Complex fire investigation continues

By KATIE ANTONACCIO
News Writer

After a string of unexplained fires at Castle Point Apartments nearly four weeks ago, investigations continue into possible causes, including arson.

"We still have three open cases regarding that until we close any one of them; they're all open because they occurred in the same complex," Clay fire marshal Dave Cherrone said. "That's their common denominator."

In addition to the Indiana state marshal and the Clay fire marshal's involvement, Castle Point has hired a private company as a third party to investigate.

"We welcome [the private investigation] because it gives you someone else to bounce information off of to see if they see something that you didn't, to test some things that may not have been initially tested," Cherrone said. "That's a standard thing because insurance companies have a financial interest and they want to make sure they are getting the best they can for the tenants money.

Since the fires took place right before fall break, it was difficult for authorities to begin a prompt and complete investigation, as many residents had left for the week.

"We still have some people that we are questioning," Cherrone said. "We are just hoping that we get some definitive answers in the next week or so."

Cherrone confirmed the trashcan fires have been listed as arson because of their location and time. The third fire, which damaged two apartment units, is still listed as undetermined. Though all three cases remain open, there are suspects for the first two fires.

"We had already begun, of course, the investigation in regards to the trashcan incidents before the other fire occurred," Cherrone said. "There were some people who were questioned in regards to that and some who we are still looking at as far as those two."

Castle Point has increased lighting in dark areas of the

Fairness, efficiency of registration questioned

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Notre Dame students will begin assembling their spring schedules today through an online course registration system — formerly called "DART-ing," that has prompted some Domers to question its efficiency and fairness.

The current procedure for scheduling second semester classes is called IrishLink web registration. However many students and faculty members still refer to the process in terms of its archaic acronym, a method of scheduling that was terminated several years ago.

"We asked academic departments and colleges to stop using the term 'DART,' but old habits die hard," Notre Dame Registrar Harold Pace said.

In web registration, each student enrolled in the University assigns a unique PIN number, which will allow him or her to enter the IrishLink database during a randomly allocated time slot within his or her appropriate level. Levels are for the most part class-specific in that they are assigned based on the number of semester and credit hours completed by the student.

Members of the first level — comprised of seniors and 3rd year law and graduate business students — choose their courses earliest in the registration process. Juniors and 2nd year law and graduate business

Pink bracelets show solidarity in breast cancer fight

By KATIE O'HARA
News Writer

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses have "banded" together in the fight against breast cancer, as separate pink wristband campaigns are running at both schools.

At Notre Dame, the Women in Social Service and Health (WISSH) circulated the wristbands through dorms last week as a fundraising effort for breast cancer patients.

"This is the first thing we've been able to get out there," senior Ashley Merusi, co-president of the newly formed WISSH, said. "I've seen [them] around campus, and I've been getting good feedback."

WISSH had until last year been known as the Women's Resource Center. But when the full-time Gender Resource Center was developed, the WRC members felt they had to redefine their student-run club.

"As the Gender Resource Center grew, we had decided we weren't really needed any more," Merusi said. "We've switched our focus to fundraising, awareness and service projects. We still distribute information, but we are no longer the primary source."

Prompted by the national success of the Livestrong yellow bracelets, whose proceeds supported the Lance Armstrong Foundation and breast cancer survivors, Merusi said WISSH wanted to simultaneously raise money and increase breast cancer awareness.

Journalist analyzes election

Carlson cites religious groups as key to win

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Margaret Carlson, a political commentator and 2004-05 journalist-in-residence at Notre Dame, spoke about the presidential election Tuesday, contending President Bush won because of his ability to mobilize his conservative base and get them to the polls.

"How did Bush get here? Karl Rove and those four millions evangelicals. He said he was going to get them, and he did... and he formed a religious coalition, he got Orthodox Jews and he got Catholics," she said in her lecture at the Hesburgh Center.

But Carlson also said the issue of moral values, which helped make conservative turnout so high, is in fact much more complex than Bush and Republicans would have America believe.

"Much is being made of the moral values issue, and people voting on that basis, but you have to ask, 'What does it mean? What are moral values?,'" she said. "Do people that voted for Bush have better ones than the people that voted for Kerry?"

Pink bracelets show solidarity in breast cancer fight

Women in Social Service and Health are selling the pink wristbands pictured above for $2. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer patients.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Betraying on blind faith**

I have deep loyalty in many things, one of them being the New York Yankees. Their alternating fate to being in the ALCS was heart-wrenching enough, but the pain that befell me following their Game 7 defeat was only amplified by the fact that I had gambled on the series. And when the Yankees lost, I lost big-time. In my mind, betting on the Yankees was like betting on gravity. For me to lose would mean that some universal law of nature would be defied, and this of course could never happen. I was so certain of victory that I basically placed bets with two separate friends. I barely listened to the terms — after all, I wasn’t going to lose — and the moment the Red Sox shut down my team, I was certain of defeat. How could I have gone so wrong?

And then it happened. We lost, but not just once. We lost four times in a row. Four consecutive defeats, and the Red Sox had somehow broken a curse, made history, and severely traumatized me. I was not about to let anyone forget it.

The second bet involved a slightly more extreme scenario. I was a New York Yankees fan on God’s green Earth. It felt as though someone had jabbed a piece of David Ortiz’s shattered bat through my heart. Recalling my bets only added to the pain that befell me following their pain. I was so certain of victory that I was stunned when I was given the shirt I had gotten myself into. I wasn’t going to lose — and this of course could never happen. I obviously did not know what I was in for. I was now a nobody world. I incessantly taunted the friends I knew the Yankees lost, I lost.

Not so bad, I thought to myself. Even Santa can’t get flu shots every year because he has so many contacts with people on the course heard him say, “No, but 1 am.” The 22-handicapper, an amazing when he aced the third hole at Liberty Lake Golf Course. Then he went and hit a second hole-in-one on the 11th hole of the same round. Odors against that are about 67 million to 1, according to Golf Digest. “The first one was pretty amazing,” said Varallo. “But after the second, everyone was in utter disbelief. Other people on the course heard the screaming and were coming over to see what had happened.”

**OFFBEAT**

Even Santa can’t get flu shot

DENVER — Apparently there is no special exception for Santa — at least not for flu vaccines.

Nick Pallotto, 62, who grew up in New Jersey, Denver and will work this year in Virginia. Pallotto said he gets a flu shot every year because he has so many contacts with children. More than 10,000 kids were on his lap last year. Pallotto has worked for Naturally Santa Inc., appearing as Santa Claus at malls in New Jersey, Denver and will work this year in Virginia. Pallotto said he gets a flu shot every year because he has so many contacts with children. More than 10,000 kids were on his lap last year.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DART PROCESS?

Alex Hart

It’s the biggest rush of my school year.

Chris Christensen

I think it needs to be revised to avoid a certain extent.

Jana Miller

It’s a little confusing.

Bridget Higgins

Oh yeah, I have to pick out my classes, don’t I?

Dan O’Brien

I say just play the music and dance in December.

Rusty Bresnahan

I’m not an athlete.

**CORRECTIONS**

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**In Brief**

The lecture "The 2004 Elections and Latino Politics" will be held today at 12 p.m. in 308 McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will play an exhibition game against Quincy tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.

The play "Fortunillas" will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The lecture "Landscape of Memory, Looking Back at the Holocaust after 60 years" will be given by Ruth Klieger at 8 p.m. tonight in the McKenna Hall auditorium.

A special showing of "The Grudge" with screenwriter Stephen Susco and actor William Mapother will be shown Thursday at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

A Fall Choral Concert by the Saint Mary’s College Choir and the Collegiate Choir will be performed Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

Tonight at 8 p.m. at the flag pole on South Quad there will be a prayer service to bless the crosses for the Ceremony of Innocents as well as to pray for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion in any way. All are welcome to attend.

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

Three speakers offered a variety of thoughts on nuclear proliferation Tuesday evening in a symposium panel discussion called, "Rethinking the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons in the Age of Terrorism." The discussion, sponsored by the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy as well as The Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government, featured guest speakers Dale Watson, Joseph Cirincione and Jared Silberman, with professor Jimmy Gurule serving as the moderator. Each of the three men offered unique insight into the threat of nuclear proliferation, based on his individual experiences.

"During the most recent presidential debates, there were few few honest answers. Who would you agree with?" said in the opening. "But when three men offered unique insight into the threat of nuclear proliferation, based on his individual experiences."

"If not you, who's going to do it?" Watson asked in conclusion. "Some German government official, or 40-something U.S. official from America, all we hear to be afraid. Germans see terrorism as a problem, but not an overwhelming, terrifying issue," he said then outlined four nuclear threats faced by America — nuclear terrorism, the emergence of non-state weapons systems (such as North Korea and Iran), the danger from existing arsenal's potential for a calamity of the collapse of existing non-proliferation regimes.

Cirincione recalled past presidential administrations who successfully fought against various proliferation regimes. He presented an extensive list of non-lethal weapons, including acoustic agents, which would actually deafening the enemy and an unbearable loud noise without any harmful effects, acoustic deterrents, which would put enemies in a sleep-like state.

"Even a softball-sized chunk of highly-enriched uranium would be key to them making a weapon," Cirincione said. Silberman, associate counsel for Arms Control and International Law in the United States Navy, spoke last on two themes of non-lethal weaponry and non-proliferation: increased lethality of weapons is not necessarily the best means to achieve success, Silberman said. He presented an extensive list of non-lethal weapons, including high-powered microwave agents, which would bring a burning sensation upon the enemy's skin with no harmful effects, acoustic deterrents, which would put enemies in a sleep-like state.


When: Thursday, November 17 at 11 a.m.

Where: McKenna Hall, Room 210

November 10, 2004

Prayer Service Held Wednesday for the Cemetery of the Innocents

The Notre Dame Right to Life Club will be holding a prayer service as part of its efforts to communicate the Gospel to the University community.

Members of the campus community are invited to participate in the prayer service and to keep vigil at the cemetery from 12 Midnight to 6 a.m., Wednesday to Thursday and again Thursday to Friday. Contact Kyle Bernholt (kbernholt@nd.edu) for more information.

When: Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Where: South Quad.

A Call for Leadership in Action: LEAD-ND & The Youth Action Project 2005

Join the corps of diverse ND leaders working to provide equitable after-school opportunities for ALL youth to learn the value of community service and active citizenship. Empower traditionally underrepresented, under-resourced young people through an engaging, service-based leadership development program.

The Youth Project is an initiative of LEAD-ND and is sponsored by the Institute for Educational Initiatives and the CSC. Visit the LEAD-ND website for more details: www.nd.edu/-leadnd. Applications due November 24.

When: Information sessions on Wednesday, November 10 and 17 at 7 p.m.

Where: Center for Social Concerns.

'Vocation & Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition' Course Offering

The Center for Social Concerns is offering a course in the spring semester, 'Vocation and Leadership in the Catholic Social Tradition' and would like to invite students to consider taking it.

Specifically, the Center is looking for students who will continue to be involved in the greater South Bend community next semester. The course is designed to prepare students to become engaged students who are leaders in their own personal lives and communities.

THED 273—Tuesday and Thursday 2:35-3:15 p.m.

This course will invite students to consider the meaning of vocation in relation to the social mission of the church. Beginning with a theological understanding of the significance of vocation and choice, this course will provide a narrative-based exploration of the vocational journey of prominent figures in the Catholic social tradition such as Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, and Oscar Romero.

The emergent understanding of vocation will be held in conversation with the witness given by leaders from other religious traditions, e.g., Badshah Khan, Gandhi, and Thich Nhat Hanh.

Using the method of service-learning, this course will invite students to develop an awareness of their social justice commitments in light of their own sense of vocation.

Permission is required. More information about the course format is explained in the Learning Agreement and Application Form, which are available at the Center for Social Concerns. If you have questions, email Andrea at andrea@nd.edu.

How to Submit Events to Happenings

To submit an event for the CSC Happenings or for "Commonquests" the weekly email newsletter for the CSC, send your event to cscnews@nd.edu. For more information on events, check our web site at http://www.nd.edu/-comique or http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu.
ness students form the second level, sophomores are positioned in the third level and freshmen are designated to the fourth and final level. Although the specification of levels based on seniority is widely accepted as fair, the arbitrary assignment of registration times within each level has caused some students to speculate as to whether there is a way to simplify the scheduling process.

Lauren Messina, a junior majoring in film, television and the arts, believes that a student's major should affect his or her designated time slot.

"Those who have majors such as engineering or math — which are completely dependent upon major classes should have later times," Messina said. "People with majors like English or American studies, where the classes are mostly dependent on a first-day, first-serve basis should have the earlier times."

But Messina believes major should not be the only factor a student would like to see past academic records have some bearing on the process.

"The higher the GPA, the later the time should be assigned to students who have lower grades," Messina continued. "I'm not going to take buffer classes to raise it."

Adams agreed. "A d a m s supports the current class registration method and believes the process of randomly assigning time slots within each level is intrinsically fair. Assigning time slots at random is the most efficient approach, he said.

Freshman Magda Karol, a Russian and East European studies major, agrees the random allocation of time slots is the most effective method of scheduling.

"Giving out time slots randomly is a good thing because special preferences aren't given to any particular individual," Karol said.

According to Karol, the system is efficient the majority of the time and only falls when late times are repeatedly given to the same student over the course of many semesters. The University has accounted for this apparent setback, however. During the last two years, students who have received a fourth consecutive second-day appointment have had their appointment automatically changed to a first-day appointment, Pace said.

Other steps to prevent problems of this sort have also been taken.

"A request has been made to alter the first-day and second-day appointments for undergraduates from semester to semester," Pace said.

"We are testing the feasibility of this proposal, and if feasible it could be implemented in the future.

The Office of the Registrar is continuously considering alternative methods and options to make class registration easier and more efficient, said Pace.

"I am always open to ideas and formal proposals from the student leadership regarding ways to improve the registration process," Pace said.

Registration for the summer and fall 2005 semesters will involve brand new software recently purchased by the University. Students, advisors and faculty will start receiving information about the forthcoming system in January.

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People like to give money to good causes," Merusi said. "When it is something they can wear and, as opposed to a T-shirt, wear everyday to show support, it reminds everyone that (breast cancer) is a constant issue.

The pink bracelets sport the phrase "Notre Dame Fighting Breast Cancer WISSH" and are sold for $2. Proceeds will go to the South Bend community.

"We are trying to come up with the best place to donate the money to right now. We want the money to go toward treatment, not research," Merusi said. "We want it to help a woman who has (breast cancer), whatever stage she is at... give her hope for the winter, whatever we can do."

WISSH spent $500 making 1,000 bracelets. According to Merusi, the manufacturing costs will be taken from the WISSH club fund, allowing 100 percent of the proceeds to go toward breast-cancer patients.

Merusi hoped to sell all the bands and raise $2,000 by the end of November.

"I distributed them at Hall Council and I only have 150 left within two days," Merusi said. "I don't know how much have been sold within the dorms... I love to order more.

Students can purchase the bands through their hall presidents.

At Saint Mary's, Le Mans Hall resident assistant Katie Brand is running the campaign.

Brand was introduced to the wristband concept by her sister, a freshman at Indiana University who bought one for her from a friend at school.

"After talking to my (sister) about it, I thought it would be a great thing to do at SMC, especially being an all-women's college," Brand said.

Four hundred have been sold thus far during the three-week campaign. With Brand ordering a second shipment of 200 after the first run out.

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complex, added smoke detectors and enforced stricter rates for gaining access to laundry rooms following the fires. An increased number of security patrollers have also been hired to watch the grounds.

"They've done a lot of things on their own to ensure that the area stays safe," Cherrone said. "They already had a lot of things they wanted to improve upon before the trash-can fires. Hopefully people will notice the changes as time goes on."

An apartment was displaced for a length of time following the third fire, though Castle Point owners Rared and Hazi Zidan, began immediate work to deal with the damages.

"They immediately cleaned the contents and started painting to get those people back where they belong, which is a big thing to undertake in any situation because you get a lot of smoke damage," Cherrone said.

"Part of the investigation is dealing with the fact that people were affected in some way. The owners are being cooperative with Cherrone in this lengthy process. Our investigation will continue until we actually have something or someone that states that they were responsible for any of the events," Cherrone said. "But the people there are very cooperative and have been very cooperative, so that's a big plus."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

10 killed in Fallujah attack
AF SAR, Fallujah, Iraq — U.S. troops pow­ ered their way into the center of the insurgent
stronghold of Fallujah on Tuesday, over­
whelming small bands of guerrillas with mas­　sive force, searching homes along the city's
deserted, narrow passageways and using loudspeakers to try to gain militants onto the streets.

As of Tuesday night, the fighting had killed 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi
security force, the U.S. military announced.

As the offensive moved into a second full
day, up to eight attack aircraft including jets
and helicopter gunships blasted guerrilla
strongholds and raked the streets with rocket
and machine-gun fire ahead of U.S. and
Iraqi security forces who were advancing only
one or two blocks behind the curtain of fire.

U.N. workers kidnapped
KABUL, Afghanistan — Two of three U.N.
workers kidnapped in Afghanistan earlier
home to reassure relatives that they were all right, as negotiators tried Tuesday to secure their release after 12 days in the hands of Taliban­
linked militants.

Afghan officials cited progress toward free­ ing the captives, though it remained unclear
whether prisoners some perhaps from Guant­anamo Bay might be freed as part of any deal.

Armed men abducted Shijpe Herabi of Kosovo, British-Iranian Annette Flanagan and Angelito Nayan of the Philippines in a bold
raid in downtown Kabul. All three helped organize Afghans who fled the Taliban.

A militant group released a video of the three and threatened to kill them unless its demands were met, famed four that Afghan insurgents were copying their Iraqi counter­
parts who have executed a string of foreign
hostages.

NATIONAL NEWS

Reagan honored with stamp
SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — A twinkle-eyed
Ronald Reagan is going on a U.S. postage
stamp.

First lady Nancy Reagan unveiled a giant replica of
the stamp Tuesday at the Ronald Reagan
 Presidential Library.

"He considered it an honor of a lifetime to be president," Mrs. Reagan said. "And I know he would say, 'Now, don't make such a fuss.'"

New airline provisos imposed
WASHINGTON — The government and a
dozen airlines struck a deal Tuesday re­quire­ng monitored safety improvements and increased testing of drinking water aboard
aircraft after officials found evidence of
harmful bacteria in the water of one in
every eight planes tested.

At the same time, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would per­form random water quality tests on 169
domestic and international passenger
aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and publish the results by the end of
the year.

If coliform bacteria are discovered, the
carriers will have to be disinfected within
24 hours unless the agency grants an
extension because the plane involved is outside the United States. In the meantime, passengers would find signs posted in the lavatories and galleys of affected aircraft.

LOCAL NEWS

Truck crashes into school bus
STOCKWELL — A truck slammed into the
rear of a school bus on a highway Tuesday,
injuring three elementary students, a
school official said.

The last two rows on the driver's side of the bus were smashed in by the crash, which
happened along four-lane U.S. 52 near Lafayette in
western Indiana.

Darfur peace agreement signed

Western, November 10, 2004

Members of Cabinet resign

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans step down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite of con­ servatives, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, one of President Bush's closest friends, resigned Tuesday, the first members of the Cabinet to leave as Bush heads from re-election into his second term.

Both Ashcroft and Evans have served in Bush's Cabinet from the start of the administration.

Ashcroft, in a five-page, handwritten letter to Bush, said: "The objective of securing the safety of Americans from crime and
terror has been achieved."

"Yet I believe that the Department of Justice would be well served by new leadership and
inspiration," said Ashcroft, whose health problems earlier this year resulted in removal of his gall bladder. "I believe that his
gongs and talents should be directed toward other challenges and horizons," he said.

Ashcroft's letter was dated Nov. 2, Election Day. Evans, a longtime friend from Texas, wrote Bush, "While the promise of your
second term shines bright, I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home."

Bush issued statements of praise for both men and for the policies they advocated.

"John Ashcroft has worked closely with me to make our country safer," the president said. "John has served our nation with honor, distinction, and ingenuity."

Bush's farewell to Evans was more effusive and more personal, fitting their more than three
decades of friendship dat­ing to the Reagan business
in Midland, Texas, where they shared a church
and meet every day for a three-mile jog.

"Don Evans is one of my most trusted friends and
advisers," Bush said. "Don has worked to advance
economic security and prosperity for all Amer­icans. He has worked steadfastly to make sure
Americas continues to be the best place in the world to
do business."

Ashcroft, 62, has been well liked by many conser­vatives. At the same time, he has been a lightning rod
for criticism of his handling of the U.S. end of the
war against terror, espe­cially the detention of ter­ror suspects.

Evans, 58, was instru­mental in Bush's 2000
campaign and came with him to Washington. Evans
told aides he was ready for a change. He was
mentioned as a possible White House chief of staff
in Bush's second term, but the
president decided to keep Andy Card in that job.

One name being men­tioned for Evans' job at
Commerce is Mercer
Reynolds, national finance chairman for the Bush
campaign, who raised more than $360 million to
get him re-elected. Speculation about a suc­essor to Ashcroft has cen­tered on his former
deputy, Larry Thompson, who recently took a job as
general counsel at PepsiCo. If appointed, Thompson
would be the nation's first black attor­ney general. Others pro­minently
mentioned include

Bush's 2004 campaign
chairman, former Man­tana Gov. Marc Racicot, and White House general counsel Alberto Gonzales.

Meanwhile, three high­ranking Bush administra­tion officials said they would like to remain on the job. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Interior Secretary Gale
Norton and Environmental Protection Agency Admini­
strator Michael Leavitt all said they want to con­tinue.

Washington continued to buzz with speculation about the futures of Secretary of State Condoleezza
Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Attorney General John Ashcroft appears before the 9/11 Commission earlier this Tuesday. He and Secretary of Commerce Don Evans resigned Tuesday.

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There is no problem in Africa that we cannot solve if we in Africa are
given the opportunity," he said. Obasanjo added that the African
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Sudan and the Darfur rebels signed a cease-fire accord in Chad in April, which failed to hold.

Mohammed Ibrahim said. "We will
do our utmost to make sure it is
implemented on the ground. Only
that will bring peace and stability to
Darfurians.

Sudan signed the accords under
international pressure, including the
threat of U.N. sanctions, after 21
months of a conflict that has driven
1.8 million people west of them non­
Arab villagers into camps in Darfur
and neighboring Chad.

The accords on security and
humanitarian access came in the
third week of talks in Nigeria's capi­tal.
After two previous rounds of
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WASHINGTON — Republican gains in the Senate could give President Bush his best chance yet to achieve his No. 1 energy goal: opening Alaska's Arctic refuge to oil drilling.

Bush has long pushed for expanded oil and gas drilling on federal land, including the remote coastal plain of the National Wildlife Refuge, arguing that it could provide the nation with more energy security and create jobs. But Democrats in Congress and environmental groups have opposed Bush's efforts.

The White House and US Senator Richard Lugar, a Republican from Indiana, have pushed for a compromise that would allow drilling on a smaller portion of the refuge. But that plan has been met with opposition from other senators, including Senator Ben Cardin, a Democrat from Maryland.

Cardin also said another reason for President Bush's re-election was the popular impression of Sen. John Kerry as liberal, aristocratic and coldly cerebral — and therefore unable to connect with the common person.

It was the atmospheres of Kerry, the five monuments, the windsurfing, Nantucket, the Moby Dick, that's his Wrangler's versus Gore's, clearing brush versus windsurfing, when it's the wife from Mozambique versus Laura Bush ... Kerry was too easy to caricature, a little too French, a little bit too rich, a little too long-winded, a little bit too intellectual.

Carlson then turned on the Republicans in Kerry's economic plan.

Another thing that stuck was the 'tax-and-spend liberal,' she said. 'Tax-and-spend is a really bad label, and there was no way a Massachusetts liberal was going to be able to say we can begin this health care program from the house and camera and he's not going to raise taxes on Americans that make less than $200,000 a year.'

Carlson also said that opposition to the Iraq War was made difficult by the president's tactics. "Bush wielded together the war on terror and the war in Iraq — no amount of media coverage or John Kerry speeches could pull the two apart," she said.

She then cited as an example a poll taken of University of Maryland students, 70 percent of whom believed incorrectly that there was a connection between Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Carlson also mentioned Kerry's inability to articulate a clear exit strategy for U.S. forces in Iraq as a reason why he was not able to capture the Bush administration's lack of success there. "Kerry never had a plan," she said. "People didn't buy that he could fix Iraq but Bush would be able to do so."
In Brief

Scandal results in layoffs

NEW YORK — Insurance brokerage Marsh & McLennan said Tuesday it will lay off 3,000 employees, or about 5 percent of its workforce, because of fallout from a bid-rigging scandal that has engulfed the insurance industry.

Marsh & McLennan is the nation's largest insurance brokerage said in a statement accompanying its earnings report that the job cuts are because of fallout from a bid-rigging scandal filed last month by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

In the proposed deal, Anthem would acquire Blue Cross Life & Health, a California subsidiary of WellPoint, and the only one of 75 subsidiaries involved that would fall under Garamendi's jurisdiction. Garamendi had also demanded the companies contribute $600 million to California's uninsured population in exchange for his approval.

On Tuesday, Garamendi told reporters that he negotiated a slate of "concessions and contributions" last week that would ensure the deal would not result in higher premiums for California consumers while benefiting health care programs for low-income residents.

In all, some 28 million income residents.

Chinese investment blooms

NEW YORK — With a series of open-market reforms and an economy expanding by at least 8 percent a year, China has enjoyed unprecedented international investment and investors have enjoyed double-digit returns. So how do mutual fund investors get in on the China phenomenon? And what is more important, how much should they risk?

Naturally, there are mutual funds available for people who want to invest in China. According to fund watcher Lipper, 22 China region funds with assets totaling $1.94 trillion had average returns of 3.19 percent for the third quarter. Over the past year, they've returned 16.52 percent, with returns of 29.05 percent over two years and 45.04 percent over three years.

"The Chinese stock market is becoming much more accessible, and new sectors of the economy are being opened up," said Philip Ehrmann, head of Pacific and emerging markets at Gartmore Funds in London. "As time has gone up, whole new companies exploiting opportunities are becoming available to investors not only in China, but to foreign investors as well."

Flu vaccine production may increase

The nation's sole flu shot supplier said Tuesday it had won a federal contract to move toward year-round vaccine production, a step that should mean faster action if a new killer flu emerges.

The $10 million contract to Aventis Pasteur, the vaccine division of French-based Sanofi-Aventis, comes just two days before the world's vaccine makers gathered in Geneva to plan how to maintain chicken flocks that are laying eggs year-round. That would ensure a constant supply of eggs that could be used to make a new vaccine if one were needed in a hurry to fight a

Some outbreaks in Asia became much more widespread.

"The company already is involved in multiple pandemic vaccine development efforts in Europe and the United States" and would welcome the chance to make similar arrangements for year-round stocks in other countries, said a statement from Aventis chairman David J. Williams.

The contract can be extended for a fourth year if needed. Aventis said the contract will allow the company to maintain chicken flocks that are laying eggs year-round. That would ensure a constant supply of eggs that could be used to make a new vaccine if one were needed in a hurry to fight a new deadly strain.

The new contract will have no effect on the current flu shot shortage, but experts believe it will help address a more dangerous threat: a flu strain for which people have no immunity.

The companies also agreed to contribute $35 million over two years to provide health care clinics in underserved California communities, $15 million to extend the number of children covered by the state's Healthy Families and MediCal programs, and $15 million to train 2,500 new nurses.

The companies also pledged to allocate $200 million over 20 years to invest in health care services to underserved communities, and to develop a program to improve health care quality in the state.
Abortion risks re-examined

National Cancer Institute declares procedure has no link to cancer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In several states, women considering abortion are given government-issued brochures warning that the procedure could increase their chance of developing breast cancer, despite scientific evidence to the contrary.

More than a year ago, a panel of scientists convened by the National Cancer Institute produced available data and concluded there is no link. A scientific review in the Lancet, a British medical journal, came to the same conclusion, questioning the methodology in studies that suggested a link.

The cancer information is distributed to women during mandatory waiting periods before abortions. In some cases, the information is on the states' Web sites.

“We're going to continue to educate the public about the fact that there is no scientific evidence that abortion increases the risk of breast cancer,” said Sharon Larson, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

“We're just trying to provide all the information it's possible to provide.”

In Louisiana there will be changes, said Bob Johannessen, spokesman for the state's Department of Health and Hospitals. He said the department's new director did not support the pamphlet included such as abortion.

“We don't want to be misleading women who are making this important choice.”

Bob Johannessen
Louisiana Department of Health spokesman

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“I am extremely disappointed that Attorney General Ashcroft has chosen to continue ignoring the will of the voters of Oregon.”

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Ivory Coast borders on civil war

Leaders struggle to maintain peace in precarious political environment

Associated Press

OAKAK — On a continent that absorbs 75 percent of the world’s cocoa, which provides some 40 percent of the world’s raw material for chocolate, the likely result will be higher prices with shortages of the world’s chocolate lovers were unabashedly west African armies crushed a vicious West African brutal insurgency in Sierra Leone.

Ivory Coast has deposed and crushed a vicious rebellion by the old French peacekeepers.

It took an unprecedented commitment by the world’s largest community, the world’s largest deployments of peacekeepers, to get Perry and the others home.

Ivory Coast’s neighbors felt the immediate effect — 5,000 refugees fled into neighboring Liberia and put them at border for fear of shortages.

As Ivory Coast plunges into war, its neighbors are reeling in the quiet victories of peace.

All but unnoticed by the world, thousands of unemployed Liberians still living in camps for war-displaced people waved goodbye and boarded buses home this week after 14 years of vicious civil conflicts in their country.

"When I get back home, I will start to make gardens to survive...." 62-year-old Momo Perry

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Dutch Muslims and Christians urged an end to a cycle of retaliatory violence in which mosques were burned and churches were attacked in the name of radical Islam.

In a memorial service shown live on television, friends and family told stories about Van Gogh’s playful nature and his love of provoking debate.

About 150 people gathered at the De Nieuwe Ooster Cemetery. Hundreds more watched on television. Mourners left flowers, cigarettes and beer at a makeshift monument where 47-year-old filmmaker — a distant relative of Vincent Van Gogh — was killed.

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But it is hoped a new beginning can help to restore civilian rule after a coup in 2000, during an abortive up­ rising of rag­ ing debate.

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It evoked memories of the 2002 assassination of Pim Fortuyn, a conservative wing, anti-immigration politi­ cian who was accused of pitting them against anyone seen as an out­ sider — declar­ ing it a matter of honor to fight the French.

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**Being divided where it counts**

I must admit, after working on an election matters full time in Portland, Ore., for the summer and part-time with campus groups in our community andswing states, I am only now-acclimating myself to the fact that it is over. While I was highly disappointed with the results, I feel it's time to move on, evaluate this event and get ready for the next fight.

Yet, how Republicans and conserva-tive pundits have described this elec-tion concerns me. Vice President Dick Cheney declared last week, "President Bush ran fortightly on a clear agenda for this nation's future, and the nation responded by giving him a mandate." Much like the Republican platform finds fault with every word of this statement.

First of all, President George W. Bush's re-election campaign was anything but forbearing. Anyone remember how Bush shocked questions, sponsored ambiguous alliances to political and continually resorted to Sen. John Kerry bashing and fear-mongering over answering questions in every debate? Even now, Bush has no definite plans for his next term's policy focuses — Social Security reform, tax code reform and securing the peace in Iraq. On the infamous "moral issues," Bush's stance remains unclear. He ran with the promise of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, yet a week before the election on Good Morning America, declared civil unions were fine by him. He said, "I don't think we should deny people rights to a civil union." This has some members of his Christian conservative base — who adamantly disapprove of any extension of rights to same-sex couples — grumbling. Even Bush sup-porters are unclear what the next four years will bring.

Enough of Bush's incoherent cam-paign, now let us turn to the extremely troubling "Bush-Cheney-Bovee-vision" of Tuesday's results. They claim to have received a "mandate" from the American people, walk with "political capital" to further their political goals. Looking at the statistics, to declare a mandate is an exaggeration. Bush won on the narrowest margin of a sitting presi-dent since former President Woodrow Wilson. With a 51 percent to 48 percent edge over Kerry, the only thing Bush can claim this time is that he was actually elected.

I understand their thinking. To go from what a New York Times article describes as "a one-term ac-cliency of history" to a real, but close, win in the popular vote and electoral college must feel like a "mandate," yet expecting the 48 percent of voters who stood against Bush to share their sentiments is fully. Furthermore, the illusive "political capital" Bush lacked these past four years did not stop his decisions to take unilateral and aggressive moves to invade Iraq or give tax cuts to the wealthy. Sounds like more of the same out of touch-ness with reality from the Bush camp. Now in this warm and fuzzy talk of uniting America after the election. While it sounds nice to promise to bridge these gaps, it is neither realistic nor favorable. Blue voters and red voters, for the most part, are divided where it counts. We have dramatically different conceptions of policy remain-ing national and international. The Bush-Cheney platform, I find fault with every word of this statement.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Broaden understanding of moral values**

As a student of politics and history, it is neces- sary for me to understand trends that tend to repeat themselves. The election of 2004 has proven once again, in times of war, the election overwhelmingly stands behind its leadership as a sign of unity and respect. But no matter how often the story is told, it never gets old.

San Diego State University The Daily Aztec

Kristine Boeke graduate student Nov. 9

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Your years might not be so bad**

In the famous, oft-quoted words of Benjamin Franklin, "In this world, there is nothing certain but death and taxes." Though it may be hard to realize from the post-election atmospheres of our country, death is not quite upon us. And interesting to note is the fact that arguing about gay marriage was not necessarily the cause of the election results, though it may be hard to realize from the post-election attitudes of the American people.

San Diego State University The Daily Aztec

Paul Jolice off campus Nov. 9
Malloy’s experiences told in ‘Monk’s Travels’

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy is a well-known figure in virtually all Notre Dame students. Although actual contact with him is generally rare for the average student, any student knows enough about Malloy to get a reasonably extensive impression of him. However, their knowledge usually ends after his characteristically slow manner of talking is discussed.

The opportunity to understand Malloy as a person, not just as a tall president, presents itself in Malloy’s latest novel “Monk’s Travels.” Malloy provides insight into his life, character, and opinions throughout the novel, which is composed of edited journal entries describing his experiences abroad, at Notre Dame, and with some of the world’s prominent people.

While the novel on a whole is not entirely captivating, it is an interesting travel narrative quoted with some of Malloy’s personal opinions and experiences.

"Monk’s Travels" is exactly what one would guess it to be from the title—a travel narrative outlining Malloy’s specific experiences. Most of the novel is taken directly from the journal Malloy kept as he traveled around the world. This covers the bulk of the content of the novel, which is generally less than gripping, it is an interesting experience. While the content of the novel is generally less than gripping, it is well-written, and for people interested in learning more about the man behind the institution of Notre Dame, his great height moving a couch with the end of his row in the Vatican due to some of the smaller church communities, he is an educated man and opinions are widespread. As an overall read, "Monk’s Travels" is well worth the read.

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By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

While many people may not have extensive knowledge of ballets, most will have at least heard of "Swan Lake." It is one of the most popular and frequently performed productions in ballet, and there are interesting stories behind the story, music and choreography that add to its mythic status. The Moscow Ballet will perform "Swan Lake" at the Morris Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The story of "Swan Lake" is part of a longstanding mythological tradition, with legions of transformations into birds, with examples in a diverse set of cultures, including Greek, Arabic and Russian. The ballet follows the story of Siegfried, the prince, Siegfried, falls in love with Odette, who is Odette’s evil twin. The prince realizes he has accidentally betrayed his love, and he races to meet Odette. She is dying, but he throws her tiara into the lake, it rises and they are united together in death. There are many subtle variations applied to the story, and like many operas, it is reinterpreted with a variety of settings and costumes.

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"Swan Lake" ballet arrives at the Morris

"Swan Lake" is one of the most popular ballets as well as one of the most musically complex.
Green Day rocks Chicago

With Sugar Cult and New Found Glory, Green Day performs an entertaining show heavy with political messages

By MICHELE JEFFERS

Green Day is on tour promoting its newest album “American Idiot.” With its first major album release in 1994, the band has risen in fame and fan base since its debut into the alternative rock scene.

Green Day's encore included on-stage explosions and falling confetti as the band went out with a pounding cover of Queen's "We are the Champions." Holding the last chord, Armstrong remained on the stage alone and ended the show with their popular ballad "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)."

Overall, Green Day put on an amazing performance with a well-balanced mix of songs from its new album and older crowd favorites. It was a little bit of a let down to see that Green Day was using the same improv pieces in the show it used three years ago, but it was still just as fun the second time around.

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Roethlisberger rewarding Steelers for their faith in him

Associated Press

PIITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger saw it coming, even when nobody else did.

Roethlisberger is accustomed to being slighted, beginning when his high school coach's lack of prescience limited him to one season at quarterback, and continuing when he was an often-overlooked star at "the other school in the one in Ohio, not in Florida."

So when quarterbacks Eli Manning and Philip Rivers were chosen before the Steelers drafted him No. 11 in April, Roethlisberger responded with words that bordered on anger and were warranted with a promise: Play me, and I'll show you.

"Everyone seems to think they (Manning and Rivers) had better systems, have played against better teams, have been born into a football family," he said. "I feel that once I get on the field, my will to win is much greater than both of them. I think I bring a little more athleticism than both of them, so I guess we'll have to wait and see."

That didn't take long. Halfway through the season in which the Steelers (7-1) themselves are the NFL's other big surprise story, he is, indeed, showing them.

That he取得了 an ace to quarterback and a Dude (Staley), an owner's representative to change and a coach's determination to return to the past, the Steelers are coming off easy victories over the otherwise unbeaten Eagles and Patriots. If they're not the Super Bowl favorite, they're on a short list with Philadelphia and New England.

"We played the Patriots, who everybody said was the best team in football, and we beat them," linebacker Joey Porter said. "Then we played the Eagles, who everyone said was the best team in football, and we beat them. I'll let you take it from there and draw your own conclusions."

The Steelers haven't opened as fast or as furious since they won their first Bowls in six seasons from 1975-80 yet, remarkably, are essentially the same team that was 2-6 a year ago.

The only major personnel change has been Roethlisberger and free agent running back Staley (101 yards in game) and promoting linebacker Clark Haggans and safety Troy Polamalu to starters. The biggest changes came off the field, with Ken Whisenhunt taking over the offense after Mike Mularkey left to coach the Bills, and Bill LeBeau returning as defensive coordinator. The same job he had 10 years ago.

Some impotent NFL owners might have fired Bill Cowher after last year's 6-10 season, which matched his worst in 12 years in Pittsburgh. Instead, the Steelers — who haven't fired a coach in 35 years from 1975-80 — gave him a contract extension through 2007.

The move was viewed by some as stubbornness, a refusal by chairman Dan Rooney to admit Cowher's time might be up. Cowher has justified Rooney's confidence by making sure his team was better focused and focused since training camp began, a mind-set the Steelers have carried through the season.

"That's what it comes down to," Roethlisberger said. "You can win a championship for President Andy Rooney II first."

While the Steelers were reluctant to drop the ball for Cowher wasn't. Days after the 2003 season ended, Cowher talked of a system to rebuild a running game that was the NFL's second-worst last season, lost amid a trickery-laden and pass-heavy system. Cowher also felt his team was more physical and passive and had moved too far away from the blitzing and pressure he preferred.

Returning to what they traditionally do best, the Steelers in rushing, gaining only 202 fewer yards in eight games than they did all last season and plowing through the acceptance of the heavy system, Philadelphia defenses for a combined 473 yards.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Keydrick Vincent said. "Last year I didn't feel that way, so that's not the coordinator. I know if he says he's going to do it, he's going to do it. It's run the ball, it's a big difference, knowing what you're going to do and then going out and doing it."

On defense, the turnovers and sacks are way up under LeBeau, who has brought back the edgy aggressiveness and zone blitzes that characterized his Blitzburgh defense of the mid-1990s.

"We've got a fast defense and, when we turn it up right, we can cause some problems," Roethlisberger said.

But it is the 6-foot-5, 241-pound Roethlisberger who energized Pittsburgh like no Steeler quarterback since Terry Bradshaw, providing the

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger reacts after throwing his first career touchdown on Sept. 19 against the Ravens.

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reaching the World Series for the first time, but Houston fell one win short. Clemens couldn't hold a 2-0 lead against St. Louis in Game 7 of the NL championship series, when Albert Pujols hit a three-run double in the ninth inning, and Scott Rolen followed with a two-run homer.

Clemens earned a $100,000 bonus for winning the award, while Johnson got $150,000 for finishing second. Oswalt and Schmidt earned bonuses of $25,000 each.

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Clarett accuses Ohio State of improprieties

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Former Ohio State star Maurice Clarett accused coach Jim Tressel, his staff and school boosters of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars, and thousands of dollars, including for bogus summer jobs. The school immediately denied the claims Tuesday.

Most of Clarett's charges, made in an interview with ESPN The Magazine, were addressed as part of an NCAA probe that found the running back lied to investigators, leading to his suspension from the team he helped win the 2002 national title. Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger was not surprised by the accusations, saying Clarett had vowed to try to hurt the program.

"In moments of frustration during the investigation, (Maurice) might say something like, 'I can blow this whole program up," or something like that, and so we would then say, 'OK, blow it up. Tell us what you know,'" Geiger said. After being suspended by Ohio State and the NCAA for the 2003 season, Clarett went to court to challenge the NFL's rule preventing players from entering the draft less than three years after graduating high school. He won initial federal court ruling but lost several appeals and was kept out of the draft.

Friends and family members say Clarett has been working out with a personal trainer in preparation for the 2005 NFL draft. He has not spoken publicly in months.

"I have had a chance to read the article, and the allegations as they were mentioned are, simply, untrue. Period," Tressel said.

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Geiger said Tressel's actions did not break NCAA rules, adding that the coach put other players in touch with the dealership too.

In Brief

Six women test for possible ride in Infiniti Pro Series

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indy Racing League expects to have the first female driver in its developmental Infiniti Pro Series next season in preparation for an eventual ride in the IndyCar Series.

The Infiniti series graduated three drivers to the bigger open-wheel circuit in its first two years of competition. Now, plans to offer at least one of the six women a full-time ride in 2005.

"It is probably the best training ground there is to get somebody into the IndyCar Series," IRL owner and former Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser Jr. said Monday. "This is designed as the developing series for female drivers who show the ability to progress to the IndyCar Series as close as possible." Maurice Phelps was among the six women testing this week in Texas and Michigan for the IRL's developmental series.

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Phelps was also charged with violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign. The legal drinking age in Maryland is 21.

"I want to say that last week I made a mistake. I wanted to share my feelings and I know that getting in a car with anything to drink is wrong, dangerous and is unacceptable," Phelps told The Associated Press.

Ricky Gutierrez joins list of Red Sox free agents

BOSTON — Red Sox infielder Ricky Gutierrez filed for free agency Tuesday, joining 15 Boston teammates headed for the open market.

Gutierrez was obtained in July for the right to trade for shortstop Orlando Cabrera.

The 34-year-old Gutierrez hit .214 with eight RBIs in 45 games for the Mets and Red Sox last season. He has also played for Cleveland, San Diego, Houston and the Chicago Cubs.
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Manning uncharacteristic in Colts victory over Vikings

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is known as a conventional pocket passer. He’s quickly adopting an unconventional style.

Manning showed Monday night on the game-winning drive against Minnesota that nothing is off limits. He can beat opponents right-handed, left-handed or even with his feet.

"That’s the kind of thing good players, MVP-type players, do," Colts coach Tony Dungy said Tuesday. "(Daunte) Culpepper is the same way, and guys like that can make things happen."

For Manning, football has always been about preparation and execution. He spends countless hours studying videos, working on the smallest details, preparing for any contingency he might face and playing within the system.

The combination would seemingly make Manning an unlikely candidate to master improvisational skills, but that’s what he’s done.

On the biggest play in Monday night’s 31-28 victory, Manning switched the ball from his dominant right hand to his rarely used left hand and somehow pushed a pass forward to Edgerrin James, who caught it and ran 6 yards for a first down. Minnesota never got another chance.

An improbable play, yes, but it illustrated the kind of season Manning is having.

After eight games, he’s thrown for 2,429 yards, 26 touchdowns and has just four interceptions. He’s thrown nine TD passes in the last two weeks, produced a single-game career-high 472 yards passing and helped lead the Colts (5-3) back into a first-place tie with Jacksonville in the AFC South.

Manning is on pace to throw for nearly 5,000 yards. He needs just three more TD passes to match the total from Steve Young’s NFL record of 121.2 set in 1994.

Those are the tangible results. What’s become increasingly more complex for opponents is gauging Manning’s strategy.

“I thought we’d stop him, but we let him get out scrambling,” Vikings coach Mike Tice lamented after Manning ran for 15 yards late in Monday night’s game.

Manning used to confound defenses with mind games such as the Colts’ no-huddle offense or his continual gesturing at the line of scrimmage.

Now he’s adding new wrinkles.

With the score tied at 28 and 2:13 to go, Manning faced first-and-10 from the Colts 44. Comfortably in the pocket, Manning had no open receivers so he did his best impersonation of Michael Vick before hook sliding for the big gain. An unnecessary roughness penalty on Minnesota’s Lance Johnson tacked on 15 more yards.

“We caught them in man-to-man and all the receivers were accounted for,” Manning said. “No one accounted for the quarterback and usually they don’t play a spy on him.”

Why would they?

In Manning’s 103 previous NFL games, he ran for 603 career yards, a measly average of 5.7 a game.

Three plays later, Manning delivered again on third-and-5 from the Vikings 21. This time he was pressured from the side and opted for what he considered the safe play — a left-handed flip to James.

“That’s one of those you kind of practice every now and then,” he said. “You’re not there on a Saturday and don’t really want to throw so you might do a couple left-handed options. I did a little option in high school, that’s about the last time I did anything left-handed.”

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, left, talks with coach Tony Dungy during Monday night’s win against the Vikings.

NFL anxious to finalize contract negotiations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS got what it wanted. Fox did, too. So did the NFL.

Now it’s ARSESPN’s turn.

The NFL eager to get new TV deals in place before the current contract runs out after the 2005 season, agreed Monday to $8 billion in extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years. The deals also would allow the league to show better games on Sundays and Mondays.

The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The breakdown, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity: Fox will pay $3.7 billion, or $622.5 million a year. In the current deal, Fox is paying $550 million a year and CBS is paying $500 million.

“We’re extremely excited to have a new six-year deal with NFL,” CBS co-president Leslie Moonves said. “This happened ahead of when we thought it would happen, but we are thrilled with the deal we made.

“We made money on the last deal and will make even more on this deal. The league still is in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year. But there’s been speculation other networks, even cable entities, might challenge for the Sunday night and Monday night packages.

A unique aspect of the extensions — and something Tagliabue has sought for several years — gives the NFL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups.

The NFL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

“We got some protections,” Fox Sports chairman David Hill said. “The last several weeks of the season, the NFL has the right to pull a game for Monday Night Football and we’re still in conversation on details.”

DIRECTV also extended its deal with the league through 2010 for the Sunday Ticket package. The satellite distributor will pay $3.5 billion for the five-year extension.

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Strahan gone for the year

Associated Press
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' chances of getting back to the playoffs took a major hit with the loss of All-Pro defensive end Michael Strahan.

Strahan, the NFL's all-time single-season sacks leader, tore a pectoral muscle on his right side while attempting a tackle in the third quarter of Sunday's 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears.

Not only did the Giants (5-3) lose the six-time Pro Bowl player and cornerstone of their defense, they also lost the other starting defensive end, Keith Strahan, for the season with a knee injury.

"Obviously Michael is an integral part of our defense," coach Will Allen said Monday. "He is the foundation of our defense. Some way, somehow, the rest of the guys on the field are going to have to find a way to pick it up." Strahan is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday. He was not available for comment.

The losses of the defensive ends made the question of whether it was time for top draft pick Eli Manning to take over at quarterback for Kurt Warner the easiest thing to answer.

For the record, Warner will start at quarterback for the rest of the season.

"I told our guys Monday, "Strahan will start Saturday the game before that," Coughlin added. "So we're going to have to make sure we're ready to go." While a star, he has never taken the easy route. He has been a tireless worker on the field, in the weight room and in the video room, where he studies opponents and fellow defensive ends, looking for things to add to his repertoire.

"I'm afraid to fail," Strahan said in an interview with The Associated Press on October. "I think at one point, when you get to a certain level that you expect of yourself and everyone expects of you, you can't take a break.

"If you do, your game drops off, and it's noticed easier than if you're trying to build a career. So for me, I want to play at a certain level until I am tired of playing. At that point, it's time for me to quit." Strahan said.

The Giants also announced that backup safety Jack Brewer will be sidelined indefinitely after having surgery on his right leg Monday.

Browner was kicked in the leg on Sunday and had swelling overnight. Surgery was performed on Saturday to fix a hernia.

Willingham acknowledged Tuesday that his offensive production has not been as good as expected. But he reiterated that if the Irish win, he can't do too much to complain about.

"How do you fix it?" Willingham said Tuesday that true freshman Chris Vaughn was out for the season with a knee injury.

Vaughn played on several teams primarily, and saw a limited amount of action at wide receiver this season.

"I'm going to lay it on the line for my boys," Grant said. "We have to get the win. You definitely don't want to lose."
The midfielders haven't just generated offense. Dalby, who saw time on defense last year, is considered the most defensive midfielder and is the only midfielder to start every game so far for the Irish.

"He gives a balance, he gives the pace, he's got to anchor the midfield," Clark said. "He's got to be that person who is usually the deepest, (so) he doesn't go forward quite as much. But he's got to be able to see the field—to switch fields—which gives the other three mids much more license to go forward."

Dalby and the midfield have helped the vaunted defense allow only seven goals all season, leading to a 0.37 goals-against average—the nation's best. Although young, the midfield has spent the year bearing more-experienced opponents.

"We have got a lot of very hardworking players there, but also players that can create things, especially on the flanks," Clark said. "The flank players gave us a lot of creativity—Yoshinaga, Etherington and Norman have all been amazing."

Although Clark is pleased with the defense, he said the Irish are still learning to play as a unit. Clark also said the team has yet to find its best formation, which could be 4-4-2 or 4-3-3.

"It's not that they aren't talented enough to play that way, it's just that they haven't played it enough. The team is still developing as a team,

Norman put up three. All have led the Irish with five assists as apiece. Additionally, Etherington did it during each of his 12 seasons. So did former coach Gary Darnell, Galen Hall, Charley Pelt, Doug Dickey and Ray Graves.

But Zook, fired Oct. 25 after an embarrassing loss at Mississippi State, said he wanted to make sure the focus is on the event, not him.

"I don't want anything to happen that would interrupt a special time for them," he said. "This is their time and I would hate for something to happen that would take away from their moment."

Zook declined to say whether he thought he would get booted. The loss to Mississippi State, one of the Southeastern Conference's worst teams, was just the latest in a series of problems for the third-year coach.

The Gators finished 8-5 in each of Zook's first two seasons — losing to unranked teams each year — and have had several late collapses and two more near-meltdowns.

Zook also got into a heated confrontation with several members of a campus fraternity one day before the Gators host Georgia on Saturday. But Zook, fired Oct. 25 after losing at Tennessee.

When he was fired, Zook agreed to coach the rest of the season because he felt he owed it to his players, especially the seniors.

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Zook said he hoped the players would not be distracted by reaction to his firing, which included a parade Friday. "Homecoming is for the people who have been here," he said. "That's one of the things we tell the players: don't get caught up in the festivities. The festivities are for the alumni. Your chance for homecoming's going to be after you graduate and are gone.

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"[Good midfielders] have got to have, obviously, a good work ethic and they've got to have ability," Clark said. "There's got to be balance in the midfield—not all players can be everything to everyone, but you need to have balance. You have to have some players that are more defensively minded and some that are more offensively minded."

In the 4-4-2 formation that Clark favors, midfielders are a crucial component of goal scoring. Etherington and Yoshinaga have each put three crucial goals on the scoreboard for the Irish this year and Norman and Boughen added four and seven respectively.

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Florida head coach Ron Zook, left, shares a laugh with Georgia head coach Mark Richt Oct. 30.

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Canadian Benninger leads both on and off the course

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Spur Writer

When one considers the fine athletes hailing from Canada that have risen to prominence in the last several years — namely, Eric Gagne, Steve Nash and Martin St. Louis — one is talking about individuals who have impacted his respective game at a very high level.

While Kurt Benninger is not nearly at that level of athletic distinction, he has still made quite an impact for the No. 5 Notre Dame men’s cross country team — a squad that is looking to make noise in the NCAA Great Lakes regional Saturday.

“The season has really gone well for us, it’s left us with really high expectations, and we just proved it.”

Kurt Benninger Irish runner

“We know how good we were, and we just went out there every race, and we just proved it.”

Benninger’s performances in this date have been nothing short of brilliant. The sophomore runner from Chatham, Ontario is coming off a seventh-place finish in the Big East Championships that helped facilitate the Notre Dame victory, where he finished one second behind Irish leader Tim Moore.

“Kurt’s (Benninger) has a burning desire to win, and a burning desire to be good at whatever he does, and that becomes infectious,” coach Joe Piane said. “I think that he has really had a profound positive effect on the team.”

It is unfair to say that Benninger has been the sole reason for the success of the Irish squad, but it cannot be denied that he has strung a number of impressive finishes together this season.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, Benninger finished second place overall, where he ran a 23 minutes, 43 seconds and in the Pre-Nationals, Benninger finished eighth place overall, with a time of 24:07.

In both races, he was the first Irish runner in cross the finish line.

“In the Great regionally, it will be important for Benninger and Moore to run well together, something they have worked hard at this season, in order for the team to qualify for the NCAA.”

“I just want to go out there and work together with Tim especially and just get in the front group and race conservative and smart,” Benninger said.

While Benninger’s individual finishes have been impressive, it isn’t fair to look at his numbers this year and get a good idea about him as an athlete.

“You can’t see how hard he works, you can’t see how dedicated he is, you can’t see how he gears his life to being that of a good, a great distance man, a great athlete,” Piane said of Benninger’s character and importance to the team. “It’s not to say that he doesn’t have a great social life, but he does everything it takes to be a great athlete.

Piane also stressed how much improvement Benninger has made this season.

“He’s really stepped it up. He was a very good runner last year, but he was basically our third or fourth man,” Piane said. “He made a major step last year in track running 3:51 in the mile, which is equivalent to a sub-four minute mile, and you could just see his confidence go up.”

Even though Benninger has put together a great individual season, the runner’s primary focus — for good reason — is making sure that the team does well this weekend.

“My expectations are that as a team, we’ll go in there and qualify for the NCAA’s and get one of the automatic qualifying spots,” Benninger said.

“That’s not to say that he doesn’t expect a lot of himself. Benninger knows exactly what he wants when the NCAA’s are over, and when the season is all said and done.

“I’d obviously like to end up being an All-American and be up there as close to the front as I can,” Benninger said. “My main goal though when we go there is to have our team to be on the podium, which is in the top four.

Before that happens though, the Irish have a race to run this weekend.

With the way that the season has gone thus far, and the dedication that Benninger as well as the rest of the team has shown towards fulfilling their goals, the Irish should be in a good position.

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Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Along with rebounding, Brey wants to see his team continue sharing the ball and working on finding lineup combinations with the deep bench.

"I want to be a little better on the backboard. I love the fact we were so unselfish in moving the ball. I want to see us still do that."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

"We're done a little bit of block out stuff, but I think it's more of what you focus on. Get the big guys a little more focused about getting to the backboard."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Notes:

• Brey said he will probably continue to hold out forward Ltick Corbett from tonight's game to ensure Cornett's lower back injury continues to heal and the junior is ready later in the season.

• Brey said former Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll, who was cut Nov. 1 by the Golden State Warriors, is hanging around in the Bay Area because the Warriors may sign him as another practice body in the next few days. If that doesn't work out, Brey said Carroll might go to the National Basketball Development League or choose to pursue other career options.

"I talked to our team about this, it's one of the reasons he went to Notre Dame," Brey said. "He has a Notre Dame degree, and maybe he gets on with his life. Those are all those decisions he'll make here in the next month I think."

• Former Notre Dame guard and current Chicago Bulls general manager John Paxson visited practice Tuesday and was supposed to speak to the team.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partnerships and work will go hand-in-hand today. You can get along if you aren’t stubborn or refuse to do what’s required of you. Being aloofly will be what counts.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make a personal change that will help you move forward in life. Educational pursuits or getting involved in a work process that will teach you as you go along will lead to prosperity. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can’t worry today even if you aren’t sure what to do. At least make a decision that will give everyone around you the information required to make his or her own decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have the courage, knowledge and finesse to voice your opinion and drum up assistance today. Don’t get flustered if someone opposes you.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone from your past will help you remember your life goals. Separate yourself from people who are moving in the opposite direction.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be in a creative mood. So put it to good use! Develop one of your ideas or work on a project that requires artistic skill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the initiative today and you should be able to make your moves grow. Create a comfortable space for you to work. After today the time is right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A love relationship will change or, if you are single, you will meet someone who’s right for you. A worthy cause will arise for today and you should lead a proposition or cause that can’t turn down.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work hard until you feel full answer at an emotional level. Don’t count on getting any help. You will make poor choices regarding your friends.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You really can’t do anything wrong if you are pleasant about following through with your plans. You will have a very unique idea that someone will want to help you explore.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Creative accounting may be required. Think about your options and what you can do to change your life for the better. Begin personal changes at home.***

Birthday Baby: You are charming and graceful and can win anyone’s acceptance with your sophisticated and well-spoken manner. You are a born leader and you will always use a unique and creative demeanor when dealing with others.

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Crashing the boards

No. 20 Notre Dame concludes preseason against Quincy tonight

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Taped into every player's locker before the opening exhibition game against Division III's Saint Joseph's was a sheet of paper with three goals on it.

The second goal had to do with having a defensive intensity, rebounding and field goal defense. A 44-41 rebounding disadvantage and allowing 20 offensive rebounds to a team featuring a tallest player of 6-foot-8 showed the Irish entirely meet that goal.

That's why the Irish have been emphasizing rebounding since the final buzzer sounded Thursday night and in practice the last several days.

"That's something we know we need to do but with the style of play we were playing against, we really didn't attack that hard," Irish forward Turin nonsense said. "They had us out on the perimeter so we didn't have guys inside getting on the boards. They were sending all their guys to the boards and that's not the style of play we're used to playing against. Irish coach Mike Brey has run. I think basically it's about being more aggressive."

In Notre Dame's defense, Saint Joseph's style of play was unorthodox for what the Irish are used to seeing. The Pumas offensive system ran its players all over the court with anybody capable and willing of shooting from behind the arc and then crashing the boards. That clearing of the lane kept the Irish big men away from the hoop.

In practice the past few days, Irish coach Mike Brey has run his players through some drills but feels it's more mental than physical when it comes down to cleaning the boards.

"We've done a little bit of block out stuff, but I think it's more of what you focus on. Get the big guys a little more focused about getting to the backboard," Brey said. "They were in tough positions the other night because they were a long way from the bucket.

"I think the team we play tonight has a little more size, and they are a little more post up even though they have some big guys that will step out and shoot."

The QuinCY Hawks come to the Joyce Center tonight off a 91-64 loss to Bradley University Thursday.

The Hawks are a Division II school and a member of the

Separately, a balanced midfield holds strong

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After their second win against a top-ten team, one that made them bowl-eligible and brought them back into the national spotlight on the football field, the Irish will face a team that has struggled most of this season.

It sounds like the perfect time for a letdown — but don't tell this team that — they have plenty to play for when Pittsburgh comes to town Saturday.

"I've always said this, and will continue to say it — When you have success, it can be just as detrimental to you as hardworking midfield — you need a midfield that can help defensively, you also need one that can help attack."

The Irish have found both defensive consistency and sharp shooting tendencies in a quick-transitioning midfield. Sophomore Greg Dalby has been steady in the center for the Irish all year after earning freshman All-America honors in his rookie season. He has worked with Alex Yoshinaga, Ian Etherington, Luke Thompson in a variety of combinations en route to posting a 13-2-2 record for the regular season.

Sophomore guard Colin Falls attempts to drive past a St. Joseph's defender during Notre Dame victory last Thursday.