**ND scholars weigh in on pope’s remarks**

*Faculty stress quote’s context; Muslims demnound violence*

**By MADDIE HANNA**

News Writer

Since Pope Benedict XVI gave a speech one week ago that ignited controversy among vocal and violent segments of the Muslim world, the riots and protests have only accelerated. But at Notre Dame, the hope is for everything to slow down.

Faculty experts say the pope’s remarks — however insensitive — were taken out of context, and on Monday, Muslim members of the University community denounced the ongoing violence.

Benedict XVI spoke at the University of Regensburg in Germany last Tuesday on faith and reason at modern universities, said R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and an expert on religious violence.

The pope quoted 14th-century Byzantine emperor Manuel Paleologos II: “Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.”

“But he also quoted the Quran, which says there is no compulsion in religion,” Appleby said. “This reference is in key with Benedict’s previous remarks on Islam, in which he argues Islam is being betrayed by extremists who invoke violence. Although the remarks were taken out of context, the context was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.”

**Police stay busy amid crowds**

*Officers cite 40, arrest 8 during Michigan game*

**By KATE ANTONACCI AND MARY KATE MALONE**

News Editors

Police issued 40 arrest tickets and made five custodial arrests of adults for misdemeanor violations of liquor laws before and during Saturday’s home football game against University of Michigan.

Both the Notre Dame and the Michigan police departments reported making numerous arrests during the game.

During the game, 25 people were removed from Notre Dame Stadium for “litter related offenses,” one was arrested for public intoxication and one was “transported to the hospital due to intoxication,” Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDS) Phil Johnson said in an e-mail Monday.

Outside the stadium — assisted by Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Police — NDS officers issued two arrest tickets to adults for “possession of marijuana.”

He did not specify whether preliminary breath tests (PBTs) were used.

Three juveniles were also cited, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of tobacco, and one for minor in consumption of alcohol, Johnson said.

Johnson did not say whether those arrested, cited or removed from the stadium on Saturday were in the stands or in the student body.

**All spinach pulled due to E. coli outbreak**

*Due to the recent E. coli outbreak, students must go without spinach at campus dining halls.*

**By KATE ANTONACCI**

News Editor

Across the country, over 110 people have become ill and one person has died from an outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 linked to fresh spinach — and Notre Dame is taking steps to make sure that the number does not increase on their watch.

“This is an issue in every food service outlet and grocery store in North America,” said David Prentkowski, Director of Food Services.

Indiana is only one of 21 states to report E. coli cases linked to tainted spinach. Though Wisconsin has reported the most cases, the outbreak is still cause for concern.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a broad advisory to consumers on Sept. 14 to avoid spinach or any product containing spinach. Natural Selection Goods — a San Juan Bautista, Calif. company — followed suit on Sept. 15 by issuing a “voluntary recall of every retail and foodservice product containing spinach with a ‘Best if Used By Date’ of Aug. 17 through Oct. 1.”

Following the announcement, Notre Dame Food Services took immediate steps to pull spinach from salad bars in the dining halls and from all other food locations on campus.

“All uncooked spinach is in question,” Prentkowski said.

**Speaker tackles corporate ethics**

*Nancy Thomas-Moore delivers second speech in Mendoza series*

**By STEVE KERINS**

News Writer

A preponderance of corporate scandals have combined with the pressures of globalization on international companies to foster a renewed focus on ethics in the business community, a business ethics officer said Monday.

Nancy Thomas-Moore, director of Ethics and Business Conduct for the Weyerhaeuser Corporation, spoke at the second lecture in this year’s Bergen Lecture Series, which addresses corporate ethics.

Nancy Thomas-Moore, an expert in business ethics, speaks at the Mendoza College of Business Monday.
Inside Column

Scavenger Hunt

If they built it, I should come. While you're there, look around, see necessarily those of The Observer. Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Eric Retter Associate Sports Editor regarding the newly opened hall of science: avoided it like the plague. Lately though, I've been thinking that I haven't had the right approach. Why shouldn't I go explore just because everyone inside the building can make potions out of substances that I can't even pronounce, especially since Jordan is apparently now the newest building on earth except that hotel in Dubai that goes underwater? Sorry, but that's still cooler.

This has led me to the formulation of my new goal: enter every Notre Dame building by the time I graduate. I realize that this is not a standard "before I graduate goal for Notre Dame student" such as, say, graduating with honors, winning something, making the men's/women's team of your choosing, or dating someone from the men's/women's team of your choosing! But I believe it's a good goal for a Notre Dame student to have. For starters, it might help combat the "looking down at my shoes as I walk slowly towards class in weather conditions under which most states would give the ski patrol the day off" tunnel vision that everyone on this campus suffers from between mid-November and, say, Easter. Not only would scouting out new buildings make each trip to class less monotonous, but everyone could find a new place to throw out their fingers.

Further, Notre Dame is a bigger campus than most people give it credit for, and it is densely packed with interesting places. For instance, did you know that there are numerous restaurants and cafes hidden around campus, such as the Greenfield's in the Hesburgh Center or Cafè di Grazia in Grace Hall? There are others as well, and, as someone who is committed to eating every day, I plan to dine at each of them at least once. As a senior, I realize I don't have much time to complete my goal, which is more ambitious than what I first realized. With commencement coming up on May 21, I have eight months and two days to get inside a lot of buildings, and truthfully, I have fewer than 27 dorms, and in my first three-plus years here, I've only found my way into 19 of them. However, I have already made progress. Last Friday at 4:30, I attended a lecture in McKenna Hall, earning myself entry into McKenna Hall. Up until 4:18 of that day, I did not know where McKenna Hall was, or even that Notre Dame had a McKenna Hall. Ever since that day, I'm learning.

So, maybe the next time you are walking to class and you hear the soloist playing by the open window at the top of the Crowley Hall of Music, walk upstairs and tell him/her that hos/she is doing a good job. While you're there, look around, see what it's like inside. They did build it for a reason.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Eric Retter at eretter@nd.edu.

In Brief

Professor Donald Komers will teach a public academic course called "Federalism within American Constitutional Law" today at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall. All are welcome at the course, which is being held in observance of Constitutional Day.

Irene Rizzini of the Department of Social Work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and Visiting Chair in the Study of Brazilian Culture will deliver a lecture called "Participação Cidadã: Percepções e Experiências de Cidadania Among Children and Youth in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil" today at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

A panel discussion on "New Approaches to Peace and Conflict in Central Asia," featuring Kroc Institute Visiting Fellow John Heathershaw, and Rockefeller Visiting Fellows David Montgomery and Svetlana Peshkova will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

A panel discussion on "The Recent Supreme Court Decision, Hamdan v. Rumsfeld," will take place in room 121 of the Law School on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Panelists will discuss the implications of the June 29 Supreme Court ruling which rejected the Bush administration's argument that Al Qada suspects were "unlawful combatants."

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
SMC to co-host football pep rally

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance members awarded official club status to the Africa Faith and Justice Network and discussed the pep rally that Saint Mary's will co-host with three dorms at Notre Dame at their meeting Monday night.

The Africa Faith and Justice Network is a national, Catholic organization based in Washington, D.C., said club co-president Meagan Walerko.

"We want to work with AFJN at Notre Dame, but we also want to be able to do our own thing," Walerko said.

Club activities would include working with refugees from the continent of Africa who want to be able to do their ideas more fully. After the discussion on club recognition, student body president Susan McIlduff announced that Saint Mary's will return to the tradition of hosting one of the Notre Dame pep rallies.

"Through many, many emails and phone calls we have a pep rally," McIlduff said.

Saint Mary's students will be co-hosting the last pep rally of the season, before the Army game.

"We will be hosting along with Sorin [College], Breen-Phillips [Hall], and Carroll [Hall]," McIlduff said.

In Other BOG News:

• First-year elections are today. Freshman can receive a paper ballot at the student center front desk. A Saint Mary's student I.D. card is required to receive the ballot.

• Residence Hall Association elections will be held Thursday, Sept. 21. The ballot may also be paper if an electronic ballot is not available on PRISM.

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Senior wins $50,000 on 'Millionaire' show

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

He didn't win a million, but senior Dan Keough is very pleased with the $50,000 he took away on the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

"I got out of there without missing a question and I am pretty happy about it," he said.

Keough's performance, which was taped July 25 in New York, aired Monday on WNDU-TV. He used all four of his lifelines during his run, and chose to walk away with $50,000 rather than going for $100,000 on a difficult question.

"I feel like the questions definitely got much harder ... The last three questions were pretty hard," Keough said.

Keough's Tennessee roots and deep movie knowledge helped him reach the $50,000 mark. One question he answered was about the Tennessee Valley authority and another was about the rumor that actor Christopher Walken was run for President.

Keough said "Millionaire" producers edited out two jokes he made during the show, including one where he said $25,000 and $50,000 were so large that he did not know the difference.

After the show aired, many people, including some he did not know very well or know at all, congratulated him on the performance or asked if he was the person they had seen on "Millionaire."

"It was a really bizarre, kind of cool day," he said.

While he was on the show Keough said he would have been happy with even a thousand dollars. However, $50,000 puts him in a situation where he can use his money to get a good start after graduation, he said.

"Fifty-thousand dollars was my dream goal," Keough said. "It was absolutely everything I could ask for."

Keough plans to use some of the money to pay off his college loans and use some to start a nest egg.

"I am going to put it where it makes sense financially," he said.

Part of his winnings will help finance a trip to the Notre Dame vs. USC football game in Los Angeles Nov. 25, he said.

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Center to examine politics

**College recognizes alumnæ achievements**

**Humanistic studies majors mark anniversary**

**By MANDI STIRONE**

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**A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing: So, Come to Meet Us!**

Office of Undergraduate Studies, Introduction of advising team.

**Door prizes — iPod, DVD player and more! Must be present to win.**

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**Sophomore Intellectual Initiative**

**College of Arts and Letters**

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**William Fuller**

Poetry Reading and Reception

Wednesday September 20, 2006

7:30pm

South Dining Hall

Hospitality Room
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nun asked forgiveness for killers
Nairobi, Kenya — Sister Leonella, a nun who witnessed her husband’s death in Africa, used to joke there was a bullet with her name engraved on it in Somalia. When the bullet came, she said, she lost her last breaths to give those responsible.

"I forgive them," she whispered in her native Italian just before she died Sunday in the Somali capital, the Rev. Maloba Wesonga told The Associated Press at the nun’s memorial mass in Nairobi on Monday.

The killing raised concerns that she and other foreigners killed in Somalia recently are victims of growing Islamic radicalism in the Horn of Africa country, where a hard-line Muslim militia has been expanding its reach.

Bush faces UN disagreement
President arrives at New York meeting with policy problems at home and abroad

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush faced disagreement Monday over how to confront Iran’s nuclear ambitions and his efforts to defend Pius XI, a span when the rise of communism gripped Europe.

The Vatican said it would not limit the pope’s visit to Iraq and the Middle East as world leaders gathered for the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

Still, Bush was upbeat, focusing on his push for democracy and freedom at this "historic" meeting.

He said he believed "freedom belongs only to the United States." And Bush said he had "no doubt" in his sincerity over the pope’s visit.

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"I don’t believe freedom belongs only to the United States," Bush said at the White House Conference on Global Literacy hosted by his wife. "We believe that liberty is universal in its applications. We also believe strongly that as the world becomes more free, we’ll see peace."

Bush arrived in New York to attend the 61st session of the world body with policy problems at home and abroad that have narrowed his room to maneuver on the international stage.

The U.S.-led war in Iraq is in its fourth year with no end to bloody sectarian violence in sight. International support is dwindling for imposing sanctions against Iran for defying U.N. demands that it halt certain nuclear work. The expansive Taliban regime toppled in Afghanistan is showing new signs of resilience.

At midnight Sunday, the discussion was left," Dennis Wilder, senior director for East Asian affairs for the National Security Council, told reporters during a briefing on the meeting held on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

Worker may have exposed hundreds
OKLAHOMA CITY — Hundreds of patients and hospital workers may have been exposed to tuberculosis by a health care worker sick with the airborne disease, and at least 10 people have caught it, public health officials said Monday.

A letter sent to about 1,650 patients and 350 workers at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City warned of their potential exposure and urged them to get skin tests to determine whether they were infected.

Gene Gaflin, medical director of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department. About 250 members of the general public have also been alerted.

LOCAL NEWS

Deaths cause procedural change
INDIANAPOLIS — The hospital where 32-year-old Susan Loomis died last week after receiving a heroin overdose has begun using new procedures designed to prevent future mistakes.

Doctors are using an injection drug, naloxone, to help keep heroin addicts alive. And nurses are adding naloxone to a central line that is often used in premature children to prevent blood clots that could clog intravenous drug use.

Four other babies were also given overdoses of the drug.

VATICAN CITY

Vatican opens pre-WWII archives

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican opened part of its secret archives Monday to let historians review millions of documents that range from correspondence and other church documents that preceded the Second Vatican Council to the Holy See’s dealings with Jews before World War II.

Researchers said it could take months to study the contents of some 30,000 bundles of documents from the 1922-39 papacy of Pius XI, a span when the rise of Nazism, Fascism and Soviet-bloc communism gripped Europe.

The opening is part of the Vatican’s efforts to defend Pius’ successor, the wartime Pope Pius XII, against claims he did not do enough to save Jews from the Holocaust during the war.

The Vatican insists Pius XII, who earlier served as a church diplomat in Germany and later Vatican secretary of state under Pius XI, used discreet diplomacy that saved thousands of Jews.

Accounts officials said at midday that some 50 researchers had shown credentials to gain admittance, although some of the scholars came to consult material on earlier papacies.

"There was a bit of chaos," said Alessandro Vissani, a researcher in contemporary history at Rome’s La Sapienza university who, like many others, was hoping for an initial idea of what was in the files.

"I want to look at something but someone was already consulting it," said Vissani, whose research includes the attitudes of church hierarchy toward the 1938 anti-Jewish laws of Benito Mussolini, Italy’s Fascist dictator.

He hopes the files will reveal the frank views that Roman Catholic prelates privately held about Mussolini’s racial laws affecting Italy’s tiny Jewish community.
**IRAQ**

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Associated Press

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**In Brief**

Home buyers use aggressive tactics  
NEW YORK — Not so long ago, home sellers used aggressive tactics to squeeze every last bit of profit from their home sales. Now that home sales are weakening, buyers have taken a page from the sellers’ playbook, demanding everything from new appliances to no closing costs to upfront cash to get the deal done. In some cases, what they are doing is down right dirty — sellers have been asked to pay off buyer’s credit card debts, cover costs of the buyer’s current home or even pay for the buyer’s commuting costs from the new home.

This kind of gamemanship allows buyers to get the most for their money. It also reveals that the housing market’s ugly side may be here to stay.

The residential real estate market is cooling from its record-setting pace. New home sales are projected to fall about 16 percent in 2006, and existing home sales are forecast to dip 7.6 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors. Growth in home prices is expected to be minimal, coming in at less than 3 percent in 2006 and 2007.

Media ownership study suppressed  
WASHINGTON — Sen. Barbara Boxer on Tuesday released a draft of another report focusing on media ownership, the apparent study prepared in 2003, the number of commercial radio stations on the air rose 5.9 percent, reflecting a big jump in payments for foreign oil and a deterioration in the country’s investment position.

The inquiry included the use of “practices in which private investigators, pretexting texts the boundaries of California law and causing a breach in corporate circles over its ethics. State and federal investigators along with Congress have launched probes into HP’s actions. California’s attorney general said company insiders are likely to face criminal charges.

Muck of this has become known because Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tom Perkins quit the board last spring in protest over such practices and then questioned the legality of the private investigators’ tactics. Perkins raised his concerns to HP’s inside counsel in June, but they were largely dismissed by Larry Sonsini, one of the most powerful lawyers in corporate America with a huge roster of technology companies as clients. Sonsini said that the process was “well done and within legal limits.”

HIP has since acknowledged that its investigators should not have used pretexting, even if it went on elsewhere. The mistake cost Dunn her chairwomanship at the company, though she will remain a director when she steps down in January.

“Others do it” excuse has backfired elsewhere. Just look at the more than 125 companies that are now facing questions from regulators or prosecutors and those holding their own reviews about how they granted options and whether proper disclosures were made about what resulted in outsized and potentially illegal profits for many executives.

**Corporate leaders miss lessons**

Former Hewlett-Packard Chairwoman and CEO Carly Fiorina addresses the Center of Women’s Leadership at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. Sept. 15.

**Trade deficit nearing record levels**

WASHINGTON — America’s trade deficit increased in the spring to the second highest level in history, reflecting a big jump in payments for foreign oil and a deterioration in the country’s investment position.

The deficit in the U.S. current account rose to $218.4 billion in the April-June quarter, an increase of 2.4 percent over the first three months of the year, the Commerce Department reported today.

The current account is the broadest measure of foreign trade. It covers not only trade in goods and services but also investment flows between countries. The deficit represents the amount the United States must borrow from foreigners to cover the shortfall between exports and imports.

Democrats called the widening of the deficit further evidence that President Bush’s free-trade policies have left American workers exposed to unfair trade competition and a steep loss of manufacturing jobs.

“Since President Bush took office, we have lost 3 million jobs and America’s trade deficit in motor vehicles has climbed by approximately 20 percent,” said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, a frequent critic of Bush’s trade policies.

For its part, the administration is resisting efforts to raise protectionist barriers such as a bill sponsored by Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that would impose 27.5 percent tariffs on all Chinese imports in retaliation for China’s currency system.

U.S. manufacturers contend China is undervaluing its currency by as much as 40 percent to make Chinese products cheaper than American products.
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The station will begin broad-casting on campus cable channel 53 at 10 a.m. today, following the premiere.

Senior Adam Fairholm, who is NDtv's executive director, said he hopes the event will generate a greater understanding of the University's "for students, by students" television station.

NDtv began in 2002 as a project of the Film, Television and Video Production Program. It is broadcast on campus cable and was available in dorm social spaces and other campus buildings.

The station produces four shows: NDtv News, NDtv Sports, The Mike Peterson Lecture and NDtv Entertainment Review.

Show (a late night comedy and interview show) and The Final Cut (an entertainment review program) — all of which will air weekly new programs.

In addition to the new programs, the current season is streaming from the past three seasons will air during the current season.

"With comedy and entertainment, there is a breath of material that hasn't been seen by the majority of students," Fairholm said.

The station also will offer entertainment opportunities for campus-related events and organizations this year. Both in-person and online events will remain Notre Dame University and Notre Dame College.

"A lot of college stations aren't university-specific," Fairholm said. "NDtv is proud of the station's focus and coverage of campus events.

"For a college organization as young as we are, we have wide coverage on everything. We have shown a broad gamut of topics in the four years since its start. NDtv has flourished in both coverage and in participation. With only about 14 students in 2002, NDtv now works with about 90 students."

"Each show has its own crew," Fairholm said, adding that students are involved in every aspect of production. "We do all of our own work."

"We have a sort of open door policy," NDtv News Director Melissa Leonard said. "Students can get involved as much and as often as they want to.

The station's leaders are hoping Wednesday's event and the wider availability of NDtv dorm rooms will increase awareness of the student-run station.

"The optimal reaction, right now, is a reaction," said Fairholm, noting that most students are currently unaware of what NDtv offers.

"Having the student body know about NDtv and making it a part of campus media" is a primary goal of the station's fourth season, Fairholm said.

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issues of ethics in business. The lecture was entitled "Understanding Corporate Ethics."

Thomas-Moore outlined the recent factors that have caused executives worldwide to place a greater emphasis on transparency and accountability in their businesses.

The federal government introduced corporate sentencing guidelines in 1991, during which there were the "first comprehensive set of self-policing guidelines for companies," Thomas-Moore said.

The government amended the guidelines in 2004 following the wave of corporate scandals early in the decade.

"Even prior to Enron, there was some concern that the guidelines weren't working as well as expected," Thomas-Moore said.

The New York State and the Securities Exchange Commission are new standards of corporate governance derived from high-profile corruption cases, she said. Additionally, "the Securities and Exchange Commission now requires corporations to have a code of ethics which is posted on their webpage," Thomas-Moore said.

Perhaps the legal cornerstones for the ethics in business was the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which set new and higher standards of corporate governance in 2002. Thomas-Moore said the issues companies face regarding business ethics are not unique in history but mirror similar questions that have been constant concerns, notably after the Watergate scandal in the 1970s.

"Ethics have not changed, and I don't think they ever will," she said. "Some specific concerns may differ by circumstance.

Thomas-Moore enumerated key issues that face ethics officers, and businesses today. One set of issues are companies working internationally.

"If a company does business in certain countries, different ethical standards are going to change their ethics program," she said. For example, they may use certain privacy laws prohibited the use of outside third parties for the reporting of a company's code of ethics. Such loopholes are required by law in the United States.

"This is not a result of the regulations, really. This is a result of globalization," Thomas-Moore said.

Many companies have also raised the profile of their ethics departments, increasing emphasis on risk management and metrics.

"The bad news is that the ethics officer is not the most popular person in the company," Thomas-Moore said. "The ethics department is calling unethical business practices into question."

Additionally, she said, corporations are turning to outside sources to evaluate their practices and codes of ethics as well as assistance in implementing new technologies such as those involved in online training programs.

If you're interested in a consulting career, this is an area that's growing like crazy," she said.

Thomas-Moore also emphasized the importance of a code of ethics for global offices, continually under review in the United States with employees training programs.

"In today's workplace, "she said, "there is a code, ethics is necessary, but it isn't enough."

To illustrate her point, Thomas-Moore provided an example from her company's ethics training program. Weyerhaeuser is a large transnational corporation in the pulp and paper industry that employs more than 50,000 people worldwide.

"The Berges Lecture Series is sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and the Institute for Ethical Business Practices, " she said. The lecture in the series will be entitled "No Smoke, No Mirrors, No Middle," and will take place Sept. 27.

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Among the persons reported ill, 53 percent were hospitalized, 16 percent developed a type of kidney failure and an adult in Wisconsin died. 75 percent of the cases were female and 52 percent were children under 5 years old, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Ninety-two percent of the cases arose between Aug. 19 and Sept. 5, the CDC noted.

Since E. coli has been found in various locations throughout the country, the "uncooked spinach" is in question, Prentkowski said.

The FDA has traced the contaminated spinach to produce grown in the Salinas Valley, Calif. area. Nearly 74 percent of the fresh-market spinach in the U.S. comes from California, according to the Associated Press.

"In cases like this, national cooperation" makes us aware of the issue so that we can react as quickly as possible," Prentkowski said.

The recent outbreak is the latest in a string of "19 food-poisoning outbreaks since 1995," linked to lettuce and spinach, the AP reported.

Though federal health officials said Monday that tempering is not advised, they will continue to probe for the source of the contamination — to continue to warn against eating fresh spinach products.

"We will not service until the United States Department of Agriculture states that it is safe to do so," Prentkowski said.

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Director of Food Services

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AFGHANISTAN

NATO victory spurs bombing

4 Canadian soldiers and at least 15 Afghans killed Monday

Associated Press

KAFIR BAND — Three bombings killed at least 19 people across Afghanistan on Monday, including four Canadian soldiers in an attack that tested NATO's claim of success in driving insurg­ ents from this volatile southern region.

The deadliest attack, in the usually calm western city of Herat, killed 11 people and wounded 18 including the deputy police chief, officials said. Initially, officials said it was a suicide attack by a mili­ tary strapped with explosives and riding a motorbike.

But Afghan President Hamid Karzai, speaking later Monday in Kabul, said it was not a suicide attack as initial reports indicated. Karzai did not elaborate on how the attack did take place in his remarks to the Asia Society.

"It was not a suicide attack as I know now," he said.

A suicide car bomb in the capital Kabul killed at least four policemen and wounded one officer and 10 civilians.

Afghanistan has been suffering the heaviest insurgent attacks since the Taliban was toppled in late 2001, and the bombings came as NATO ended a two-week offensive against Taliban fighters in this region that the commander called a "significant success."

"We still appear that they are resorting to these despicable tacts. We should not have them under their strongholds," a NATO spokesman, Maj. Luke Keating, said in Kabul.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper praised the lost soldiers.

"It's a tough mission, but the men and women of the Canadian Forces sign on for tough missions if they know they can do good in the world — that's what they're doing and ... they have the absolutely unwavering support of our government," he said.

NATO said 25 civilians also were wounded in the blast in Kafi Band, a clutch of mud-brick homes surrounded by grape and pomegranate orchards.

"Fifty to 60 soldiers were patrolling on the main street when a man on a bicycle stopped and blew himself up near the force," said Fazel Mohammed, a farmer who lives near the blast site.

The explosion tore through the Canadian patrol, shredding uniform and military equipment.

Blood soaked into the dusty road, and the bomber's legs ended up near a gold-colored military patch torn from a soldier's uniform.

Four helicopters hovered over the village, and at least two land­ed to retrieve the wounded and dead soldiers, Mohammed said.

"This attack amounts to a seri­ous violation of international humanitarina law," said Tom Koenigs, the top U.N. official in Afghanistan.

The commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. David Richards, said the attack took place as Canadian troops were arranging aid, reconstruction and development for villagers in the district, which suffered heavy damage during the NATO offen­sive.

At least 36 Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Five died during Operation Medusa, in which NATO estimated it killed at least 510 insurgents with airstrikes and ground assaults.

On Sunday, Richards called Operation Medusa a success and said NATO had reclaimed crucial territory from the Taliban.

Most of the village's 25 families fled the fighting and only the des­perately poor stayed behind, Tiny said.

"Taliban were in this village before, but now there are fewer than 20 people," said another villager, shopkeeper Jam Mohammed. "But if you kill 100 or 1,000 Taliban, another 1,000 will come to con­tinue the fighting."

Most of the recent surge in vio­lence has occurred in southern provinces.

NATO commanders say they need 2,500 more soldiers, plus greater air support, to crush the Taliban threat more quickly.

Responding to the recent spate of western attacks, Afghan and for­eign troops launched an opera­tion Monday in Farah, where a dozen Taliban and police were killed by insurgent raids last week.

Operation Wyconda Pincer, as the sweep is called, involved police along with U.S., Italian and Spanish troops.

"This operation is in response to a growing number of terrorist acts that have occurred in recent weeks," said Kf Michael Horan, a NATO official in Farah.

HUNGARY

Violence follow anti-governement protests

Associated Press

BUDAPEST — Protesters clashed with police and stormed the headquarters of state television early Tuesday, responding with violence to a leaked recording that caught Hungary's prime minister admitting the government "lied morning, evening and night" about the economy.

Rescue services said at least 50 people were injured as police fired tear gas and water cannons at rock-throwing pro­testers, who had been demanding the government resign.

The violence followed a mainly peaceful demonstration that began a day earlier outside­ parliament, after a record­ ing made in May was leaked to local media. On it, Socialist Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany admitted officials lied about government finances to win April's elections.

Despite the surge in violence involving dozens of the protest­ers, Gyurcsany said that he had no plans to resign.

Socialist members of parlia­ment voted unanimously to support him and the govern­ment called for an emergency session of the cabinet for Tuesday.

"As the crowd grew by Monday night to more than 10,000, according to an esti­mate by MTI, several hundred broke away and marched over to the nearby headquarters of state television, demanding to deliver a statement in a live broadcast."

While most of demonstrators watched, a few dozen broke through police lines and into the TV headquarters.

Police tried to disperse them with water cannon sprays but the truck was quickly disabled by the rioters, some of whom entered the police office and operating the vehicle to safety.

Several cars near the TV build­ing were set on fire, their flames scouring the building.

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Papal apology unnecessary.

I question whether the Muslim world merited an apology from Pope Benedict for quoting from an ancient Byzantine emperor. After all, Muslims around the world dis­turbed the larger message he sought to communicate. With his speech in German, Benedict set out to condemn religiously motivated violence. His unmitigated message was a summons to interreligious dialogue based on reason, respect and reconciliation.

One may wonder if Benedict will demand an apology from the Muslim cleric who compared him to Hitler, a comparison so ludicrous as to be dismissed with the contempt it so richly deserves. Still another Muslim cleric (Sheik AbuHakim Hassan Malin), referring to the Pope, was quoted in Sunday’s New York Times as saying: “Whoever offends our Prophet Mohammed should be killed on the spot.” And sure enough, apparently in response to the Pope’s letter of opposition to “Whoever offends our Prophet Mohammed should be killed on the spot.” And sure enough, apparently in response to the Pope’s letter of opposition to

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Forward the Revolution

Know your enemy

Over the past few weeks, a number of readers have been in touch to express their concern about whether or not Muslims are “civilized” and how the West should interact with the Muslim world. Since September 11th, Americans have exhibited a wide range of thoughts on the matter, from Movem.org’s 2001 letter of opposition to the war against the Taliban, to random acts of hatred against patriotic Muslims in the United States and abroad. We must demarcate the distinction between the religion of Islam and the political ideology of Islamism, particularly radical Islamism. Understanding this difference, and the underpinnings of the phenomenon of Islamism is critically important to the determination of American strategy in the War on Terror.

The religion of Islam, as with other major world religions, contains diverse interpreta­tions of religious text, leading to the formation of schools of thought. Since the 2003 liberation of Iraq, most Americans have heard of the Shi’a and Sunni branches of Islam. But there are also a number of subgroups within Shi’a and Sunnis. There are also Progressive Islam (also known as Liberal Islam), Wahhabism and Sufism. One of these schools, Wahhabism — commonly referred to as Islamic fundamentalism in the West — has provided most of the adherents to radical Islamism, which uses an interpretation of Islam from the first three generations after the death of Muhammad as the foundation for a distinct political ideology.

According to Professor Bassam Tibi of Göteborg University, “Islamic fundamentalism is a coherent political ideology with two dimensions: a religious one and an ideological one. The religious dimension, which is quite distinct from Islam itself, is the result of the rise of the adherents to radical Islamism, who have come together as a collective to form a cohesive movement.”

The continuing attraction of Islamism to the marginalized elements of the Middle East is based on the fact that most Arab states to create effective political structures, build broad-based economies and foster technological innovation. Newsweek columnist Fareed Zakaria wrote that “the Gulf govern­ments offered their people a bargain: we will bribe you with wealth, but in return you will be in power. It was the inverse slogan of the American revolution — no taxation but no representation either.” As long as the governments of the Middle East operate by this bar­gain, the soil will be rich for Islamism to take root and Middle Eastern men will bloom.

Without the components of liberalism implemented in Middle Eastern nations, Islamism will continue to be an influen­tial factor in budding democracies if not the dominant ideology. As Zakaria writes, “It turns out that modernization takes more than strongmen and oil but also technical structures and a foreign staff — Cadillacs, Gulfstream and McDonald’s — is easy. Importing the inner workings of modern society — a free market, political parties, accountability and the rule of law — is difficult and danger­ous.” Liberal democracies have been forced into fighting an ideological war with both armed forces and competing political entities. As a result, liberalism has now been cut short, and it is currently stated, “We will not give in to terrorism and that conviction has been expressed by all governments. Liberalism has accomplished these things for such diverse societies as Japan, India, Germany and Costa Rica, and can do so in Iraq, Afghanistan and the rest of the world. The world’s liberal democracies have the will to sup­port the creation of liberal institutions in the Middle East, which are necessary for political stability and a free press and the development of strong political institutions in currently autocratic states will be far more suc­cessful than by establishing elections alone.”

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Letter to the Editor

I was unable to accept J. Ellis’s articles on the Middle East. I’ve been following the war and the general Arab-Protestant world and Americans have heard of the Shi’a and Sunni branches of the religion of Islam. But there are also a number of subgroups within Shi’a and Sunnis. There are also Progressive Islam (also known as Liberal Islam), Wahhabism and Sufism. One of these schools, Wahhabism — commonly referred to as Islamic fundamentalism in the West — has provided most of the adherents to radical Islamism, which uses an interpretation of Islam from the first three generations after the death of Muhammad as the foundation for a distinct political ideology.

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Greek dramatist

Tuesday, September 19, 2006
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Quality of life matters

No piece of student writing has ever made me sadder than the column "Quality of Work Matters" which appeared in the Sept. 11 edition of The Observer. The author attacks the idea of wages being determined by the government rather than by employers and employees in a "free market." His clear intention is to do so within the Campus Labor Action Project, a collaborative movement among Notre Dame students, staff and faculty to advocate for a fair wage for University employees. The Project is predicated on the mistaken notion that the only way to combat exploitation is through collective action to ensure just compensation, laborers have little power vis-à-vis their employer.

The author supports his argument with the fantasy that "there is an intimate connection between the value one produces and the wage one is paid." While this may hold true in perfect-world neoclassical economic models, where wages are determined more by individual and marginal product of labor, there are myriad real-world examples to discredit this naive assertion. For example, garment workers stitching identical types of clothing in Mexico and the United States are paid very different wages, even if their products are sold for the same price. The wages of these workers cannot be tied to the product price.

I was very fortunate to have my family in for the Michigan game, for all of our players, and American workers, but it is clear that wages paid to workers depend on a lot more than the value of what they produce. Historical conditions of a country, structural conditions of an industry, as well as historical kinds of employment for workers all contribute to determining wage levels.

Adam Smith's labor theory of value argues that a link exists between the inputs of labor and the commodity and the value of that commodity on the market. Even if the labor theory of value is accepted as valid, it does not automatically support the assertion that wages are intimately connected to the value of one's work. Within the capitalist system, those who earn the means of production earn a profit through the appropriation of a portion of their laborers' work. It is in every capitalist's best interests to pay as low as possible as so as to capture the highest profits. There is not an intimate connection between the value of a laborer's production and the wage paid for that labor. Rather than pay workers for the full value of their labor, employers have every incentive to squeeze profits out of their workers. Low wages may reflect an unfortunate abundance of low-skilled labor on the market. However, an excess labor supply does not justify paying wages so low that those wages cannot sustain the workers earning them, no matter what intro economics textbooks may say. If a flood of labor came onto the market in South Bend, would the inherent worth of any individual's work suddenly decrease?

Should we value an individual less because there are others who could do the work? Consider college graduates who look for jobs in May. The influx of new grads into the market in the spring certainly pushes wages down. However, this doesn't mean that anyone's economic loss is productive or inherently worth less.

If market-determined wages are so low that workers can't afford to raise a family, this sends a clear signal to those workers. It tells them that because of their wage, they are not worth so low that they don't deserve to live in the community. Krueger and Card found that when workers earning low wages had their wages raised, their productivity rose and employment actually increased (Foundation for Economic Education, 1999). With this in mind, it is unfortunate that the author of "Quality of Work Matters" scoffs at any non-market mechanism for increasing wages. In addition, he asserts that raising wages to the minimum level of $12.10 per hour would represent an increase in wages of over 100 percent. His assumption that workers are starting from $5.55 is simply wrong. Many workers earn $8-10 per hour, and the increase to $12.10 would likely not have such a drastic effect on employers.

The author bashes minimum wage laws as an "insult to human dignity," arguing that most low-level jobs do not produce much of value and should therefore not be paid much. Instead of turning to the "arbitrary" social policy of a minimum wage, he proclaims, workers should seek "honestly negotiated compensation" for their work. He celebrates the capitalist system of voluntary contracts while conveniently ignoring the problems of inequality and injustice within capitalism. In reality, the unequal power relationships between workers and employers mean that workers rarely have the means to negotiate honest compensation without organizations like labor unions or the Campus Labor Action Project to contribute to collective action.

The University of Notre Dame is one of the best employers around. The University is certainly doing a lot of things right in looking after its workers. This does not mean it is perfect, though. If the University has the resources to set up a special taskforce to investigate something like off-campus crime, it must have the resources to examine the living wage issue seriously. Until then, I hope it will not be swayed by the myth that any "artificial" increase in wages will automatically be a bad thing for both the student and for the University.

Colleen Mallahan
class of '08
off-campus
Sept. 18

Fan etiquette questioned in loss
Student section surpasses norm

"Notre Dame Football has hit a new low."

The exact words were heard from a friend of mine in the stadium last Saturday when Notre Dame suffered a loss at the hands of Michigan. Sadly, however, this statement is partially true. Although the Irish did not play their best this week, I still believe that Irish fans should be smiling with the overall performance of our football team. Before last season, our team was nowhere near a top-11 poll. But since last season, our beloved Irish are a very respectable 11-4, with a BCS appearance and only one loss in a team outside the top 11. Nevertheless, Notre Dame Football did hit a low on Saturday, but this loss was not achieved by the coaches and players on the field and sideline. Instead, the blame belongs only to Notre Dame fans themselves.

During the fourth quarter of a disheartening Irish loss, I happened to humbules in my section about the state of notre dame football and that of certain players. In fact, one Notre Dame fan had a comment for every Brady Quinn pass and was not a coach Welsch fan. I changed the starters with the second string, exclaimed that bringing in Evan Sharpley was the only thing Fish had done right all season. I, too, would like everyone to realize that Brady Quinn is not the reason that we lost the Michigan game, for all of our players.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the entire senior section that decided to leave Saturday's game; however, I also wish to remind those seniors who stayed until the Alma Mater. Leaving the stadium early has impact on my family that they all agreed it was the greatest display of school spirit they had ever seen.

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‘Olympus fashion week’ features new looks

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Writer

Twice a year, the city of New York brings together the world’s leading fashion designers for seven days of full-on fashion festivities. Think of fashion week as the “Super Bowl” of American fashion. It’s an opportunity for designers to unveil their creations before the arrival of each fall and spring season. Olympus Fashion Week, named for its sponsor, is held each time in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. Enormous white tents fill the lawn of Bryant Park, which is conveniently located near Vogue’s Times Square headquarters.

Access to every show is exclusive and comes by invitation only. Invites generally include journalists and buyers or celebrities and socialites. Fortunately for non-A-list socialites, previews of the collections are posted via magazine websites such as style.com and elle.com. While some designers have begun to take the non-traditional route of showroom displays, most still prefer the excitement of runway shows.

Most fashion enthusiasts will find Marc Jacobs to be one of the most impressive and original runways. Not only was his catwalk constructed to look something like that of a freshly mowed spring lawn, but his clothes were the embodiment of spring — playful and lively. Although the use of pastel polka dots and stripes is typical, his eye for layering makes it look far from traditional. Fans of the designer should preview his larger collection over the smaller “Marc by Marc” collection. While Jacobs’ feature collection is substantially pricier, it is considerably more innovative.

Vera Wang’s show proved to be another exceptional display. Attempting layers in a different way, she constructed eye-catching ensembles with translucent layers and original shapes. The unity of delicate fabrics and richly romantic colors was the epitome of elegance.

This year’s Spring 2007 collections featured a general aura of female independence and youthful elegance. Modest yet distinctively feminine clothing left much to the imagination as nothing was particularly form fitting. Liberation for the average woman came at last, as designers constructed organic, non-restrictive pieces flattering to most shapes and sizes. Romantic details paired with structured basics and a punk-like edge modernized previous runway looks.

Some aspects of spring came with little novelty, as — surprise, surprise — whites pervaded the looks for 2007. Keeping things clean cut, black and white was an obvious combination choice for designers such as Vera Wang and Lanett. There also appeared to be a collective use of white with metallic shades of gold and platinum. The most noticeable examples of this look was presented in the Ralph Lauren show. Metallic brocade skirts and slim cropped pants could easily translate from early day to evening.

Other color palettes included muted tones of creams and gray or soft pastels like the soft canary yellow used throughout Alice Rohr’s collection. Shades as well remained an obvious spring staple, but “bot pastel” opponents could rejoice over the variety of lengths and sizes. Taken long or short, designers frequently implemented cuffs to create the impression of maturity.

Other commonly used details included the use of worldly prints and ruffles. Necklines were generally scooped as opposed to collared, and waistlines were generally tied as opposed to belted. Pants moved from pencil thin to wide-leg linen, while high-waisted trousers were styled with silk blouses. Jumpers, rompers and frocks translated from fall, while knee-length pleats created a new look for spring. Tend dresses were paired with lanky cardigans, and volume remains critical as bubble skirts stuck around for one more season.

Finally, feminine ensembles created a dancer-like elegance, and layering remained the mark of fashion know-how. The excitement from fashion week is far from over. Beginning next month, magazines will move away from fall fashions to showcase spring collections and trends. Winter has yet to arrive, but with last week’s fashion festivities, who can help but look forward to the upcoming spring?

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The latest in the “Marc by Marc Jacobs” line continued to feature layers in its ensembles.

At left, Hollywood starlet Lindsay Lohan, center, attends a designer’s latest show at the recent Olympus Fashion Week in New York City with her mother, right, and a friend. At right, Hilary Duff, left, observes with boyfriend Joel Madden, center, and singer Lee-Ann Rhimes. Celebrities often attend designers’ new runway shows.
**DVD REVIEW**

**Ratner weakens trilogy with final chapter**

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Hollywood producers usually stick to and exploit the adage of not having enough of a good thing. In the case of "X-Men: The Last Stand," ("X3"), producers may have changed their minds. This summer's anticipated X-Men film doesn't have enough of something that used to be good, so long as it makes money.

A group of filmmakers in search of a promising comic book series, the "X3" DVD fails to deliver in almost every aspect. This begins with the film itself, which is directed by Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour," "Red Dragon"). Ratner took over the series from the director of the first two X-Men films, Bryan Singer, who left to direct "Superman Returns." Unfortunately, the decision to hire Ratner turned out to be a step in the wrong direction and greatly impacted the film.

"X3" follows the Marvel Comics mutants Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Storm (Halle Berry) and Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) as they grapple with a possible eradication of all mutants. This war pits mutants and humans against each other in a typical "fight to the death" epic battle of good against evil. The special effects here and in other large scenes are impressive and shine as one of the few bright spots of the movie. The visual scope of Ratner's movie certainly does not lack imagination.

Unfortunately, the rest of Ratner's film fails to live up to the lofty expectations placed upon it. "X3" has a complicated plot that relies heavily on prior knowledge of the previous "X-Men" movies. Additionally, many new mutant characters from the comic books are introduced and integrated into the "X-Men" universe. However, a 104-minute runtime does not help either of these causes.

The plot ends up becoming too convoluted to follow, and the overabundance of characters means that no single mutant can have enough screen time to display emotion or character growth. This is especially true for main characters Wolverine and Storm.

In addition to their paltry screen time, Berry and Jackman suffer from poor direction from Ratner and too often seem forced to spew out corny clichés and one-liners. In effect, they take several steps backwards from the character arcs they displayed in the first two movies.

Other characters like the villain Mystique (Rebecca Romijn), who are arguably no more interesting than many of the new mutants, are completely shoved to the side for the sake of introducing as many characters as possible.

In addition, the entire film — from the cinematography and script to the costuming straight out of "Star Trek" — seems like it's trying to emulate a poor Broadway musical.

In other words, everything here is too over the top, lacking any genuine sense or subtlety that should be present in a film. This appears to be the reason why "X3," in spite of earning $445 million worldwide, was still viewed as a massive underachievement.

Perhaps due to the poor quality of the film, but more likely because of the film's tepid reception in theaters, the rest of the materials on the "X3" DVD are underwhelming.

For dedicated fans, a director's commentary provides interesting tidbits of information, but items like these do not usually impress the masses. Deleted scenes and three alternate endings fill out the meager offering of special features and make for a disappointing DVD release.

Not surprisingly, the end of "X-Men: The Last Stand" leaves open the possibility for more sequels and prequels. Hollywood producers seem to want more of what has now, thanks to a poor third film and poorer DVD, become a bad thing.

Time will tell if the X-Men series can regain its balance and stand tall once more.

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**DVD REVIEW**

**'Lake House' leaves audiences unsatisfied**

By CASSIE BELEK
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Bombs on buses equal movie magic for Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. Houses on lakes don't. In the duo's follow-up to 1994's thriller "Speed," the film fails to recreate the chemistry from their electrifying bus-ride and instead float through a melange of scenes that are completely shoved to the side for the sake of introducing as many characters as possible.

Still, the film hobbles on, as the chemistry from their electrifying bus-ride continues to simmer as one of the few bright spots of the movie. Something is amiss, and it very well may be the characters themselves. Alex and Kate are such sad, morose human beings that it's difficult to see why they are attracted to each other. Perhaps it's best that they fall in love through letter-writing because if they appeared to each other face to face, they would be thoroughly depressed after a few minutes of conversation. Smiles are rare and laughter is non-existent. The characters lack the chemistry that would be imperative for a normal relationship, but fortunately for them, this deficiency is disguised in floridly worded and moving anectodes.

The DVD extras are sparse, with five deleted scenes, outtakes and a theatrical trailer. Clearly a box office bomb, producers wasted the time making the DVD anything special. However, an explanation of what led Bullock and Reeves to make this film in the first place out of all others, would have been worthwhile.

Truth be told, the movie would not be as disappointing if it had starred other actors. This Bullock-Reeves reunion appeared out of the blue, and did not pack the same luster as its predecessor did. Naturally, no one was expecting to recapture the glory of "Speed," especially with a straight-up romance, but the fact that it is Bullock and Reeves in this movie sets it up for an even bigger fall. The pair would have been wiser to choose a vehicle similar to that of "Speed," but the damage is now done and it is doubtful that the two will act together again after this failure.

Even with the lack of chemistry and absence of logic, "The Lake House" has potential to be saved. However, a promising ending coupled with an impossible plot slows down the movie from the beginning. But the glass lake house is pretty to look at, and so is Bullock. Even in a flop, the actress appeals to audiences, letting us root for Alex and Kate to end up together, if only to see Bullock flash a dazzling smile. However, "The Lake House" has too many inconsistencies, and no amount of Sandra Bullock can turn it into a memorable and compelling romance.

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Texas starter Kevin Millwood delivers a pitch against the Mariners. He allowed four hits and one run in seven innings.

Texas cruises past Mariners in 8-1 victory

Texas starter allows one run in seven innings to earn 16th win of the year; Young has third straight multi-hit game

Arlington, Texas — Kevin Millwood allowed one run over seven innings for his 16th victory and Michael Young had his third straight multi-hit game in the Texas Rangers’ 8-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Millwood (16-10) won his fourth straight game at home, where he struggled early in the season after the Rangers signed the free agent to a $60 million, five-year deal. It is the fourth time the right-hander has won 16 games, the most since he was 18-8 for Atlanta in 2002.

Young went 2-for-4 with his 49th double to tie the Texas season list, one shy of Young’s major league-leading total to 28 this season. The Rangers have won 16 straight with two more than Seattle’s Ichiro Suzuki, who won 0-6-4.

Carlos Lee put the Rangers up with a two-run double in the third after Gary Matthews Jr. singled and Young hit a double to right. Hank Blalock followed with another double to make it 3-0. Matthews, who was 3-for-5, had a leadoff single in the fifth and scored on an error.

Rangers shortstop Michael Young is congratulated by outfielder Gury Mattheos Jr. after a two-run homer Wednesday against the Tigers. Young had a double Monday against the Mariners.

Felix Hernandez (11-14), Seattle’s 20-year-old right-hander in his second season, matched his season high with nine strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up four runs and five hits.

After No. 2 hitter Adrian Beltre had a single in the first, Millwood didn’t allow another hit until Josh Ibanez led off the seventh with a double — a liner that bounced off the extended glove of Young, the All-Star center fielder.

Millwood allowed four hits with four strikeouts and two walks. He is 4-0 with a 2.40 ERA in his last eight starts.

Richie Sexson followed Ibanez’s double with a single before Yuniesky Betancourt’s sacrifice fly made it 5-1. Hernandez is 1-3 with an 8.63 ERA in his last eight starts. He allowed one run in two of those starts.

Hernandez left with an error.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 6

Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez hit two-run homers and the New York Yankees held on for a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

New York reduced its magic number to clinching the AL East for nine straight season to three. The Yankees could wrap up the division title during the seven-game road trip to Toronto and Tampa Bay.

Jeter hit a two-run homer, his 14th, off J.A. Happ. (8-8) in the seventh inning to give New York a 4-3 lead.

The Yankees added three runs in the ninth but Toronto matched that in the bottom half, forcing New York to use four pitchers in the final inning. Jose Veras got the last out for the first save of his career.

Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the sixth, his 34th of the season and the 463rd of his career — moving him into sole possession of 29th place on the all-time list, two behind former Yankee Dave Winfield.

The home run brought the Yankees within 3-2.

Darrell Rasner (13-10) won on three days’ rest, allowing three runs and six hits over six innings. Rasner started in place of Cory Lidle, who has tendinitis in his right index finger.

Burnett allowed four runs and seven hits over seven innings as the Blue Jays had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Yankees rookie Joba Chamberlain allowed one run in two innings of relief to earn his first major league win.

Three more runs off Corey Patterson hit a three-run homer off Octavio Dotel — the 35th of the season and sixth against the Yankees — to make it 7-6.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 2

Corey Patterson hit a three-run homer and Erik Bedard won his third consecutive start, helping the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-1 on Monday night.

Bedard (15-9) allowed one run, four hits and one walk and struck out 10 in seven innings. In his last three starts, the left-hander has given up three runs and 10 hits over 20 innings.

Patterson hit his 14th homer of the season off Tim Corcoran (4-9) in the second inning to put Baltimore up 3-1. David Newham made it 4-1 with a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Chris Ray pitched the ninth, loading the bases without allowing a run to earn his 32nd save. The Orioles are 6-14 over their last 20 games.

Ranger Koronakos gave up four runs and six hits over six innings, and is 6-9 over his last 13 games, including 12 starts. He is the fourth pitcher — according to Stats Inc. — in the last 50 years to go 0-9 or worse after the All-Star break.

The other are Baltimore’s Jay Tibbs (0-10 in 1998), the New York Mets’ Craig Anderson (0-9 in 1962) and Chicago White Sox left-hander Jim Parque (0-9 in 1999).

Corcoran’s last win came as a reliever on July 9 against the New York Yankees. His last victory as a starter was July 5, over Boston.

Tampa Bay (57-93) has lost a season-high eight straight, and needs to get 6-6 to avoid its third 100-loss season (2001 and 2002) since joining the AL as an expansion team in 1998. It is 57-93 since the Devil Rays began play in 2001.

The Tigers have lost a major league-high 55 times after taking a lead, two short of the AL record set by the Detroit Tigers in 2002.
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In Brief

Clarett pleads guilty to robbery charges
COLUMBUS, Ohio — When the day comes that Maurice Clarett can be released from prison 3 1/2 years from now, the former Ohio State football star's life story will hardly have been told in full. If his backup ends on the earliest possible date, Clarett, who struck an unexpected plea deal Monday for robbery and concealed weapons charges, will be all of 20 years old. His 8-week-old daughter, who was present for his sentencing, will not yet have turned 4.

"It's in a range that will allow him to get his life back together after his release," Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said.

Judge David Fains announced the agreement on the day Clarett's aggra­vated robbery trial was to begin. He was sentenced to 7 1/2 years with release possible after 3 1/2 years, and five years of probation.

T.O. undergoes surgery on injured finger
HIVING, Texas — Terrell Owens played in a Super Bowl for Philadelphia seven weeks after getting a plate and several screws put in his ankle. Now he's hoping another plate and three more screws in his right hand will enable him to play against the Eagles.

Owens had a plate screwed into the bone attached to his right ring finger during an operation Monday evening. His recovery time is estimated at two to four weeks, but he's likely to do all he can to return to the Dallas Cowboys in 20 days for his much-anticipated return to Philadelphia on Oct. 8.

"Most of those injuries, when they put a plate in there, which I think they might do, that pretty much fixes it," coach Bill Parcells said Monday, before the surgery. "Once they put that in there, it's not going anywhere, you're not going to displace it again. It's a matter of if you can get it functional."

Saints provide hope for recovering city
NEW ORLEANS — Clinical psycholo­gist Mindy Kronenberg says she couldn't tell the difference between a run­ning back and a quarterback if she had to.

She does know one thing, however: The New Orleans Saints' early-season winning streak is a welcome tonic for a region still struggling with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Indeed, the 2-0 Saints are the talk of the town. And hundreds of fans lined the road leading from the airport when the team returned Sunday night from its 34-27 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

The timing couldn't be better as the team gets ready to take on the archrival Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 25 in a Monday night matchup for the lead in the NFC South. It should be an emo­tion-filled evening as the Superdome is reopened more than a year after the hurricane.
DALLAS — Junior Lessard scored a power-play goal in the second period and added an empty-netter with 1:02 remaining to lift the Dallas Stars to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers in a preseason game on Monday night.

Jussi Jokinen and Perttu Lindgren had power-play goals, and Joel Lundqvist also scored for the Stars.

Former Dallas center Niko Kapanen scored on the power play, and Jim Slater added a goal for Atlanta.

Both teams sat most of their big-name players in the exhibition opener for each club, giving extensive ice time to rookies. The Stars played the first of four games during a five-day span.

After Lindqvist notched the only goal of the first period, Slater tied it at 1 early in the second. Jokinen put Dallas back in front 15 seconds into a second-period power play, and Mike Ryan added one in the third to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a preseason victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday night.

Martin Biron made 23 saves for the Sabres, who were 4-for-11 on power plays.

Lessard double dips in 5-2 win over Atlanta

Dallas right wing tallies power play, empty-net goal in exhibition opener; big-name players sit in favor of rookies
Mets clinch division with shutout victory

By MATT HOPKE and VINCE KENNALEY

The Wild Women of Walsh will meet up with the Pyros of Pasquerella East tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West field — both teams hoping to bounce back from an opening week loss.

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"If we win the World Series this year, it's not going to erase the Yankee mystique." — Tom Glavine, Mets pitcher.

4-0 defeat of Marlins gives team first NL East title since 1988

NEW YORK — They soaked themselves in wine and beer, then hurried to their house to go back on the field, jump up and down some more and share the glue with their fans.

End of nearly two decades of disappointment in their division and days of delay, the New York Mets brought the NL East title back to Shea Stadium for the first time since 1988 with a 4-0 victory over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

They celebrated as if they had won the Series.

"If this is what playoff baseball in New York is like, to me it's the best," David Wright, Mets third baseman, said after sticking a cigar in his mouth and sharing the flowing fans in the first row during the 90-minute postgame celebration.

Lost in the excitement of their unexpected stars, homered twice, Steve Trachsel, their songbird-like player, combined with Guillermo Mota, Armando Benitez and Billy Wagner on a four-hitter.

Fireworks shot off from behind the center-field wall when Cliff Floyd caught Josh Willingham's fly ball to left for the final out. The Mets rushed in the center of the diamond for a bouncing group hug near shortstop.

"I got that ball in my back pocket for a small fee," said Fox, laughing.

They are New York's "other team," obscured by the crowds of Brooklyn fans, but they are New York's last vestige of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the team that Marianna, the Mets' home run girl, grew up cheering for.

"It was a little bit frustrating because I wanted the guys to experience it right away," said manager Willie Randolph, who coached in the World Series titles as a Yankees player and coach.

"We accomplished the first step," Martinez said. "Now we have a big job to do and a great responsibility.

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Mets pitcher Tom Glavine said he had been flown from city to Florida and Pittsburgh. But he deserved all the attention done it year after year, and erase the Yankee mystique,"

Walsh looks to bounce back from opening loss

Walsh's (0-1) loss to the Mets clinched the division title for the Mets, who finished the season 3-0 and put up a solid victory over the Mets Sunday. The loss was a tough one and Walsh hopes to erase the memory of it with a solid victory over Pasquerella East. Pasquerella East was shutout 1-0 by a quick Badmin defense. The Pyros hope to utilize an improved passing attack to get back to 501 with a second- wave.

"We kind of switched some people around," said Fox. "We might be moving some girls, putting them on both sides of the ball. We'd like to use the freshman lot."

"It should be a good one. People aren't expecting us to do well... but I think we can." — Mets manager Wally Fox.

Cavanaugh vs. Badin

The Cavanaugh Chaos will open its football season tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West field against the undefeated Badin Rudriffs.

Cavanaugh will be without many key players from last year's team due to graduation, and will rely on young talent to hopefully average last season's playoff defeat.

In practice, the Chaos have worked on becoming a well-rounded team, and eliminating any potential weaknesses.

"We've been practicing every aspect of the game," said captain Kerri Bergen. "We're just getting ourselves pumped up for the season.

Standing in Cavanaugh's way will be a pass-happy Badin squad, led by quarterback Katie-Rose Hackney and captain Meaghan Charlebois.

"We know we have to play a good team, but we've definitely ready," Charlebois said.

Bergen has equal respect for her opponent.

"Badin's got a good team," she said. "We've been practicing a lot, and a lot of girls are really excited to finally start the season."

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Saint Mary's looks to rebound against Knights

Belles have one win on year as they ready for defending champ

By DAN MURPHY
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After a controversial overtime loss Sunday, Saint Mary's is fired up for an away match with conference foe Calvin College this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Although the teams are both in the MIAA conference, the game will not count towards either team's league record. But the teams are motivated nonetheless.

"Calvin has been at the top of the conference for as long as I've played at Saint Mary's," senior goalkeeper Laura Heline said. "They are a rival that we aim to upset every time we meet them."

The Belles dropped their last game of the Sal Vacarro Tournament 2-1 Sunday in double overtime. The final goal, scored by North Central College's Michelle Daly, appeared to be offsides, but the goal stood and Saint Mary's fell to 1-3 on the season.

"We'll use Sunday's OT loss as motivation," senior forward Colleen Courtney said. "Having them score with 16 seconds left should be a lesson learned that it's important to play 100 percent for every second of the game."

Calvin comes into the contest having won the first seven games of its season. The Knights have dominated their opponents, outscoring them 22-3.

Freshmen goalkeepers Kayla Sulzer and Alyssa Bergsma—along with the Calvin defense—have posted four consecutive shutouts.

"We have to break down their defense and get the ball in the back of the net," Courtney said.

The Belles' offense is led by Lauren and Ashley Hinton—the sisters have three goals each in the first four games of the season. Senior Caroline Stancukas also contributed a goal for the Belles in Sunday's game against North Central.

On the defensive side of the ball, Heline and the young Saint Mary's defense will have their hands full with the Knights' offense. Calvin is led by senior forwards Sarah Weesies and Jill Capel—the two have seven and six goals respectively on the season.

"Right now our plan is to play our game. We are not planning any special attacks or defenses," Heline said. "We know that they have strong, experienced forwards and midfielders, so we will need to play tight in the back and control the midfield."

The two teams met twice last year and the Knights took both games 1-0 and 3-0. Capel, who had 21 goals in 2005, had one in each win, and Weesies added two more in the second victory. Calvin went on to win the MIAA championship with a 15-1 record.

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They did a great job of covering our receivers, and their weak-side blitzes really gave us trouble," Welsh captain and starting halfback Laurie Wasikowski said. "We just couldn't get open."

Farley defensive back Julie Marrie Brenner punched it in on the left side of the end zone for a touchdown to put the lead, but the defense had the advantage over the Lewis defense as a reason she was able to make the play midway through the first half. Howard coach Justin Cheers was impressed with his team's cohesion in the victory. "We want to get a lot of receivers know what they're doing, and we are all really comfortable with each other," she said.

As to her three touchdown passes, Davies again pointed to the play of her receivers. "Our receivers ran long routes and they were my first options all the time," she said.

"They were excellent routes," she said. "We ran good routes, made sure we got those passes and had some great catches," PW coach Matt Whittington added.

Refusing to let the Purple Weasels' offense set up, the defense stepped up the challenge as well Sunday. "The Ducks' defense was still stopped the Ducks' drive after a crucial fourth-down play with less than one minute left. Howard then took a knee and ended its first victory of the young season.

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off the left side with less than two minutes to go in the game con­" red a key down and ended any hope of a St. ed's comeback. Manning, in addition to his touchdown, had 10 carries for 40 yards.

The Stedsmen looked a bit rusty early, fumbling on their sole play of the first quarter. Things only got worse when their starting quarterback suffered an apparent hand injury in the sec­ond quarter — forcing the Stedsmen to resort to direct handoffs and option passes.

"The injury definitely affected our play calling," St. Ed's captain Ge Wang said. "But Nick Strom played a good game for us."

Strom rushed for 20 yards in the first half. The Stedsmen, however, could not muster any semblance of a passing threat. St. Ed's found production on the ground from running back Zach Labrecque (10 carries for 47 yards), but its lack of a pass­ ing offense led to minimal gains on the ground and drives.

This also seemed to be some communication issues when Strom first entered the game, as the Stedsmen were called for several false start penalties.

"Wepper didn't see the injury as a big factor for the Ramblers' defensive scheme," Wang said. "We came out playing our game," he said. "It didn't matter who their quarterback was. They didn't move the ball on us." The Stedsmen threatened in the first half, but the Siegfried defense came up with huge four-down stops. The Stedsmen were held to just 59 yards on 16 carries and 17 passing attempts.

Siegfried captain and quarterback Zach Labrecque (10 carries for 47 yards) and his teammates were able to make their defensive scheme really ready for their no-huddle, option attack.

"We played three strong quar­ters, but we learned that we are going to have to play tough the entire game," Keenan captain Alex Staffieri said.

Late in the first quarter, Keough fumbled a punt return and Keenan recovered. After a steady march down the field, senior quarterback J.J. Vega found sophomore Jimmy Zunker in the end zone to give Keenan the 6-0 lead. The extra point was blocked.

Keenan's defense stopped Keough's attempts to move the ball down the field forcing a punt on the next drive. The Knights continued to capi­ talize on offense on the following possession. Zunker connected with Andre Villable, who made an impressive catch down field and ran it into the end zone. Keenan led 13-0 after the made extra point.

Keough made a charge in the fourth quarter. The Kangaroos forced their way down the field and freshman quarterback Matt Braggeman found an open receiver for touchdown. It then made the two-point conversion on a quarterback keeper to cut the lead to 13-8.

Keough's defense delivered huge hits and forced Keenan fumble, but was ulti­mately unable to gain momentum. Keough sophomore Dorian Landy was not discouraged by the loss.

"We play hard," he said. "We have been a very good team, and we are ready to step it up next game and come away with a win."

Keenan has a bye next week, while Keough will face O' Neil next Sunday at 2 p.m. Alumni 34, Stanford 6

An interception and touchdown run by Alumni junior Eddie Villa allowed his team to grind out a victory over the Dawg Sunday.

Villa picked off the pass in the third quarter and scored on a short rush to put the Dawgs up 14-6.

"Our practice really paid off today," Villa said. "All 11 guys did what they needed to do, and the team was able to come together and come out with the win." Shapot hit Villa with a long pass in the second quarter and ran untouched into the end zone for the 7-0 lead.

The Alumni defense was led by Brett Shapott, who was in on many of the Dawgs' big defensive plays and played quarterback on offense.

"Neither team allowed any points in the first quarter."

"We started out a little disor­ganized, but eventually the offense was able to come together and get things done," Villa said. Stanford junior Tregg Duerson got away from his defender and caught a pass in the end zone near the end of the second half to cut the Alumni lead to 7-6. The point after was blocked.

After halftime, the defenses continued to play strong, culmi­nating in Villa's interception. The Stanford defense did not allow any more points in the third quarter. The offense was unable to find any holes in the Dawg defense, and the Griffins fell short.

Alumnim battles Morrissey this Sunday, while Stanford will play California next week.

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times its weekend Sunday at Villanova.  
I do think that not just in our conference, but across the country that there is an even playing field," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "Our goal has always been to win the regular season and then the conference championship. I don't think it's going to be easy, but it's going to be attainable."  

With the graduation of second-team All-America Lauren Brewwer and All-America honorable mention Lauren Kelbley, and the influx of seven freshmen, the Irish have suffered more losses — five — in eleven games than they did all of last year.  

"We're not where we wanted to be in terms of our win and loss record but we still have high expectations for the team," Brown said. "If we learn and continue to grow every match, there's no reason we can't accomplish what we want to do."  

Notre Dame compiled a 13-1 record in conference play last season — the lone loss came Nov. 5, 2005 at Pittsburgh 3-2 — to share the season title. The No. 8 Irish then went into the league championships at Louisville's home court and defeated the No. 7 Cardinals in an electric 3-2 win for the title.  

It was the Cardinals' first season in the Big East — they previously played in Conference USA — but a quick rivalry developed between the two teams. Louisville, along with Pitt, will be key games in Notre Dame's 14-game conference schedule, but the Irish will not treat the two any different than the rest.  

"We'll probably look at those two matches in terms of the history between the programs and how we've competed against each other," Brown said of Pitt and Louisville. "Past that, we do respect the teams in the Big East and it's a challenge for us to win the regular season and conference championship."  

No Big East teams were ranked in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll released Monday, but Louisville was on the bubble, receiving 33 votes. The Irish earned 10 votes last week, but were not on the radar this time around.  

"I think that the staff and the team — we're trying not to look at the season as a whole thing," Brown said. "To be quite honest that's a few weeks down the road, and right now we're just thinking about Villanova and Rutgers and opening up the Big East this weekend and taking it one match at a time."  

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up quick on Notre Dame’s aca­
demic support system for ath­letes.
"Everyone who goes there
graduates," Gray said succinctly.
But Notre Dame won’t expect
Gray simply to graduate. Notre
Dame will expect him to com­pete immediately for roles in a
secondary that has been beat­en by opponents repeatedly over the past three years.
"He thinks there’s a very
good opportunity [for playing
time with fifth-year senior]
Mike Richardson being gone
next year," Frank said.
Frank said Notre Dame’s
coaches were successful in
recruiting Gray by not forcing
him to make a hasty decision.
"I think he started talking
with Bill Lewis and Charlie
Weis and felt really comfort­able with both coaches," Frank
said. "They just did a real nice
ton of not pressuring him."
Gray had praise for both
Lewis and Weis Monday. He
referred to Weis as "straight­
forward" and "well-rounded" and
referred to Weis as "straight­
forward."
"Coach Weis ... he’s not
going to tell you what you want to hear," Gray said. "He’s
going to tell you the truth."
Gray said watching the Irish
lose to Michigan served no
harm to Notre Dame’s chances
in his decision-making process.
The atmosphere was great," he said. "Even though they went down 21, 28 points,
everyone stays (and supports
the team)."
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"We always kind of break
the season down into seg­ments and try to take care of
winning different segments of
the season," Waldrum said.
"The conference is the second
segment of the season."
Waldrum said conference
games have special
importance because not only
do they affect the team’s stand­ing nationally, but also with­in the Big East.
"We need to get wins in-con­ference to keep our seeding
for the NCAAs high enough, but also to keep our seeding
high enough in the conference to make the conference
tournament," he said.
The conference season also
gives the Irish a chance to set
short-term goals on the way to
their long-term goal of a
national title.
"Our goal every year is to
win the Big East champi­onship," Waldrum said.
Notre Dame accomplished
that goal last year, beating
Connecticut in the Big East
final in Milwaukee, Wis.
In 2004, the Irish fell to the
Huskies in the title game but
then ran the table the rest
of the way to win the NCAA
Championship.
Notre Dame will face
Cincinnati and Louisville
Friday and Sunday in their first full
weekend of conference
play.
"It’ll be nice to have a
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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach
The Irish will travel to play
the Bearcats, who are 4-3-1
overall this year and lost their
only conference game last
week. Despite the loss, Cincinnati
has already equaled its overall
win total from last year.
"Cincinnati is playing much
better this year than in the
past," Waldrum said.
Louisville will come to
Alumni Field for Notre Dame’s
first home game in three
weeks.
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The Cardinals are 6-0 this
year — including Friday’s win
over the Bearcats — and are
in a four-way
tie along with the Irish for the lead in
the Big East’s National
Division.
The other
two teams tied for first
are Rutgers and
Villanova.
The Wildcats are 8-0, as is
Notre Dame, and are consid­ered the strongest challenger
to the Irish for the division
title.
The Scarlet Knights are 5-1
and beat Seton Hall 3-2 Friday
for their first conference win.
Georgetown joins the
Pirates, Bearcats and Blue
Demons at 0-1 after the first
game conference games of the year.
In the American Division,
West Virginia, St. John’s,
South Florida and Connecticut
all won their first game, while
Pittsburgh, Providence,
Marquette and Syracuse stumbled
in their openers.
Notes:
• After a "lethargic" per­formance
Sunday against
Michigan, Waldrum said the team will have a light
week of prac­tice before
Cincinnati and Louisville.
"We’re going to give them a
couple days off next week
to get their legs under them," he said. "We’ve had a pretty
tough stretch of early season
games, so I think we’re going
to give them a couple days off."
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By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Despite Notre Dame's 47-21 blowout loss to Michigan Saturday, the Irish came out of the weekend with a victory on at least one front — the recruiting war.

Cornerback Gary Gray of Columbia, S.C. (Richland Northeast High School) verbally committed to Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis and defensive backs coach Bill Lewis this weekend on his official recruiting visit to campus. Gray said he would enroll at Notre Dame for the spring semester.

"I will fit into the defensive system," Gray said in a telephone interview with The Observer Monday. "I talked to Coach Lewis numerous times. I fit in with this defense [and] know the schemes they run."

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, said Gray — who stands at 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds, and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.49 seconds — brings power and explosiveness not often associated with athletes his size.

"He's a guy that can run with the best players out there," Frank said. "He's also a very physical player for his size."

Gray, a quarterback and defensive back in high school, initially committed to South Carolina and head coach Steve Spurrier after his first round of unofficial visits to schools, including Notre Dame. But Gray rescinded his verbal commitment to the Gamecocks in July. Gray and his mother traveled to Notre Dame on an unofficial visit at the end of that month.

"The first time I came, my mom wasn't able to come, but the second time I came, I was already committed to South Carolina," Gray said. "We went up there secretly but word came out, she enjoyed the trip, really liked it, so I de-committed [from South Carolina] and waited a little while so I could take my official visit."

With his mother steering him towards the Irish, Gray picked Notre Dame senior Kerri Hanks dribbles past two USC defenders Sept. 1 at Alumni Field. The Irish are undefeated after their first eight games and play their next game Friday at Cincinnati.

The division bell

Notre Dame rests to prepare for Big East

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Every August, Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum mentally divides the season into four parts — non-conference play, Big East games, the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament.

Eight games into the season, the No. 1 Irish are undefeated and have successfully completed phase one. Notre Dame played its first Big East game Friday — a 5-0 win over DePaul — before finishing its non-conference slate with a 2-0 win over Michigan in Ann Arbor Sunday.

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