19 Michigan comes to Alumni Field.

The Wolverines (8-1-1) come to South Bend in the wake of their first loss of the season — a 3-2 overtime defeat by Indiana. Before its loss to the Hoosiers, however, Michigan had run off nine straight games without a defeat, and Irish coach Bobby Clark expects a stern test from the Wolverines.

"They’re the best Big Ten team I’ve seen," Clark said.

"They transition well. They have some very good attacking players, and they’re good on set pieces. They’re a good side, but we’ll be ready for them.

The biggest challenge for Notre Dame will be stopping the potent Michigan offense. The Irish defense, which has four shutouts on the season and a goals-against average of 0.74, will have to contend with a Wolverine offense that has yet to be shutout while averaging 2.62 goals per game this season.

Irish forward Joseph Lapina dribbles past Huskies midfielder Luis Mogica during Notre Dame’s 2-1 tie with NIU Sept. 19.

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**WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

**Howard edges chaos, Walsh defeats Farley**

By Meghan Mahon, Patrick Synes and Jared Jedick

Howard (2-2-1) scored a last-minute touchdown to defeat Cavanaugh 14-13 Tuesday, narrowly escaping defeat and securing a spot in the Blue Division playoffs.

"It was a heart-breaking loss," Cavanaugh senior center Jill Martini said. "I don’t think anyone saw it coming."

Both the Chaos, now 2-3, and Ducks came out strong on defense. Howard junior Laura Giezeman intercepted a pass by Cavanaugh junior quarterback Katie Dunn. The Ducks offense, however, was unable to capitalize on their great field position.

Cavanaugh held the Ducks to less than 20 yards in the first half.

The Cavanaugh offense struck first, scoring a touchdown on the last drive of the first half. Senior Elisa Suarez and junior Sarah Van Mill caught Dunn’s passes for a combined gain of 55 yards, bringing up first and goal for the Chaos.

Dunn then completed an 8-yard pass to Van Mill for the touchdown and to Suarez to end the half leading 7-0.

Howard’s first drive of the second half ended abruptly with an interception by freshman Mary Kate Howard, but Giezeman and the Ducks answered back with another interception to launch Howard’s first touchdown drive.

Freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop completed a pass to freshman receiver Caitlin Robinson for the touchdown. The Ducks then made a gutsy decision to go for the two-point conversion, despite having lost to Walsh earlier this season because of missed extra points. Howard converted and took the lead, making the score 8-2.

With less than six minutes left in the game, the Chaos knew they had to act quickly. Unable to find open receiver, Dunn ran an off running. She rushed for 40 yards on the first play, and then fifteen on the next, to give

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**MEN’S GOLF**

**Team takes eighth in Classic**

By Michael Bryan

Notre Dame finished in a tie for eighth in the second Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Tuesday, shooting a total of 298 in the final round.

The Irish (289-295-298) ended the tournament 14-over par, tied with San Diego.

Notre Dame stood in third place out of twelve teams after the first round, but fell to sixth after a 16-over second day.

No. 25 Michigan State (285-274-288) took first, leading all three rounds in an impressive 14-stroke victory.

Tied for second were No. 16 Lurie, University of Arkansas with scores of 861 (14-over), and Virginia and Baylor rounded out the top five, shooting totals of 868 and 870 respectively.

Sophomore Doug Fortner was Notre Dame’s best finisher this weekend, finishing tied for second place individually.

Fortner (68-72-70) finished the tournament at even-par, and his 54-hole total of 210 was just one stroke off the Notre Dame head coach Jeff Akusky's 211 total.

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**FOOTBALL**

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