Sierra Club leaders discuss energy legislation

Francis says we have 'a moral obligation' to act, addresses climate change and clean energy

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Legislation for clean energy and climate change in the United States is crucial at both national and local levels, especially given the upcoming international climate conference in Copenhagen in Dec., Sierra Club leaders Steve Francis and Bowden Quinn said in a lecture Monday night.

"We have a moral obligation ... a responsibility to act," Francis said in the lecture, which was part of Energy Week at Notre Dame. Francis is co-chairperson for the Hoosier chapter of the Sierra Club and is also the appointed chairperson of the green energy committee for the South Bend Green Ribbon Committee. Quinn is the conservation program coordinator for the Hoosier chapter of the Sierra Club.

Both speakers addressed the importance of the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which the House of Representatives passed in June and is currently under discussion. The act would like to regain the rights of the 1.4 billion people worldwide who are afflicted with the seven diseases known as the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

These are infections that include hookworm, other intestinal worm infections, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis, as well as the bacterial infection, trachoma, which can cause blindness.

The one-time vaccine for these seven diseases can be covered for a mere 50 cents. This new initiative by the Sabin Vaccine Institute is essentially trying to address and eradicate these seven diseases that affect millions of people each year. Fifty women and children die each minute from three of these diseases, according to the Sabin Vaccine Institute.

The Next Story is about the HerStory event, which will be held on Oct. 13 from noon until 1 p.m. at the Coleman Morse Center featuring Dr. Nyree MacDonald as the guest speaker.

Fire near golf course extinguished

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

A small fire broke out in a maintenance building at the 9-hole golf course at Holy Cross Drive and Dot Road about 8:45 p.m. Monday, according to University spokesman Dennis Brown.

Brown said the fire was extinguished around 9:20 p.m. by Notre Dame, South Bend and Clay fire department personnel.

The University will launch a full investigation to determine the cause of the fire and the extent of the damage. Brown said.

The women featured are Notre Dame community members who have been nominated by their peers as positive role models for young women. The series will also offer the opportunity for female colleagues to become acquainted in an informal setting and hear one another's journeys and how it is they all arrived to be part of the Notre Dame community.

"Great things can happen when generations connect and learn from each other," Ramquist said, "I think in many parts of society that's lost. Through this program I would like to regain that.

Last week, the first session drew a crew of around 50 people, of them about half undergraduates and half faculty members. Lynne Hubert, Notre Dame's Director of Regional Development for the Midwest, was the guest lecturer. "Our turnout was moderate, but less than I expected," Ramquist said, "However, we have had such a positive feedback, especially from faculty, that I think we can expect better turnout next time." Ramquist built her idea for this talk series off another previous series similar to it under the same name organized by professor Dawn Overstreet during a year-long fellowship here at Notre Dame. Overstreet's program received wide praise from the Notre Dame community though it failed to be continued after her departure from Notre Dame.
London flat feasts

Sometimes I miss Notre Dame. A lot. So much my heart wants to break into little bits and crawl across the ocean and into McGlinn hall so it can hedge in the corner of the quad that I will live in come January. But these moments pass, and I am once again sitting on the steps of Trafalgar Square, eating lunch with any number of the multitude of ND kids studying abroad in London this semester.

Spurred by these bouts of homesickness, my flatmates and I have decided really is love. Some people think the National Gallery is art. I think the National Gallery is a perfect excuse to eat.Food is ready, we all clamor to sit down. Homework must be done, and my blog must be updated. The exhibit will be shown in the Schole Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. today.

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The student said he escaped by jumping out of the car but wasn't able to grab his bookbag, which contained the report card. He ran to his grandparents' house and later confessed to lying. His grandfather called police to apologize.

Sgt. Mark Roberts said police were suspicious that the boy was able to "escape" with his band instrument, but not his bookbag. Roberts said the boy faces no charges at this time.

Drunk driver attempts to steal tow truck to save car BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Police in eastern Pennsylvania said a man charged with drunken driving faces more charges after allegedly trying to steal a tow truck a few hours later to retrieve his impounded vehicle. Lower Saucon Township police allege that 29-year-old Timothy Pearle, of Whitehouse Station, N.J., was spotted at 7:40 p.m. Sunday inside a tow truck at Saucon Collision, which was closed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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"Time travel so that I could sleep in and still not miss a class."
"Super intelligence, so I don’t need to study and I can party all night and still get straight A’s."

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Weight loss program starts

By MEGAN LONEY and ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

An informational meeting for Saint Mary's Weight Watchers Program was held yesterday in the Warner Conference Room in the Student Center for students interested in maintaining their weight. The program is available to students, faculty and staff at the College.

The primary job of the group will be to establish a database of local attorneys and law offices that can assist students facing legal trouble.

We are working towards a four-week series with the CLC, which worked on the task force last year.

To be able to secure a Saint Mary's chapter of Weight Watchers, 15 individuals must submit payment for the 12-week series or 20 individuals for the 17-week series of the program.

Lori Hembre, a representative from Weight Watchers, informed those involved what the program was all about. She explained that she had lost 55 pounds with the help of the program.

I learned that I needed the accountability of the weekly weigh-in and the support of other members in the group,” Hembre said.

The program is sponsored by the Health Center at the College. Cathie DeCleen, director of women's health, is in charge of the program.

During the informational meeting, registrations and money were collected. Participants also received literature about the program.

A concrete schedule for the 12-week series will be devised and will take holidays and academic breaks into account.

“We are trying to bring Weight Watchers to you here,” Hembre said. “The benefits is that you can do it during your lunch hour. Everything you see in a Weight Watchers meeting room, we bring it to you.

According to DeCleen, the program was incredibly successful last year with two groups at Saint Mary's losing a total of $19,216.50 in amount of weight and a few participants earning lifetime member status.

One previous participant who attended Monday's meeting stated she started the program June 16 and had lost 20 pounds, even without a structured exercise plan.

Each series includes weekly meetings for support and e-tools that participating individuals will be able to access online to help track their progress.

During the weekly meetings, there is a confidential weigh-in for each participant at 12:15 p.m. Participants can be as active at the meetings as they choose; they are not required to share personal experiences.

The online tools that are available include the points tracker to help monitor daily consumption of food, the weight tracker — which uses graphs and data to monitor weight loss — recipes, work-outs and advice.

Unlike other weight loss programs, Weight Watchers does not require specific meal choices. According to the program's Web site, Weight Watchers is "an integrated approach emphasizing good eating choices, healthy habits, a supportive environment and exercise."

In addition to the weekly meetings, the Momentum Program assists individuals in learning how to handle hunger, eat healthy foods, take advantage of the points system and "Stop Dieting and Start Living" — the motto of Weight Watchers.

"It's a plan that does not leave you feeling hungry, a plan that does not make you feel deprived, and a plan that fits into your life, not the other way around," Hembre explained. "That's what the Momentum Plan is all about."

The program began in the 2008-2009 academic school year. After 2009 graduate Kelly Gasiorek, who previously attended Weight Watchers in her hometown of Pittsburgh, contacted DeCleen.

For more information about the program, contact DeCleen at declee@stmarys.edu.

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NBC releases new Irish iPhone app

By CASEY KENNY

Irish home football games have gone mobile this season with NBC Sports’ recent release of the Notre Dame Football Central App, which offers live coverage of all Notre Dame home football games via 3G or WiFi to users of the iPhone and iPod Touch at a cost of $6.99.

The application — known as an “app” or “application system” — offers students and Irish fans nationwide mobile access to all things Irish on game day.

“Fans of Notre Dame football now have an app that will let them experience the football team’s most storied program while they’re on the go,” Perkins Miller, senior vice president of Digital Media, Notre Dame said in a recent news release. “We’re thrilled to extend the viewing experience to the loyal fan base and bring live games and other rich, interactive video options to iPhone and iPod Touch.”

In addition to live NBC Sports coverage of all eight Notre Dame home games, the new application gives users access to on-demand video highlights including interviews, press conferences and full-game recaps from the NBC Sports broadcast. The app offers live scoring, stats, and news alerts and other interactive video options to iPhone and iPod Touch.

The Notre Dame Football Central App is available from the Apple App Store on iPhone and iPod Touch.

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months ago, Gangluff said. “It was actually developed prior to New York and the financial arena,” he said.

The “Ask More of Business” blog has already been featured in a view book for prospective MBA students, which Gangluff said was released this summer. It was the first time Gangluff had been most adopted inside the MBA pro- gram, but we’ll be adopting it in other programs as well,” Gangluff said.

He also said the blog serves as an entry point for a recent business advisory council that will serve the same purpose for an upcoming alumni board event.

When Mendoza sent the new position to current stu- dents, alumni and prospective students, Gangluff said the feedback was positive.

“I think the message ‘Ask More of Business’ is resonating well with the school and some cycling, Francis said.

I think climate change is a non-partisan issue. It’s a very compelling story in a much more compelling way,” he said of the new Web site.

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Maginn recipient of award for research

Special to The Observer

Edward J. Maginn, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the University of Notre Dame, is the recipient of the inaugural Maginn Award in Innovation (MOSEF) award for outstanding efforts in interdisciplinary research.

Maginn was cited for his “development of algorithms to calculate molecular properties, the study fundamental thermodynamics and transport behavior, and his specific contributions to the understanding of nanoscale materials and ionic liquids.”

Nominations for the CoMSEF Early Career Award, which is administered for the first time this year, may hold positions in academia, industry or a national laboratory and must be in the early stages of their research career and defined as being within 15 years of the completion of the highest degree.

Maginn’s research focuses on applications in both condensed matter and biomolecular systems, in which atomicistic computational methods and techniques are used to establish a fundamental understanding of the interplay between the physical properties of materials and their chemical constitution. Much of his work is devoted to environmental and energy-related applications.
Nordic coalition wins re-election

Left-leaning government is the first to survive an election in 16 years, keeps slim majority

Associated Press

OSLO — Norway's left-leaning government appeared to have narrowly won re-election Sunday after using oil money to shield the Nordic welfare state from the global recession, near-complete results showed.

If the results are confirmed, it would be the first time Norway has survived an election in 16 years. An official projection with 99 percent of votes counted showed Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's Labor-led coalition winning 86 seats to keep a majority in the 169-seat Parliament. Final results were expected Tuesday.

"All the votes have not been counted and it is close, but the way in seems now, it looks like we can continue in power," Stoltenberg, 50, said in a televised debate.

The results indicated Norway would continue to buck a trend that has seen center-right blocs take power in its Nordic neighbors Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

Leaders of the fragmented opposition all but conceded defeat. "Everything suggests that ... Stoltenberg and Labor have won the election," said Siv Jensen, who heads the right-wing populist Progress Party.

Poverty rates by two small center-right parties caused gains by the Conservatives and the Progress Party.

Norway has escaped the financial crisis largely unscathed, partly by tapping its $700 billion sovereign wealth fund — currently valued at more than $2 trillion ($400 billion).

Unemployment stands at 3 percent, the lowest in Europe.

Oil and gas pumped from the North Sea platforms have made the fjord-fringed country one of the world's richest nations. But that wealth also presents a challenge for sitting governments, who must balance the risk of overstretching the domestic economy with Norwegians' high demands on the cradle-to-grave welfare system.

The last prime minister to win re-election in Norway was Labor's Gro Harlem Brundtland in 1993.

After casting her vote outside Oslo, Jensen blamed Stoltenberg's government for bad roads, crowded asylum centers and long waiting lists for non-emergency treatment at public hospitals.

"He has not been able to solve the welfare issues he promised to solve four years ago," the 40-year-old candidate told The Associated Press.

Oeyvind Nordjordet, a construction worker in Oslo, said Labor's policies were the best for Norway. "Because they are the safest. It's Barack Obama politics, it's exactly the same," he said.

Stoltenberg's camp also played on the U.S. president's "Yes we can" campaign slogan, with buttons and posters saying "Jens can" in Norwegian.

Labor remained Norway's biggest party, winning 64 seats with 35 percent of the vote, the results showed. Its junior partners, the Socialist Left and the Center Party, each won 11 seats.

The Progress Party led the opposition parties with 23 percent of votes and 40 seats — its best election result ever. Divisions within the opposition had raised Stoltenberg's hopes of re-election. Two center-right parties — the Christian Democrats and the Liberals — had ruled out forming a coalition with the Progress Party, mainly because they disliked its immigration policies.

Jensen's party wants stronger demands on immigrants to integrate into Norwegian society and has proposed building Norwegian asylum centers in Africa.

Immigration has skyrocketed by a factor of five since the early 1970s — more than 10 percent of Norway's population is of foreign origin. In recent years the biggest groups of asylum seekers come from Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Eritrea.

Judge orders King children to collaborate

ATLANTA — A judge has ordered the surviving children of Martin Luther King III to conclude a lawsuit filed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, to hold a shareholders' meeting to discuss their father's estate.

The Rev. Bernice King and Martin Luther King III sued their brother, Dexter King, last year to force him to open the books of the estate. The lawsuit claimed Dexter King, the estate's administrator, has refused to provide documents concerning the estate's operations.

Coretta Scott King died in 2006 and Yolanda King, the King's eldest child, died in 2007 — leaving the three remaining siblings as the sole shareholders and directors of their father's estate. It is set up as a corporation, but there has not been an annual shareholders' meeting since 2004.

Dexter King has also sued his sister, who administers their mother's estate. He has asked a judge to force his sister to turn over Coretta Scott King's personal papers, including love letters central to a non-definitive $1.4 million book deal.

The siblings' relationship has deteriorated in the tense climate created by their legal battle.

At least part of the legal battle could be thawing. Martin Luther King III recently visited his brother in California after Dexter King shattered his right femur in a car accident in July, and observers say the siblings have been in talks to resolve their legal disputes.

Dozens of supporters and observers packed the Monday hearing, including Ambassador Andrew Young and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, both of whom worked with Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement and remain close to the King family. Lowery said the siblings had been in mediation trying to work things out.
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Texas ice rent to become youth gym

Dallas — A money-losing ice skating venue run by the Dallas Stars is likely to end up in the hands of a youth sports venture bearing the name of Hall of Fame figure skating coach Bob Knight after the hockey team failed in its bid to reduce the rent.

The National Hockey League team owned by Dallas intended to ramp up support for the franchise. However, the company faces a fourth lawsuit from Duncanville, one of several in suburban Dallas intended to ramp up support for the franchise.

The previous homeowners, Lawrence and Cheronda Sekston of Duncanville, sold their house to Wells Fargo in May. Their real estate agent said they financially were devastated by Bernard Madoff’s fraud scheme and had to sign over the property to Wells Fargo to avoid a larger debt.

The home was not foreclosed and the bank agreed not to immediately sell it, Langan said.

Neighbors told the Los Angeles Times they saw Guyton’s family at the house and that it was used for at least one party where guests were ferried from a yacht.
Bail set at $30 M in kidnapping case

Man charged with abducting 11-year-old girl and holding her captive for 18 years

Associated Press

PLACERVILLE, Calif. — A judge on Monday set bail at $30 million for a Northern California man accused of kidnapping a girl and holding her captive for 18 years.

In setting the high amount, El Dorado County Superior Court Judge Douglas Phimester cited the serious nature of the charges, injuries to the girl and the fact that Phillip Garrido was on parole at the time of the alleged abduction.

Garrido, 54, and his wife, Nancy Garrido, 54, have plead- ed not guilty to 29 charges of kidnaping, child rape and false imprisonment charges and have been held without bail in an El Dorado County jail.

The couple are accused of kidnaping 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard from her home near South Lake Tahoe in 1991 then holding her captive in a backyard jumble of tents and sheds for nearly two decades.

Authorities say Phillip Garrido fathered two daughters with Dugard.

Nancy Garrido continues to be held without bail, something her attorney did not object to during Monday's hearing. Phillip Garrido is unlikely to be released because of his parole violations, even if he could raise the money.

He appeared in court with a bandage on his nose and a newly grown gray beard. He and his wife both appeared solemn during the eliminate hearing, during which the judge granted a request by Phillip Garrido's attorney, Susan Gellman, for a psychiatric evaluation of her client.

Nancy Garrido's attorney, Gilbert Maines, reserved the right to request one.

Gellman told the judge several law enforcement agencies have sought to interview her client about other cases they are pursuing.

"He does not consent to be questioned for any purposes," Gellman said.

The judge said Gellman would be notified of any interview efforts.

Outside court, District Attorney Vern Pierson told a throng of media from around the world that investigators were continuing to pursue other leads in the case.

"As of today, there are no additional charges ... That's not to say there won't be," he said.

He said Dugard and her children were doing exceptionally well under the circumstances after being reunited with Dugard's mother shortly after the Garridos were arrested Aug. 21.

Basic human decency mandates honoring the family's request for privacy," he said.

He declined to comment on rumors that Dugard, now 29, has agreed to appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show and praised the state parole agent who brought the Garridos into custody.

The agent, whom Pierson identified as Eddie Santos, questioned Phillip Garrido after being notified by University of California, Berkeley police employees that the convicted sex offender had arrived on campus with two children while attempting to distribute religious pamphlets.

"This parole agent successfully broke through the elaborate, well-planned cover story that was 18 years in the making," Pierson said. "We owe him a debt of gratitude."

Judge rules autistic teen incompetent to face trial

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A judge ruled Monday that an autistic teenager is not competent to stand trial in the fatal beating of his doting mother and should remain in the treatment facility where he has been living for several months.

Portage County Common Pleas Judge John Enlow said Sky Walker, 18, is guilty of mur- dering his mother in January but should be institutionalized for his protection. All charges against him were dismissed.

At a hearing last week, prose- cutors and defense attorneys said they agreed with a mental health evaluation that conclud­ ed Walker is unable to help in his defense. His attorneys had argued that Walker, who was kept in a restraint chair and wore a mask to keep him from spitting at deputies, cannot carry on a conversation.

To be deemed competent, a defendant would have to understand the charges against him and be able to help in his own defense.

His mother, 60-year-old Gertrude Steuernagel, was found beaten in her home in January and died a week later.

A professor at Kent State University, she once wrote public­ ly about coping with her son's aggressive behavior.

The judge's ruling is the best possible outcome for Walker, who is unable to grasp the con­ cept of death, said Steuernagel's brother, Bill, who lives in California Shores, N.C.

"What Sky did was horrific," he said. "Yet I firmly believe he does not know what happened."

Bill Steuernagel said his sis­ ter's relationship with Walker was akin to spousal abuse, though he had never witnessed his nephew behave violently.

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Speedboat crashes into rocks

Associated Press
BIGFORK, Mont. — The first person on the scene after a boat slammed into the rocks at Wayfarers State Park on Flathead Lake last month smelled gasoline, heard a woman screaming and spotted a man face down in the water.

Laura Godowski and her boyfriend, Ryder Jenkins, both of Helena, and her parents, Ken and Kay Godowski of Fort Collins, Colo., were walking back from a bathroom with flashlights when they heard a crashing, crunching noise about 10:20 p.m. on Aug. 27.

"Somebody just ran their boat into the rocks," Jenkins yelled. The four raced to the room with flashlights when they could see, Kristin Smith, of Fort Rehberg. Godowski told the Missoulian, Rep. Denny Rehberg, state Sen. Rod Frost said his son is in the hospital. He and Kay Godowski helped Kristin's head and told her to hold her hand, and he did, very tightly.

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"Then he shut his eyes," Kay Godowski told the Missoulian, "and Laura thought, 'Oh no.'

"He was sitting on the rocks screaming" and bleeding from injuries to her head, Kay Godowski said. "Laura took her shirt off, pressed it to his head and told him to hold her hand and he did, very tightly."

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"Then he shut his eyes," Kay Godowski told the Missoulian, "and Laura thought, 'Oh no.'"

Rehberg said the only thing holding the foot on was his cowboy boot.

Godowski was also in the water, clinging to a rock.

"He was speaking," Kay said. "We asked him if he was OK and he said, 'No, no,' but he was responding."

When Godowski helped Rehberg keep from slipping into the water, occasionally holding him up by his belt.

Kay Godowski estimated it took a man and a half of the campers to run down the path to the shoreline after they heard the crash.

"I'd say it's probably 100 feet from Rehberg's boat to the rocks," she said. "He regained consciousness over Labor Day weekend has since been under investigation by the Flathead County sheriff's office.

Kristin Smith, of Missoula, was sitting on the sleeping bag. "I'm not walking at nights by myself anymore," said student Nataya Pear, 21, of Jamaica. "I feel very different anyplace, anywhere."

Michael Widawsky, 21, of New York, said he did not feel safe when he made a late trip home to New York from the Widawskys' gray, ranch-style home in Huntington, N.Y. Monday at the Widawskys' house, where Le worked, responding to an over­ due investigation. The District Court adminis­ trator said all information in the case had been sealed by the court in late July. Laura Curtis pending a decision on the lab or building could take place in a secure Yale building.

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In December of 2001, with the nation still reeling from the most horrific attack on American soil, President George W. Bush approved Executive Order 13224 to officially declare September 11 "Patriot Day.

Eight years later, in April of 2009, President Barack Obama decided to put his own mark on the memory of 9/11 by signing the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act into law. Section 1802 of the law declares September 11 a "National Day of Service and Remembrance" in order to encourage Americans to engage in full- or part-time service activities.

In a letter commemorating the eighth anniversary of the attacks, Obama writes, "We are building a new foundation for growth and prosperity, but we cannot succeed without your help. We can rebuild our schools, but we need mentors and tutors to guide our students. We can modernize our health system, but we need volunteers to care for the sick and assist others in building healthier lives. We can invest in clean energy, but we need people to maintain energy efficiency in their homes and help create a green economy."

Now, I'm all in favor of volunteering and charity. Private individuals taking it upon themselves to help their neighbors in a tradition firmly rooted in the American psyche and should be continued. But Obama's attempt to transform the memory of 9/11 into a politically-correct, feel-good call for service robs the anniversary of its solemnity and diverts the focus from the real reason why we cannot forget what happened that day: to make sure it never happens again. Improving education, modernizing healthcare, and investing in clean energy are all noble policy goals to be sure. Call me cynical, but I have trouble envisioning a group of terrorists, bent on slaughtering thousands of innocent Americans, saying to one another, "You know, they did manage to create a ‘green economy.’ Maybe those Americans aren’t so bad after all."

If the Left thought Bush was politicizing a tragedy, Democrats have clearly learned how to play at his own game. Regardless of how one views the War on Terror, no reasonable person can deny that Bush believed his national security agenda was designed at least in part to prevent another 9/11. Twisting what should be a day of remembrance and reflection into one that furthers Obama’s domestic agenda, which bears no relation to national security, is a patriotically antipolitical act.

An anonymous source cited by Matthew Vadum of The American Spectator insists a more sinister motive is at play. Reveling a teleconference sponsored by the White House to lay out the plans for the first Day of Service, the source claims, "[The administration] thinks it needs to be taken back from the right. They’re taking that day and they’re breaking it because it gives Republicans an advantage.”

Adding to this concern is the fact that a broad coalition of far-left organizations participated in the president’s call. Vadum counts over 60 of these radical groups, including AFT-CLA, Friends of the Earth, Urban League, Rainbow PUSH Coalition and ACOIR.

Whatever the underlying reason, attempting to dilute the memory of 9/11 from a day of remembrance to a day of service,” he states, “it has to be forever linked and reflected on what happened on that day. The consensus within the 9/11 community is that we wanted it to be non-profit, voluntary, privately funded, not government-organized, and have Americans do simple good deeds in addition to the memorial service.”

To participate in the first Day of Service, the president and the First Lady joined Habitat for Humanity in adding a fresh coat of white paint to a new living room in Northeast DC — a fitting metaphor for the administration’s attempt to whitewash a national tragedy.

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Bleak future for ND econ

The students of Notre Dame will suffer an incredible loss if the administration goes forward with their plan to close the Department of Economics and Policy Studies. We currently have something our peer universities lack: an economics program that is concerned with social justice, human dignity, and theoretical openness. It is a focus that sets us apart from the narrow mainstream and reflects the wider commitments of this university — best exemplified by Fr. Theodore Hesburgh — to academic freedom and the Catholic Social Tradition.

I am a proud graduate of Notre Dame, lucky to have received an economics education at Notre Dame. In courses with faculty from the Policy Studies department, I was able to read the “classics” — Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and others — alongside more recent economists that borrow from literature, philosophy, psychology and other disciplines. This approach, though eclectic, never strayed far from an emphasis on real-world relevance and socioeconomic justice. At Notre Dame, I was encouraged to study the economy in broad terms, with a critical curiosity and exposure to novel perspectives. It was an education in line with the university’s goal of fostering a vibrant and committed intellectual community.

In his inaugural address, Fr. Jenkins asked: “If we are afraid to be different from the world, how can we make a difference in the world?” This question strikes at the heart of the situation of economics at Notre Dame. For decades the University has been the proud home of a different type of economics, with faculty who have made a difference in the world, both through their research and teaching. I hope that the administration pausing to reconsider their move to close the Policy Studies department, for if their goal is, in fact, the best economics conversation, “than disbanding a department that embodies this goal would be anathema to the mission, purpose, and character of the University of Notre Dame.

Sean Mallin
class of 2009
Sept. 15

An economics sell-out

"Anyone who becomes involved with Notre Dame is changing the course of lives and nations and institutions by shaping young people who are not only intelligent, but also thoughtful, compassionate, and understanding." — Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, 1952-1987

The Economics Department at Notre Dame has historically been known as a place where students could integrate issues of social justice, equality, and religion into their study of economics, in line with the Catholic identity of the University. The program offered elective courses in political economy and the history of economic thought, both of which put economics into a wider social context and are only offered at a handful of programs across the nation. After the split in 2003, the department of Economics and Policy Studies maintained this commitment to pluralism and social justice, while the newly formed department of Economics and Econometrics focused solely on the mainstream neoclassical theory and mathematical approaches to economics.

If the department of Economics and Policy Studies is disbanded, as Dean McGreevy stated in the article by John Tierney, and those economists are not allowed to join the Department of Economics, the University is saying that they do not consider pluralism a legitimate voice in economics. Their pursuit of high rankings takes precedence over everything, even if it means sacrificing Notre Dame’s commitment to social justice. I deeply value my experience in economics at Notre Dame, one that included critical thinking in the tradition of the liberal arts alongside mathematical rigor. My concern is that future students of economics will not find any room for compassion or understanding in their economics curriculum. Undermining pluralism in economics is for Notre Dame to betray its most precious beliefs.

Matthew Panhans
senior
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Sept. 14

Post-game conduct

Dear Kale Frank,

You are a member of the band and a supporter of the football team. How this leads you to believe that you “win and lose, live and die” with the team every Saturday is beyond me. You dress up in a funny costume and play an instrument. Nothing more, nothing less. Please do not feel like you have the authority to berate the football team because they decided to lose the game early. They, not you, suffered a crushing defeat.

Quite understandably, they were not in the mood to stand on the field and sing a song. Big deal. They already devote more than enough time to representing this school, so please refrain from your trivial demands on their time.

Very Respectfully,

Corey McNielley
senior
off campus
Sept. 14

Column of lies

Brooks Smith, you lie. That’s what I have to say to you and your horridous article from last Thursday (“Signs of the Times,” Sept. 10). I like the courageous Congressman Joe Wilson, I felt compelled to bring some truth to Mr. Smith’s web of lies.

Mr. Smith begins his “column” by using the age-old battle tactic of the left: using the liberal media to manipulate their opponents’ words to discredit legitimate challenges to their progressive agenda. To this end, Mr. Smith twists the words of Rep. Rammel, a candidate for governor of Idaho and a staunch defender of the People’s Second Amendment Rights, to make him sound like a gun-toting murderer rather than the patriot he really is.

Clearly, metaphors are a little above Mr. Smith’s level as he can’t grasp Mr. Rammel’s metaphor about his passionate desire to fight Obama Tyranny in Idaho and “hunt down and destroy” the socialist agendas of his Administration. Mr. Smith then goes on to trivialize the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan by “stating it doesn’t count.” I’m sorry Mr. Smith, when was the last time you took a bullet in the chest and then proceeded to destroy the communist threat of the Soviet Union? Continuing this trend, he even goes so far as to suggest George W. Bush should have had an assassination attempt for, in Mr. Smith’s words, “lying to the American people.” I don’t know about you, but I would never wish harm on someone who defended America at all costs as Bush did.

Like so many of his liberal comrades, Mr. Smith uses John Stewart-esque cynicism and sarcasm to vilify Republicans to mask the clear failures of the Obama Administration. I can’t imagine the empty, hollow life that Mr. Smith must live due to all the hate and cynicism that he carries with him on a day to day basis. It is my sincere hope that someday Mr. Smith realizes the error of his ways and embracing American values rather than accepting socialist “change.” Until he sees this truth, I pray for Mr. Smith.

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Sept. 14
By JOEY KUHN
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Last Wednesday evening, the classic rock band ZZ Top performed to a sold-out crowd at the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend.

The Sulentic Brothers Band, a South Bend-based group that plays Southern-influenced rock, opened the show. Unfortunately, I was not there to catch this sample of local flavor. I showed up between sets, just in time to witness the massive lines of baby boomers waiting for beer or loitering under the marquis for a smoke. My companion and I were probably the youngest people in the entire audience, most appeared to be over 40. Although a fair share of them looked pretty buttoned-down and conservative, the audience contained a preponderance of bandanas, black T-shirts and tattoos. This sample of local flavor. I showed up between sets.

Anyway, we took our seats in the beautiful and ornate theater, which clashed ironically with the centerpiece of the stage. This was a monstrous drum set with; leering skulls embossed on the heads of the twin bass drums. Soon enough, the lights went down and three leather-clad and grizzled men walked onto the stage. The audience's response was deafening despite the fact that this band has been around for 40 years.

Frank Beard, the only band member without a long and bushy gray beard, sat down behind the demonic drum set, Dusty Hill, the bassist, and Billy Gibbons, the guitarist and lead singer, took their positions at twin microphones fashioned like truck exhaust pipes. Then they started playing.

The distorted guitar riffs hit me like a smash in the face while the bass throbbed throughout my whole body. It was almost like feeling the deep vibration through the gas pedal of the CadZilla, one of ZZ Top's signature classic cars.

ZZ Top plays rock that is heavily influenced by such blues greats as B.B. King and Muddy Waters. In fact, Gibbons himself says that the name "ZZ Top" is a play on "B.B. King". With backup from Hill, Gibbons gruffly sang through lyrics to songs with titles such as "Cheap Sunglasses", "Legs" and "Jesus Just Left Chicago." These songs were shot through with impressive guitar solos by Gibbons. Gibbons played with Jimi Hendrix in the years before his death, and Hendrix even cited Gibbons as one of his own favorite guitarists. In a nod to the late Woodstock veteran, ZZ Top played a cover of "Voodoo Lady" in which one could clearly hear the similarities between the two guitarists' styles.

Gibbons may have stolen the show, but the band's chemistry as a group truly set their performance apart. It was obvious that they had been playing together for decades and knew each others' most subtle differences inside and out. Gibbons and Hill often played together in side-by-side power stances, and at one point they held a back-and-forth solo "conversation" between the guitar and bass. Gibbons even swung their guitars back and forth in metronomic unison, one of ZZ Top's famous moves.

My only complaint with the concert was that it started to tire me out with its repetitiveness. The songs were all the same style of music, medium-to-fast-tempo blues rock 'n' roll. I started to wonder how a trio of such great musicians did not get bored of endlessly repeating the blues pattern of the first, fourth and fifth chords. My problem was with the lack of diversity in the band's musical repertoire rather than with the performance itself.

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Nevertheless, they were still having fun, joking around with each other and with the crowd. Before "Waiting for the Bus," Gibbons lamented that he needed his blues hat, at which pair of seductive-ly dressed women promptly came out from back-stage and placed a fedora on his head. At another point, Gibbons signaled offstage during a song, and a boy ran out and lit the cigar in his mouth while he was playing. At the end of the concert, Hill and Gibbons brought out furry white guitars. These touches of humor signaled that ZZ Top is a band that doesn't take itself too seriously.

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Kanye Goes Crazy!

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Last night, the Twittering hordes showed the true power of their social networking site of choice. Kanye West stormed the stage at Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards with a shiny popped collar and shades to protect his true identity, West acted with a passion that he has come dangerously close to breaking the crazy-ometer. As a prophet to protect his true identity, West acted with a passion.

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PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Garcia, the NFL's version of Rocky Marciano, has joined the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles agreed to terms on a one-year deal with Garcia, a 10-year veteran who played for Philadelphia in 2006 and went 6-2 in eight starts — including the playoffs — while McNabb was injured.

The Eagles needed a backup quarterback in case McNabb, who suffered a broken rib in last week's loss at New Orleans, is not able to play this week against the New Orleans Saints.

Third-year pro Kevin Kolb filled in for McNabb and will start if McNabb is out, coach Andy Reid said.

"Whether it's a week or two weeks or the entire season, I'm excited about the opportunity," Garcia said in a conference call. "As far as a team I can go to and blend right in, this is the team for me to do that for." Garcia, who was signed by Oakland in the offseason to push JaMarcus Russell and see if he could fill in as the No. 1 overall draft pick, was brought to Philadelphia on Sept. 5 after playing little in the preseason. He said he could've stayed with Oakland, but didn't think it was the right fit. But he also wasn't ready to call it a career.

"I didn't want to it be over," Garcia said, who has spent a lot of quality football left in me."

Four-time Pro Bowl selection, Garcia played well in his previous stint with the Eagles three seasons ago, though he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee on Nov. 18, 2006, that required surgery. He also wasn't ready to call it a career.

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Garcia's career took a downward turn after he left the rebuilding 49ers in 2004. He immediately signed a multi-year deal with Cleveland and Detroit before rejuvenating his career in Philadelphia in '06.

Garcia stepped in when starting 1) the Eagles lost their A.C.L., led the Eagles to a 5-1 record, an NFC East title and a playoff victory over the New York Giants. His final game with Philadelphia was a loss at New Orleans in the divisional playoffs.

In his brief time with the Eagles, Garcia completely filled up the tough Philly fans with his talent, personality and win-at-all-costs attitude.

A company made up T-shirts featuring Garcia with his fists up in a boxer's stance above the caption: "A Fighter Fits.""The Eagles didn't sign Garcia after that season and he went to Tampa Bay. Garcia lost the Buccaneers to the NFC South title in 2007 and earned a trip to Hawaii.

Garcia has thrown for 25,537 yards and 161 touchdowns in 124 career games. He completed 61.6 percent of his passes and has an 87.5 QB rating. Garcia is 58-38-1 as a starter.

McNabb, Vick and Garcia have been to a combined 12 Pro Bowls.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — This might be the first time Troy Polamalu is happy to hear "I love this guy."

For now, Polamalu will be replaced by Ryan Clark, 26, who has already made a name for himself as the best safety in the AFC.

"We're going to miss him," Clark said of Troy, not just because Polamalu is the best NFL safety, but also because he's the best person on the team.

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No matter how long Polamalu is sidelined, his absence will be a setback for what was the NFL's best defense the last two seasons. Polamalu's ability to adjust positions from play to play, his speed and his ability to be a pass rusher and pass defender makes him one of the NFL's most versatile players.

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"I think I'll continue to do what we've been doing," Woodley said. "We don't want to change up everything because then we're not that much different. That's what we've always been. Troy's definitely a good player, and we've lost a good player for a few weeks, but the guy behind him is going to step up and do his thing.

Even if Polamalu sits out only three games, the Steelers' secondary playing against the Bears (0-1), the 2008 AFC West champions, and the Central rival Cincinnati (0-1).

"Troy's the best safety by far in football, and when you lose a guy like that, it's hard," Clark said.

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Chicago Bears' linebacker Brian Urlacher exits the field with Green Bay Packers' linebacker Brady Poppinga after the Packers defeated the Bears Sunday. Urlacher will miss the rest of the season due to a dislocated wrist.

Urlacher injures wrist in season opener

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Finally healthy after two years, Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher launched his regular season by making a run at Aaron Rodgers, lowering his shoulder and plowing over the Packers quarterback in the first quarter.

His 10th season was off to a good start. And then, it was over.

Chicago's star linebacker went on injured reserve after having surgery Monday to repair a dislocated right wrist and will not back this season, a major blow for a team with high expectations.

There was no immediate word from Urlacher other than a text message to the Chicago Tribune that said simply: "season is over.

But coach Lovie Smith said Urlacher clearly was disappointed.

"He had put himself in position to have an outstanding year," Smith said. "He was playing well in the game before he went down with the injury. Even after the injury to his hand, the competitor in him wanted to continue to play. It's a tough break. There's no way around it, but he's been injured before and he's come back before.

With Urlacher out, Hunter - Hinnenmeyer is expected to start at middle linebacker this week when the Bears host defending champion Pittsburgh. Chicago also signed line­backer Tim Shaw, who got cut by Jacksonville this month, to a one-year deal on Monday.

The injury to Urlacher occurred in the first quarter of Sunday night's 21-15 loss at Green Bay, though it was not clear when. Urlacher briefly shook his wrist after tackling Packers running back Ryan Grant late in the period, though Smith said he wasn't sure when it hap­pened.

Urlacher played in the second quarter, but left on the Packers' first drive of the second half.

"Talk about a guy that's a great leader," said Hinnenmeyer, who replaced Urlacher on Sunday. "First, he plays an entire half of football with a dislocated wrist. I don't think there's many people who can do something like that."

The arrival of Pro Bowl quarterback Jay Cutler sent expectations in Chicago soaring in the offseason, though he threw four inter­ceptions and looked aver­age at best in the loss.

Now the Bears are without the long-time face of the franchise and a stalwart defender in a division with top-tier running backs in Grant and Vikings star Adrian Peterson along with elite, quarterbacks such as Minnesota and Minnesota's Brett Favre.

IN BRIEF

Seattle Storm signs head coach Aguier for two seasons

SEATTLE — Just before the start of the WNBA playoffs, the Seattle Storm have signed coach Brian Aguier to a two-year contract exten­sion.

Aguier's deal covers the 2010 and 2011 seasons with an option for 2012.

Aguier is the third coach in Seattle's history, following Lisa Leslie and Anne Donovan. He's directed Seattle to a second consecutive playoff appearance, thanks largely to All-Stars Sue Bird and Lauren Jackson.

Seattle won a franchise record 22 games in Aguier's first season, then won 20 games this season. They open the playoffs on Wednesday night in Los Angeles.

Before coming to Seattle, Aguier was an assistant in San Antonio and Phoenix, and a head coach with the Minnesota Lynx.
Williams apologizes to line judge after outburst

NEW YORK — Her doubles championship brought some closure Monday to what has been an awkward, tumultuous U.S. Open for Serena Williams.

Time to celebrate. Time to move on. Maybe even time to make amends with the line judge she unloaded on during its aftermath. Williams had issued an apology shortly before the doubles match, saying she is her profane outburst at the end socked with a director Jim of her loss to Kim McEnroe prodded title, and first at Flushing the day before - when she was ment than the one she released the one thing "I'm looking at my job that she did, and integrity, and I admit when I'm wrong. It was a more contrite statement than the one she released the day before — when she was socked with a $10,000 fine for acting in a "threatening manner," according to tournament director Jim Curley. But when McEnroe tried to ask her "what clicked in your head" that led to the new statement, the crowd started booing.

"I think what the crowd is saying is, 'Patrick, let's move on,'" Venus Williams said.

Venus also played the role of protective big sister during the news conference, where questions included what Serena did, how she felt, who she owed apologies to and what she would do next.

"You know, everyone is human," Venus said.

Serena said she didn't agree with the call from Saturday night but bore no ill will toward the line judge, who did not work the tournament either Sunday or Monday.

"I don't think my foot touched the line in that call," Williams said. "Looking back on it, I think the lady did the best that she could. She was just doing her job. I guess at the time, she probably saw it as what it was. You know, she was just doing her best."

The one thing Serena didn't fess to is what, exactly, she said to the line judge who called the foot fault that sparked the rant, which led to her being docked a point on match point.

"I was in the heat of the moment," she said. "You can see it was a lot of action. I don't remember several points in the match today. Let alone anything I might have said a couple days ago."

For a refresher, she could simply go to YouTube, where videos of the explosive-laden onslaught were still high on the most-viewed list, with one of the replays generating 1.2 million hits and counting.

Officials from the Grand Slam tournaments are also interested in the replays. They were combing through audio from on-court mics and different TV feeds as part of an investigation to find out exactly what she said, and whether there should be more than the penalty she has already received.

Williams' apology might have been viewed as an attempt to seek some sort of clemency from tennis officials, who could take back the $350,000 check she earned for reaching the semifinals, or suspend her.

But Williams didn't view her latest statement as a more contrite version of what she sent originally — only a chance to put it up on her Web site for wider readership, and a chance to apologize to Clijsters, the U.S. Open champion, who was clearly bewildered by the bizarre ending.

"I definitely think an apology was warranted," Williams said. "You know, I just felt like the other one was an apology, as well. This one I wanted to make sure that I also congratulated Kim on her job that she did, and to just everyone else."
Three NFL players to donate brains to research

Associated Press

BOSTON — Three NFL players announced Monday they will donate their brains and spinal cord tissue to a Boston University medical school program that studies sports brain injuries.

Even though dozens of former NFL players have agreed to donate their brains after death, Baltimore Ravens center Matt Birk, Seattle Seahawks linebacker Lofa Tatupu and Arizona Cardinals receiver Sean Morey are the first active players to do so.

The goal of the university's Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, a collaborative venture between BU Medical School and Sports Legacy Institute, is to better understand the long-term effects of repeated concussions.

"When you are active, your contract, what you get paid, is based on the perception of your health, and no player wants to be perceived as being prone to concussions," said Chris Nowinski, the center's co-director. "That's why I am so impressed with these guys. I hope they are the first of many."

More than 150 former athletes, including 40 retired NFL players, already are in the program's brain donation registry.

"One of the most profound actions I can take personally is to donate my brain to help ensure the safety and welfare of active, retired and future athletes for decades to come," said Morey, who along with Tatupu has been listed on NFL injury reports in past seasons with injuries described as concussions.

Doctors see sports-related brain trauma as a growing health crisis due to the discovery of the neurodegenerative disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy in a number of athletes who have recently died. The condition is caused by repetitive trauma to the brain.

"This is a bigger threat than we are acknowledging," said Nowinski, who suffered concussions as a college football player and professional wrestler.

Sufferers may experience memory loss, emotional instability, erratic behavior, depression and impulse control problems, progressing eventually to full-blown dementia.

As part of the program, the players will be interviewed annually for the rest of their lives so researchers can examine the relationship between clinical symptoms and pathology.

Birk, Tatupu and Morey have all played in the Pro Bowl, making their pledge all the more significant, Nowinski said. He hopes their participation sparks locker room conversations with their teammates about the dangers of head injuries, he said.

Morey said players need to understand the "serious implications" of playing through concussions or not reporting them because of the cumulative effect of such injuries.

He said his interest in the issue was sparked in part by an article on former New England Patriots linebacker Teddy Johnson, who received numerous head injuries during his 10-year career.

"I played with Ted. He was one of the best guys in the locker room," Morey said. "He took me under his wing and made me feel part of the team when I was just a practice squad player. I think that was sort of the impetus for me to kind of make sure that I did my due diligence, understanding the effects of concussions and report back to the players union."

Tatupu got involved through former Seahawks teammate Isaiah Kacyvenski, Nowinski's roommate at Harvard.

"They approached me about the idea. Just thought it was a chance to give back to the game and the players playing it down the road," Tatupu said inside the Seahawks' locker room in Renton, Wash., on Monday. "Game's been good to me, and I'd like to help people out if I can."

The three-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker said he didn't know someone could donate a brain. He said he's already answered some simple questions from the center.

The annual interviews will consist of one phone call a year from the center for an evaluation of one to two hours.

Tatupu returned to the NFC championship game in 2006 after a head-on collision with Carolina running back Nick Goings that left both motionless on the field momentarily. Goings did not return because of a concussion, and Tatupu was left with what he then called "cobwebs."

He sustained a concussion in Week 7 of last season after a collision with Ike Hilliard, of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Tatupu refused to answer when asked how many concussions he's had.
Del Potro stuns Federer in five sets to win Open

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Normally so cool, so consistent, so in control of his emotions and his matches, Roger Federer let the U.S. Open championship slip from his grasp. Two points from victory against inexperienced, unheralded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, two points from a sixth consecutive title at Flushing Meadows and a record-extending 16th Grand Slam overall, Federer, quite simply, fell apart Monday.

He railed at the chair umpire. His legs grew weary. His double-faults mounted. He could not figure out a way to stop the 6-foot-6 man from Argentina to win the first Grand Slam title by upsetting the No. 1-seeded Federer 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

"Can't have them all," Federer said.

He had won 40 consecutive matches at Flushing Meadows. He had won 33 of his previous 34 Grand Slam matches. And he has made the final at 17 of the past 18 Grand Slam tournaments, 21 overall.

Del Potro? This was the 20-year-old's first Grand Slam final, and he was 0-6 against Federer until now. But after handing Rafael Nadal the most lopsided loss of his Grand Slam career in the semifinals Sunday, del Potro came back the next day and rattled Federer.

Until Monday, Federer was 2-5 in Grand Slam finals against his nemesis, Nadal, and 13-0 against everyone else. Somehow, del Potro never seemed intimidated by the setting or the man many consider the greatest tennis player in history.

"The usually unflappable Federer argued with chair umpire Jake Garner during a changeover, using a profanity and saying, "Don't tell me to be quiet, OK?" When I want to talk, I talk."

Del Potro, meanwhile, managed to have the time of his young life, high-fiving front-row fans after winning one point, and reveling in the soccer-style serenades of "Ole!" ringing through the stadium.

The 4-hour, 6-minute match was the first U.S. Open final to go five sets since 1999, and there were no early signs to indicate it would be this competitive — much less end with del Potro down on his back, chest heaving, tears welling, a Grand Slam trophy soon to be in his arms. He is the first man from Argentina to win the U.S. Open since Guillermo Vilas in 1977.

Vilas was in the stands Monday, sitting one row behind Jack Nicklaus.

One simple indication of the difference in age and status of the two finalists: The 28-year-old Federer's guest box was full, with pals such as rock-star couple Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale and Vogue editor Anna Wintour seated alongside Federer's parents, wife and agent. Only three of the 15 available seats were occupied in del Potro's box.

Federer took a 3-0 lead in 15 minutes, winning one point by racing about 5 feet wide of the doubles alley for a defensive backhand, then sprinting the other way for a cross-court forehand passing winner that he celebrated by yelling and shaking his fists.

He even took time to watch a replay on a stadium video screen. Not quite the "Did he really just do that??" sort of trick shot Federer pulled against Novak Djokovic in the semifinals — a back-to-the-net, between-the-legs, cross-court passing winner to get to match point — but pretty spectacular, nonetheless.

But del Potro eventually got going, swinging more freely and taking full advantage of Federer's serving woes: 11 double-faults and a first-serve percentage of only 50.

Used to traveling without a full-time coach, Federer generally is quite adept at making mid-match adjustments and dealing with opponents' switches in strategy, but it was del Potro who realized he needed to put full belief in the strength of his 100 mph forehand and not worry about too much else.
Teixeira leads Yankees to close win over Angels

St. Louis' bullpen preserves come-from-behind win over Florida; Cards' Holliday reaches 100 RBI mark for season

The Angels' Vladimir Guerrero and New York's Nick Swisher homered in the makeup of a May 3 rainout to raise the total at new Yankee Stadium to 217 — two more than were ever hit in a season at the original ballpark across the street.

New York opened a 7 1/2-game lead over the Angels in the AL, and home-field advantage throughout the postseason. With the score tied in the eighth, Teixeira doubled off Angels center fielder Torii Hunter to landing in the second deck. Pujols followed with a drive off the center-field wall — he pointed at catcher Jeff Mathis as he ran to first, claiming interference. Hunter appeared to have trouble picking up the ball, one of his spikes came off as he hit against the wall and he chased the ball wearing one shoe. Teixeira wound up with his third strike past Figgins, who second and third with one out following Swisher's double. Melky Cabrera's walk and Derek Jeter's sacrifice. Johnny Damon then hit a bouncer to third that could have driven in the tying run. Cabrera, who was on second, jumped to avoid the ball but ran into Figgins and was called out for interference.

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Brady leads Pats’ miraculous comeback over Bills

Associated Press
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Back on center stage, Tom Brady acted like, well, the NFL’s biggest star.

It seemed to take forever, though.

A year after being sidelined with torn knee ligaments, Brady resembled a rusty game manager more than the invincible record-setting quarterback who guided the Patriots to a perfect 2007 regular season. Yet, he threw two touchdown passes in the final 2:06 as New England beat the Buffalo Bills 25-24 on Monday night.

When the spotlight hit, Brady lived up to the advance billing.

“We have a real competitive locker room, a real competitive team,” Brady said. “When you’re in a situation like we were, it’s when you really have to step it up. It takes every guy on the field to step it up. Hopefully, we will continue to do that.

But Brady needed help in the form of Leodis McKelvin’s fumble on a kickoff return after the Patriots pulled within five points.

Placekicker Stephen Gostkowski, of all people, recovered at the Buffalo 31. Brady needed three plays before hitting Benjamin Watson over the middle for the decisive 16-yard touchdown with 50 seconds to go. Just 3:16 earlier, he found Watson on a similar play for an 18-yard score. It was vintage Brady, who threw for a record 50 TDs two years ago in leading New England to a perfect record.

Two-minute drives always are fun for a quarterback,” Brady said. “Spread it out, the pass rush gets a little tired, you get a feel for the coverage, you just have to be patient. ‘I’m glad it’s over, glad we are moving on, got a win, and we’ll learn from it.’

That unbeaten season was spoiled in Brady’s last full game that counted, the February 2008 Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants. He was hurt in last season’s opener.

Now he’s back, although for much of the game he and the Patriots played conservatively, even passively. Indeed, Buffalo seemed ready to break an 11-game losing streak against New England and win for the first time in Gillette Stadium. Then came the late fireworks, demonstrating that Tom Terrific hasn’t lost his touch.

“That’s not how we drew it up, but I’ll take it,” Brady said. “We did a lot of things poorly but we got the win.”

Buffalo did a lot of things well, but got a shocking loss. Coming off a 1-4 preseason in which the offense flopped, the Bills made plenty of big plays.

Trent Edwards outperformed Brady for much of the game and threw for two scores. A 10-yard screen pass TD to Fred Jackson put Buffalo ahead 24-13 with 5:32 to go — even though its new spotlight-grabber, Terrell Owens, barely caused a ripple. Owens had two catches for 46 yards.

When the offense wasn’t doing the damage, defensive end Aaron Schobel was rumbling 26 yards with an interception for a first-half TD. Still, these are the Patriots, who have not lost a regular-season game with Brady at quarterback since Dec. 10, 2006. And they still have all those threats in the passing game, from Randy Moss (12 catches, 141 yards) to Wes Welker (12, 93) to tight end Watson (6, 77, two TDs).

Although Brady had those impressive stats, he never looked deep and struggled to convert key plays until the final moments. Perhaps that big hit he took on his shoulder from Albert Haynesworth 2 1/2 weeks ago limited Brady. And maybe his team was uncomfortable in the throw-back red uniforms or being introduced as the Boston Patriots for the first of the NFL’s tribute games to the old AFL. Something wasn’t right in Foxborough — until the end.

“It has nothing to do with his layout,” Moss said. “I think it’s just first-game jitters. I’m not making an excuse, we just had to settle down and get to playing football the way we know how.”

NFL

Simpson being sued once again

Associated Press
LAS VEGAS — A memorabilia dealer who blames his heart attacks on the stress of being robbed at gunpoint by O.J. Simpson is suing the former football star and five other men who were in the room during the heist seeking unspecified civil damages.

A lawyer for Bruce Fromong said Monday he intends to show a Las Vegas casino hotel room and its aftermath.

“We think we can prove the causal connection,” said Fromong’s attorney, T. Blake McClinton.

Fromong, of North Las Vegas, said he is still seeing doctors for physical maladies he blames on the encounter. He said he and his wife, Lynette Fromong, have suffered financially, mentally and physically.

“This has affected our entire life,” Fromong said.

Simpson’s lawyer, Yale Galanter, called the lawsuit frivolous.

“I’m going to fight this guy tooth and nail,” Galanter said from Miami, Fla. “Initially, Fromong said his heart attacks were caused by the news media. Now he’s switching his story and saying O.J. caused it.”

Clark County District Court Judge Jessie Walsh did not immediately set a hearing on the lawsuit filed Friday in Las Vegas.

It names Simpson and convicted co-defendant Clarence “C.J.” Stewart as defendants, along with four former co-defendants who were initially charged with Simpson and Stewart but took plea deals and testified for the prosecution. Walter Alexander, Charles Cashmore, Charles Ehrlich and Michael McClinton each pleaded guilty to lesser felonies and received probation.

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birds in the final day despite some putting woes toward the end.
"(Sandman) missed three or four reasonably short putts that normally he would make," Kubinski said. "I think it was a little bit of rust. Maybe he was trying to make something happen and putting more pressure on himself than he normally would?"

Senior Carl Santos-Ocampo finished the final round with the team's lowest score, a one-under-par tally of 71, and tied for 17th overall. He earned his fifth career round under par by knocking in five birdies and four bogeys. Santos-Ocampo had not played a full round under par since his sophomore year.

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against Hawaii and Nevada, even though throwing more touchdowwws passed than incomple­teds in two straight games is pretty impressive.

No one ever doubted Clausen's physical abilities, though. It was the intangibles that people questioned. Would he be able to fol­low in the footsteps of the much­loved Brady Quinn?

Saturday, in front of a national television audience and 110.000 made­up fans in attendance, Clausen, for the first time in his Notre Dame career, showed the leadership any good team needs from its quarterback.

Facing a 31-20 deficit early in the fourth quarter, Clausen had his work cut out for him. Last year, there's a good chance the offense would have folded up shop, gone three-and-out and Michigan would have punched in another touchdown or two for the big win. Against North Carolina, Pittsburgh and Syracuse the Irish failed to respond to opponent scores. This year, though, Clausen led the Irish on two touchdown drives and gave the Irish a 34-31 lead. Clausen almost cemented the victory on the next drive on a fake to Golden Tate that proba­bly should have drawn pass interference, or on an out route when freshman Shaq Evans just couldn't get his head around in time.

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Clausen's newfound leadership continued even after the game was over.

"I just told the team that this feeling right here is not going to happen again," he said after the game. "We've just got to work that much harder in practice and get ready for next Saturday."

Irish coach Charlie Weis said he liked the way Clausen, and the team, responded to the loss. "I was very pleased at the way they handled it internally," Weis said. "There was obviously a lot of good things that were trying to be relayed to the players by other players. No finger point­ing. I think that boiled well for us righting the ship in a hurry."

On the season, Clausen is 40-of-60 for 651 yards, seven touchdowns and five interceptions. His completion percentage of 66.7 per­cent is the highest by an Irish quarterback in the first four games since its quarterback.

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teams is something we should all be really proud of," Flaherty said. "I think it shows the country that we have the skills necessary to be a top team in Division III. This gives our team a lot of confidence necessary to continue these kinds of results, and shows all of us that we can play and win against some of the best teams."

Saint Mary's will start their conference competition this Thursday at Albion for the first of four regular season MIAA match­ups this fall.

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Barra, Emily Caltrider and Stephanie Boldien.

"Stephanie (Boldien) is adding a lot to our team both offensively and defensively," Kuschel said. "She doesn't look like a fresh­man out there on the court." In addition to Boldien, Kuschel is constantly raising her expecta­tions for these young players as they progress through the season.

"We are lucky to have a lot of great athletes on our roster," she said. "Now we just need to cap­i­talize on them."

Helping to guide the freshmen is a strong senior class headlined by outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski. Slupczynski has started the season off by produc­ing some big numbers, including a career-high 27 kills against Trine last Tuesday. She was also named to the All-Capital Tournament team two weeks ago. Kuschel realizes how important it is to get the ball to their star player.

"We have to get her the ball when the game is on the line," she said.

The season has had a couple dips early on this season, but as far as the team is concerned, they are primed to reach an all-time high.

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Men's Golf

Enter Sandman

Irish claim sixth at Gopher Invitational

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Josh Sandman just answered any and all questions about his return to the links after a year-long absence. The senior tied for seventh Monday at the Gopher Invitational as the Irish placed sixth with a team final round of 293, five strokes over par.

Sandman tied for the third round with a one-over par score of 73, leaving him with an even par tally of 216 overall. His total is the lowest score a Notre Dame golfer has recorded in four trips to the Gopher Invitational.

"His string of top two finishes is now at six straight tournaments dating back to when he last played in the spring of '08," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

Sandman recorded three

Junior Alex Wheeler had a bat trick while Dennis and sopho­more Rob Ray and Drew Wroblewski each added two goals of their own in a contest that saw each Irish player find the back of the net.

In its final match, Notre Dame cruised to a 14-6 win over Cross-town. The Irish overpow­ered their opponents early, going up 6-1 in the first quarter, eventually claiming the victory. Notre Dame will face its next test in conference play to be held at home at the Rolfs Aquatic Center Sept. 26.

Water Skiing

Gaines, Mich., was the site of the Great Lakes Conference water ski competition this weekend. Twenty club members represented Notre Dame and the team took sixth place in a field of nine teams, the best finish ever in the club’s two-year histo­ry.

SMC Volleyball

Belles remain upbeat despite sluggish start

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After a disheartening 1-2 record to start off the season, one might say that the tides of the Saint Mary’s volleyball team are, rela­tively speaking, deflated.

But if you ask Belles coach Tony Kuschel, she will tell you that there is a different feeling about this year’s squad.

“The sky is the limit for this Saint Mary’s team,” she said.

It’s easy to look at the poor record and scoff, but the Belles bring a mix of experience and talent to the roster this fall, which has Kuschel and her players pushing to be at the top of the standings in the MIAA this year.

While Coach Kuschel has her own expectations for this year’s team, she realizes that the fate of the team ultimately lies in the hands of her players.

“A coach can have a clear pic­ture of what they want for their team,” she said. “But the 12 of them are the ones that have to believe and make it happen out on the court.”

An exciting aspect of this team is that they are able to bring in a talented group of freshmen that are contributing right away, partic­ularly Autumn Nelson, Christiana

SMC Golf

Team takes third place at Warren

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s claimed a surprising third place finish this weekend at the O’Brien National Invitational, hosted by the Belles at Notre Dame’s Warren Golf Course. The No. 13 Belles fin­ished the two-day competition with a total of 629 while fresh­man Martyna Minerza took the individual championship with a 147.

“The real difference between today and yesterday’s perfor­mance was the deep concentra­tion from the first shot through the end,” Belles captain Perri O’Brien said. “We all knew what we needed to do in order to per­form well and we played with that in the back of our minds.”

Defending national champion Methodist University led the field going into day two, and came out on top with a team score of 618. No. 5 Wisconsin-Eau Claire was six strokes behind going into Monday’s round, but came out only two strokes behind for a second­place finish.

No. 3 Gustavus Adolphus College took fourth at 646 while No. 9 Davenport University moved up one to finish fifth with 653 and No. 8 Illinois Wesleyan was four strokes behind, moving up two spots to come in sixth. No. 7 Allegheny fell back to sev­enth at 661 while No. 4 Southwestern finished in eighth with 667. No. 6 Otterbein stayed in ninth with a team score of 686.

Minerza shot a 76 on day one, and came back with a 71 on day two to take the title. She was followed by Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s Catherine Wagners’s score of 150, and Methodist’s Susan Martin’s 151.

Saint Mary’s senior Mary Kate Boyce moved up from 12th to fifth with 89 after the first round, but came back with a 73 on day two to finish at 158.

Junior Rosie Matuszak had a solid showing, shooting 79 both days for a 158.

Junior Mary Kate O’Brien joined the Belles in the fall after transferring from Augustana University and showed potential.

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Sandman returned to competition for the first time Sunday, after missing last season with multiple injuries.

Senior Sandman hits a shot at the Fighting Irish Griddiron Classic Sept. 30, 2007. Sandman returned to competition for the first time Sunday, after missing last season with multiple injuries.

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