Jenkins announces pro-life Task Force

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins announced pro-life Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life and wrote of his intention to join Notre Dame students in the national March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. Jenkins wrote that the Task Force has been asked to "consider and recommend to me ways in which the University, informed by Catholic teaching, can support the sanctity of life.

The University, its administration and Jenkins specifically faced criticism last spring after inviting Obama's Commencement speaker to the audience.

"When we ask the audience to consider and come to a greater understanding, according to the reality of the disease while bringing the issue to the public lives of young women at the Renfrew Center," Jenkins said, noting the influx of female dorms, therapy and come divisions to foster constructive dialogue and work together for a cause that is at the heart of Notre Dame's mission."

The Task Force, according to the e-mail, has already begun considering ways to foster "serious and specific discussion about a reasonable conscience clause, the most effective ways to support pregnant women ... and the best policies for facilitating adoptions."

The Task Force is co-chaired by Margaret Brinig, professor of law and associate dean at the Law School, and John Cavadini, professor of theology and director of the Institute for Church Life.

Brinig said the Task Force has met and is currently learning about what University programs and groups exist to deal with life issues.

"We want to work with many of the groups on campus, especially the students," she said. "In other words, we want to build off some pieces that are already in place."

Brinig said it is too early to see the impact.

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'Thin' exhibit generates discussion

Counseling Center official says 10.3 percent of visits on campus regard eating disorders

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Eating disorders affect one in every seven American woman, with as many as 10 million women and one million men fighting the painful psychological and physical effects of the disease, according to the National Eating Disorders Association.

In response to this trend and as an assignment for "Time" Magazine, Lauren Greenfield created "Thin," a film of interviews with large-scale documentary photographs with accompanying biographical stories and journals.

The traveling exhibition, housed at the Snite Museum of Art until Oct. 18, follows the lives of young women at the Renfrew Center in Coconut Creek, Fla., for the treatment of eating disorders.

The exhibit seeks to expose the reality of the disease while bringing the issue to the public consciousness to spark greater discussion, awareness and understanding, according to Greenfield's Web site.

"The success that brings the subject of eating disorders to the surface where we, as a culture, can begin to deal with this thought-provoking subject in our homes and schools," the Web site says.

Steve Moriarty, associate professional specialist and curator of photography for the Snite Museum, said the exhibit has particular relevance of this subject matter here on campus.

"When deciding what we will bring to the Snite, we ask the question 'Is it relevant and will it speak to the audience here?'" Moriarty said. "This exhibit enables dialogue and gets people talking about eating disorders."

Greenfield's work has been displayed at Notre Dame prior to "Thin," with her documentary exhibit called "Girl Culture," more general in theme, exploring group relationships with their bodies and popular culture.

"There was enormous response to that exhibit," Moriarty said, noting the influx of female dorms, therapy groups and classes who used the exhibit to create discussion of the issue.

Greenfield came to speak to students during the first exhibit, explaining her work and the critical problem it addresses, while also answering questions from men and women about body image.

"When she visited here, we had an evening at Saint Mary's where she came to talk to the girls," Moriarty said. "When we got there, there were over 200 women, a huge group. She went on stage, pulled up a chair, sat down and said 'Girls, let's talk.'"

For Moriarty and Greenfield, this is the objective for an exhibit of this nature — to get people to talk about the issue and come to a greater understanding of the complexity of the problem.

Valerie Staples the Coordinator of Eating Disorder Services at the University Counseling Center, agreed.

"To me the value is it brings eating disorders to people's priority

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The class of 2013 has been touted as the most academically accomplished group in Notre Dame's history as well as the most diverse, the University has had in the past three years.

But despite the increase in overall diversity, this year's class was lacking in both black and international students.

"The success that we're having with Asians, Hispanics and Native Americans, we expect, will continue," Director of Undergraduate Admissions Dan Saracino said. "Last year was our best year and we want to continue."

This year's class is made up of 23 percent ethnic minorities — 10 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian, 3 percent black, 3 percent international students and 1 percent Native American.

The two areas where we really came up short were African Americans and the internationals," Saracino said. "Those are two groups of students that we want more of at Notre Dame."

Saracino said more black students were admitted to Notre Dame last year, but the issue was simply that fewer chose to enroll at the University.

"If we had a yield like the previous year, we would have been closer to 5 percent (black students)," he said. "The yield was in the 30 percent range."

Saracino said one of the chief reasons many black students did not attend Notre Dame was the lack of focus on diversity.
Reckers: a new view

This past weekend, I worked my first "late-night" shift at Reckers. Translation: I clocked in at one in the morning and left the building a little after four. My experience was entertaining to say the least.

Thanks to my lovely picture to the side of this column, some of you might even remember me as the girl who was standing behind the line cranking out smoothies to suit your every whim. Or, more than likely you don't remember me, ordering a smoothie, or even being at Reckers at all, but I digress.

When I showed up, my manager asked me if I had ever been at Reckers during the early morning hours. I guiltily responded that I had to which she replied, "Oh, good, so you know that karma is going to come and get you tonight."

Great.

The night proceeded just as I had expected; the place was packed to the brim with students and here was the constant observer, taking in all of the actions of my classmates as I tried not to mix up my smoothie orders and to avoid getting sticky at all costs (which was an epic fail on both accounts just in case you were wondering).

Did I mention that I was sick and my throat was so sore that I was almost rendered incapable of normal speech? Luckily my job entailed yelling out drink orders to a seriously impaired clientele; I do recall saying more than once that just because you were drunk that didn't mean you were deaf, to which I received numerous blank stares.

After hearing me yell about a vanilla shake for a solid 10 minutes, a very nice young man turned to the room and bellowed "Yo! There's a vanilla shake up here!" to which the masses were rendered silent and someone finally materialized to retrieve her drink. As I turned to say thanks, I discovered that my knight in shining armor was the only person in the room to eat a cheeseburger. At Notre Dame sweats had disappeared. And just when you think you've found a nice guy...

There were some memorable performances to be sure. A girl coming from hip-hop night attempted to reenact, to use her wording, the "Beyonce bounce." When said bounce was attempted in Reekers, all that occurred was a bouncy right onto the floor. But don't worry, she got back up, adjusted her skirt and proceeded to order a cheeseburger. At Notre Dame we're nothing if not resilient. I guess my overall message to this, when you're acting the slightest bit amusing, you'll always have an audience, even if it's just people trying to make their work night go by a little bit faster. But don't worry, chances are the next Saturday evening we have off we'll be standing on the other side of the counter with you.

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Erica Borst
freshman
Walsh
"Italy, it's someplace I've always wanted to travel."  
Fraser Desmond
senior
off campus
"London, cause I miss Wednesday nights at Fabric."
Isaac Reichman
junior
Fisher
"My bed, asleap."  
Mary Catherine Levis
grad student
O'Hare Grace
"In the choir loft of the Basilica, making beautiful music."  
Serena Cuencio
sophomore
Lewis
"New York City and the Philippines, I miss both places."

IN BRIEF

The tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium will be open for the public to walk through from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. today. This event is free.

Gregg Steinhafer, CEO of Target will deliver a lecture in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business at 10:40 a.m. today. The lecture is part of Mendoza’s Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series and it is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame Men and Women’s Cross Country teams are hosting the National Catholic Invitational today at 2:39 p.m. at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

The football pep rally for the Notre Dame vs. Michigan State game will take place at 6 p.m. today at the new outdoor hospitality village south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on the south edge of campus. It is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play DePaul at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Alumni Stadium. For ticket information call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Michael Desch, professor and chairperson of Notre Dame’s department of political science, will deliver the lecture, “International Security Studies: What the Ephgearchs Can Teach the General Public” at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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IDB official discusses Latin American economy

Chief economist, head of research says financial situation in region improving but not 'out of the woods'

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

"The worst seems to be over," said Eduardo Lora, chief economist and head of research at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C., of the recent financial crisis in Latin America.

Lora, a native of Colombia, spoke Thursday night at the Hesburgh Center of International Studies on the impact of the financial crisis in Latin America.

"We are back to levels of risk similar to those before the crisis," Lora said. "Prospects are clearly improving for Latin America ... it could have been worse."

Lora noted the important role the United States' economy plays in the economy of Latin America, citing the trade relations of the two regions. He indicated signs of financial improvement in a graph portraying the United States' economy since the economic collapse last year.

"That's a sign things are improving," he said.

In addition to the United States, there are other important economic influences on Latin America. "The world demand for manufacturing goods, commodity prices, cost of financial resources, amount of financial resources and remittances" were identified by Lora as the five primary "channels of influence on Latin America."

Consequently, the future of Latin America will rest, at least in part, not only on the financial stability of the United States, but also on the stability of the entire world market.

"The game is not over," Lora said. "We don't know how fast the U.S. and world economies are going to grow."

Though economies are beginning to show signs of revival, the United States and world economies are still relatively unstable. Latin America is plagued by a number of other factors, among which include the recent H1N1 virus outbreak (commonly known as swine flu). The disease, which has heavily impacted tourism, Mexico shows that despite the upward swing, the crisis is by no means over.

"In spite of the recovery, big risks are still present."

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Mendoza's Dean Woo returns from Afghanistan and Pakistan

Special to The Observer

Names such as the Swat Valley and the Taliban are becoming increasingly familiar to Americans as Afghanistan and Pakistan regularly make news in the violence and conflict that threaten to convulse the countries. But for Carolyn Y. Woo, recently returned from a trip through both countries, the names are only a headline. They carry strong images of the people she met, often living in harsh poverty, but with a spirit of hospitality, enterprise and hope.

Woo, Martin J. Gillen dean of the business college at the University of Notre Dame, traveled through Afghanistan and Pakistan with representatives of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) from July 27 to Aug. 5. A member of the CRS board of directors, she journeyed from major cities to remote villages, seeing first-hand the organization's relief work aimed at improving education, agriculture, health, security, and the environment.

"Woo said. "But I felt that it was extremely important to visit these places, to meet the people and see where Catholic Relief Services is making differences in lives. And despite the challenges and risks involved, there really are reasons to hope."

During the trip, Woo visited Mardan, where thousands of people are living between the Taliban and the Pakistani army stayed as they waited for the all-clear to go home. CRS has built thatched-roof shelters and tents for the displaced people, and given them hygiene kits, including mats for praying.

"As this is a farming area, space is an issue. People just camp on their relatives' property. A farmer we visited hosted nine families. This gave me a profound sense of what family and hospitality mean. While space is not a challenge, proper shelter and sanitation facilities are urgently needed."

Woo also spent time at a primary school in Pakistan's Kashgar Mountains, where CRS built at the site of a village displaced by earthquakes that occurred in 2005. In the remains of the city of Chagcharan, Afghanistan, she walked through wheat fields, green terraces grown on formerly barren land with the help of CRS irrigation programs.

In Kabul, Woo visited the organization's meeting with a deputy ambassador and staff members to describe the CRS mission in Afghanistan. During her stay, Taliban militants fired mines targeted at the international airport and other government buildings as a precautionary warning.

Though Woo primarily observed development projects in Afghanistan, she also saw signs of economic rejuvenation. "Some CRS-sponsored projects involved planting trees, wheat and other revenue-producing crops that can replace the poppies grown for opium trade. Other ventures were smaller, but entrepreneurial in nature, including a bakery headed by a woman who previously lost her 5-year-old son to starvation."

"The work that Catholic Relief Services is doing in these countries is so vital," Woo said. "There is a试题 here, too, for the power of business to change lives. As a business educator, I find this to be an increasingly important message to our students. Economic enterprises must continue to do good, not the other way around."

Woo assumed the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 1997. Her research focuses on strategy, entrepreneurship and organizational systems. She lectures regularly on individual integrity, ethical systems and corporate citizenship, and her curriculum.

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"No one — including Americans — should take freedom of the press for granted, even if it is guaranteed in the Constitution." Fosmoe said.

Lutkus said the Supreme Court case New York Times v. Sullivan was a landmark case that determined a universal definition of libel regarding public officials. But Lutkus said a new problem is arising in today's society: the Internet, calling it the "New Frontier."

Kramer then emphasized the fact that the Constitution is still relevant today.

He referenced President Abraham Lincoln's Cooper Union speech, noting that Lincoln related to the Constitution — almost 100 years after the Constitution was written — to prove the accuracy of his arguments, proving that the document still had merit a century after it was written.

"We must always have faith in the Constitution," Kramer said.

Both Lutkus and Kramer stressed there are many more freedoms guaranteed to the peoples of the United States in the document in addition to those guaranteed by the First Amendment.

"There are 26 more fabulous ones," Lutkus said. "Please read them."

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ND professor becomes Pioneer Award finalist

Special to The Observer

Ann Tensbrunsel, professor of management at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a finalist in the 2009 Faculty Pioneer Awards by the Center for Business Education (CBE) at the Aspen Institute.

The nomination program, dubbed the "Oscars of the for the financial press.

The Financial Times, celebrates business school instructors who have distinguished themselves in research, teaching and risk-taking in integrating ethical, environmental and social issues into the MBA curriculum.

"It is about, the Arthur F. and Mary J. O'Neil Co-director of Notre Dame's Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, conducts research on decision making and negotiations, with a particular emphasis on ethics. In recent papers, she has investigated the psychological processes related to the cause and consequence of behavioral forecasting errors, the impact of ethical infrastructures in organizations, and the feasibility behind uninsured deflection in social dilemmas. Tensbrunsel also was recognized as a finalist in the Aspen Institute's Faculty Pioneer Awards in 2008.

"Professor Ann Tensbrunsel's research has probed the conditions that have promised an individual's ethical judgment and behavior and helps us understand the phenomenon of ethical fading," said Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen dean of the Mendoza College of Business. "By so doing, her insights have challenged us to not just want to do the right thing, but actually to do it, and also to be mindful when self-rationalizing blunts our moral senses."

Panel discusses U.S. Constitution

By CAITLIN HOUSEY

Saint Mary's celebrated Constitution Day with "The Constitution Today — Three Perspectives," a panel designed to emphasize the importance of the document.

Panelists spoke on aspects of the Constitution that were most relevant to both their personal and work lives. Views on journalism, law and academia were combined to stress the universality of the document in today's society.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran may have nuclear capability

VIENNA — Iran experts at the U.N. nuclear monitoring agency believe Tehran has the ability to make a nuclear bomb and worked on developing a missile system that can carry an atomic warhead, according to a confidential report seen by The Associated Press.

The document drafted by senior officials at the International Atomic Energy Agency is the clearest indication yet that those officials share Washington's views on Iran's weapons- making nuclear capability — even if they have not made those views public.

Canadian bill supports U.S. deserters

TORONTO — A Canadian member of Parliament has introduced a bill that would allow U.S. and other war resisters to stay in Canada.

The bill, introduced Thursday by the Liberal Party's Gerard Kennedy, would allow other countries' military deserters to stay in Canada if their refusal to serve is based on sincere moral, political or religious objections.

Parliament has already voted twice to support war resisters, but those were non-binding motions. Kennedy's bill would be binding because it would amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

At least two war resisters seeking asylum in Canada have already been deported to the U.S.

LOCAL NEWS

Video causes rape accuser to recant

NEW YORK — A Hofstra University couple convicted for illegal adoption say they face enormous obstacles from financial scandals involving its members, including Bernard Madoff.

Jews have been embazoned the past year by the arrest of former Wall Street tycoon Madoff, who is serving a 150-year prison sentence for defrauding investors out of billions of dollars, and several rabbis who were arrested in July on money laundering charges, said Richard Joel, president of Yeshiva University in New York.

Widely distributed images showed them being led into the FBI building in Newark in realistic garb and handcuffs didn't help.

Penrod treated, accused of theft

INDIANAPOLIS — The former volunteer treasurer of the Penrod Art Society was arrested Thursday of one of Indianapolis' best-known art fairs has been charged with embezzlement and theft. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Brandon Benker was charged Thursday with seven forgery counts and one count of theft. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to 10 years in prison. Benker now lives in Tennessee. Last year, he controlled the accounts of the Penrod Society, which runs the Penrod Arts Fair each September at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

National News

Jewish leaders call for ethnic revival

NEWARK, N.J. — Jewish leaders are calling on their fellow Jews to emphasize the faith's ethnic requirements in their sermons during the high holy days. They are also asking rabbis to emphasize the faith's ethnic requirements in their sermons during the high holy days.

The muscular former high school baseball and football player is charged in the death of 24-year-old Annie Le, a pharmacology doctoral student at Yale who vanished Sept. 8. Her body was discovered five days later — stained with blood — in a bathroom but was not identified until DNA tests proved it was the woman who had been seeking to arrest a technician.

The recantation on Wednesday night led to the release of a new man who claimed she was raped by five men in a dormitory bathroom changed her story after police confronted her with the revelation that a video of the encounter may have been recorded, a prosecutor said Thursday.

The retraction on Wednesday night led to the immediate release of four men, including one student at the Long Island college, who had been arrested on rape and other charges. Police had been seeking to arrest a fifth man when the charges were dropped.

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Awareness on a different level with more of an emotional connection that draws you in," Staples said. "It helps people become aware of eating disorders as more than just a superficial thing.

Given that the exhibit has garnered so much discussion and controversy on campus illustrates the significance of the disease and its prevalence in current culture both here at Notre Dame and globally, she said. "The creation of this exhibit obviously speaks to eating disorders and their controversy on campus illustrated so much discussion and debate.

"The debate has been interesting with pros and cons, and dialogues between people in the exhibit's visitor journal," Moriarty said. "This is exhibit is NOT ART!" wrote one visitor in the comment book, to which others responded "Yes it is!" and "May I ask what you do consider art?" "Where are the men?" a respondent in the journal asked.

"Art is something different to everyone," Staples said. "It makes people think and feel something. One of the aspects of being at a university is giving students the opportunity to learn.

Moriarty said the exhibit is similar to highlighting former exhibits of war, destruction, poverty and death, which are considered art because they are "powerful images that stand together as a whole and have a message."

"First you have to define art and then see if (the exhibit) fits," Moriarty said. "No one who has made the argument that it is not art has first defined what art is."

But Moriarty said an exhibit of this nature is likely to be controversial.

"We were hoping it would elicit discussion, conversation and argument, which it has," Moriarty said.

He said "Thin" has been well-visited at the Site throughout the past few weeks, as the discussion and debate continues over the issues surrounding the exhibit.

"I think it's really powerful, as people walk through and they're quiet and that's a positive thing right there," Staples said. "It helps people on our campus ask what are some things we can do to help."

This exhibition was curated by the artist and Trudy Wilner Stack, and was organized by The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, Dallas, Texas, and Greenfield/Evers, LLC.

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Media president embodies future

Cesar Conde to oversee largest Spanish-language media empire in the nation

**Associated Press**

MIAMI — When Cesar Conde walks into a room, his youthful looks and earnest countenance have at times led people to confuse the trim executive with an intern. But such confusion is increasingly rare. The 35-year-old was tapped last month to head Univision Networks, the most prominent holding of Univision Communications Inc., the nation's largest Spanish-language media empire. Its signature network regularly ranks fifth among all broadcast and cable networks, English or Spanish.

Conde, who takes over Oct. 1, is the Miami-born son of Peruvian and Cuban immigrants who came to the U.S. "with absolutely nothing except for the spare change and the clothes they had on their back," according to their son. He is also a Harvard graduate with an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, embodying not only the grand dream but also the network's future including second- and third-generation Hispanics drawn to the network because of cultural, as well as language ties.

It is his Gen X ability to move from talk of political empowerment to market statistics to the company's latest reality offerings that make Conde such a force in shaping the future of one of the nation's fastest-growing networks.

Former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, whom Conde served as a White House Fellow from 1992 to 2001, quickly noticed something special about the young businessman.

"It was clear to me that he had great potential," Powell said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I believe a person's early accomplishments are an important signal of their future success, and Cesar has had many of them. His sense of purpose and maturity allow him to lead by bringing out the best in those around him despite his young age."

Univision, and Spanish-language media in general, have long embraced advocacy journalism providing a "we're on your side" ethos for its audience, but Conde is part of a new leadership looking to expand the tradition.

"Our goal is to entertain and empower the Hispanic community," Conde recently told the AP from his new Miami offices. "But it's that third one, of empowerment, that I feel can really solidify our unique connection with our audience."

With the support of Univision CEO Joe Uva, Conde pushed for the network's first Sunday morning news talk show, "Al Punto" or "To the Point." He also backed the network's first Spanish-media presidential candidate debate.

"We wanted to ensure that Hispanic voters were able to hear their voices on Election Day," explained Conde. "Both Democrat and Republican candidates spoke directly to the Hispanic community about issues of importance to the Hispanic community. They weren't speaking about the Hispanic community. It's a subtle but important difference."

Conde also was instrumental in Univision's "Ya es hora (Now is the time)" citizenship campaign along with National Association of Hispanic Electors and Associated Officials and other groups. He is now helping to coordinate the second phase of the campaign to ensure Hispanics are counted in the 2010 census.

Besides the signature Univision network, Conde also oversees the company's cable channel Galavisión, and its smaller network, TeleFutura.

FedEx first-quarter earnings fall

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — FedEx Corp. said Thursday it sees signs of recovery in the global economy as international shipments pick up, but warned its profit will remain weak at least through the end of the year.

The world's second-largest package delivery company, considered a bellwether of economic health, said fiscal 2010 first-quarter earnings fell 53 percent — not as bad as its prediction last week. It also reiterated a fiscal-second-quarter view that implies a modest uptick in worldwide economic activity.

"FedEx indicated it might start beefing up schedules for flight crew and hourly personnel as package volume improves, but it doesn't expect that to happen soon. It also doesn't expect to start adding back employees it cut during the worst of the downturn in the near future." "Over the last year, the company has laid off workers and cut wages for thousands of employees to cut costs," said Newman. "Revenue fell 20 percent to about $8 billion. Analysts predicted profit of 58 cents per share on revenue of $8.24 billion."

In late July its larger rival — UPS Inc. — said its second-quarter profit sank 49 percent and warned that its near-term outlook probably wouldn't be any better.

FedEx said sales are still hurt by the soft economy, as people ship slower and less often. Lower fuel costs also meant FedEx collected lower fuel surcharges — fees passed on to customers based on the price of fuel.

In its Express segment, U.S. package revenue fell 22 percent on lighter and less expensive packages and lower fuel fees. But the number of packages FedEx shipped domestically grew slightly.

FedEx's Ground segment revenue fell 2 percent and average daily volume slipped 1 percent.
West Quad Mass

Sunday, September 27th
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Join students, rectors, hall staff, hall government, and priests-in-residence for this celebration of the Eucharist.
Diversity
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they were offered spots at other top colleges. They are going to be excellent, Ivy League-type schools," he said. "We're up against tough competition." Jarred Carter, president of Waburda, the black men's association on campus, said he knew of many students who chose to attend other top-notch universities over Notre Dame. "As far as prestige-wise, just based off the name, a lot of kids are going to choose Ivy League schools," he said.

President of the African Student Association Brigitte Githinji said the difficulty of obtaining financial aid at Notre Dame forces many black students to choose other institutions. "If you're going to stipulate that they have to follow all these rules before they can get the package, they're going to go to other schools where they are going to get more of it," she said.

Saracino said the administration remains committed to meeting the full need of anyone who is accepted to Notre Dame, something that has helped the school become more diverse over the years. "It wouldn't be possible without the incredible commitment of the administration here, including [University President Fr. John] Jenkins, to financial aid," he said.

Saracino also said the University has just instituted the new Hesburgh-York Scholars Program, which has an endowment of $35 million. The program will provide 20 top students in Notre Dame's incoming class with $25,000 annually.

"It will be based on academics and it will be students who we believe have the potential to be transformational leaders," he said. "We want someone who is really going to make a difference ... We want someone like a Fr. Hesburgh." Saracino said as the University has become more diverse, it was natural they would also have to increase the funds for financial aid.

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what kinds of recommendations the Task Force will make. "We have talked about initiatives that would be internal to Notre Dame, things that might draw outsiders to us and ways that the Notre Dame community could witness to its support for life," she said.

Mary Daly, a senior and leader within ND Response, a student group that formed last spring to protest the University's decision to invite Obama, said she was pleased with the announcement from Jenkins. "It was a good step in the right direction," she said of Jenkins and the University, "It's pleasing to see that now we might be able to expect more direct involvement and support from the University administration and Fr. Jenkins himself."

Daly was the author of an April 2009 letter on behalf of ND Response to Jenkins that asked him to "formally support pro-life initiatives on campus through financial and personnel resources" and also invited him to participate in the national March for Life. "I am particularly encouraged with the larger Notre Dame that the larger Notre Dame will participate in the March for Life," she said. "We've been going for over 15 years as a club."

Law professor Rick Garnett called the creation of the Task Force and Jenkins' intention to participate in the March for Life "positive and welcome developments." Garnett spoke publicly last spring about the decision, expressing concerns with the decision. He said Thursday the announcement was a "renewed, energetic, and public commitment by Notre Dame to the pro-life cause" and said he hoped the announcement would be welcomed by those who disagreed with the University's decision.

"The creation of this Task Force is the kind of concrete and visible step that, I believe, the University needed to take in order to make more clear its commitment to the pro-life cause," he said. Garnett added that he believes Jenkins sees the Task Force as "one of many appropriate steps" that Notre Dame should take.

The Task Force also includes members of Notre Dame's faculty, administrators and one student representative.

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Pelosi: Health care rhetoric troubling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that the anti-government rhetoric over President Barack Obama’s health care reform effort is troubling because it reminds her of the violent debate over gay rights that roiled San Francisco in the 1970s.

Anyone voicing hateful or violent rhetoric, she told reporters, must take responsibility for the results.

“I have concerns about some of the language that is being used because I saw this myself in the late 70s in San Francisco,” Pelosi said, suddenly speaking quietly. “This kind of rhetoric was very frightening” and created a climate in which violence took place, she said.

Former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White was convicted of the 1978 murders of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist. Other gay rights activists and others at the time saw a link between the assassinations and the violent debate over gay rights that had preceded them for years.

During a rambling confession, White was quoted as saying, “I saw the city as going kind of downhill.” His lawyers argued that he was mentally ill at the time. White committed suicide in 1985.

Pelosi is part of a generation of California Democrats on whom the assassinations had a searing effect. A resident of San Francisco, Pelosi had been a Democratic activist for years and knew Milk and Moscone. At the time of their murders, she was serving as chairwoman of her party in the northern part of the state.

On Thursday, Pelosi was answering a question about whether the current vitriol concerned her. The questioner did not refer to the murders of Milk or Moscone, or the turmoil in San Francisco three decades ago. Pelosi referenced those events on her own and grew uncharacteristically emotional.

“I wish that we would all, again, curb our enthusiasm in some of the statements that are made,” Pelosi said. Some of the people hearing the message “are not as balanced as the person making the statement might assume,” she said.

“Our country is great because people can say what they think and they believe,” she added. “But I also think that they have to take responsibility for any incitement that they may cause.”

Pelosi’s office did not immediately respond to a request for examples of contemporary statements that reminded the speaker of the rhetoric of 1970s San Francisco.

The public anger during health care town hall meetings in August spilled into the House last week when South Carolina Republican Joe Wilson shouted “You lie!” at Obama, the nation’s first black president, during his speech. On a largely party-line vote, the House reprimanded Wilson.
Failed Ohio execution causes controversy

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Lawyers planned a new case and federal lawsuits and a request to Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland to stop next week's unprecedented second execution attempt of a man whose lethal injection failed on Tuesday.

Cleveland attorney Tim Sweeney said Thursday that he expects lawsuits to be filed before the execution, but Strickland said further delay is an effort to halt the next attempt.

"It's going to take time for all the psychic trauma to dissipate. Even if it never goes away, I think it's wrong to try to do it again so quickly in these circumstances," Sweeney said Thursday. He added that if Broom is executed again, "I think it's wrong to do it again so quickly in these circumstances."

Sweeney Cleveland attorney

Strickland to stop next week's unprecedented second execution attempt of a man whose lethal injection failed on Tuesday. Broom was complaining about his lethal injection, and the Ohio Supreme Court ordered another attempt.

"There's absolutely no question that the execution process started," said Deborah Denno, Fordham University law professor. "Broom remains at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, where the prison system is monitoring how much he's drinking, said prisons spokeswoman Julie Walburn. Officials want to make sure Broom is not dehydrated before the execution, but they can't force him to drink more, she said.

Dehydration could make it more difficult to find veins, however. Walburn said there's no evidence that caused Tuesday's problems. Another execution attempt could include the same veins they tried accessing Tuesday or other points on his arms, legs or feet, Walburn said.

Late Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost agreed to give lawyers challenging Ohio's lethal injection system in an unrelated lawsuit more time to gather information related to the Broom case. The original deadline for gathering information had passed.

Federal public defender David Stebbins, who's working on the earlier lawsuit, said he plans to interview Broom on Monday in the Southern Ohio facility in Lucasville.

The fact that Broom survived the execution "creates a singular opportunity to confirm that he, in fact, experienced serious pain in violation of his constitutional rights, not just a 'substantial risk' of serious pain," Stebbins and attorney Allen Rohrner argued in a court filing.

The only case similar to the Broom execution happened in Louisiana in 1946, when a first attempt to execute Willie Francis did not work. Francis was returned to death row for nearly a year while the U.S. Supreme Court considered whether a second electrocution would be unconstitutional.

The court ultimately ruled against Francis 5-4 and he was put to death in 1947.

Broom has a much stronger case than Francis, said Deborah Denno, a Fordham University law professor and death penalty expert.

It was unclear how far the first execution actually went and whether Francis experienced the electric current, she said. The court's uncertainty about that fact played a major role in its decision to return him to the electric chair, Denno said.

In the case of Broom, however, "There's absolutely no question that the execution process started," she said.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, a swing vote in the court's 1947 decision, also said a different set of facts could have led to a different decision.

Those facts could include "a series of abortive attempts at electrocution," he wrote. Denno said that's clearly the case with the Broom execution attempt.
Spain

Judge indicts three alleged ex-Nazis

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge Thursday indicted three alleged ex-Nazis decades after they fled to Spain to escape prosecution over their role in the Nazi war against the Jews.

The 18-page indictment says Leprich and Kumpf, who represent Leprich and Kumpf, respectively, are from Macomb Township, Mich., and that Kumpf, 84, was born in what is now Serbia and had lived in Racine, Wis., before being deported.

In Munich, Justice Ministry spokeswoman Katharina Schweda said Austria has not yet officially notified Spain of the indictments but ministry officials were contacting their Spanish counterparts about them. Still, she said there was no legal basis in Austria for extraditing Kumpf to Spain because his alleged crimes fell under a statute of limitations.

Schweda stressed that Austria had tried to make that point clear during intense negotiations with the United States before Kumpf was deported. In the end, Austria had to take him in because it was earmarked for the United States from there.

After his deportation, Kumpf spent the first few months in the westernmost province of Vorarlberg but was then reportedly moved to the Austrian-controlled area of Vienna after local authorities came under fire for covering his health care costs.

Neither the Interior nor the Justice Ministry on Thursday could provide information on Kumpf’s whereabouts or medical condition.

Spanish judges have used the principle of universal justice to go after former Chilian ruler Augusto Pinochet in 1998 and Osama bin Laden in 2003, but extraditions and convictions have been extremely rare.

The cross-border cases have angered other countries and this summer Parliament narrowed the doctrine to cases involving Spaniard victims or when the alleged perpetrator or portrait of a crime was physically in Spain. But the change was retroactive, so cases already on the books remained active.

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Belgium

EU leaders pressure Obama on bonuses and climate change

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — EU leaders issued a joint plea to U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday to back their call for rich and developing nations to cap bankers’ pay and to impose deeper cuts on emissions for a new global climate change pact.

All 27 EU nations are in “total unity” that the world cannot repeat the “scandal” of bonuses for executives and traders that triggered banks to take huge risks, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said.

“The bonus bubble burst tonight,” said Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, whose country holds the EU presidency. “We have agreed to say that enough is enough and we need to move away from the current culture of compensation based on short-term performance.”

The plea came during a meeting to decide what European nations will push for at talks between rich and developing nations at the Group of 20 summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 24-25.

Neither Sarkozy or Reinfeldt gave details of the kind of bonus cap the EU is seeking. An earlier draft of a joint statement released Tuesday bore no marks for G-20 nations to ensure bankers’ pay is linked to how well the economy is performing.

Sarkozy has threatened to walk out of the meeting if the United States and other countries don’t strike a deal to curb banking bonuses.

On climate change, Reinfeldt said that while EU leaders welcomed draft climate change legislation by the U.S. Congress, “it needs … more done to reach the levels we have in Europe.”

The EU is urging other rich countries to match its pledge to cut emissions by 20 percent by 2020. In a joint statement the European leaders called on the U.S. and others “to urgently make ambitious commitments” to deeper cuts.

Japan pledged to cut emissions by 25 percent from 1990 levels. The U.S. is considering a lower cut — 17 percent from 2005 levels or about 15 percent from 1990.

A panel of U.N. scientists has recommended that developed countries make cuts of between 25 percent and 40 percent by 2020 to avoid a catastrophic rise in sea levels, harsher storms and droughts and climate disruptions.

The leaders are stepping up pressure on the U.S. and Obama, the world’s two biggest polluters, to tackle global warming and commit to cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions at climate change talks later this year in Copenhagen.

The EU says poor countries need more money a year to restrict their own emissions and to adapt to a warming climate that could endanger the homes and food supply of billions of people. Britain’s Gordon Brown said European leaders must be forceful enough to convince Obama to agree to cap bankers’ bonuses, and must also make a bigger effort on an ambitious climate change pact.

EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has warned the United States that “the issue of bonuses is critically important to Europe.”

“It is a question of ethics,” he said. “Our taxpayers are horrified with the idea that their money is being used for exorbitant bonuses.”

EU nations want G-20 countries to threaten sanctions on banks that pay excessive bonuses to executives and traders as part of a broader overhaul of the global financial system. They say they need to end payment systems that can trigger reckless risk-taking.

huge payoffs to bankers have become a hot-button issue on both sides of the Atlantic as governments stepped in with massive bailouts to prevent banks from collapsing late last year.

New York-based Citigroup Inc., which is now owned by the U.S. governmen t as a result of its bailout, gave 738 of its employees bonuses of at least $1 million each, even after it lost 15.8 billion during the year.

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Mass. House of Reps. passes Kennedy replacement bill

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives has approved a bill allowing Gov. Deval Patrick to name an interim appointment to the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Edward Kennedy.

The House voted 95-58 in favor of the bill Thursday evening. The bill now moves to the Massachusetts Senate.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo, a Democrat, said the change is needed to ensure Massachusetts continues to be represented by two senators until voters can choose a replacement during a Jan. 19 special election.

"I just want to make sure that Massachusetts has a say that Massachusetts has their voice heard on health care, on the environment, on clean energy," DeLeo said.

Patrick, a Democrat and ally of President Barack Obama, also supports the change.

Republicans, who number just 16 in the House, oppose the bill. They point out that Democrats changed the succession law in 2004 when critics raised constitutional issues.

"I don't want to make sure that Massachusetts has its voice heard," said Rep. Michael Moran, House chairman of the Committee on Election Laws, said lawmakers shouldn't be handcuffed by past votes if they are not in the best interest of the state.

"I ask you to focus on the needs of Massachusetts not in 2004, but in 2009," the Boston Democrat said.

Other Democratic lawmakers conceded a political motive in the vote, saying they wanted to protect Kennedy's legacy, including his signature issue of expanded health care.


The bill initially would have required the appointee be from the same party as the person who created the vacancy, a Democrat in the case of Kennedy's successor.

That requirement was stripped after critics raised constitutional concerns and noted that more than half of voters in Massachusetts aren't enrolled in any party and would be barred from consideration.

Kennedy, in a letter sent to lawmakers before his death, urged the change in law saying "it is vital for this Commonwealth to have two voices speaking for the needs of its citizens."

The debate is being followed closely in Washington, where Democrats hope to retain a 60-vote, filibuster-proof margin in the U.S. Senate ahead of any debate on President Obama's health care overhaul.

Massachusetts Senate President John Kerry, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Massachusetts' all-Democratic delegation to the U.S. House also back the change, saying they need all the votes they can to protect Kennedy's legacy, including his signature issue of expanded health care.

"Obama presidential counselor David Axelrod has contacted Massachusetts officials, according to White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs. The Massachusetts branch of Obama's political arm, Organizing for America, has sent out e-mails advocating for the change.

DeLeo said lawmakers wanted to bar any appointee from also running as a candidate in the special election, but said they could not constitutionally include that provision in the bill.

Texas debates civil rights lessons in schools

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Minority activists urged Texas education officials on Thursday to not minimize the importance of civil rights leaders Cesar Chavez and Thurgood Marshall in public schools.

The debate is being followed in a plan to update the social studies requirements for the state's 4.6 million K-12 students. Two members of a board-appointed advisory panel had suggested removing Chavez and Marshall from some grades' curriculum, triggering a strong backlash from civil rights groups, teachers and parents statewide.

"Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, white, black or Latino, we all agree on the importance of education," said state Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, urging the State Board of Education to keep Chavez and Marshall in the curriculum.

"Chavez's life has long been included in public school history instruction, including in elementary school, but not in high school," said state Rep. Grace Johnson, D-Dallas, on the floor of the House. "Chavez's influence should not be left out of our history books."

"There was no debate until now. Chavez's life has long been included in public school history instruction," said state Rep. Ismael Martinez, D-Dallas, on the floor of the House. "Chavez's influence should not be left out of our history books."

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Exhibit a worthwhile experience despite disturbing nature

As the staff of WSN 88.9 FM, we were pleased to read the article tracing the history and mission of our station and the unique role it plays linking the campus to the greater South Bend community.

In that spirit, however, we took issue with Mr. Mr. Prider’s depiction of listeners to “dated” radio as somehow lazy or not technologically savvy enough to determine their own musical programming. The programs and music we play on the air provide a valuable service to Notre Dame students and South Bend community members, introducing them to new music and opening their ears to new bands, new styles of music and music they had not even heard before.

If Mr. Prider truly thinks that people only listen to radio for lack of a higher-technology alternative, we invite him to join the thousands of listeners who tune into our station’s classical, classical and alternative programming. We simply don’t need to "dated" radio as somehow lazy or not technologically savvy enough to determine their own musical programming.

“Is God sexist, because men can't have babies? Is it unfair that I can't have babies, because I am a man?”

The National Eating Disorders Association estimates 10 million females and one million males are fighting a life-and-death battle with an eating disorder, generally anorexia or bulimia.

Greenfield states on her Web site that eating disorders affect seven American women.

At Notre Dame, of the students who seek help at the Counseling Center, 10.3 percent list eating disorders and/or body image concerns as their reason for seeking help, according to Valerie Staples, coordinator of Eating Disorder Services at the Center.

As eating disorders are a problem both nationally and on campus, gaining a better understanding of the disorders only benefits those individuals affected or their families nationwide.

Regardless of Greenfield’s method, the exhibit is a way for students to educate themselves about the reality of eating disorders.

Some photographs are shocking, but they are a reality that plagues the women in the photographs as well as students at Notre Dame and other institutions across the nation.

Student and faculty members interested in viewing the exhibit can stop by the Snite Museum of Art from Aug. 2-Oct. 18. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Finding the path to God at Notre Dame

When I first made the commitment to leave the country for a year of post-graduate service, the things that I initially thought about were the confidence I would gain from being around people I would meet and how different my life would be for a year in China. But rather the things that I would be certain to miss while I was gone. I instantly knew that I would miss my family and friends, and that I would be alone in a foreign country. I was also afraid of the unknown. I felt I was being pushed out of my comfort zone; even then I knew I was leaving behind the only life I knew. Twelve is nice and all because you can get your driver’s license. Seventeen is fine and dandy because you can vote, drink, and get out of the house. Most of us had older friends to drive us to parties and movies before we were 17, and probably haven’t utilized it much. I think we should be concerned about. Although I was always with my parents, the people to become more holy ... you can do nothing.’ (John 15:5) I think that needs to be emphasized so much. "Skateboarding is a very expensive sport and you probably cannot do it all the time, but it’s the only way you can try for a year of post-graduate service the things that I would be certain to miss while I was gone. I instantly knew that I would miss my family and friends, and that I would be alone in a foreign country. I was also afraid of the unknown. I felt I was being pushed out of my comfort zone; even then I knew I was leaving behind the only life I knew. Twelve is nice and all because you can get your driver’s license. Seventeen is fine and dandy because you can vote, drink, and get out of the house. Most of us had older friends to drive us to parties and movies before we were 17, and probably haven’t utilized it much. I think we should be concerned about. Although I was always with my parents, the people to become more holy ... you can do nothing.’ (John 15:5) I think that needs to be emphasized so much. The Best is over. Wait, who am I kidding? When I first came here I wanted to be at home. I was only here for the college, but after South Dakota, dairy farming was a different world from what I knew. I realized that Christianity is not only about being or prayerful, but doing those things that makes sense unless Christianity and prayer and the examination of conscience. The world gets so caught up in those minute things that makes sense unless Christianity and prayer and the examination of conscience. The world gets so caught up in those minute things, and that’s the only thing I can’t do. ‘I’ve always been struck by the verse in the Gospel that says, ‘Without me you can do nothing.’ (John 15:5) I think that needs to be emphasized so much.
Music They Should Play at Finny's or Dorm Dance Party Playlist

By: Szymon Ryzner

1. Lights & Music – Cut Copy
2. 19-200 – Gorillaz (Soulschild Remix)
3. Blind – Hercules and Love Affair
4. Estelle vs. The Ting Tings – The Hood Internet
5. Can I Get Get Get – Junior Senior
7. Run Away – Real McCoy
8. We Are Your Friends – Justice vs. Simian
9. Pianoo – Eric Prydz
10. Ready for the Floor – Hot Chip

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Notre Dame, it is time to put on your dancing shoes and pants and start flailing those appendages. Whether you flashdance at Finny’s or get down in your dorm room, these tracks will get you feet moving.
Making it work:

By EMILY DORE
Scene Writer

"As you know in fashion, one day you’re in. And the next you’re out," so goes model Heidi Klum’s mantra on Lifetime’s hit reality show, "Project Runway," where designers bring out the best (and the worst) in the fashion world.

Now in its sixth season, Klum and fan favorite Tim Gunn recently left the fast-paced 7th Avenue, N.Y. for the more laidback, surfer-chic L.A. They’ve also said goodbye to their former network: in a switch from Bravo that more closely resembled designer drama backstage at Fashion Week than a corporate deal between two companies, "Project Runway" moved to Lifetime.

So far, this year’s cast seems tamer than years past. No one has stood out quite like Season 4’s Christian Siriano and his “Team Fierce” looks or tuba-to-care Santino from Season 2. However, with only five episodes aired, there’s still plenty of time for tearful, meltdown-filled and outdated styles that have made “Project Runway” famous.

The premise is simple. Each episode features a different fashion challenge, ranging from designing outfits for dancing dogs to jumpsuits for dogs. At the end of the season, the three best contestants in the challenges present their collections at Fashion Week in Bryant Park, N.Y. The winner of this final challenge gets $100,000 capital to start a fashion line, feature in Marie Claire magazine and a trip to Paris. The model who features the winning designer’s outfits also garner $55,000 of couture and a spread in Marie Claire.

Everything and anything has been featured on "Project Runway," with no material too eccentric for the show. Fabrics ranging from elegant chiffon to plants and flowers have been used in dresses, pantsuits and even wrestling outfits. Memorable looks include the licorice dress from Season 4, the cornhusk dress from Season 2 and Mitchell’s voted-off after being on a winning team and Ari created a look resembling a soccer ball more than a red carpet design. All in a day’s work on "Project Runway."

The three lucky contestants presenting their collections at Bryant Park Fashion Week will not be revealed until the fall, but until then, viewers can catch "Project Runway," every Thursday at 10 p.m. on Lifetime.

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Still on top in Sixth Season

"Harry Potter" is not based on anything ND-related. Shocking, I know. But I have heard (on more than a few occasions) students basely believing that Notre Dame South Dining Hall provided the inspiration for J.K. Rowling’s hogwartsian Great Hall. To whichever true guide tried to fool unsuspecting tourists with this little lie, false factoid: You’re an idiot.

For starters, Rowling has, to date, written a few books and one movie. She just inserted the magic. Shocking, I know. But it’s true. "Harry Potter" is more than imaginary dead wizards. I was a Norman!

News flash — Rowling did not invent British boarding schools, she just inserted the magic — from Bashall Flats songs to "Shrek" virtually anything starting Vince Vaughn. We don’t need to seek them out where they don’t exist.

As a student body we’re already perceived as arrogant, why do we feel the need to perpetuate this aura of self-importance by forcing ourselves into the Harry Potter world?

And, while I hate to contradict my fellow student, Notre Dame’s South Dining Hall is called an inspiration for "Harry Potter." Not true.

Kara King
Scene Columnist

"Project Runway" has become a mainstay for many fashion enthusiasts, and the sixth season was no exception. With the addition of Lifetime as the new network, the show continued to captivate audiences with its unique blend of fashion, creativity, and drama.

One of the highlights of the season was the challenge featuring the designers creating outfits from materials that were not necessarily fashionable. This required the designers to think outside the box and come up with innovative designs. The challenge was a testament to the creativity and resourcefulness of the contestants, who came up with a variety of looks that were both original and stylish.

The competition was fierce, with each episode featuring a different challenge and different winners. The ultimate goal was to design a collection that would be featured on the runway at Fashion Week. This was a pressure cooker for the designers, who had to work under tight deadlines and present their creations to a panel of judges.

Despite the challenges, the designers persevered, and their hard work paid off. The final runway show was a spectacular event, with each designer presenting a collection that was unique and memorable. The audience was treated to a feast of fashion, with each look more stunning than the last.

Overall, "Project Runway" season six was a success, with each episode offering a new challenge and a new set of designers to showcase their talents. The show continues to be a must-see for fashion enthusiasts and anyone interested in the world of design.
**NBA**

James to star in Universal Studios comedy

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James to leaving Cleveland — for Hollywood.

The Cavaliers superstar and reigning NBA MVP will make his feature film debut by playing himself in an upcoming comedy.

James will appear in "More Than A Game," a documentary about his and his childhood friend Maverick Carter. The summer, when James can become a free agent.

James is experienced in front of the screen, along with appearing in numerous TV commercials, he has hosted "Saturday Night Live."

Producer Brian Grazer is convinced the All-Star forward can make the transition to the big screen, as rapper Eminem did in "8 Mile." Grazer also produced that picture.

Chris Paul at the premier of "More Than A Game" in Akron, Ohio, on Aug. 20. James will play himself in the upcoming comedy "Fantasy Basketball."
NBA

NEW YORK — The lead negotiator and spokesman for the NBA's referees union said Thursday a lockout appears "imminent and unavoidable" following the latest breakdown in talks.

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Players' fines from 2009 U.S. Open total $31,500

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CBS microphones picked up the exchange during its live broadcast of the match.

Tournament spokesman Chris Widmaier says Federer is being docked the same amount as two other players — Vera Zvonareva and Daniel Koellerer — for audible obscenity.

Widmaier says a total of $31,500 in fines is being collected by the tournament, topped by Serena Williams' $10,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct. She also was fined $500 for racket abuse.

Daniel Nestor was docked $5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct toward a fan.

South Korean golfers Kim, Shin lead in Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO — Song-Hee Kim and Jiya Shin each shot 6-under 66 to share the lead atop the elite 20-player field in the opening round of the Samsung World Championship at Torrey Pines on Thursday.

Kim was the runner-up in this tournament last year, losing by one stroke to Paula Creamer at Half Moon Bay in Northern California. Kim started strong, with five birdies in her first eight holes on the South Course. Shin, coming off her tour-leading third victory of the year at the NW Arkansas Championship, had four birdies on the back nine.

Both are from South Korea.

Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa of Mexico and Sophie Gustafson of Sweden were one stroke behind the leaders on a perfect, calm day on the golf course overlooking the Pacific Ocean, where Tiger Woods claimed his epic win in the 2000 U.S. Open.

Referee Luis Grillo talks over a call with the Cleveland Cavaliers' Mo Williams, left, and LeBron James in December 2008. NBA officials are surrounded by controversy about a potential lockout leading into the 2009 season.

NBA officials pessimistic about lockout

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The NBA had a similarly pessimistic view.

"I'm not going to handicap it, other than to say there's always time to make an agreement if the parties want to do that," NBA general counsel and lead negotiator Rick Buchanan said. "I'm not optimistic based on what happened today. We'll just have to see what happens." The contract between the NBA and its officials expired Sept. 1 and the sides have been trying to reach a new two-year deal. McMorris said they largely agree on salaries, but the union has balked at the league's attempt to change retirement benefits.

Besides the severance and pension disagreements, the officials are resisting a league development plan for young officials.

Without a new deal, replacement officials will be used when preseason play opens Oct. 1. The NBA last season without its regular referees in 1995-96, when the caliber of officiating was roundly criticized.

"We're prepared to be locked out by the NBA but also remain open to ongoing dialogue," McMorris said, adding that negotiations have been difficult because the league "has made pretty clear they have a goal they are trying to achieve as it relates to these long-term benefits."

All 57 active referees arrived in Chicago on Wednesday, meeting for more than seven hours and unanimously rejecting a proposal the league made earlier that day. McMorris said the officials reconvened early Thursday morning to finalize the counterproposal they made to the league.

Talks previously broke down after NBA commissioner David Stern ended a meeting in New York, saying the officials had reneged on previously agreed to items. McMorris sounded hopeful of a deal Wednesday night, but little progress was made in Thursday's talks.

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SAN DIEGO — Song-Hee Kim and Jiya Shin each shot 6-under 66 to share the lead atop the elite 20-player field in the opening round of the Samsung World Championship at Torrey Pines on Thursday.

Kim was the runner-up in this tournament last year, losing by one stroke to Paula Creamer at Half Moon Bay in Northern California. Kim started strong, with five birdies in her first eight holes on the South Course. Shin, coming off her tour-leading third victory of the year at the NW Arkansas Championship, had four birdies on the back nine.

Both are from South Korea.

Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa of Mexico and Sophie Gustafson of Sweden were one stroke behind the leaders on a perfect, calm day on the golf course overlooking the Pacific Ocean, where Tiger Woods claimed his epic win in the 2000 U.S. Open.

Referee Luis Grillo talks over a call with the Cleveland Cavaliers' Mo Williams, left, and LeBron James in December 2008. NBA officials are surrounded by controversy about a potential lockout leading into the 2009 season.

NBA officials pessimistic about lockout

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The lead negotiator and spokesman for the NBA's referees union said Thursday a lockout appears "imminent and unavoidable" following the latest breakdown in talks.

Lamell McMorris said the officials made another $1 million in concessions in their proposal, but believes it's evident the league is not interested in further discussions. The officials then headed home after spending the last 24 hours meeting in Chicago.

"It's become evident that the league would not be interested in continuing conversation at this time," McMorris said.

The NBA had a similarly pessimistic view.

"I'm not going to handicap it, other than to say there's always time to make an agreement if the parties want to do that," NBA general counsel and lead negotiator Rick Buchanan said. "I'm not optimistic based on what happened today. We'll just have to see what happens." The contract between the NBA and its officials expired Sept. 1 and the sides have been trying to reach a new two-year deal. McMorris said they largely agree on salaries, but the union has balked at the league's attempt to change retirement benefits.

Besides the severance and pension disagreements, the officials are resisting a league development plan for young officials.

Without a new deal, replacement officials will be used when preseason play opens Oct. 1. The NBA last season without its regular referees in 1995-96, when the caliber of officiating was roundly criticized.

"We're prepared to be locked out by the NBA but also remain open to ongoing dialogue," McMorris said, adding that negotiations have been difficult because the league "has made pretty clear they have a goal they are trying to achieve as it relates to these long-term benefits."

All 57 active referees arrived in Chicago on Wednesday, meeting for more than seven hours and unanimously rejecting a proposal the league made earlier that day. McMorris said the officials reconvened early Thursday morning to finalize the counterproposal they made to the league.

Talks previously broke down after NBA commissioner David Stern ended a meeting in New York, saying the officials had reneged on previously agreed to items. McMorris sounded hopeful of a deal Wednesday night, but little progress was made in Thursday's talks.

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Former Detroit coach dies at 72

Clark coached the Lions for seven years, earned postseason bids in 1982 and 1983

Associated Press

DETROIT — Monte Clark, who coached the Detroit Lions for seven years and led them to the playoffs in 1982 and 1983, has died. He was 72.

He died Wednesday night at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, the team said Thursday. He had a bone marrow malignancy associated with lung and liver disease.

Clark was the offensive line coach for the Miami Dolphins team that went 17-0 in 1972. He became the Lions’ coach in 1978.

"Monte will always be remembered as a consum­mate football man," Lions president Tom Lewand said. "He knew football inside and out, and had a passion for it. He played the game at a high level and had success wherever he coached."

Under Clark, the Lions went 43-63-1 and made back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since their three straight playoff runs from 1952-54. The Lions lost both games.

Seven players were named to the Pro Bowls during Clark’s stay in Detroit, including lineman Al “Bubba” Baker, running back Billy Sims and kicker Eddie Murray.

Clark was born in Kingsburg, Calif., and starred as an offensive lineman at Southern California before San Francisco drafted him in 1959. He spent three seasons with the 49ers and one with the Dallas Cowboys before playing for the Cleveland Browns from 1963-69.

Clark served as an assist­ant in Miami from 1970-72 before becoming head coach in San Francisco in 1976, leading the 49ers to an 8-6 record.

In Miami, Clark’s 26 years as coach in Miami included the perfect 1972 season, called Clark an "outstanding coach."

"Monte was an outstanding teacher and knew how to present information to his players in a way that made it interesting and exciting for them," he said in a statement released by the Dolphins.

Clark also was on Shula’s staff when Miami again won the Super Bowl in 1973. After his coaching stints in San Francisco and Detroit, Clark returned to Southern California and director of pro personnel in 1990.

Clark served as offensive line coach at Stanford in 1989-94 and was Miami’s offensive line coach in 1995, Shula’s final season as coach of the Dolphins. He spent the 1998 season as offensive line coach at Cal-Berkeley and joined the Lions that year for the first of 11 seasons as a consultant.

After his coaching career, Clark was a football broad­caster in Detroit and color analyst for the University of Michigan. He was a sideline reporter for the Michigan State radio network in 1992. Survivors include Clark’s wife of 52 years, Charlotte, three sons and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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Hamels takes perfect game into sixth in win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels is again pitching like Philadelphia’s October ace.

Hamels has turned his season around with 10 strikeouts and leading the Phillies to a 4-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Thursday night.

"I think you have to enjoy it," Hamels said. "Sometimes, the games get a little bit more meaningful. The fans know it, we know it. It’s just going out there and doing what we know best."

Hamels (10-9), the MVP of last season’s NL championship series and World Series, allowed one run and five hits in eight strong innings. He even chipped in with an opposite-field RBI single to help the Phillies win their fifth straight game.

"There’s nothing better than pitching at home in September," he said. "The fans are great and it kind of gives you that extra motivation."

Hamels was as sharp as he’s been all season and continued a sensational string of quality starts from Philadelphia’s rotation. He finally ran into trouble in the seventh when he gave up a run and loaded the bases. The 25-year-old left-hander got Mike Morse to fly out and struck out Josh Bard to escape the jam.

Hamels retired the first 15 batters before Morse led off the sixth inning with a clean single to left. He quickly regrouped against the last-place Nats, striking out Bard, Jorge Padilla and Justin Maxwell to end the inning.

Hamels got some help in the fourth when third baseman Pedro Feliz made a leaping catch to rob Ryan Zimmerman, sending a spark through the crowd and ending the inning.

Zimmerman had a nice grab of his own when he made a tumbling catch over the tarp and banged his head on the railing to retire Chase Utley in the sixth. Hamels was looking at a no-decision until the fifth.

Feliz walked and scored on Jimmy Rollins’ two-out double to left field for a 1-0 lead.

Hamels got ahead of hitters all night and threw 33 strikes in 109 pitches. He walked one.

"That’s as good as we’ve seen him this year," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said. "All their pitchers did very well against us this year. He had it all going tonight."

Brad Lidge gave up a run in the ninth before finishing for his 30th save in 40 chances. The Phillies (85-60) moved 2.5 games over .500 for the first time since they finished the 1993 season 97-65.

"We do firmly believe that he has the best team," Hamels said.

Ross Detwiler (0-6) had perhaps his finest start of the season for Washington, striking out six and allowing one run in five innings.

"Nice, just not close to perfect," said Manager Manny Acta.

Hamels struggled for most of this season until finding his way again in late August. He’s 3-1 in his last five starts and has the Phillies feeling good about their rotation as they inch closer toward their third straight division title. When the Nationals scored off Hamels in the seventh, it ended a streak of 29 straight scoreless innings from the starters.

"This is the best starting pitching we’ve had since I’ve been here," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "Manuel’s only gripe with Hamels was that he favored the changeup too much at the expense of his other pitches. Batters know it’s coming, can wait on it and have a better chance of hitting it — sometimes."

"I can get him in a jam at times," Manuel said. "I took them a long time to get used to it." The Phillies scored twice in the sixth to give Hamels a cushion. Ryan Howard scored on a bases-loaded walk to Carlos Ruiz and Hamels added his run-scoring single. Utley scored on a wild pitch in the seventh to make it 4-1.
Harris leads Hurricanes to second ACC victory

Miami quarterback tosses three touchdowns in win, snaps four-game losing streak to Yellow Jackets

MIAMI — Jacory Harris watched Georgia Tech run over, past and around Miami's defense on the opening series of the game, barely showing any emotion on the sideline.

He saved it all for the field.

And Georgia Tech's hex over Miami? It's over.

Cool and in control throughout, Harris completed 20 of 25 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns, and the 20th-ranked Hurricanes snapped a four-game losing streak against No. 14 Georgia Tech with a 33-17 victory Thursday night.

Miami scored on its first three possessions, built a 24-3 lead shortly after halftime and outgained the Yellow Jackets by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.

"One thing I congratulate Jonathan Dwyer, was the only Miami player ever to beat Georgia Tech before: He was 4-1 against the Yellow Jackets in basketball.

"This offense is not selfish," Byrd said. "As long as we're winning, I'm with it.

Since taking a 24-0 lead against Clemson just Thursday night, Georgia Tech has been outscored 60-23.

"We just killed ourselves," Dwyer said. "We didn't play Georgia Tech football. I think we finally learned what this program needs. We realized that if we don't go out here and work hard, we're going to get our butts kicked.

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Miami (2-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) matched its best league start since 2004, outgained Georgia Tech 454-228 and set up a Coastal Division showdown at Virginia Tech on Sept. 26. Craig Cooper ran for 93 yards, Javarris James rushed for 72 more and a touchdown, and LaRon Byrd caught five passes for 83 yards and another score.

It's the first time Miami has won consecutive games against ranked opponents since the end of the 2003 season.

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Georgia Tech (2-1, 1-1) blew Miami out a year ago, dooming the Hurricanes' conference title hopes by running for 472 yards. This time, Miami handled the triple option with relative ease, holding the Yellow Jackets to 95 yards rushing — 60 of those coming on the game's first drive.

Tech's defense, ACC player of the year, fullback Jonathan Dwyer, was slowed by a shoulder injury — only a stinger, he said afterward — and finished with 7 yards on five carries. Josh Nesbitt completed 6 of 15 passes, all to Demaryius Thomas, for 133 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

"We could never get them off the field," Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson said. "In a game like that, you better maximize and we didn't. We played very poorly on offense."

Miami didn't.

Other than two late mixed field goals by Matt Bosher, there wasn't much for Miami to complain about, and the Hurricanes sauntered off celebrating their most significant win in years. Even tight end Jimmy Graham — who spent four years on Miami's program — was 4-1 against the Yellow Jackets.

Meanwhile, even when Georgia Tech caught a break, the Jackets couldn't cash in. A pass interference call against Vaughn Teaslage on fourth-and-12 from the Miami 29 extended one drive; the Yellow Jackets went for it on its final play, quickly forcing Miami into a series of frantic substitutions. Eric Menceur — Miami's sixth-year defensive end and manager — injured most of last season and was held out of this year's opener — got a big stop on third-and-6, forcing Tech to settle for a field goal.

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Meantime, Harris was the picture of cool, setting the tone for the Miami sideline.

A 35-yard pass to Leonard Hankerson was immediately followed by a 40-yard toss to Byrd for Miami's first touchdown. Dedrick Epps caught a 13-yarder for a 14-3 lead early in the second quarter, and Bosher connected on a 24-yard field goal with 5:45 left in the half.

Meanwhile, when Georgia Tech took a 21-20 lead midway through the first quarter, the Hurricanes responded with a 17-play, 83-yard scoring drive.

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NFL

Eagles still hopeful
McNabb will play

Philadelphia holding out hope after quarterback broke rib during victory over Carolina

Associated Press:

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles aren't giving up hope of having Donovan McNabb on the field when they play their home opener Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

McNabb made a brief appearance on the practice field Thursday afternoon but did not take part in any drills, after fracturing his rib on a touchdown run late in Philadelphia's 38-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers last weekend.

"Donovan is working very hard," offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said. "You know Donovan, he's doing everything in his power to get back out there, make it to this game. He's played with a broken ankle, a broken sternum and all these things. Donovan is a very tough man."

If McNabb isn't available, the Eagles will go with Kevin Kolb, the team's second-round draft pick in 2007.

"If Kevin starts the game, he's our quarterback," Mornhinweg said. "It's that simple. I don't know if I can be anymore clear. I have great confidence in Kevin."

Kolb took nearly all the reps with the first team on Thursday. Garcia and Michael Vick, who is on the active roster but still must serve one more week of his league-mandated suspension, split the remaining snaps and worked with the scout team.

"I would expect him to play at a high level," Mornhinweg said of Kolb. "He doesn't lack for any confidence and that's a good thing. That's a good thing because I'm not saying he's cocky, but if you get a player that's even on the cocky side, it's a good thing to have."

Kolb has appeared in eight games in his career, including last week against Carolina. His most notable appearance came in 2008 against Baltimore, when McNabb was benched at halftime of a 10-7 game. The Ravens went on to win 36-7, with Kolb completing 10 of 23 passes for 73 yards with two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.
High School Football

Coach found not guilty of reckless homicide

David Jason Stinson acquitted after being charged with the death of a player who died after wind sprints

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A former Kentucky high school football coach was found not guilty Thursday in the death of a player who collapsed at a practice where the team was put through a series of sprints on a hot summer day.

Attorneys said the case was the first time a football coach was charged in the death of a player. It was closely watched by those involved in youth athletics and has already resulted in changes to Kentucky law and other efforts to make practices safer for athletes.

Former Pleasure Ridge Park High School coach David Jason Stinson, 37, was charged after 15-year-old Max Gilpin collapsed at an August 2008 practice as the team ran a series of sprints known as “gassers. He died three days later at a Louisville hospital of heat stroke, sepsis and multiple organ failure. His temperature reached at least 107 degrees.

The jury deliberated for about 90 minutes, and Stinson hugged defense attorney Brian Butler after the verdict was read.

“Thats why they came back quickly, because he was intoxicated,” said Butler, who characterized the prosecution on charges of reckless homicide and wanton endangerment as a “witch hunt.” Stinson left without speaking to reporters.

During the trial, players said Stinson ordered the gassers as punishment for the lack of effort they showed at practice on a day when the temperature and heat index were both 94 degrees.

Prosecutors relied on a series of Gilpins teammates who testified that several teens became ill during the gassers, vomiting or bowing out with ailments. Several experts testified that Gilpin suffered from exertional heat stroke, which led to his death. One witness, University of Connecticut associate professor Douglas Casa, testified Gilpin could have been saved if he had been immediately after collapsing.

Stinsons defense relied on players who testified that they only ran a few more wind sprints than normal that day. Three of Gilpins classmates, along with his stepmother, testified that Gilpin complained of not feeling well throughout the day he collapsed.

Defense medical experts told jurors that it appeared a combination of heat, the use of the dietary supplement creatine and attention deficit disorder drug Adderall, and being ill were the main factors that contributed to Gilpins death, which they called an accident.

The medical experts also said little could have been done to save Gilpin because his temperature was so high for so long before he made it to the hospital and began cooling down.

Gilpins mother, Michele Crockett, said the trial told the story of what led up to her sons death and was an uphill battle for prosecutors. But because the public heard the details of what happened, the trial was worth it, she said.

“We feel fortunate that it was even brought to the jury,” Crockett said. “We can live with that.”

“Max didnt die in vain,” said Gilpins father, Jeff Gilpin.

One of the prosecutors, Assistant Commonwealths Attorney Leland Hulbert, said he hoped the case would prompt coaches to pay closer attention to their players.

“I do think some good will come out of this trial.” Hulbert said.

Some of those changes came in the months before the trial. Kentucky law makers this year passed legislation that led to a four-hour online course for coaches on emergency planning and recognition; temperature-related illnesses; head, neck and facial injuries; and first aid.

Jefferson County Public Schools also now require all athletes and at least one parent to watch a 40-minute video that touches on everything from dietary supplements to bacterial infections. Local high school coaches must attend a seminar on using positive reinforcement when dealing with students.

Also this year, the National Athletic Trainers Association issued a report recommending more stringent heat-related guidelines at the high school level. Among the recommendations were eliminating two-a-day practices during the week of August drills and giving players more time to recuperate.

“Public and private discussions of this verdict and its impact on coaches and administrators take place over the coming days and weeks, no one should lose sight of the fact that a young man lost his life in this tragic situation.” Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, said in a statement.

“This case serves as a reminder to all of us that player safety should be of paramount concern to coaches in every sport.”

The executive director of the Kentucky Football Coaches Association said the trial was closely watched because a conviction would have affected all teams.

“Looking forward on what the ramifications could have been if he had been found guilty, I would be afraid to even guess what could have possibly happened,” Jimmie Feeds said.

“Its a tragic situation on everyone’s side and we followed this with great sadness for the athlete and also for the coach involved,” said Marje Alabin, president of the National Athletic Trainers Association. “It truly puts a focus on the health care of our high school athletes.”

Sheldon Berman, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, said in a statement that Stinson, who has been working in a non-instructional position, is now cleared to return to teaching and eligible to apply for a coaching position. Berman said administrators would meet with him to determine his future placement.

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McCann homers and Braves take down Mets

Marlins fall behind in wild-card race after tough loss to Reds’ rookie pitcher

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning and the Atlanta Braves beat the reeling New York Mets 7-3 on Thursday night for their first seven-game winning streak since 2006.

McCann’s fifth four-hit game of the season helped the Braves move 10 games over .500 for the first time since May 16, 2007. Atlanta (78-68) is 4 1/2 games behind NL wild-card-leading Colorado.

New York (63-84) has lost five straight and nine of 10 to fall 21 games under .500 for the first time since Oct. 2, 2004, when it was 20-91. The Mets have 20 fewer wins than at the same point of the 2009 season, when they were 83-64 and in first place in the NL East.

Jair Jurrjens (12-10) worked seven solid innings for Atlanta, allowing two runs, one earned, and six hits, while lowering his ERA to 2.75.

McCann gave the Braves a 5-2 lead with a two-out drive to right for his 19th home run. Nate McLouth and Martin Prado also hit solo shots off R.A. Dickey.

The start of the game was delayed 2 hours, 3 minutes by rain.

Prado also had a two-run double in the third for Atlanta, which finished with 13 hits. Daniel Murphy collected three hits for New York, including an eighth-inning homer off Eric O’Flaherty. Fernando Tatis had a two-run single in the fourth.

Villarosa (2-6) gave up six runs and nine hits in five innings.

Diaz was hit by a pitch in the eighth inning.

The Braves’ last seven-game winning streak came in July 2007.

Associated Press

The Marlins have lingered in the NL’s most hitter-friendly ballpark.

“IT held up,” manager Fredi Gonzalez said. “You figure with the way we’re swinging the bats and the ballpark, it wouldn’t.”

It did, and a lot of it had to do with their inability to get to Maloney (1-4), who couldn’t throw all his pitches because of a sore middle finger. The 25-year-old rookie was forced from a game on Sep. 8 because of a blister on the middle finger of his left hand, and hasn’t fully recovered.

When scheduled starter Johnny Cueto got sick on Wednesday, the Reds decided to let Maloney give it a try.

Maloney avoided throwing his cut fastball because it bothered his finger, staying with the softer stuff.

“It was sore, but I was able to get through it for the most part,” Maloney said. “My slider was good. I used it a lot more than I had in past couple starts.”

Afterward, Maloney collected the lineout card and four balls from the game as keepers.

Right-hander Anibal Sanchez (2-7) gave up a leadoff homer by Darnell McDonald in the first, then let the Reds load the bases.

Jay Bruce, making his second start since returning from a broken wrist, hit an opposite-field single for a 3-0 lead. Sanchez threw 39 pitches in what turned out to be the decisive inning.

“IT was just trying to hit [catcher Ronny] Paulino in the strike zone,” said Sanchez, who lasted five innings. “I wanted to try to make them swing.”

The Marlins wasted chances to catch up with stringing runners in scoring position in the first, second, third and fifth innings.

“Rarely do you score three in the first like that and get no more and end up winning,” said manager Buddy Baker said.

Chris Coghlan had four hits for the Marlins, including a pair of doubles. The outfielder leads all NL rookies with 136 hits and 41 multi-hit games.

Hanley Ramirez, who is trying to become the Marlins’ first NL batting champion, went 1 for 4 with a run-scoring single, dropping his average a point to .356. Ramirez became the ninth Marlin to drive in 100 runs in a season and the first since Miguel Cabrera in 2007. He is the second Marlin to drive in 100 and steal 20 — Preston Wilson had 36 steals and a club-record 121 hits in 2000.

Dan Uggla also doubled home a run off Maloney, extending his hitting streak to a season-high nine games. Florida failed to score off four Reds relievers.

Francisco Cordero pitched a perfect ninth for his 38th save in 41 chances.

The Marlins have lingered in the wild-card race by winning 10 of their last 15. They’ve struggled against the Reds, losing 11 of their last 14 since 2007.

The Reds sold only 9,685 tickets for the game, the second-smallest gate in Great American Ball Park’s seven-year history. The smallest was 9,087 for the second game of a day-night doubleheader against Pittsburgh on Aug. 31.
Davis pitches shutdown to end Rays’ slump

Guillen fumbled as White Sox blow late two-run lead and ultimately lose to Mariners in 14 innings

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Wade Davis had just thrown a four-hit shutdown to earn his first major league win and getting the game ball wasn’t nearly enough to mark the occasion.

During the postpone television interview, the rookie got a shaving cream pie to the face from Tampa Bay teammates Matt Garza and Evan Longoria. That was followed by a beer shower in the clubhouse.

With Davis leading the way, the Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-0 Thursday night to salvage a split of the four-game series.

Making his third big league start, Davis (1-1) struck out 10 and walked two in his first complete game. The right-hander worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the first, then permitted only one runner past first base over the remainder of the season.

Hendrickson is 1-5 as a starter and 4-0 out of the bullpen.

Michael Aubrey had two hits for the Orioles, who failed for the first time in 15 games to score in the ninth. He threw 124 2/3 innings. His effort against the Orioles lowered his ERA from 8.38 to 4.34.

"I didn't get to watch too much film on him, maybe I should have," said Baltimore's Nick Markakis, who went 0 for 4. "I don't know. You've got to tip your hat. He threw a great game."

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 Mariners 4, White Sox 3

Manager Ozzie Guillen was ejected for the second time in the series.

"It's been a tough loss for us," said Guillen, who was making his third big league debut. "I got two on, and you don't get anything out of it, boy, he's got to take a deep breath and go, OK, here we go. Lady Luck's on my side tonight."

As the game wore on, the only suspense was whether Davis would go the distance.

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 CORRECTION

The Mariners lowered his ERA from 3.0 to 2.3, the second win in 15 games and only the second win in 15 games. Guillen said. "I don't have any more quotes. Seriously, am I going to say any more quotes?"

Jose Lopez and Bill Hall each homered off White Sox closer Bobby Jenks in the ninth to tie it. Chicago, third in the division, trails Detroit by 6 1/2 games and Minnesota by 4 with 15 games to play. Detroit went to the playoffs in 9-2.

With one out in the 14th, Ryan Langerhans singled to center off Scott Littledike (3-7). Pinch-hitter Koji Uehara was hit by a pitch then Suzuki hit his 205th hit of the season.

"If we don't win games, it doesn't matter what we tell ourselves," White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "There were a couple of games on this trip we should have won and we didn't." The Mariners' seventh reliever, Shawn Kelley (5-3), pitched two hitless innings.

"The story for me was 8-1/3 shutout innings for the bullpen," Manager Ozzie Guillen said. "They're every game. We have some arms down there. But they did a phenomenal job."

The Mariners rally cost John Danks a victory. The left-hander pitched eight strong innings for the White Sox, allowing just four hits and four walks. He was credited with a triple, and another walk for 4.

Mariners starter Brandon Morrow was not nearly as sharp as his latest outing and raised some concerns about where he'll fit in with the team in 2010.

Morrow again struggled with his control, walking a career-high six in 2 2/3 innings. The Mariners' 2006 first-round pick gave up three runs — two earned — but failed to live up to his manager's insistence that he pitch deeper in games.

Before the game, Don Wakamatsu (intimated Morrow could be pitching for his future. The team has been unimpressed with the right-hander's approach, mostly his inability to throw strikes and running up high pitch counts.

"We try to find some improvement in every outing," Wakamatsu said. "If he can keep getting better, that would put him in position for next year. He's definitely a candidate, but he has to go out and prove out." Wakamatsu said. "If he can keep getting better, that would put him in position for next year. He's definitely a candidate, but he has to go out and prove out."

To help Morrow, Wakamatsu even started his bat­teryman at Triple-A Tacoma, Adam Moore, who was making his major league debut.

"He's going to remember this one," Wakamatsu said of Moore's debut.
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary’s set to race at Calvin

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Belles opened their season with a solid showing at the most¬
ly-Division 1 Husky Open last week, but the true test for Saint Mary’s will come this weekend in its first MIAA meet of the fall.

The Belles will travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., Saturday for the Calvin Invitational. The meet features four MIAA squads, includ¬
ing Saint Mary’s, as well as a col¬
lection of strong regional talent, and the Belles are hoping to make a statement after their sixth-place finish at NIU last week.

The showing encouraged Belles coach Jackie Bauters in light of the difficult conditions of the 5-kilometer race. “All things considered, I was really happy with our perform¬
ance last weekend at NIU,” Bauters said. “It was a hot one, and, with a lot of our training in the morning, I think some of them struggled through it. However, the effort was there, which is what we want.”

The Calvin Invitational is slated to be dry and mild, ideal condi¬
tions for a team still trying to get its feet under them. While senior captain Megan McCowley has consistently led the Belles, a well¬
spring of young talent has pow¬
ered Saint Mary’s recently.

“We have some very hard working underclassmen, and I’m thrilled to see them perform well,” Bauters said. “[Freshman] Julia (Kenney) is a worker and always looking to improve. I’m excited for her performance last weekend and believe it will be even better at Calvin.”

Kenney’s 21:20.20 at NIU was good enough for second on the team, behind McCowley’s 20:42.69. Three other Belles fin¬
ished under 21:30, including the sophomore tandem of Arianne Rodriguez and Joanna Almond. Saint Mary’s will face strong conference competition at Calvin, with Olivet, Alma, and the Knights among the field. Calvin has taken the MIAA champi¬
onship 18 of the last 19 years, and the Belles will have to go through them to get a shot at a conference title.

The women’s 5-kilometer race begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in Grand Rapids. The smooth and hilly course begins at the Gainsy Athletic Fields one mile east of the main Calvin campus, weaving through the Calvin Nature Preserve.

“Calvin is a great course,” Bauters said. “The returners loved competing there last year. Calvin always looks to improve. I’m excited for our performance this weekend, and I love competing there last year.”

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SMC GOLF

Belles take first in MIAA tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s took first with a team score of 317 Thursday at Albion in its first of four MIAA Jamborees this season.

Freshman Martyna Minerzwa tied Trine University’s Katsy Perk for the top spot for the day with a round of 76 on the Par-72 course at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich.

“The team is improving everyday,” Minerzwa said. “We practice hard during the week and play hard on the weekends. The time we put in during the week is worth it when we take home first place titles.”

Defending conference champion Olivet placed second behind the Belles with a total of 332, followed by Hope with 341. Trine took third overall and second for the day, shooting an 87, tying her for 12th, sophomore Christine Brown an 89 and tied for 17th and freshman Andrea Fritsch a 105, giving her a share of 40th.

“We before we went out today we understood that after a great weekend like we just had that we should be confident but not cocky,” Hamma said. “We needed to go out there, play well, and back up the good scores we had at the Warren. We had great scores today and have a great start off lead in the conference this fall.”

MIAA runner-up last sea¬
son and 10th at the NCAA Tournament, the Belles are looking to take back the title of conference champion that they held from 2002-2005. Next up for the Belles is the second MIAA Jamboree at Hope on Sept. 23.

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weekend and was really impressed by their style of play. He noted that they are extremely organized and play hard, and how well they sustained their effort throughout the tournament.

In the second game of the weekend the Irish will face off with Hiram College, who beat the Belles 3-1 last year. "We played Hiram in 2008 and I feel it was a game we should have come away with a better result," Crabbe said. "They are a solid team and I think we will match up pretty well with them," Crabbe said. "Certainly traveling and playing away from home increases the challenge we face this weekend."

Hiram (4-1-1) is coming off a win over Baldwin Wallace College. Much like Saint Mary's they are looking to rebound from a less than stellar weekend and was really impressive by their style of play. He noted that they are extremely organized and play hard, and how well they sustained their effort throughout the tournament.

The Belles will also be looking to work out some problem areas before they head into their MIAA portion of their schedule beginning Sept. 30 at Adrian. "Defining the roles of players is becoming clearer as we continue to get closer to the conference portion of our schedule," Crabbe said. "Also, by playing against such strong teams we are getting a more clear understanding of how to match up in certain situations, how to read the game, and becoming more disciplined with sticking to a game." After they take on Wilmington and Hiram the Belles will host the Saints Mary's College Fall Classic on 25 and 26.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Ireland set to host National Catholic Invitational

By MOLLY SAMMON Sports Writer

Thirty-three cross-country teams from around the nation will travel to Notre Dame to compete against the Irish at the 30th National Catholic Invitational Friday.

"Friday will be good experience for the guys to run in a large field environment," men's coach Joseph Plane said.

About 230 people will run in each men's and women's divisions, with the toughest competition expected to come from runners from DePaul, Xavier and Holy Cross. As the first of two home meets and only the second meet overall this season, many of the standout members of the team will be participating for the first time this year.

"Friday's meet will be the first race of the season for many of our runners, so we are still trying to get a better idea of what we have," women's coach Tim Crabbe said. "Most of our top runners will be competing for the first time, although we will still hold out a couple whom we expect to be capable of being in our top group by the end of the season until we know they are completely healthy and ready to race."

Senior Dan Clark, sophomore Molly Hirt and junior Abby Higgins will be the only runners among the top that will be sitting out this race. For their first meet, Crabbe has stressed the team's strategy of running in groups to ensure optimal team performance.

"We will really try to focus on running together in groups and hopefully help some of the freshmen and less experienced people through the race by focusing on being with their teammates," Connelly said.

Plane began the annual meet 30 years ago with intentions of providing an outlet for the country's most prominent teams from Catholic institutions to be able to compete against each other.

"I thought it would be an interesting hook to get people together, a conclave of Catholics," Plane said.

As the hosts of the annual event, Notre Dame has had great performances at the National Catholic Invitational over the years. The men's team has won 17 out of the last 21 years, and the women have won 15 of the last 17.

In preparation for this meet, not much changed from the teams' normal practice schedule. "Our more experienced runners know that they won't be very well rested or fresh going into the race, but are still expected to line up, run hard, and compete as well as they can," Connelly said.

The meet is Friday at 4:15 p.m. on Notre Dame's Burke Golf Course.

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MLB

Angels end Red Sox winning streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Los Angeles Angels couldn't afford to give the Boston Red Sox yet another psychological advantage in their budding postseason rivalry.

One night after a ninth-inning collapse, the Angels rallied behind Howie Kendrick's tie-breaking blooper in the ninth to beat Boston 4-3 on Thursday night and avert a three-game sweep.

Brian Fuentes, who blew the previous game, earned the save and snapped Boston's seven-game winning streak. "Winning cures everything," outfielder Torii Hunter said. "I have already forgotten about the Red Sox coach Tim Connelly saying that he and I am thinking about our series with Texas."

Los Angeles improved to 6-1/2 games ahead of Texas in the AL West, and the Red Sox hold a six-game lead over the idle Rangers in the wild-card race. If the standings hold, Boston will open the playoffs in Anaheim; the Red Sox have beaten the Angels 12 in 13 games of their last 13 postseason games dating to 1986 and are 4-0 all-time in postseason series against them.

"Let's get there first," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Let's not talk about tonight or feelings to get. Our first goal is to make the playoffs."

Kendrick also homered in the third and score the tying run in the seventh, and Fuentes rebounded from Wednesday night's collapse to hand the Red Sox their first loss at Fenway in 11 games. Kevin Jepsen (6-3) got four outs, then Fuentes got the last two batters to earn his major league-leading 42nd save and end Los Angeles' three-game winning streak.

"I thought he had a nice inning last night," said Scioscia, who was still agitated over the questionable calls that prolonged the ninth on Wednesday. "I think it was good for him to get back out there, but he's been around. He knows what's it's all about, being in that closer role. He did a good job coming in to get those last couple of outs."
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our first game created a hole. This has been further compounded seeing both (sophomore) Aaron Maund and (sophomore) Dillon Powers jet off to Egypt to represent the U.S. National Team in the Under-20 World Cup. In spite of these losses, I still feel very optimistic that this squad can be very good.”

Notre Dame will open the conference slate Friday against the Blue Demons (3-2-0) in Chicago. DePaul has wins against ranked Northwestern and UC Irvine and is coming off a 5-1 win against Buffalo. The Irish will have to keep track of senior forward Steffen Vroom, who, the reigning Big East Player of the Week. Vroom leads the Blue Demons in goals (3) and points (7).

On Sunday, Notre Dame will travel to Tampa to take on the undefeated Bulls (4-0-0). The reigning Big East tournament winners have collected a string of narrow victories, with only five goals despite their four

wins. By contrast, the Irish are averaging two goals per game while sitting at .500. USF has surrendered only one goal all season, with junior goalkeeper Jeff Attinella’s .947 save percentage largely responsible. The Irish will have to keep Attinella on his heels with their sustained attack; Notre Dame has outshot its opponents this season 84-58.

“Our schedule is tough through the entire season and there are no letups,” Clark said. “DePaul doesn’t lose many games at home and then we head to No. 5 South Florida. But we are looking forward to this weekend. I feel road trips really bring some camaraderie to the team. I think we’ll be ready to play.”

While the Irish offense has given their opponents fits, injuries have forced Notre Dame to mix up its defense. The deep and talented Irish roster has given Clark some room to maneuver on his personnel losses.

“Our defense has been hit the hardest,” Clark said. “(Senior) John Schafer has already stepped up and (sophomore) Chris Sutton has all the tools necessary to be a top player. If we can sort things out at the back, then we have got some tremendous players in midfield and in attack.”

Notre Dame takes on the Blue Demons Friday at 4 p.m. at DePaul’s Wish Field in Chicago. The Bulls will host the Irish 1 p.m. Sunday at USF Soccer Stadium.

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Freshman midfielder Lindsay Brown kicks the ball during the team’s Sept. 6 win against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Stanford

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and No. 3/2 Stanford. The two losses marked the first time in two seasons that the Irish posted consecutive losses.

DePaul (4-2-2) enters Friday’s contest having already matched its win total from a year ago. The Blue Demons’ signature win came in a 1-0 upset of No. 11 Missouri, which propelled them to a No. 20 ranking in the Aug. 31 edition of the Soccer America poll, their first ranking in school history.

Junior midfielder Tara Strickland leads the Blue Demons with seven points on three goals and one assist. DePaul’s defense is anchored by freshman goalkeeper Claire Hanold, who has recorded five shutouts to date, which ties her for first in the Big East with Marquette’s Natalie Kulla.

DePaul, however, has never posted a win over Notre Dame, as the Irish hold a 4-0-0 all-time advantage over the Blue Demons. In addition, DePaul’s next goal against the Irish will be their first, as the Irish hold a 16-0 goal advantage. Last season’s contest was the closest match of the series, as Notre Dame edged passed DePaul 1-0 in a defensive struggle. The Irish win is part of Notre Dame’s school record 52-game unbeaten streak against Big East opponents that extends back to the 2005 season.

Northwestern (3-3-1) took a three-match winning streak to Detroit on Sunday night contest against BYU with wins over Loyola-Chicago, Penn and Yale. Senior Kay Sampson leads the Wildcats with 5 points on 2 goals and 1 assist. Junior goalkeeper Carolyn Edwards has posted a 1.24 goals-against average and three shutouts.

The Irish and Wildcats have only faced each other twice and have not faced each other since 1990. The Irish won both previous contests, outscoring the Wildcats by a combined score of 14-0.

Notre Dame will face off against DePaul tonight at 7:30 and will take on Northwestern on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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can count on our defense to make stops.

The team has a great deal of incoming freshmen replacing senior leadership from last year's playoff-busting roster. Keenan's 2009 roster is certainly not lacking in talent.

"We've got the advantage of size and experience this season," Keenan said.

Keenan has high expectations for sophomore linebacker Cordell Barcus said. "He's got quick feet and a strong arm.

But McHugh's arm and Browder's leadership, the players have a confident heading into the 2009 season.

"Our goal is to make the playoffs," senior captain Charles Johnson said.

"Any type of offense is successful; there is not something too often in Interhall football, with so many receivers and passing schemes.

Johnson anchors both the offensive and defensive lines. On the offensive line, he will aim to give Mob freshman quarterback Chris Delillo time to throw the ball.

The transition from league doormat to threat will hinge on an abundance of defense and receiving. Seniors Tim Lang and Nate Forte and sophomore Julian Murphy are Delillo's targets this season.

Dillon's opportunistic defense will look to exploit Delillo's inexperience when the Big Red meets O'Neill Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Carroll vs. St. Edward's

St. Edward's and Carroll will open their interhall seasons in a competition for the hearts of Lyons Hall Sunday.

The Vermin and Juggernauts return all of their starters from last year, and this has them looking forward to a successful season. Carroll enters the season full of optimism with nearly its entire roster returning.

"I think we'll do well," junior captain Andy Nester said.

"We're a good team and we have a couple freshmen who can contribute," Nester said.

"Last year was a fluke," sophomore Albert Toscano said in reference to the Vermin's 1-2-1 record in 2008. The Vermin hope to match last year's win total with a dominating performance against St. Edward's.

"We need to have a tough defense and not give up the big play," Rouf said.

"We can't make any mistakes this year, or we'll lose the offense.

The expectations are just as high for the Gentlemen this season as they expect to be playing since the playoffs roll around.

Gentlemen went 3-0-1 in 2008 before losing in the first round of the playoffs. They hope to build on that success this season, as only three players graduated from last year's squad.

"We're going to try to have a balanced offense," senior captain Andy Nester said.

Nester plays on both sides of the ball, starting at both linebacker and center.

He believes the key is trying to stop Carroll is to contain junior quarterback Brian Vafa.

"They're a good team," Nester said.

"They have a real athletic quarterback. We have to account for that when we play them Sunday if we want to win.

By the end of the weekend, one team will have all of Lyons Hall on its side while the other will need to play better the rest of the season in order to earn a berth in the playoffs.

Carroll and St. Edward's will face each other Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Morrissey vs. Alumni

Alumni's defense will challenge Morrissey's high-power offense in a clash of styles Sunday.

Last season Morrissey's deep passing game hurt Alumni, but the Dawgs are ready with an improved defense this year.

Alumni is counting on them to essentially play disciplined defense and not get burned deep, junior captain Patrick Rushford said.

Morrissey hopes to surpass Alumni's defense with its talented offense.

"We are going to come at them hard with a balanced attack offensively," senior captain Tim Cahill said.

"Both the run and the pass will be utilized in order to keep them on their toes.

"The freshmen have come out willing to compete and make an impact for the team," Rushford said.

"Everyone really wants a successful season and is committed to making it a reality.

Morrissey hopes its veterans, including senior quarterback Danny Deveny, can lead the team to a strong start of the season. Sunday will be the first snaps Deveny takes with his Interhall team, but he did play at St. Olaf's College before coming to Notre Dame.

As for Morrissey's team spirit, they have already had an 8 a.m. practice, an accomplishment, Rushford said.

"We are all friends and enjoy giving each other a hard time on and off the field," Cahill said.

"That chemistry translates very well on game day as a trust in each other.

Yahus and Morrissey's high-powered offense will test Alumni's stringent defense Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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**ND Volleyball**

Notre Dame to take on Hurricanes, Seminoles in Florida

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads to the Seminole Tri-Tournament hosted by Florida State this weekend in Tallahassee to take on the No. 19 Seminoles and Miami. The Irish are coming off a two-match winning streak after sweeping Notre Dame/adidas Invitational last weekend.

Notre Dame (5-3) defeated Wisconsin 3-1 (15-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18) last Friday for the first Irish victory over the Badgers since 1987 and the end of a losing stretch for the Notre Dame team. After taking a day off, the Irish won their second straight victory Sunday, the one a 3-0 win over New Mexico. Notre Dame swept again (25-18, 25-19, 25-19) in the two squads’ first meeting.

This weekend presents the Irish with another opportunity to take on non-conference competition and go up against another ranked team. Earlier this season, Notre Dame defeated No. 11 Stanford and lost to No. 6 Michigan.

The Irish start competition Saturday against the Hurricanes (7-2), the first time the teams have met since the Big East championship in 2003. Notre Dame leads the series 3-1, winning each of the last three meetings.

Miami’s loses this season have been to in-state rivals USF and Florida International, however they did gain a 3-0 victory over Albany last weekend. The Hurricanes are coming off their second-best season with a 26-6 record, which was still not enough for them to appear in the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame will face No. 19 Florida State this weekend for the first time since 2000, with the Irish leading the series 2-1. The Seminoles (9-1) moved up from No. 22 this past week when they won all of their three matches last weekend in the FIU/Miami Invitational. Their only loss this season was to No. 5 Florida on Aug. 31.

Notre Dame hopes to keep their winning streak going and have high hopes for this weekend. Competition begins for the Irish at 2 p.m. Saturday in Tallahassee against the Hurricanes.

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**Men’s Interhall Football**

Starting off strong

Keenan opens season Sunday vs. Keough

By KEVIN BALDWIN, CHRIS ALLEN, JOHN HELMS, COLIN OWENS and MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writers

Two teams are out to redeem themselves in this season, with last year’s runner-up Keenan eyeing a return to the championship game as Keough simply hopes to win a game.

Keenan sophomore captain Terry Mahoney is confident that his team’s balanced offense and solid defense will prevail on Sunday.

“We’ve got speed on the outside and the line will be strong,” Mahoney said. “We have a lot of depth in the backfield. The returners are looking good. In the secondary, we have some good athletes.”

Keenan senior running back Jim Zenker pushes for extra yards in last year’s championship game against Siegfried. The Knights open their 2009 season Sunday against Keough.

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**Men’s Soccer**

Irish open Big East season

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

If the Irish plan on going somewhere this season, they had better get going soon.

No. 21 Notre Dame sits at a middling 2-2-1 as they head on the road this weekend to take on two Big East foes, DePaul and No. 5 South Florida. The Irish won consecutive Big East titles in 2007 and 2008, but currently sit at fourth in the Big East Blue Division.

Notre Dame will attempt to pick up road wins against a tough pair of conference opponents while missing several key players on the Irish roster. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he believes that his team can fight through the losses.

"It certainly has not been an easy start to the season," Clark said. "Lost in five years into Cory Bellas 10 minutes into..."
COMMENTARY

Not sneezing at MSU rivalry game

Michigan State may not be the most storied rival in Notre Dame football history — that distinction would belong to USC — and the Spartans are not Notre Dame’s most hated enemy — we visited them last week. No, the series with the Spartans doesn’t have the glitz and glamour of the Irish-Trojan rivalry, or the good of fashioned hate of a Spartans but the fun facts about the last time distinction would belong to lost in the renovated Notre USC said in a press conference consume you. Clausen again. I’d much rather look forward that’s in the past. That happened Saturday, and we are losing streak on their minds. December and, in addition to Dame had a not-so-little bowlcolumn are those of the author swerner@nd.edu

Football Recruiting

Five players to visit ND for game

By MATT GAMBER

A rebound win against Michigan State would go a long way for Notre Dame, as the Irish fight to remain competitive in the recruiting battles for some of the nation’s top high school seniors.

Notre Dame will host four recruits — including one verbal commitment — on official visits this Saturday, and the nation’s top offensive lineman will also make an unofficial visit to campus as the Irish challenge the Spartans.

Free safety prospect David Amerson is one of three defensive players high on the Irish’s recruiting board that will visit Notre Dame this weekend. ‘He’s extremely athletic for a free safety,” said Mike Frank, a Notre Dame recruiting analyst who runs the ESPN-affiliated website irishsportsdaily.com. ‘A lot of people think he’s good enough to play corner, and yet he has the size of a big safety. When you look, he can run and make a whole lot of plays, and he has made a lot of plays already this year.’

At 6-foot-2, 180 pounds, Amerson has room to bulk up, but has dominated his high school competition after only one full season of competitive football. The Greensboro, N.C., product had nine interceptions in leading his high school to a state championship.

‘I’ve long thought Notre Dame has a real chance to land him. His personality should fit in well with everybody that is there and all the players,” Frank said. ‘A commitment from him would be a big thing. I’m not going to say it’s going to happen, but I think there’s a chance it could happen.’

Monostrosous defensive tackle Louis Nix has ‘lady luck’ with a verbal commitment to play for Miami next season. But the 315-pounder from Jacksonville, Fla., will make an official visit to c a m p u s s a t u r d a y with the option to potentially recommit to Notre Dame.

Nix spent three days at a Notre Dame camp this summer and was impressed enough with the program’s facilities to grant the Irish a coveted official visit, Frank said. ‘A lot of people think if it isn’t Miami, it’ll be Notre Dame. Miami has the inside track with the verbal, but he seems to have a keen interest in Notre Dame,” Frank said. ‘How he fits in with the students and the Notre Dame players will have a lot to do with whether Notre Dame is really in this race.’

Elite corner Toney Hurd is a highly regarded defensive standout who will make his official visit to Notre Dame for the Michigan State game. Hard doesn’t plan to make his final college choice until January’s Under Armour All-American Game, but Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Notre Dame look to be the Missouri City, Texas, senior’s top three, irishillustrated.com reported. ‘He’s a very, very good student,” Frank said. ‘He’s never been to Notre Dame, so it’ll be interesting to see his reaction. I would assume the academic side of things will certainly be impressive to him.’

Wide receiver Bennett Jackson, who has already signed with the Irish, will visit Notre Dame from his hometown of Hazzlet, N.J. ‘He’s a wide receiver they like quite a bit, someone who can run really well,” Frank said. ‘He’s a four star, stretch the field type of guy.”

Matt James, one of the nation’s top defensive line­man prospects, will take an unofficial visit to Notre Dame this weekend. The 6-foot-7, 280-pounder from Cincinnati, Ohio, is favoring Notre Dame, Cincinnati and Ohio State, Frank said.

For more on Irish recruiting, check out Mike Frank’s irishsportsdaily.com. E-mail Mike at mikefrank18@she­dailymail and tell him The Observer sent you.

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One last chance

Senior right tackle Sam Young leads veteran Irish offensive line into rivalry game with MSU

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

There’s very little Sam Young hasn’t seen in his 40 starts.

It was there for the comebacks against Michigan State and UCLA in 2006, and there for every painful game of 2007. He’s been a starter on a team that went to the Sugar Bowl, a team that finally broke the bowl losing streak in Hawaii, and a team that tied for the worst record in school history.

So when it comes to the ups (like a blowout win over Nevada) and downs (like a heartbreaking loss on the road to Michigan) of a season, there’s hardly anyone more prepared.

"After that kind of loss, you’re upset, and it’s OK to be upset, and sometimes a good thing." Young said. "But you have to forget about it the next day and throw yourself into work."

Young has come a long way from his freshman season, a year in which he said he rolled heavily on his veteran teammates. A consensus five-star recruit coming out of powerhouse high school St. Thomas Aquinas in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Young became the first true freshman to start a season on Notre Dame’s offensive line since freshman became eligible in 1972.

"There were so many guys that helped me out, on the offensive line my guy was Armando (Armando retired or any seniors, the poise we have behind the line had to work."

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"We don’t want the coaches having to yell at us, we don’t want Eric, coach, myself, whoever, after a game to say ‘You know, we wish we had done better last week’. That has to stop in practice, we have to correct that and that has to start from the players."

Physically, Young said he has been impressed with how the team has responded to its first setback on the season.

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"Looking back, the pain we showed at the end of the game last week, that team [in 2005] had that as well. Going into those last couple plays where it could go either way, we had ice water running through our veins," Young said. "It’s a big game every time we play them."

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Entering this season one major change for Young and the offensive line was the addition of coach Frank Verducci to replace John Latina. Young said he definitely feels the line has made strides under Verducci’s tutelage and with new blocking schemes.

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Young said he’s been inspired by the performance of the team and offensive line as a unit in 2007 served as a huge point of motivation for 2008.

"We had to work our rear ends off in winter conditioning, in spring ball and in the summer to improve," Young said. "Everyone worked together to put in a lot of hours and get better.

"The offensive line certainly did improve in 2008, with Young playing a large role. The much-maligned unit allowed only 22 sacks in pass protection, although run blocking still proved to be a challenge.

"As you play more and more, the game slows down a lot," Young said. "You start seeing little keys you never saw before, tons of things you never noticed."

Entering 2009 the Notre Dame offensive line had 100 career starts from its returning unit. Led for the most in the NCAA. Thirty-eight of those starts came from Young, who has been a leader on the deep and experienced unit.

"He obviously has so much experience on the field, he’s been around for so long," sophomore guard Trevor Robinson said. "He has a really good ability to gather information before the snap, and the more information you have the better you expect and less likely you are to be surprised. He uses that help is my technique. It’s something I haven’t heard before and a lot of the guys on the line have heard. It’s a different way of doing things."

Young’s performance through two games, the Irish agree has been impressive.

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Young said of Verducci in the spring. "He’s a technician." Young said of Verducci in the spring. "For me that’s a really good thing because I think that’s something that I’ve been lacking in my technique. It’s something that I needed to work on. It’s a different perspective. There’s a lot of stuff he brings to the table that I haven’t heard before and a lot of the guys on the line have heard. It’s a different way of doing things."

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Irish right tackle Sam Young glares at a Nevada player after having his helmet knocked off during Notre Dame’s 35-0 win Sept. 5.
**Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

**Record:** 1-1  
**AP:** NR  
**Coaches:** NR

5th season at Notre Dame  
career record: 30-22  
30 at home: 19-13 against MSU: 1-3

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**Head-to-Head**

**Notre Dame Offense vs. Spartans Defense**

**Statistical Leaders**

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**Irish Insider**

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Notre Dame finally gets a leg up in this rivalry.

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**Michigan proved to be a tougher test for the Irish passing game, but only by a little. Jimmy Clausen had another spectacular performance in front of a hostile crowd of over 110,000, throwing for 336 yards and three touchdowns. The offensive line did not allow a sack for the second straight game, and while Michigan was able to bring pressure at times, Clausen looked very calm moving around in the pocket and getting rid of the ball when he had to.**

**Michael Floyd is still yet to be contained this season, as he torched the Wolverines for 131 yards and a score before receiving 15 stitches in his knee. Floyd is expected to be fine to play the entire game against the Spartans Saturday.**

Dan LeFevour torched the Michigan State secondary in Central Michigan's upset, racking up 328 yards and three touchdowns. The Spartan secondary is deep, but should be outmatched by Notre Dame's talent and size.

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**Irish vs. Spartans**

**Irish Offense vs. Spartans Defense**

**The defense isn't the problem. The rushing game has shown remarkable productivity this season and will continue to do so. Neither of Michigan State's D-ends weigh more than 260 pounds, and Paul Duncan weighs a shade more than this. Armando Allen will run well. Clausen, Floyd, Tate and Rudolph work effectively, as they have in the past two games. The questions arise on defense: can they stop the run? Can they clamp down to finish a game? I think the defense can, whether they make personnel changes or not. The Irish take an early lead, and Michigan State battles back. But Notre Dame remains the better team and hangs on to win.**

**Charlie Weis kept Michigan off guard for nearly the entire game, and was able to establish the run game for one of the few times in his career. The statue of liberty play on the first series was a great indicator of Weis' creative ability and a great call.**

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Sophomore Kirk Cousins won the starting quarterback job for the Spartans over classmate Keith Nichol, and has been solid but not spectacular in controlling the offense. Cousins has 347 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions on the year.

Michigan State returns its top three wide receivers from last season, and senior Blair White has quickly notched two touchdowns and no interceptions on the target.

The Spartans rushed for just 3.4 yards per carry against Central Michigan, and should also spread out carries with redshirt freshman Larry Capers and true freshman Edwin Baker. The Irish struggles against the run continued against Michigan as Brandon Minor and Tate Forcier ran wild in the second half. The tandem combined for 176 yards against Notre Dame, and as a team the Wolverines rushed for 138 yards per game, a total that will be the primary receiving target.

The Irish secondary struggled against Michigan's passing game, especially on the stretch. Notre Dame's inability to bring the heat against a less evasive quarterback and force Cousins to bounce out of the pocket or find the right open receiver have usually been consistent in the loss, at times containing the spread offense but going through lapses late in the game, including allowing more than 100 yards rushing in the third quarter.

EDGE: MICHIGAN STATE

Spartans Offense vs. Irish Defense

Redshirt freshman Calton Bay has received the majority of the carries for the Spartans, rushing for 122 yards on 23 attempts through two games. As a team Michigan State has run for 138 yards per game, a total inflated by 175 yards against Division I-AA foe Montana State.

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The Irish allowed an uncharacteristic 175 yards rushing against Michigan, and Tausch needs to get more distance on his kickoff returns. Senior kicker Brett Swenson converted 22 of 22 field goals last season and is a perfect four-for-four this year. In a close game, Swenson's experience could give the Spartans an edge. Junior punter Aaron Bates has averaged 48.9 yard per punt this year, and has had every punt called for a fair catch.

EDGE: EVEN

Jon Tenuta's aggressive defense struggled to tackle against the Wolverines, but the game plan was not the issue. The Irish are still trying to figure out defensive personnel and packages that best fit their talented but young front seven.

Don Treadwell's offenses have usually been conservative against the Irish but won by playing mistake free football. Tenuta will hope his pressure on a less elusive quarterback will give the Irish the edge.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

I wasn’t sure I believed Charlie Weis when, after Saturday’s loss, he said that this team was different than the last two and would be capable of bouncing back from a tough defeat. But the more I think about it, the more I believe the Irish will roll on from here. Notre Dame will come out hungry and physically dominate Michigan State on the offensive side of the ball. Michael Floyd and Armando Allen should both be healthy and ready for big days, along with Jimmy Clausen, Golden Tate and Kyle Rudolph.

Weis said to look for some changes on the offensive side, and while the Irish won’t completely shut down the Spartans’ offense, this one won’t be close at any point.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38, Michigan State 14

Considering I was four the last time the Spartans won at Notre Dame Stadium, I can’t say this game will be a walk in the park. Michigan State always plays the Irish tough, especially in South Bend. That being said, though, there’s a certain point where Notre Dame just has to out-talent other teams, right? With no Jason Witten and a first-year quarterback, the Irish should at least be able to contain the Spartan offense. On the other side of the ball, well, we’ve all seen what Jimmy Clausen and company are capable of. In the bigger picture, this is a game Charlie Weis absolutely has to win. Last week’s loss didn’t help his job security, and a 1-2 start could begin the final countdown.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Michigan State 17
A quick glance at the stats indicate that Notre Dame holds a 44-27-1 advantage in the all-time series with Michigan State — a pretty good marker of success for the Irish program. But anyone who has watched Notre Dame's match-ups with the Spartans over the past decade or two knows it hasn't been that pretty for the Irish.

"We know Michigan State is a good football team, and you guys are all aware of the history that they have in this place," McCarthy

Irish safety Kyle Smith said. "From my perspective, I don't really look back to what happened in 1993 or anything like that."

"Really the only thing that's been somewhat within our control is what's happened since we've been here," Smith said. "From our perspective, I don't really look back to what happened in 1993 or anything like that.

"So for me, it's just focusing on what I've been here and what I can do and our team can do to hopefully switch that in the other direction."

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The Observer's Moments You Should Remember in the ND-MSU Series

2006: No. 12 Notre Dame 40, Michigan State 37
It took a rain-soaked miracle comeback for Brady Quinn and the heavily favored Irish to escape East Lansing. Terrail Lambert took an interception of Drew Stanton 27 yards to the house to give Notre Dame the lead with 2:53 to play, and Lambert sealed the victory with another pick on Michigan State's final drive, prompting one of the best tirades in recent memory from Detroit radio man Mike Valenti ("Maaaaaaake plays!")

2005: Michigan State 44, No. 12 Notre Dame 21 (OT)
The Spartans withstood a furious Irish rally, hanging on to win in overtime before planting the Michigan State flag at midfield in Notre Dame Stadium. Quinn set career highs with 487 yards passing and five touchdowns, but that wasn't enough for Notre Dame to come all the way back from a 21-point third-quarter deficit. The Irish managed only a field goal on their opening overtime possession, and Michigan State's Jason Teague scored on a 19-yard run to hand Charlie Weis a loss in his first game at Notre Dame Stadium.

2002: No. 12 Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 17
Quarterback-turned-wide receiver Arnaz Battle took a short pass from Jeff Smoker with 1:10 to play on their own 30, but coach Ara Parseghian opted not to risk a turnover with starting quarterback Terry Hanratty knocked out. Notre Dame instead ran out the clock to preserve the tie en route to a 9-0-1 season and a national championship.

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Dantonio has Spartans ready to compete

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Mark Dantonio certainly knows how to forget last week’s problems and bury the pain in Xs and Os. “If I sat down and said, hey, you got to play cover four, wizard red magic, those types of things — it means nothing to anybody here,” he said Tuesday.

What?

“When you run a cut route, have a moving tray, it means nothing to anybody sitting here or any fans, but it means something to our players,” he went on.

Spell-casting and moving trays aside, Dantonio’s point, he said, was that his team knows it has problems but if the players are truly invested in the program, the Spartans can fix them.

“We have to re-gather ourselves and find strength in each other,” he said.

As much as Charlie Weis knows the importance of Saturday’s game, Dantonio does too. “This is a big rivalry game for us,” he said.

Dantonio has run into former Spartans from years past who talk about their memories of playing Notre Dame. “They all talk to you about the past games and what it’s all meant to them, so it’s a very important game,” he said.

Dantonio, who took over Michigan State on Nov. 27, 2006, after six years as an assistant, is in his third season with the Spartans. He’s enjoyed good fortune over the Irish, winning the two games he’s coached against Notre Dame. But then, Michigan State has done well as a whole against the Irish. Notre Dame has only won three games against the Spartans since 1997.

What’s more, Notre Dame hasn’t beaten Michigan State in South Bend since 1993 — when Michael Floyd was three.

Dantonio chalked it up to fundamentals, but acknowledged other factors were at work in Michigan State’s success. “Things have happened,” he said. “We’ve not turned the ball over. We’ve done things that allow us to win.”

But he said, “I’m sure there is an emotional edge to both teams when you play in this game.”

The Spartans lost a close game to Central Michigan last Saturday. A missed field goal by Central Michigan should have ended the game, but an offsides penalty gave the Chippewas a second chance and they converted, winning 29-27.

Dantonio said he and the team will move on. “We’ll focus on the future. Right now, the focus is on Notre Dame,” Dantonio said.

Dantonio, like Weis, had to deal with a team that was down in the dumps after a tough, final-minute loss. And like Weis, Dantonio said he felt good about where his players were Sunday. “So what we have to do is understand that this is a game. I know [the outcome] of it influences a lot of people, but at the same time, you move forward and you play the next game,” he said. “That’s what we’ll do.”

Good thing to remember for Colin Neely, the guilty party who jumped offsides and gave Central Michigan another shot. “Colin is having a tough time right now, much like all of us,” Dantonio said. “All I’ve asked our team to do and what I do is ask what could I have done differently? There are things that happened prior to that snap where we could have gotten out of this game and won the football game.”

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