Market turmoil affects student job prospects

Despite major economic trouble, Notre Dame diploma still valuable

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The fear of Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers, formerly two of the nation’s top investment banks, reflects a “scary time” in the investment community, Lee Svete, Director of the Notre Dame Career Center, said.

“We don’t know yet what the dominant effect will be,” he said.

The once-reliable companies’ failings affect Notre Dame students of all majors, Svete said, in a volatile job market.

“Right now, it’s going to impact our job market for students who want to pursue investment banking but do not have an internship on their resume,” he said.

Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch were not present at last Thursday’s Fall Career Expo, but both firms have
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Hurricane Ike worries ND Texans

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Hurricane Ike slammed Galveston, Texas, as well as parts of southern Houston early Saturday morning, leaving Notre Dame students concerned about loved ones that may have been affected in its wake.

According to The Weather Channel, Galveston and southern Houston suffered the brunt of Ike’s destruction, but the storm’s path took it from Louisiana to New York.

Senior Lorna Bath experienced some of the effects of Hurricane Ike last weekend as she flew into Houston Thursday for a family wedding near the Mexico-Texas border.

While in Texas, Bath was able to get a feel for how the state has been handling the effects of the storm.

“People seem to be taking the curfews very seriously,” Bath said.

According to CNN, Galveston and Harris counties implemented curfews beginning on Sept. 12, and about 60 percent of Galveston Island resident have evacuated.

Although the hurricane deviated
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29 arrested at Michigan game Saturday

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

One person was arrested during Saturday’s Notre Dame-Michigan football game and taken to jail for a felony charge of assaulting a police officer and resisting law enforcement, and 22 others were arrested and transported to jail during the game for alcohol related offenses.

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) Assistant Director David Chapman said.

Police made 29 total arrests this weekend on the Notre Dame campus. NDSP made the arrests in conjunction with the Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police and the South Bend Police Department.

Five people were arrested and transported to jail for public intoxication, one of whom was charged with possession of false identification. One individual was arrested and jailed for trespassing and re-selling tickets on campus.

Two citations were issued inside the stadium for minors consuming alcohol while only two people were asked to leave the stadium, compared to nine ejections last week for “violations of stadium rules,” Chapman said in an e-mail to The Observer Monday.

One person was taken to the hospital for intoxication, police said.

Seventeen tickets were issued for alcohol-related
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Hurricane Ike evacuees from Galveston, Texas wait for family members to pick them up at a San Antonio bus stop Monday.

A stock broker takes a break from the floor during trading on Wall Street in New York Monday.

Dow Jones loses more than 500 points on Wall St.’s worst day in seven years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The upheaval in the American financial system sent shock waves through the stock market Monday, producing the worst day on Wall Street in seven years as investors digested the failure of one of its most venerable banks and wondered which domino would be next to fall.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 500 points, more than 4 percent, its steepest point drop since the day the stock market reopened after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. About $700 billion evaporated from retirement plans, government pension funds and other investment portfolios.

The carnage capped a tumultuous 24 hours that redrew U.S. Finance. Lehman Brothers, an investment bank that predated the Civil War and weathered the Great Depression, filed the largest bankruptcy in American histo
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Gigot Ctr. launches contest

By PUJA PARikh
News Writer

Dozens of Notre Dame students are brainstorming to come up with their best entrepreneurial ideas after the inaugural Notre Dame Ideas Challenge began Sept. 8 with a kickoff event at Legends.

This Ideas Challenge, which allows students to make their pitch on a variety of concepts, is organized by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. This new program Supplements The Center’s annual Notre Dame Business Plan Competitions.

“The idea can be by any discipline and is designed to encourage students to think outside the box – to stretch their minds as to what is possible,” said Karen Slaggert, senior administrative assistant at the Gigot Center. “Our desire is to reach out to all students who really might want to make a difference in the world.”

The competition is designed to attract participants across the University. The Ideas Challenge is open to all Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students.

Slaggert said, “Designed to be less intimidating than our annual Business Plan Competition, the Ideas Challenge is perfect for students in all colleges and all majors on campus.”

Students compete in one of five categories. The first category, called Lead a Team, accepts ideas likely to have a positive impact on the world. The technical category is for concepts likely to be develops
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INSIDE COLUMN

Facebook etiquette

My fellow Facebookers: It has come to my attention recently that there are several problems in our favorite social networking land. And no, I'm not referring to the new Facebook. I'm talking about etiquette. People. What has happened to the days of classy Facebooking? There are certain things, my friends. That are acceptable, and certain things that are not.

I feel like this is a large issue, something that can't be fully discussed in one column. So today, I will hold myself to one target of these Facebook faux pas: the wall.

I think that there are several things you should never do on a Facebook wall. First and foremost: You should never ask someone on a date via Facebook. That's just embarrassing - both for you and the person you're inviting out. Do you really want your humiliation to be public if you get turned down? And honestly, it's just not as all classy. Save that for a Facebook message - then it's acceptable.

There is one exception to this: a completely over-the-top invitation to wow your potential mate. In this case, it's probably not even a potential mate, more like a good friend you can mess around with for the purpose of a Facebook scandal.

Those invites should look something like this: "My dearest, darlintest friend name! I'm throwing a party this Saturday night, and that is exactly what you are opening yourself up to. Pus on it.

Then there's always the adventure pages you get into when they are, hum, shall we say, not in the right state of mind. As in: it seemed like a perfectly good idea to come on your ex's wall last night, but now that it's morning, your head is exploding, spelling is terrible, and you can't even spell grammar an say that it wasn't. Not at all. I know that this one is harder to resist, something about the Facebook challenge.

Leave you with this wisdom: Follow these rules to save everyone else the pain of your awkwardness. Keep Facebook classy, folks - and start with the wall.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kaitlyn Conway at kconway2@nd.edu

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: How do you feel about the rainy weather so far?

Andrew Diaz freshmen Keough

"It sucks."

Priscilla Choi freshmen Breen Philips

"I like it, it's really cool!"

Zak Kapopoulos freshmen Keenan

"Neutral. Although God hath smote us with this foul weather, He hath punished the Michigan heathens with a far fouler football team."

Andrew Kristiansen freshmen Keenan

"It's really, really, really depressing."

Lei Lei freshmen Badin

"I feel like I'm in a wet T-shirt contest!"

Associate Professor of Mathematics Claudia Polini celebrates her birthday Monday. Polini celebrated with her freshman honors math class.

OFFBEAT

Police get call over non-floppy rabbit ears

STIRLING, Scotland — Your rabbit's ears aren't floppy? Sorry, that's not an emergency. So said police in Scotland when a woman rang the emergency number to discuss her concerns about her new pet. She said the newspaper ad promised floppy ears, but they wouldn't.

Central Scotland Police said Monday they were equally unimpressed by another caller who complained that a passing car had splashed water on him, and by someone else inquiring about the postal code for a town's post office.

Woman mistakes skunk for a cat, gets sprayed

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa. — A Pennsylvania woman who thought she was petting a neighbor's cat got a nasty surprise when it turned out to be a skunk.

Not only did the skunk spray the woman before dawn Monday, but it ran into her Mount Carmel home.

Police spent hours at the home before leaving the scene, but there was no immediate word if they were able to remove the animal.

Fsa. police use Taser on nude man walking a dog

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A 40-year-old man walking his dog in the nude was Tasered by police when he refused to follow an officer's commands. David McRanie of the Tallahassee Police Department said an officer on patrol spotted the man shortly after 8 p.m. Friday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

A five video interview with Philip Roth, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author, will take place in the Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore tomorrow at 8 p.m. The interview will celebrate the release of his novel "Indignation" and be conducted by author Benjamin Taylor.

There will be a lecture entitled "How We Can End the Genocide in Sudan" given by John Prendergast in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium, on Thursday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available prior to the lecture. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the Center for Social Concerns. This event is free and open to the public.

In the "Wonderbroad Years," Pat Hackett looks back on the experience of growing up in America. This event will be Thurs., Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $40, $32 faculty/staff, $30 seniors, and $15 students and can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

The annual Forum Film Festival will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Films on sustainability will be shown. The event is open to the public. Tickets are free and must be reserved in advance at the Ticket Office.

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Council selects task force issues

Dorm life, technology, new student integration, security among topics to be addressed

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

After reviewing the topics discussed at the previous Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting and adding a few additional points, CLC members decided Monday on the creation of three task forces.

The task forces will cover a variety of student life issues, but will focus on three general topics: technology and study spaces within the dorms, student safety issues and a final task force on other dorm life issues, including welcoming new students to dorm life at Notre Dame.

Sustainability was also discussed as a possible task force, but council member and assistant vice president for Student Affairs Sr. Sue Dunn suggested that sustainability be an overarching topic of consideration for all the task forces throughout the year, rather than having its own force. The Council agreed with Dunn.

The task force on technology and study space issues within the dorms arose from discussion on a variety of topics during the previous CLC meeting, members discussed the lack of an accessible and user-friendly central calendar system. Council member David Wilbur, who is the off-campus Student Senate representative, said the Student Senate's technology committee, which he sits on, is working with OIT to start using Google Calendars.

Wilbur said that eventually, in addition to dorm, club and other University events, professors would be able to use the system.

"The plan is eventually to put professors' syllabuses up there as well, so homework is up there," Wilbur stated.

Sr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, discussed the plan in place to put Pharos printers in all dorms. This plan has not been carried out, although Wilbur stated it was still being worked on.

The second task force, centered on student safety and security issues, will address both on- and off-campus security issues.

Improving relationships with South Bend taxi services, organizing a forum for off-campus students to learn about issues affecting students off campus, addressing the relationship between students and Notre Dame Security Police and finding where specific safety issues may exist on campus are among the topics this task force will address.

"On Mod Quad there is a pathway between the dorms that is not well lit," Lyons Hall Student Senate representative Catherine Flynn said. "Maybe if we can find a way to light that up a bit, that would help."

Flynn had also mentioned security concerns inside Hesburgh Library at the previous CLC meeting. McCormick said that working to create a bike path or safer environment for bikers around the Notre Dame campus should be a consideration for the task force.

The final task force will encompass the issues affecting both freshman and other new students at Notre Dame and a variety of other dorm life issues.

The task force will review the changes made to Freshman Orientation this past fall, consider ways to better organize and synthesize the information that new students receive upon entering the University, and other dorm issues, including monetary and funding issues and disparities between dorms.

While the Council considered having more than three task forces or changing the concentration of task forces at the end of the semester, Sr. Mary Lynch, rector of McGlinn Hall, stated it would be wiser to plan to work for the entire year.

"It really does take time to track down all the people you need to connect with, ... have meetings ... and provide feedback," she said. "It really does take close to a year."

However, Fr. Jim Lewis, rector of Carroll Hall, said that the CLC is open to reorganize and restructure the task forces throughout the year, as the group sees fit.

The members will be assigned to the three task forces over the next week, and task force chairs will then be selected.

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Wall St. continued from page 1
A second storied bank, Merrill Lynch, Red the arms of Bank of America.
It was by far the most stomach-churning single day since a financial crisis began to bubble up from billions of dollars in rotten mortgage loans that have crippled the balance sheets of one bank after another and landed mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under the control of the federal government.
"We are in the middle of a deep, dark recursion, and it won't end soon. Here it is, and it is pretty nasty," said Barry Ritholtz, who writes the popular financial blog The Big Picture and is CEO of research firm FusionIQ.
And the fallout was far from over.
American International Group, the world's largest insurer, was fighting for its very survival.
New York Gov. David Paterson moved to allow the company to tap one of its subsidiaries for an emergency loan to stay afloat.
"AIG's balance sheet is financially sound," Paterson said, even as the company's stock plummeted almost 60 percent. Almost $20 billion was wiped off AIG's balance sheet on the day.
In Washington, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who refused to toss a financial lifeline to Lehman, was unapologetic as the Bush administration signaled strongly that Wall Street shouldn't expect more rescues from Washington.
The American people should remain confident in the "soundness and resilience in the American financial system," Paulson told reporters at the White House.
Six months ago, Paulson moved to prevent the collapse of Bear Stearns, brokering a deal for JP Morgan Chase & Co. to buy the firm at a fire-sale price with Federal Reserve backing. Earlier this month, he stopped in to help the government wipe Fannie and Freddie in hopes of reversing the housing and credit crises.
But Monday, Paulson said he "never once" considered it appropriate to put taxpayer money at risk to resolve the problems at Lehman Brothers, which was saddled with $60 billion worth of toxic real estate holdings.
The result was one of the most momentous days in Wall Street history since legendary banker J. Pierpont Morgan helped broker the rescue of financial markets during the Panic of 1907.
The Dow industrials dropped 504.45 points to close at 10,917.51, the first time since July they have finished under 11,000. It was the sixth-largest point drop ever and the worst since Sept. 17, 2001, when the average fell 684.81 points on the first day of trading after the terror attacks.

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been present in the past.

Notre Dame students interned at both companies last year, Svet said.

The Career Center does not know if any students had accepted job offers at Lehman Brothers before the investment bank collapsed Monday, but Svet said students had accepted offers at Merrill Lynch, which was acquired by Bank of America.
"We still don't know what's going to happen yet because Bank of America hasn't made a decision," he said.

The two companies' downfall are not necessarily indicative of the investment banking field as a whole, Svet said, as some middle market banks and other financial services and companies are still hiring.
"It's important that the middle market is still here in a big way," he said. "In this crazy market, with the biggest businesses in trouble, it could change."

Houlahan Lokey - one of the middle market banks Svet mentioned - is coming Tuesday to recruit on campus. Commercial banks, like PNC Bank and Fifth Third Bank, have also recruited at the University.
"In some extent, we knew it was going to be a valuable job market for investment banking," he said.

During the Wall Street Forum last week, 175 firms, including Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan, said they would hire interns for summer 2009, but analysis on recruiting in the fall is currently on hold, Svet said. Neither Merrill Lynch nor Lehman Brothers were present.

The Career center is advising that students be "flexible" to adapt to the changing job environment.
He said Houlahan Lokey was an example of a middle market firm where students can employ the same skills they would use in a position at one of the bigger companies.

Other corporations, like Whirlpool and General Electric, are recruiting using what are called majors for a number of leadership opportunities.

Students should realize, Svet said, that they can "work for a company like Whirlpool and utilize their skills - these are still leadership positions."

The firm might not be an investment bank, but they're getting somewhere with a Notre Dame degree," he said.

In the past few years, Svet said, Notre Dame has had "more and more student land jobs and internships with investment banks." He said he sees Monday's collapse as more of a market correction.
"This industry's going to bounce back," he said, "and it's going to look differently."

This is Svet's ninth year at the career center and during his tenure he has witnessed the effects of the Enron fraud scandal and 9/11, and has watched students bounce back.

"With Enron, the 40 accounting majors that had jobs going into April, one day they just didn't have jobs. They all found jobs by the end of May," he said. "After 9/11, the Career Fair went from 100 companies to 35."

Svet said that in a tough job market, a Notre Dame diploma becomes even more valuable.
"I think our students are going to be fine," he said. "I'm not saying it's not going to be tough out there, that it's not going to be competitive. Students are going to work a lot harder."

The reasons for the value of a Notre Dame diploma are two-fold, Svet said. The first reason is the strength of the alumni community.
"The second is "how diverse and flexible and well-educated our grads are," he said. "If I'm a company that was going to hire 10 college grads... and I was going to keep one school on my calendar, we're going to be one of those schools."

Svet said that is the reason why 152 companies and 400-plus recruiters are at our career fairs.

The winter Career Fair is scheduled to take place Jan. 28.

"The companies, organizations and graduates that can all realize that our degree, our reputation, our integrity - all the things we bring to the table in a highly competitive market will only make us more valuable in the long run," Svet said.

Notre Dame's recent national rankings - 10th overall in the U.S. News and World Report and 3rd best undergraduate business program in BusinessWeek Magazine - indicate that "we'll be the last school to be cut by recruiters," Svet said.

"If we get cut, so will Stanford, Duke and Harvard."

The second-tier schools, however, are "going to take a hit this year," he said.

Advising numbers at the Career Center are up, and a record number of undergrads attended last week's Career Expo, Svet said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female bomber kills 35 in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber blew herself up Monday among police officers who were celebrating the release of a comrade from U.S. custody, killing at least 32 people, Iraqi officials said. Separate bombings in Iraq killed 13 other people.

The suicide attack happened in Diyala, a province northeast of Baghdad where Sunni insurgents have carried out persistent attacks despite security gains elsewhere in the country. The female bomber targeted the home of a police commissioner who had been detained by American troops for allegedly cooperating with the Mahdi Army, a Shi'ite militia.

Muj. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Rubaie, the military governor of Diyala province northeast of Baghdad where the attack took place, said police fired warning shots and set dogs on the crowd, which calmed and cheered as their leaders left after the signing.

Texting may be cause of train crash

The National Transportation and Safety Board said the commuter train, which carried 220 people Friday, rolled past stop signals at 42 mph and forced its way onto a track where a Union Pacific freight was barreling toward it. NS&EB board member Kitty Higgins said the commuter train engineer, who was among the 25 dead, failed to stop at the final red signal. The crash also injured 138 people.

As workers continued to clear the tracks to restore full service, a smaller number of commuters — many wary and emotional — returned to the rail line, where Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa tried to reassure them the trains are safe.

“Let's get those trains moving again – for the sake of the millions of passengers who depend on this vital service for their daily commute,” he added.

Zimbabwe

Mugabe shares power after 28 years

Political rivals sign power-sharing agreement intended to help economy

Associated Press

HARRARE — President Robert Mugabe ceded some power in Zimbabwe for the first time in 28 years, signing a power-sharing deal Monday with opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai amid questions on how the fierce enemy will work together to fix the collapsing economy.

Thousands of supporters of the rival parties threw stones at each other as the ceremony got under way and several hundred police officers were deployed through the gates of the convention center where it took place. Police fired warning shots and set dogs on the crowd, which calmed and cheered as their leaders left after the signing.

Mugabe, Tsvangirai and Arthur Mutambara, leader of a faction that broke from Tsvangirai's party, all pledged to make the deal work. But long-simmering and bitter differences as well as the nation's economic collapse — inflation is officially running at 11 million percent — have left big questions about how it will work.

“The situation in Zimbabwe has reached a crisis point,” said Matthew Chacona of the international Red Cross. “There are already more than 2 million people who don't have food, and that number is going to rise to 5 million, which is about half the country's population, by the end of the year.”

Mugabe's government restricted the work of aid agencies in June, accusing them of siding with the opposition, a charge that was dismissed in court.

Under a complicated arrangement, Tsvangirai is the prime minister with executive powers to chair a new council of ministers responsible for forming government policies. He is also deputy chairman of a Cabinet of ministers that Mugabe will head.

The agreement provides for 31 ministers — down from 50 — 15 nominated by Mugabe's party, 13 by Tsvangirai and three by Mutambara.

O.J. Simpson trial resumes

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's Las Vegas robbery and kidnap trial has resumed after the first prosecution witness became ill on the stand.

Bruce Fromong had been on the witness stand for several hours Monday before he pointed to his chest and indicated he didn't feel well. The sports memorabilia dealer is one of the alleged victims in the case.

He said he has previous heart attacks. Paramedics examined Fromong at the courthouse but did not take him to a hospital. His attorney, Louis Schneider, said Fromong could resume testifying on Tuesday.

Zimbabwe: The new Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, prepares speak at the power-sharing deal yesterday.

Associated Press

Morgan Tsvangirai, the new Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, prepares speak at the power-sharing deal yesterday.

Parties began negotiating Monday which ministries they would hold and an announcement was expected later this week.

Opposition leaders want the Home Affairs Ministry that would give them charge of the police who have terrorized and killed their supporters this year, and Mugabe would retain the Defense Ministry.

Tsvangirai saluted members of parliament for their willingness to work across party lines. "If you were my enemy yesterday, today we are bound by the same patriotic duty," he said, calling on legislators to be "driven by the hope of a new, better, brighter country" and the "hope of a new beginning."
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The Ideas Challenge and Business Plan Competition is Oct. 6.

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Morgan is from Spring, Texas about 30 miles north of Houston — while her town has not been affected as drastically as other areas like southern Houston and Galveston, she remained fearful for friends and family residing in these areas.

"Spring has not been affected as far as water, but trees have fallen and power has been cut off," she said.

Morgan also said her grandparents who live in southern Houston and friends that attend the University of Houston who have been under mandatory evacuation.

"It's hard for me to be up at school where everything is normal, while friends and family are at home in the midst of destruction with no air conditioning or electricity," Morgan said.

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IN BRIEF

Feds give housing relief to Ike victims
WASHINGTON — The federal government will offer a three month moratorium on mortgage foreclosures that are insured by the Federal Housing Authority to residents living in Texas and Louisiana disaster areas.

This is one of several disaster assistance programs the federal department of Housing and Urban Development will offer, according to the administration.

In addition, the federal government plans to give state and local governments federally guaranteed loans to rehabilitate housing and spur infrastructure repair and economic development.

Ike will cause ‘pinch’ for consumers
WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Monday that people will face a “pinch” at the pump because of Hurricane Ike’s disruption of energy production, as the storm made landfall in the Gulf of Mexico.

And they didn’t emphasize that they are part of a Congress that has done little to head off the crisis. McCain is a four-term Arizona senator, Obama a first-termer from Illinois.

Bemoaning the “most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression,” Democrat Obama faulted Republican McCain’s domestic policies as “too small, too late.”

While presidents — and political outfits — often take credit for good times and blame for bad ones, financial crises nearly always have multiple causes.

Home loans became more affordable a few years ago when the Federal Reserve kept interest rates low. Politicians of all stripes were failure and accused each other of creating the crisis.

And they also said voters who gave him grief in the last election paid the price for the economic downturn.

Obama lamented Republican policies over eight years that he said “encouraged outsourcing bonuses to CEOs while ignoring middle-class Americans” and said: “Instead of prosperity trickling down, we have the pain trickled up — from the struggles of hardworking Americans on Main Street to the largest firms of Wall Street.”

McCain’s words were sympathetic as well. “America is in a crisis today,” he said — and added: “The economic crisis is not the fault of the American people. Our work — and the best, the most competitive, the hardest working, the hardest working, the best skilled, the most competitive in the world. But they are being threatened today... because of greed and corruption that some engaged in on Wall Street and we have to get it fixed.”

Lehman Brothers files bankruptcy

NEW YORK — Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old investment bank noted for its creation of complex mortgage-backed securities and other instruments that boosted the allure of so-called securitized or sub-prime assets, has also seen its stock prices drop since last year, and caused the stock market to drop 15
cents.

The filing was made in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York. The company has been assigned to Judge James P. Mec.

Lehman fell under the weight of $80 billion in insured real estate holdings, and the credit market's dislocation ultimately forced it to seek court protection. The credit crisis has caused global banks to write down more than $300 billion in asset value since last year, and caused the stock sales of Merrill Lynch & Co. and Bear Stearns Cos.

Lehman’s bankruptcy filing marks the end of a Wall Street firm that started the U.S. cotton trade before the Civil War and financed the railroads that built a nation.

The company’s roots began in 1844 when Henry Lehman immigrated from Rimpar, Germany, to Alabama, where he established a dry goods store that catered to local cotton farmers in Montgomery. Lehman Brothers evolved from merchandising to a commodities broker, and then later into underwriting where the firm helped finance construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, among others.

Chairman and Chief Executive Richard S. Fuld, who joined Lehman as a college student in 1969 and was the longest-serving CEO on Wall Street, now has the dubious task of winding down the company’s $639 billion of assets, it has about 25,000 employees worldwide, joining the swell of unemployed bankers and traders hurt by the credit crisis.

Many Lehman employees seen entering its headquarters in midtown Manhattan tucked their chins down to avoid talking to the media and silvers who had lined up behind metal barriers in front of the building.
Crumble sparks int'l reactions

Associated Press

Tokyo — Asian stock markets continued to suffer losses Tuesday with a domino effect that sent the Nikkei 225 index down 5.3 percent to 11,360.60 in mid-afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 339 points Tuesday after Hong Kong's blue-chip Hang Seng index shed 5.7 percent. By midmorning, the region's biggest stock exchanges were closed for holidays on Monday, when news first broke about the dramatic events on Wall Street.

Across the region, markets were reeling in a deepening crisis as South Korea's Kospi was down 5.4 percent. Taiwan's benchmark was off 4.7 percent and China's Shanghai index fell 2.8 percent.

Japan's central bank on Tuesday injected 2.5 trillion yen ($24 billion) into money markets and issued a state­ment vowing to "do its utmost to maintain stability in the country's financial market..." along with the central bank chief, who was also holding an emergency news briefing.

"The Bank of Japan will carry out emergency situations surrounding the U.S. financial institutions and the market has not ceased to continue to strive for measures to maintain stability and maintain stability in financial markets through measures such as appropri­ate money market operations," Bank of Japan Governor Masaaki Shirakawa said.

The dollar also lost its gains, falling to a 15-month low Tuesday afternoon in Asia from mid-107 yen levels earlier in the day.

In Tokyo, the Japanese unit of JPMorgan Chase & Co. Inc. requested bankruptcy protection at a Tokyo court after the 158-year-old firm filed for Chapter 11 bank­ruptcy in New York on Monday.

报道, New York investment bank, crippled by $60 billion in sour­real estate holdings, said it was able to find an investment partner to throw it a lifeline despite a flurry of last-minute nego­tiations over the weekend.

Jihun Moon, a church­woman shaken by the equally stun­ning news that Merrill Lynch, Bank of America's most profitable unit and the region's biggest bank — had been closed for holidays on Monday, when news first broke about the dramatic events on Wall Street.

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Race for Israeli P.M. spot ongoing

Olmert's replacement as top Kadima party leader to be chosen in Wednesday elections

Associated Press

Jerusalem — A popular for­eign minister hoping to become Israel's first female prime minister has been forced from office by a corrup­tion scandal.

Whoever is chosen as party leader has a good chance of becoming the next prime mini­ster, charged with dealing with Iraq's nuclear ambitions, over­seeing peace talks and shaping relations with Israel's most important ally, the United States.

The race pits Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni — a rising political star hoping to become the sec­ond female prime minister in Israel's history — against Shaul Mofaz, a for­mer military chief and defense min­ister who says he is the perf­ect choice to lead this security­obsessed country.

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ELECTION 2008

Palin unlikely to cooperate
McCain spokesman says Palin won't speak with investigators

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The new Republican presidential campaign is likely to speak with an independent counsel hired by Alaska lawmakers to look into whether or not the state was correctly conducting a corruption inquiry, a McCain spokesman said Friday.

Spokesman Ed Q'Callaghan said he has not spoken with Alaska Attorney General Doug James, but he was "unlikely to cooperate" with the inquiry "as long as it remains tainted."

Democrats charged that the McCain campaign was trying to stall the investigation.

"The new McCain presidential campaign of McCain/Palin has interfered and is picking participating in the inquiry," freshman Democratic state Rep. Gabrielle Davis, R-Fairbanks, said in a statement. "In order to make this investigation look something like it isn't what it is, the state must stop investigating." Q'Callaghan did not return calls.

McCain's campaign has been invited to a meeting Monday with state investigators, según Davis, who said the meeting was the "first step" in the investigation.

In a July 7 e-mail, John Katz, the governor's special counsel, wrote that it is "impossible to speak with thetrip: the governor's special counsel, noted two problems with the trip: the governor hadn't agreed the money should be sought, and the request was out of sequence with our other appropriations requests and could put a strain on the evolving relationship between the governor and Sen. Stevens." Monegan was fired four days later.

In the weeks since, it has emerged that the Palins and her staff repeatedly had contacted Monegan expressing their dismay at the continued employment of Trooper Mike Wooten, who divorced Palin's sister in 2003. The following year, Wooten was suspended for five days based on complaints filed by the Palins including that he drank in his patrol car, used a Taser on a suspect and illegally shot a moose. Monegan's firing.

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Since 1982, Kennesaw, an Atlanta suburb, has required every head of a household to own a gun and ammunition, with an exemption for those who conscientiously object. One effect of the enactment was the appearance of yard signs: "Never Mind the Dog—Beware of Owner." Another was that the Kennesaw crime rate dropped and remains well below the national average. What brings Kennesaw mind is District of Columbia v. Heller, decided last June, the Supreme Court's first in-depth examination of the Second Amendment. That amendment provides: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." The Court held, 5-4, that the District of Columbia's "ban on handgun possession in the home violates the Second Amendment, as does its prohibition against owning any lawful firearm in the home operable for the purpose of immediate self-defense." The Heller ruling was hailed by many as a decisive victory for "gun rights." First impressions, however, can be misleading. One lesson here is that saying much can get you into trouble. The Second Amendment is the only one in the Bill of Rights with a prefatory clause clarifying its purpose. That "militia" clause, over the years, gave rise to endless debate, which the Court settled in Heller. In the majority opinion, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, the Court held that the amendment "protects an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home." The dissenters argued that the Amendment protects only the right to possess and carry a firearm in connection with militia service. The ruling, however, did not settle much beyond that point.

The Second Amendment, said the Court, "codified a pre-existing right" which developed in England as a protection against government. "The Stuart Kings, Charles II and James II," said Scalia, "suppressed political dissent "in part by disarming their opponents." The Catholic James II had ordered... disarmaments of (Protestant) regions." The English Bill of Rights of 1689, the predecessor of the Second Amendment, reacted by providing "That the subjects which are Protestants may have arms for their defense suitable to their conditions and as allowed by law." This was, said the Court, "clearly an individual right, having nothing whatever to do with service in a militia."

When the Second Amendment was adopted, the "militia," said the Court, consisted of "those who were male, able-bodied, and within a certain age range." The Amendment, wrote Scalia, "helped to secure the ideal of a citizen militia, which might be necessary to oppose an oppressive military force if the constitutional order broke down...[T]he prefatory clause announces the purpose for which the right was codified: to prevent elimination of the militia. It does not suggest that preserving the militia was the only reason the Amendment was adopted. It does not suggest that the prohibitions on the possession of firearms by individuals would not have made sense even in the absence of an equal right to possess those arms...[T]he right to own a firearm protected by the Amendment is not protectable only in connection with service in the militia."

The law struck down in Heller totally forbade handgun possession in the home. It also required that any lawful firearm in the home be dismantled, or disabled by a trigger lock, at all times. But the ruling left the door open for restrictive regulation rather than prohibition. The Court said the Second Amendment "does not protect the weapons not typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, such as short-barreled shotguns." The Court also noted approvingly the longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms.

The gun issue is far from settled. The District of Columbia reacted to Heller by imposing a regulation practically as restrictive as the one the Court struck down. A new appeal is underway. The Supreme Court has held that most of the protections in the Bill of Rights are binding on the states and local governments as well as on the federal government. But in Heller the Court interpreted earlier cases to establish that "the Second Amendment applies only to the Federal Government." Future litigation may turn on provisions in state constitutions comparable to that amendment. Justice Breyer's dissent in Heller highlighted also the uncertainty that still surrounds the level of judicial scrutiny that must be applied in Second Amendment cases.

So what can we learn from Heller? It is far from a mandate that every American community become a Dodge City or even a Kennesaw. On Supreme Court decisions, and everything else, until I jump to conclusions without reading the fine print.

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The clamp down on football games

Our Dearest Gus,

We wholeheartedly support your stance on the soul-endangering occurrences, which surface around the festivities of Notre Dame football. We, too, have a few suggestions to refocus our festivals towards Catholic values of chastity and fortitude. First, students should not be allowed to paint themselves. Painting leaves skin uncovered enticing us into lusting after the flesh. Enough with scantily clad girls! Habits for all girls attending the festival. Nobody should be allowed to go up for pushups after a score. Boys shouldn't touch girls and girls shouldn't touch boys until the holy vows of matrimony are recited. And guys touching guys and girls touching girls? Abominable! Before entering the stadium, every spectator should be breathalyzed; after all, alcohol only makes people louder and more debauched, thus preventing God from hearing those who are praying in the Stadium.

As always, we wish to thank all the alumni for reading The Observer and providing feedback as how not to "get it up" but instead to lift our souls upwards to heaven.

Lit Crosby senior off campus
Thomas Rivas senior off campus
Kathryn Horack junior off campus

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Glory of tradition still alive

I must say that after reading Gus Zuehlke's article "Bad game day behavior disgraces football tradition," Sept. 15, I am a little confused about which university he attended back in the late 1970's that was such a virtuous utopia compared to the University of Notre Dame and its students today. No, I wasn't alive when Mr. Zuehlke attended the university, but my father graduated in '75, and the parents of my friends were in attendance at the same time as Zuehlke — so I've heard the stories. Zuehlke comments on the "degeneration of what was once a festival we could celebrate without endangering our souls." He implores that the student body to "drink but not get drunk," and yet, while he attended the University, kids made their way into the Stadium via ropes pulled along the outer walls. I am sure that the virtuous student body, which he implies attended the University at the time, was not drinking to get drunk. After all, people who do not want to get drunk usually cannot wait until after a game to resume drinking. I am afraid I cannot comment on how few people were at games; I'll be honest — I have no idea. But combing through the yearbooks of the late 1970's for a project I recently worked on, I came across the following photographs in those yearbooks: 1. A snow "sculpture" created on campus in the shape of a middle finger aimed at the golden dome. 2. A sign at a local movie theater showing the movie title "Deep Throat XXX." (On a side note, it is a funny picture since there is a trash can in front of the theater bearing the sign "Keep it Clean.") There were other photos as well, but I'll leave them to your imagination.

Do these images portray a student body devoid of lewdness? Now I hope you won't get the picture that I am berating the student body during the late 1970's. Actually, I applaud them for having what seems to be a fun-loving attitude while remaining serious enough in their studies to prepare themselves to make a difference in the world. Nor am I condoning the behavior of those current students who "cross the line." Just don't claim that today's students are "prostituting" the Notre Dame Football tradition because a few students act out. Today's student body embodies the same Notre Dame spirit which has characterized previous student bodies at this university over the past 166 years — the same Notre Dame spirit which impressed ESPN magazine enough to name us the No. 1 "Most Spirited Student Body" in college football in an August 2008 issue. When it comes down to it, Mr. Zuehlke, the student body hasn't changed — only your perception has.

Kevin J. Gleason alumnus Class of 2008 Sept. 15

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Revelry, not vulgarity

"Therefore let no one judge you in matters of food and drink or with respect in a festival, a new moon, or Sabbath days," Colossians 2:16. I write this piece in reference to the Viewpoint article published in The Observer on Sept. 15, titled "Bad Game Day Behavior Disgraces Football Tradition." While I do respect your opinion, I describe with various critiques you made in regards to my actions and my character.

First, in defense of a few well-versed ladies with whom I associate: these ladies were simply enjoying the commencement of the 2008 Notre Dame Football season. While they may have been dressed in slightly less clothing than average females, it would have been unfortunate if they stained their clothing with blue, green, or gold paint. It is a college football tradition to apply paint of a school's colors on game day and should be no different at an institution like Notre Dame.

In addition, I am personally offended at the comment regarding the writing on my back. It seems wrong to single out one student for advertising the words roughly paraphrased as "Suck This," when our entire student body can be heard chanting "Suck it Insert team name" on any given home football weekend. I feel that if you choose to criticize me for my body art, you must also criticize the thousands of fans participating in this popular chant. While you state that alumnae greeted me with a nervous reaction, I bring to light the plethora of photos of our beautiful campus who requested pictures of me with themselves or their children, as well as those greeting me with friendly smiles and high-fives.

You also referenced my use of the phrase "Get it up," which a number of my fellow students have brought to my attention has certain vile connotations. In no way was this phrase used as a sexual reference or anything of the sort. The phrase is a common request of fans to raise their voices and emotions (and nothing else) for the team that they support. Any other interpretation of what I meant by this statement is both far-fetched and incorrect. To me, Notre Dame football transcends ordinary, earthly festivals, and I would like to enjoy each of these blessed days to the fullest extent.

While I do apologize for "endangering others' souls," as you contend, I believe myself and those around me were simply enjoying ourselves while getting excited for a promising season of Fighting Irish football. Rather than instigating others' weaknesses, I believe I was simply motivating others around me to cheer as loud as possible on opening day for our beloved Irish.

Respectfully,

Rameez Taie alumnus Class of 2008 Stanford Hall Sept. 15

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Guest Cartoonist

JOEY HERZOG
I can’t lie — I feel kind of like a celebrity right now.

No, it’s not because I’m being stalked by paparazzi lurking in the shrubbery outside my dorm. Nor do I suddenly have the desire to start adopting children from as-yet-unnamed developing nations. Or to give those children names like "Pilot Inquisitor." (Yeah, Jason Lee from "My Name is Earl" is a real one.)

No, I’m feeling slightly — to sort of quote one of my favorite "Project Runway" contestants, Blayne Walsh — "celeb-u-lious" because of the sweet celebrity swag that I’ve been getting since I took this book flloring last month.

Swag, for those of you who aren’t addicted to watching awards shows on television, is commonly defined as "sweet stuff." Lots of sweet stuff, in fact, is often tucked into cute little boxes for presenters at banquets and award ceremonies in the Hollyweird hills. You might notice that I’m not handing anyone a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, so what gives?

To the studios/networks/record labels, it’s marketing. In a recent letter I received from none other than the Fox Network, J.J. Abrams personally drafted this greeting: "These funny, intelligent, attractive college journalists. I was sold immediately."

Billy — his name’s on the letter, so he obviously wrote the text. Okay, it was stamped on the letter. And that letter was most likely printed by an intergalactic duplicator.

The point, though, is that the folks at FOX want me, Editor of Scene, to plug their new lineup of shows. In particular, they’ve been sending me boxes full of gear for their new series, J.J. Abrams-produced series, “Fringe.”

Tendedly, I hadn’t given the show much thought prior to the onslaught of publicity materials. I have a high tolerance for science fiction, but a low tolerance for Fox. I also have a high tolerance for Joshua Jackson, also known as Pacey Witter from "Dawson’s Creek," or all those people like "Pilot Inquisitor.

My decision was made, however, when I found two humble cardboard boxes sitting next to the Scene desk. In the first box were four different promotional posters. In the other, I found a lodge-podge collection of gear including notebooks, t-shirts, nylon backpacks, and even an MP3 recorder.

Shameless and capitalistic marketing? Perhaps.

Awesome? Absolutely. I’ll see you guys later — my nylon backpack and I are going to watch the latest episode of "Fringe."

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By SYZMON RYZNER

Scene Writer

Like at least one other J.J. Abrams television program, this one’s pilot episode begins in a plane — a plane in a storm — a plane in a storm with lots of screaming passengers. This other show, of course, is the spectacularly popular and consistently disappointing "Lost." The plot for "Fringe" starts with a mysterious disease that has killed every single passenger on a transatlantic flight. The FBI and the CIA are sent to clear up the mess.

Throughout this we are introduced to the main character, Olivia Dunham, portrayed by relative newcomer to American television, Anna Torv. Though she has mostly worked outside of America, she landed a lead role in the biggest show of Fox’s fall lineup. So there must be something about Anna Torv that J.J. Abrams liked.

Some fans may remember other Abrams female leads such as Kerris Russell in "Felicity" and Jennifer Garner in a fairly popular show titled "Alias." Another welcome addition to this cast is "Dawson’s Creek" alum Joshua Jackson, and the mad Steward of Gondor, John Noble, from "The Return of the King." The three work well together and will most likely be what keeps the show aloft for the weaker portions of the first season.

The first few minutes of the show were the most disappointing. The characters seem almost unaffected by the bizarre occurrences surrounding them and are more interested in exploring a love connection, a weak story line that for some reason was deemed necessary in this premier episode.

Cliché upon cliché include mad geniuses, and their sarcastic, bitter, troubled, yet charming and lovable sons. Then we finally get into what the show intends to concentrate on, fringe science. That is the study of mind control, the existence of UFO’s, human resurrection, and various other strange events are planned to form the backbone of the series. It also appears that an overarching story featuring an evil corporation will take precedence over every few episodes.

Most of the series action will take place in Boston, though the pilot episode also traveled to Iraq and the depths of the human dream state.

With ominous floating letters at every location, J.J. Abrams once again proclaimed his fascination with CGI block text.

The savior of this premier episode was both the series potential, and the humor which was very welcome and thoroughly enjoyable.

The quick-witted characters always had a wise crack about the strange events they were experiencing. The casting choices, albeit very traditional, seemed compelling and worthy of taking a risk on. The massive cast of "Lost" successfully developed chemistry and "Fringe" should be no different.

Though delightfully creepy, and filled to the brink with fantastic potential, the inconsistent acting, sloppy fake beards, and oddly chosen effects might take away from the shows potential success and longevity. J.J. Abrams knows how to create a hit show and "Fringe" no doubt will be a new series to watch.

Despite a weak $10,000,000 pilot, the show should return with a strong second episode. Fox has not been known for giving its shows a second chance, but through word of mouth and hopefully minor improvements, "Fringe" could be the "X-Files" for a new generation of those seeking the weird and the fantastic.

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By RYAN RAFFIN  
Scene Writer

Has any band in recent memory put out as much quality music in as little a time as the Gaslight Anthem?

In the last 16 months, they've produced two full-length albums and an EP, and it seems no song is going to be found in their catalogue. While the online hype is starting to build around the group, they remain completely unknown to the mainstream. This is an utter shame.

Their spectacular sophomore album, entitled "The '59 Sound," is a debut for new fans back to the good old school of the ever-popular Celtic-punks (Flogging Molly).

Their fusion of the classic rock of yesteryear with the modern punk of today is what makes the album so successful. The record kicks off with the one-two punch of "Great Expectations" and the title track. If there were any doubts about the accessibility of the music, they would be quickly quelled here. Catchy and immediate, they are straightforward and radio-ready choruses. The larger production budget that comes with signing to a bigger independent label, such as SideOneDummy, gives the songs a sheen that didn't have on prior efforts. Though some fans may be quick to launch into cries of "Sell out," the pop-punk sound works perfectly for choruses as catchy as these.

Though the next few songs are great (especially "Film Noir"), "Miles Davis and the Cool" stands heads and shoulders above the pack. It's a stupendous summer song that salutes a jazz great. The next real standout The Patient Ferris Wheel, notably features Dicky Barrett of Mighty Mighty Bosstones fame. The true winner of the album, "Here's Looking at You, Kid," is a slow ballad, where Fallon reveals ex-girlfriends. Sounding utterly resigned, he describes how the relationship turned sour. He makes the song fade out to guitar, vaguely recalling Green Day's "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)." It's almost impossible to resist the urge to replay the song.

One of the most appealing aspects of the Gaslight Anthem is their lyrical continuity — the repeated mention of cars, girls named Mary or Maria, and dancing. This doesn't let up on "The '59 Sound," and though it's not overbearing, fans will appreciate these lyrical Easter eggs. Also, astute listeners will notice references to Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe, more examples of the rich songwriting talent Brian Fallon possesses. His lyrics reflect the bluesy, rock and roll that the band plays, and it never seems contrived.

There's been lavish praise given to "The '59 Sound," both in this review and elsewhere, but it deserves every word of it. It's a fantastic, consistently excellent album in terms of overall quality; from song to song there is no filler. It's unpretentious, but not unchallenging, and totally catchy. There isn't much you can ask of a band this good. It is absolutely one of the finest, if not the finest, releases this year. Talk about avoiding the sophomore slump. The Gaslight Anthem should be proud of making such a thoroughly solid album.

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The '59 Sound  
The Gaslight Anthem  
Label: SideOneDummy

Recommended Tracks: "Great expectations," "Miles Davis and the Cool," and "Here's Looking at You, Kid"

By JOSEPH KUHN  
Scene Writer

Weezer was one of the best alternative rock bands around. It draws from several different eras of Weezer's past, giving the album a diverse and eclectic feel.

Many of the songs, including the first single "Pork and Beans," feature a trade-mark Weezer power-pop sound, à la the Green Album. "Pork and Beans" could function as the album's misfit statement, boldly declaring: "I'm a do the things that I want to do! Ain't got a thing to prove to you." If anything, this album is meant to transcend all expectations. Weezer proves that they're out to make music however they see fit, no matter what that critic and overly demanding taste might want.

One of the best examples of this "in your face" attitude is the song "The Greatest Man" from the album, "The Lizard Wizard." It's about a songs about relationships, he puts so many different spin on the melody over the course of the song that he truly makes it his own. The song shifts styles manually from hip-hop to punk to falsetto over piano to the band's signature A-B-A-B-A-B song. The unpredictable and over-the-top self-promotion (with a good dose of irony) makes it one of the album's best tracks, declaring that Weezer is through with the nerd rock kings that they are.

Leaving the power-pop aside, the band also revives a slower, more heartfelt sound that has been conspicuously missing since Pinkerton. "Heart Songs" is a nostalgic tribute from Rivers Cuomo to his favorite artists from childhood, including a few surprises (ABBA!). The final track on the regular version of the album, "The Devil and the One," starts with one low acoustic riff and repeats this theme over and over again, gradually building into a climactic and beautiful melody.

The regular version of the album contains only 10 tracks, but the deluxe version, which is $3 more on iTunes, includes five more tracks. If you buy this album, definitely get the deluxe version as some of the best music on the album can be found in the bonus tracks. "Miss Sweeney" is a delightfully quirky yet moving song about a white-collar office drone falling in love with his secretary. It is one of the few times when Rivers Cuomo writes lyrics from another person's viewpoint, although he most likely identifies himself with the man in the song. Several of the other bonus tracks feature more emotional, personal moments from Cuomo, which is when his talent as a songwriter shines forth the most.

So don't write Weezer off just yet as another 90s novelty band that will never make good music again. The Red Album gives us reason to hope.

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Weezer

Label: Geffen

Recommended Tracks: "Pork and Beans," "Get Dangerous," and "Heart Songs"

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Yankees start final week at stadium with win

Cubs' Lilly almost matches Zambrano's no-hitter as hurler throws six no-hit innings, helping Chicago sweep Houston

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NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera moved into second place on the career saves list and the New York Yankees put a small crimp in Chicago's postseason plans, beating the White Sox 4-2 on Monday night.

Beginning its final week at Yankee Stadium — barring an incredible playoff surge — New York got a two-run homer from Xavier Nady in the second inning and a tiebreaking double by pinch-hitter Wilson Betemit in the seventh.

The White Sox, who still lead the AL Central by 17 games over Minnesota, wasted six strong innings by Mark Buehrle and DeWayne Wise's two-run shot off Alfredo Aceves. They arrived at their New York hotel about 4 a.m. following a doubleheader sweep of Detroit on Sunday night.

The Twins lost 3-1 Monday night at Cleveland.

Joba Chamberlain struck out two in a scoreless eighth after Phil Coke (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh to win his first major league decision.

Rivera got three quick outs for his 36th save in 37 chances this season and No. 479 of his career, passing Lee Smith for second place.

San Diego closer Trevor Hoffman has the record. He began the night with 452.7.

Derek Jeter went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts, remaining tied with Lou Gehrig for the most hits at Yankee Stadium (1,209).

Cano flashed the ball back to pitcher Ted Lilly after his no-hit bid was broken up in the seventh inning. Lilly threw seven shutout innings in Chicago's 6-1 win over Houston Monday.

"We need to move on," said Astros owner Drayton McLane, one of the few people in Miller Park wearing an orange shirt. "We've got a wonderful opportunity to win the wild card. We need to win games."

On Sunday, Zambrano pitched the Cubs' first no-hitter since Milt Pappas in 1972, leading Chicago to a 5-0 win. And until the seventh inning, Lilly appeared headed to a repeat.

"After what Z did last night, it would have been fun to do something I'm not sure has been done — yet," Lilly said. "You don't know if you'll ever have that opportunity again, but I'll take tonight the way it was."

Aramis Ramirez's first-inning sacrifice fly and Jim Edmonds' homer off Brian Moehler (13-7) in the fifth built a 2-0 lead, and Derek Lee and Geovany Soto hit two-run homers in the sixth.

Lilly (15-9) faced the minimum through the first four innings, allowing only a leadoff walk in the second to Lance Berkman, who was caught leaning off first and thrown out at second. All 111 pitches were as good as it could happen again," he said.

Reggie Abercrombie's hard grounder leading off the seventh was booted by third baseman Ramirez, who was charged with an error by official scorer Tim O'Driscoll.

"In all honesty, it probably could have gone either way," O'Driscoll said. "It's one of those decisions where you're the lone guy in town because everybody else's opinion really doesn't matter because the body has to make that decision."

Loretta followed with a clean single to right.

"It was a real small moral victory there," Loretta said. "We couldn't muster up much energy these last two days."

Lilly, who has won at least 15 games in each of the last three seasons, was given a standing ovation by the crowd of 15,158. He allowed the first hit in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

"If I knew, when I leave here, I get asked why I leave him in, I flipped a coin and it came out," "Piniella dead-patted.

Lilly said he began thinking about the no-hit bid after the fifth inning.

"I knew even at that point there was still a lot of work to do," Lilly said. "It doesn't get easier the closer you get.""'

Astros manager Cecil Cooper thought Hurricane Ike might have had an effect on the minds of his players.

"It might have had an effect — I still don't have power at my house — but we're paid very well to play baseball so we have it a lot easier than most people back in Houston," Cooper said.

Malloy

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**NFL**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Who says the Kansas City Chiefs don’t have a quarterback? They have one with an injured shoulder and one with a neck, one with low expectations and one with high hopes.

The only expectations are probably headed back to reserve wide receiver status.

Nobody, including head coach Herm Edwards, seemed to know on Monday what might happen next on Kansas City’s chaotic quarterback carousel.

One thing does seem certain — Brodie Croyle, the projected season starter, will be out a second straight week with a shoulder injury he sustained in the opener at New England. Damon Huard, the reliable 35-year-old backup, came in and almost engineered an upset over the Patriots, and then started on Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

Huard came out in the first half of the 23-8 loss with what the team called “mild head trauma” and what he calls a stiff neck. Edwards said Monday he didn’t know whether Huard or No. 3 QB Tyler Thigpen would start at Atlanta on Sunday.

Neither is anyone saying if Mark Mangino, a backup wide receiver and former college quarterback, will ever end up under center after taking five surprise snaps against Oakland.

“I don’t know yet,” Edwards said when asked who would start against the Falcons. “We’re going to make a decision on that probably Wednesday.”

Huard, the only one of the four who’s ever won a game in the NFL, was lifted after throwing an interception. Tyler Thigpen, who had only six passes in the NFL on his brief resume, came in and wound up completing 14 of 33 throws for 151 yards, including a short touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez.

Hagans, a quarterback at Virginia who never has been anything but a backup wide receiver in the NFL, completed the only pass he threw for 5 yards. His other plays resulted in one penalty and several short, ineffective runs.

“We haven’t talked about it. We’re going to sit down and talk about it today,” Edwards said. Even Huard seemed mystified. He did not appear hurt when he came out. Then in the fourth quarter the Chiefs announced he had mild head trauma. Thigpen, who’s hoping to get valuable playing time the next couple of weeks while Croyle recovers, admitted even he didn’t know that Huard was hurt.

“I went up to him at the end and I was like, ‘Why haven’t you come back? What’s going on?’” he said. “He was like, ‘I ended up hurting my neck,’ or whatever it was.

Thigpen and Huard both said they had no idea who might play, or for how long, this week.

“I thought Tyler was getting a series in there. But on the sideline, my neck stiffened up on me pretty good,” Huard said. When you’re up in the heat of the battle you don’t really think about it. But it really kind of caught up with me there on the sideline.”

Huard, who has had a concussion during his career, said the symptoms were suspicions.

“Everybody responds to head trauma a little different. I think there may have been a little bit of that,” he said. “There were a few symptoms. To sit here and elaborate on that, it’s not going to get us anywhere.”

Hagans was clearly ready if called upon for quarterback duty again.

“I think if we continue with it, it will be a good package for our offense,” he said. “I’ve coached pivot down, I’ve just got to be a third receiver and (on) special teams, and I’ll play for that as well. Any time I get to play quarterback in the NFL, you’ve got to be excited about that.”
Brewers fire Yost in effort to save season

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In an unprecedented move, the Milwaukee Brewers fired manager Ned Yost on Monday, hoping to pull out of another late-season slump that has jeopardized the team's chance of making the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

Third-base coach Dale Sveum will take over as interim manager for the remainder of the season. The Brewers have lost seven of eight and fallen into a tie with Philadelphia for the NL wild-card lead.

It marked the first time in major league history — except for the strike-shortened 1994 season — that a manager was fired in August or later with his team in playoff position, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

At 83-67, the Brewers have just 12 games to rebound. Milwaukee came into this month with a 57-game lead in the wild card, but since has lost 11 of 14 — including a four-game sweep completed by the Phillies over the weekend.

The Brewers were idle Monday, and were scheduled to begin a three-game series with Central-leading Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field on Tuesday.

"This was a very, very difficult move to make, and we appreciate all of the work that Ned has done to develop this team into a contender," general manager Doug Melvin said in a statement. "In the end, this was a collaborative decision made to put our club in the best position for the final two weeks of the season."

The team scheduled a news conference Monday night in Chicago. Yost did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Members of NL Central rivals Chicago and Houston, who played another neutral-site game in Milwaukee on Monday after Hurricane Ike made it too difficult to play their scheduled series in Houston over the weekend, expressed surprise at the move.

"That was a shocker," Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "He's a team guy, he's done great for the Mariners. I think they'll be fine."

But little else — not the other starters, the shaky bullpen or a home run-happy offense that has gone colder with every game this month — was working for Milwaukee these days.

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Under Paul Sabathia on the mound, the Brewers have paid the price.

Yost became a lightning rod for fan criticism in Milwaukee in recent years as he stubbornly stuck by players mired in slumps and refused to criticize them in public — even when they got in shoving matches in the dugout during games.

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Yost was in his sixth season as the Brewers' manager. When Milwaukee hired him from Atlanta after the 2002 season, the team was in the midst of four straight seasons with 94 losses or more.

Under Yost, the young Brewers improved to records of 81-81, 75-87 and 83-79 in the past three seasons — a significant improvement for a franchise that hadn't had a winning record since 1992.

But Yost seemingly couldn't get the Brewers to take the next step.

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Jets rue missed opportunities in loss to Pats

Lousy field position, conservative play-calling, penalties keep New York from sending message in division

laughs in a season that has brought its fair share of missed opportunities in loss to the New England Patriots and could only shake their heads at what they watched on the screen.

"We did things get away," center Nick Mangold said Monday. "We were doing some good things and there's little mistakes and penalties that really hurt us."

The Jets were slight favorites entering the game, and for good reason. They were facing untested Matt Cassel instead of Tom Brady and had the excitement of Brett Favre making his regular-season home debut in front of 78,000 raucous fans.

Talk about a letdown. Instead of sending a message that the balance of power in the AFC East might be shifting, the Jets reverted to their old, mistake-filled ways in a 19-10 loss Sunday.

"It's the disappointment of a lost opportunity," right guard Brandon Moore said. "When you see the proof in the film and see individual performance, a couple plays here and a couple plays there, you see that really didn't put it all together."

There was certainly plenty of blame to go around. There was conservative play calling on offense, a lack of big plays on defense and an inability by the special-teams unit to give New York any advantage in field position. Throw in a missed field goal and six penalties that cost them 60 yards, and it's no wonder the Jets felt down right frustrated.

"Even without the Tom Brady factor, there was a chance for us to come out and be 2-0 in the division and we didn't get it done," safely Kerry Rhodes said. "We're 1-1 and we've still got a chance and there's a long season to go, but this was a game we thought we had a chance to win and we thought we could've won and we couldn't get it done.

While Cassel's performance was hardly eye-popping, he was efficient and benefited from consistently outstanding field position. Of the Patriots' nine series, five began in Jets territory, with an average start at the New England 42.

" Doesn't matter who you're playing, when the opponent has that type of field position, there's going to be issues," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's tough to consistently prevent the other team from scoring points when they're starting in plus territory like New England was most of the day."

A large part of the problem was the poor punting of Ben Graham, whose net average was 27.3 yards. Graham, in his fourth year with the Jets, has struggled with consistency since last season.

"It's a situation we'll look at," Mangini said. "We'll look at it very closely, then we'll move forward here, see where the different opportunities are and evaluate them.

Still, the Jets were very much in the game. Favre led an impressive drive, featuring a 54-yard pass to Laveranues Coles, midway through the second quarter — only to have it stall at the goal line with three failed running plays.

On first-and-goal from the 3, Thomas Jones went off right guard for a yard. He went up the middle for another yard on the next play, and then lost 2 yards when Richard Seymour plowed into him off left guard. Instead of taking a lead, the Jets settled for a field goal that left them three points down.

"That four-point swing is difficult to lose," Mangold said, "but I'm a running guy and I like to pound it in and I thought if we were able to clean it up just a little more, we would've been in there."

Mangini further defended the calls, saying he liked what the line and the running backs had been doing to that point. He also addressed the criticism that Favre was somewhat handicapped by the play calling.

"We're not calling plays in a vacuum," he said. "It wasn't a function of not realizing that Brett was here. It was a function of what we thought was going to work at that point."

The Jets also had an ugly series on their first possession of the second half. Damien Woody was called for holding, negating a big run by Jones, and Favre followed with an illegal forward pass.

Three plays later came an offensive pass interference on Jericho Cotchery, who made a terrific catch on a 40-yard pass down the sideline that was overturned when he was called for pushing defensive back Deltha O'Neal.

On the next play, Bubba Franks caught a pass for minus-5 yards, and then Favre was picked off by Brandon Meriweather on a poor throw. The Patriots turned the turnover into a touchdown and a 10-point lead.

New England was able to eat up the clock down the stretch by running all over the Jets, led by LaMont Jordan's 62 second-half yards.

"When we needed to make big steps, we didn't make them," linebacker Eric Barton said. "It's as simple as that. We didn't make big plays, we didn't get the job done in our offense's second half."

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Posada says Joba should return to bullpen

During 'Centerstage' session, Yankees catcher says Chamberlain will reinjure himself if he throws 200 innings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada rejigged the debate over Joba Chamberlain's future Monday, recommending the young pitcher be kept in the bullpen and predicting more injuries if the New York Yankees put him back in their starting rotation.

"If you start him and he pitches 200 innings in one year, you're going to lose him. He's going to get hurt. I don't see him as a starter," Posada said Monday during a session of "CenterStage," scheduled to air on the team's YES Network starting Sept. 28.

Chamberlain, the hard-throwing righthander who turns 23 next week, began the season in the Yankees bullpen, then moved to the rotation in June. The plan was to limit his innings early, then make him a full-time starter.

"He's been around the game and that's his opinion. I'm not going to fault the guy for having an opinion. We all have opinions," Chamberlain said. "We have to sit down. It's going to be what's best for the team in the long run. It's your career and you have to be a part of it. You do what's best for yourself also, but the end goal is to win a championship. Whether that's in the bullpen or as a starter, time will tell."

He was sidelined from Aug. 4 to Sept. 2 because of rotator cuff tendinitis and went back to the bullpen when he returned.

"A little tendinitis, it's just tells you a lot," Posada said after the TV interview. "I think his body is made up for a reliever."

Chamberlain returned on Oct. 1 with a 2.76 ERA in 12 starts, striking out 74 in 65 1-3 innings. He's 1-2 with a 2.29 ERA in 24 relief appearances, fanning 34 in 28 2-3 innings.

"We'll discuss whether Chamberlain will be a starter or a reliever, along with everything else, during the winter," co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner said.

Manager Joe Girardi didn't mind Posada voicing his opinion, saying "some players feel more freely to discuss them openly than others." He also said the decision could depend on offseason developments.

"For right now, we still envision him as a starter. We just didn't have a chance to build him up," Girardi said.

He did reject the notion that starting makes Chamberlain more susceptible to injury.

"You can't put your head inside a guy's arm," he said. "People will argue it's better to start every five days from a physical standpoint, where you get four days' rest. Other people say it's better to throw in the bullpen, but what if you have to throw three days in a row? I mean, I think it just depends on the individual."

Chamberlain would like the debate to end at some point.

"At the beginning of the year, we're just going to have to say, this is it," he said. "Then I never want to answer another question about it again."

Posada said season-ending shoulder surgery June 30 and expects to return behind the plate for New York next season, anticipating he can catch 120-130 games.

With the Yankees almost certain to miss the playoffs for the first time since 1993, the 37-year-old says the team must go into the free-agent market to repair its starting rotation. CC Sabathia, Ben Sheets and A.J. Burnett are their chief targets.

("We're pretty much going to be in it, but you don't know if those guys are going to want to come here," Posada said. "I hope they do.

New York figures to have tens of millions of dollars available: Jason Giambi ($21 million), Andy Pettitte ($16 million), Bobby Abreu ($16 million), Mike Mussina ($11 million) and Carl Pavano ($11 million) are all potentially eligible for free agency.

"We're going to do whatever we can to improve, whether it's free agency or trades," Steinbrenner said.

On another topic, Posada voiced anger toward Pedro Martinez for the 2003 brawl between the Yankees and the Red Sox during the AL championship series.

"I thought he was going to hit me in the head with a bat, after we had the fight and he pushed Don Zimmer. It was ridiculous. I mean, he throws at Karim Garcia because he's losing the game. I mean, there's no class," Posada said. "It might have been an uncomfortable situation had Posada signed with the New York Mets after the 2007 season. He would have had to catch Martinez."

"You try to forget about the past and look forward," Posada said.

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Shanahan calls takes always that NFL. any of "Wn forever." that is thn you're done," Turner were reviewable, and if a rule was changed so that they fumble occurred even after the whistle blew, the team recovering it gets possession.

But it hasn't just been Donohue. Junior midfielder Michael Thomas and senior forward Bright Dike each have three goals, and junior midfielder Justin Morrow has scored twice. Sophomore midfielder Jeo Bravsky, sophomore forward/midfielder Josh Thiermann and sophomore forward Steven Perry each have broken onto the score sheet once, as well. "There's quite a few other guys who have got the potential," Clark said. "Morrow's scoring nicely, and a couple of other guys haven't gotten in there yet but have it in them, too. Thiermann should get some goals, and if freshman midfielder/forward Brendan King's someone who has terrific ability to score — his time will come." The time appears to be now, though, for Donohue and his Notre Dame teammates. The team has become a tighter, balanced unit through just a few weeks, and the Irish appear to be only picking up steam as the Big East slate heats up with a home match Friday against St. John's. "The team has learned a lot about each other through the first five games," Donohue said. "We've really developed the team mentality, and we know we can score goals and win games. Each game has just been learning more and more about each other." As for Donohue? Clark just wants him to keep the ball rolling — into the net. "We're just hoping he can beat [his career highs] again and keep scoring goals," Clark said. "Three goals is quite an achievement — you don't do it every day."

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"As a team coming in, we had no concern about who's going to score goals."

Dave Donohue
Irish junior

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"coach," Piane said. "We're very excited to have him."

Garnham graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor's in history in 1998. He earned his master's degree in secondary education from D'Youville College in Buffalo. Garnham then spent five years as an assistant track-and-field coach at the University of Buffalo, where he was in charge of multi-event athletes, hurdlers, and javelin throwers. There, he coached a Canadian Olympic Trial qualifier in the women's heptathlon, two NCAA qualifiers, and five Mid-American Conference Champions. His athletes also set 14 new school records.

His most recent job was a three-year stint as assistant coach at the University of Tulsa, which he left to join the Irish. During this time, he coached an NCAA qualifier in the shot put, 17 NCAA Mid-West Regional qualifiers, four Conference USA champions and 20 all-conference athletes. He was also a party to 18 new school records at Tulsa.

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ed to make sure he had all the right information he needed to do his job.

And I'm sure Charlie Jr. feels similarly. I'm sure there's no one on the Notre Dame sideline who is working harder than Charlie Jr. is at his job to make sure Notre Dame has a successful football team, and I'm sure Charlie Jr. is excellent at what he does - otherwise I'm just as sure that his father would take the head-set off of him.

And what exactly does Charlie Jr. do?

According to Notre Dame's director of football media relations Brian Hardin, he relays the opposing offense's personnel groups to the defensive huddle. Charlie Jr. wears the headset so he can hear the assistant coaches in the press box when they tell him how many running backs, tight ends and wide receivers are in the game. Then Charlie Jr. relays that information to the huddle. Hardin said it's a job someone on the staff would normally have to do anyway, but since Charlie Jr. does it, it frees up a member of the staff to focus on something else during the game.

But to listen to some people, you would think Weis had handed over play-calling duties to his son. Charlie Jr. is not a distraction, he just facilitates communication between the players and the assistants.

Does the job carry a lot of responsibility? Yes it does. But it's a job that a smart kid could handle - especially one who's a D-3 son.

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Irish coach Charlie Weis watches from the sidelines during Notre Dame's 35-17 over Michigan on Saturday.

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no explanation, her too began to move. After six weeks in the hospital re-learning how to walk, Scott DeMaria returned to school.

Years later, she learned of a possible reason for her recovery. After the bus flipped, Scott DeMaria crawled out onto the ground and spent over an hour with her back in direct contact with the snow, so much so that her body temperature dropped to 94 degrees.

"We always traveled very well-dressed. None of us had jackets on. It was freezing," she said.

The snow may have controlled the swelling around the spine, allowing the surgery performed that night to save the integrity of her spinal chord. Years later, a similar, medically-induced treatment would be used on Hu!Talo DeMaria, a fellow Notre Dame grad who was the swim team's manager. He was a chronic e-mail avoider, and Scott DeMaria loved e-mail, so they became friends via cyberspace.

"I told her, 'Scott, you had to come through, was through e-mail,' she laughed.

Scott DeMaria accepted a job as a teacher and swim coach at her high school alma mater, Xavier College Preparatory in Phoenix, and asked Jamie to go with her when she chaperoned the school's junior-senior prom.

When a Xavier student died after an accident with a drunk driver, Scott DeMaria said, Jamie understood the effect it had on her and supported her so she could help the students.

"What I saw in Jamie was something for me to just say to someone I knew this was someone who could spend my life with."

The two are now married (Notre Dame history professor Thomas Blantz married them) and live in Annapolis, Md., with their two sons. Jason and Edward. Scott DeMaria has won the Notre Dame Spirit Award, the Executive Journal Comeback of the Year Award and the Honda Award for Inspiration. The National Women's Leadership Conference named her Woman of the Year, and the Institute for International Sport made her a Fellow.

Scott DeMaria said going back and writing a book about the incident wasn't tough in itself, but she found certain quirks in her research both frightening and funny.

"I think I was clearly so naive and young at 18 that I don't think I fully appreciated how horrible physically it was for me," she said. "I suffered collapsed lungs and heart failure, and at times was lucky to come out of these surgeries at all.

The research was at times comical as well. The minutiae of details she recorded in her journals at the time seemed ridiculous 16 years later.

"I was worrying about how the steroids gave me acne and what the guys were going to think," she said. "It was meaning- less, but it was a huge deal at the time when you're 18."

The book allowed her to express her understanding to others who have been in similar accidents. She said a girl whose brother suffered a similar injury was in tears at the book signing, saying she wanted her brother to read it.

"I turned to my husband and I said, 'That's the reason I did this, really just to say to someone I understand,'" she said.

She stressed the importance of the University, both at the time and in this day, in her successful recovery. When her parents, wanted to move her to a renowned rehab facility, she resisted. It was important for her to be here, she told them, and they got it. She had friends visit from other schools who were amazed at the level of care and support.

"[My friends said] 'If this were our school, it would happen, people would say, Geez that sucks, and they would forget about me,'" she said. "And this school has never forgotten."

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**ND Women’s Soccer**

**On top again**

ND ranked No. 1 by pollsters on Monday

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum has put together five No. 1 teams in his ten years coaching for the Irish, four of them in the past five years.

Waldrum and the Irish were ranked No. 1 by three polls released Monday — Soccer America, Soccer Buzz and Top Drawer Soccer. The NSCAA poll and the Soccer Times poll will be released today.

Notre Dame (6-0-0) jumped UCLA with a 5-0 win over SMU, this week. The Bruins played to a 0-0 draw with Brown on Sunday.

A week before the Irish jumped to No. 2 with wins over three ranked teams including previous No. 2 North Carolina and No. 12 North Carolina.

They will take on DePaul, Penn State and Louisville this week for their first chance to defend the No. 1 ranking in 2008.

**ND Swimming**

Former swimmer writes book about miracle comeback

By BILL BRINK

It took Haley Scott DeMaria three tries, but she finally wrote and published the story of an event that changed her life.

Scott DeMaria was a freshman swimmer at Notre Dame in 1992. On Jan. 24, she was on the team bus coming back from a meet against Northwestern. Driving through a blinding blizzard, the bus was four miles from campus when it hit a patch of ice, skidded and flipped off the Toll Road.

Scott DeMaria suffered three crushed vertebrae and was paralyzed by the time she reached the hospital. Two other freshmen, Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hopp, died in the crash.

Scott DeMaria’s life after the crash is an inspiration to accident victims, their family members or anyone who’s ever had a goal in life.

Her book about the accident, “What Though The Odds — Haley Scott’s Journey of Faith and Triumph,” came out this June, following two previous attempts to write it. Scott DeMaria said she’s in a place now where she can tell the story.

“What I’ve realized is that I needed to do at a very healthy and stable point in my life to go back and relive a very unhealthy and unstable part of my life,” said Scott DeMaria, who was on campus this weekend for a book signing.

Usually, she said, the men and women traveled together to meets, but this was the first occasion when the women traveled by themselves. The team lost, but Scott DeMaria, a Phoenix native, said, and was excited to contend with such a good team.

Next thing she knew the bus was upside down in a ditch next to the road, and Scott DeMaria was on her back in the snow.

Scott DeMaria had two operations that night. She said doctors looked for any signs of hope that she may regain feeling in her legs and walk again, but after two days, they told her to begin accepting the reality of life in a wheelchair. She would have none of it.

“When it hit a patch of ice, skidded and flipped off the Toll Road, everyone was shocked at first, but there was no immediate panic,” she said. “Some of it was shock and some of it was being overwhelmed with what’s going on but for the most part it wasn’t acceptable to me.”

As it turns out, her instincts were right. A few days later, with

**Football First-Person Commentary**

Charlie Jr. earns his keep

There was a lot to harp on during last year’s 3-9 season, but there was one criterion of Charlie Weis that still persists now, even despite a 2-0 start, that I never could understand — why it makes certain Notre Dame fans so mad that Charlie Weis Jr. is on the sidelines assisting the coaching staff.

My befuddlement stems from a similar experience I had in high school with my father. He was the basketball coach at my high school near Scranton, Pa., for 33 years, so I grew up with basketball. When I was in grade school, I went to every game and somewhere along the way, I began taking statistics for my dad.

At first, it was just for fun; he didn’t actually rely on them. But then he realized that my stats were just as accurate as the ones his assistants were taking.

Taking stats distracted his assistants from watching the game and giving him advice concerning strategy. So, when I was about 11 years old, I became the statistician for the team and did it up until the time I was on the varsity squad. I freed my dad’s assistants to focus on the game.

And there was nothing I took more seriously than making sure those stats were correct.

I didn’t want to let my dad down.

When you’re a coach’s son, there’s nothing that gives you more pride than to see your father be a successful coach and you’ll do everything you can to pitch in. You’ll work as hard as you can, obsess over the smallest of things, just so you can help out your dad in any way.

And looked at those stats at halftime and periodically throughout games and I wanted to see JUNIOR/page 21

**ND Men’s Soccer**

Donohue gets weekly honors after big game

By MATT GAMBER

In 24 games as a sophomore, Dave Donohue tallied three goals and an assist.

In Thursday’s 4-1 win over Marquette, Donohue tallied three goals and an assist. The Irish junior midfielder earned Big East offensive player of the week honors and a spot on the College Soccer News’ national team of the week — not bad for a guy whose goals are “just a bonus,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

“The goals are great and he’ll have his special days, but it’s what he does when the other team’s got possession that’s most important to our team,” Clark said. “He’s a great example to the team because of his work ethic and his ability work when we don’t have the ball, pressuring the other team.”

Donohue leads No. 3 Notre Dame (4-1, 1-0 Big East) in goals (four), assists (three) and points (11) — all of which are new career highs after he played in every game last year.

“I came off the bench more last year, trying to come in and raise the tempo,” Donohue said. “This year, I earned a