Pension act expires with new year

Provision that makes contributions from IRAs tax-free helped University collect $2.5 million

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associated Press

Notre Dame may have found a new way to encourage senior alumni to donate a part of their retirement savings to the University starting next year, because the piece of legislation that currently makes these contributions tax-free will expire at the end of 2007.

A provision of the 2006 Pension Protection Act allows people 70.5 years or older to direct up to $100,000 of their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to qualifying charities and tax-exempt organizations, like Notre Dame — and with a tax benefit.

Since President Bush signed the Act into effect in August 2006, Notre Dame has received more than $2.5 million in IRA contributions, said John Bukowik, assistant director of planned giving at the University's development office.

"These are dollars we might've not received otherwise," Bukowik said.

But the provision will expire on Dec. 31 as different groups in Congress have expressed con-

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President George W. Bush signs the Pension Protection Act into law in the White House on Aug. 17, 2006.

Alumnae offer their career tips

College graduates host Expo, Insights Day

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's alumnae from 21 majors returned to campus Tuesday to offer students advice on post-graduate employment and educational opportunities in the first annual Alumnae Career Expo and Career Insights Day, sponsored by the Board of Governors (BOG), the Division of Academic Affairs and the Center for Career Opportunities.

The alumnae participated in major-based seminars throughout the day, discussing their careers and how current students can enrich their own experiences.

The main event of the day was the Career Exhibition in the Student Center Lounge. About 75 students participated in the networking event, where the visiting alumnae spoke about their own experiences.

"The alumnae have been so supportive," BOG alumnae commission member Christine Darche said.

"Even those who couldn't attend the career expo wrote back saying this is a great program." Many of the alumnae said they wish there had been a similar program in place during their time at the College.

"When I came to school here there was only one bank that interviewed me for post-graduate employment," said Kate Heininger, a 1970 graduate.

"We had to do everything after college on our own." Waltrin Harig is the executive director of the Illinois region of the Alumni Association.

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Diplomat wants female peacemakers

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"Although women are half

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Sorensen: Women have untapped potential

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

A former United Nations diplomat told a Notre Dame audience Tuesday that 80 percent of the world’s refugees are women and children — and she wants women, including female refugees, to become “architects of peace.”

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Hypnotist helps with confidence

Student taps minds of individuals, athletes

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

So you want to quit smoking, conquer stage fright, improve your athletic performance and gain self-confidence? Notre Dame MBA student Dale "Doc" Dougherty might be able to help with a few sessions of hypnosis.

A certified hypnotist, Dougherty said he became interested in the practice after seeing a stage show in 1990 and has practiced it for seven years. He has hosted numerous hypnosis workshops at Notre Dame, working with both individuals and sports teams.

He held one such workshop, the last begins of the seminar, Tuesday in the Mendoza College of Business to help students improve their study habits and test-taking and memorization skills.

Dougherty kicked off the session with a few brief meditations, asking participants to visualize relaxing settings. Contrary to stereotypes created by hypnosis stage shows, Dougherty said that your mind still has a moral code under a hypnotic trance.

"You totally have control over yourself," he said. "You can’t be made to rob a bank unless you rob banks in your everyday life."

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Protest this

As it is with many students, the 21-year-old drinking age, our one-year-long streak to Noyes dorms has been cut in line at the Hixson Hall and slow walkers can annoy me. But nothing so far this year has managed to irk me more than the unbelievable number of people who have yet to learn how to socialize.

You know — that guy at the football game who claims he could single-handedly defend against our offense. The seniors who still enjoy dorm parties and frequent them despite their ability to procure their own alcohol. Anyone who, on more than one occasion, has found humor in commenting on the appearance of Stephan Center. Please don’t misunderstand me — everyone can have a lapse in judgment.

But to do so on a regular basis leads to social awkwardness. One could argue that this type of behavior is contagious, drawing our social interactions further and further from normality.

This fact is only hampered by the Jacke Police’s insistence on seize enforcement of the drinking age. There’s the impression that no one under the age of 21 can set foot at TC for fear of being issued an MIC. The new crackdown on off-campus parting is just one of many problems.

Monotonous discussion is now commonplace. We as a student body have little insight into new topics of conversation.

Recently, however, a new debate arose: that of the lack of student activism on campus. I see where the argument comes from, but there are so many more pertinent issues to Notre Dame that have to be sorted out before we can fully devote ourselves to other causes.

People are out protesting for a living wage, yet no one can fully appreciate these efforts when their voices are drowned out by the freshman claiming he can court better than Charlie Weiss or some guys rebuking the Kalbenschwor-McNamara-all-girls-at-NIU-screent theory.

And the worst part of our continuing debate is ignorance of social issues. No one is doing anything about it.

We have CLAP where we need CARP — campus awkwardness reduction project.

Though I only have one year past experience from which to draw, the downward spiral that we appear to be on is foreboding. We may not lose an entire campus, but when it comes to these pertinent issues, the lack of activism ultimately hampers any potential social movement.

Until students begin to notice and take action, there appears to be no end in sight. But maybe there is a simple solution — an interview requirement for admission. Then we can’t say we weren’t told.

At any rate, it probably would have kept my excessively awkward engineering brother out.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a portion of the Nov. 6 article on Senior Jim Luckow’s proposed amendment to the Student Body Constitution ("Senior calls for "public role" confusion the purpose of his drafted amendment with the goals of a separate amendment which could be worded better. The amendment on the agenda for consideration at today’s meeting of Senate does not give seniors more control over the student body president’s actions or week at meetings of the Community/Campus Advisory Council. The goal of the initial amendment is to mandate the president reports death of the community’s meetings to the Senate. The plan to give seniors more control over the president’s activities at the council’s meetings is part of a second amendment that I would like to propose to be added to an email sent to selected residents Monday.

Due to a spacing error, the Nov. 6 article ("Opposing party stance on executions dead" incorrectly stated that Bruce Dodd said the Chicago Tribune has a long history of liberalism in its editorial pages. In fact, Dodd said the Tribune has a long history of conservatism. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HORROR MOVIE AND WHY?

Brianna Muller


Minsoo Kang

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose. It’s scary as hell.”

Ed Yap

"Amityville Horror. It strikes close to home.”

Pujja Parikh

"The Descent. It didn’t need the gore to be scary.”

Danny Wheelan

"Shark Attack III. It’s so realistic.”

IN BRIEF

Ohio State University professor James Bartholomew will deliver the lecture “Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?” Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in 215 DeBartolo Hall.

Heather Stoll, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver the lecture "Presidents, Powers and Parties. The Sources of Legislative-Electoral Coordination in Presidential Regimes" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Internationally known advocate against the death penalty Bud Welch will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. His speech, "Vengeance Solves No Problems," will draw upon his experience of losing a daughter in the Oklahoma City bombing.

As part of the Boardroom Insights Lecture series, Paul Orfalea, former Kinko’s chief executive officer, will speak in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business Friday at 10:40 a.m.

The Glee Club will perform its fall concert Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

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SMC students learn self-defense

After friend's murder, founder started workshops for young women

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

Erin Weed, founder and executive director of Girls Fight Back, an organization that provides personal safety and self-defense information for young women, presented her program to about 50 students in Saint Mary's Carroll Auditorium Tuesday night.

Weed founded Girls Fight Back in 2001 after her best friend, Shannon McNamara, was murdered in her dorm room at Saint Mary's College, where Weed attended.

"Weed said she realized young women "fighting back against her aggressor, being a sitting duck for attacks. "All of us know what it looks like to be an easy target," she said.

"The presentation ended with a short demonstration of self-defense moves that a woman could put to use if she is ever attacked. "Women have been taught proper ways to defend themselves because they do not how to react," Weed said.

"Weed also showed the audience how to use everyday objects, like a cell phone and a high-heeled shoe, as an "improved weapon," if circumstances allow.

"It is my hope that you will see something in today's program that will make you want to go and take a self-defense class," she said.

"The Girls Fight Back Web site, she said, has a directory women can use to find listings of self-defense classes for women.

"Some in the audience said they would consider Weed's suggestion.

"Weed was encouraging because you never think you will be in a situation like McNamara's and it was nice to know women can defend themselves," freshman Stacy Bedrosen said.

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Who says Deloitte is the #1 place to start a career?

BusinessWeek, our employees and recent graduates, to name a few. In fact, Deloitte ranked ahead of 49 companies you probably know by name. Of course, we had something to aim for; we were ranked number three in 2006. And, after a year in which we're ranked on other leading lists, including Fortune magazine's "Best Companies to Work For" and Working Mother magazine's "100 Best Companies," if you're wondering why, it's not just because we offer a strong benefits package, in fact, it's the same reason we're ranked the highest; because we've redefined how careers are built. After all, the one-size-fits-all approach to the corporate ladder is no way to build the workplace of the future.

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the Friends of the Orphans nonprofit organization. She said she wanted to come back to the College and attend Tuesday's events to get exposure for her organization — and hopefully meet students who might be interested in the organization.

"It sounded like a great way to reach out to people," said Walters Hartig, who has also been involved in the College's post-graduate Volunteer Fair for the past two years.

"I've talked to quite a few students, already today," she said. "It's amazing the experiences that some students have already."

Jill Harrington, a 1992 graduate, also returned to her alma mater for the event, even though she hadn't been active in many College events in recent years but now she's involved in a new organization that helps children going through their parents' divorce — and she wanted to get College alumni involved.

"I've been talking to [psychology professor Catherine] Pillman about maybe finding some student interns for the program for next semester," Hartig said.

Jill Swan junior Alumnae Autumn Gill, right, Dana Dreher Schrader, center, and Jessica Matthews Langager talk to a student at the Alumnae Career Expo Tuesday.

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prevent any true progress toward prevention.

It is essential to involve men in the discussion, both in the academic and activist settings, Jackson said. He was impressed that he's comprised about half the audience Monday.

Given today's expectations of masculinity, men must often be confident in their identity before they can speak. Frankly about the sexist attitudes that pervade current paradigms of gender, he said.

"We need more men with the guts to break out of implicit silence." Jackson Katz Anti-sexism activist

too often, Katz said, men allow themselves to disregard the issue because they are "good guys" who don't beat their girlfriends or assault women.

"We're in a culture rife with sexism and gender-based violence, refraining from hitting or raping a woman may not be enough to make a man a "good guy," he said. "We need to raise the bar a little."

Males involved in anti-sexism activism are often asked about their personal motivations, Jackson said. His own personal awakening to the cause came during college when he realized the lives of his female friends were dramatically affected by the need to protect their personal safety, he said.

"The women I care about can walk out to the corner store at 9 p.m. to get a soda," he said.

That realization made him angry. As he became more involved with gender issues, Jackson found out that many women close to him had been victims of abuse.

His experience is hardly abnormal, he said. Jackson insisted that every male in the audience knew at least one female that had been sexually assaulted. He cited a Department of Justice statistic that one of four women will be raped or attempted rape during college.

"True prevention is going to the roots of the problem: men and boys," he said.

"But what has been called 'prevention,' as far as I'm concerned, is risk reduction for women, like 'watch your drink' and 'don't go out alone at night.'"

"Silence in the face of sexism is a form of consent and complicity," he said.

Two of the terms — "bitch" and "wh**" — spurred further analysis.

In medieval Europe, the term "bitch" was applied to the thousands of women who resisted patriarchal power who were burned at the stake as witches, he said.

"Women who refuse to define society's gender labels as eventualized are branded "bitches," he said.

"We've come 500 years, but we've changed one letter?" he said.

Today, women who refuse to define society's gender labels as outdated are routinely labeled "bitches," he said.

He also objected to the use of the word "accuser" to describe the alleged victims of rape. "The accused is now the victim of her accusation," he said.

Jackson extended his argument about the importance of semantics by asking the audience to provide derogatory labels used to criticize female anti-sexism activists.

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BAGHLAN, Afghanistan — A bomb attack struck a group of lawmakers Tuesday as they were being greeted by children on a visit to a sugar factory in Afghanistan’s normally peaceful north. At least 28 people were killed, including five parliament members as well as children.

U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai blamed the “the enemies of peace and security,” a euphemism often used for the militant Taliban. But such a spectacular attack could also have been seen as work of al-Qaida. The Taliban denied involvement.

Video obtained by AP Television News of the scene just before the blast shows schoolchildren, elders and government officials lining the streets to greet 18 lawmakers as they were about to enter the sugar factory in Baghlan, a town about 105 miles north of the capital, Kabul.

Instability casts shadow on elections

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan’s deposed chief justice called on lawyers Tuesday to revolt against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf’s declaration of a state of emergency and a crackdown on the opposition that has left thousands under arrest.

The government considered a delay in parliamentary elections despite Western demands they be held in time to win a media award to bring democracy to a nuclear-armed country dogged by political uncertainty and rising Islamic militancy.

Fragile security in the northeast — cited by officials as a reason for the suspension of the constitution — deteriorated further as post-Taliban militants seized a town from outnumbered security forces.

Shuttle commander voices concerns

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With the mission finally coming to a close, Discovery’s commander acknowledged Tuesday she had been extremely concerned about the safety of the spacewalker who went out to fix the space station.

And the spacewalker, Scott Parazynski, said he had managed to reach tangled wires that had snagged the wing. If the damage had been just another foot away, “It would have been a Plan B or C or D,” he told The Associated Press. “I don’t know what it would have been.”

As expected for an early Wednesday afternoon landing, the seven astronauts recalled for the AP the dramatic highlights of their 15-day space station construction mission.

Saturday’s emergency repair of the torn wing at the space station’s final stoppage was an unprecedented and daring feat胃口 up by flight controllers in just a few days.

Bush proposes product safety rules

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday after a rash of recalls of dangerous toothpaste, dog food and toys reassured the American public that they need to do more to protect themselves from across the globe.

Among the weapons Iran has made such assurances to the Iraqi government. He did not reveal when the pledge was issued.

A decline in Iranian weapons deliveries could be one of several factors for the decrease in both Iraqi and American losses during the past two months.

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According to the weapons Iran has accused Iraq of supplying to Iran, Shiite militia fighters are EFPs, or explosively formed penetrators. They fire a slug of molten metal capable of penetrating even the most heavily armored military vehicles, and thus are more deadly than other roadside bombs.

The No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Bay Odierro, said last week that there had been a sharp decline in the number of EFPs found in Iraq over the past three months. At the time, he and Gates both said it was too early to tell whether the trend would hold, and whether it could be attributed to action by Iranian authorities. Iran publically denies that it has sent weapons to Shiite militias.

Two of the Iranians who will be freed “in the coming days” were among five captured in January in a U.S. raid on an Iranian government facility in Iraq, the capital of Iraq’s autonomous Kurdish region in the north of the country.

The Americans said the five were members of Iran’s elite Quds Force, an arm of the Revolutionary Guards. Iran said the five were diplomats working in a facility that was undergoing preparations to be a consular office.

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The positive moves toward Iran on Tuesday coincided with the opening of a new Iranian consulate in Bruselas, the facility in Bruselas that was

New Orleans population sees rebound

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Rigsbee’s report, released late Monday, was based on utility hookups. Last month, the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center used Postal Service data to estimate that New Orleans’ population has reached 70 percent of its pre-Katrina level.

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Iraq

2007 deadliest year in ongoing conflict

Despite high casualties this year, steady decline in attacks eases some pressure on U.S. troops

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military announced six new deaths Tuesday, marking 2007 the deadliest year for American troops in Iraq despite a recent decline in casualties and a sharp drop in roadside bombings that Washington links to Iran.

With nearly two months left in the year, the annual toll is now 853 — three more than the previous worst year of 2005.

But the grim milestone comes as the Pentagon points toward other encouraging signs as well — growing security in Baghdad and other former militant strongholds that could help consolidate the gains against extremists.

A senior Navy officer, meanwhile, announced the planned release of nine Iranian prisoners in Iraq, at pains to say that a major cache of Iranian-made weapons and bombs displayed by reporters Tuesday appeared to have been shipped into Iraq before Tehran made a vow to stop the flow of arms to insurgents.

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Dougherty's methods.

"You change your mind, you change your perception, you change your entire life."

Dale Dougherty
hypnotist

Dougherty's exercises. "Even if it doesn't help my studies, it really helped me relax. I'm definitely going to try and make another one of Dougherty's sessions," she said.

And stressed students aren't the only ones taking advantage of Dougherty's services.

"Women could do it as well, if not better. Give it to the women and see what they can do," she said with a laugh.

But Sorensen was serious when she said women have "untapped potential as peace-makers."

Tapping that potential, however, will require drastic changes in almost all institutions worldwide, Sorensen said. "My dream is that women receive respect and education, health care — so they can safely give birth — and opportunities. That's not so different from men, I guess," she said. "I'm wishing they had the same opportunities as men."

Globalization, she said, posed a threat to that dream as it "has increased social and economic inequality" between poor and wealthy countries. Religious fundamentalism, as well, is detrimental to the advancement of women as diplomats as it "literally tries to veil and hide women."

Sorensen emphasized the need for strong role models for young women to combat these inequities. "It's just as precious as boys."

And students could become "the tools with which that change can be made," she said.

Sorensen challenged her collegiate audience, urging individuals to ask themselves how they can "make a contribution to the larger world."

"How can we look across boundaries and bring their talents to where the need is very great? How can we make a difference in the world?" she said.

A former U.N. assistant secretary-general for external relations, Sorensen has also tried to make a difference as a U.N. special adviser for public policy. She is now traveling the country talking about her experiences with the United Nations and describing herself as "the U.N.'s national advocate."

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the human race, men around the world seem to seize authority and power and decision-making, and they sometimes use it to hurt women," she said.

"It wasn't really until this century that the rights of women have been seen as equal to the rights of men."

And though their rights may be the same, women's inherent traits differentiate them from their male counterparts in the way they both deal with conflict, Sorensen said.

"Women make a real difference in building peace," she said. "That's not to say they can't be as tough as men. They can, if they choose. But many women have a perspective and experience that gives them a special ability as peace makers and peace builders."

She said that, although many of the world's war refugees are female, men have dominated peace-making diplomacy in the past.

"Look at pictures in The New York Times of peace conferences. Why is it all men?" she said.

"Men have been doing this for centuries. Women could do it as well, if not better. Give it to the women and see what they can do," she said with a laugh.

But Sorensen was serious when she said women have "untapped potential as peace-makers."

Tapping that potential, however, will require drastic changes in almost all institutions worldwide, Sorensen said. "My dream is that women receive respect and education, health care — so they can safely give birth — and opportunities. That's not so different from men, I guess," she said. "I'm wishing they had the same opportunities as men."

Globalization, she said, posed a threat to that dream as it "has increased social and economic inequality" between poor and wealthy countries. Religious fundamentalism, as well, is detrimental to the advancement of women as diplomats as it "literally tries to veil and hide women."

Sorensen emphasized the need for strong role models for young women to combat these inequities. "It's just as precious as boys."

And students could become "the tools with which that change can be made," she said.

Sorensen challenged her collegiate audience, urging individuals to ask themselves how they can "make a contribution to the larger world."

"How can we look across boundaries and bring their talents to where the need is very great? How can we make a difference in the world?" she said.

A former U.N. assistant secretary-general for external relations, Sorensen has also tried to make a difference as a U.N. special adviser for public policy. She is now traveling the country talking about her experiences with the United Nations and describing herself as "the U.N.'s national advocate."

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Facebook announces targeted ads

User profile information to be used to generate commercials with personal interests

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — Facebook has begun transforming itself from an online hangout into an online business district.

Companies can now create their own targeted ads and post them on Facebook for the first time, under a new program announced Tuesday. Advertisers also will be able to show users their pitches in the guise of friends’ endorsements, based on what the friends buy and do online.

For example, if a friend has booked a vacation on Travelocity, the online travel agency will be able to display the friend’s photo as part of an ad to entice the user to buy the best package deal at the hotel staying.

The new feature will not be a surprise to Facebook members. More than 25 million users have opted out of Facebook’s ads program already.

But it will mark a significant change for the social networking site and revive privacy concerns. Facebook quickly apologized and agreed to let users turn off the feature.

Advertisers also can finesse their audiences—having their pitches appear only to women under 30 who attended New York University and work at Goldman Sachs, for instance.

Facebook promises no information that could identify individual users will be disclosed to advertisers. And its official spokespeople can claim again if they find the new targeting program offensive.

“If users are displeased with this, we will hear from them,” said Chris Kelly, the company’s chief privacy officer.

Privacy concerns aside, many Facebook members may be reluctant to endorse an advertiser for fear of alienating friends who had bad experiences with the same company, said Chris Winfield, who runs (US20), an online marketing specialist.

“They are relying a lot on their users to make this happen, and that’s going to be tricky,” Winfield said.

Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, who founded the company three years ago, said marketers must respond to the changing nature of communication, driven in part by social networking sites like his.

“Pushing your message out to people is no longer good enough,” Zuckerberg told about 200 advertising-industry executives, many already in New York for the adtech conference. “You have to get your message out to the conversations.”

### Crude oil barrels rise to record high

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — Oil futures jumped to a new record above $97 a barrel Tuesday after bombings in Afghanistan and an attack on a Venezuelan pipeline, fanned supply concerns that have driven crude prices higher in recent weeks.

Those concerns were fed by a U.S. government prediction on Thursday that domestic oil inventories will fall further this year while consumption rises. At the same time, production, meanwhile, gas prices continued to rise, following oil’s 10 percent price rally since August. The national average price of a gallon of gas jumped 2 cents overnight to $3.024 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Separately, the federal Energy Information Administration reported that diesel fuel prices reached a national average of $3.303 a gallon, a new record.

If oil prices continue to rise, it might be some time until consumers see relief at the pump. Some analysts predict prices could rise as high as $3.50 to $4 a gallon next summer.

The Energy Information Administration is predicting gas prices will remain above $2.90 a gallon for the rest of the year, and will set a new record national average of $3.255 a gallon by May. In May 2007, prices peaked at $3.227 a gallon as refineries, faced with a series of unexpected upsets, struggled to produce enough gas to meet demand.

On Tuesday, oil was already up before news of the attack in Yemen and the blasts in northern Afghanistan that killed at least 28 people. Severe weather forecasts for the North Sea, expectations that domestic crude supplies fell last week and the weak dollar all contributed to the latest move upward.

While Afghanistan does not produce much oil, traders watch for the possibility that any escalation in the conflict there between U.S. armed forces and Islamic militants could spell over into other countries, disrupting oil supplies out of the Middle East.

John Kilduff, vice president of risk management at MF Global UK Ltd., noted that the attack in Yemen “has disrupted a pipeline that carries 155,000 barrels a day of crude.”

Meanwhile, investors believe crude supplies are declining in the U.S. Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires predict, on average, that crude oil inventories fell by 1.6 million barrels last week. The Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration will issue its weekly inventory report on Wednesday. Oil futures’ rise above $90 a barrel has been fueled in part by two weeks of unexpected declines in inventories.
Ron Paul: An exception to the rule

There are some things in life that you can always count on: Lindsay Lohan going to jail a few months, hearing “Don’t Stop Believing” at the Backer on Saturday night, the Cubs choking in the playoffs, the Nats beating Navy toss-up soccer (4-4, 4979) by a name of few. Such occurrences make life worth living. It’s good to know that no matter how much the world changes, some things never will. In much the same way, I consider dishonesty, flip-flopping and sliminess as necessary quali­ties for politicians. That was before I discovered Ron Paul.

One need not look further than the 2008 presidential field to see that Ron Paul is the exception to the rule. Hillary Clinton, the media appointed “front­runner,” won by a very likely win her party’s nomination, certainly plays the part. As of late 2006, she refused to admit that she voted before the war before he voted not to go. I knew she was mistaken, but I did not have the authority that Congress gave her, as though she was the president would actually use the authority to act on that. All she had was almost a year later as public opinion for the war waned, she acknowledged that, “If I knew then what I know now, I would not have voted that way.”

It even sounds vaguely reminiscent of John Kerry’s famous utterance that he voted before the war before he voted against it. Not to mention her statement that she supported the war but didn’t like Bush’s handling of it. Probably not everyone liked it. But I could have told him that if he didn’t sing the song, maybe I even did, but the damage was done. I didn’t get the job.

Some few months ago, a 1980 video surfaced on the Internet in which a注册 with support of federally-funded abortion. The Giulian damage con­trol unit went into overdrive and shock­ingly enough, he declared that he no longer supports such a policy.

Even more shockingly, Giulian has “seen the light” on all those touchy Republican issues. He was declined to run for president, and all of his political efforts have made him a more attractive candidate to the Republican base. Giulian is the embodiment of all that is wrong in our nation’s politics: Self-serving, power-hungry, unprincipled and will say absolutely anything (whether he believes it or not) to get votes.

The actions of Mitt Romney, the for­mer Republican governor of Massachusetts, are quite similar as well. Recently as 2002, Romney claimed that he was “personally pro-life” but “would protect a woman’s right to choose.”

Romney has since retreated from his earlier pro-choice stance and claimed in late 2006 that he is actually pro-life. Luckily for him, he was already in the race for the White House and could justify, with a fact I’m sure had nothing to do with his “change of heart,” that he has also tried to position himself as something of a fiscally conservative, despite the fact that state spending when he took office was $22.7 billion and was $25.7 billion plus $2 billion offset when he left office four years later. He also raised taxes. It’s sickening to watch candi­dats try to change their positions in order to attract more votes. That’s why Ron Paul is like a breath of fresh air. Almost anyone who has ever seen him speak or read any of his works can attest, he is actually a man of character and princi­ple who will never change his views for political expediency.

He is the champion of limited constitu­tion­al government, low taxes, free mar­kets, and the non-interventionist foreign policy of the founding fathers. Ron Paul has never voted for a tax increase. Ron Paul has never voted for a bill that the Constitution does not expressly author­ize. Ron Paul has never voted for an unbalanced budget. Ron Paul has been the most outspoken opponent of the Iraq war in the House since the very beginning. It is always clear where Ron Paul stands on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul凋 has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like, Ron Paul has never stood on an issue. What the pub­lic doesn’t like.

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Letters to the Editor

Chanting has broader consequences

Concerning “Suck it (masculo)” in the cadence cheer: In my day as a student (mid-1960s), some­where in the third quarter of every game, many of the student body would start singing “Howdy like to bite my a**?” It got to be a regular tradition, which — of course — not everyone liked. But most of the guys thought it was fun.

Then I graduated. On one of my first job interviews I thought the things I would want to sing at the interviews concluded the inter­view by saying how much he enjoyed Notre Dame. But, then he took his young son to a game, where they sat close enough to the student body to hear the chant. He was embarrassed trying to explain to his son why they were singing that. And I was embarrassed. I could have told him that I didn’t sing the song. Maybe I even did, but the damage was done. I didn’t get the job.

So, while considering what to sing or moan at football and basketball games, it might be wise to reflect on the fact that you won’t be surrounded by friendly, happy fellow students and that the impression on visi­tors to Notre Dame may some day be important to you.

Adrian J. Reimers

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Letters to the Editor

His time will come
This is in response to Stephen Mann's Letter to the Editor ("Time for Charlie Weis to go," Nov. 5). I realize that this season hasn't gone our way, and the coaching hasn't been perfect. It's time to fire Charlie Weis. Clearly there are candidates available for our coaching position who demonstrate far better class and coaching ability. Perhaps we can scoop up John L. Smith as a replacement? In fact, the sooner we get Charlie Weis out of town the quicker we can take Mary off the dome and replace her with a statue of Bob Davie. Firing Charlie Weis is the answer!

Charlie Weis must stay
Coaches more informed than fans
I will be the first to admit that I do not know Charlie Weis firsthand and I am just as unhappy as the next guy about this year's football season. What I do know, though, is that I am not at practice every day. I am not privy to all the information that our coaches have. I do not know the players personally, nor do I have a good idea of what they are capable of on the football field. It takes a lot of time and knowledge to have that level of understanding of 80-90% many guys are on a field goal decision. I go for it on fourth down in NCAA 2008 just like every real man on this campus does. If you care not to join us on Saturday afternoon, then I read this to you. Go read a book instead.

Brendan McCarthy
Junior Saint Edward's Hall Nov. 5

Raising awareness toward hate

On Oct. 9, 2007, on the campus of Columbia University, a woman touched the life of a friend. Dr. Madonna Constantine, a prominent African-American psychologist, was returning running backs, new quarterbacks and a new head coach. As my high school seniors prepare to graduate, your players, assemble the top recruiting class in America of athletes who can actually read and write and teach the students valuable life lessons.

Something special is being built here that the experience we had with fans and students with their post-game comments and quiet, respectful behavior that went way beyond conventional football wisdom. The Navy game was left behind in the dust as we all be very proud of who you are, where you are and what you are. Thanks and best wishes.

Miguel A. Franco, Ph.D.
University Counseling Center Staff

Game experience unparalleled

After years of observing whether or not my son's obsession with all things Notre Dame would pass, his commitment was finally rewarded as the two of us made our way to South Bend for the homecoming game to attend our first Notre Dame football game. I just want to express how grateful we feel to have not only attended the game, but also that the experience we had with fans and staff was unparalleled.

Never have I come in contact with so many gracious, kind and considerate people all in one location. Because the people near us had taken the time to share things with us regarding the program that was important to them, it made the little things like knees in the back and arms on the shoulders as we stood and sat much less concerning. Thank you for allowing us to share that experience with you.

In spite of the loss, I have seldom been privy to such a class act in the stands and on the field. Our experience proves to me that there are indeed many more things more important than football. It was wonderful to be there with the people around me that I care about. Thanks for letting us in on it. We can't wait to come again next year. Go Irish!

Dan Sceatschy
Highland, Utah
Nov. 5

A note of respect from a Navy alum

After watching as my alma mater, the Naval Academy, lose for the 43rd consecutive time to Notre Dame, after a thrilling end zone completion, Charlie Weis and all Notre Dame players, students and fans showed genuine respect for the Navy team and students with their post-game comments and quiet, side-by-side observation of the singing of the "Navy Blue Cheer" and after reading the fine editorial by a Notre Dame student in this very publication about how Notre Dame "gets it" when it comes to the "beyond football" significance of this story, on field rivalry. I was so moved that I had to write and thank the student, and all of Notre Dame, for their admirable, classy behavior that went way beyond sportsmanship.

After finally witnessing something I thought I might not see in my lifetime — Navy's victory last Saturday over Notre Dame — I naturally felt the joy and relief of finally, at long last, experiencing victory over the school that is the yardstick of college football greatness. I popped a bottle of champagne and called several of my fellow Academy alums to joke that "the streak lives... every time my family has a three-year-old boy, Navy beats Notre Dame." I was three in 1963, and my son (who, by the way, loves "Rudy") is now three. But after a brief celebration of something I had waited 44 years to see, I quickly returned to the realization that, what had seemed really important to me only three hours earlier, is now of questionable value.

One of the reasons I went to a military academy was that I had served in Afghanistan and there was a psychological imprint that can alter a person's life. Some acts are blatant, overt, obscene and warrant an immediate challenge. Others can go unacknowledged in terms of the deep impact they can have on others. Even the most blatant acts of hate and cruelty can go unacknowledged in terms of the deep impact they can have on others. Every time I hear of one, I want to send a message to the Navy-Danem's community. Keep your eyes, ears and heart sensitive to acts of hate and cruelty in any form. Whether or not such acts occur on or off our campus, let us all be aware of the values and beliefs that such acts happen. Know that even the most subtle statement, comment or realization that, once the game was over and won, what really stuck was my enduring admiration and gratitude that is embodied by both the Naval Academy and the University of Notre Dame.

What word describes what I witnessed from the people of Notre Dame after a week during which they had buried the brother of a player, and after a day during which they lost not only the game but a fine young alum and promising marathoner? I can't think of a single word that describes that type of character, integrity and class. I guess it takes an act of hate and cruelty to make one aware of the values and beliefs that such acts happen. Know that even the most subtle statement, comment or
As if the end of summer weren’t bad enough, it also marks the beginning of the tedious wait until Oscar season. In the months between August and November, studios release their least desirable movies, with a few exceptions, in anticipation of the bombardment of Oscar—worthy films come November and December. This year’s winter movie season marks the return of Julia Roberts and Disney 2-D animation, as well as the continued dominance of Judd Apatow and the yearly Oscar—worthy performance from Will Smith. There’re blockbusters and indies and musicals (oh my!) and a whole lot of awards buzz. The following are the films that will offer you the most entertainment for your increasingly costly movie ticket this winter.

“Enchanted”
Released date: Nov. 21
Starring: Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Nathan Lane

Combining live action, 2-D animation and the magic of Disney, “Enchanted” is set to warm the hearts of anyone who has ever loved a Disney princess movie. The latest fairy tale from the House of Mouse follows the journey of Giselle (Amy Adams), a young maiden engaged to marry Prince Edward (Edward Marsden) in the land of Andalasia. But Giselle finds a frightening situation when the prince’s evil step—mother, Queen Narissa (Nathan Lane), runs her into the 3-D, live-action world of Manhattan. Soon Giselle finds herself falling for handsome lawyer Robert (Patrick Dempsey), whose own engagement to Nancy (Idina Menzel) adds more complications to Giselle’s life.

The movie is filled with references to past animated Disney movies, and the musical numbers are the movie’s highlights. Starring Alan Menken, the Academy Award—winning composer of “The Little Mermaid” and “Beauty and the Beast,” returned to the animated world from Broadway to compose the music for the movie. “Enchanted” marks a slight return to the live action of “Beauty and the Frog,” the studio’s first feature—length 2-D animated movie since “Home on the Range,” is set to be released in 2009.

“Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story”
Released date: Dec. 21
Starring: John C. Reilly, Jenna Fischer, Kristin Wiig

Director and screenwriter Judd Apatow owned the summer of 2007 with “Knocked Up” and “Superbad,” but now he’s changing directions from the world of slacker comedies with heart to the world of the music biopic — the fictional music biopic, that is.

“Walk Hard” parodies and draws inspiration from hit biopics such as “Ray” and “Walk the Line.” It stars John C. Reilly as Dewey Cox, whose life and voice bear a significant resemblance to Johnny Cash. Apatow co-wrote “Walk Hard” with Jake Kasdan, who worked with Apatow on the TV series “Freaks and Geeks.” Kasdan directs the project that reunites many from the Apatow crew such as Paul Rudd, David Koechner and Harold Ramis. New to Apatow’s crowd is Jenna Fischer (“The Office”), who plays Dewey’s true love in a character reminiscent of June Carter. And just as the music of Johnny Cash was vital to “Walk the Line,” the music of Dewey Cox also plays a significant role in the comedy. Listen closely to the lyrics of some 28 songs for some extra laughs as Dewey rises, falls and rises again.

“National Treasure: Book of Secrets”
Released date: Dec. 21
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Helen Mirren, Justin Bartha

“National Treasure” wasn’t historical accurate. It wasn’t deep. It wasn’t even plausible. But it was terribly fun. And the sequel, “National Treasure: Book of Secrets,” looks set to do it again. To clear his family name after his great grandfather is accused of being a conspirator in the assassina- tion of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Gates (Nicholas Cage) is back not only to steal more stuff, but to add kidnapping (or the president, no less) to his list of misde- meanors in the search of truth and, yes, treasure.

This time around, there’s even a “book of secrets” that contains every- thing from information about Area 51 to the missing Watergate minutes. Much of the original cast — including Nicholas Cage as Thomas Gates, Diane Kruger as Abigail Chase, Jon Voight as Patrick Gates and Justin Bartha as Riley Poole — is back and will be joined by the astounding Ed Harris and Helen Mirren. So maintain your disbe- lief, and have a grand old time.
"Lions for Lambs"
Release date: Nov. 9
Starring: Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep

New Hollywood talent combines with old in "Lions for Lambs," a new political thriller.

After meeting with West Coast professor Dr. Stephen Malley (Robert Redford), Arian (Derek Luke) and Ernest (Michael Pena) leave to serve in the armed forces in Afghanistan.

On the other side of the country, Senator Jasper Irving (Tom Cruise) meets with a senator from California to discuss the situation in Afghanistan.

The information Irving reveals may well determine the fate of Arian and Ernest.

Back on the West Coast, Dr. Malley deals with his student (Andrew Garfield) over ideologies and national policy.

"Lions for Lambs" chronicles events unfolding on both coasts and abroad.

"The Golden Compass"
Release date: Dec. 7
Starring: Daniel Craig, Nicole Kidman, Dakota Blue Richards, Eva Green

Young Lyra Belacqua (Dakota Blue Richards) embarks on an adventure of epic proportions in "The Golden Compass." Based on Philip Pullman's novel by the same name, the film follows Lyra's adventures as she leaves Jordan College in Oxford and steps out into a world of intrigue.

With the help of her daemon Pan, Lyra travels to the Arctic near the North Pole with a student (Andrew Garfield) and meets Will Parke (Benjamin Walker), a young army officer. The two form an unlikely bond that will certainly lead to a showdown against the Frost Giants.

Faced with challenges as an powerful uncle who is obsessed with discovering the secret of a strange substance known as Dust. Eva Green, Craig's costar in "Casino Royale," combines with him again on "Compass." "Lamb's" loosely combines three seemingly disparate storylines into a broad composition, relating the impact of Lyra across different people across the globe.

"I Am Legend"
Release date: Dec. 14
Starring: Will Smith

Ever feel like you're the only person around? In this winter's sci-fi thriller "I Am Legend," Will Smith gets the opportunity to experience just that, and to the extreme. Some time in the near future, a deadly virus sweeps through New York City and takes out seemingly everyone but brilliant scientist Robert Neville (Smith).

In time, Neville discovers that he is not, in fact, alone in the world — rather, he's slowly joined by the infected, zombie-like mutants who were exposed to the virus that nearly destroyed the city. As the lone uninfected survivor, Neville carries the only immunity in the virus in his system, leaving him vulnerable and friendless.

Based on the 1954 novel by Richard Matheson, "I Am Legend" has been adapted for the screen twice previously. With Smith's versatility as an actor — few in Hollywood could play Muhammad Ali, a dating guru and the primetime Fresh Prince as successfully as Smith can — he's well suited for the role of Neville.

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"
Release date: Jan. 17
Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman

"The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" may not seem like a holy epithet to levy at a criminal, but this murderous moniker is more than fitting for Sweeney Todd, the main character in Tim Burton's new film version of the Stephen Sondheim musical. Starring Johnny Depp as Sweeney Todd (aka Benjamin Barker) the film tells the story of Barker, a barber wrongly imprisoned by the evil Judge Ffoulkes (Alan Rickman).

Upon his release, Barker learns that Turpin has schemed to seduce his now-dead wife and take his daughter, and he decides to exact revenge. Joining forces with meat pie-maker Mrs. Lovett (Helena Bonham Carter), Barker slowly evolves into Sweeney Todd, with deadly results. Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" is a much-beloved play, and seeing the talent being cast is interesting at the very least. Burton, with his distinctive, slightly creepy directing style, also seems to be a perfect fit for this macabre musical. Tim will tell us how successful of an adaptation "Sweeney Todd" turns out to be, but making an appointment with the Demon Barber seems like a very good idea.
Clippers edge Bulls behind Mobley's big effort

Balanced Suns attack hands Bobcats first loss of season; Nets hold off Hawks behind healthy Jefferson, Kidd's 12 assists

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cuttino Mobley showed Kirk Hinrich and the Chicago Bulls that he's ready to play physical again.

Mobley scored 33 points and Corey Maggette added 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 97-91 win over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

"When the referees the first game, I've told y'all, I'll tell everyone I'm going back to my first five years," said Mobley. "I'm just going back to my old aggressive self. I'm only 32."

Mobley was 10-for-10 from the floor in the first half. He used his size advantage against Kirk Hinrich to create room for his jumper.

"It's tough," said Hinrich. "When I got off a good jump to challenge a shot I felt like I would make him miss, but a lot of times, down the stretch he would bang me and knock me back and I couldn't get the lift to challenge his shot the way I wanted to.

The Clippers improved to 3-0 despite missing Elton Brand and Shaun Livingston with injuries. The Bulls are 0-4 to start the season for the first time since 2004-05.

"We need to stick with it as a team," said Luol Deng, who scored 22 points for Chicago. "We're not finishing games and I know the fans are disappointed, but we'll keep battling and get better. Coach (Scotti) Skiles' messages keep on coming. We've got to keep battling and get better."

Trailing 89-85 with 4:08 left, Ben Wallace was called for foul on a shot by Mobley and Chris Kaman blocked Ben Gordon's layup attempt that led to Maggette's dunk to tie the game. Then Maggette followed with a 3-pointer to break the tie and gave the Clippers a 92-89 lead with 2:12 left.

Tim Thomas, waived by the Bulls two seasons ago, saved the ball after a Clippers miss which led to Mobley's jumper that gave the Clippers 94-89 lead with 1:20 left. Thomas finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

Kaman had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers.

Joe Smith scored 17 for the Bulls, who fought back from a 13-point deficit and tied it late in the third quarter on Gordon's free throw after Mobley was called for technical for arguing a no-call.

The Bulls held the Clippers to 27.3 percent shooting in the period after Los Angeles shot 60 percent in the first quarter. They also denied Mobley the ball and held him to two points on 0-for-3 shooting from the floor.

The Clippers broke a 31-ali tie in the second quarter with a 13-0 run. Mobley scored eight points during the span. He hit a 3 to break the tie and hit another 3 over Kirk Hinrich to make it 42-31. Ruben Patterson's put­turn led the Bulls, who fought back from a big deficit to win.

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Bulls general manager John Paxson said Friday he would rest the Bryant trade rumors less than a week ago, but some fans continued to question his decision.

"I'm not saying anything is going to happen, but I do believe we're going to have to sit down and lay it in transition in the second quarter that led to Sam Cassell's shot in the final seconds."

PLAYOFFS OR KNOW SOMEONE?

Both 98-71 Tuesday over Chicago.

Suns 115, Bobcats 83

FoR RENT

Cuttino Mobley drives against the Charlotte Bobcats' playmaker Laaondro Barbosa, Raja Bell and Shawn Marion led eight players in double figures with 16 points apiece Tuesday in the Suns' win over the Bobcats, who lost point guard Raymond Felton to a left knee injury.

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Bulls general manager John Paxson said Friday he would rest the Bryant trade rumors less than a week ago, but some fans continued to question his decision.

"I'm not saying anything is going to happen, but I do believe we're going to have to sit down and lay it in transition in the second quarter that led to Sam Cassell's shot in the final seconds."

PLAYOFFS OR KNOW SOMEONE?

Both 98-71 Tuesday over Chicago.

Suns 115, Bobcats 83

FoR RENT

Cuttino Mobley drives against the Charlotte Bobcats' playmaker Laaondro Barbosa, Raja Bell and Shawn Marion led eight players in double figures with 16 points apiece Tuesday in the Suns' win over the Bobcats, who lost point guard Raymond Felton to a left knee injury.

The Suns, who had been concerned about their high-octane offense in a 2-1 start that included a blowout home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, shot 50 percent, committed only 10 turnovers and led by as many as 36 points in their highest-scoring game of the season.

"It was pretty good," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We're still clicking all the way. We've got a lot of good things tonight."

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Knicks give Nuggets payback from last year's brawl.

NEW YORK — The Knicks found a better way to fight back against the Denver Nuggets.

Zach Randolph had 22 points and 17 rebounds, three other players scored more than 20 points, and New York erased a series of double-digit deficits to win 119-112 Tuesday night in Denver's first trip to Madison Square Garden since last year's brawl.

Seemingly on the verge of being run off the floor in the same way they were before losing their cool 11 months ago, the Knicks instead blew the Nuggets with a fourth-quarter rally, then held on behind huge plays from Randolph and Eddy Curry in their best outing since being paired together.

Jamal Crawford led the Knicks with 25 points and Curry added 24, nine in the fourth quarter. Stephon Marbury had 21 and nine assists, and Benoist Balfman led a spirited bench effort with 11 points.

"Our whole team, I like the intensity that we played with, I like the intensity that we played with," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said.

Allen Iverson scored 32 points and Carmelo Anthony had 24 for the Nuggets, who led by as many as 15 and were still ahead by 10 going to the fourth quarter before dropping their second straight.

Iverson briefly had to leave the floor after blooding his lip defending Marbury with under 2 minutes left, but everything else about the game was clean — unlike Denver's last trip here.

In that one, the Nuggets were 1-15 away from finishing up a 123-100 victory last Dec. 16 when Knicks reserve Mardy Collins took down I.R. Smith by the neck to stop a breakaway. Nate Robinson soon jumped in, and he and Smith tumbled into the front row while fighting.

Anthony, leading the NBA in scoring at the time, dropped Collins with a punch and was suspended 15 games.

Seven players were suspended, each organization was fined $500,000, and the Nuggets sorely needed to find more scoring. So they stepped up their efforts to get Iverson, acquiring him from Philadelphia just after the suspensions were announced.

There were no incidents this time, even when Smith had another breakaway late in the third quarter and Robinson was forced to foul to stop him.

And though players from both teams insist everything about the brawl is in the past, the icy relationship between George Karl and Thomas hasn't gone anywhere.

In Brief

Titans 'Pacman' Jones plea for playtime rejected

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NFL commissioner Roger Goddell told Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn't changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the commissioner whose biggest community service was buying wrestling tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at a pay-per-view event last month didn't convince Goddell.

The commissioner told Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2-1) qualify.

"He will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans' facility following the conclusion of the team's season," the league said in a statement.

Maddux wins prestigious Gold Glove for 17th time

Pitcher Greg Maddux won his record 17th Gold Glove while Boston first baseman Kevin Youkilis earned his first award Tuesday for fielding excellence.

Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez won for the 13th time and outfielders Andruw Jones, Ichiro Suzuki and Torii Hunter added to their totals.

The Colorado Rockies, who set a major league record for fielding percentage, did not have a winner.

Maddux broke a tie with Baltimore third baseman Brooks Robinson and pitcher Jim Kaat for the most Gold Gloves.

Known for his quick reflexes on the mound even at 41, Maddux won his first Gold Glove in 1990 with the Chicago Cubs. The 347-game winner has taken home the honor every year since except for 2003, when Mike Hampton broke his streak.

World Series of Poker involved in gambling ring

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — A divisional winner of the World Series of Poker was arrested with 15 other men during a gambling raid that yielded almost $20,000, police said.

Paul McKinney and the others were sitting around a table playing poker Friday night when the raid occurred, police said. Authorities said they seized cash, playing cards and poker chips, as well as betting slips for the weekend's sporting events.

McKinney, 82, of Weber City, Va., won the 2005 Seniors Division of the World Series of Poker tournament in Las Vegas, taking home $202,725, series spokesman Dave Curley said.

At the time he was the oldest winner in World Series of Poker history.

Police in Kingsport, in eastern Tennessee, conducted the raid after getting a tip. All those arrested were charged with gambling.
MLB

Chronicle reports Guillen, Williams had steroids

Mariners outfielder Jose Guillen, who according to a San Francisco Chronicle report Tuesday purchased steroids and HGH, strikes out Sept. 26.

Associated Press

Power-hitting outfielder Jose Guillen bought nearly $20,000 worth of steroids and human growth hormone from 2003-05, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday.

Former major leaguers Matt Williams and Ismael Valdez also purchased performance-enhancing drugs in 2002, from a Florida anti-aging clinic that was raided in February as part of an investigation by the Albany, N.Y., district attorney into alleged illegal drug dealing, the newspaper said.

Major League Baseball began testing for steroids in 2003. HGH was banned in January 2005.

The Chronicle received details of the players’ orders in records from a source the newspaper didn’t identify. Those records contained shipping and purchase orders, payment information, Social Security numbers and customers’ birthdates, the paper said.

A report by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell into the use of performance-enhancing substances in baseball is expected before the end of the year.

An unidentified active player has agreed to speak with Mitchell in the next few weeks, a source reported Tuesday. The Yankees’ Jason Giambi, who was pressured by commissioner Bud Selig, is the only active player known to have spoken with Mitchell, a director of the Red Sox.

Guillen, 31, spent last season with the Seattle Mariners, batting .290 with 23 homers and 99 RBIs. He split the 2003 season between Cincinnati and Oakland, and the Chronicle said business records indicate he had some of the drugs shipped to the Oakland Coliseum that year. He played for the Anaheim Angels in 2004 and Washington Nationals in 2005. Attempts by The Associated Press to reach him via cell phone were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Last week, the Mariners declined their $9 million option on Guillen’s contract for next season. He has until Wednesday to decide if he wants to exercise his part of the mutual option at $5 million. If he does, the club can void the deal and pay him a $500,000 buyout. That would make Guillen eligible to become a free agent.

Mariners president Chuck Armstrong told the AP the team remains interested in keeping Guillen.

“We thought he was an outstanding teammate. We were happy to have him. We know nothing about what happened in the past,” Armstrong said. “I continue to admire and respect him greatly.”

“Before I feel anything negative about Jose, I need to see something tangible or real.”

Armstrong also said if Guillen exercises his option, the Mariners would need to investigate the allegations.

“I for sure would have to talk to Jose about this,” Armstrong said.

Guillen just completed his 11th season in the majors. Records show he ordered more than $79,000 worth of drugs — three kinds of human growth hormone, two types of testosterone and the steroids stanozolol and nandrolone — from the Palm Beach Rejuvenation Center between May 2002 and June 2005, the Chronicle said.

Williams was a five-time All-Star during his 17-year major league career with San Francisco, Cleveland and Arizona. He was playing for the Diamondbacks in 2002 when records indicate he purchased $11,600 worth of growth hormone, steroids and other drugs, the Chronicle reported.

Williams’ final season in the majors was 2003.

The Chronicle reported that Williams, in an interview Monday, said a doctor advised him to try growth hormone to heal a severe ankle injury. It was a substance that he was not familiar with at the time, and according to him, did not like its effects after sampling. He discontinued the use of it and retired the next season.

“Matt is a stand-up guy, who without hesitation, admitted using it and not liking it. There is no doubt in our minds that Matt would decline such a recommendation today, knowing what we all know about enhancing substances.”

Saint John Bosco

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With good reason the Church made Saint John Bosco Patron of the young. He cared for the homeless youngsters who roamed the city streets, and founded a Society, the Salesians, to continue his work.

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To quote John Allen, the Vatican Correspondent For the National Catholic Reporter, the “great Orders have usually been born in response to some crisis—the Franciscans, for example, to urbanize and the need to evangelize the cities, the Jesuits to the Reformation, and the need for a Catholic counter-offensive.

For the Salesians it was the Industrial Revolution, especially the zones of despair, turmoil and revolution on the outskirts of the great industrial cities.”

Allen continues, “St. John Bosco became a tireless catechist among the young, hearing confessions, saying Masses, and organizing ‘oratories’ where his boys could play, study and worship....

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In describing St. John Bosco’s order today John Allen writes, “The Salesians are seen as robustly reliable—theological innovators, but down-to-earth, pastors and educators, and generally with a good sense of humor.”

To read John Allen’s full article about the Salesians, visit: http://nationalcatholicreporter.org/word/pfw063006.htm

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MLB
GMs recommend replay use on boundary calls

Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla. — Baseball could soon have a new position: replay judge.

General managers recommended for the first time Tuesday that instant replay be used to help umpires on boundary calls — whether potential home runs are fair or foul, whether balls go over fences or hit the tops and bounce back, and whether fans interfere with possible homers.

The proposal was approved by a 25-5 vote. There was no specific time frame on when such a system might be put in place.

“We’ve taken the first step. The question will be now, what do we do?” said Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner’s office. “We have glacier-like movement in baseball, so I’m hopeful that we can at least start meaningful discussions about it. I think that this will be something we’ll have to go very deliberately on.”

Solomon said the next step will be to speak with commissioner Bud Selig, who opposes the use of replays but said last year he would consider him an “aggressive time frame” to have replay in place next season.

“Tomorrow, a lot is going to have to be studied with regard to the technology, with regard to how it would be used, with regard to how it would be implemented,” he said. “I don’t think it’s likely, frankly, that all of that could be accomplished over the course of the next several months.”

He suggested that it could be tested during spring training or next year’s Arizona Fall League. He also didn’t see a wider use of replay than what GMs recommended.

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Vols’ Parker leads All-America team

Associated Press
Candace Parker helped Tennessee win a national title and the United States qualify for the Olympics. Now there’s one more honor to add to this run the last few months: an unanimous choice for the preseason All-America team by The Associated Press.

The Tennessee junior was joined on the squad Tuesday by Oklahoma’s Courtney Paris, Stanford’s Candice Wiggins, LSU’s Sylvia Fowles and Maryland’s Crystal Langhorne.

Hall of Fame coach Pat Summit of Tennessee already knew Parker could score. It’s the other aspects of Parker’s game that impress her.

“If there is one thing to separate her out, it’s her commitment to defending,” Summit said. “Her intensity on the defensive end is so much better. She’s also much better at attacking the basket.”

Parker sparked the Lady Vols to their seventh national title last April and the national team to a spot in the Beijing Games. She was the top scorer on the U.S. team that won the FIBA Americas tournament in September.

Parker was on every ballot of the 50-member panel. The only other previous unanimous selection, getting 48 votes, was Candace Parker’s older sister, Chamique Holdsclaw, when she was a junior.

Summitt saw Parker, Paris, Wiggins and Fowles play together for the U.S. national team this fall.

“I thought just watching them play, they are impact players on their respective teams,” she said. “They did some amazing things for the U.S. team.”

The four have known each other for years, playing on various U.S. teams. Their friendship was evident in a discussion with the AP at the national team training camp.

“We’ve been friends for a long time,” Wiggins said. “I’ve known Courtney since freshman year in high school and I’ve known Candace forever and I just love her.”

When they aren’t facing each other on the court, the four always check out how the others are doing.

“I’m a fan of our game,” Parker said. “It’s hard not to follow everyone’s career. The media does such a good job. It’s easy to pop on the TV, or open up the newspaper and follow them.”

The 6-foot-4 Paris was third in the nation in scoring at 23.5 points and second in rebounding with 15.9 last season en route to becoming AP Player of the Year.
MLB

Schilling agrees to one-year deal with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox might lighten the load on their starters, especially if Curt Schilling can keep it down.

The official have discussed using a six-man rotation next season rather than the five-man norm to protect their valuable pitchers. Schilling also might get a second year if he accepts a one-year deal.

"I'm excited," Schilling said. "I've played 21 years. We're 21 and two-thirds innings a season. Six-man rotation or bullpen.

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points of the season. "It's nice to be recognized for being able to not only do well on the field, but a big part of being at Notre Dame is being able to graduate and do well in your studies," Rellas said.

The junior, a double major in history and finance, holds a 3.634 GPA through two years of his college career. Rellas was also named the team's scholar-athlete of the year in 2006. "During the season when we're traveling we have long trips and it's easier to sit down and do work then than when we have more free time in the spring," he said.

Both players said their work in the classroom and performance on the field build off one another: The time-consuming schedule during the fall keeps them well-organized. Miller, who is pursuing his master's degree in Accounting, said that playing soccer has also helped him create better relationships in things like group projects and other classroom settings. He graduated from the Mendoza College of Business last May with a GPA of 3.409.

"I think that at a school like Notre Dame, if you can't keep your academics in line, your athletics will suffer," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. Clark, who has previously coached at Dartmouth and Stanford, is used to playing with high academic standards.

He also pointed to the strong support network at Notre Dame as a reason for the consistently high grades of athletes. Mary Ann Spence is the team's academic advisor and helps the players from the moment they arrive on campus as freshmen. "Mary Ann helps us out quite a bit especially coming in as a freshman," Rellas said, "She is kind of like a mom for the team. Anything you need she can do for you."

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Waldrum said he debated with his coaches whether to give Ness the ball each time he was close to goal, but the end result felt that he should be honest with the team about its prospects for the rest of the season.

"From there on out, almost the whole month of October, every game we played has been almost a must-win game for us," Waldrum said. "I think we're honest with the kids that we couldn't afford to lose any more games and have any shot at going to the Big Ten or the NCAA or have any outside shot at hosting at home.

The urgent attitude put immense pressure on the players, especially in every game, but it was a new thing for them -- even for the freshmen.

"I don't think this is going to be anything new to them as freshmen," Waldrum said. "I think they've gone through the pressure of having to win."
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73. Gillette brand
76. Dodgers on the road
77. New Deal program, for short
78. Renaissance instrument
79. Home in the Alps
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Jumble

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Cancer (June 21-July 22): Choose your battles wisely. A passionate approach to something you can deeply show will pay off. It's time for a change whether you think so or not, so break up your skills and try something new. 2 stars

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Do something exciting that will enable you to learn new skills, people, and perhaps your goal or a list of friends. Try to approach you live with a little of every kind of things. 1 star

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Dear do to see things a little differently. Male-decision-based facts and put your detailed style to good use. You can open up discussions regarding situations that are bothering you and put an end to the existing problems. 3 stars

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel a little vulnerable and sensitive in conversation mode but don't let that cause you to mess up on something you want to do. You have no reason to consider what is said and not committed. Put your imagination to work on positive projects. 3 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're up to something happening. Take a chance. Trust your own resources. make a move, contact a publisher or make changes to your personal life or long-term plan. 1 star

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a walk so doing something a little different. You need a change that is not really one. A good idea for investment can be put into play but only if you have time in the current situation. 4 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Start or in your emotions a legal or financial issue you have to make. Now is the time to get it back down if only you believe others are right. Take action in your current Capricorn manner. 2 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You know what you want and you have a certain way of doing it. Proceed to the finish line. You are thinking straight and you have some amazing good ideas that will bear some competition. 3 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of partnerships that are nurturing. A change in appearance, attitude or even your circle of friends will help you move forward. Money will come from an unusual source. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You need space and quiet, then attract horse and friends. You are not great at big ideas. You adjust to change and look forward to new adventures.

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FOOTBALL

Uncertain once again

Weis says QB who is better in practice will start Saturday

By CHRIK KHOREY
Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis refused Tuesday to name a starting quarterback for Saturday’s game against Air Force.

Weis said the team’s practices this week will determine whether junior Evan Sharpley, who has started the last two games, or freshman Jimmy Clausen, who started the six games before that, will take the opening snap against the Falcons.

“We haven’t practiced yet [this week], but they’re both in the running,” Weis said before practice Tuesday.

Irish junior quarterback Evan Sharpley looks downhill during Notre Dame’s 46-44 loss to Navy Saturday.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER ANALYSIS

Waldrum’s early-season tough love payed off for team

After Notre Dame’s loss to Penn State on Sept. 23, the Irish were 3-4-1 and had lost four of their last six games. That was a crucial moment, a fulcrum on which the result of their season balanced.

The team simply couldn’t afford to lose. A deviation from the standard was necessary, so Irish coach Randy Waldrum took a chance. He sat the team down for what he called a “come to Jesus” talk about the rest of the season — and told his players that from that point forward, losing could sink their hopes of postseason success.

“We have now hit our last weekend of being able to lose a game,” Waldrum told the players at the time. “Here’s your season in a nutshell if we don’t get this turned around and get it turned around now.”

Waldrum said Tuesday that he held nothing back and let the players know exactly what lay ahead of them.

“It was a pretty blunt meeting,” he said. “The season’s down the tubes if we don’t start winning now.”

Maybe Waldrum’s thoughts echoed the players’ inner feelings. Maybe his tone resonated with the players their inner feelings. Maybe his tone resonated in a motivational way. Maybe he struck a nerve by putting that much pressure on his players. Whatever the reason, the meeting worked — Notre Dame hasn’t lost a game since.

“The weekend following the talk, Notre Dame beat Louisville on the road and came home to clobber Cincinnati 6-1. Heading into Friday’s Big East semifinal game against Georgetown, the Irish have won 11 straight games.

“It was a little bit of a gamble, I think, to do that,” Waldrum said. “It could have gone the other way, and we still continued to play poorly. Or it was a turning point, and I think right now, obviously, it

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Harangody ready to return

By CHRIS HINE
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Sophomore forward Luke Harangody had the cast on his injured right hand removed Tuesday and will play limited minutes in Notre Dame’s exhibition game against St. Edward’s tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center. Assistant Athletic Director Bernie Cafarelli said.

Harangody tore a ligament in his right thumb during practice on Oct. 15, and didn’t play in Notre Dame’s 109-53 win over St. Ambrose last Friday. Since injuring his thumb, Harangody practiced with the cast, but Tuesday was the first day he went without it.

Junior forward Zach Hillesland, who started in Harangody’s place against St. Ambrose, reached 14 rebounds and scored 12 points — including an acrobatic baseline dunk and a couple of three-pointers.

Irish sophomore guard Jonathan Peoples goes to the basket during Notre Dame’s 109-53 victory over St. Ambrose Friday.

MEN’S SOCCER

Two Irish players honored by ESPN

Relvas, Miller named to magazine’s Academic All-Division squad

By DAN MURPHY
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ESPN’s The Magazine released its Academic All-Division teams earlier this week, and two Notre Dame players made the cut. Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller and junior Cory Relvas were recognized for their excellence this year on the field and in the classroom.

Both players are now on the ballot to become Notre Dame’s first Academic All-American in soccer since John Stephens was named to the second team two years ago.

“It means a lot, it means that the hard work that I’ve put in academically and athletically has been recognized,” Miller said. “It’s just nice, I guess, to be seen as a good student as well as a good athlete.”

In his final season with the Irish, Miller started all 18 games of the regular season at either defender or midfielder. He is tied with forward Joseph Lapira for the team lead with six goals.

Relvas also started every game as a mainstay on the defensive line. He helped anchor a defense that has recorded nine shutouts and an average of 0.84 goals against per game. Relvas also buried a goal during a 3-0 win over regional rival Michigan on Oct. 3. The game was Notre Dame’s eighth straight without a loss and marked one of the high points of the season.