College Football Hall of Fame to move to Atlanta

South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke says change is a disappointment, presence was an asset to the community

By JENN METZ

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke confirmed the College Football Hall of Fame will be relocated to Atlanta, Ga., and expressed disappointment about the move in a press conference Wednesday morning.

"The Hall of Fame has been a great asset for our community, providing national exposure and contributing to the revitalization of downtown," he said.

The National Football Foundation (NFF) sent a termination notice to Luecke Tuesday and officials also traveled to South Bend to share the decision in person.

The NFF wrote of the decision to relocate in the notice: "We take this action not because of any failure on your part, but because we now have an opportunity to take the exposure of the Hall of Fame to an entirely new level."

The news of the relocation first broke Tuesday, according to a South Bend Tribune report, when Atlanta media wrote of the deal online, citing local government and NFF sources.

"I have deep respect and appreciation for the work that the staff of the Hall has done creating a great attraction in South Bend," Luecke said. "But it's also uplifting to see how people's lives can be rebuilt. To see green grass and blue skies, to see hope in someone's eyes, that's what this is all about."

The move will also raise awareness for the group and give students an opportunity to volunteer at one of the nine NPH orphanage sites throughout the Americas.

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New service club focuses on Honduras

By CARLY LANDON

Siblings Michael and Tricia Daly recently had the unique experience of helping to form an organization giving Honduran orphans and their community local access to state of the art surgical care through the work of their father, Dr. Peter Daly, who graduated from the University in 1962.

Now they are giving the Notre Dame community the opportunity to get involved through their new club, Friends of the Orphans (FOTO).

"My brother and I went to Honduras because our parents wanted to expose us to third world poverty and we ended up having a life changing experience," Saint Mary's junior and FOTO co-founder Tricia Daly said. "Through FOTO we wanted to instill that service within the students and share with everyone else here what we have learned and experienced."

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The birth and death of a dream

Some men are motivated by money, some by fame, some by faith. My friend Pat is motivated by his desire to conquer all comers in trivial contests of will. Over the summer, an acquaintance of mine claimed he had eaten a ten-patty bacon cheeseburger with fries from Five Guys. If you haven’t been, imagine the most heart-stopping-inducing burger you have ever seen with a side order of about three pounds of fried potato.

Pat, the self-appointed master of eating contests, immediately set a date to top the feat, aiming for twelve patties of artery-clogging glory with fries. Pat — the man who had once eaten three-entrees and ice cream in one sitting at a restaurant just to spite the waiter — had chosen a new mountain top. As the day drew near, Pat had a new spring in his step. He had a goal, a mis­
erion that I depended on.

After he said those words, I realized that I was naive. I was sure that the world would fall apart without his belief in dreams as much as he did.

With Pat’s progress slowed to a crawl, he had eaten nine of his twelve patties, along with half of the fries. Each bite took minutes to swallow. His eyes had become glazed and bloodshot. His shoulders drooped.

“Guys... I really don’t how much more of this burger I can eat.”

After he told those words, I realized something. I was witnessing the death of a dream — the death of what made Pat who he was. He would never be the same after this day.

I decided to leave.

Pat walked out of that Five Guys a man beaten down by his own impossible dream, and the world felt a little dim­mer to me for it.

A few days later, Pat would learn that the boy who claimed he had eaten ten patties and an order of fries had lied. He faces thirty to fifty years in prison for stealing more than thirty thousand DVDs that moved through a DVD pack.

Patre police spokesman Lt. Frank Vanore says Strain’s boss told him to get rid of cornrows. Strain’s hat did not. Strain was "professional."
STUDENT SENATE

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Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution that honored lacrosse coach Rich O'Leary for his contributions to Notre Dame as well as gave updates on Eddy's Street Commons at its meeting Wednesday.

O'Leary helped bring the intramural program at the University, advanced the Bengal Bowl boxing club and was the first varsity men's lacrosse coach, Oversight Chair Kevin Kimberly said.

O'Leary recently passed away at the age of 62 after a battle with cancer, the resolution said.

"Rich was really a great man and a true Notre Dame man, in terms of what he did for student life on this campus. I can't think of very many people that have had the impact on students and student life as an individual as Rich did," assistant vice president for Student Affairs Brian Gouhill said.

"I consider him a mentor personally and someone to acquire to in the way he dealt with students. Truly, I am pleased that you guys are doing this and I know that it would mean a lot to Rich's family," he said. "He was a special person." O'Leary's involvement in intramural sports led Notre Dame to be given the distinction of best intramural program in the nation twice by "Sports Illustrated," the resolution said.

It also said that in O'Leary's eight-year term as varsity men's lacrosse coach, he won five division titles. He also served as head coach of the club lacrosse team.

"This is kind of our way of honoring what he did for Notre Dame," Kimberly said.

Student body president Grant Coughlin was the first varsity men's lacrosse coach, Oversight Chair Kevin Kimberly said.

"Rich's terms of what he did for student life on this campus, it's really cool area.

In an e-mail to the student body Tuesday, Schmidt said the following businesses will be open by the middle of October: Hot Box Pizza, Chipotle, Hammes Bookstore and Café, Outpost Sports, Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Anytime Fitness.

"It's really nice. They went to town on it," Krouth representative Marc Anthony Rosa said.

"When you get there you just feel dirty because everything is so nice." All retail spots have not been filled, however, and Eddy Street Commons will be open to suggestions from students, Schmidt said. He said they are looking for retail suggestions, not restaurant suggestions.

Current suggestions include Urban Outfitters, American Apparel and J. Crew. A beauty store that would sell popular makeup brands like Smashbox and Bare Essentials was also suggested, student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

"I think it's nice that students can have a sense of a little bit of ownership," Schmidt said. "I think that's important." Schmidt said that Eddy Street Commons does not plan to accept Domer Dollars.

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sharing with everyone the good news of God's present-day miracles, NPH," he said.

Michael and Tricia embarked on the process of getting this club founded two years ago, when they were freshmen and sophomores, respectively.

With the help of Mary Kate Havlik, Coordinator of Student Programs at the Office of Student Activities, and club treasurer Michael Baer, a junior, the Dalys began working on forming a constitution, planning future events, contacting the International Friends of the Orphans and organizing future service learning programs to the orphanages.

Finally, after two successful learning trips where Notre Dame students visited the NPH orphanages and a two-year battle to gain club status, they got their answer and FOTO got its club certification.

"I feel that when more and more students experience the amazing love and power of the orphanages the news will spread like wildfire through the student body. We have already obtained many supporters, but I know we can have more," Baer said. "By next year, I want the whole campus to know and want to serve through FOTO." Tricia Daly echoes Baer's hope for the future.

I would really like to encourage Notre Dame alumni to get involved," Tricia said. "FOTO's mission can be achieved through any help the Notre Dame community has to offer." FOTO saw a promising turnout last night at its first meeting in Geddes Hall's Center for Social Concerns. The Dalys, along with FOTO's Sports students to get involved through donations and volunteering their time.

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German Language Study Abroad Programs

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Guided by Dr. Thomas Petersen

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Awakening Through Meditation

Monday, September 28
3:00 Coleman-Morse Center
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the University,” she said. “Their role depends partly on their backgrounds and area of interest. We will encourage them to get involved with other faculty, to get involved in the department where they will be located.”
During their two years, the Moreau Fellows will have the chance to become acquainted with the University. The program is designed for Fellows to become faculty members at the end of their two years if the University is a good fit for them, Pope-Davis said.
“Number one driving force behind the fellowship is that we want our students to be able to engage with a multicultural world,” Ohmer said.
The establishment of the fellowship is a result of recommendations made by the University Committee on Cultural Diversity and the University Office on Women Faculty and Students in reports issued last spring.
The committee reported that Notre Dame needs to recruit and retain more women and diverse faculty, as it is necessary for the creation of separate universities that are members of the Association of American Universities (AAU) in these areas.
In the fall of 2006, 23 percent of Notre Dame’s faculty was female, according to the report. This number is even lower for women of minority races. The University’s average was 28 percent for these minority races.
The committee reported that in the fall of 2007, 13 percent of Notre Dame’s faculty represented minority races. The University of Chicago leads AAU private universities in this area, with 20 percent minority faculty.
This summer, Pope-Davis and Ohmer worked with a group to implement the committee’s recommendations for improving in these areas. Among the recommendations was a proposed post-doctoral program, which developed into the Moreau Fellowship.
Ohmer is hopeful that the University will receive many applications for the fellowship.
“We really do want to cast a wide net, and we’ll see,” she said. “I would expect several hundred applicants.”
Another recommendation in the 2006 committee report was the creation of an office devoted to diversity.
The University opted to appoint Ohmer to a new position in the provost’s office rather than create a new office. She began as assistant provost Aug. 1, and her main goal is to work through the committee recommendations.
“Rather than have a separate office, we would work with the provost’s office, the president’s office jointly,” she said. “We’re pulling together resources from different areas and bringing them to bear on the issue.”
Ohmer plans to work systematically through the committee recommendations and encourage interaction and sharing between offices and departments on the topic of diversity.
“Data collection and analysis is one of my specific priorities this semester,” she said. “We want to develop the best practices that people have found in these areas and share them, and then we want to show them across campuses.”
Pope-Davis, who is dedicated to faculty affairs, is also taking a leadership role in these efforts. After the postdoctoral program is established, he plans to develop a faculty mentoring program.
“Rather than talk about retention, we want to talk about engagement,” he said. “What we are hoping to do is bring communities of women and faculty together around areas of research and scholarship.”
The program will aim to promote faculty members’ research, community and social engagement, participation in the broader community and understanding of the University’s unique values.
Pope-Davis said the program will include all faculty members.
Pope-Davis and Ohmer said the efforts to recruit and retain diverse faculty are ultimately for the enrichment of students’ experiences at the University.
“I think we’re all aware that we live in a global, multicultural world, and it’s going to increase as students get older,” Ohmer said. “The number one driving force behind the fellowship is that we want our students to be able to engage with a multicultural world.”
University President Fr. John Jenkins has also lent his support to the efforts to support and create diversity, Ohmer said.
The desired result of the Moreau postdoctoral fellowship, Pope-Davis said, is increased diversity among the faculty, which he hopes will attract a more diverse under- graduate student body to the University.
“It’s important that we have underrepresented students, which reflects the broad universal nature of the world in which we live,” he said.
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Bend,” Luecke said. “The various options that have added vitality and helped enhance the downtown as a destination recently.”
The Hall of Fame will be moved to a site across from the Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on a piece of land donated by the Cathy family, founders of Chick-fil-A, which is based in Atlanta. According to the Tribune report, the proposed facility will not be ready for occupancy until 2012.
Mayor Shirley Franklin is expected to officially announce the move in a press conference Thursday.
The Atlanta Business Chronicle reports the southern capital has been interested in being home to the Hall of Fame since its move to South Bend in 1995. The Atlanta Sports Commission is in talks with the Metzger Group Atlanta Chamber, and Chick-fil-A Bowl published a statement Dec. 14, 2007 expressing its long-standing interest in the Hall of Fame and in the preliminary inquiry with the NFF to move the Hall to Atlanta.
The $14 million facility in which the Hall of Fame eventually resides is located on Washington St. in downtown South Bend. The Hall of Fame, which has struggled to draw visitors and sponsors, has been losing in recent years despite its proximity to the University, which comes with large crowds on home football weekends.
The University of Notre Dame boasts the most Hall of Fame inductees of any school with four 49, the latest being Irish wide receiver and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, S.C., in 2009.
The NFF is terminating the agreement for operation of the Hall of Fame in South Bend effective Dec. 31, 2010. The city will work with the NFF on a transition plan for the Hall, and will consider an earlier closing date. Exhibits and artifacts may be removed from the facility to prepare it for new use.
The City of South Bend owns the building and will actively pursue opportunities to fill this space quickly,” Luecke said.
Luecke has been in contact with several local businesses to discuss possible interest in the space, and by forming a task force to address site turnover.
“Change is hard,” Luecke said. “We want to take advantage of this change to strengthen a downtown vibrancy.”
Other cities noted as being in the running for a new home for the Hall of Fame include Dallas, Texas.
The Hall of Fame was established in 1951 by the NFF and was located last in Kings Mills, Ohio, near Cincinnati, before moving to South Bend.
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Saint Mary’s aids Invisible Children
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor
Several Saint Mary’s students have decided to take action in the fight against poverty by teaming up with the national group Invisible Children to help raise awareness about Uganda.
The group was formed to raise awareness about Uganda. The founders of the group made a film about their visit to the impoverished country.
The film "Invisible Children," first screened in 2005, details the war in Uganda and the atrocities caused by the rebel army there. Children are being taken from their homes very young and trained to be soldiers, according to the founders of the club.
They drive home the point. They don’t really have a social security number or anything. So if they die, nobody knows,” Metzger said.
There were five filmmakers who were the film together aiming to reveal "the power of stories to change hearts and minds.
The group of filmmakers who made the original film has since returned to Uganda to update the film and was hopeful of peace in the country.
The group, however, is trying to get President Obama to sign a petition to encourage an end to the war in the country.
The main goals of the group on campus are to raise awareness about the organization. The group has four different Saint Mary’s World Books, Change for Change, Schools for Schools and an advisory board. Better World Books hopes to collect textbooks from students that then will be most likely flown to Uganda. The proceeds will go to buy books for schools in Uganda.
Change for Change will be collecting change at football tailgates and buy one happy hour and raise not only funds, but also awareness about the issue. According to Metzger, the organization is trying to branch out and have been contacted by other area colleges that want to join the cause.
Another project the group is undertaking is called Schools for Schools, an effort in which the group connects with a school in Uganda.
Saint Mary’s is going to help an all-male Ugandan school, Metzger said.
“We will be raising money for their book and supporting the rebuilding for that school,” Metzger said.
Another campus group, which has visited Uganda, is also helping the Invisible Children members to raise money for the situation, Metzger said. The group is also planning on teaming up with Belbel and other local colleges to hold events and increase their numbers.
Students interested in learning more about Invisible Children can visit their Web site at invisible-children.com or contact students interested in joining the group at kmetz2@1.saintmarys.edu.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Court quashes polygamy charges
TORONTO — A judge has quashed polygamy charges against two leaders of a polygamous community in western Canada.

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Graduates share service experiences

by ANN-MARIE WOODS

A wellspring of juvenile correctional facilities that focuses its collected children and their little stories of service with abused and neglected children. There were many opportunities available for preparing for the service community. Director of Student Leadership and Senior Transitions at the Center, Michael Hebbeler stressed the importance of this panel and how the AmeriCorps service panel discussion Wednesday evening featuring former service volunteers from a variety of different organizations.

Groups in attendance included Americorps, Teach for America, Volunteer in Pakistan, and the Notre Dameを持ち込むこと。それは、彼らの教育や生活を支えるためです。振り返ると、私は自分が試みたことを信じています。

Some panelists emphasized the importance of a faith-based program and community living as a significant aspect of postgraduate service that must be considered carefully and thoughtfully. Hebbeler said. Some panelists emphasized the opportunities of living independently from a formal community in a secular program, such as Teach for America.

"You are very much on your own, you're an adult," Murren said. The four panelists are very much on their own experiences. When I told my mother that I was going to be doing this, she said, "This is intentional to give you a better feel of what's out there. These are few little stories of service options in our corner of the world."

Each panelist offered a brief description of their particular type of service and gave a unique glimpse into the application and decision-making process of the type of work performed, the community environment, and the difficulties faced during their service and the impact of the experience. Cheron Wilson, a class of 2007 Notre Dame graduate, served with Americorps State Nation, a domestic program that focuses its work in the community environment and the difficulties faced during their service and the impact of the experience. Cheron Wilson, a class of 2007 Notre Dame graduate, served with Americorps State Nation, a domestic program that focuses its work in the community environment and the difficulties faced during their service and the impact of the experience.

"We worked in a South Bend juvenile correctional facility," Wilson said. "I met with the inmates and helped them learn different life skills and set goals for themselves as far as their education or their own daily life. Once they were released, I worked as a case manager for them."

Wilson said she also worked with the American Red Cross as a health and safety program associate to create a junior Red Cross, which brought in area middle and high school students to help give them back to the community.

Jeannette Mendoza World College of 2007 Loyola University of Chicago graduate, was a juvenile Red Cross in a different way. She worked with Teach for America in a different way.

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shocks in rocky soil is so unbelievable."

Woo said an especially moving experience was visiting the first school for the deaf in Afghanistan which was funded by Catholic Relief Services. "The children were so engaged in their learning and so happy," she said. "If this school did not exist, they would be cast away from society. The boys would be pulling carts, essentially doing a job meant for donkeys and the girls would be washing clothes or weaving."

Being in Afghanistan however, did not come without its dangers. "The day I left Kabul, I woke up to the sound of seven rockets being shot at the airport, which was when we were going later that day. Woo said. "Experiences like this that give you a feeling that you are really temporary and precarious life can be. In those countries, you take a chance just walking down the street. I felt like a bubble was created between myself and the people that live that way everyday."

Woo said this bond has helped her look at Afghanistan and Pakistan in a different way. "You don't feel like they're strangers anymore," she said. "Just the other night I had a Pakistani staff member from the organization over to dinner at my home. None of my other guests had ever met a Pakistani before."

Building relationships with the indigenous people of the countries where the organization is doing service, Woo said, is key to the success of the programs that are being implemented.

"Before we begin a project, we have conversations going with the village leaders for months beforehand," she said. "We learn about the village infrastructure so that we don't disrupt it and we get the priorities from the village leaders themselves.

C reating relationships with the villagers before beginning a project at the villages to know their organization has the same goal as them. "Since these were Muslim countries, we hired mostly Muslims," she said. "I am working for a Catholic agency but for the same purpose that we both believe in. It was delightful to work with them."

Despite the cultural, national and religious differences, Woo said AmeriCorps was working with the Afghanistan and Pakistanis, all differences melted away.

"Once you get there, you're all the same," she said. "You can't make generalizations. You stop looking at them as an Afghan or a Pakistani; you lose sense of that. And are able to be in a sense of ease with people that you usually stay away from.

While Woo says she is happy to be back in the United States, she noted the Notre Dame community to know about her trip and what she learned through her experiences.

"Have a heart big enough for the world," she said. "In the end, our faith calls us to serve to our brothers and sisters from all over the world and we need to respond to where there is need."

Woo also believes that the work she and the Catholic Relief Services do will lead to helping build bridges on a much larger scale.

"I believe that our work builds peace," Woo said. "If you can go into Afghanistan and Pakistan you need to respect their religion and culture. Be respectful to them and don't shove your ideas down their throats. If you're really interested in helping you can't take over they are very thankful."

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**IN BRIEF**

**UFC Local 7 union elects new leader**

**DENVER** — A union representing grocery workers is in the midst of a leadership struggle, just as it is negotiating new contracts for Colorado workers at Safeway, Albertsons and Kroger Co.'s King Soopers and City Market chains.

Results Monday showed United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7 members in Colorado and Wyoming voting in a mail-in election to replace President Ernest Duran Jr. with former warehouse employee Ken Deeg, who won union leaders'roots first spring.

Union lawyer Crisanta Duran said Tuesday that her father and others will challenge the vote, though, due to defamatory allegations. She said fewer than 13 percent of the more than 21,000 union members voted.

Union officials didn't release the vote totals, but Cordowa said she won a 55-45 split. Crisanta Duran said the election was close.

In the meantime, Ernest Duran Jr. continues to lead negotiations on contracts for about 17,000 workers at Safeway, King Soopers, City Market and Albertsons who are represented by the union. King Soopers, City Market and Safeway workers are voting on the contracts through early October.

Union rejects deal to stop shutdown

**NORTH PROVIDENCE, R.I.** — The heads of Rhode Island's largest state employees' union on Wednesday rejected a deal struck with Gov. Don Carcieri's administration to avoid a shutdown of state government for one step to help close the deficit for the fiscal year ending in June.

Carcieri said several other unions had agreed to the tentative deal. Those that didn't would be subject to layoffs, he said, because the state faced a $64 million budget gap.

Carrié said last month that he would shut down state government as one step to help close the deficit for the fiscal year ending in June.

**W**al-mart location challenged

Company’s proposed construction site near famed battlefield is contested

**Associated Press**

**RICHMOND, Va.** — Preservationists and residents filed a legal challenge Wednesday to state-construction of a Walmart Supercenter near a famed Civil War battlefield where the Civil War began to turn in favor of the North.

The legal action is aimed at Aug. 25, when the Orange County Board of Supervisors approving the site near the Wilderness Battlefield.

The battlefield where 30,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were injured or killed 145 years ago is considered one of the nation's most endangered Civil War sites, according to preservationists.

The suit contends that supervisors "brushed aside" mounting concern about the negative impact the store would have on the battlefield and approved the special use permit Walmart needed to build the big box store.

The vote was 4-1.

"A nationally significant and highly vulnerable historical site is at great risk," said Zann Nelson, president of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, one of the preservation groups challenging the vote.

"The Walmart project would irrevocably harm the battlefield and seriously undermine the visitor's experience to the National Park," she said in a statement accompanying the filing.

Supervisors who had not seen the challenge didn't immediately respond to an Associated Press request for comment on the suit, filed in Orange County Circuit Court. They have 21 days to respond to a request for a hearing in the Orange court.

Walmart Stores Inc. described the challenge as having "no merit or basis in fact."

"Throughout this entire process we have not only met but exceeded the guidelines that were put before us," said Keith Morris, a spokesman for the world's biggest retailer.

He said site work had not yet begun on the 138,000-square-foot store in Locust Grove, which is about 20 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. In addition to Friends of Wilderness, the challenge includes the National Trust for Historic Preservation and six residents of Orange and Spotsylvania counties who live near the planned store site.

The 41-page filing is part legal document and part history lesson.

It begins the challenge by quoting Pulitzer Prize historian James McPherson, who wrote: "The Battle of the Wilderness was a great turning point in the Civil War — the first clash between Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant and the beginning of the beleaguered Confederacy."

The suit seeks the court to declare supervisors' vote "unlawful and invalid" and to block any further county action on Walmart's site plan.

In a state with more key Civil War battlefields than any other, Walmart's proposed store stirred up a spirited protest that enlist ed the names of 250 historians and the filmmaker Ken Burns.

Opponents also included celebrities such as Robert Duvall, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, and congressmen from Texas and Virginia who lost an inordinate number of men in the fighting.

In May 1864, 180,000 Union and Confederate armies fought at the Wilderness, which began a series of battles that brought an end to the Civil War one year later.

Residents and supervisors who supported the store said it would not diminish an area that already has two strip malls. They welcomed the hundreds of jobs the store would bring to the rural community, the shopping option and the estimated $300,000 annually in tax revenue for the county of approximately 32,000.

Wal-mart argued that the site is zoned for commercial use and the store will not be within sight of the battlefield's 2,700 protect ed acres.

**BP asks for more time to improve plants**

Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Oil giant BP PLC is requesting more time to implement required safety improvements at its Texas City refinery where a 2005 explosion killed 15 people, the U.S. company responsible for worker safety.

The request comes after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued a London-based BP last month in a letter that it was failing to meet the improvements that were part of an agreement BP entered into with the agency after the explosion blast, which injured more than 170 people.

The agency found BP committed more than 300 willful violations. BP agreed to review process safety management systems and equipment throughout the refinery and pay a $21.3 million fine.

BP had until Wednesday to comply with the agreement. OSHA spokes woman Diana Peterson said the agency had received a request from the company for more time "and is presently taking that request under advisement as part of its ongoing inspection at BP.

Peterson declined to say how much additional time BP wants.

BP spokesman Darren Beaudou said the company is working with OSHA to resolve any concerns but would not comment on the status of its agreement with the agency.

"We believe we are in full compliance with our commitments," Beaudou said in a statement. "BP products remain committed to building up the safety investments and improvements at its Texas City refinery."

But attorneys representing blast victims who objected to a federal plea agreement between BP and the Justice Department that settled criminal charges in the explosion said the OSHA letter is proof BP is not meeting its commitment to improve worker safety at the refinery.

"It's lip service," Brent Coon, an attorney for several blast victims, said of BP's claims it is in compliance with the OSHA agreement.

In an Aug. 3 letter sent to refinery manager Keith Casey, OSHA Houston South Area Office Director Mark Briggs said OSHA found that BP had deviated from industry standards related to pressure safety valves.
Texas schoolteacher stabbed

Associated Press

TYLER — A special-education teacher who had a passion for music was fatally stabbed at a Tyler high school classroom on Friday, police said.

Josephine Dhruv Prince, 41, was stabbed during the second period of class at a school for special-needs students. The stabbing happened in a classroom where Prince was in the process of teaching her 9th-grade students about music, authorities said.

Officials said Prince was attacked by a former student who had been a music instructor at the school. The former student, 24-year-old Kevin Miller, was arrested at the scene and charged with murder.

The school was placed on lockdown due to the attack, and all students and staff were evacuated safely. The investigation is ongoing, and no further details were released.

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Federal terror probe widened

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hundreds of federal agents have widened their investigation of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaida, the Justice Department said Friday.

The department said the probe was focused on "a number of potential threats" and included "a significant" increase in resources. It did not provide details about the nature or scope of the investigation.

The announcement comes after the deaths of two U.S. officials who had been working on the case. One was a counterterrorism agent in the FBI's New York office, and the other was an intelligence analyst in the CIA.

The deaths were the result of a terrorist attack on a U.S. military base in Afghanistan, where the officials were working.

The probe, which was launched in 2001, has been investigating links between al-Qaida and other terrorist groups, as well as possible plots to attack U.S. targets.

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U.S. Census worker hanged near cemetery

Associated Press

REIDSBURG, Pa. — A U.S. Census worker was hanged from a tree near a Kentucky cemetery in what is believed to be a hate crime.

The victim, a 56-year-old black man identified as Michael R. Williams, was found hanging from a tree above a grave at a cemetery in Reidsburg, Pa.

The FBI is investigating the case as a hate crime and is seeking information from the public.

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There's been a lot of discussion in The Observer recently about women priests and whether or not they should be ordained. Without getting too deep into the pipes and plumbing aspects of all of it, nor giving a recap of the entire women's rights movement to date, nor even reminding my readers that the Church's fundamental objection is that all Jesus' disciples were male, so he meant all males to be male" — an uncontrollable instance of mind-reading on its part — I would like to humbly offer my own answer to the question of why women should not be priests. Because I don't think they should. My reason is two words: the male psyche.

For the 50 percent of my readership who does not understand what I mean, let me spell it out explicitly. All men think about sex. This is one ugly stereotype that I can confirm from firsthand experience with the male mind. Whether I'm in class, at an important meeting or standing in line at the dining hall, you can be sure that I am creating and embellishing some elaborately detailed fantasy, often involving whomever is closest by.

Now as a good Christian boy, you might think that I leave my obscenities with sex at the doors of the church. When Mass starts, I stop thinking about sex and start thinking about Jesus, right? In a perfect, spineless world, that would certainly happen. But in practice, if my mind should happen to wander during a lengthy sermon, it's a 10-to-one bet that it has wandered to one topic, and that topic isn't Holy Communion. (Quite the opposite.)

It's one thing to have a venerable man presiding over the priests of my fantasies, but it would be quite another to have a beautiful young woman breaking bread when I am stuck in place for an hour with nothing to do but think. Additionally, once you factor in all the repression I'm supposed to be doing with these impure thoughts, you can clearly see that there is a strain waiting to happen here. Here is a little stream-of-consciousness transcript of what might happen if a young, earnest Catholic boy found himself in a Mass with a beautiful female priest:

"Gosh, this Mass is taking forever. The priestess is pretty hot too. Maybe after Mass I'll go up and talk to her, compliment her on the sermon. She seems really nice and friendly. Heck, maybe I'll even invite her out for coffee. No harm in having a cup of coffee with a parishioner who just wants to talk. And after coffee we could..."

"No! What a dirty thought! Good heavens, I can't believe I just pictured that. What is wrong with me? I'm sitting in a Mass!"

"This is supposed to be God's house, not some sort of sleazy singles bar!"

"Yes, but what if she was into it too? It must be awfully lonely being a priestess... praying alone all the time... nobody to comfort her... maybe I could help relieve her tension... I give great massages..."

"No! I see where this is going! I am not going to fantasize about a strong, independent woman expressing her intimacy needs to me and letting me take care of her! That is so not what Christianity is about!"

"Man, I need to go to Confession and get all these feelings worked out, just purging it out... once and for all. I wonder if this priestess does Confession? Maybe I could go to her... just admit these things, in a confessional way, and ask her to forgive me... she'll be flattered, and it'll be just the two of us, in a dark room... me and a lonely priestess..."

"No! Those thoughts are so... so... naughty and bad! Jesus is my rock. Jesus is my rock. Man... I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place..."

"To the pure all things are pure. To the pure all things are pure. To the pure all things are pure. To the pure..."

Any guy who claims this is an inaccurate representation of what goes on in his head once or twice a day (heck, once or twice an hour), is, to put it charitably, lying to your face. You should take the opportunity to Joe Wilson him on it. Another objection to female priests would be the Internet. Those of you who know about Rule 34 know what I mean. Those of you who don't know about Rule 34 are better off not knowing.

So that's why women priests are bad. They would light a match to the powder keg of our repressed sexuality. And Lord knows, the sweet, teenage, pure, Diney-fied Milly Cyrus is already more temptation than most of us can handle.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
When did you last feel jealous of someone? You have cooler jeans than they do, but they have the highest grade on the test you know you worked a whole lot harder. Sometimes envy creeps up on us before we even realize it; other times we’re painfully aware of its presence, like a slap in the face or a cold shower. On the other hand, sometimes we’re the one who already has the best brand of jeans, the highest of the high-end laptops, the most money or the best grades. The ugly thing is, then we can still become jealous! It’s a slightly different breed of envy, the kind that wants to keep out all the inferiority and pedantry. For I certainly don’t want just anyone to have my excellent jeans, or get As on the tests like I can; I’d rather hang on to my particular claim to fame than have to share it with someone. For any of us who’ve ever been jealous because we don’t have, or because someone else seemed to be inching in on what we do have, I offer you and me too, quite honestly, the following observation: When you acquire the latest piece of your favorite artist’s work, somehow you’re not as happy with it as you were when you were waiting for its release. When you buy the latest fashion, the new car, the fancy dinner, the most beautiful house, the luxurious vacation, the latest high-tech gizmo, you may feel enriched for a bit, exhilarated for a while, but the euphoria doesn’t last. It’s not that the things you want are bad, it’s just that when you get them, you want more. I often think of the story in Mark’s gospel this Sunday’s gospel reading. Listen up when you go to Mass, because Jesus has something to say to us. Simply put, his message goes like this: Cut it out. Now. Pardon the pun, because Mark’s gospel this Sunday features that story of Jesus that surely we all found really creepy when we were kids: “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... and if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out...” A little background: Jesus would help here; if you remember from last Sunday, Jesus has just encouraged the apostles to live as servants rather than seeking greatness, to welcome children and other vulnerable people in Christ’s name rather than writing them off as insignificant. So someone has finished him begins to John begins to, whine a little bit. “Somebody was trying to heal in your name, Jesus, but we made him stop because he’s not one of us.” The apostles want to hang on to their special status as Jesus’ chosen followers. If this stranger could drive out a demon by invoking the name of Jesus, might that dilute the authority or the privilege of the apostles? We can almost imagine Jesus’ sigh of frustration as he responds, “Do not prevent him. No one who performs a mighty deed in my name can at the same time speak ill of me.” Jesus wants to curb the natural tendencies of the apostles toward jealousy or fear, or the misguided belief that they’re a part of an exclusive 12-man club. Maybe we are like the apostles—we already have a position of authority. We’re already recognized as someone with gifts to offer, and so we have a job is to encourage and to accept more gracefully the gifts of others, even when they show up from unexpected sources. Maybe we’re like the stranger in Mark’s gospel, just coming to realize what we have to offer to others in the name of Jesus. Then our job is to muster up the courage to do something new, to push ourselves out into uncharted waters and figure out just how much we can contribute.

Let’s be realistic, Jesus doesn’t want us literally to cut off our own hands or feet or pluck out our eyes. But if you’ve ever been on crutches or had a broken arm you know how much you need to depend on the generosity of others, as uncomfortable as that may make you. Why not live all the time in that spirit of generosity rather than jealousy, of cooperation rather than competition? If our lives are kind and our actions done in humility and love, everyone benefits, and we will each take a step closer, together, to the unique kind of greatness to which Jesus calls us.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

She commands a $300 billion fashion industry and oversees every aspect of the world-renowned "American Vogue" magazine. Anna Wintour embodies the new romance and vitality of the largest magazine in the world. Anna Wintour is the new chief and has been since she started working for "Vogue" in 1988. Hidden behind her trade mark "Vogue" she was born into a publishing family and followed in her father's footsteps. Anna Wintour embodies the perfection, class and elegance that inspired the making of the movie, "The Devil Wears Prada" and the newest movie release, "The September Issue." This new feature film invites us into the New York offices of "Vogue" where viewers can take a raw front-row and experience the cutthroat industry of fashion. Through the eyes of director R.J. Cutler we follow the strenuous planning and development of the largest magazine issue ever released, hence the title, "The September Issue."

This issue of the magazine has been known to weigh over four pounds and has embraced up to 800 pages between the magazine's thick spine. "Vogue" covers anything and everything from fashion spreads and glamour ads to the unforgettable stories that pertain to high fashion and high society.

Everyone from fashion designers to interns are style Andre Leon Talley, course her trusted partner in creative director, fashion designer Thakoon and of course her trusted partner in developing new material.实施方案er-at-large for many of the design projects that pertain to high fashion and high society. With the limited edition of "The September Issue" August, viewers were flopped to the magazine Mecca of the world, New York, where it was showing for the first time. Audiences finally get a taste of what it would be like to work for the largest fashion magazine in the world. Director R.J. Cutler goes into unknown territory and compelling new material. Everyone from fashion designers to interns are exposed in this film and it gives audiences a clear picture of what working for a high profile publication like "Vogue" would really be like.

Although the whole album is a heartbreakers, Anna Wintour is known for her brutal, blunt and brilliant criticism which ultimately shines through in her evident work with the magazine. Being chief editor for over two decades proves to readers and designers that Wintour knows what is talking about. Anna surrounds herself with a cast and crew that has been up her close colleagues, including Grace Coddington, the current creative director, fashion editor of course her trusted partner in style Andre Leon Talley, editor-in-chief for "Vogue." The movie documents the entire production and drama that goes into designing and beautifying the much anticipated issue of the year. Wintour is followed by a dedicated dream team of interns who generate ideas and assist her in making her vision a reality monthly. The documentary portrays "Vogue" as an empire that takes every single dress fitting and page layout very seriously. Looking at an issue of "Vogue," it's hard not to notice the exquisite detail and creativity it takes that make it so unique and impressive.

The cameras follow Wintour and her team as they quickly and efficiently get ready for the full fashion season. The movie is playing locally in Cinemas East 21, Landmark's Century Center Cinema-Evanston, Court 14-Northbrook, and Indianapolis. The movie initially showed in major cities, including Los Angeles and New York, when it included large crowds and eventually made its way to surrounding areas. It is currently playing locally in Cinemas East 21, Landmark's Century Center Cinema-Evanston, Court 14-Northbrook, and Indianapolis.

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Observer Graphic

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Rating: Columbia: Catalogue Noteworthy Tracks: "Heart Heart Heartbreak," "Two is Better Than One," "Contagious"

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

Apparently it's been a rough three years for the Boston-based band Boys Like Girls. Their 2006 self-titled debut album contained some of the romantic and exciting beginnings. "Love Drunk," their second album, sags a new song (no pun intended) and emerges from the heartbreak replaces romance and sadness, excitement. The emotional collection of songs relates the heart wrenching breakup story told by lead singer and songwriter Martin Johnson, but in a repetitive, mostly melanic way.

The album begins with the rock track "Heartbreak," a song recounting the demise of a once hoped for relationship. With its upbeat tempo, it opens up the album by giving a good impression of the songs to follow. Although the lyrics tell a sad story, the lively beat affects the listener or minifies the heartache conveyed in the song.

As a whole, the album does not follow this trend. Most songs do mimic the pattern set forth by the opening song. The album's already popular title track is almost unrecognizable as a breakup song. Honestly, if it's not already, it could probably take over as the #1 summer song at the mere mention of "Heartbreak." It

The two singers' voices complement each other, rather than just listening to it. Unfortunately, the album gets a little old about a song away through the first listening. There are only so many times one can listen to the same rhythmic phrases. Johnson and Swift conjure up visions of first heartbreaks, forcing listeners to relive every bitter and tearful memory.

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The best track off the album is "Contagious," a song that deals with the sibility of a new relationship. It

One of the issues that strikes a chord with the best

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Scene Writer

Accessible. Also, to Johnson, to help with your love hangover, try Extra Strength TYLENOL, it is much more effective than Motrin.

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Free burrito day at Chipotle; Eddy Street Commons; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Free

Finally! Although it doesn't officially open until Friday, the new Chipotle will be giving out free food all day Thursday. Conveniently located just across the street from the south edge of campus, the restaurant is one of the first attractions to open in Eddy Street Commons, and sure to be a student hotspot soon enough.

Chipotle will give a free burrito and soft drink to all customers on Thursday before beginning regular business hours (and full menus) on Friday.

Tokyo String Quartet; DeBartolo Performing Arts Center; Leighton Concert Hall; 7 p.m.; $40 general public, $28 faculty/staff, $25 seniors and $15 all students

Formed in 1969 at Juilliard, the Tokyo String Quartet has traveled the world for its performances and earned dozens of awards, including Grammy Awards. The Quartet is celebrating its 40th anniversary, although only one of the founding members (Kazuhito isoMurua, who plays viola) still performs with the group. He and the other musicians (Martin Beaver and Kikuei Ikeda with violin and Clive Greensmith with cello) all use instruments crafted by the famous Stradivari in the 1700s.

Sub Movie — The Hangover; DeBartolo 101; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. (also 10 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday); $3 all students

This surprise hit of the summer is full of gross gags and wacky humor. Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis and Bradley Cooper play Three Friends who get so wasted one night at a Las Vegas bachelor party that they wake up the next morning with hospital bracelets, a police cruiser, a tiger in the bathroom, and a baby in the closet, with the groom (played by Justin Bartha) nowhere to be found. The cast is great together, with jokes just raunchy enough to elicit laughs.

Psycho (1960); DeBartolo Performing Arts Center; Browning Cinema; 3 p.m.; S$ general public, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors and $3 all students

This classic by Alfred Hitchcock, about a mild-mannered motel manager who just happens to murder people, is considered the prototype for the modern horror film, and with good reason. The black-and-white film has inspired dozens of rip-offs and tokens of homage. One of them, the shotby-shot 1998 remake by Gus Van Sant (starring Notre Dame man Vince Vaughn), can also be seen.
MLB

Yankees defeat Angels with solid pitching

Snider homerun hands Orioles seventh straight loss; Tigers keep pace in AL Central; Rays edge Mariners

Associated Press

ANAHEIM — A.J. Burnett struck out 11 in just his fifth win since July, and the New York Yankees won a series at Anaheim for the first time since May 2004, winning, 6-0, with a 3-2 victory over Los Angeles on Wednesday.

The Yankees, eliminated by the Angels in the first round of the playoffs last year, lost 18 of their last 23 games in Anaheim before stranding a pair of runners in each of their last two outings at the stadium.

The left-hander, who had allowed runs in each of his previous five starts, allowed five hits, worked the seventh inning and finished with a 1-0 record. Los Angeles dropped 6-3-2 games behind the Yankees with three losses in New York in the last 10 days, including a makeup game at Turner Field on Wednesday.

With five relievers barely keeping their edge, Burnett hit two and fanned eight in an effort to win the first time in 10 starts. The rookie, 0-6 since beating the Angels in his first Major League appearance, walked four out and struck out four.

Casey Jones, Josh Roenicke was called out on the pitch, and Brandon League all worked one inning before Jason Frasor, who has not pitched since July 1, allowed one hit.

Jeremy Guthrie (10-16), who has lost four of five, allowed seven runs, five earned, and eight hits in seven-plus innings. Five of the eight hits were for extra bases. Baltimore first baseman Miguel Cabrera opened the scoring with a two-run homer in the second, his first of the season. The Angels tied the deficit in the bottom of the inning, scoring five consecutive doubles by Edwin Encarnacion, Andre Ethier, Dustin Pedroia and Manny Ramirez.

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**MLB**

**Braves manager Bobby Cox to retire**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bobby Cox will retire as manager of the Atlanta Braves after next season, ending an illustrious career in which he guided the team to 14 consecutive postseason appearances and the 1995 World Series title.

The 68-year-old Cox, a four-time Manager of the Year, agreed to a one-year contract extension for 2010, the Braves announced before Wednesday night’s game against the New York Mets. He will start a five-year consulting agreement to advise the team in baseball operations after he steps down as manager.

"They asked me to come back, and I said I would do it for one more year, and we’ll announce the retirement along with it. It’s the only way I think I’m ever going to walk away from the game, is to go ahead and say I’m going to do this, and then I’ve got to," Cox said. "There’s no turning back now — win, lose or draw. Whatever happens next year is going to be it."

A cigar-smoking baseball lifer, Cox managed the Braves from 1978-91, switched to manage the Toronto Blue Jays from 1992-95, then returned to manage Atlanta in 1990. He began Wednesday with 2,408 regular-season wins as a manager, fourth behind Connie Mack (3,731), John McGraw (2,763) and Tony La Russa (2,550). Cox and Joe McCarthy are the only managers with six 100-win regular seasons.

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Associated Press

**Chargers’ Hardwick has surgery on left ankle**

SAN DIEGO — Chargers center Nick Hardwick had surgery on his left ankle on Wednesday and the team said he’s expected to miss the next eight weeks.

The Chargers declined to offer specifics of the surgery. The six-year veteran, a Pro Bowler in 2006, was hurt in the season opener at Oakland on Sept. 14, sustaining what the team said was a sprained ankle. He missed Sunday’s 31-26 home loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

Eight other players missed practice, including running back LaDainian Tomlinson and rookie right guard Louis Vasquez. Coach Norv Turner hinted that Tomlinson (ankle) and Vasquez (knee) might miss their second straight game when the Chargers (1-1) host the Miami Dolphins (0-2) on Sunday.

**PGA golfer Heath Slocum donates $40,000 to charity**

ATLANTA — Heath Slocum was in danger of losing his PGA Tour card a month ago. Now he has a chance to win $10 million from the FedEx Cup if he were to win the Tour Championship.

His fortunes have changed. But not his priorities.

Slocum donated $40,000 on Wednesday to three charities associated with the Tour Championship. The East Lake Foundation will receive $20,000, while the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the Chor’s and Colitis Foundation each get $10,000.

"We’re in a good position to help out," Slocum said. "This is something that we’ve been talking about for a while, and I’m glad that we could do that this week. There are so many great organizations that help so many people. Like I said, I’m just glad that we could even be a small part of it."
Hasselbeck misses practice again

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Just before listing injuries to 12 starters, a damning dozen that smokes quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and is a study in the Seattle Seahawks’ 2009 season in jeopardy, Jim Mora laughed.

"OK, what thought we could do is get the injury stuff out of the way, and then if we have any time left for questions we can get to that," Seattle’s coach joked Wednesday.

Mora then launched into a four-minute monologue detailing the pile of pain, which he called "the Situation" he’s had in 26 years of football.

Hasselbeck didn’t practice, and may not at all this week because of his broken rib. Yet Mora said the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is feeling better, "so we’re not ruling him out at all" for Sunday’s game against the Chicago Bears (4-1).

"But I’m not saying he’s going to play, either," OK?" Mora added.

Hasselbeck watched back-up Seneca Wallace run practice. Wallace, who gives the Bears a running threat to worry about, started eight games last season while Hasselbeck was out with a bad back. He is preparing as if Sunday will be his 13th career start for Seattle (1-1).

"If I’m not ready to now, going into my seventh year, I shouldn’t be playing," Wallace said.

During practice, Hasselbeck took off the team cap he was wearing and put it in his right hand while simulating his twisting throwing motion. Afterward, Hasselbeck grabbed swim goggles and headed to more therapy.

"I’m absolutely hoping to play," Hasselbeck said Monday.

Seattle offensive coordinator Greg Knapp said the only quarterback he’s had to prepare for 207 yards rushing by San Francisco’s Frank Gore last weekend is Hasselbeck. If he doesn’t practice or play this week because of a hamstring injury, David Hawthorne, an undrafted free agent in 2008, would make his first start at middle linebacker if Tatupu can’t play. Outside linebacker Leroy Hill is already out at least until next November with a torn groin.

Steve Young, when both he and Matt were in the NFL, said Hasselbeck was "out with a high ankle sprain. He had been playing left tackle for Walter Jones, the nine-time Pro Bowler who returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since he had arthroscopic surgery on his knee Aug. 20. Mora said he isn’t sure if Jones will play against the Bears. If he doesn’t, Brandon Frye will make his first start for Seattle.

Center Chris Spencer has been out a month with a quadriceps injury. The Seahawks aren’t sure if Spencer or Steve Vallos will start Sunday.

Marcus Trufant, a Pro Bowl cornerback in 2007, will miss at least six games with a disk issue in his back. Cornerback Josh Wilson is also out with a high ankle sprain. Veteran Travis Fisher, signed in August, was limited in practice Wednesday because of a groin injury. Kelly Jennings, a first-round draft pick in 2006, who recently lost his job, gets it back by default this week.

Leon Branch returned to practice and is expected to make his season debut against Chicago. The former Super Bowl MVP has been out since Labor Day with a hamstring injury and has had two surgeries in as many offseasons. Top wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh is missing another week of practice with a sore back, though Mora expects him to play again Sunday.

Defensive tackle Brandon Mebane could miss his second consecutive game because of a calf injury. Only Trufant is off the active roster; he’s physically unable to perform.

So all these injured bodies are clogging up the roster room the Seahawks would have to sign veteran reinforcements. That’s why Mora talked frankly with all his players during a team meeting Wednesday.

"Hey, I’ll take 45 of you doesn’t matter which 45 it is and we’ll go play Sunday," Mora said to his players.
Dominican Republic center of steroid pandemic

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SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS — A monument to baseball greets visitors to this city known as "the cradle of shortstops." Children in San Pedro de Macoris grow up playing ball behind tin shanties and on fields cut from sugar plantations.

Bernardino Jimenez was one of those kids. He became a victim of his own dream. Desperate to lift his family out of poverty, the lanky infielder put himself in the hands of an agent who had him injected with amphetamines to make him bigger. By the way they thought was legal vitamins. They were wrong.

After being signed to the Arizona Diamondbacks' training squad last year, Jimenez tested positive for Boldenone, an anabolic steroid used in horses, and was slapped with a career-stalling 50-game suspension.

"They said I would get to travel to the United States and play there. Because of this I held myself back," the 19-year-old Jimenez says, taking a break from batting practice near the metal-roofed shack he shares with six siblings, two nieces, his mother and an aunt — a home that sits under the belching smokestacks of a sugar refinery.

Jimenez's case is just one example of a disturbing trend in this hotbed of baseball talent. Of the 69 players in the U.S. minor leagues who were suspended for using banned substances in 2008, nearly two thirds — 42 — came from the Dominican Summer League, a developmental program for Latin American players housed in secluded palm tree-lined campuses owned by big-league teams. This year, 31 of the 71 minor leaguers suspended for using banned substances came from the DSL.

In the major leagues, where performance-enhancing substances have been a divisive issue for more than a decade, players with Dominican roots also have been at the center of several high-profile drug cases.

Sammy Sosa and Manny Ramirez, who have been accused of doping, are two of the most high-profile players with Dominican roots. Both were suspended for 50-game suspensions, and although Ramirez has applied for and was granted a reduction to a 30-game suspension, Sosa did not apply for a reduction.

In the past, the difference between Sosa's and Ramirez's suspensions can be attributed to the Dominican Republic's centurion-like approach to baseball.

Jimenez is one of the scores of worker camp prospects who dot the countryside and are sponsored by the Dominican Summer League. The camp prospects live in someone else's house," said Jimenez's agent and trainer, "that's why people are willing to do anything." There is no drug testing at the camp.

One problem is availability. Steroids and other banned substances are sold in neighborhood pharmacies and rural veterinary shops without a prescription, though increased scrutiny in recent months has made some stores less willing to stock them. League officials say some also unwillingly self-medicating with banned substances to fight colds or aches in the offseason.

"We have no control over the young guys as a league. We try to help and we try to give them the necessary education, but they live in someone else's house," said San Pedro de Macoris businessman and former Jimenez's agent and trainer, "that's why people are willing to do anything." There is no drug testing at the camp.

"I am a civil engineer and I would like to see the reduction increased," said Leandro Sepulveda, a smooth-talking de Macoris businessman who offered something even better to young local prospects. "Here we know that his career might be in jeopardy," says Pablo Peguero, the San Francisco Giants' chief scout for Latin American players with Dominican roots.

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Jimenez's case is just one example of a disturbing trend in this hotbed of baseball talent. Of the 69 players in the U.S. minor leagues who were suspended for using banned substances in 2008, nearly two thirds — 42 — came from the Dominican Summer League, a developmental program for Latin American players housed in secluded palm tree-lined campuses owned by big-league teams. This year, 31 of the 71 minor leaguers suspended for using banned substances came from the DSL.

In the major leagues, where performance-enhancing substances have been a divisive issue for more than a decade, players with Dominican roots also have been at the center of several high-profile drug cases.

Sammy Sosa and Manny Ramirez, who have been accused of doping, are two of the most high-profile players with Dominican roots. Both were suspended for 50-game suspensions, and although Ramirez has applied for and was granted a reduction to a 30-game suspension, Sosa did not apply for a reduction.
Russian billionaire nearing deal for Nets

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Could the New Jersey Nets become the Nets?

The basketball team once known as the New Jersey Americans is a step closer to being owned by Russia's richest man, Mikhail Prokhorov, who on Wednesday said he has a deal to buy 80 percent of the NBA team and nearly half of a project to build a new arena in Brooklyn.

The proposed blockbuster deal would give the Nets' current principal owner, Bruce Ratner, the needed cash to move forward with the centerpiece of his Atlantic Yards development, which includes plans for retail and residential projects.

It would make Prokhorov, a Russian billionaire and former amateur basketball player, the NBA's first non-North American owner.

It would mean the Nets really do seem headed to Brooklyn, a New York City borough without a major pro sports franchise since baseball's Dodgers decamped for Los Angeles in 1957.

And it would be a sign the NBA is serious about building a worldwide identity. Commissioner David Stern immediately praised the deal, saying it will help the NBA expand its reach and would ensure that the Nets, who play in the aging Izod Center in East Rutherford, will have a state-of-the-art arena.

"Interest in basketball and the NBA is growing rapidly on a global basis, and we are especially encouraged by Mr. Prokhorov's commitment to the Nets and the opportunity it presents to continue the growth of basketball in Russia," Stern said in a statement.

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, too, is ready to welcome Prokhorov to the NBA.

"I love it. I think he will bring fresh ideas and viewpoints, and hopefully this will be the start of a trend towards international investors," Cuban said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"Plus, I took Russian in high school, so it will give me a chance to refresh." 

Stern has long touted the NBA's international reach, proudly boasting that two-thirds of the players on the medals podium at the Beijing Olympics were NBA players. The league plays preseason games in Europe and China, and its All-Star and NBA Finals games have been televised in hundreds of countries.

In going global, Stern could be welcoming quite a globetrotter. Prokhorov, who is 49-years-old and was an avid basketball player in his school days, is a fixture in glitzy European resorts and once was held in France for four days of questioning — but never charged — in a prostitution investigation. Even in Russia, he raises eyebrows for his penchant for private jets and a gorgeous entourage. A 2007 TV commercial for a Russian juice company lampooned him, although it did not name him.

Prokhorov's love of the high life is rivaled by his devotion to basketball. He owns a share of the Russian team CSKA Moscow, and he said on his blog he wants to buy the Nets partly to get access to NBA training methods and help Russian coaches get internships in the league.

Russia has a proud basketball tradition, having won the Euro championship in 2007, and CSKA is a perennial Euroleague power. Yet Andrei Kirilenko, a Utah Jazz forward, is the only Russian currently in the NBA.

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**WNBA**

Three barage sends Mercury past Sparks

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Diana Taurasi scored 28 points and the Phoenix Mercury hit 14-3 points in the fourth quarter to beat the Los Angeles Sparks 103-94 Wednesday night in Game 7 of the WNBA Western Conference finals.

Phoenix won the fourth quarter with five fouls, Taurasi made 3 of her 6 free throws over the final minute and she hit two free throws to get the Sparks under. Kia Liv Swaner hit 3-3 pointers to keep the Mercury ahead 72-68 heading into the final 10 minutes.

Phoenix led by 10 points early in the second quarter, before the Sparks used a 20-10 run to tie the game at 44. Parker had 10 points in the spurt.

The Mercury regained the lead with a 9-2 run to go into halftime 53-46. Parker and Taurasi had 13 points each, playing collegiates at UCLA, committed two turnovers and Leslie fouled Taurasi, who completed the three-point play.

The Mercury raced to a 19-8 lead to start the game, when the Sparks missed seven of their first 18 field goal attempts. They went more than 2 minutes without scoring while Phoenix ran off 12 consecutive points and shot 10 of 17.

The Sparks regrouped and chipped the deficit to an 11-7 run to trail 26-19.

**MLB**

Cards fail to clinch playoff berth against Astros

Hudson leads Braves over Mets in wake of manager's retirement announcement; Nats surge past Dodgers in ninth

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bud Norris and the Houston Astros put the St. Louis Cardinals on celebration ice in a 2-0, nine-inning win over the Cardinals on Thursday night.

The Astros' 24-year-old rookie shut out the Cardinals for the second time and improved his record to 12-0 for the season. Norris, a right-hander, won his major league debut 3-0 last Friday over the NL West champion Arizona Diamondbacks. Norris, who is the seventh Astros pitcher to win 12 games, gave up two hits, hit a batter, walked one and struck out nine.

Lekeisha Williams hit a one-out single off Tim Hudson in the second inning and scored on a double by Brian McCann, who was hit by a pitch. Bruce Bochy brought in Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Ken Lesmerises to face Atlanta's Chipper Jones, who hit a single to his left. Tim Lincecum gave up a hit to Adam Dunn, who hit his 41st home run of the season for a 2-0 lead.

Lesmerises gave up a walk and a single to start the ninth, and the Astros tacked on two runs on a two-run single by Omar Vizquel on a ball that fell between two out of reach of肚子.

The Astros' Dan Haren pitched 8 2/3 innings for his 13th win of the season.

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Lidge blows another save, Marlins beat Phils

Beckett, Ortiz lead Boston over lowly Royals; San Diego takes down Colorado, snap eight-game home winning streak

Associated Press

MIAMI - Pitch-hitter Brett Carroll capped a two-run rally against closer Brad Lidge in the ninth inning with an RBI single, giving the Florida Marlins a 7-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

Jorge Cantu tied it with a single off Lidge (0-8), who blew his major league-leading 11th save.

Lidge entered to start the ninth with a 4-2 lead and promptly gave up a double to Ross Gload, who advanced to third on Chris Coghlan's fly out. Lidge struck out pinch-hitter John Baker before walking Haley Ramirez. Cantu then lined a single to left-center to score Gload and make it 4-3.

Carroll fell behind 0-2 before singling to center to score Ramirez.

Dan Meyer (3-1) pitched an inning of scoreless relief for the win in the soggy game.

A 45-minute delay to the middle of the eighth inning significantly thinned the announced crowd of 31,042. Florida has drawn more than that just seven times this season.

Ryan Howard doubled, home-rod and drove in four runs for the Phillies, whose magic number to clinch the NL East remained five.

The Phillies went ahead 6-3 in the seventh on an unearned run and Power's homer but pinch-hitter Gary Sanchez homered off Cole Hamels in the bottom half and Gload had two out RBI single in the eighth.

Cantu loaded the bases on a walk and singles by Garrett Jones and Mike Napoli, and Carroll walked in a run.

Jason Bay and Jacoby Ellsbury each drove in two runs and Ortiz had a run-scoring single in Boston's six-run fifth inning off Luke Hochevar (7-11). Ortiz career record to 25th home run in the eighth, a three-run shot off Carlos Rosa to give Boston 90 wins for the third consecutive season.

Beckett (16-6) limited the damage from 12 hits with seven strikeouts, improving to 5-0 with a 2.03 ERA in seven career starts against Kansas City.

Yuniesky Betancourt had a run-scoring triple among his three hits and Mitchell Maier also had three hits for the Royals, who stranded 12 runners to see their six-game home winning streak end.

Wanting to get more pop in the lineup, Red Sox manager Terry Francona had Victor Martinez behind the plate instead of Beckett's usual battery mate, John Varttek. He tried it once before and it didn't work out too well.

Beckett allowed seven earned runs in 5 1/3 innings against Toronto on Aug. 19.

Francona was willing to try it again without worrying about striking out 156, one homer since the All-Star break — and Martinez on a career-best 21-game hitting streak.

Martinez did part with the bat, extending his two-run streak with a single in the fifth inning. He hasn't batted behind the plate, either, helping guide Beckett through some shaky moments.

The right-hander was sharp from the start, allowing two runners in each of the first three innings. Betancourt went out of those jams, then gave up two runs in the fourth on Betancourt's triple and a flare RBI single to right by David DeJesus.

The next half inning changed everything.

Held to one run over the first four innings, the Red Sox opened the fifth, scoring six runs on seven hits before going up 6-2. Ellsbury drove in two with a triple and laid had the biggest blow on the stoutest left, floating a two-run single into left short left field with the bases loaded.

Pitching with a cushion, Beckett had his first perfect inning in the bottom half, then got Billy Butler on a fly to right with two outs and left the sixth. He was done after that, leaving with a 6-2 lead and another win against the Rockies.

Hochevar, coming off a three- hitter for his first career shutout, gave up six runs on eight hits in five innings. He's allowed at least three runs in an innng 13 times in 23 starts this season.

San Diego 6, Colorado 3

Will Venable homered and tied a career high by driving in four runs in the San Diego Padres' win over Colorado on Wednesday night that snapped the Rockies' eight-game home winning streak.

The Rockies' lead in the NL wild-card race was whittled to four games over Atlanta, which beat the New York Mets 5-2 Wednesday night. The San Francisco Giants, who played at Arizona, also began the night five games behind Colorado.

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Clint Harnes led off the inning with a double and scored on Seth Smith's single. Tulowitzki chopper allowed Venable to score and make it 6-0.

Webb walked Brad Hawpe, loading the bases, but got Yorvit Torrealba to ground out to second to end the inning.

The Rockies pulled to 6-3 on Todd Helton's sacrifice fly off left Joe Thatcher in the seventh.

Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins forces out Florida Marlins' runner Chris Coghlan in their game Wednesday night. The Marlins won 7-6.
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Emerging as one of the team's biggest offensive contributors, sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy leads the squad with 126 total kills (3.5 per set), and is second in total points with 139 (3.86 per set).

"Kristen Dealy is just so valuable for us in every aspect of the game, just a great overall player," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "She definitely has the capability to be a dominant hitter at the collegiate level."

In recognition of her efforts, Dealy was named Big East Conference Player of the Week last week.

The Fever cut the margin to 48-43 after Serinity Phillips, who leads the Irish in points (144) and in kills alongside Dealy, recognizes the seniors' role of leading by example.

"It's a matter of just doing what you know how to do, trusting your teammates, going out there, and trying not to over-think things," Phillips said.

Yet the Irish will need to rely on more than just their ability to overpower their opponents if they are to have success in the conference. Sophomore libero Frenchy Silva, the defensive specialist who leads the team in digs with 95 (2.79 digs/set), may be the missing link that puts the Irish over the top.

"She's a great defender, gives us good backcourt, does a lot of good things," Brown said.

"She'll cover balls off a block, she'll get great digs, she'll end up setting the second ball and Jamal digs it, and getting our hitters good swings. I think she's really developing her whole game as well."

The Irish will need to rely on their balance of senior experience and young talent as they make a bid for the NCAA Tournament.

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"I have wanted to do this ever since I started running in college," Jake Walker said.

As a senior, this year marks his last chance to do so, but placing well in the National Catholic Invitational shows he has an excellent shot.

At the 2008 NCAA Champion - ship meet, Walker came in 96th place. This season, he has his eyes set on placing in the top-15 at the National Indoor Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., in November.

To prepare himself for meet - ing his goals for the season, Walker switched his summer training program.

"The summer training went really well because I stayed injury free for the most part," Walker said. "I trained a little more conservative than past years to make sure I am at my best when the NCAA Championships roll around in November."

Now that the season is back in full swing, Walker has a training plan that he hopes will increase his chances of a good performance when it counts the most.

"I am just working on getting in consistent training through - out the season and making small improvements every week," he said.

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WNBA

Detroit cruises to convincing win over Fever

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — For 17 minutes, the Indiana Fever looked like the best team in the Eastern Conference.

After that, they regressed back to the team that has been eliminated by the Detroit Shock in each of the last three postsea - sons.

After leading for the entire first half, Detroit cruised to a 63-50 victory Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"I think there's a reason why we beat a team that wanted to win the game more than we did," Indiana coach Lin Dunn said. "We didn't match their energy or their determination in the second half and that's very disappointing."

Detroit, which has won 12 of its last 14 games after only a 9-14 start, is looking for a fourth straight title in the post - season despite losing Plenette Pierson (shoulder) and Katie Smith back.

"I thought that early in the game, we looked like a team that hadn't played since Friday," Detroit coach Rick Mahorn said.

"We started to click in the second quarter, especially on defense."

The Fever led 35-24 with three minutes left in the second quar - ter, but Detroit went on a 11-2 run to make it a two-point game at halftime.

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Rookie Shawntae Zelous scored 16 of her game-high 23 points in the first half, including 12 in the second quarter.

"Without Katie, I know that I have to step up my offense," Zelous said. "I had to step up in that second option now," Zelous said. "Tonight, I really felt the flow of the game as soon as I came in and felt like that run at the end of the second quarter really gave us a great boost."

The Shock kept the momentum after the break, scoring the first six points of the third quar - ter. They held Indiana to six third-quarter points to take since Friday.

Detroit coach Rick Mahorn said, "One of the biggest keys to winning is scoring the first six points of the third quarter. They held Indiana to six third-quarter points to take since Friday."

Zelous had 19 points and 13 rebounds, while Bodien and Mahorn scored 18 each.

"You play as much as you can in the playoffs," Zelous said. "I have been just waiting to take the court again."

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ed out the day with a 408. Saint Mary's freshman Martyna Skaszewska and sopho­more Natalie Matuszak both took a share of second in the tournament, leading the Belles with scores of 79. Junior Rosie O'Connor shot an 81 for a share of fifth place, and junior Mary Kate Bozea a piece of tenth with an 83. Senior Perri Hamma shot an 86 to round out the Belles' top-five golfers.

Saint Mary's currently holds the first spot in the MIAA rankings with a team score of 639. Olivet follows in second with 650, and Hope in third with 676.

Next up for Saint Mary's is the DePauw University Small College Classic Saturday and Sunday at Deer Creek Golf Club in Clayton, Ind.
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SMC SOCCER

Experienced senior Duffy leads strong defensive squad

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

While the Belles are still trying to find their groove under sec- ond-year coach Ryan Crabbe, they can turn to a strong leader on defense in senior goalkeeper Pati Crabbe.

Despite injuries that have held her back, Duffy has been able to push through and be successful again this year, her second full year in net for the Belles.

"The biggest challenge for me personally has been dealing with ankle and foot injuries," Duffy said. "It's kind of hard being a soccer player with those kinds of injuries, but I guess it's a good thing I'm keeper." Duffy began this season having notched 81 saves last season alone in her first full year as a starter. Duffy has already recorded 45 saves for the Belles this season, including a season high of 14 against Transylvania University Sept. 6.

The Belles have really had to come together as a team to pull out a few hard fought victories.

"Some overall team goals that we have are to come out focused and stay focused, challenge our- selves to set the tempo of the game," Duffy said. "We need to come out and play Saint Mary's soccer. I think that our impor- tant goal for the season is hold- ing each other and ourselves accountable." Duffy said. "We know each other and the team is closer this year, but we still need to keep working to get to the point where we know for a fact that each and every one of us can go out there and be the team. If we come out and honestly do that for every game it will be hard not to find suc- cess."

The Belles have faced some tough opponents so far this sea- son and have had some strug- gles on offense that have held them back.

Duffy noted that the team has felt a much closer this season despite their struggles and have found an increased level of com- fort with both them and their coaches that have helped them deal with some tough losses. With many returning players helping the team, the Belles will look to Ship a good thing I'm keeping heading into the MIAA portion of their schedule beginning Sept. 30.

The Belles host the Saint Mary's College Fall Classic this weekend.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take second at Jamboree

By MEAGHAN YESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's took second Wednesday in the second fall MIAA Jamboree hosted by Hope College at Macatawa Legends Country Club.

The No. 13 Belles shot a combined 322 for the day, just four strokes behind first place Olivet, in their fourth tournament this season.

Hope came in third for the day with a 325, followed by Trine with 361 and Calvin one shot behind for fifth.

Alma came out with a 370 with Albion trailing by three strokes for seventh. Kalamaa placed eighth with 389, and Adrian round-

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Walker eyes lofty season goals

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Irish senior Jake Walker was second to cross the finish line out of 231 competitors at Friday's National Catholic Invitational, only a few seconds behind the race's champion.

Walking the Burke Golf Course's five-mile course in 24:59.1, which wasn't exactly in line with his expectations heading into the race.

"I was expecting to finish really high up in the race and possibly win," Walker said. "I was not really that excited with the outcome but I got an idea of what adjustments and improve- nments have been more than will­

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SMC GOLF

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By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After a tough start to the conference season, the Saint Mary's responded strongly after a weeklong break by blanking confer- ence foe Olivet three sets to zero.

Belles coach Toni Kuschel was excited about the win and its impact on the team. "We are very happy with the conference win," she said. "We all feel really good about it."

Tonight, the Belles look to continue that pace as they face off against Manchester. "They are coming of a tough weekend at the Aurora tournament," coach Kuschel said. "This is their first home game and we will be looking for a big win."

The Belles will need help from their leaders that stepped up in Tuesday's win. Senior Lorna Slupczynski, junior Andrea Sagen and freshman Stephanie Boden each had strong performances against Olivet. Slupczynski

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