SUB expects well-run lottery

Student organizers say ticket lottery will not repeat previous mistakes

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Keeping in mind last year's debacle — when 1,500 students lined up for tickets, leading to confusion, long lines and outrage — the Student Union Board said it is prepared to handle the rush of students expected to queue up for the Michigan State away game ticket lottery today.

The event, plagued in the past by fraud, organization and hundreds of irate students left with nothing after hours in line, is well in hand this year, said SUB president Jimmy Flaherty. Over 1,500 students lined up for tickets to the University of Michigan away game last September — the second largest crowd in the lottery's history.

"The wellness planner is a good vehicle to disseminate the information," Scherzer said. "A lot of students don't realize gambling can become addictive, and they also don't realize they can get help," Scherzer said.

She said the program involves an in-class discussion about the consequences of gambling as well as a discussion of gambling's addictive nature.

In addition, the program extends outside of the Contemporary Topics course. In the wellness planners given to this year's freshmen, information is provided on the social and professional risks of gambling.

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For some Notre Dame transfer students, the usual adjustment to a new college has been more complicated than in past years due to the severe on-campus housing shortage.

To help alleviate the problem, the University and Saint Mary's allowed some female transfer students to live at the College's Regina Hall until rooms opened up in University residence halls.

The fifth floor of Regina started as a community of 20 but has dwindled to 13 as students moved to available Notre Dame rooms.

Transfer student Alyse Kinchen welcomed the option to live on the fifth floor of Regina Hall.

"It was all going to be transfers so we were all in the same boat," she said.

Kinchen's roommate Michelle Shiriaz, who attended Saint Mary's her freshman year, said her floor is gradually adjusting.

Community disagrees on severity of impact

By JENACA FORQUER
News Writer

A small, humid dorm room is packed with college students. Brightly colored plastic chips clink on the table as folded green bills pass from wallet to hand. The scene is, for many students, all too familiar — tonight is bound to be poker night for at least one male dorm at Notre Dame.

Though campus opinion was divided about the severity of the issue, most agreed that gambling — from poker nights to fantasy football to online betting — is clearly on the rise.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Not a good deal

The average college kid gets most of his nutrients from two primary food groups—pizza and beer. Not only are these staples of the collegiate diet delicious, but they easily fit into both our schedules and our budgets. Everywhere I look, I see flyers and advertisements for pizzas that seem to get bigger and bigger but somehow dropping to record low prices, discounted for college kids. Pizza here is more common than grass. Even though they are virtually giving it away, Papa John’s, Dominio’s and Shbaro still make a killing at Notre Dame. Sadly, they will not take one dollar of mine. My world crashed in around me on July 11, when my doctor told me I was a Celiac. Celiac Sprue is a genetic disorder that causes the patient to have an intolerance to gluten, a protein in grains such as wheat and barley. I come from a long, proud tradition of Celiacs. Both my mother and father have the gene. While some families produce world-class athletes and others produce great thinkers, we generate people who eat bread.

The worst part of Saturday evening didn’t even involve football. It came at halftime, when my friends came back with two large pizzas and a case of beer. Though offered to me, I had to resistively decline, seeing how my stale rice crackers and Coke more filled me up, and then explain for the 4000th time why I couldn't eat normal person food anymore.

Overnight, I have become that kid, the one at the birthday party who never had cake and always brought his own snacks. No matter how popular, that kid never seemed to have a good time, and now I know why. Every party I have ever attended outside of the dorms has had a keg of beer. To my knowledge, no one person who's thrown a party has thought to stock up on something like hard apple cider, just in case. The dining hall has become a repetitive nightmare as well. At what was once an overwhelming smorgasbord that could satisfy whatever craving I could conjure up I now eat only stir fry, grilled chicken, and tater-tots. I still haven’t even entered the pasta room at NDH, my old reli­

OFFBEAT

Prison guards find basketball ball full of pot

McALESTER, Okla. — Basketball is usually a game of inflating one with a substance usually associated with puffing of another kind. Oklahoma State Penitentiary officials cut into an exercise-yard basketball and found nearly two pounds of what is believed to be marijuana stuffed inside.

Acting on a tip from McAlester police, prison officials searched the yard and found the basketball, which held 30 one-ounce packets of the leafy substance. They seized the basketball from the Talawanda Heights unit, which houses 65 minimum security inmates for the prison and sits away from the main part of the facility.

‘Monopoly’ money for pizza send man to jail

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A Danish man was sentenced to 25 days in jail after trying to buy a pizza with fake banknotes he said his grandchildren had made for a game of Monopoly. The 57-year-old said he had rented two color photocopiers to make extra fake money for the regular family games of Finnas, a Danish version of the popular board game, the news agency Ritzau reported on Monday. He said he had simply made a mistake when he tried to pay for pizza and ice cream with a fake 500 crown ($80) note.

But the court, hearing that he had been carrying 57,000 crowns worth of forged notes when he was arrested, followed one of the Monopoly game’s instructions and told him to “Go to Jail.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

in Brief

Discover your inner child today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the children’s section of the Notre Dame bookstore. Kay Londergan will be reading stories and leading activities.

Learn about Latin American politics at a lecture given by Kellogg Institute visiting fellow Malu Huan. She will talk about “Identities and Representation in Latin America” at 12:30 p.m. today in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Come cheer on the Notre Dame volleyball team as they take on Valparaiso tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Pianist Jacqueline Smith, tenor Paul Appleby and cellist Nicole Thorn will perform classical music Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the penote Performer’s Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Entrepreneur’s Club will hold its first meeting today at 8 p.m. in room 119 of DeBartolo Hall.

Learn about volunteer opportunities with special needs children in the South Bend community. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Special Friends Club will host an informational meeting today from 9 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

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

By ELIZABETH CHEEPERS
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday to discuss the possibility of adding three new non-voting members to the council, from RecSports, Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns.

Such a move would facilitate better communication between different interests in the student body, members said.

Kate Dissler, a member of the CSC student advisory board Voice, spoke at the meeting about the CSC’s possible participation in COR.

“The CSC plays such a major role in so many campus events and they do not have a voice on any of the major programming boards,” she said.

Student body president Adam Istvan said he would support the addition of a CSC representative.

“It would be a completely new, a completely outside voice,” said Istvan.

The council plans to vote on the proposition at next week’s meeting.

The RecSports representative would be chosen from the athletic advisory board, which includes dorm athletic commissioners and faculty members.

All three of these organizations do a lot of programming events on campus, and so it makes a lot of sense to have them here to help us spitball ideas,” Istvan said.

The group also discussed the Rock the Vote project. Representative Dave Baron introduced Peter Quaranto, a member of the Rock the Vote steering committee, who gave a presentation on the overall goals and upcoming events he hoped student government would support.

“We’re fighting apathy every way we know how,” Quaranto said.

Quaranto said Rock the Vote was formed to combat the traditional apathy of Notre Dame students. It is a non-partisan group that includes representatives from various campus organizations such as College Republicans, College Democrats, the CSC, the political science, English and film, television and theater departments.

“We’ve had some trouble because some people are afraid we are going to disrupt ‘business as usual’ on campus, but these are big times no matter where you stand,” Quaranto said.

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Group finishes constitution

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance approved revisions to its constitution Monday.

“I am very excited to approve the Constitution,” student body president Sarah Catherine White said. “A lot of hard work went into this.”

Campus Clubs commissioner Becky Bonak presented seven new clubs to BOG, which the board had approved for club status. The new clubs are College Democrats, Dance Collectives, Feminists United, Friends with Sisters, History Club, Super Sibs and Toastmasters I.

White said she had recently talked with new College president Carol Mooney. BOG will host several “meet-and-greet” events with the student body, according to White.

The first “Dessert with Dr. Mooney” will take place Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall. Mooney will also be having dessert with students in McCandless Hall on Oct. 10, Regina Hall on Oct. 31 and LeMans Hall on Nov. 21.

In other BOG news:

♦ Student Activity Board president Lauren Fabina reported an overwhelming success with last week’s “Singled Out” game at Dalloway’s.

“We are really looking forward to our next MTV-themed game, Room Raiders,” Fabina said.

The SAB’s annual Twilight Tailgate will be Thursday with a performance by the band Blessed Union of Souls. The tailgate will also consist of a barbecue and inflatables.

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TUESDAY

Informational Meeting September 7th at 7:00 pm
Jordan Auditorium • Mendoza College of Business
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Monday, September 13, 2004

**Location:**
DeBartolo Hall - Room 125

**Time:**
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Interview Date:**
Tuesday, October 12, 2004

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Popular over the summer, "Poker with the guys, and..."

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**Boat**
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The Boat Club is...
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Nation mourns victims of siege BESLAN, Russia — Funeral processions filled the rainy streets of this southern Russian city Monday, carrying coffins large and small to bury hundreds of victims of a carefully planned school siege that prosecutors linked to a Chechen rebel leader.**

Deeper families searched for those still missing from the siege at School No. 1, while officials buried 120 victims during the first of two days of national mourning across Russia, which has seen more than 400 people killed in violence linked to terrorism in the past two weeks.

**Caribbean prepares for hurricane**

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Islanders scrambled to put up storm shutters and stock up on supplies as the fourth hurricane of the season churned closer to the Caribbean, packing sustained winds of 105 mph.

Hurricane warnings were issued for Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. Martintique was under a hurricane watch, while Trinidad and Tobago were under a tropical storm warning.

Barbados' Prime Minister Owen Arthur convened an emergency session of the Cabinet Monday to plan a strategy against Hurricane Ivan.

**National News**

**Conditions hamper Cal. firefighting**

SAN FRANCISCO — Firefighters were hampered by erratic wind and low humidity Monday as they made slow progress against a fire that had burned nearly 12,000 acres and four homes in the Northern California wine country.

The fire, which started Friday northeast of Geyserville in Sonoma County, had been 20 percent contained and full containment was not expected until Wednesday, said Janet Marshall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The unpredictable wind and dry vegetation, compounded by uneven and often steep terrain, made the situation extremely dangerous for the 1,875 firefighters, Marshall said.

**Bush and Kerry spar over Iraq**

WASHINGTON — President Bush accused Senator John Kerry of being soft on terrorism in the past, while the Democratic nominee accused Bush of wanting to bring democracy to the Middle East.

President Bush rebuked him for taking "yet another new position" on the war.

"If it's the same all the way across, we're looking at a couple of billion dollars rather than the big numbers we were seeing earlier," state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher, who oversees the insurance industry, said Monday. Experts estimate that total damages are typically about double insured losses.

**Suicide bomb kills seven in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide attacker sped up to a U.S. military convoy outside Fallujah detonated an explosives-packed vehicle on Monday, killing seven Marines and three military school cadets, an Army official said. The force of the blast on a dusty stretch of the road from Samawah to Fallujah knocked over a couple of bikers and burned the suicide car's engine far from the site, witnesses and military officials said.

The bombing underscored the challenges U.S. commanders face in securing Fallujah and surrounding Anbar province, the heartland of a Sunni Muslim insurgency bent on driving coalition forces from the country.

U.S. forces have not patrolled in Fallujah since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that had been aimed at rooting out militia fighters. Insurgents have only strengthened their hold on Fallujah since then.

Early Tuesday, residents reported strong explosions around Baghdad. But the U.S. command said it had no information.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry said medical tests confirmed that Iraqi authorities had once again mistakenly reported the capture of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein's deputy, Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, putting a stop to two days of conflicting statements about his purported arrest.

Ministry spokesman Sabah Kadhimi said unspecified tests had shown that a man being held in Iraqi custody was actually a relative of al-Douri who played only a minor role in Saddam's regime but was nevertheless wanted by authorities.
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**Housing**

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is gradually adjusting to the unique situation.

"We carved and take the shuttle," Shiels said. "We find it hard to get back and forth for meals. Sometimes we make two or three trips a day to Notre Dame."

The floor's resident advisor, Katie Kaiser, said she believes the girls have made the best of their situation carpooling and going to mass together.

"It feels like the girls have a strong Notre Dame identity because they spend all their time there," Obersch said.

Many of the transferable students find housing on Notre Dame's campus themselves in a tight situation. "Turtle Creek," said a freshman, "is being utilized all available space for student housing - including converting doubles into triples and making study rooms into living space."

Sophomore James Rogers, a freshman from the University of Illinois, said females without a roommate have on-campus housing in O'Neill Hall and has expressed interest in doubles on Notre Dame so far. "The transfer student from last year ran [this year's transfer] or- orientation," said Jamie Jones did an amazing job of making you feel comfortable and part of the Notre Dame experience."

Over a large number of transfer students, both male and female, were forced to seek housing off campus due to the time constraints of the entire transfer process. Turtle Creek resident Stephanie Stahl, a junior transfer, said she's needed to make a greater effort to be involved with her campus life.

"I would have rather lived in the dorms, and I find it harder to figure out what's going on," she said.

Boehm said being affiliated with a Notre Dame dorm, even though she doesn't live in it, has been helpful.

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**Lottery**

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At that lottery, SUB placed no limits on the number of IDs per student, producing long lines, and ended the lottery earlier than necessary because organizers misinterpreted NCAA and Indiana state rules governing lotteries. Prior to 2003, lotteries were plagued with fraud as individuals who were not students and SUB staff members obtained tickets. Now, SUB uses a machine to check student IDs. However, it's changed in location and hours should prevent similar problems this year, Flaherty said.

"Last year's issues with the ticket lottery occurred within the first one of the year when the lottery was held both at Reckers and the North Dining Hall," he said. "Last year's Executive Board recognized the issues and made great changes to the process by switching it to Legends and making the guidelines more explicit."

Like last year, Flaherty said the lottery would not be open to Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. He said the decision was made after lengthy discussion among SUB members and representatives of the College.

"It's just a decision we made as an executive board, based on what we did last year," he said. "We are the Notre Dame Student Union Board, and it's our job to serve the Notre Dame student population."

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Alitalia plans to cut 5,000 jobs

To avoid collapse, Italian carrier will cut almost one-fourth of its workforce

Employees leave the building during a meeting between executives and labor union representatives at the airline's Magliana Centro Direzionale headquarters, in Rome.

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Cisco Systems (CSCO) | -2.85 | -0.55 | 18.75 |
Applied Materials (AMAT) | -3.86 | -0.63 | 15.70 |
Sun Microsystems (SUNW) | -5.41 | -0.96 | 3.91 |

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- 10-YEARS NOTE | +2.26 | +0.99 | 42.93 |
- 5-YEARS NOTE | +1.26 | 34.98 |
- 3-MONTH BILL | +1.33 | +0.49 | 16.12 |

Commodities:

- LIGHT CRUDE (bbl) | -0.07 | 43.99 |
- GOLD (oz) | -3.50 | 410.20 |
- COPPER BELLES (cents/lb) | +1.67 | 94.70 |

Exchange Rates:

- YEN | 110.37 |
- EURO | 0.8284 |
- POUND | 0.5627 |

In Brief

Floppy disk reaches old age

ALITALIA — When Macho McCreary bought three new computers for his company, he had no need for one of the oldest and most common computer technologies, the floppy drive. But like many computer customers, he ended up buying floppies anyway. After all, they’re cheap and he still has a few of the 3.5-inch disks lying around.

“As long as I need those files, I need a floppy drive around. Then I can take them with me,” said McCreary, the president of an eight-employee Atlanta real estate management company. “The next computers I buy probably won’t have the ability to read them. But like many computer customers, he ended up buying floppies anyway. After all, they’re cheap and he still has a few of the 3.5-inch disks lying around.

“As long as I need those files, I need a floppy drive around. Then I can take them with me,” said McCreary, the president of an eight-employee Atlanta real estate management company. “The next computers I buy probably won’t have the ability to read them. But I hope there’s some room for negotiations otherwise reaching an accord will be very difficult,” Fabrizio Solari of the transport unit of Italy’s largest union, UIL, told the Apcom news agency.

Unions have opposed proposed job cuts over the past year by organizing massive strikes. However, Italian and EU officials in the past weeks have stopped up the pressure on labor confederations.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi’s government has repeatedly threatened to let the airline collapse unless unions accept the cuts. In Brussels, EU Transport Commissioner Loyola de Palacio said last week that the layoffs are inevitable.

Alitalia has been tightlipped about the relaunch plan devised by Chairman and Chief Executive Giancarlo Cimoli. But a few details have emerged in the past days.

The plan foressees the creation of a “good” company responsible for flight operations, which the government would aim to privatize as much as possible. The less appealing ground services would be separated into a “bad” company, which state-owned body Pintacena might reportedly buy into. Cimoli has set a Sept. 15 deadline for the plan’s approval.

Alitalia, which is 62-percent owned by the state, is facing one of its worst times ever. Still reeling from the massive crisis that hit the airline industry after the Sept. 11 attacks, Alitalia has been struggling amid cutthroat competition from discount carriers and consolidation among established players. In late April and May the company was hit by a series of strikes that grounded some 1,500 flights. The company has posted an annual profit only four times in the last 16 years. Its debt stood at $2 billion at the end of June, up $265 million since the end of 2003.

Brazils praised for economic policy

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Brazil — Brazil’s government got a big boost Friday when the new head of the International Monetary Fund praised its economic policy and economists raised their growth forecast for the continent’s largest economy.

Since taking power in January 2003, the administration of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva “has maintained coherent macroeconomic policies and formulated a ambitious agenda of structural reforms,” IMF managing director Rodrigo de Rato said after meeting with Silva and senior government officials in Brasilia, the capital.

“These courageous policies are bearing fruit,” said de Rato, a Spaniard and economist by training who took over the top job at the Washington-based lender three months ago.

He said he agreed with the conclusion of economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires, who raised their expectations Friday for Brazilian economic growth in 2004 to 4.5 percent from about 4 percent.

The upgrade came after the government reported earlier this week that the economy grew a faster-than-expected 5.7 percent in the second quarter compared to the same period last year.

“Consumer spending is providing optimism, as is falling unemployment,” said Ana Paula Rocha, an economist for ABN Amro in Sao Paulo.

Brazil did experience its worst recession in a decade last year, but has now posted four straight quarters of growth and a decline in the unemployment rate three months running. The jobless rate stood at 11.2 percent in June, down from a high of 13 percent earlier this year.

The country’s robust second quarter amid predictions for a repeat performance in the third quarter was fueled by a burst of consumer demand, an increase in industrial output and an ongoing export boom of agricultural and manufactured goods.

As a result of Silva’s moves, “Brazil’s vulnerability was reduced and the growing capacity of resistance of the economy helped protect the country from the recent turbulence in world markets.”
Chickenpox shots save $100 million in hospitalization costs

Vaccinations help prevent hospital stays

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Vaccinating chil­
dren against chickenpox saves the U.S. health care system nearly $100 million a year in reduced hospitalizations for severe cases of the itchy dis­
ease, a study found.

Though most people who get the usually mild disease don’t require hospital treat­ment at home, chickenpox can be serious, and complica­
tions requiring hospitalization can include severe skin infec­tions, encephalitis and pneumo­nia.

In 1993, two years before the government licensed the vac­
cine for routine use in early childhood, nearly 14,000 Amer­i­cans were hospitalized for chickenpox-related complica­
tions at a cost of $161 mil­
dlion, compared with 3,729 hos­
pitalizations and $66 million in related costs in 2001, the researchers estimated.

Routine vaccination has not been linked to a single person who gets the shots and helped keep the disease from spread­
ing to unvaccinated older chil­
dren and adults, in whom the disease tends to be more seri­ous.

The reduction in the disease is “excellent news for the vac­
cine program,” said lead researcher Dr. Matthew Davis, a University of Michigan pediatrici­
ian who said he has no ties to the vaccine makers. The study was funded by the university.

Dr. Ben Z. Katz, an infectious disease specialist at Chicago’s Children’s Memorial Hospital, said the numbers are believable and were not unexpected.

“There’s less complications, less hospitalizations, and you’re saving money to boot. It’s all good news,” Katz said.

The study appears in September’s Pediatrics, pre­
pared for release Tuesday.

Davis and colleagues analyzed 1993-2001 data from a nation­
ally representative annual com­
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This is especially important for those who work with young children and for women of childbearing age, because the disease can be dangerous for the developing fetus, and the shots are not advised during pregnancy, he said.

University of Notre Dame Annual Drinking Water Quality Report: Consumer Confidence Report 2003

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Associated Press

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"He is recovering normally at this point," said Dr. Craig R. Smith, the surgeon who led the operation. "Right now everything looks straightforward."

Smith said Clinton could leave the hospital in four or five days.

Doctors said they expect him to make a full recovery, although the heart disease they repaired was "extensive."

The four-hour surgery came three days after Clinton checked into the hospital complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath. Tests soon revealed that blockage in several of Clinton's arteries was "well over 90 percent," Smith said.

"There was a substantial likelihood that he would have had a substantial heart attack in the near future," said Dr. Allan Schwartz, chief of cardiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia.

Schwartz said Clinton was awake but sedated about four hours after the operation ended. He still was using a breathing tube and had not spoken yet, he said.

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What John Kerry will do for America

Politics is a rather contentious topic at my house these days. My father has long espoused the view that Bill Clinton is the devil incarnate and that John Kerry and John Edwards are only days away from picking up pitch forks and branding the country with their own version of red-hot liberalism. In contrast, I spent my summer holiday in Washington D.C. working for the Democratic National Committee.

This decision caused not only raised eyebrows, but a few epithets as well. Even my 77-year-old grandmother told me before I left, "Honey, it's never too late to change your mind. You could still vote for George Bush when you walk into that ballot box." Even if not everyone in my family is Republican, as you can imagine, going against this grain has made for interesting while at home. At times while at home, I could find myself defending my views against an uninformed and well-informed debater, and while in D.C. I could always hear the ever-critical voice of my e-mails for a little more than a year, but the segment that had the public's attention — the trial — is now over.

Katie Boyle

For What It's Worth

The Kobe Bryant case has been on our TVs, radios and in our newspapers for two years, but in my opinion, it was a case that had the public's attention — the trial — is now over. District Judge Terry Rolfe heard the case over the course of four years. Wednesday in a deal where no criminal charges can be filed. Apparently the woman who filed the complaint dropped the charges because she didn't want to participate and be subjected to more relentless media coverage. I cannot for a minute say that I understand what it's like to be sexually assaulted, but I can say that if I were and knew who the perpetrator was, I would want to see him brought to justice.

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The 20-year-old woman's credibility was put in jeopardy when the defense attorneys tried to get her mental health admitted as evidence to show her instability and desire for attention. The case breaker was when the judge ruled that the defense could use her recent sexual history against its client. After that, the case seemed to be seen from the outside looking in, and apparently from the inside looking out, their case was deteriorating. On top of all of that, District Attorney Mark Hurbert said the woman did not and was not going to testify.

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U-WIRE

Bryant case leaves both parties with stained reps

Hurbert told ESPN.com the decision to drop the case “is not based upon a lack of belief in the victim,” but “it’s evident that there was a lack of belief in something somewhere.” Bryant, 26, wasn’t let off scot-free. Under the conditions that the case could never be filed again, he had to make a public apology to his accuser. She is quoted in FoxSports.com saying she “insisted on that statement as a price of freedom.” Even though the criminal trial is over, a civil suit is still pending and the only thing won in civil suits are — surprise — money.

I, for one, am glad the messy ordeal is over. It’s sad that now both of them are going to have to spend quite a bit of time rebuilding their reputations. I hope the woman gets through this and lives a happy life. As for Kobe, I hope he has learned his lesson and that others have learned from him that everything that looks good isn’t good for you.

The second 20-year-old who accused Bryant wanted nothing more to do with the case. She charged her former boyfriend with the crime and then dropped the case after Bryant testified against her boyfriend. After that, she filed a restraining order.

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The recent exchange of views in The Observer over the revocation of Professor Tariq Ramadan’s visa, effectively barring him from taking up his teaching position at Notre Dame, is clear that the issue has stirred up a hornet’s nest here. It is an indication at a micro-level of the larger controversy swirling about the name Tariq Ramadan, particularly in Europe, which has now reached our neck of the woods with a vengeance. For some — observing these exchanges some — what dispassionately, they may well apprise us about the man himself but about who perceives and chooses to believe what about him, and how that gets played out against the backdrop of the anxious times we live in. I would hazard a guess that a fair number of people holding strong opinions about Ramadan have not read a thing — as opposed to about him — nor had an occasion to meet him.

The nature of many of the innuendos and accusations leveled at him suggests not a discourse based on facts but to perceiving and understanding him — and rightly so — the nature of his pedigree, one sticks out. This is also understandable in our current political climate. Of the many things written by him — as a fact — the “knows,” after all, that political demagoguery and the fluid to dominate the world are biologically transmitted among the members of certain religious groups. Even though at particular historical moments we have learned of the folly of engaging in such essentialist thinking, we tend to slip back into it dangerously in fraught times. If Tariq Ramadan did not exist, some would have invented an outlier for their visceral fears today. And, indeed, some have.

I agree with both Professor Waiswa and Rabbi Signer that dialogue, and especially inter-faith dialogue, remains a critical necessity for forging a way forward. Ramadan espouses such dialogues and has participated in them with various faith groups. He has also criticized some Muslims and non-Muslims for being excessively partisan in his sentiments, since that has prevented them from finding common ground on the basis of their differences. Such criticism admittedly has not been welcomed by everyone but it is not out of place in a constructive dialogue. After all, dialogue, both verbal and engagement with diverse perspectives. Constructive dialogue further requires that the interlocutors be physically present. The Kroc Institute’s efforts to bring Professor Ramadan to the table speak to the importance of dialogue to fight this lingering problem. We tend to slip back into such lazy and dangerous generalizations in fraught times. If Tariq Ramadan did not exist, some would have invented an outlier for their visceral fears today. And, indeed, some have.

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After Saturday night I noticed many people questioning the direction our football team is heading. I’ve also heard many groups talking about how long they think of selling their tickets for Saturday’s game against Michigan, certainly the reasons for this are attractive. The first being the return the investmen. Let’s just say you probably would not be selling your ticket for less than you paid for it. The second reason is that some people have no desire to watch the same product on the field less than they did in Utah on Saturday. This is also understandable.

Saturday, we face an opponent that is less than less than will be markedly better than Brigham Young University. That is not to say we will surge each and every student at this school and every parent of the school’s game. First, you get 24 home games as a student. Cherish every one of them. This is the time — no matter the outcome — that will be spent with friends, family, alumni and can never be relived as a student. There are people all over the country, both alumni and the subway alumni who would give anything to be in your shoes. Secondly, Michigan-Notre Dame — regardless of the current standings — generates enormous national media coverage. No matter what happens on the field, we as students, have a reputation for creating the finest home field experience in the nation. Before I was a student here, I was in awe when I watched on TV as the Notre Dame student body clapped to drum cadences, and sang the fight song until they were blue in the face and did countless pushups after a Notre Dame touchdown. The third and perhaps the most exciting reason for attending Saturday’s game is that it is the first game of our season that we attended the game last year in Ann Arbor and experienced a culture that was so delightful and so arrogant that I thanked my lucky stars for Notre Dame and the class we exhibit in both victory and defeat.

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Editorial Cartoon

U-Wire

War on terror needs candidates’ creativity

Whether local or national, let there be no mistake — Election Day 2004 is quickly approaching. For Americans, it is time to engage in some much needed decision making on the issues that matter most. Two months remain before voters choose which candidate will defend those issues best.

The war on terror continues to be the issue that begs for creative answers by both candidates running for president. The Bush administration’s best strategy to fight this lingering problem. As Afghanistan and Iraq move toward freedom, it is time to evaluate where we were and where we’re headed. What is next with regard to the international fight against terrorism? What is next here at home for maintaining and increasing homeland security?

The questions above should be the foremost concern of voters across the nation. Terrorism, being the unconventional war it is, will be fought with less power and more finesse. Bush, in his three years as president, created the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Patriot Act and the TSA. Not a bad start, considering he has outlined further ideas for a second term.

Kerry must match this by explaining a unique strategy for maintaining security aside from the old, feeble remedies he has proposed. The American people deserve much more than Kerry saying “ditto” to the 9/11 Commission or offering universally agreed-upon ideas. Adding troops and strengthening the military are wonderful, but where is the innovation?

Kerry must explain what it means to “lead a coalition of the able,” as it states on his Web site. Post 9/11, the world thrives on intelligence gathering. Kerry uses opponents of the war in Iraq (France, Germany, Russia, etc.) to be indicative of our opponents in the war on terror. We continue to share intelligence on a continual basis with countless nations, including those who failed to assist America in Operation: Iraqi Freedom. When free nations share the burden of intelligence, everyone benefits. So what is this new “coalition” Kerry has mentioned? It could mean that he would begin to negotiate with his so-called “enemies,” which in certain politicians’ eyes is the same product on the field, we as students, have an obligation to do our part. Our job is to show up, cheer loud, and support our classmates no matter what the outcome. So I urge all of you. Freshman this will be your first. Seniors this is the beginning of your final season. Give it everything you have, this is time you won’t have back. And maybe, just maybe we can rekindle a little bit of the magic that drove the Four Horsemen, Knute Rockne and the 11 national championship teams that provide the foundation for the traditions we hold dear. Maybe, just maybe we can win this one. “Some things change but certain things remain the same.”

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DVD REVIEW

Season 6 of 'Sex and the City' delivers

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Some DVD Critic

The final season of a television show usually goes one of two ways. More often than not, the final season reminds you why it's going off of the air in the first place with uninspired episodes and a feeling of obligation to wrap up all plot lines. The rarer ender to a show is a season that makes you wish that the show would go on forever. "Sex and the City," Season 6 Part 1, while not the complete final season, manages to keep the show fresh while slowly and subtly wrapping up the loose ends in preparation for the final farewell.

"Sex and the City" is a completely character-driven show as the entire premise is following the love lives of four single New York women. The four women are Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), the shoe-addicted sex-column writer; Charlotte (Kristin Davis), the WASP-y art gallery director; Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), the cynical lawyer; and Samantha (Kim Cattrall), the man-eating PR executive. Some episodes may be confusing to those who are jumping into the series cold, because they follow a story-arc built up over the past five seasons, but the series can still be enjoyed by just about anyone, even males.

Season 6 opens with "Market to Market," a great episode comparing the volatility of the stock market with the instability and uncertainty of dating. Carrie begins her relationship with Jack Berger (Ron Livingston of "Office Space" fame), another writer. Their union seems blissful, until both of them release books at the same time. Meanwhile, Miranda finds major success with her book, Berger is dropped by his publisher and the whole thing ends with Berger dumping her on a Post-it note, prompting one of the funniest episodes on the disc, "The Post-it Always Sticks Twice."

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DVD Review

'Butterfly Effect' rises above shortcomings

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Some DVD Critic

Change one thing, change everything. That is the tagline to the semi-recently released movie, "The Butterfly Effect." The butterfly effect, also known as Chaos Theory, was made widely known in the average moviegoer's view of "Jurassic Park." As "Jurassic Park" explained, everything in the world is interconnected, and a butterfly flapping his wings in South Bend can create a hurricane in Florida.

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Even though Ashton Kutcher's role as the main character is a drawing point for interested viewers, the supporting roles are what drive the movie. Amy Smart, Elden Henson and Melora Walters all turn in memorable performances. Kutcher does suffer a little through his manipulations, but the secondary characters make up for the main character's shortcomings.

This is a good movie, but it is far from perfect. There are some obvious plot holes, and Kutcher may not have been the best young actor for the job. Another movie that follows the same idea, but with a better lead and execution is "Donnie Darko," starring Jake Gyllenhaal. If you haven't seen that movie, check it out. If you have seen only one of these two movies, and liked it, I would recommend the seeing the other to see a different execution of similar story ideas.

This is a very dark movie. If you are looking for the feel good movie of the year, look elsewhere. Bodily and mental harm come to almost everyone in this movie, innocent or otherwise. While some may appreciate the grim nature of the movie and some of its inhabitants, others may not.

The director's cut, included on the new DVD by New Line Cinema's Infinitum, is even darker. Many of the things that were hinted at in the movie are actually displayed in the directors cut, as well as an ending that will cause people to question what they just saw. The director's cut, as well as the theatrical one, are both packaged on the same DVD. The two versions are far enough apart, with completely different endings, that they both warrant a viewing.

The audio and video are done quite well in this film. The video is crisp and clear. Viewers are able to see all of Ashton's dazed and confused looks with utmost clarity. All the dialogue and ambient noises have also been transcribed very clearly.

The DVD comes packed with quite a few extras, just like previous Infinitum's DVD releases. There are two documentaries, one about time travel and the other dealing with chaos theory. Commentary from the directors and writers and some DVD-ROM content is also included.

Overall, this is a classy presentation for the film and one that would please any movie fan.
MOVIE REVIEW

Foreign language film is a visual masterpiece

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Assistant Scene Editor

At first it doesn't make sense. With no long-winded explanations or details, men and women soar into the open sky, engaged in a graceful ballet of martial arts. It's been seen before in Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." But the statue of limitations on this sort of entertainment seems to be timeless as this hybrid of art and action still feels like a breath of fresh air. While "Hero" does not capture the same heartfelt emotions as its artistic predecessor, it still succeeds on its own as a simply beautiful, lavish piece of filmmaking.

"Hero" tells the story of a distant war (and when ancient China was divided into seven kingdoms. Qin (Jet Li), the ruthless and ambitious emperor of the northern province, is rising to power and seeks to unite all the seven provinces under his iron fist. However, he is under constant threat of assassination from the three greatest warriors of the time. Broken Sword (Tony Leung), Flying Goose (Takeshi Kaneshiro) and Sky (Donnie Yen). When one of Qin's local magistrates claims to have defeated all three warriors, the nameless champion (Jet Li) is summoned to the king's palace to relate how he managed his single-handed victories.

In many ways, "Hero" feels like an evolution of the same visual elements that made "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" such a wonder to behold. Watching the fight scenes is like watching poetry in motion. Awaits with color and lush settings, each battle seems to have been hand painted with a brush to produce breathtaking results. Two particularly memorable conflicts included one set amongst a swirl of countless, red-tinted spring blossoms and another on the clear, serene surface of a remote lake. Painstakingly rehearsed and coordinated fight choreography just adds to the overall equation and produces moments within the film that rival, and sometimes surpass, those in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

The cast of "Hero" has been described as an Asian version of "Ocean's 11" in its collaboration of the most successful. A list Hong Kong film stars. The performances in "Hero" certainly support this claim. Jet Li gives a quietly reserved, tranquil performance that is unlike many of the big-budget action films that have catapulted him to fame. But the most memorable moments within the plot come from the required love between Tony Leung and Maggie Cheung's characters. Instead of playing on the pair's passion, the actors give much more subtle performances that focus on their characters' search for a peaceful end together in a harsh, embattled world.

The primary downfall for "Hero" is its length, or lack thereof. In order for the motivations of the characters and their ideals to really resonate, the themes of the film should have been explored for more than 90 minutes. The themes revolving around honor and a warrior's duty form the main focus of the film but there are times when these themes seem to be pushed to the rear in order in order to fast forward to another captivating warrior clash. For this reason, the film does not resonate with the same raw emotion that "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" did.

Instead, "Hero" will probably be remembered more for the beautiful images it conveys. If audience members take a step back and allow themselves to soak in all that the film's artful camera has to offer, they might really love the film. And that's certainly not a shabby way to be remembered in years to come.

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DVD REVIEW

Fourth time is a charm for 'The Simpsons'

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Same Critic

All television shows manage to eke out a few good episodes, and some even manage to be great ones in their run, but the mark of a television classic is when you have an entire season of memorable shows. "The Simpsons" Season 4 is about as close as you can get to a perfect season of television. The fourth season established the show as a solid classic, and not just the fad it is when you have an entire season of especially memorable episodes.

Classic episodes from the season deal with often seemingly tangential subplots, but they all lie up nicely at the end. "Marge vs. the Monorail" is a classic written by Conan O'Brien that mucks "The Music Man" and mass transit. "Last Exit to Springfield," ranked second place episode by Dan Aykroyd of Entertainment Weekly, finds Homer accidentally becoming a Union leader because Lisa needs braces and the nuclear power plant workers are ready to trade their dental plan for a keg. "I Love Lisa" establishes Ralph Wiggum as a character with the memorable "I choo-choo-choose you" valentine. "A Streetcar Named Marge" has guest star Bette Midler, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Luke Perry and Elizabeth Taylor joining forces to save Krusty the Clown from cancellation.

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One of the major benefits of watching the DVD versus syndicated episodes is the quality of the color and picture. The images are clear, the colors vivid and the sound quality is wonderful. About the only thing that isn't almost perfect in the set is the episode-selection menu. Each disc has a different character on the menu, and when you select an episode, a short animation clip runs. This is fairly amusing at first, but upon subsequent viewings, it becomes somewhat tedious. "The Simpsons" Season 4 DVD set is a fitting package for the season that proved that the show was not just a cartoon, but a show that mixed the hilarity of social commentary deftly with come- dy.

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David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to their 12th win in 15 games, a wild victory over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Manny Ramirez and Ortiz hit consecutive home runs in the fourth inning off Barry Zito (8-9) pitched 6 2-3 strong innings to win his fifth straight decision. Mueller and Dave Roberts each hit a double in the seventh, and Ortiz added a three-run double in the ninth.

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Journeyman minor leaguer Smith leads Braves to win

Associated Press

About an hour before the game, Travis Smith found out he'd be starting.

The journeyman didn't want to squander the chance.

Pitching for the ailing Mike Hampton, Smith pitched five solid innings and earned his first major league win in more than two years, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 on Monday.

"It seems like a long time," Smith said. "I'm fortunate they gave me a shot today."

Andruw Jones homered for the fourth time in six games and had two RBIs. He also prevented a potential run by throwing out a runner at the plate.

Smith (1-3), who has spent most of the season at Triple-A, couldn't go because of a stiff right hip and is listed as day to day.

"It was enough for Smith's first win since July 25, 2002," said Braves closer John Smoltz, who got his fifth out for his 36th save.

The Astros closed within a game of NL wild-card leaders Chicago and San Francisco, Houston, a season-high 11 games over .500 at 74-63, have won 18 of 21 since Aug. 15, the best record in the majors during that stretch.

The Astros defeated a potent rhythm by the Phillies, 3-1, on Monday — their season-high 10th straight victory.

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent also homered for Houston, on its longest win streak, a second time in seven games, a winning streak.

Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of a game against the Expos on Monday. Zambrano pitched eight innings as the Cubs won 9-1. The second, then followed Clark's two-run single in the pivotal third with a two-run double — his third extra-base hit against Pirates starter Ryan Vogelsong in four at-bats.

With the score tied at 3 and the bases loaded in the eighth, Klesko hit a chopper over the shortstop's glove, Ramon Vázquez.

The Padres quickly blew it open against reliever Cal Eldred. Khalil Greene followed with a sacrifice fly, Terrence Long had a pinch-hit RBI single and another run scored on the play on a throwing error by Pujols.

Chicago 9, Montreal 1

Four days off suited Aramis Ramirez just fine.

Ramirez hit a pair of two-run homers and Carlos Zambrano allowed four hits in eight innings to lead the Chicago Cubs to a victory over the Montreal Expos on Monday.

Mark Grudzielanek, Derrek Lee and Michael Barrett also homered for the Cubs, who played their first game since Wednesday's 2-1 extra-inning victory at Montreal. The Cubs had their last three games against the Florida Marlins at Miami postponed because of Hurricane Frances.

Ramirez took advantage off the long weekend to rest his sore left groin, which has been bothering him since July.

"I feel a lot better. I'm not a 100 percent, but the four days off really helped my groin," Ramirez said.

The Cubs took a half-game lead over idle San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Houston stayed 1 1/2 games back with a 11-5 win over Cincinnati.

The Giants and the Astros moved closer in the standings, while the Cubs remained idle during the weekend.

"It's kind of frustrating, but we will still have to play those games, too," Ramirez said.

"There is going to be a time when we are playing and they will be off and we have to take advantage of that, too." Chicago won without Sammy Sosa in the lineup. The seventh-time All-Star has bursitis in his right hip and is listed as day to day.

The injury is not related to a lower back injury Sosa suffered earlier in the season, which put him on the disabled list May 19 through June 18.
Yankees-Devil Rays game postponed

Yankees ask for game to be declared a forfeit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees asked the commissioner's office to award them a forfeit over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after they failed to arrive in time Monday for a game that was postponed due to Hurricane Frances. It was a request that had no chance of being granted.

Orchestrated as a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m., the start time was pushed back two hours on Sunday. Because of the delay, the commissioner's office told the teams to play one game at 7 p.m. and said it would decide later on when to reschedule the second game.

The Devil Rays arrived at 6:05 p.m., and commissioner Bud Selig had no intention of ordering a forfeit.

"Given the stage of the season we are in, and the exciting pennant races, it is critical that we do everything to decide the championship on the field," he said in a statement.

The Yankee Stadium gates opened at 11 a.m., and about 1,000 fans were on hand. They were given free hot dogs and sodas, and fans applauded loudly when the Yankees took batting practice Monday before a game against the Devil Rays.

Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, left, pauses during batting practice Monday before a game against the Devil Rays.

Associated Press

MIA M I — Florida State and Miami were originally scheduled to play Monday, instead, they spent the day trying to recover from Hurricane Frances. It wasn't easy, but it was necessary as the teams prepared for their postponed season opener.

Friday night at the Orange Bowl, Frances forced the fourth-ranked Seminoles to practice indoors while they mourned the loss of coach Bobby Bowden's 15-year-old grandson and former son-in-law.

John Allen Madden, a 65-year-old former Florida State lineman who played under Bowden, and his son, Bowden, were killed Sunday when their car was hit by a utility truck that was helping restore power outages caused by Frances.

"Most of us have been around all of the Bowden family a great deal, and it is a loss shared by all of us," Florida State athletic director Dave Hart said in a statement.

"Words can't express the grieving I know the Bowdens are going through."

The Seminoles closed practice to the media and had no player or coach availability Monday. Bowden and offensive coordinator Jeff Bowden attended the workout.

The fifth-ranked Hurricanes practiced Monday for the first time in four days because of Frances.

"Guys' minds were not on football," center Joel Rodriguez said. "Guys' minds were on their families, their houses, their property and their safety. It's understandable. ... To have three days off where you're not even thinking about football, but about your house being blown away or whatever. It's a lot to come back from and get right into the Dow."

Several players' families and friends were still without power and water Monday.

Miami defensive back Devion Hester, from Riviera Beach, said the roof on his parents' home collapsed, flooding every room, and a tree crushed his mother's car.

"It didn't turn out too good," Hester said. "It's kind of bad knowing that I'm here and my mom, they're in Palm Beach struggling. I'm just trying to keep my focus and concentrate on football right now."

Miami receiver Ryan Moore, from Orlando, said Hurricane Charley affected his family more than Frances. But having two hurricanes within three weeks left him with some troubling nights.

"I've never seen anything back to back like that," Moore said. "All of us from Florida, we're as used to it as you can get. You're just got to go with the punches."
U.S. Open wraps up fourth round, quarterfinals to start Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Outgoing top-ranked Federer has won eight major titles, while the top-ranked Federer has won three of the past five. Agassi advanced Monday with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over pal and occasional practice partner Sargis Sargsian, who was on court for nearly two hours. This was the second round.

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Steelers running back Duce Staley, runs by Eagles cornerback — again.

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Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury, leaving second-year pro Reno Make and rookie Thomas Tapeh as backups to the undersized and injury-prone Westbrook.

Coach Andy Reid prefers the pass, however, using it almost 60 percent of the time. With Owens in the mix, receivers Todd Pinkston and former first-round pick Freddie Mitchell could thrive. Also, second-year tight ends L.J. Smith and three-time Pro Bowl tight end Chad Lewis give McNabb plenty of options.

"The sky is the limit for this team," McNabb said. "We can do a lot of good things."

Owens brings a lot of talent and some attitude. So far, though, the flamboyant star has fit into the offense and hasn't upset the chemistry in the locker room. He expects to raise McNabb's game to another level.

"We're filling a void for each other," Owens said. "I think a lot of people have seen flashes of what we can do throughout the season. Obviously, it's everybody's goal here to get to the Super Bowl. Everybody keeps reflecting on the three losses in the championship game. We just have to take it one game at a time until we get to the same place. I'm excited about the opportunities to get us over the hump. That's why I'm here."

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But the Eagles have little depth behind Westbrook, who ran for 613 yards and totaled 13 touchdowns rushing, receiving and returning punts last season. Staley went to Indianapolis in Thursday night's preseason game.

Associated Press

Foxboro, Mass. — The New England Patriots can become only the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years. They also came very close to not winning any.

So they'll start the NFL season knowing they can make history, but only if they make sure they take little for granted.

The Patriots squeaked by St. Louis 20-17 in the 2002 Super Bowl on Adam Vinatieri's last-play field goal, then edged Carolina 32-29 in the 2004 title game on Vinatieri's field goal with 4 seconds left. Not exactly a rout in either game.

"We've got to go out and win games, every game. That makes it to that level is a good team," Vinatieri said. "One or two plays a game makes a difference between winning and losing a game a lot of times."

Coach Bill Belichick keeps his players focused on the next play. But if they open the season 4-0, they would break Miami's record with 19 consecutive wins, counting regular-season and playoff games. They could do that with a win over the Dolphins on Oct. 1.

"It could make us 1-3, too," Belichick said.

The Patriots were 2-2 last season before starting the streak that gives them a chance to join Dallas, which won the 1993, 1994 and 1996 Super Bowls, as the only teams to take three out of four.

"Would I love to be in the history books as being one of the best teams in a short era? Of course," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "I think we have the ability to do that, but it's not going to come easy. We still have to put in the work day by day."

The Patriots believe they're prepared and able to do whatever they need to do to keep the season as successful as possible.

"Once you get into the playoffs, every team that makes it to that level is a good team," Vinatieri said. "One or two plays a game makes a difference between winning and losing a lot of times."

But they also have three top players who didn't contribute to last season's title run: running back Corey Dillon, punter Josh Miller and nose tackle Ted Washington, who both signed with Oakland. But Ty Warren, the 13th pick in last year's draft, has been a key player on his first full season as a starter.

The Patriots depth in Washington's absence has been impressive.

"I'm happy to have all those great players back," said Dillon, who gained at least 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons with Cincinnati before dropping to 541 last year.

Miller, a free agent from Pittsburgh, is an upgrade over Ken Walker, while Colvin, a top pass rusher, didn't play after breaking his hip in the preseason.

"It's not too worrisome about any jinxes or anything, knock on wood. That is another one of those extra things that you can get distracted by," Belichick said.

The Patriots play in what could be a weaker AFC East with Buffalo, Miami, and the New York Jets, and are deep at every position except one - quarterback.

If Brady gets hurt, they have only Robby Davenport and Tim Miller. Davenport was offensive MVP in NFL Europe, but was inconsistent in the Patriots' exhibition season. Miller, a 10-year veteran who missed last season because of a shoulder injury and had surgery on his right shoulder in February, didn't play in any exhibition games.

The Patriots lost two solid defensive linemen, and Bobby Hamilton and nose tackle Ted Washington, who both signed with Oakland. But Ty Warren, the 13th pick in last year's draft, has been a key player on his first full season as a starter.

The team's rankings last season weren't anything special: 17th in defense, seventh in offense and sixth in defense. Seven of the 11 starters are back or are at least backups on offense or defense.

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With a victory in the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh ended Tiger Woods' streak as the number one ranked golfer in the world. Woods has held that honor since August of 1999.

Singh takes number one rank from Tiger

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Vijay Singh won a head-to-head match with Tiger Woods to end his record reign atop golf's ultimate leaderboard.

Singh shot a 69 to beat Woods and Adam Scott by three strokes in the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday, clinching the No. 1 ranking in the world with his sixth victory of the year. Woods had been first for more than five years — a record 264 consecutive weeks.

Singh took a three-stroke lead into the final round, but he and Woods were tied at 13 under after Singh bogeyed No. 13 at the par-71, 7,415-yard TPC of Boston. Woods bogeyed the next hole and Singh birdied 15 to pull ahead by two strokes before adding birdies on the final two holes to finish 16 under and win the $900,000 first prize.

"It feels great," said Singh, who has won the last eight times he took a lead into the final round. "I can't wait to celebrate." Singh, the defending champion, started the day seven strokes behind Singh before making the turn with four consecutive birdies to get into contention. He birdied the 18th hole to finish 13 under, and Woods matched him; John Rollins and Daniel Chopra were another two strokes back at minus 10.

Singh is the top winner over the No. 1 ranking that he has been closing in on all year. The computer rankings factor in performance over the past two years, taking the strength of field into account; Woods held a 12.09-11.91 lead heading into this week. The new numbers were expected to be released later Monday, but Singh's will be the first player other than Woods to hold the No. 1 ranking since Aug. 8, 1999.

"That's not too bad, is it?" Woods asked. "I've had a good run."

Singh improved to 15 under with a birdie on the first hole; Woods left a 15-foot footer on the rim of the cup.

On the second hole, a par-5, 553-yard dogleg right, both players got into trouble. Singh couldn't find his ball and took a drop, hit to 14 feet of the pin and then two-putted for bogey. Woods found his among the rocks in front of the green, but when he swung at the ball he hit a rock instead, jamming his wrist, breaking his club and costing himself a stroke.

BRIEF

Colts interested in adding quarterback Couch

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts were still fine-tuning their roster Monday, and one option is quarterback Tim Couch.

After announcing 12 player cuts Monday, one day after the NFL deadline to trim rosters to 53, coach Tony Dungy acknowledged the Colts were interested in Couch, the No. 1 pick in 1999 who was cut by Sunday.

"I'm sure we'll take a look at Tim Couch," Dungy said. "He played in a similar system to what we have when he was in Cleveland. He was the first pick in the draft. He played well both times we played against him, and I think it's something we'll talk about.

Dungy's comments came on the same day that the Colts made a surprise move by waiving guard Steve Sculio, who started 13 games last season, so they could claim Ryan Lilja off waivers from Kansas City.

Associated Press

Lilja, a 6-2, 285-pound guard, starting 14 of 23 games in two seasons with Kansas City, which cut him Sunday.

Giants' Shockey ready to start season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After sitting out training camp and all four preseason games with an injured foot and a hamstring problem, New York Giants Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey declared himself fit Monday.

Shockey said he could have played in the Giants' final preseason game against Baltimore, but decided to rest until the season opener against NFC East rival Philadelphia on Sunday. He vowed to start.

"I never doubted that I would be back," Shockey said Monday before an unscheduled light workout.

"I feel pretty good right now, and I've felt better each day. I really could have played last week, but they didn't want me to try and I couldn't persuade them. I'm ready to get it going. It's an important game for us, and we have to start off on the right track.

Davenport defeats Williams to advance to quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Venus Williams was grunting loudly, Lindsay Davenport was muttering to herself, and the fans were jumping out of their seats after each point.

The matchup was fit for a Grand Slam final, not the fourth round. So, too, was the riveting last game.

Davenport and Williams, seven major titles and 49 weeks at No. 1 between them, swapped powerful strokes and anxious moments for 13 minutes and 24 points Monday at the U.S. Open. Nine deuces. Five break points for 2000 Open champion Williams. Five match points for 1998 Open champ Davenport. In the end, Davenport was slightly steadier and stronger, pulling out a 7-5, 6-4 victory to get to the quarterfinals.

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The Belles' Shelly Bender, middle, tries to push the ball past an Alma defender in a game last season.

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles lost their third straight game of the season Monday night, dropping a four-game match to MIAA rival Albion. The loss drops Saint Mary's to 0-2 in conference play and 0-3 on the young season. The Belles were able to close the margin as they prevailed in the third game winning 30-28, but they ultimately fell in the fourth game by a score of 30-23. The Belles are currently in last place in the MIAA and much in need of a win.

"I think we need to improve our overall communication," Belles defensive specialist Michelle Gary said. "And better utilize each player's strengths."

Similar to the past couple of matches, Saint Mary's could not find their rhythm and dropped the first two games. They played tough in the second, but failed to close the set out, losing a heartbreaker, 31-29. The Belles were were outscored in kills and attacks in all four games. Aside from the loss, there were a number of players who executed on both sides of the court. "Michelle Turley did a very good job, but everyone had their ups and downs tonight," Gary said. "Elise Runright played well in the middle, and Shelly Bender and Anne Cusack did a great job on defense."

Turley's play was one of the highlights in the game as she kept her team relatively close. She collected a total of 17 kills in the four games along with an impressive 46 attacks. On defense, she added 22 digs.

Once again, Runright showed why she is one of the team's leaders, putting up some very good numbers.

On the night, Bender also performed well with 27 attacks, and sophomore Ann Carpenter was second on the team in attacks, racking up a total of 25. Ann Cusack played well defensively with 16 digs.

Following the contest, coach Julie Schroeder-Biek told her players they needed to play their game instead of playing down to the level of their opponents.

This is crucial for the team's success as they go deeper into their schedule.

Up next for the Belles is Kalamazoo on Wednesday, which will be their second home game and third conference matchup. The game begins at 6 p.m.

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and that helped us to beat Southern Indiana by one stroke.”

The team hopes that its men- tal toughness and personal be- haviors have left an impression with its conference and regional rivals. Conference rivals Tri- State University, Olivet College and Alma College all finished in the bottom half of the competi- tion. However, the Belles were expecting heavy competition from regional rival DePauw.

“Although they graduated two seniors, we felt they were going to be a big chal- lenge,” Simmerman said.

Despite the expectations, the Belles were able to perform 20 strokes bet- ter than their rival. The fourth- place finish is just one step for- ward for Saint Mary’s, who is still expecting challenges dur- ing the season from talented individual golfers.

“There will be a lot of indi- vidual competition,” Simmerman said. “But we know what we are capable of.”

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wrote for ESPN.com “I heard they had a gym somewhere around there, but nobody told me about it. So finally, before I left Sunday afternoon, I asked where the boxing gym was. Sure enough, it was right in the Joyce Center.”

Although Zbikowski did not play as a reserve safety in 2003, he performed well dur- ing the 2004 Blue-Gold game, picking off a pass and was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

He went into the summer expecting to compete with Burrell for the starting safety spot. When an injury sidelined Burrell for most of the practices, Zbikowski began receiving the majority of repetitions.

Zbikowski caused some controversy and speculation when he did not show up for two-a-day workouts on Aug. 20-21, citing non-football-related personal issues. Rumors swirled that Zbikowski was planning to transfer, but the sophomore put an end to that speculation when he returned to practice.

Aug. 22.

“I wasn’t making contacts with any others,” Zbikowski told Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com at the time. “I never left the team. I left the University, I never left the team.”

After the game Saturday, Zbikowski said that the personal issues that caused him to miss the practices this summer were in the past and that he no longer wanted to discuss the situation.

“It’s just left my mind,” he said. “I’ve been just trying to concentrate on the team. We’re going to be a good ball club. We didn’t show how good we are, but next week we’re going to show everyone how good we are.”

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Belles golfer

“We know we can dominate the conference.”

Stefanie Simmerman

“Good memories and gone are the days of working two-a-day workouts on Aug. 22.

We can only get better from here on.”

Adriana Stasiuk

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski looks for the ball carrier during Notre Dame’s 20-17 loss to BYU Saturday.

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ty that moved the Belles up in the standings during the two-day competition. After the opening day, the Belles stood in fifth place. It took the confi- dence and a personal record from Nicole Bellino to pull the team to fourth.

“She helped us capture fourth place,” Simmerman said. “She cared with an 81

friend defender Katie Taylor, will join her. Taylor, along with teammates Shannon Culbertson and Jen Herdman, anchor a strong defensive squad that must deal with the loss of two-year cap- tain and second team All-MIAA defensive specialist Lynn Taylor to graduation.

However, the team’s much-improved goals against average of 1.4 in 2003 bodes well for this year’s Saint Mary’s back- field.

The defense will be an impor- tant aspect under the game plan of new head coach Peter Haring, who will look to improve upon the success of last year’s team.

Haring hopes the defense can provide consistently strong play, which will allow the mid- fielders to have their way with teams.

including Concannon, who along with Wendy Irvin scored 50 percent of the team’s goals last year — to play with possession and fire more open runs into the attack. He also hopes to get contribu- tions on offense this year from midfielders Carrie Orr and Emily Wagner.

Under the strategy that the best offense will come from a good defense, Haring has his sights set on a top-three MIAA finish, and from there, a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The new coach’s game plan will face its first test today, when the Belles open up their season at home.

Because their match against Valparaiso’s Crusaders’ play, the Irish believe they have identified their opponent’s weaknesses and have adjusted their game plan accordingly.

“Our hitters will really have to work their shots and vary them,” Stasiuk said. “It will be really important to keep a high level of intensity and be aggressive.”

The Irish will take the court to face Valparaiso at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

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TIRED OF PLAYING CENTER FIELD ON OUR TEAM, HUN, FRANKLIN?

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ACROSS
1. "If I ___ brake" (4)
5. "Guilty," e.g.
9. Clio winner
14. Most stuck-up
16. Poker ploy
17. "M.T.A."
20. Chart shape
21. "Bearded" foster
22. Marlin binge
25. Murals and such
26. Don't's state
28. Dover's state: ___, ___, ___, ___
31. Envelope abbr.
32. Ring out chamber work
33. Group values
34. Paul Scott
35. Chronicles set in India
36. Vacuum feature
37. Weathervane
38. Have more troops than
39. Right on the map
40. Response to someone pointing
41. Actress, Peuples
44. Take a gather at
45. Make ___ of (botch)
50. Schubert
52. "You're so right!"
55. T, FRANKLIN! I NEED TO BORROW A PENCIL AND SOME PAPER...

DOWN
1. Lindy, in P.G.
2. Longstocking's coupler
3. Longstocking's coupler
4. It may be seen, heard or spoken in a saying
5. Quick pulls
6. A.T.M.
7. Makers
8. Trouser part
9. Potshock heading
10. J.D. folder
11. Golf Palmer, to país
12. "... was saying"
13. Peaks with natal
15. Up to, for short
18. Newspaper page
22. Home of the N.H.L.'s Sharks
24. Awards to be honored
25. Positions of esteem
26. Need inmate
28. Knee-stopper
29. Six-pointers, in Brazil
30. Hair-splitter?
31. LAX abbr.
32. Gumball cost, once
33. The "E" in Q.E.D.
34. Cafeteria carrier
35. Vacuum feature
36. Buddy in Bordeaux
37. Lab charge
40. Mae West's "...Angie"
41. Less cluttered
42. "You're so right!
43. Courtroom fig.
44. Broadcaster
45. Scifi, for one
47. James of Davies
48. The Every Brothers, e.g.
49. Rhode Island State house
50. One time Pan Am mail
51. Linden of "Barney Miller"
52. Body shop fig.
53. Java container
54. ___ w.k.o.
55. ___ Dread
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Celebrities Born on This Day: Greg Rusedski, Jane Curtin, Swoosie Kurtz, Jo Anne Worley

Happy Birthday! Take action and you will get results. Don't be dainty about someone else pushing change your way. Evaluate what's going on and do what's best for everyone in your life. Your numbers are 2, 14, 21, 33, 38, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business regarding talk you want to have with relatives or friends. You should be able to get your point across.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Think about your future and what you want to achieve. If you have been doing things wrong, make a swift change in direction. Think of your own survival and protect yourself from the smooth talkers.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You'll have to stand at something new. Your versatility will attract attention and possibly a new partnership. * A PIECE OF ART

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to be creative in order to beat the odds. Money matters may take a turn that you are not prepared for.****

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch your back. Although this can be a great day to wish the one you love, it can also lead to problems, especially if it slows down your ability to finish your work.

Cancer (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can come up with some very daring ideas that will enable you to change your future direction. You will get the acknowledgment you are looking for.**

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be creative today. Whether it has to do with work, hobbies, children or somebody you love, incorporate one of your ingenious ideas.*****

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Getting a chance

Zbikowski starts at strong safety against BYU

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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When Tom Zbikowski rushed onto the field with the rest of the starters during the first quarter of Notre Dame’s 20-17 loss to BYU Saturday, it was a surprise to nearly everyone, except Zbikowski. “They told me earlier in the week to get ready, and we started going over some plays and by Thursday I was getting all the reps in practice,” Zbikowski said.

Zbikowski, who was recruited as a quarterback and returned kicks at Buffalo Grove (Ill.) High School and switched to defensive back upon his arrival with the Irish, was believed to be in competition with senior Quentin Burrell for the starting spot at free safety this season.

Burrell started at free safety in the Brigham Young game, but Zbikowski still saw the field as the starter at strong safety.

Zbikowski played well, finishing the game with five tackles and an interception.

Stepping on the field as a Notre Dame starter was the end of a long journey for Zbikowski, who threw for 1,382 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 1,287 yards and 23 touchdowns his senior year as Buffalo Grove’s starting quarterback.

He was named the Chicago area player of the year as a senior by the Chicago Sun-Times, and named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Illinois. However, Zbikowski’s awards weren’t just limited to local accolades. He was named 29th on an ESPN list of the 100 top recruits nationally in 2003, and named a USA Today first-team All-American.

The national spotlight also focused on Zbikowski as he documented his recruiting experience in a daily diary he wrote for ESPN.com. In the end, Zbikowski selected Notre Dame over Nebraska and Iowa, primarily because the Irish were willing to let Zbikowski change positions from quarterback to defense.

As an avid boxer, Zbikowski was also allure by a unique facility on the campus. “But nothing was more impressive than the boxing gym under coach Willingham’s office,” Zbikowski wrote in his Dec. 19, 2002 article for Blue Chip Diaries — the series he

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish prepare to face instate rival

Notre Dame hopes to come back after losses to Nebraska

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

If Valparaiso expects to play an ego-bruised and vulnerable squad tonight, the Irish have news for them. Despite emerging with a 1-2 record after losing a weekend series to No. 2 Nebraska, the Irish aren’t disheartened.

In fact, they have found a new sense of confidence. “We should’ve beat Nebraska on Saturday,” freshman Adrianna Stasiuk said. “We saw that we could stick

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles fell to 0-3 on the season after a loss Monday night to MIAA rival Albion.

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Belles have certainly gained a lot of confidence since their impressive eighth-place finish at the Division-Ill NCAA championships last season. But the team will not be satisfied until it achieves its ultimate goal.

“The coach from DePauw told us that we should have one goal for the season,” Stefanie Simmerman said. “To win the national title.”

With seasoned veterans and an impressive opening weekend, Saint Mary’s team has been making a name for themselves.

Last weekend, the Belles began their run at the national title by competing in the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational. Saint Mary’s finished fourth with team score of 636. 41 shots behind Invitational champion Ferris State, who shot 595.

The Belles had three members finish in the top-20. Chrissy Dunham finished eighth with a 10-over par 154 and reigning NCAA individual

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