Jenkins calls for increased faculty diversity

17 percent of Notre Dame's faculty are minorities compared to 28 percent at Yale, 25 percent at University of Chicago

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins emphasized Notre Dame's commitment to diversity, specifically in recruiting ethnic minorities and women as faculty members, in his annual address to the faculty Tuesday.

"Like many other colleges and universities in the country, we recognize that an academic community that is more diverse ethnically, socio-economically and by gender is a richer community for learning, discussion and inquiry, and one whose graduates are better prepared to live and work in a world that is ever more global and diverse," he said. Jenkins

Jenkins flipped through PowerPoint slides comparing the percentages of female and ethnic minority faculty members employed at Notre Dame with those employed at private schools in the Association of American Universities (AAU), an organization of 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada.

According to data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and Notre Dame's Office of Institutional Research, 28 percent of full-time instructional faculty in 2006 at AAU private schools were female, compared with 23 percent at Notre Dame. When the professor numbers are compared by rank, Notre Dame exceeds the average percentage of female assistant professors for AAU private schools, but falls below the average for female associate professors and full professors.

The Office of Institutional Research shows the number of racially and ethnically diverse faculty, as a percentage of the whole teaching and research faculty, has increased from 11 percent to 13 percent between 1997 and 2006.

Comparing all faculty, 17 percent of Notre Dame's faculty are minorities, compared to 28 percent at Yale, 25 percent at the University of Chicago, 14 percent at Duke and 11 percent at Brown, in comparison.

Notre Dame's research sta-

ELECTION 2008

SMC lines up events for Rock the Vote Festival

'Vote Smart' bus travels to college to educate students

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

When Saint Mary's students walked past the parking lot in between McCandless Hall and the Student Center on Tuesday they were met with the sight of a red, white and blue bus with the words "Voter's Self Defense System, Project Vote Smart" on the side.

The bus, a part of www.votesmart.org, travels the country with information about the Web site and organization which provides non-partisan, unbiased information on over 40,000 candidates running in local, state and national elections, arrived at the College five hours early and left three hours ahead of schedule due to a miscommunication between Saint Mary's and the Vote

The Project Vote Smart Bus, which provides information on over 40,000 candidates, sits between McCandless Hall and the Student Center Tuesday.

Eck Center broadcasts interview with author

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

An interview about the new novel, Indignation, written by Pulitzer Prize winning author Phillip Roth was broadcast in the Eck Center Auditorium Tuesday. Fellow author Benjamin Taylor asked Roth questions regarding the novel and his inspiration for past works during the interview that included some reader submitted questions from select universities and bookstores across the country.

Indignation, Roth's 29th novel, is a story about a passionate young man named Marcus Messner who is recounting his life against the backdrop of the Korean War.

Many of Roth's works have dealt with a particular time in American history though he said the manner in which Indignation came to be was somewhat different than his previous works.

"I did not really have a story in mind," Roth said. "I just had a period, and that period happened to be the Korean War." Roth, was entering his freshman year of college when the Korean War broke out.

He said it is impossible for him to look back on his college years and not think of what he called, America's "Forgotten War."

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group debates Frosh-O changes

Student Activities V.P. discusses criticisms of new program at meeting

By JOHN TIERNENY
News Writer

First Year Orientation should make first year students feel welcome at Notre Dame. Vice President of Student Activities Brian Coughlin told the Council of Representative (COR) as they discussed criticisms of the changes made to Orientation this year at their meeting Tuesday.

Vice President of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, right, discusses criticisms of the changes made to Orientation by members of the Council of Representative on Tuesday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Bowl to pregame

The combination of creative minds, too much free time and a never-ending desire to drink alcohol has created a plethora of drinking games on college campuses across the country. Beer Pong, Flip Cup, Power Hours, Quarantine, Anchorman, Big Booze, keep it whatever you want to call it, the list just keeps on going. Some students have even created games to popular songs like “Itaxanne” by the Police. At OU’s “Thunder Years” “Beer for my Horses” by the legendary Toby Keith.

Most of these activities are used in the pregame portion of your night on the town. The newest in a big list of drinking games, so to speak, and provide some distractions during that awkward sober stage to keep you from making inappropriate passes at your friends that can be blamed on your beer.

However, all these new innovations have sadly overshadowed some classic pregame opportunities that have all but fallen off the map; games that our grandfathers taught our fathers that we have left in the closet covered by dust next to Battleship and Pokemon cards.

One brave group is doing their best to reverse this trend and revive a classic activity: bowling. Bowling is a perfect combination of semi-athletic skills, chances to talk trash to your opponents and a splash of responsible alcohol consumption. This night is one of the easiest games to play without any beer involved, which is a testament to its greatness.

Try playing a round of water pong or flip cup with empty Solo cups and you’ll quickly see what I mean. The pins, balls and alleys also provide enough sexual innuendos to safely thread through those awkward moments that I mentioned before.

Most meetings on Wednesday of a small group of students decided it was time to bring bowling back to the pregaming experience. They started with small weekly meetings on Wednesday nights to unwind on hump day and work on their 7-10 splits.

Just like Mike Anello and his cover page poem (sorry Mike), the secret didn’t take long to get out. The group still meets every Wednesday at the Boken, but every lane is filled and the line flows almost out the door onto Grape Road.

It’s at a premium to join these pin pioneers, but that shouldn’t discourage others from joining the trend. Remember to think outside the box, there are plenty of other groups you’re interested to be unearnt. Take a minute to call your old man and ask for some tips, I am sure there are plenty of undiscovered throwbacks hiding in their minds.

As for now, let me just end by tipping my hat to the brave men and women who had the courage to try something new. Keep up the good work.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy36@nd.edu

Nathan Menendez
senior Morrissey
“Studying to become a chemical engineer so I can increase energy efficiency.”

Victor Szend
senior off-campus
“Studying philosophy so as to ask why we must be more energy efficient.”

Piper Muenzer
freshman Lyons
“Unplugging my fan.”

Mary Kate Roohan
freshman Lyons
“Turning off the bathroom light when I leave.”

Dillon sophomore Daniel Russ does his part to conserve energy by towel-drying his hair instead of using a hair dryer. Students are finding creative ways to lessen their energy output in light of the upcoming energy week.

IN BRIEF

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 today 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 Wonderbread Years,” Pat Hazard finds humor in the experience of growing up in America. This event will be Thurs., Fri., and Sat. at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, DeGio Manistage Theatre. 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 Breneing 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.

The 25th annual Donor Run will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. The race will start on the west side of the Stadium. Runners must check in no later than 8:45 AM at the registration tables. Race day check-in will be held at Legends beginning at 8 a.m.

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

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OFFBEAT

Protests sparked by closing “nude” discos

KATHMANDU, Nepal—Hundreds of disco workers protested in Kathmandu on Monday against a government crackdown on “nude dancing” in its bid to improve the deteriorating law and order. Police have raided scores of discos, nightclubs and dance bars in the past two weeks and detained 1,500 people saying many were running bars where “nude dances” were performed, not allowed by law in the Hindu majority society.

There are dozens of such night spots in the Kathmandu valley, although the country has no specific law to regulate them.

Berlin candy shop sells hallucinogenic sweets

BERLIN — Police closed down a Berlin sweet shop after discovering the owner was selling chocolates and lollipops laced with hallucinogenic mushrooms and marijuana.

The 25-year old owner of the shop in the trendy east Berlin district of Prenzlauer Berg, an area known for its vibrant night life, was taken into custody on suspicion of drug-dealing.

In the shop we found 120 pieces of magic mushroom chocolate and countless cannabis lollipops, said police, who confiscated around 70 sachets containing various drugs, about 20 marijuana joints, a range of pills and some jars of drug-laced honey.

Police said one customer, who appeared intoxicated, was arrested after trying to buy a bag of hallucinogenic mushrooms from an officer in the shop.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Corrections

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ELECTION 2008

Professor looks at faith and politics

By EMILY DABISH - News Writer

As a part of Saint Mary's Rock the Vote festival and Super Tuesday series, Vincent D. Rogeau, a professor in the Notre Dame Law School, discussed the balance between political responsibility and being a Catholic.

The Catholic faith calls followers to express the values of the faith through participation, Rogeau said. "[Voting] is the primary way for expressing our values," he said, even though some of the values of the faith may be compromised while voting.

While the Catholic faith gives guidance to voters through the values of the faith, it does not remark on their political organization, Rogeau said. "It was not until law school growing up in Long Beach, he attended Harvard University and earned a history degree. "It wasn't until law school that I know I wanted to be a lawyer," he admitted.


"He taught me that there is more to life than being a lawyer," Roberts said. "He once told me, 'if you want to spend time with your young children, you have to do it while they're young.'"

Roberts decided that, after two decades of arguing cases before the court, he wanted to view the law from the other side of the bench as a litigator, Roberts argued before the Supreme Court 39 times. "I was nervous before every argument," he said.

Roberts offered advice to students considering a career in the courtroom: "Preparation is key. Go over and over the case, write down a list of potential questions the judge may ask, and have your friends or family review them with you again and again."

John Roberts
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chief Justice speaks to students

Law students submitted questions for Supreme Court judge to answer

Special to The Observer

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States John Roberts addressed a room packed with Notre Dame Law School students, faculty and staff on Sept. 12 (Friday). He visited campus as a guest of the Law School and Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Roberts' talk was presented as a conversation, with William Kelley, associate professor of law, sitting on stage with Roberts, asking the justice questions of his own and reading questions submitted by students. Kelley served in the White House as deputy counsel to the president from 2005 to 2007 and helped guide Roberts through the Supreme Court confirmation process.

Roberts began by speaking briefly about his early years growing up in Long Beach, Ind. Following high school, he attended Harvard University and earned a history degree. "It wasn't until law school that I know I wanted to be a lawyer," he admitted.


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Supreme Court Chief Justice

Roberts considered his job to be "absolutely" fun. He enjoys the variety of cases and the ability to decide how he is going to spend his day, whether it's reading a brief, writing an opinion, or reviewing a case with his clerks. One example of Roberts' approach to his work is exemplified in the way he selects his law clerks. He has been known to ask interviewees to tell him a joke after quizzing them on their legal views.

"We spend a lot of time together, and I want to know I'll enjoy their company," he said.

Some of that time is spent writing, reviewing and revising his opinions.

"On the front of the opinion, for record-keeping purposes, I always write what draft it is. You never will see fewer than 20 drafts before I issue my final opinion," Roberts said.

Following his talk, Roberts mingled with students, faculty and staff at a reception and signed autographs.

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"Orientation is one of those lowest common denominator activities," Coughlin said. "Everybody does it. It's our job to make sure that every student who comes here has a comfortable, safe and enjoyable experience."

The changes to Orientation developed first from a committee convened by Assistant Provost Dennis Jacobs that "talked about orientation at the 30,000 foot level," Coughlin said. The committee was comprised of students, parents, faculty and administrators.

"This committee talked about how packed they believed the Fresh 0 schedule was, the awkward gender relations, the session that happens in the Joyce Center on Saturday afternoon and the lack of a true academic component to orientation that the faculty was concerned about," Coughlin said.

In an attempt to address some of these concerns raised by the original committee, Jacobs established a standing University Committee on Orientation, which was chaired by Dean Hugh Page of First Year Studies and Vice President of Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman.

"It was a meeting of folks who had worked on orientation traditionally in the past," said Coughlin, who was a member of the committee.

He said the committee made several major changes to the Orientation weekend, which allowed for more leisure time and tried to instill a sense of community within the dorms.

"We tried to unpack the schedule a little bit, so incoming freshmen weren't running around constantly," he said. "We also wanted to start building community within the halls at first — this was from some conversations with students and a lot from rectors. The Friday night went to something that had all in-hall activities. This was a change for 25 percent of the halls.

"We also wanted to be a little more conscious to set a schedule that applied all across the University. Before, a parent would get the official weekend schedule from the University and they wouldn't know what the dorm was doing." Coughlin said that the committee also wanted to make Orientation a more comfortable atmosphere for students. He said he has heard that many halls used to wake first year students early in the morning to do activities, which the committee asked dorms not to do. "We also asked people to be respectful of first year students' right to get a good night sleep," he said.

He said there have been many criticisms to the new Orientation schedule from both first year students and upperclassmen.

"Anytime any difference comes on to the Notre Dame campus, there's some hesitation," he said.

He said dorms need to consider physical disabilities of some of their orientation activities.

"The request that was made of halls was that if you're doing something physical, consider the physical limitations and capabilities of everyone in your first year class," he said. "The last thing we want to do is alienate someone who has a disability, or is on crutches." He said students with disabilities are left behind during activities such as dorm runs during orientation that alienates them from their residence hall, "which is supposed to be the cornerstone of the Notre Dame experience."

Coughlin also said upperclassmen have expressed concerns about first year students spending too much time with their parents during orientation weekend, but he thinks that criticism is unjustified.

"The chunks of parent time isn't much different," he said. "All we added was a one to one-and-a-half hour period before the end of the Spirit of Notre Dame Mass on Sunday and the first program.

"I bet your parents would have loved a hug or a kiss interaction before they got back in the car and went home," he said.

The standing committee will meet again this year to further evaluate the changes that they made. The returning members of the committee will be joined by a first year student selected from Freshman Class Council and an upper class student who served on the Orientation staff for his or her residence hall, he said.

Coughlin said the administration is not looking to change Orientation solely on what the committee recommended.

"There's not a conspiracy," he said. "There's a true desire to improve things for everyone. I know Dr. Jacobs well enough that he didn't hand select a committee to force things through." He said that the committee was convened to make necessary changes that make Orientation a better experience for everyone.

"If we have to program for those who are a little more shy, or less comfortable about being on campus, we have to do it," he said. "In terms of First Year Orientation, it's on all of us to make everyone in the community feel comfortable and not awkward."

The parts of Orientation that are rooted in the core of what the University is will not change, Coughlin said.

"We won't change the importance of the residence hall community, exposing first year students and their families to some aspect of the weekend, having the spiritual component of Mass, and establishing community," he said.

"Residentially, academic life, spiritual life, and community — that's what we're about."

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Pakistan's Police

Intercepted calls prove self-defense

Georgia has released recordings of what it says are two intercepted cell phone calls purporting to show that Russian tanks were about to leave Georgia's offensive against South Ossetia. The recordings were released Tuesday, if authentic, will not cut through the fog of the final hours when escalating tensions burst into war. But President Saakashvili hopes they will help dispel a dominant nar- rative that suggests his country was on the attack. He said they prove Russian tanks and troops entered South Ossetia many hours before Georgia's offensive against separatist forces.

"Evidence in the form of telephone intercepts and information that we have from numerous eyewitnesses conclusively prove that Russian tanks and troops crossed into South Ossetia before Georgia began its offensive against separatist forces."

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International News

Intercepted calls prove self-defense

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Just a few months after near-record flooding across the Midwest, roads in the region were under water again Tuesday and more than 1 million people were without power as a result of thanks to the remnants of Hurricane Ike.

"The old-timers knew it was wise to leave the sandbags," said Arnold City Manager Matthew Unrein, whose town south of St. Louis still has the sandbags the city built it when it was threatened by floods in March. The Meramec was expected to reach 18 feet above flood stage in Arnold on Thursday. Several rivers in Missouri were rising toward crests expected later this week, some more than 15 feet above flood stage. Flooding already was occurring at several locations along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, including St. Louis. The President Casino on the Mississippi riverfront shut down for the third time since the Meramec last flooded because of high water, and the boulevard that runs in front of the Gateway Arch was closed.

Ike dumped as much as 8 inches of rain on parts of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri after coming ashore in Texas late Tuesday amid the increased threat. The National Weather Service in St. Louis issued a flash flood warning for a location near St. Louis riverfront shut down for the third time since the Meramec last flooded because of high water, and the boulevard that runs in front of the Gateway Arch was closed.

The violent weather also knocked out power to more than 2 million homes and businesses across the Midwest, most of it in Ohio. As of Tuesday, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency said 1.4 million customers still had no electricity.

Ohio and Kentucky declared states of emergency. Several utilities said many customers might not be back on line until the weekend, and Louisville Gas and Electric says it could be two weeks before service is fully restored in Kentucky's largest city.

More than a half-million Ky. customers lost power at the height of the storm. "This is the biggest outage on record in the commonwealth of Kentucky," said Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear. He said half the state's 120 counties reported storm damage.

The National Weather Service is projecting moderate flooding from Hamilton south to the convergence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Major flooding is expected from St. Louis south to Cape Girardeau, although few homes are expected to be evacuated.

The rain also overwhelmed Chicago's 4,300 miles of sewers — backing up into homes and inundating streets and parking lots. Stacks in the Chicago area reported a run on sump and utility pumps. "People were running around like chickens with their heads cut off trying to stop the damage," said Pete Palermo, a manager of the Keystone Ace Hardware in Albany Park.

Hundreds of homes were flooded in northwest Indiana during the weekend and a busy stretch of Interstate 80/94 was still blocked by water Tuesday. Road crews were still working to pump water from the highway, a major route into the Chicago area. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday.

Ohio National Guard troops were activated Sunday and Monday to help evacuate about 5,000 residents from flooded parts of Munster, Ind., during the weekend.

Election 2008

Financial crisis takes over campaign

Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — Economic fears are suddenly dominating the presidential campaign, overshadowing issues about the war, Iraq and every other issue. Republican John McCain and Democratic nominee Barack Obama are neck-to-neck in the race for the White House. Obama, a manager of the Keystone Ace Hardware in Albany Park.

Our local store

First things first. The term "financial crisis" is intended to be a rehash of all the economic issues that have been playing out for years. Many of these issues are complex and have roots in the financial system. It is important to understand that the financial crisis is not the same as the economic crisis. The financial crisis is the result of the irresponsible policies and practices of the financial industry. The economic crisis is the result of the irresponsible policies and practices of the government.

McCain, campaigning in Florida, promised reforms, too, to expose and end the "reckless conduct, corruption and unbridled greed" that he said had "bankrupted" the financial crisis on Wall Street.

In one of the most critical periods in recent history, the so-called "bailing out" by the government of Wall Street’s legions of companies has driven the economy to the brink. The government has poured billions of dollars into the companies, but the results have been disastrous. The government has failed to address the root causes of the crisis.

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that drives people," he said. "It's finding someone who inspires them.

The Electoral College was put in place by the framers of the Constitution, something those trying to understand it today need to keep in mind," he said.

"I think the main thing people ask is why in the world we would have something like this," he said.

Democracy was associated with mob rule when the Constitution was written, he said. Because of this the framers were not willing to allow a popular vote but gave the actual vote to representatives of the state to avoid "issues of judgment.

"The electors were supposed to be smarter (than the average person)," he said.

These representatives come from every state and the District of Columbia. They number of Electoral Votes a state has is based on the number of representatives they have as well as each state's two Senators, he said.

The states are allowed to make their own laws regarding the Electoral College and in half of the states it is illegal for electors to vote against the popular vote of their state, in the other half, "they rarely vote against the people," he said.

The few that vote against the popular vote are known as "faithless electors," he said.

"Imagine how much pressure you face," Pierce said.

It is possible for the Electoral College to elect a president that the popular vote didn't elect which is one of the biggest problems many people have with the system, he said.

This has only happened three times, and two of the three, including the 2000 presidential election in which Bush gained more electoral votes than Al Gore, but did not win the popular vote, are "legally suspect," he said.

He said politicians are reluctant to change or remove the Electoral College because the margin of victory would be smaller, currently it "appears that the public has supported you more." (This story and this section continued from page 1)

"If you want a strong president, you have some reason to be nervous about a national popular vote," he said.

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Kastan said.

The Vote Smart Bus was on campus as a part of the College's second Super Tuesday event. Every Tuesday through Election Day, Saint Mary's will host events aimed to inform students about the issues and the election.

Yesterday's event also included a Rock the Vote festival in the Student Center atrium during which students could get information from the College Republicans, the College Democrats, the Political Science Club and the League of Women Voters, among others.

The College Democrats saw a large group of students, both "hardcore" Democrats and people who were curious about the Democratic Party, visit their booth, which was led by Missy Walk, the club's secretary.

"It's great that people feel as if their vote counts, which it absolutely does, which can help improve America for the better," Walk said.

The College Republicans also had a lot of people visit their table, though most of their visitors were self-confessed Republicans.

"A lot of our club members brought Republican friends who aren't necessarily in the club but wanted to register or vote or get more information," club vice president Caitlin Sullivan said.

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"Here in America, people were not totally mesmerized by a war that we were not fully engaged in as we had been during World War II," Roth said. "One of the things that prompted me to put this particular book together was that younger people have no idea what the social, cultural, and sexual norms of the 1950s were."

Many of the questions submitted by viewers at our universities and bookstores focused on Roth's writing style and how his work speaks to society or comments on different times to do.

"I never knew how State my books to the events of today," he said. "I'm focused on the time period that I have chosen to write about. If I wanted the book to be about something else then I would have chosen to write about something else."

Roth said he has come to think of himself as a historian of sorts because most of his books deal with a specific time in American history.

"I let the American past flow into the story. I allow historical events determine the lives of characters," he said. "When I write I start with virtually nothing. Sometimes I've started with a period and I try to find the story that I can tell that will somehow give a flavor of that moment in time."

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Smart organized.

"It was a communication between us, we need to be in Indianapolis tomorrow morning which will be a three-hour drive or so," Bob Kastan, the deputy media director of Vote Smart said.

The bus, which had come through South Bend before, had made its way to the College from the University of Toledo and was on its way to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

"Last time we came to South Bend we came to Notre Dame but we try to get to as many campuses as possible so we wanted to come to Saint Mary's this time," Kastan said. "It happened to coincide with this Rock the Vote festival so it worked out well.

Kastan said a few students visited the bus while it was on campus who were interested in finding out about Congresswoman Sarah Palin, Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain, but he knew many students would not be able to visit because they were in class.

"A few people come to us interested in their state candidates because we have information on candidates running in local and state elections in all 50 states."

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NEW YORK — Wall Street took a step back from the ledge Tuesday, with the Federal Reserve resisting cut in interest rates and the stock market staging a small rebound one day after a stomach-churning drop.

Investors will keep a nerv­ous eye on American International Group Inc., the world’s largest insurer, which huddled with the New York Fed in hopes of staying off a failure that would create even more financial turmoil.

The Fed, in its first unani­mous decision this week, kept its closely watched fed­eral funds rate unchanged at 2 percent but noted that strains on the market have “increased significantly” and said it was ready to act if needed.

Stress was pumped immedi­ately after the Fed announcement, with the Dow Jones industrial aver­age dropping about 100 points. But the Dow finished the day up 141, and back over 11,700.

It was a breather from the chaos the shocked the financial system Monday when investment house Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy and the Dow Jones industrials suffered their biggest point drop since the sleek, 11,000 mark was breached in late September.

AIG, a company that is little known off Wall Street but does business with every financial institution in the world, became the new star of the show when the Wall Street soap opera.

The company, which insures billions of dollars’ worth of assets, puts an outsized role insuring mortgages and corporate loans, but what has the Wall Street scandal got to do with a small player in the murky world of hedge funds and credit derivatives?

Investors worry its failure would pose an even greater threat to the U.S. financial system than the collapse of Lehman. AIG stock was down as much as 60 per­cent Tuesday.

Late Monday night, all three major credit rating agencies cut AIG’s ratings at least two notches. While the new ratings are all still considered investment grade, they add pressure on the world’s largest insurer, which faces a $67 billion deficit.

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The Fed, in its first unani­mous decision this week, kept its closely watched fed­eral funds rate unchanged at 2 percent but noted that strains on the market have “increased significantly” and said it was ready to act if needed.

Stress was pumped immedi­ately after the Fed announcement, with the Dow Jones industrial aver­age dropping about 100 points. But the Dow finished the day up 141, and back over 11,700.

It was a breather from the chaos the shocked the financial system Monday when investment house Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy and the Dow Jones industrials suffered their biggest point drop since the sleek, 11,000 mark was breached in late September.

AIG, a company that is little known off Wall Street but does business with every financial institution in the world, became the new star of the show when the Wall Street soap opera.

The company, which insures billions of dollars’ worth of assets, puts an outsized role insuring mortgages and corporate loans, but what has the Wall Street scandal got to do with a small player in the murky world of hedge funds and credit derivatives?

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strive that organization, Jenkins said, but not just so it can be "part of a prestigious club."

"Our goal, rather, is to become a better research university, and thus to make ourselves a compelling candidate for membership in the AAU so that we can reap the benefits of association, access to information and reputation that such membership can bring," he said.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Jenkins said, research funding at Notre Dame increased by 4 percent, a substantial figure considering that National Science Foundation (NSF) funding decreased in real dollars and National Institute of Health (NIH) funding was flat.

The Innovation Park planned as part of Eddy Street Commons will "help move discoveries of our faculty to market," Jenkins said.

He commended Cecilia Lucero, the assistant director for Undergraduate Research at the University, for organizing Notre Dame's first campus-wide undergraduate research conference.

Address to the Faculty
September 18, 2008

University President Fr. John Jenkins addresses the faculty Tuesday. He uses a power point presentation to highlight University goals regarding hiring a more diverse faculty.

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The faculty has continued to enhance the quality of teaching and learning at Notre Dame, Jenkins said. This fall, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs will lead the launch of a new Course Instructor Feedback system so students can provide their impressions of the quality of teaching to their instructors.

Duncan Hall, the recently completed men’s dorm, and Ryan Hall, the women’s dorm still under construction, are the first residence halls at Notre Dame that have class rooms. Jenkins said, a feature that will "help deepen this integration of academic and residential life."

To mark the five-year anniversary of Notre Dame implementing its university-wide strategic plan, Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise, Jenkins said he will begin working with academic deans and other University leaders to update the strategic plan.

Jenkins introduced Erin Hoffman Harding as the new Associate Vice President for Strategic Planning. Jenkins encouraged the faculty to attend the upcoming Notre Dame Forum on issues involving energy and the environment.

"We must strive, as a community, to make practical steps in response to the energy challenge in our lives and on our campus," he said.

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September 18
5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Heritage Hall, Joyce Center
President Bush visits Gulf evacuees

Bush asks residents to wait for instructions before returning to homes

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — President Bush got a firsthand look Tuesday at the frustrated storm evacuees to whom it was greeted by a virtual ghost town here where it made landfall. He urged residents not to return and to keep that way until local officials say it is safe to return.

"I know a lot of people are anxious to get back in," Bush said. "I urge you to listen to state and local authorities before you come back."

Bike dumped heavy rains on parts of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri after slamming ashore in Texas over the weekend. It knocked out power to more than 2 million homes and businesses across the Midwest, spawned a tornado in Arkansas and blew high winds through Ohio. The devastating rain and wind in the nation's midsection brought the death toll from Ike to at least 40 in 10 states from the Gulf Coast to the upper Ohio Valley.

In light of the continuing need from Ike and other storms in this year's busy hurricane season, Bush pleaded for donations from the public to relief organizations like the American Red Cross.

"I hope the country does not have disaster fatigue," he said. Many thousands of displaced residents face weeks or months in shelters, and Bush assurred them personally and publicly that the federal government would not rehouse them, for their costs, up to 30 days, of interim housing. Federal Emergency Management Agency Director David Paulison, who traveled with Bush, said the Bush administration was working to create a "safe scenario" like when people moved out of New Orleans before Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and never returned. A federal task force would work to place evacuees in motels and hotels, apartments and dormitories.

"It's not just kind of ad hoc, like it was with Katrina," he said. "If we have to use mobile homes — that will be our worst case — we will have them available.

The White House also announced Tuesday that the federal government will pick up the cost of temporary housing for those who lost their homes and were relocated in Texas for a two-week period starting Saturday, the day the storm hit. This waives the state's required cost-share of 25 percent during that period. This waiver does not apply to Louisiana.

Bush spoke to reporters in Houston, his first stop on a trip through parts of Texas most battered by Ike. The trip lasted less than three hours and marked the third time in two weeks that the president has traveled to the Gulf Coast for a hurricane.

"We're just flying by helicopter from Houston to much harder-hit Galveston, Bush got an aerial tour of the damage. He saw the remains of the resort barrier island of Bolivar Peninsula, where there were flattened homes, flooded fields and bare foundations where houses once stood. Roads and beaches were strewn with debris.

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While damage to the U.S. refining industry was less than anticipated, Kevin Plummer, a consultant for electricity delivery and energy reliability at the Energy Department, told reporters that it will take a week to 10 days for all damaged facilities to be restarted — if there is power. With some 70 percent of Houston should have power by the end of the week, but Galveston won't fare as well.

"Malfunction is going to have a tough time," Paulison said. "That's heavy devastation there... it's going to be a longer-term fix than getting Houston back.

With the rescue phase winding down, emergency workers were trying to provide blankets, ice and tarps to victims.

"I know there are some shortages, but the response has been met," said Bush, whose administration lost credibility last summer's response to Hurricane Katrina. "We'll continue to move even faster, and not just to provide for the needs of the people that are taken care of.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 17
Aerospace Engineering Night
Joyce Center, Monogram Room
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 18
Civil Engineering Lunch
Joyce Center, Monogram Room
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Networking Reception
Joyce Center, Monogram Room
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Career Fair
Heritage Hall in the Joyce Center
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 19
Interview Day
Flanner and Fitzpatrick Halls
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Westinghouse Electric Company
Xerox Corporation

Companies listed in bold will be interviewing on September 19

Zimbabwean refugees seek asylum
Citizens cross border to escape hunger, poverty from inflation

Associated Press

MUSINA, South Africa — A power-sharing deal has not stopped police and army patrols along the Zimbabwean border, with thousands of refugees streaming into South Africa to escape the hunger and political instability that followed the election and runoff in their homeland.

About 1,000 Zimbabweans seeking asylum formed a line that snaked across a packed parking lot in this Southern African border town Tuesday. Many had been waiting for days to file their applications.

Some said they feared President Robert Mugabe was still in a position to unleash violence on his enemies. Others said that while they found hope in the agreement signed Monday, they did not expect Zimbabwe to quietly resolve its economic crisis.

Under the pact, Mugabe remains president and head of government. Morgan Tsvangirai is prime minister-designate and will head a new Council of Ministers responsible for forming government.

Observers worry that rather than resolution, the agreement heralds government paralysis.

In Musina, asylum seekers waited restlessly in a lot dotted with ash left over from the previous night’s fires and lengths of cardboard used as mattresses. Children gathered around a blackened paint pot balanced over a fire to await a breakfast of corn meal porridge and milk.

Robin Mucheana reached Zimbabwe on March 28 and had been waiting for a breakfast of corn meal porridge and milk. He and his wife grew oranges, guavas, avocados and vegetables on a small farm in Chitungwiza, south of Harare. They were among officials with official inflation the highest in the world at 11 percent, he could not afford seedlings, seeds or fertilizer. He and his wife resorted to selling vegetables on the streets, but were barely making enough to feed their two children.

“In the morning, you wake up and there is no bread, no sugar, no flour, no milk, no eggs,” said Mucheana. “The banks are empty.”

Mugabe’s government ordered a recall of the children’s milk powder, which the Health Ministry says was spiked with a sweetener used by suppliers who sold the raw milk products. The powder has been sold in supermarkets, normally used in plastics, to make the milk appear higher in protein.

Some said they feared Mugabe’s government would resort to selling vegetables, while others said it would use the army to secure food for Mugabe’s party.

He said he wanted details of the children’s deaths and warnings abroad over tainted products that have sickened nearly 1,000 babies and two toddlers in Hong Kong, food inspectors said Tuesday. The second, an official with the Chinese Health Ministry said various signs of tension in areas of state-sponsored violence appeared. He said there were signs of tension in areas where the deaths of parliamentary candidates or other issues meant new votes would have to be held.

Tsvangirai defeated Mugabe in March presidential elections and his party also out-pollled Mugabe’s in parliamentary voting. But Tsvangirai did not win the simple majority needed to avoid a runoff. An onslaught of state-sponsored violence forced Tsvangirai to withdraw from the second election, and Mugabe was declared the winner in a vote widely denounced as a sham.

More than 100 Tsvangirai supporters were beaten, and tens of thousands were forced from their homes.

Richard Zaza, a pastor in Harare’s capital of Zimbabwe’s provinces, said the agreement was a start but that it was not in line for Sunday, which as he had been for four days.

He was fearful of returning because he said new elections were being held in his area and he had been counselling his congregation not to vote for Mugabe’s party.

He said he wanted details on the agreement, such as whether Tsvangirai’s party or Mugabe’s would get the ministerial posts. He said the army, two institutions accused of fomenting violence against Mugabe’s opponents.

If they don’t give Mr. Tsvangirai what he wants, I don’t think anything can change. Everything must resign. Then everything will be all right.”

Associated Press

BEIJING — China’s latest product safety scandal — tainted milk powder — has killed two Chinese babies and sickening 1,270 — expanded to include more foods Tuesday, with state media reporting some formula produced by companies involved was exported.

State broadcaster CCTV reported on its evening newcast that a nationwide investigation of the 175 Chinese companies making baby milk powder showed that 22 of them had traces of the industrial chemical melamine in their products.

One company, Guangdong-based Yashili, exported its products to Bangladesh, Yemen and Malaysia, CCTV said, but added that initial testing of samples of the company’s exports turned up no trace of melamine.

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Chung Ying, an official with the Chinese Food and Drug Administration, said it urged the company to recall the product as early as March and having tests confirm the presence of the chemical in early August.

The company went public with the information after its New Zealand stakeholder told the New Zealand food agency it had been informed of the Chinese government.

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"Yes ma'am, white people get keloids, too"

Working at a small independent bakery in a semi-geoffrested neighborhood this summer, I had interesting encounters with every other customer. Some were a good kind of interesting (the lady who was en route to the trainer for hair removal), some had a bad kind of interesting (the people who complain to cashiers about prices), and some were just plain interesting (the residents of the nearby mental health facility).

But one of my favorite interesting conversations came late in the summer. A lady named T’Raina called in one day to request four loaves of six-grain bread. I took her order over the phone and, as I was working unexpectedly the next day, served her when she and her teenage daughter came in to pick it up. I handed her bag of bread and asked, “Can I get you anything else, ma’am?”

“I’m sorry, I’m just curious,” T’Raina said, motioning to the area right beneath her own throat. “Are those keloids?”

A pause for two points of information. First, for those of you who slept through that slide in Common Human Diseases, a keloid is a mass of scar tissue produced by the body in a particularly overzealous healing of a wound. Keloids can occur in many shapes and sizes, from those resembling large stubborn pimples to huge, fleshly scars that cover entire limbs. I have a few of the former; your Common Human Diseases textbook depicts the latter.

Second, keloids run in my family. Mine are beneath my own throat, a few inches from a childhood surgical scar that, oddly enough, healed up just fine. And, because I was on Xanga long enough to know just how much fun other people’s medical stories are, there are all the details you need.

Anyway, I’d recently gone through a long process to get the keloids conclusively identified as such. Now it was pretty refreshing that T’Raina had diagnosed them at first glance.

“Yes ma’am,” I told her. “Those are keloids.”

“Oh.” She said. “I didn’t think white people got those.”

I was a little too taken aback to formulate a coherent answer, so I said “Um, yes ma’am, they’re keloids,” and inherited them from my dad.” (My father’s father’s family came from Syria about a hundred years ago. This is as close as I come to non-whiteness and is all I could think of.)

“Oh,” T’Raina said. “I didn’t mean to be intrusive. I just wondered.”

“Fine,” I said. “I’m just glad someone knows what they are.”

That was true. But the whole truth is there was something else I felt glad about. As I packaged up a few muffins for T’Raina, helped distribute the bags between her and her daughter, rang up her total and wished them a nice afternoon, I’ll admit the guilty white liberal in me briefly danced a euphoric little solidarity dance.

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Thus we all struggle against the little imperfections. They may be the only things that people can agree they have in common.

Last week I watched dozens of people say good-bye to their families at the International Departure gate at O’Hare. Some went down the security line reserved “For Deployed Military.” Some were simply leaving for a long time. One girl my age broke quickly away from her parents before the exchange could become too emotional. Watching all that, realizing that the rest of the world goes through the same hard good-bye, made my own leaving the country easier. Somehow, knowing that a struggle belongs to everyone takes some of the weight from your own.

Maybe that’s because knowing you share someone else’s struggle is a sure way to connect with them. So is a white girl with keloids — by virtue of them — automatically not a racist? Of course not. But she has a little more affinity for one of her bakery customers, who happens to be black. And in the mirror the keloids look a lot like sidelines.

Katherine Khorey is a junior studying English and Russian at Trinity College, Dublin. She plans to spend a lot of her free time baking organic bran muffins while wearing her hand-sewn flowered apron.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

EDITORIAL CARTOON
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raytheon important aspect of national defense

In response to Claire Brosnihan's Sept. 15 Letter to the Editor, I wholeheartedly agree with the notion that supporting Raythecon in any regard is basically giving them the power to kill. She makes a strong point claiming that no Notre Dame students should pursue a career with Raytheon, a career with a company that, in my eyes, is the epitome of evil. However, I think it is necessary to take her idea one step further and not support Raytheon in any means. Additionally, we might as well remove all support to any industry or organization that produces blood money. I strongly think it is imperative that then we must start at the top, the complete removal of the United States Military.

We need to end all support of our soldiers and veterans, I mean when is the last time that they have done anything good for us? Pensions for veterans, who wants that? Miss Brosnihan, do you not realize that it is blood money that has brought about our nation's freedom? It appears that you are suggesting that we throw away over 200 years of sacrifices made by men and women of this fine country just for the sake that no innocent life would ever be harmed. Need I remind you of Pearl Harbor? If we did not have a military force, we would have been annihilated during WWII. Forgive me if I think a few innocent lives are a necessary price for the freedom of countless American.

What I truly want to know is do you really want some dictator to march into our country and take away our rights because we would not have a military to defend ourselves, or maybe you are a fan of dictatorship and communism? I am appalled that you would vehemently support us attacking our nation's freedoms-albeit in a round about manner-but nonetheless, we are disenfranchising our nation. If you are so anti-American, might I suggest Canada, or some other foreign nation which does not have a military, therefore allowing us not to be bothered by the blood money being thrown around.

But to stick to my point. I truly think Notre Dame should cut all support to any and all activities where innocent lives are lost. For starters, we might as well stop sending money to missionaries that travel across the globe to help those less fortunate. In both of these activities, football and mission work, innocent lives are lost and there is no way we can have that now is there? 

Charles Consell  
junior  
Alumni Hall Sept. 15

Recycling easiest way to save economy

Blue recycling bins, stealth bombers, gas-sipping cars and M-16s all have the potential to be used for the same purpose: protecting America's interests and making her a stronger country. We all know the same familiar story of high energy prices due to our dependent addiction to foreign oil, and the typical Washington response: Do nothing.

While those of us back in the real world wait around for our gridlocked leaders not to solve our energy problems as we helplessly watch billions of dollars go sent abroad in return for some black sludge, there is something that we can do both to help our economy and strengthen the relative position of our beautiful country in this dangerous world. Recycling is easier than you think. Recycle, recycle, recycle.

This may seem like a crazy thing for a relatively conservative Republican to say, as we Republicans seem to have a bad reputation on environmental issues. But trust me, in recycling I can find almost as much agreement with a crazy hippie environmentalist than my stomach finds with a 3 a.m. Taco Bell run.

Recycling serves a multitude of goals, the most obvious being its environmental benefits, but also including economic and security benefits of great proportions for us in terms of more jobs, cheaper energy costs, and, most importantly, less foreign borrowing from China to pay for the greatest wealth transfer in history to hostile and questionable nations like Venezuela, Iran, Russia, actually almost every country we get our oil from.

You may think I'm crazy, but hear me out. In America, we buy over $700 billion of foreign energy every year. While much of this is refined to make gasoline, a lot is also used to make the plastic that we use and throw away every day. Recycled plastic saves 70 percent on energy costs, creates jobs through its collection and reprocessing and replaces all that we import from dangerous places with a source that is already here. And this is all in addition to the fact that the plastic doesn't end up taking up space in a landfill somewhere in New Jersey or chilling out on the Pacific coast with some sea otters. While I can understand if you don't feel the same way, New Jersey can't possibly hate on cute sea otters. By reducing the amount of all we use in plastic production, our gas will cost less, the American economy will benefit from the recycling industry's growth. Also the national transfer of our money to countries who hate us and sponsor terrorism with oil revenues will be lowered away as more American jobs are produced with plastic resources we already have here at home. Increased recycling should not be limited to plastic, however. It pains me when I see bag after bag after bag of Natty cans mixed in with the trash in dorm bathrooms every Sunday after the parties are over. Besides the gross fact that people were drinking Nasty Lite, it costs 95 percent less to produce aluminum cans recycled from Natty cans than if you get virgin sources. That is a ridiculous margin, yet I see cans in the trash all the time. I could lament the waste and inefficiency for days and still be upset. When it costs 1.43 cents to make a penny, you know that raw material prices are ridiculously high, but in America we still throw everything away.

People of Notre Dame, as good citizens of your country and your world, try to make a difference this year. While your contribution may not seem like much, and while recycling obviously won't totally solve our energy problems, together we can have a large impact. So stop being a lazy slob and dedicate a separate trash can to beer cans next weekend so that you can recycle them.

When you are walking out the door of a DeBartolo classroom, resist the temptation to throw your soda bottles in the little tan trash can by the door and hold onto it for another ten seconds so you can put it into the recycling bin on your way out of the building. And don't accept that stupid little plastic bag from the cashier at Subway when you are just going to walk 15 steps to a booth sink downtown and eat it within site of the ugly yellow sign anyway. Just try to make a small conscious effort throughout the course of your daily life. I don't care if you do it for Captain Planet, Uncle Sam, Joan Doe, Our Lady or Jesus Christ himself, but just spend the extra two seconds to recycle your aluminum, paper and plastic each day.

Collectively we will save ourselves money at the store and at the pump, help other Americans by creating jobs, and help protect the country that we so dearly love from foreign sponsored terrorism and other threats, just as we protected our freedoms with constant vigilance, everyday single day.

Stephen Bant  
junior  
on campus  
Sept. 15
The Season

Interrupted and ultimately shortened by last fall’s writer’s strike, “The Office” nonetheless delivered a rich fourth season.

Starting with the premiere, “Fun Run,” and Michael Scott’s Dunder Mifflin Scranton Meredith Palmer Memorial Celebrity Babies Awareness Pro-Am Fun Run For The Cure, the show’s writers hardly let up on the quest for more character-driven comedy, with a surprising amount of drama thrown in.

The performances this season were still spot on as they evolved. The saga of “Dwangelas” gave Rainn Wilson a chance to flex some acting muscle, and his mournful, pining Dwight is woefully endearing. Steve Carell keeps Michael’s infuriating and hilarious tactlessness, but injects quite a bit of pathos with Michael’s romantic relationship with Oscar-nominated Amy Ryan in the season finale.

Jim and Pam’s relationship, after three seasons of anticipation, is finally official. Thankfully, it avoids the curse that plagued so many other eagerly awaited TV couples — that of instant boredom. Die-hard “Jarm” fans may have seethed with frustration after Jim’s botched marriage proposal in the season finale, but it will be interesting to see what happens next season.

Starting with the “Dinner Party,” the season hit a rocky stretch, the product of the long months of the writer’s strike that forced storylines to change and entire episodes to be scrapped. This may account for the abrupt feeling of the latter half of the season, where a few elements seemed rather tacked on, or at least underdeveloped. Events such as Jan’s pregnancy, Toby’s resignation, and Ryan’s arrest, while still in line with the characters, feel like half the story was left out — which is probably true, as the strike cut about ten episodes from the regular season run.

The writers of “The Office” need to take the advice of one of their characters, Michael Scott, and keep it simple. Stupid. Last year’s writer’s strike has been worse for the writers than Michael has been for Dunder Mifflin. It forced them to create plot lines but also tie up loose ends within the final six episodes, producing entire installments that were akin to work at the Scranton paper company — lazy and unin­spiring.

Hopelessly, executive producer Greg Daniels in the recent past yanked to his fellow writers “Conference room — now!” Here’s what was likely discussed in this emergency meeting:

1. Keep “The Office” within the world of Dunder Mifflin. The brilliance of the show has been its portrayal of simplistic office life. Seasons two and three struck a healthy balance, giving us hints of the world outside of Dunder Mifflin, especially with episodes such as “The Dundies” and “Diwali.” However, this world exposed itself too much (much like a man did to Phyllis in season four, with nearly every episode containing major plot lines outside of the Dunder Mifflin offices).

2. Keep “The Office” to a half hour. As much as NBC types up longer versions of the show, the hour-long versions have had disastrous consequences (“Dunder Mifflin Infinity” is an example). A Dwight/Michael antic is only funny for so long. Leave the hour-­longs for the season finales and maybe the season premieres.

By MARY FRANCIS POPIT
Scene Writer

Why is NBC’s comedy “The Office” so popular among Notre Dame students? Perhaps because of the parallels between the two worlds. Take, the end of last season, for instance.

The old-timer boss, Michael Scott (Steve Carell), is given a chance to pursue a senior/freshman romance when he meets the charming but unsavory newcomer Holly (Amy Ryan). He also finds out that his ex-girlfriend Jan Levinson (Melora Hardin) is pregnant, courtesy of a sperm bank.

Dunder Mifflin’s receptionist, Pam Beasley (Jenna Fischer), is accepted into the Pratt School of Design for the summer, yet she fails to get her ring-by-spring from Jim (John Kransinski).

However, accountant Angela Martin (Angela Kinsey) gets her ring, albeit without enthusiasm, from her admirer, salesman Andy Bernard (Ed Helms).

Finally, the show shocked viewers when Angela and her secret interest Dwight (Rainn Wilson) are caught in the office breaching a certain rule of duet.

If these parallels seem interesting, yet overwhelming, then you would be on the right track.

The Season Four Finale

Created By: Ricky Gervais, Stephen Merchant
Starring: Steve Carell, Rain Wilson, John Krasinski, Jenna Fischer, B. J. Novak

The DVD

With only fourteen episodes, the $49.99 price tag for the boxed set seems steep, but a wealth of bonus materials helps fill the void.

In three episode commentaries, directors, writers and cast members weigh in on the making of the show from script to final edit, and the 20-minute blooper reel reveals just how much fun the cast and crew are really having on set.

Perhaps the most intriguing of the behind-the-scenes features is an hour-long writer’s panel room “The Office” Convention, although the video quality leaves much to be desired.

Another nice touch is “Michael Scott’s Dunder Mifflin Ad,” on the second disk as a stand-alone, separate from the episode in which it originally aired. Some clever NBC promo fill out the first and third disks.

The deleted scenes for every episode often rival the original material that made it on television, so the included table draft of the script for “Dinner Party” is a great addition for fans wanting to compare it to the televised episode. The paper reproduction fits neatly into the cardboard sleeve.

With this much material in the bonus features and 14 pretty darn funny episodes with great performances, any fan of “The Office” would appreciate the season four boxed set.

Contact Jordan Gamble at jgamble@nd.edu
To Do:
Clock back into "The Office"

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Rays top Sox in bottom of ninth, lead AL East

Waters’ complete game leads Orioles over Blue Jays; Dodgers edge closer to NL West crown

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Homer Navarro singled with the bases loaded and one out in the ninth inning, enabling the Tampa Bay Rays to beat the Boston Red Sox 2-1 and remain in first place in the AL East.

Navarro delivered his second game-winner in a week against the defending World Series champions, lifting a fly ball that sailed over the head of center fielder Coco Crisp on a 2-2 pitch from Justin Masterson (6-5). A night after Boston hit six homers to rout Rays ace Scott Kazmir 13-5 and pull within percentage points of the division lead, Tampa Bay wiped out a 1-0 deficit on Carlos Pena’s seventh-inning homer off Josh Beckett.

The Rays, who have led the division for the past 54 days, moved one game ahead of the Red Sox, who have lost seven of eight at Tropicana Field this season before a crowd of 32,079.

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Toronto starter Shaun Marcum (7-1) left after two-plus innings because of a numbness in his right forearm. Marcum missed 27 games earlier this season with a sore right elbow.

The right-hander gave up a double and a walk in the first, but allowing a run and he set the Orioles down in order in the second before running into trouble with his control in the third.

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Rajon Rondo, who is listed as day to day with a sprained right knee, practiced with the team Wednesday and could return for Thursday’s game.

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Los Angeles is 5-0 in Pittsburgh.

Loews has won his last four starts, allowing two runs and 14 hits in 26 1-3 innings — a 0.68 ERA — with the Dodgers winning each game by a margin of at least four runs.

The Pirates Pitchers club will win at PNC Park the way the Loews have lost during this stretch.

Baltimore players celebrated in the dugout after Luke Scott’s solo home run in the fourth inning Tuesday’s 2-0 win.

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NCAA Men's Soccer coach

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MLB

Milwaukee Brewers manager Ned Yost says he has no regrets managing Brewers

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Once he finished packing, Ned Yost figured he'd begin the long drive back home to Georgia. He might even tune in a ballgame.

"I've got XM Radio, so I'll be able to listen to the Brewers pitch-by-pitch and root Dale on in his first win," Yost said.

A day after being abruptly fired as Milwaukee's manager and replaced by third-base coach Dale Sveum, Yost insisted Tuesday he had no hard feelings toward the team that let him go with 12 games left while tied for the NL wild-card spot. "If anybody thinks that I've got sour grapes or I don't want this club to succeed, they're crazy. I'll be rooting them on every inch of the way and I hope they can win that wild card and go deep, deep into the playoffs and win the World Series," he said.

Sveum starts out Tuesday night with the opener of a three-game series against the NL Central-leading Cubs at Wrigley Field. Yost intended to be in charge when he flew into Chicago on Monday. Instead, he got a new plan: taking wife Debbie out for dinner for their 31st wedding anniversary Wednesday night. Yost said he had no idea he was about to be fired when he went into general manager Doug Melvin's room in the team hotel in Chicago and saw principal owner Mark Attanasio.

"When I walked in, I hadn't even sat down on the couch and Doug said we were going to make a change," Yost said.

"They didn't ask me any questions what did I think we needed to do," Yost said. "There was none of that." That contradicted what Attanasio and Melvin said Monday at a hastily called news conference about four hours after the move was announced. The two said they had asked Yost for answers for the team's recent woes — including a 3-11 stretch in September and a four-game sweep in Philadelphia — before the firing.

The slide left the Brewers, trying for their first playoff spot since 1982, tied with the Phillies for the wild card.

"I don't agree with the decision, but I respect Doug Melvin's decision."
NFL

Seattle trades for pair of receivers

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks took two steps to bolster their injured-depleted wide receivers by trading for Keary Colbert and reacquiring Koren Robinson on Tuesday.

Seattle agreed to a one-year contract with Robinson, its former No. 1 draft choice. Agent Alvin Keels confirmed the agreement and said in a message to The Associated Press.

Robinson worked out for the Seahawks on Tuesday and convinced team president Tim Ruskell he has changed since Ruskell released him in the 2005 season because of repeated problems with alcohol.

The Seahawks have lost six wide receivers to injury this season. Robinson already is listed as No. 1 on Seattle's depth chart at wide receiver for Sunday's game against St. Louis, a matchup of winless teams.

"Just because of the terms and circumstances I left Seattle on, I never thought I'd be back," Robinson said on a conference call. "I'm grateful for this chance. I think it can be a good story — for me and the team."

The 28-year-old Robinson said he has been sober for 25 months thanks to a new marriage, two young sons, a baby girl due next month and religion.

"I'm definitely proud of that," he said.

Robinson said the final incident that caused him to abandon his partying ways came in August 2006. Police said Robinson, then with the Minnesota Vikings, led them on a car chase at speeds more than 100 mph and that his blood-alcohol content was found to be 0.11 percent, above the legal limit of 0.08.

Robinson was sentenced to 90 days in jail after pleading down to a charge of fleeing police. He also was sentenced to three months in jail for violating probation on a separate drunken-driving case in Kirkland, Wash., in 2006.

The NFL suspended him for one year then reinstated him last October. He caught 21 passes and returned kickoffs in nine games last season for Green Bay.

If Robinson violates the league's substance-abuse policy again, he faces a lifetime ban.

Last week when the Seahawks had four receivers injured, coach Mike Holmgren mentioned Robinson to Ruskell as a possible replacement. And quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, Robinson's quarterback from 2001-04 in Seattle, told Ruskell that Robinson had turned his life around.

Hasselbeck saw Robinson during a weekend Christian retreat in Dallas last winter and was impressed.

"I don't know about the football side of it at all. I haven't seen him play in a long time," Hasselbeck said Monday. "But I guess what I care about more is that he grew up and really matured and got his life turned around in the right direction. ... I'm proud of him."

"I understand the criticism ... if this was the Koren of four years ago, that would be warranted," Ruskell said. "And we could be wrong ... but all of us believe in second chances."

Robinson was convicted of driving under the influence and misdemeanors for the accident and attended a Christian retreat.

Logan Payne started Sunday's loss to San Francisco but injured a knee. He is the third wide receiver to be out for the season. Backup quarterback Seneca Wallace pulled his calf while pressed into receiver duty and will miss up to a month.

Colbert's agent, Gary Uberstine, said Tuesday in an e-mail to The AP his client is also coming to Seattle, from Denver, FoxSports.com first reported the trade.

The deal is believed to be for a fifth-round pick. It will likely become official on Wednesday, Ruskell said.

The 26-year-old Colbert has not caught a pass in two games with the Broncos after signing a three-year deal in March. He became tradable after signing a three-year deal in March. He became tradable after the return of Brandon Marshall from suspension. Colbert was also behind former Seahawk Darrell Jackson and veteran Brandon Stokley.


Receiver Koren Robinson catches a pass during a 2007 game with the Packers. The Seahawks acquired Robinson in a trade Tuesday.

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O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL

Simpson witness contradicts self

Former USC running back O.J. Simpson sits in court Thursday. Simpson is on trial for 12 charges, including felony kidnapping.

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Temper in the case boiled as Roger referred to the confrontation as "the robbery." The defense, which claims Simpson was trying to recover stolen personal items, objected on grounds that was a legal conclusion.

"He can call it alleged. I'm calling it a robbery," snapped Roger.

The judge admonished Roger to say "at the time of the incident" or "at the time of the event." She told jurors to disregard his remark and then yelled at objecting lawyers: "Sit down!"

"Listen folks," she said. "The last thing you want me to do as the judge is to start losing my temper in front of the fine ladies and gentlemen of the jury and having to deal with all of you. You've been warned, folks."

Fromong's contradictions continued. He acknowledged that he said previously, "I felt my life was being threatened." But moments later, under inquiry by Stewart's lawyer Robert Lucherini, Fromong said, "I was not scared."

He insisted the memorabilia Simpson sought was not stolen but said he didn't know where some of it came from.

"I believe those items belong to Mr. Simpson's kids. They should go back to him," he said, claiming that if he and Simpson had discussed it, they could have reached "an arrangement" by which he would trade the items for Simpson's signature on photos he could sell.

Jurors Tuesday also saw surveillance video from the Palace Station casino hotel which showed the comings and goings of Simpson, Stewart and seven other men on the night of the alleged robbery. The tapes showed men walking about and eventually leaving with boxes.

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial was confronted with contradictions in his testimony Tuesday, including his claim that he didn't try to profit from the casino hotel room confrontation that led to charges against the former football star.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who returned to the stand after becoming ill Monday, told defense attorney Gabriel Grasso he didn't have money on his mind while allegedly being robbed of sports collectibles by Simpson and a group of other men.

"You were not trying to profit off this?" asked Grasso.

"I was not trying to profit from it," said Fromong.

The attorney played a tape recording of the 2007 incident in which Fromong said, "It's not (expletive) over. I'll have 'Inside Edition' down here for us tomorrow. I told them I want big money."

Fromong acknowledged it was his voice and he conceded that he later advertised memorabilia on eBay with the statement, "The same ones stolen by O.J. in Las Vegas."

On redirect questioning, District Attorney David Roger asked to play more of the tape excerpt in which Fromong raged against Simpson.

"Nobody puts a (expletive) gun in my face. I stood up for this (expletive) when he was in jail. I stood up for him when he was on trial. I set up his offshore accounts," he yelled.

Testimony came on the first anniversary of Simpson's Las Vegas arrest. He and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart are charged with 12 counts of robbery, kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and coercion. They have pleaded not guilty.
Big Ben’s shoulder sprained, coach says

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin clarified the status of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger’s shoulder: Sprained but not separated.

The injury will likely keep Roethlisberger from fully participating in practice Wednesday, but not from playing on Sunday against Philadelphia.

The Steelers said last week that their quarterback was nursing a sore shoulder, but a TV commentator on Sunday night termed the injury a shoulder separation.

During his weekly news conference Tuesday, Tomlin appeared agitated by the latter description.

“I have no idea where that report came from,” Tomlin said. “It didn’t come from me or my medical staff. If anybody in here has got any information about where that report came from, send them to me.”

Tomlin said Roethlisberger sprained his AC joint, an injury to the ligaments that attach the collarbone to the shoulder blade.

Asked if Roethlisberger was the source of the disputed information, Tomlin said, “Not to my knowledge.”

The issue may be one of semantics. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons describes a mild shoulder separation as a sprain of the AC ligament. It differs from more severe shoulder separations in which the ligament is torn.

Whatever the injury, Roethlisberger threw for 186 yards and a touchdown during Pittsburgh’s 10-6 win over Cleveland on Sunday and is expected to play this Sunday against the Eagles.

“He said it feels better than it did a week ago, which is good,” Tomlin said.

Roethlisberger was sacked three times Sunday but perhaps endured his hardest hit — from 350-pound Browns defensive tackle Shaun Rogers — after releasing the ball. Roethlisberger appeared to hold his arm gingerly after that play.

Tomlin said Roethlisberger can do no further damage to the shoulder by playing. The coach was asked if it was a worry that his quarterback was missing so much practice time.

“Really depends on the quarterback,” Tomlin said. “Some guys require a great number of reps to get prepared to play. Some guys can learn visually, film room and-so forth. Thankful with Ben he’s pretty quick study and sharp guy. . . . it doesn’t take him a great number of reps to be prepared to play.”

“Hopefully it won’t be an issue this week. I know it won’t be an issue next week.”

In other injury news, defensive end Brett Keisel has a calf strain. He is out for the Eagles game and likely for at least a month overall, though Tomlin said he would be evaluated “week to week.”

U.S. Women’s Soccer

Top players join new league

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. national team players received phone calls Monday night informing them of which club each would join in the new Women’s Professional Soccer league.

Then they sat down for dinner together.

“We were kind of afraid to see one another, because we were certain somebody would not be happy,” goalie Hope Solo said.

“That wasn’t the case at all. People were having glasses of champagne and cheering, and the competition had already begun.”

The WPS announced the allocation of its biggest stars Tuesday, with each of the seven squads receiving three players.

The league is scheduled to debut in April.

Solo will suit up for St. Louis — she donned a Cardinals cap as she was introduced. Kristine Lilly, the second-leading scorer in the sport’s history, will play for Boston. Offensive star Abby Wambach heads to Washington.

The league will also have franchises in the Bay Area, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York/New Jersey.

A contract between the WPS and the national team players association has yet to be completed, commissioner Tonya Antonucci said. Antonucci had said in July that she expected to have the agreement finalized by now. Some small details remain to be resolved, she said Tuesday.

Two-time NBA MVP and soccer buff Steve Nash, a part­­owner in the league, helped Antonucci announce which players will play where.

“I think it’s only time that we had the best women in the world playing here in America, representing themselves, representing the game, representing us at the highest level, setting the standard for women’s soccer around the world,” Nash said.

The WPS seeks to succeed where the Women’s United Soccer Association failed. WUSA was launched after the success of the 1999 World Cup, but folded in 2003.

“One of the biggest lessons WUSA had to be locally dis­­licted on the business side and have an eye toward starting out realistically and growing it, and having a growth plan without trying to be at the end of your growth plan immediately,” Antonucci said.

WUSA had the star power of Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett and Lilly. The 37-year-old Lilly is the only one still playing. She’ll return to the field after taking off 2008 to have a baby.

Can she add one last pro league to her long list of accomplish­ments that includes five World Cups and three Olympics?

“It’s important because I think I’ve been a part of so much in soccer, from the first World Cup, the first Olympics, a part of the WUSA, now a part of this,” Lilly said, as she held 2-month-old daughter Sidney Marie. “Now to bring it home with all those new faces to start here is great.”

Wambach, who broke her leg before the Olympics, expects to be ready for the league’s first game. Walking without an apparent limp Tuesday, she’s able to swim and ride a bike. By late January or early February, she hopes to be playing again.

First she needs to build back the 15-20 pounds of muscle she lost after surgery.

The underdog U.S. team won in Beijing without her.

“The league was going to happen regardless, so whatever kind of publicity and promotion we can piggyback off of from the gold medal that they won, we’re going to take it,” Wambach said. “I know that they’re going to use it, because this league is so important to all of us.”

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2010 World Cup
Blatter happy with visit to Cape Town

Associated Press
CAPE TOWN, South Africa — FIFA president Sepp Blatter says he danced for joy after arriving in South Africa to check on preparations for the 2010 World Cup.

Glossing over concerns about delays, rising costs, rampant crime and lack of transporta-
tion, Blatter visited Cape Town’s new “jewel” of a stadium Monday. The project has been beset by political wran-
gling but now is slightly ahead of schedule.

He was less flattering about the national soccer team, which failed to qualify for the 2006 World Cup, seems likely to miss the 2010 African Nations Cup and has had no success with any of its last five matches — including against lowly Guinea — since June.

Blatter said South Africa should hope to make advantage of the four years since it was awarded the tournament to build up a strong team.

“In 1996 they were African Champions … and where are they now? It’s incredible and I cannot understand that,” he said. “Do something; move it.”

Blatter said he would raise his concerns with the South African Football Association on Tuesday, when he tours the venue for the opening and final match at Johannesburg’s Soccer City and meets anti-
apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, whose lobbying helped bring the tournament to South Africa.

Blatter stressed his trip was a courtesy visit rather than an official inspection. He played down fears that the ongoing turmoil in South Africa’s ruling party, pitting incumbent President Thabo Mbeki against likely successor Jacob Zuma, could have repercussions for the World Cup if key ministers involved in the preparation are dismissed.

“We are absolutely not con-
cerned about the internal political problems in South Africa,” Blatter said. “We are going to organize and deliver this World Cup and it will be a great, great event.”

For Blatter, the success of the 2010 tournament has become a personal crusade. He hopes it will create a lega-
cy benefiting millions on the continent.

“When I left the plane and arrived on African soil, I started dancing,” the 72-year-old Swiss said during a news con-
ference with Mbeki on Sunday. He may need to muster his nimblest footwork to avoid the many obstacles that loom. At the top of the list is public transit, or the lack of it.

The government has set aside $1.7 billion to improve rail and road links in venue cities. Organizers hope the much-vaulted and hugely expensive Green Point stadium, which will host the opening and final matches, will accommodate 150,000 fans each day. But far more than those in attendance will be moved in and out of the city.

“Will the fans find it easy to get around?” Mbeki asked. “That is one of the biggest challenges.”

The stadium will host the World Cup’s opening match on June 11, between South Africa and Mexico. South Africa will need to win its opening match or risk losing the group stage.

“Do you think we will win?” Blatter said. “If so, then it will be a happy opening match.”

Blatter said he had invited Mandela to attend the opening match and had raised the idea of having the 93-year-old former president sing the national anthem or recite a tribal chant.

Blatter said the tournament would be a “ Unicode” of sorts, because the South African language Afrikaans is written with letters in a different manner than English.

Blatter said he was eager to see how the weather would shape the tournament.

“The weather is expected to be very hot,” he said.

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Nationals score one, shuts out first-place Mets

Loss to last-place Washington puts New York second in the NL East, despite a small cushion in the wild-card race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It took six days for the New York Mets to squander a 3-game cushion in the NL East. Now, the only race they lead is for the wild card — and not by much.

Odalis Perez shut down the slumping Mets and scored the only run of the game, sending Washington to a 1-0 victory Tuesday night that knocked New York out of first place.

Philadelphia moved a half-game in front with an 8-7 win at Atlanta. It's the first time the slumping Mets and scored the first run of the game, sending manager Jerry Manuel said. "Sometimes you prepare for, and as an athlete, a competitor, you love the flashback to last season that knocked New York into a separated shoulder."

The Mets went 1-5 against the Nationals over the final two weeks last season — a big reason for their massive meltdown. This time, New York has dropped the first two in a four-game series at Washington mainly because it can't find any offense.

The Mets' four hits Tuesday night were an outstanding start by Mike Pelfrey. The one real threat the Mets was thwarted when Willie Harris made another key catch against New York, something he's done regularly over the past year or so.

"We're just got to do a better job, period, offensively," manager Jerry Manuel said. "We've just got to do a better job, period, offensively."

A day after John Lannan held the Mets to one hit over seven innings, New York mustered just two in the first seven innings against Perez (7-10).

The lefty retired 13 in a row between those two hits — which came in the first and sixth innings — and never let a Mets runner advance beyond second base. Perez struck out six and did not walk a batter in 7 1-3 innings, his longest outing since Aug. 11, 2005.

"He had the best command of the season so far," Washington manager Manny Acta said. "He threw every one of his pitches for strikes. He was able to stop the middle of the lineup. He was just tremendous."

Perez gave way to Mike Hinckley after giving up singles to pinch-hitters Ramon Castro and Robinson Cano in the eighth. Hinckley got Jose Reyes to ground into a fielder's choice, putting runners on first and third with two outs. He then struck out Ryan Church to end the threat.

Hinckley has opened his major league career without giving up a run in his first nine innings.

"I said to him, 'Great job,'" Perez said. "'You saved my game.'"

Joel Hanrahan worked a perfect ninth for his ninth save. He struck out Wright and Carlos Delgado.

Pelfrey (13-10) was the hard-luck loser. He allowed seven hits and four walks in seven innings.

"Sometimes you go up against someone that's very good, and Odalis Perez was very good tonight," he said.

Nationals starting pitcher Odalis Perez delivers a pitch in a 1-0 victory over the Mets Tuesday.
Hurricane Ike forces Texans from playing at home

Houston hopes repairs to the structural damage on the roof of Reliant Stadium will be completed by early October

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mario Williams dodged downed trees to get out of his neighborhood and worried about the safety and security of his home as he left for practice with a tree splintered on one end of it.

The rest of the Houston Texans returned to practice on Tuesday for the first time since Hurricane Ike, trying to concentrate on football when many in the area have electricity and many were dealing with significant damage to their homes.

"I feel very lucky," said Williams, the top overall pick in 2006. "The area is very bad. There's tons of trees that are down, lots of trees that fell through houses, but thank goodness no one was injured." Williams' tree crashed into his house during the storm, but he's still living there despite the damage and lack of electricity.

"It's really difficult, not just for myself, but for everyone," he said. "You've got to go to work and you've got to make a living. But at the same time you're thinking, "I hope my place is still all right.''

The Texans had been off since Thursday night. They returned to work Tuesday on their practice field across the street from Reliant Stadium, where a recent roof leak lost five pieces inhommes, allowing large chunks of debris to fall inside.

They had a morning-long workout in the shadow of the damaged stadium where dozens of 18-wheelers lined up to prepare to haul debris and distribute food and supplies to areas that were ravaged in the storm.

Defensive tackle Travis Johnson was destroyed in the hurricane. He lives in a suburb near the home of Williams' mother, whose roof was torn off by Ike.

"I lost the shingles first and then the water started coming in before my ceiling collapsed," he said. "I lost stuff. I lost a lot. But, you don't lose anything when you've still got your family."

Right end Owen Daniels' home suffered extensive damage from Ike, with the ceiling in one room collapsing.

Surprisingly he never lost power and despite its damage, his home became a refuge this weekend for teammates looking to escape from the sweltering heat.

Coach Gary Kubiak was encouraged by the work on Tuesday and is trying to balance the need for his team off day due to the weekend's game with concern for players and their families.

"Our families come first and we have to evaluate the situation with each player's family, each coach's family and do everything we can to put them in the best possible environment so they are comfortable and they can come up here and do their work," he said.

"It's a juggling act right now but a lot of people are working extremely hard to make it work."

Andre Johnson's home was spared major damage in the storm, but he was without power until Monday night. Now that he has electricity, he's invited his teammates to hang out at his house until their service is restored.

Johnson, who dealt with several hurricanes growing up in Miami, said he was surprised by the extent of damage in the city.

"It was worse than I thought it would be," he said. "After the hurricane was over I just got in my truck and rode around to look at all of the things. I think the most shocking thing was when I saw pieces of the stadium missing the roof. You wouldn't expect it to happen to the stadium."

Texans owner Bob McNair said getting back to football was a welcome respite from the events of the past few days.

"It certainly is for me," he said. "I'm tired of sitting around the house and feeling sorry for myself and the fact that we don't have power and we have trees crashed across the front of the house and all that sort of thing."

"We just have to get on with it and get up here and start thinking about football and sort of get away from some of the other every day problems. That's one of the benefits of sports."

The Texans travel to face the Titans on Sunday after moving last weekend's game to Baltimore to Nov. 9. General manager Rick Smith said he's gotten advice on how to deal with his team in the wake of the hurricane from something of an expert on the subject.

"I've got Mickey Loomis on my speed dial," Smith said of the Saints general manager.

"Obviously they have experienced it, so I've actually been talking to Mickey over the last couple of weeks about lessons that they learned, things that they would do differently and how we can try to approach our situation to try and work through it.""The Saints played all of their games away from the city after they were displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Four games were played at LSU, three in San Antonio and one in East Rutherford, N.J., against the New York Giants. The Texans are hoping that repairs to their damaged stadium can be completed in time for their next home game against Indianapolis on Oct. 5.
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and advance significantly in the NCAA Tournament," Brown said earlier this year.
Sophomore middle blocker Kellie Sierra was named to the Diet Coke Classic All-Tournament team after she repeated a team-high nine kills on a .350 average against No. 9 Minnesota.
Based on non-conference play, Cincinnati, Connecticut and Georgetown all sit atop the standings with 6-3 records, but those marks could be a little misleading.
"Nobody is tearing it up right now," Brown said.
Senior middle blocker Jessiej Nevitt, who was named Big East Player of the Week as she moved past 1,200 career kills with 46 in the April victory, is still adjusting over the weekend, leads Gounis.
"They have a good balance of youth and experience," Brown said.
"Their middle blocker Jessinie Nevitt is very strong leading their team." Connecticut blasted their way to a 6-3 record by beating up on some non-conference teams but their losses to unranked Albany, Michigan State and UW-
Milwaukee have raised some questions.
Huskie junior libero Jessica Isaac earned a spot on the MSU Showase All-Tournament team as she combined for five assists and 16 digs in the victory. She is hitting .217 on the season.
"It really is a combination of everything — the backs and the quarterbacks making good reads," said veteran Mike Turkovich said.
Turkovich said he struggled last year when he played guard, but was committed to make himself a better player in his final season at Notre Dame.
"Last year I wasn't seeing the whole picture. I was just kind of doing my own thing," he said.
"As an offensive line you have five guys out there and you have to see the bigger picture.”
The Irish have also shown that their line is deeper than before in their first two games. Last week starting center John LaForte was playing injured throughout the first half. In the second half true freshman Trevor Robinson stepped in and took over right where Stewart left off.
"I thought Trevor really did a nice job for us," LaForte said.
"The good thing was I didn't notice him. On the offensive line if you are doing your job you don't get noticed.

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out of the ring. It was hard work," Young said.
Over the summer coach John Latina said that his players are definitely pulling their weight, but the lack of sacks should be attributed to the entire offense.
"Our tight ends block, our receivers are doing a good job with in his first year.

Associated Press
MIAMI — The Houston Astros are running out of time to solve their problems at the plate.
Jorge Cantu hit a three-run homer and rookie Chris Volstad allowed one run in eight innings to lead the Florida Marlins to a 5-1 win over the Astros on Tuesday night.
The Astros, who have lost three straight, entered the game 2 games behind Milwaukee and Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.
"We've got to figure out a way to get our offense going a little bit," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "Either they're making good pitches or we're not making good swings. Something's not happening."
Cantu's three-run homer in the first inning stopped Houston ace Roy Oswalt, who had been on a roll, from going the distance. He struck out 10 to tie his season high.
"We're playing the same way we did a month ago. We're just trying to go out there and play nine innings and see if we can win," Oswalt said.
"We got behind early and never caught up," Volstad (5-3) gave up four hits in his first start against the Astros and the second-longest outing of his career. The rookie right-han-
der struck out four and didn't walk a batter.
"After the game someone told me 97 pitches, 72 fastballs," Volstad said. "I just mixed in some off-speed pitches to keep them off balance but it was mostly the two-seamer."
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football

Hold the line

Irish offensive line showing major improvements through first two games, hasn't allowed a sack

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

After two games in 2007, Notre Dame quarterbacks had been sacked 11 times for a loss of 87 total yards.

Two games into the 2008 season the Irish have yet to give up a single sack. Last Saturday the line held strong against virtually the same Michigan defensive front that got to the quarterbacks eight times last season.

"I think it's a step forward," junior tackle Sam Young said. "We've only two games in and having no sacks is definitely something we're proud of, but we recognize that we have to keep that up and keep Jimmy's jersey as clean as possible every week."

The improved offensive line has been a huge part of Notre Dame's 2-0 start this year. The guys up front attribute their early success to a new attitude and an off-season of hard work.

The group's core spent their summer in Florida working together to get better. They spent long days pushing sleds, flipping tires and even playing some improvised games of sumo wrestling. "You just lock into each other and push until someone comes to see O-LINE/page 26

SMC Soccer

Belles to face Hope in non-conference match

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Fresh off its second consecutive victory in the Sal Vacarro Tournament this past weekend, the Saint Mary's soccer team opens its home schedule with a non-conference match against Hope College.

Although the match is considered a non-conference match, the Belles are very familiar with Hope, who is also a member of the MIAA. Saint Mary's always see Hope as a formidable opponent who is always at the top of the conference.

Hope, who enters the match with a 2-0-2 record, ranks third all-time in winning percentage in the MIAA and had at least a share of the conference title for three consecutive seasons from 2003-2005.

The Belles have a lot to build on from their performance in last weekend's Sal Vacarro Tournament, where they took home their second consecutive title in a shootout victory. However, according to first year head coach Ryan Crabbe, the Belles will not rest on their laurels.

"We have an incredibly big challenge ahead of us," he said, "Hope is a quality program and playing them in a non-conference match will certainly test everything we have worked on up to this point."

Despite the quality of their opponent, coach Crabbe has high expectations for the match.

"In terms of expectations for tomorrow, I simply want the team to continue improving upon the positive strides we made over the weekend," Crabbe said. "Roles are becoming more defined on the field and we are getting better organized with each day. I think we can come out and compete and make it a good match."

The Belles desire for a competitive match will hopefully reverse their fortunes against Hope. Saint Mary's dropped both of its regular season matches against Hope last season, falling both times by a score of 3-1, and the Flying Dutch eliminated the Belles from the first round of the MIAA tournament in a tightly contested 1-0 match. Dating back to 2006, the Belles have a four-match losing streak against the Flying Dutch.

The match is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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ND Volleyball

Irish looking for fresh start

Big East play to start in two weeks, brings clean slate for 3-6 squad

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The best thing about Big East play coming up for the Irish is that everyone's records are still the same within the conference. Notre Dame (3-6) has a steep hill to climb, however, after being ranked fourth in the Big East preseason coaches' poll behind Louisville, St. John's and Cincinnati and having below .500 non-conference start.

The main positive that the Irish can take out of their early losses is that they were against top quality opponents. Three of their losses came against No. 8 Minnesota, No. 9 California and No. 19 Cal Poly in the Network/WAC Division 1 coaches' poll.

"The fact that our schedule has been very good is a real positive for us," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "This is a pivotal time to get on a winning streak and gain momentum heading into the Big East.

Notre Dame has its focus set squarely on the Big East, and these non-conference losses cannot ruin the season.

"We want to win the Big East, we want to win the Big East," said Brown. "We want to win the Big East, we want to win the Big East."

Women's Golf

Team ends up eighth at Classic

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame finished eighth at the Cougar Classic, as senior Lisa Maunu paced the squad with an overall score of two-under par (214).

The Georgia Bulldogs took the title with their six-under par (858) on the tournament.

Participating in her first collegiate tournament, freshman Rebecca Hunter was second on the Irish with her seven-under par (223) effort, good for 37th place overall. To get to that point, Hunter hit her tournament-high round of one-under par (73) on the final day of the Classic.

Sophomore So-Hyun Park came in third for Notre Dame, thanks in part to her two-under par (74) on the final day to end up in 11-over par (227), finishing in a tie for 47th.

Coming up even with Park was junior teammate Annie Brophy who also reached the 11-over par mark. Finishing off the Irish was junior Kristen Wetzel, who came in a tie for 50th with a 15-over par (231).

The Irish return to action this weekend when they will head to East Lansing, Mich. to participate in the Mary Fossom Invitational.