Major issues mark first Senate meeting

Brown warns against off-campus student rowdiness

Student body president Liz Brown warned student senators Wednesday that moving off campus we are automatically addressing large parties in South Bend. "Many of us have the mentality that by moving off campus we are automatically free from the rules and regulations that govern residence life on campus," she said. "However, we must realize that although we no longer have to check in with our rector and RAs, we do have a responsibility to behave as responsible members of the South Bend community." Brown sent an e-mail to the student body on Aug. 4 to notify them of an ordinance drafted by members of the South Bend Common Council. The ordinance requires residents of boarding houses with our rector and RAs, we do have a residence life on campus," she said. "This is obviously a great new program that we have," Brown said.

Project awaits tax changes

Eddy Street complex will include retail, restaurants, office, residences

By MARCELA BERRIOS

During a time of town-gown tension, the construction of the $200 million, 25-acre Eddy Street Commons may help connect the campus to its surroundings with blocks of shops, restaurants, residences and offices. "We hope Eddy Commons will be a place where students and South Bend residents alike can go to spend an afternoon shopping or enjoy a good dinner," said David Compton, vice president of Kite Realty Group, the project's developer. The South Bend Common Council approved the developer's proposal for the planned unit development on July 16, authorizing the rezoning of the property near the intersection of Edison Road and Eddy Street, said Gregory Hakanen, Notre Dame's director of asset management and real estate development, said Tuesday. The first phase of the project, which will include retail, office and restaurant space, hotels and residential space, will be completed during 2009. But ground cannot be broken until the city works out tax issues, Hakanen said. Developments such as the Eddy Street Commons, which allow for multi-purpose units, require special permissions from the city, he said. The Council unanimously approved the proposal Notre Dame and its Indianapolis-based developer, Kite Realty Group, submitted in early May. Before the Council approved Kite's plans, the developer had to make concessions to receive the votes of council members who were skeptical about the project's

Hilton near SMC not set to open this weekend

By LIZ HARTER

The Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary's will not open by this weekend's opening football game against Georgia Tech, despite advertisements that it would. The hotel, located on Douglas Road, will accept reservations beginning Nov. 1. But it's possible, said General Manager Nicole Smeltzer, that the hotel could open earlier. "We may be able to open for the Sept. 22 Michigan State game," Smeltzer said. With that game only a month away, construction is continuing on the Gillespie Conference and Special Events Center, located on the northeast side of the hotel site. The center, which will open by Feb. 1, will be available for formal dinners, conferences, weddings and special events, Smeltzer said. It will seat 720 formal dinner guests and up to 8,400 people when it is used as a banquet center. The Hilton was built after the Sisters of the Holy Cross were approached by the Holladay Corporation in late 2005 about constructing a 100-unit Hilton Garden Inn hotel and a 350-seat conference center. College President Carol Ann Mooney announced the construction plans to faculty, staff and administrators on Aug. 16, 2006. In order to provide parking without detracting from the College's main entrance, the College and the Sisters brokered a land exchange to preserve the green space in front of the College. The College has opted to deed one acre of land west of Angela Drive to the Congregation and will receive in exchange the land east of Madeleva Drive in front of the Welcome Center and Madeleva Hall. The Congregation's newly-acquired land will allow additional parking to the north and south of campus. Cars already fill the parking lot of the Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary's. The hotel will not open this weekend.
INSIDE COLUMN

The first weekend

The weekend is fast approaching, and for freshmen it's their first without declaring their love for other dorms via chats or late-night runs around campus. I've overheard some of them making plans to have parties this weekend, and I was reminded of the good ol' days when I attended my first dorm party.

In retrospect, like many of the beverages consumed during those times, dorm parties are an acquired taste. It was the night before our first home football game. I soon realized that even though I was making a short trip across the hall, mesh shirts were not the recommended attire. I walked—no, shoved—my way in to a darkened room full of sopping wet bodies indistinguishable from each other, all moving to the beat of an unrecognizable-sung song. The guys all had some sort of collar on, another memo I missed, and the girls all had donned some sort of chabal attire.

What fun is this? I had known everyone there for exactly one week and was in no hurry to entertain myself by dancing for the next two hours. Unfortunately, I had no choice, considering I was entering in the broiling hot mob of people and forced to move in no hurry to entertain myself by dancing for the next two hours.

What a successful night. We created traditions for our parties. In retrospect, like many of the beverages consumed during those times, dorm parties are an acquired taste.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and do not necessarily those of The Observer.

Correction

The Observer regrets omitting a professional publication and cites for the highest standards of journalists in all fields. We do, however, imagine that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at (631) 456-5141, so we can correct our error.

IN BRIEF

The Summer Shakespeare company will perform "Love's Labor Lost" tonight at 7:30 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $20-35 for faculty/staff seniors and $12-15 for all students. Performances will run through Sept. 2.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "Only Human" ("Nosotros Queridos") tonight at 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko" Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on Michigan Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Circle outside the Main Building Friday night at 11:59 p.m.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vesper Mass 30 minutes after the Georgia Tech game Saturday.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "The Night of the Hunter" Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

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McAdams reflects on beginning phase of journal's history and prominent contributors

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Dining

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guest meal exchange pro-
gram will continue on a trial basis for the next year or so as Food Services studies how it affects the budget.

The program, Davy said, allows students to visit another campus the opportunity to purchase up to five guest meals, for five dollars each, per semester. The five meals, which remain separate from a student's regular meal plan, are not available to faculty or count for any guests who visit students and want to eat at any dining hall, Davy said.

Guest meal tickets for dining hall meals range from $5.50 for the continental breakfast to $12.25 for dinner. Special dinner costs $15.75. The guest meal exchange program does not include special dinners, such as any meals on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of football weekends and meals for junior Parents Weekend, Family Weekend and other special events, Davy said. The exclusion of these days from the program is not a result of Davy's permanent, Davy said, but will be considered for the end of the trial program.

Students can pay for the meals, which have been pre-loaded into their meal plans and which are now available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Flex, last year’s clair-car cash. Students can pay the monitor at the front of the dining hall, whenever it is on an as-needed basis.

"We had a lot of great collaboration, a lot of help for the students to find out what is the most feasible plan for Notre Dame," Brown said.

If students use up the five meals, they can purchase more dining hall meals at regular meal plan prices. Davy said.

After the guest meal program begins, committee chair seniors will be seated on panels for the upcoming semester.

Overseers committee chair Ian Serviar announced his committee's intention to make improvements in the Student Body Dining Hall, which is now amended several times last year. "Serviar said grammatical and spelling mistakes in the Constitution are a fact. He said he intends to introduce a resolution to remedy these errors."

The University Affairs committee will hold its first student-faculty issue debate Oct. 13, said chair Carrie Pope. The debaters will address immigration issues.

Associated Press

Eddy Street

impact on traffic, downtown businesses and the environment.

In addition to Kite's promises to use environmentally friendly building materials and design, including native animals that lived in the wooden property before construction, University news release said.

In Senate news:

"Chief executive assistant
Shereen Flamont said the student government did not have the funds to launch next week.

"Academic Affairs chair Carol Pole looks at the possibility that because of the city's noise for the University over the summer, the College Readership Program which includes the copies of USA Today, the Chicago Tribune, New York Times to campus, locations five times a week, will have to make budget adjustments. The newspaper will no longer offer online or pay additional power lines and sewers modifications, Hakanen said.

"You take the annual taxes that would come from the new construction, and you use them to pay for the highway, the city roads, the parking garage, and the improvements to the water and sewage systems."

"We're in preliminary discussions with different types of interested real estate companies about the next stage in the development of the site. But the site is completely finalized," Compton said.

He said the University and Kite have discussed building a separate apartment buildings they would like to see along Eddy Street.

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east of the hotel. The sharp bend in Madeleine Drive has been soft-
ened with a medley of ornamental trees to make the change more palatable.

When the construction of the Hilton broke ground near Saint Mary's campus last fall, students voiced their concerns, saying that adding another hotel would detract from the quality of living on the campus. Now, questions focus on whether the hotel will provide some benefits to the university at Saint Mary's, which is opposed to the project.

"I want to know whether or not they will offer packages for grad-
uates," said Erin Reilly, a senior at Saint Mary's, "I'm talking about staying here and attending the university.

"We haven't decided yet," she said. "I'm not sure whether we will, but a decision has not been made."

The Hilton will also contain a bar, a restaurant and a name-

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defined as residences occupied by more than two unrelated individuals, is expected to open in the city 10 business days before holding any gatherings in which more than 25 people would have access to the premises.

Brown urged the senators to tell their constituents that student government alone cannot change the ordinance. He said the sen-

"This new version is at least a step toward a greater sense of civility among us," Compton similarly said he would not discuss potential tenants until the tax increment financ-

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CBS sending Couric on reporting trip to Iraq

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Katie Couric plans to leave Wednesday for an assignment on the streets of Baghdad and Syria — the CBS anchor's first time in the war zone — in order to provide a report on progress of the American forces.

Couric will anchor the "CBS Evening News" from Baghdad next week and then from Damascus on Thursday and Friday.

Couric will be traveling throughout Iraq to talk to military and civil-

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"You can't help but get a very detached perspective when you're not there and you're not witness to things firsthand," Couric told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I'm curious about very much and I'm interested in living conditions, about how much fear there is in the street, about what they are doing.

"It's been exciting being away, being CBS News Iraq translator Anwar Abbas Latha, whose body was found out the open window of the Sad City.

Couric is the second major network anchor to travel to Iraq since ABC News' Bob Woodruff was injured in a roadside bomb. NBC's Brian Williams went to Iraq in March, while Wolf Blitzer was on the scene. CNN's Anderson Cooper has not been there.

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Frustration lingers for city two-year anniversary of Katrina as residents protest

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS Prayers, poems and lingering disgust with the government greeted Hurricane Katrina marked the disaster's second anniversary Wednesday. "With a presidential visit doing little to mollify those still displaced by the storm," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, the first airport screener to pass through the new Proposition 2 test, "we're still paying attention. We understand," he said before heading to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, also devastated by Katrina.

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FBI investigates string of store bomb threats

Harding's market in Buchanan, Mich., affected

Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Large grocery and discount stores across the country have been targeted by a caller who threatens to blow up shoppers and workers with a bomb if employees fail to wire money to an account overseas, authorities said.

Frightened workers have wired thousands of dollars — and in one case took off their clothes — to placate a caller who said he was watching them but may have been thousands of miles away. The FBI and police said Wednesday they are investigating similar bomb threats at more than 15 stores in at least 11 states — all in the past week.

"At this point, there's enough similarity that we think it's potentially one person or one group," FBI spokesman Rich Kolko said from Washington.

No one has been arrested, no bombs have been found, and no one has been hurt, though the calls have triggered store evacuations and prompted lengthy sweeps by police and bomb squads.

Law enforcement officials say the caller claims to have a bomb and orders the store to send money to an account through an in-store money transfer service such as Western Union. He often claims to be able to see inside the store, or what they looked like or how they might be doing, or that he was just taking a shot in the dark at what they might be doing, or what they looked like or how they were reacting to him.

"The maximum that Western Union can send through its service is $3,000... This individual was obviously aware of that." Kim Kapin
Prescott, Ariz. police and city spokesman

"After a while, it sounded like he was just taking a shot in the dark at what they might be doing or what they looked like or how they were reacting to his call." Lt. Ken Morley
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**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

DaimlerChrysler profits down 14% FRANKFURT — DaimlerChrysler AG said Wednesday that its second-quarter profit fell 14 percent and disclosed plans to spend about $10.2 billion buying back nearly 10 percent of its shares as it moves forward without its Chrysler division.

Daimler's Chrysler's profit decline excluding results from Chrysler and its finance arm — which did better in the latest quarter than a year ago — was a steeper 20 percent.

The automaker said it earned 1.44 billion euros ($1.91 billion) excluding the operations it sold, compared to 1.8 billion euros a year ago.

It now expects a charge of 2.5 billion euros for the year from the sale of Chrysler and its financing arm, less than it had previously thought.

DaimlerChrysler also said it expects vehicle sales to be in line with the 2.1 million it sold in 2006, with revenue on par with the 99 billion euros it reported last year.

The company sold the Chrysler group and North American financial services units to Cerberus Capital Management LLC earlier this month in a $7.4 billion deal that saw the parent equity group take an 80.1 percent stake in Chrysler.

Hackers unlock iPhone from AT&T NEW YORK — Hackers have figured out how to unlock Apple's iPhone from AT&T's cellular network, but people hoping to make money from the procedure could face legal problems.

At least one of the companies hoping to make money by unlocking iPhones said it is hedging after calls from lawyers representing the phone company.

Unlocking the phone for one's own use, for instance to place calls with a different carrier, appears to be legal. But if it's done for financial gain, the legality is less certain.

"Just because people can make profits from software that hacks the iPhone is going to depend very much on exactly what was done to develop that software and what does that software do," said Bart Schiwlaller, head of the Intellectual Property practice group at law firm Baker Botts in Dallas.

**Brendanke calls for mortgage choices Federal Reserve chief believes Federal Housing Administration could help**

WASHINGTON Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is suggesting that policymakers look for ways to encourage a wider range of mortgages geared for low income and other borrowers who have been hit by rising slump and credit crunch.

Bernanke, in a letter to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that was released Wednesday, said the fed is keeping close tabs on financial markets and is "prepared to act as needed" to ensure spreading credit problems that have rocked Wall Street in recent days don't spill over into the economy. It's a message the central bank has been sending as the markets have grown more turbulent.

Foreclosure and late payments have spiked especially for "subprime" borrowers with blighted credit histories or low incomes. Higher interest rates and weak home values have made it impossible for some to pay or to keep up with their monthly mortgage payments. Some overextended homeowners can't afford to refinance or even sell their home.

Bernanke said the development of "a broader range of mortgage products which are appropriate for low- and moderate-income borrowers, including those seeking to refinance" might help the situation. Such products could be designed to avoid or mitigate the risk of prepayment, Bernanke wrote in the letter, which was dated Wednesday.

Mortgage foreclosures and late payments are expected to worsen in the next year and a half as low "teaser" rates that lured in borrowers reset to higher rates, soaking home owners. Some 2 million adjustable rate mortgages are expected to reset to higher rates this year and next. Steep penalties for prepaying mortgages have added to some homeowners' headaches.

Bernanke said the Federal Housing Administration, a government agency that insures home loans, might be able to help borrowers underwater with low incomes or tarnished credit histories.

Sen. Chris Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, has urged the administration to enable the FHA to "pro­vide more affordable loans to American homeowners in danger of foreclosure due to bad lending practices."

Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, also is inter­ested in legislation to reform the FHA.

**Eileen Grifin is trying to sell her house in Cheshire, Conn. Like many Americans, Grifin is having trouble finding a buyer due to the troubled mortgage market.**

**Stocks up amid possible interest rate cuts**

NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded sharply Wednesday as investors, growing more optimistic about chances for an interest rate cut, sought bargains after the previous session's huge tumble. The Dow Jones industrials gained almost 250 points.

Many investors believe the Federal Reserve cut interest rates at its next meeting on Sept. 18 or even sooner and were preparing for Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke to hint as such a move on Friday at a speech in Jackson Hole, Wyo. The possibility of a rate cut has given Wall Street some hope that the stock market will recover from its summer volatility and that right now, it's a good strategy to buy while the buying is cheap.

News that Bernanke said in a letter to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that Fed policymakers are "prepared to act as needed" if the market's turbu­lence hurts the economy helped push the market's gain.

The Fed, although it has not yet indicated that it will indeed lower the benchmark fed funds rate, has been adding cash to the banking sys­tem in an attempt to keep the credit markets liquid. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York said Wednesday it would inject $5.25 billion through a one­day repurchase agreement, which lets it buy that amount in collat­eral from dealers who then deposit it into commercial banks.

Wall Street was also enthusiastic regards a Fed rate cut as "mandato­ry." The broader stock market jumped in oil prices fed a rally in ener­gy company stocks, and positive news from technology companies including Seagate Technology gave that sector a boost. Meanwhile, Altria Group Inc. spun off its Philip Morris International cigarette busi­ness.

Stock investors kept an eye on the credit markets for signs of loosening. Though the safest assets, Treasurys, are not seeing the same frantic buy­ing they saw a couple weeks ago, assets with a bit more risk, like com­mercial paper, are having some trouble attracting buyers.

"Everyone's waiting for the dust to settle there," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Wedd & Co. "We're on a little bit better footing, but we're in a healing process that takes time." He added that he regards a Fed rate cut as "mandato­ry."

The Dow rose 247.44, or 1.90 per­cent, to 13,289.29, near its highs of the session. The blue chip index tumbled 280 points on Tuesday amid pessimism about the Fed's intentions.

Broader stock indicators also jumped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 31.40, or 2.19 percent, to 1,463.76, while the Nasdaq compo­sitive index gained 62.52, or 2.59 percent, to 2,563.16.

Associated Press
Statue erected in honor of Mandela in London

Monument stands near other historical heroes in Parliament Square; British prime minister among attendees

Associated Press

LONDON — It was 1962 and Nelson Mandela was on the run, hunted by South African authorities and gearing up for armed struggle against his country's apartheid regime.

He had visited London seeking money, training and support.

It was not until three years later, in 1965, that a statue of the child a glimpse at what she would become — and join the ranks of Britain's most revered heroes.

"Nelson Mandela is one of the most courageous and best-loved men of all time," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said of the 90-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner, who has come to personify his country's struggle to end apartheid.

Brown said it was fitting that Mandela, whom he called "the great liberator," joined statues of Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill in the square.

But Mandela was not always considered a hero. Britain maintained close ties with South Africa through the apartheid era, helping to insulate the former colony's government from international isolation at the United Nations.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher referred to Mandela's African National Congress as a terrorist organization, calling Mandela "one of the greatest men of our times.

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Clashes, arrests mark Chilean day of protest

Associated Press

SANTIAGO — Police used tear gas, water cannons and clubs against demonstrators staging nationwide protests Wednesday over government social and economic policies.

Authorities said 87 people had been detained, but as the protests passed the six-hour mark by mid-afternoon, state television and other local news media quoted police sources as saying that many thousands were in the streets.

Journalists saw several demonstrators bleeding or overcome by tear gas, while others reported wearing goggles and face masks to protect themselves.

Among the injured was Sen. Arturo Martinez, who said he was struck on the head after being clubbed by a police officer. Deputy Interior Minister Felipe Hartse said the incident would be investigated.

Nurses, who went to a nearby hospital for medical attention, supported the protest called by the country's largest union federation to oppose free-market economics and the government's social policies.

Bachelet's government "is doing things very badly," said union leader Arturo Martinez, another Socialist Party member backing the protests.

The center-left government has maintained a largely free-market economic model, which includes free-trade agreements with the United States and other countries.

Protest organizers called for higher pensions and better education, health and housing services.

Police repeatedly blocked protesters from marching toward the center of Santiago but demonstrators blocked traffic at key intersections.

The precedent appeared especially upset that some members of her own coalition were backing the protests.

"I am not going to accept that my dedication to social justice is not recognized," she said Monday night.
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Nasa: no evidence of pre-launch drinking

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After finding no evidence of astronauts drinking alcohol before flights, NASA said Wednesday that it is considering limited alcohol testing of its astronauts, including alcohol in their immediate preflight period, which has been widely criticized as dangerous. The safety chief touted crew quarters at both Houston and Cape Canaveral, Fla., as the astronauts were in question. He also said that the shuttle Endeavour earlier this year.

“I saw one half-empty bottle of tequila in one of the cupboards,” said O’Connor. “I was surprised.” Beer and wine are available from non-flying astronauts making booze.

Still, beer and wine consumption has been reported in the 1980s and early 1990s. O’Connor reported. It’s usually moderate amounts of wine or beer at dinner, during off-duty times, and a far higher percent of current astronauts are teetotalers, these days. He wrote that “the lack of privacy on launch day makes it practically impossible to hide alcohol use or alcohol-induced impairment.”

There are reasonable safeguards in place to prevent an impaired crew member from ever boarding a spacecraft, O’Connor said at the news conference.

A 1991 law directs NASA to come up with a policy for testing of employees as recommended by O’Connor, but it never happened before. Griffin had said in a news conference. He said the panel had not set a date for the process of coming up with a testing policy.

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The Transportation Security Administration has the right to remove a woman’s blouse, removing a head covering, she said. And all head coverings, she said. And all wearing religious head coverings. In response, NASA said Wednesday it is considering limited alcohol testing of its astronauts, including alcohol in their immediate preflight period, which has been widely criticized as dangerous.

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If nothing else, Rudy Giuliani has courage. Say the name "Rudy" to any non-neutral observer and chances are good that comes to mind is Giuliani, in a dust mask, walking the streets of lower Manhattan on Sept. 11. While President Bush and Vice President Cheney jetted around the country to unsecured locations, Rudy walked into the heart of the problem.

Recently, though, Rudy's courage has been manifested in a very different, but very dangerous, way. After obscuring his view on abortion in the first Republican primary debate, Giuliani decided to be honest about his position that abortion ought to be legal. Rudy told Americans, "In my case, I hate abortion. But ultimately, because it is an issue of conscience, I can't take what is an article of faith for me and legislate it for someone who doesn't share that article of faith." Sadly, the list does not stop there; Democrats (and, in Giuliani's case, the occasional courageous Republican) frequently take the "personally opposed, but..." position.

But this position on abortion has a significant flaw. No matter where on the ideological spectrum you fall, you cannot honestly and logically maintain that abortion is both a moral wrong and ought to be legal. Simply put, a person can't have a right to do a definitive moral wrong, and that seems to be precisely what Caumo, Kerry and Giuliani find abortion to be. Presumably, Rudy believes abortion destroys a human life. His Catholic background, together with his lack of any equivocation or confession about the morality of abortion, suggests that this destruction is the reason he finds it morally wrong.

If abortion is "morally wrong" because it amounts to the destruction of innocent children, though, nobody — no matter his "courage" — can claim it ought to be legal. In this view, abortion is tantamount to murder. And it is safe to say that nobody, religious or otherwise, would entertain the idea that you can be "personally opposed" to murder but "respect a person's right to murder" or "personally support" a politician who doesn't share that article of faith." If it is morally permissible for us to say every woman has a right to make her own decision regarding abortion...why can't everyone have an equal right to decide whether or not to shoot his neighbor?"

If you believe abortion is the moral equivalent of murder, there is no room for negotiation on its legality. Maybe Giuliani's "courage" will carry him further than Caumo or Kerry, all the way to the White House in 2008. When Rudy says that he finds abortion "morally wrong," he tries to maintain some credibility with the much discussed Christian base of the Republican Party. That is, even though he is pro-choice, he tries to speak the same moral language as does the base to which he is trying to appeal. I can only hope, though, that America stops looking for their "courageous" ignorance and reclaim some critical intelligence as a nation of voters.

The very fact that he is being seriously considered suggests an even scarier reality for the so-called Religious Right: Perhaps, for most people, abortion is not as black or white as they want — and proclaim — it to be. It is not just that society on the whole is confused about the morality of abortion. Many people are conflicted about whether abortion is "morally wrong." Most people don't "hate" abortion in the absolute sense that "hate" implies. They weigh the circumstances of the abortion to determine its morality and our feelings toward it. They want to know why, and how the abortion is performed before they pass judgment. They're iffy about the morality and legality of abortion. And the moment they admit that, the position against the imposition of a morality becomes infinitely more logical and appealing.

No politician, though, can admit this internal conflict publically — lip service to society-wide "complexity" notwithstanding. For most, abortion is not an absolute, but we also say abortion is as it must be. To admit personal conflict about abortion, though, would be a demonstration of the sort of political — and personal — honesty that we rarely see in politics. It would be the most courageous position of all.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**Better seats, a better football experience**

At the start of each semester I head down to the basement of the Nebraska Union, and the sight I faced with is enough to make Chuck Norris cry. Dozens of students, no more deserving than me, of the punishment we’re about all to receive, apprehensively stand in line and await the opportunity to spend a couple hundred well-earned American dollars on their text-books for the upcoming semester.

It seems like a fair trade; dead trees with ink on them for some different dead trees with more ink on them. But I’m not content with surface appearances here, because I’m getting ripped off. I probably could do some kind of real investigative journalism into just how much money the University Bookstore actually makes off us, but these findings would likely just further depress me. For my purposes here, I’ll just assume the answer “a lot” is sufficient, and continue.

The point that needs to be made, however, is that the bookstore sells thousands of dollars of books to students at the start of the semester, and four months later, at the end of it, those books are worth little more than a Stickers or a six pack — if that much. Do books really lose their value that quickly? Have the laws of physics, the ones that took centuries to figure out, all of a sudden changed in the past few months while you were sitting in class? Of course they haven’t. But there is money to be made, and students are high—ly susceptible to the exploitation. Quite frankly, I think it in a scam. And pardon me, but it is. 1 know you're probably not going to buy a better seat for your team — apart from it by half of the stadium. We could be behind our players, literally, cheering them on. As Coach Weis said during the Sunday practice, he considers the student body a part of the football team in the same way he considers the football team a part of the student body.

So let’s do that. Let’s get some better student seats. We don’t have to earn those seats — they were earned by our admittance into the University. I know that’s a lot to ask. I’m not sure with the previous years of books have sat at the games, but I think having better seats will give the student body, as well as the football team, that much more encouragement by being able to see our support for our team. This would especially be true when the away team has a large contingency, which is usually at the end of the stadium.

Well, I again want to thank you, Coach Weis. I believe in my heart of hearts that you are a fantastic coach with a wonderful football approach that makes me feel, win or lose, that I’ve had a great time.

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Pixar Perfect
From 'Toy Story' to 'Cars,' computer animation has taken over Disney

By CHRIS McGrady
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This summer was a silver tray covered with delectable films and flicks, and one of the main courses was the culinary-based "Ratatouille." The Pixar film, released in June, was a box office smash hit, and rightly so.

"Ratatouille," named after a French dish, is a coming-of-age film that fully exemplifies the qualities that make Pixar creations so highly regarded. With a perfect blend of slapstick comedy, subtle adult humor, and a heartfelt "life-lessons" we have come to expect from so many animated movies, "Ratatouille" is a cinematic success story from the start.

The film follows the tale (is it tail?) of Remy (Patton Oswalt), a rat with a passion for food that is unappreciated and unwanted by his peers. While his family feasts on garbage and other leftovers, Remy finds pleasure in stealing a bit of cheese from the cottage near his rat nest. Remy is not satisfied to have garbage as his main course, but seeks greater fare. Remy's life goal is to become a chef, but his heritage (i.e. being a rat) prevents him from following his dreams. That is until a series of events leads Remy finding himself in Paris, France, and he ends up in the kitchen of one of the most famous restaurants in the world. The story follows Remy's secret ascent into chef-stardom, and the perils it entails.

Overall the film is one of Pixar's best, and can easily be mentioned in the brilliance that is Pixar. The rats themselves are very well animated, and the animators do a knock-up job of making the rats' personalities fit with their form.

"Ratatouille" is rated G and is a perfect film for the whole family. However, it features several different subplots that are woven together and the youngest audiences might have a difficult time following all the details. The film, while probably not Pixar's best, is certainly a good film indeed. Written by Brad Bird, the plot is beyond the usual fluff that can be found in so many summer movies. Rather, the dialogue is sharp and clever and keeps the film moving at fast pace. Despite some univable holes in the plot (it is a cartoon after all), "Ratatouille" does not disappoint.

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Rats serve up a delicious helping of Pixar animated magic

DPAC fall theatre season kicks off with tales from the Bard

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As the summer theatre season wraps up, the fall season is ready to begin. Summer Shakespeare's production of "Love's Labor's Lost" is in its final days, but Actors From the London Stage will soon come to campus with its take on "Macbeth" to usher in the fall.

In addition to these Shakespearean comedies and tragedies, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and the Department of Film, Television and Theatre are bringing John Patrick Shanley's "Savage in Limbo: A Concert Play" and Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day." "Love's Labor's Lost" concludes Summer Shakespeare's film and play season theme of "smart men and smarter women." This comedy by William Shakespeare tells the story of four young nobles who, after swearing to spend three years living aesthetically and studiously without even the company of women, are tempted away from their task by the love they develop for three ladies-in-waiting and the French princess they serve.

Summer Shakespeare, the professional theatre in residence at Notre Dame, produces excellent plays every year, and shouldn't be missed in the rush to move on to campus. "Love's Labor's Lost" began running on the Deccin Mainstage Theatre Aug. 21 and will continue through Sunday.

The Actors From the London Stage will respond to Summer Shakespeare's comedy with a Shakespearean tragedy, the infamous "Macbeth." The Actors From the London Stage, a group housed in the DPAC that travels its lake on "Macbeth" to usher in the fall.

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By TAE ANDREWS  
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First there was Superman. Then there was Spider-Man. And now there is Optimus Prime — the latest red, white and blue-clad hero to dedicate costume and cause to the defense of this great nation during a big screen summer blockbuster. Prime, in case you happen to have never played with toy action figures as a child, is undoubtedly the George Washington of robots — a founding father and freedom fighter who arrives on earth to defend all of humankind from vicious attacks from the evil Decepticons.

Optimus Prime doubles as a tricked-out semi with more knick-knacks and doodads than the friendly folks at "Pimp My Ride" could ever hope to customize. Like Prime, the rest of the Autobots (the shape shifting robots dedicated to saving us all) arrive with a flurry of whirring clicks and grinding gears as a series of mechanized metal minions pop, lock and drop in and out of their covert and battle modes.

Like the Transformers themselves, the film has a lot of moving parts. Shepherding us in the midst of all this wild mechanical mayhem is director Michael Bay, the previous driver behind the wheel of such massively successful (if not critically-acclaimed) films as "The Rock," "Armageddon," "Pearl Harbor" and "Bad Boys II.

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In the end, the titanic, shape-shifting and fascist titanium-clad forces of evil find themselves defeated by truth, justice and the American Way. What could possibly be a more perfect Hollywood ending?

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Transformers

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Bay makes fireworks with action-packed "TRANSFORMERS"

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Phillies top Mets on controversial call at second base; Rockies stay in wild-card hunt with win over Giants

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles has resuscitated Shea Hillenbrand’s big league career, and the seven-year veteran is doing his best to recharge the Dodgers’ season.

Hillenbrand hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and a sacrifice fly in the 12th as the Dodgers rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 10-9 on Wednesday and complete a three-game sweep.

“We’ve been through a bit of adversity this season that I never even thought would happen in my career — especially with the success I’ve had,” said Hillenbrand, who was reunited with former Boston manager Grady Little on Aug. 13 in L.A. after getting released by the Angels and Padres. “The game is very humbling, so you’ve got to take advantage of every opportunity you can and every situation you get put in.”

James Loney drove in four runs for the Dodgers, who also got homers from Russell Martin and Matt Kemp. Jeff Kent had four hits, including a leadoff single that started the winning rally.

Los Angeles, which won its fourth straight, began the day 4 1/2 games back of NL West-leading Arizona, the closest the Dodgers have been to first place in three weeks.

“We’re excited about being able to come home and win three games, because we know we’ve got to play some catch-up and make up some ground here,” Kent said. “We’re all pulling on the same side of the rope, so we’ll see how good we are.”

Washington wasted an 8-3 lead and lost its sixth straight game. Nook Logan drove in three runs for the Nationals and Ryan Church had four hits.

Robert Fick homered and drove in two runs, but also grounded into a pair inning-ending double plays with runners in scoring position.

“We just ran into a team that’s real hungry, and they showed it — especially today,” Fick said.

Phillies 3, Mets 2

Marlon Anderson went a little too wide with his slide.

Anderson’s hard takeout attempt might have been enough to bust up a double play in the ninth inning and allow the tying run to score for the New York Mets. Instead, Anderson went far outside second, ran into a rundown down Philadelphia’s Tadahito Iguchi and was ruled out on a game-ending interference call in the Phillies’ victory Wednesday night.

Jimmy Rollins and Pat Burrell homered, and Brett Myers survived a wild ninth to help the Phillies win their third straight game against New York and close within three games of the NL East leaders.

“I’m glad the umpire made the call and took care of it,” Iguchi said through an interpreter. “I think we were fortunate he was right on the play.”

The Mets had runners on the corners with one out against Myers when pinch-hitter Shawn Green hit a slow roller to Rollins, who shoved the ball to Iguchi at second.

Anderson made a rough slide at Iguchi outside the line and knocked the second baseman down as he threw to first. Second base umpire CB Bucknor ruled interference and a double play, sending Anderson into a fit.

He ripped off his helmet and jumped up in protest, and manager Willie Randolph also rushed out to argue.

“My heart shouldn’t have been a double play, but at the same time we have to abide by the rule of the umpire,” Anderson said.

Rockies 8, Giants 0

Jeff Francis pitched a six-hitter for his second career shutout, and Garrett Atkins homered twice and the Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Despite their yearslong reputation for losing, the Rockies are 12-2 since May 7 — and has won at least 13 games in each of his three full major league seasons.

San Diego for the wild-card spot.

“We still think we’re in it,” reliever Matt Herges said. “It’s feasible.”

Francis’ big outing sure helped matters.

The left-hander (14-6) struck out three and walked one in his second career complete game. The other was a two-hit shutout against St. Louis on July 24 last year.

He matched his career high with his 14th win — also accomplished in 2005 — and had two hits while making his 100th career start. Francis, who became just the sixth pitcher in franchise history with 100 starts, allowed only two batters to reach second base on the way to ending a three-start wireless stretch. He is 12-2 since May 7 and has won at least 13 games in each of his three full major league seasons.

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A trainer helps University of Southern California quarterback John David Booty stretch during football practice in Los Angeles on Aug. 10. Summer workouts helped Booty beat recurring back problems.

A back injury resolved for USC’s Booty

NCAA Football

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| LOS ANGELES — The back problems that bugged John David Booty for years are finally behind him. That being the case, the Southern California quarterback was able to participate in a rigorous training program administered by strength and conditioning coach Chris Carlisle this summer. The results are obvious. “I think the offseason program made a big difference,” Booty said. “The SC program, you see guys year after year looking like NFL players.” Booty, a fifth-year senior, finally got his shot at playing last season after sitting and watching Matt Leinart start at quarterback for three years. He made the most of it, passing for 3,347 yards and 29 touchdowns with nine interceptions. For a while, it appeared Booty might not get his shot. He underwent back surgery in March 2006 after experiencing problems since his junior year in high school because of a herniated disc, and had to beat out freshman Mark Sanchez for the starting job last summer although he still wasn’t in tip-top condition. He is now. “For the first time since his sophomore or junior year in high school, John David felt comfortable, and it opened up his ability to train the way we’ve trained quarterbacks here before,” Carlisle said. “We did a lot of core work — abdominal, lower-back work.” “He has more zip on the ball as a result because he has more power coming from the core and his legs. His body weight went up to 220 (pounds). He stands in the pocket now and knows he can take a shot without worrying about it. He’s pain-free and confident in what he can do.” Trojans coach Pete Carroll has noticed a big difference.

IN BRIEF

DeForge now lead scorer in the WNBA

INDIANAPOLIS — Anna DeForge, not Tamika Catchings, was the Indiana Fever’s top scorer in their playoff series win over the Connecticut Sun. In fact, DeForge leads the entire WNBA in playoff scoring. The shooting guard averaged 25 points against the Sun, a surprise from someone who averaged 8.7 points in the regular season. She hopes to continue her success against Detroit in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Friday. DeForge was content with a second-year offensive role this season before Catchings, an early favorite for the MVP award, suffered a left foot injury that kept her out for a month. While Catchings healed, DeForge started looking to shoot. Even with Catchings back for the playoffs, DeForge put up a scoring spree that brought back memories of her college days at Nebraska.

Montoya dominates several NASCAR races

NASCAR’s Juan Pablo Montoya is $25,000 richer, thanks to some good finishes at the right races. Raybestos, which normally pays $1,500 to the top rookie at each Nextel Cup race, increases that amount to $5,000 at seven designated events throughout the 2007 season. Montoya wound up taking top rookie honors at five of them, including Las Vegas, Darlington, Infineon, Chicagoland and last Saturday night at Bristol. Overall, his 17th-place finish at the Tennessee track was the 11th time this season the former open-wheel star from Colombia has been the top rookie in a Cup race. Montoya leads David Ragan by 25 points, 216-191, in the rookie standings heading into Sunday’s race at California Speedway. Montoya is 18th in the season standings, also the best of any first-year driver.

Jagodzinski to begin as BC’s head coach

Boston College’s Jeff Jagodzinski can’t wait for the first kickoff of his head coaching career. Miami’s Randy Shannon is trying to keep cool — if only for a short while longer. "It’s not so much being nervous, it’s being anxious," Jagodzinski said Wednesday. “Everything I’ve done up to this point in my career has led me to this ball game, so I’m really excited about it, and I’m excited about getting out there and playing a football game.”

Jagodzinski, 43, spent 22 years as an assistant with five college teams and Atlanta and Green Bay of the NFL, leaving the Packers to take over at BC when Tom O’Brien left for North Carolina State.
FedEx Cup will resume with Woods to make his debut

Associated Press

NOTTING, Mass. — The PGA Tour Playoffs figured to be somewhat of a homefield advantage for someone like Vijay Singh, a three-time winner at Westchester and a past champion at TPC Boston and East Lake.

Then he shot 40 on his opening nine holes and missed the cut in the first event of the playoffs.

Steve Stricker had not played at Westchester since 1995, when he tied for 60th and promptly told his wife, "Take a picture because we're not coming back." He had little choice but to return under the FedEx Cup format, and Stricker warmed to the place rather quickly when he won the Barclays for his first victory in more than six years.

"I think for the most part, most players feel like if they're playing well, they can compete at any course," Stricker said Wednesday.

The next stop in the playoffs is the TPC Boston for the Deutsche Bank Championship, which starts Friday to accommodate its annual Labor Day finish.

The defending champion is Tiger Woods, who will be making his playoff debut after sitting out the first round, which caused him to fall from No. 1 to No. 2 in the standings.

Three of the top 10 players — Adam Scott is the other — have won at the TPC Boston. That doesn't mean much if the first week was any indication. Plus, the course has gone through another round of changes, this time by architect Gil Hanse and Brad Faxon.

Among the most significant changes:

♦ No. 4 now plays at 298 yards, which will tempt players to drive the green.

♦ The par-5 seventh now has a massive cross bunker some 135 yards short of the green, with the face built up so steeply that players won't be able to see the green.

♦ On the par-3 16th, the green has been moved forward and to the right, closer to the pond players must carry.

♦ A new green on the 412-yard 17th, along with a 70-yard bunker in front of the green.

♦ Two pot bunkers in the middle of the 18th fairway, and another one in the lay-up area on the 528-yard closing hole.

Hanse and Faxon also reshaped the bunkers to give them a New England feel, rugged and unkempt.

The routing is the same, but it's not quite the same course as the year before. For anyone, you do the best you can."

And Toms realizes his chances aren't necessarily hurt by playing the same four courses. He recalls hating Kingsmill the first time he played the old Michelob Championship, and it wasn't long before he won there in consecutive years.

"It's OK, as long as the golf courses are suitable for everybody," he said. "I guess if you look at past experience, there might be guys that definitely have an advantage. But that's usually some of the best players, anyway.

"If you're going to make guys play, are those guys from the West Coast who would normally go to Chicago or New York? Maybe, maybe not," Toms said Wednesday. "You might have variety throughout the year, but you're talking about four straight weeks. For anyone, you do the best you can."

Canada forward Olu Famutimi, left, pump fakes two Mexican defenders during Canada's 97-80 win over Mexico Wednesday.

LAS VEGAS — Canada, the team without a star, needs one more win to reach the semifinals of the FIBA Americas tournament.

Levon Kendall and Denham Brown, two former Big East players, both had double-doubles Wednesday in Canada's 97-80 victory over Mexico.

A victory over Puerto Rico in Thursday's final game of the second round would mean a semifinal spot for Canada and a chance to play for one of the tournament's two berths in the Beijing Olympics.

The third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishers receive bids to an Olympic qualifying tournament next July.

"This was huge because we gave ourselves a chance to get there," said Kendall, who had 14 points and 11 rebounds. "We knew we clinched at least fifth with the win and now it's the same tomorrow, another must win to get to the semifinals."

Kendall, who played in the NCAA tournament all four of his years at Pittsburgh, got Canada (3-3) going in the second quarter again.

The 6-foot-10 forward had six points, six rebounds and two assists in the 22-2 run that gave Canada a 47-29 lead with 31 seconds left before halftime. It was the third straight game Kendall came into the game and gave his teammates a lift.

"That's what my role has become in the last few games, come in and be active if we start a little slow," he said.

Canada's rough first quarter against Mexico (1-5) was because of poor shooting. Canada made seven of 25 shots in the opening 10 minutes and trailed 22-21. Kendall came in, tied it right away with a shot in the lane and after an exchange of baskets, the deciding run started and it was all Canada the rest of the way as it led by as many as 27 points.

"You have to have different players in different games step up and Levon has been a double-double guy the last three games," Canada coach Leo Rautins said. "This format, this marathon format of so many games means you need those other players."

"We've been very conscious of depth and the players have been responding to that and that's what you're asking for.

"The loss was the sixth straight for Mexico since a win over Puerto Rico on the opening day of the tournament. Coach Nolan Richardson's up-tempo, pressure style seemed to have caught up with his team.

"We got here and played our 20th game in a month and with the style I play it's very difficult. We're a trapping team, a running team and we're not blessed with big people so I was just hoping we would survive," said Richardson, who led Arkansas to the NCAA championship in 1994 and is in his first year with the Mexico national program. "To play the first game against Puerto Rico the way we did, we still had it when we got here. But between the wear and tear and travel it backfired in that we didn't have legs."

Kendall, who played on Connecticut's national champion team in 2004, had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Canada had six players score in double figures and it finished with a 61-30 rebound advantage.

"We take pride in rebounding," Rautins said. "Our wings can really go double figures. We did a great job today and 26 offensive rebounds puts a lot of pressure on people, especially on a team like Mexico who wants to run and get into transition."

Mexico's Romel Beck, who played at UNLV, entered the game tied with Brazil's Leandro Barbosa as the tournament's leading scorer with a 23.3 average. He was 1-for-6 from the field against Canada and finished with two points.

"It was fatigue, fatigue. I couldn't even feel my legs in warmups," Beck said. "I was trying to run the pick-and-roll to get shots like I had been all tournament but today it wasn't there."
Jets will aim high with 'Mangenius'

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Eric Mangini had quite a rookie season.

He went from being known as Bill Belichick's ingenious assistant to becoming the "Mangenius," a successful and popular first-year coordinator who could count Tony Sparano among his fans.

Clever nicknames and television camera sideline interviews can only add to the mystique Mangini thrived with Laveranues Coles and Jerrihco Cotchery, further open the passing game, opener against New England, veteran running back's leadership a few weeks ago during halftime on Sunday night football and Manning fired right back at his former teammate.

But the Giants, though, they were the defending NFC East champs and considered a legitimate Super Bowl contender a year ago. They got big heads, suffered a couple of injuries, pointed fingers and went 8-5 to barely squeak into the playoffs.

"One of the things we are striving for this year is playing together as a team," center Shaun O'Hara said. "I think last year we had a lot of individual talent, but I don't know if we played well as a team every Sunday. That's our overall goal as a team, to complement each other in every phase and make it a collective effort."

Whether the Giants can get back to being a title contender depends on three key issues:

"What we've done in the past has no bearing on the future." — Chad Pennington, Jets quarterback

"You don't get to start where you finished, good or bad." — Bob Sutton, Jets coordinator

offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer said. "The No. 1 thing was bringing in Thomas and just trying to get a feel for him in the second year in the system and the things we can do with him."

Pennington bounced back from career-threatening injuries last year to being voted the league's Comeback Player of the Year after throwing for a career-high 3,352 yards.

"What we've done in the past has no bearing on the future," said Pennington, echoing Mangini's thoughts. "It's a new season with many changes in the league: new coaches, new players, free agency and drafts. You can't bank on what you did last season happening again. You have to start all over again."

New year, new team, new things to do and every step of the way, to actually get to the same level that you did. Prior results will not predict future results, kind of like the stock market.

While Mangini's waitlist has been steadily shrinking since last season when usted at least 40 pounds — the hopes for this season are significantly higher.

"I think there are teams that are disappointing that are veterans of our spring seasons and teams that expectations were high for that did in't perform as well as expected," Mangini said. "You see it in year and year out." Tuesday.

Thomas Jones, acquired from Chicago in March, should play a major role in determining New York's fate. He helped make the Bears a Super Bowl contender, and the Jets are hoping for the same sort of impact from the veteran running back.

"Thomas has been a really powerful player all season and it goes back to what our research showed on him," Mangini said. "Every team that he was on had great things to say about him and that has been our experience.

Jones gives the Jets a true No. 1 running back after they struggled with a four-man rotation that contributed to their offense being ranked in the bottom third of the league.

"This is a totally different team, totally different situation," Jones said. "I'm the type of person to just play football. I don't get too much into people's pasts or what the people coach. I just do what I'm asked to do."

Jones has been sidelined since Aug. 12 with a strained calf that's still with the opener against New England. He will return to practice this week.

Pennington another weapon to further open the passing game, which thrived with Laveranues Coles and Jerrihco Cotchery having career years despite the struggles of the ground game.

"The running game is something we wanted to address," Mangini said.

"You don't get to start where you finished, good or bad." — Bob Sutton, Jets coordinator

"We are going to have to play a different type of game," Mangini said. "It's the challenge that will face us every year, and that's why you able to have focus."

Mangini said. "To focus on the task at hand, communication, good things we do and build that trust between all the players."
Lowly Lions hope 2007 is turnaround season

Detroit franchise has bumbled, bickered its way to the worst record in the league over the past six years

Associated Press

The Detroit Lions have been the target of relentless verbal and written shots while compiling the NFL's worst record the last six years.

It turns out, their own players were delivering some of the worst blows.

"There were knockdown, drag-out fights all the time last year," defensive tackle Cory Redding said. "There were cheap shots with guys getting leg-whipped and hit in the helmet."

Jeff Backus, who has endured each of the 72 losses since 2001, said last season's team-crumbling behavior wasn't new.

"It's happened as long as I've been here," the offensive tackle said. "My first couple of years, there were lazy veterans that didn't want to be touched in practice. If you blocked them, they would try to get you back in a dirty way for the rest of that practice."

In his second year, coach Rod Marinelli seems to have gotten rid of the destructive culture that infested a franchise with one playoff victory since winning the 1997 NFL title.

Marinelli's players believe that finally pulling in the same direction will produce positive results for a change.

"We had no fights in training camp because we had changed the whole attitude around here," Redding said. "We know we have eight, scratch, claw and kick our opponents — not teammates — and I think that's going to make a difference.

"We have so many winners on this team that are tired of losing."

Detroit has won just 24 games — an average of four a year — against those 72 defeats since team president Matt Millen was given control.

Tampa Bay's 12 straight seasons of double-digit losses from 1983-94 is the only other stretch of futility in league history that compares.

Detroit was 5-13 last year, Marinelli's first as a head coach, and only Oakland had fewer wins.

Quarterback Jon Kitna predicts this year will be different, claiming the Lions will win at least 10 games.

"If he's right, they likely will be in the playoffs for the first time since 1999."

"I was talking like that because of what I saw in the offseason," Kitna said. "We have great team camaraderie. We don't have a whole bunch of individuals out here, and that's what it's about.

"That's what wins in this league, not the greatest talent. New England has proven that.

"The Lions seem to have enough ability on offense to live up to Kitna's projection, but their defense will have to exceed expectations to validate it."

Kitna led the NFL with 372 pass completions last season in Mike Martz's pass-happy offense and was the first quarterback in franchise history to take every snap in a season.

Opponents probably will have a tough time slowing down Detroit if a reshaped line, with at least two new starters, can protect Kitna after he was sacked a league-high 63 times last season.

Roy Williams had an NFC-best 3,310 yards receiving, earning a spot in the Pro Bowl, and Mike Furrey led the conference with 98 receptions.

Not content with that production nor worried about jokes, Detroit used the No. 2 overall pick to draft Calvin Johnson, marking the fourth time in five years the Lions used their top selection on a wide receiver. The 6-foot-5, 239-pound Johnson has a unique blend of size, speed, leaping ability and soft hands. And unlike his experience at Georgia Tech, he shouldn't face double-team coverage.

"There's a lot of talent here," Johnson said.

Detroit also added depth at running back in the offseason, introducing in Tatum Bell and T.J. Duckett, because it was unclear when Kevin Jones would return from a serious foot injury that sidelined him for the final four games of 2006.

Two new faces with starting experience will be counted on to open up holes for the running game and give Kitna time to find his talented wideouts. Guard Edwin Mulitalo and tackle George Foster will try to bolster a unit that has been consistently shaky in recent years.

"I don't think we can score 40 points a game, but averaging 28 is realistic," Williams said. "But the key is going to be our defense, which I think is going to surprise people."

If the Lions are effective on defense, it will startle some because there are questions from the front to the back of the unit.

Detroit gave free agent defensive end Dewayne White about $13 million guaranteed, despite a resume with just 13 starts in 60 games in Tampa Bay and no more than six sacks in a season.

The Lions made Redding the highest-paid defensive tackle in football, with reportedly up to $20 million in guarantees, after he had a breakout season that included eight sacks. Shaun Rogers, a two-time Pro Bowl tackle who struggled last season with injuries and was suspended for using a banned supplement, has to prove he's an elite player again.

The linebacker corps has potential with Ernie Sims and Boss Bailey, but production from the group has been spotty.

Standout cornerback Dre' Bly was dealt to Denver for Bell and Foster, and the Lions are confident their scheme will negate the loss.

After defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson tried to teach the "Tampa Two" for the first time, Marinelli fired him and hired his own son-in-law, Joe Barry, away from the Buccaneers to implement the two-deep zone that has been emulated throughout the league.

Detroit donated $10,000 to the Detroit Youth Football League, the frugal city's only high school football league that is not a city-sponsored program.

The Lions said their donations will go to the 15 high school teams in Detroit that play each other as part of a standard schedule.

The Lions made the contribution as part of the NFL's national "Playoffs for Kids" program that has donated more than $1 million to Local Action Leagues in 25 markets since the program debuted in 2004.

"I think the money will help these kids improve their skills and develop athleticism," said Albert Perry, executive director of Detroit Youth Football. "This is a great opportunity for the kids to learn football and have fun."

The Lions donated an equal amount to the Michigan Action League, which includes 19 high school teams that play each other.

"The Lions have been a tremendous asset to Detroit Youth Football," Perry said. "Their support is huge for our league, and this is an incredible opportunity for the kids to learn football."

Detroit Lions wide receiver Shaun McDonald rubs his head during training camp. The Lions have the worst record in the NFL over the past six seasons heading into Rod Marinelli's second year.

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while no season outcome is
determined in August, this
weekend's games should
show whether Notre Dame
can play with the top teams
in the country.

Judging by their 3-0 victo-
ry over No. 14
Northwestern on Monday
night, the
Irish certainly
possess the
attacking tal-
ent to com-
pete with the
very best.

Seniors
Joseph Lapira
and Kari
Martin put on
a show, combining for all
three Notre Dame goals and
setting up many other prom-
ising chances.

Lapira's impressive play is
no surprise. After all, he
won last year's Hermann Trophy — the equivalent of a
Heisman Trophy in foot-
ball.

Martin, however, has the
potential to make the Irish
attack something special.

Despite his solid contribu-
tions the past two seasons,
Martin has been stuck
behind upperclassmen. This
year, with seven points in
two preseason games,
Martin is ready to make his
mark.

What makes the partner-
ship of Martin and Lapira so
dangerous is that their
styles mesh perfectly.

Martin is best at
receiving the ball with his
back to the goal so that
he can use his deft first
touches to beat defend-

ers and slot through balls.
Lapira's top-end speed is
sure to allow him to run
onto a few of Martin's passes.

Lapira and Martin already
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Though Clark is being
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this year's team, the per-
formances of Lapira, Martin
and the entire Irish squad
Monday night have the
coach guardedly optimistic.

"I think there's a lot of
talent on this team.
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to say anything."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Irish outside hitter Megan Fesl taps the ball over the net in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Missouri on Sept. 2, 2006.

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tallying 17 kills, while senior
fessy Jones added 13 kills
and four blocks.

Florida 3, Notre Dame 1

While the Irish felt they
played better Aug. 26
against the Gators, the
result was the same. Notre
Dame endured a frustrating
home loss
to a top
team,
this
time by a
3-1 (30-25, 30-24, 30-
32, 30-23)

bolger.

"We came
out more
prepared
against Florida," fresh-
middle
kellie
Sciacca said. "I felt more
comfortable getting the first
match against Minnesota
out of the way.

Notre Dame (0-2) had four
players score double-digit
kills in the loss.

Fesl had 11 digs and 11
kills, while both Stasiuk and
sophomore Serenity Phillips
tied for a team-high 14 kills.
Stasiuk also added 12 digs.

Freshman Kellie Sciacc got
into the fold with all 12
kills, improving on her six
from the Minnesota match.
The Gators (2-0) were led
by senior Angie McNamara's
29
assists and senior Marcie
Hampton's 20 kills.

Sophomore Elyse Casakin led
the match with 25 digs while
senior Amber McCray helped
with 16 kills.

The Irish are set to play
two games this weekend
at the Tiger Invitational in
Columbus, Mo. Notre
Dame takes on No. 20
Missouri Aug.
31 and
Florida
International
Sept. 1.

"We need to stabilize our
fundamental skills and
play with a strong desire.
We will be able to bounce
back easily."

Megan Fesl
Irish outside hitter

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With two top-10 opponents
on deck for this weekend,
we'll be talking soon
enough.

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vide video broadcasts of all Notre Dame home sports games, with the exception of those teams — like football and men's and women's basketball — that have third-party television agreements limiting what Notre Dame and Comcast can provide. As a general rule, Notre Dame cannot broadcast video of away contests in sports because the home team's conference controls the broadcast rights to those games.

Corrigan said much of the content will be what is available on the “all-access” portion of the official Notre Dame athletics Web site, und.com. He said the athletic department is trying to provide 40 hours a week of original programming during the academic year, an increase of more than 50 percent from last year. The major drawback of the television programming is that Notre Dame is still working on its Web-to-TV technology. Corrigan said the athletic department hopes for a turnaround time between 24 and 48 hours for all content, though it will continue to work on increasing the speed of the transition.

“Any geographic expansion of the channel outside the three initial states would have to come by mutual agreement.”

This is a great example of what happens when entities — in this case Comcast and the University of Notre Dame — enter a situation with mutual interest and work together to come up with something that’s a great solution for both fans of the University, or alumni, current students, etc., and for us in terms of our customers,” Buggiero said.

The deal between Notre Dame and Comcast provides something of a counter-balance to the most important sports issue facing Comcast.

The company, which provides cable service to 35 percent of the Big Ten Conference’s regional footprint, is currently in the midst of a public battle with the Big Ten Network, the television arm of the Midwest’s premier athletic conference. The Big Ten Network, which launches today under the leadership of former ABC Cable Networks General Manager Mark Silverman, wants all Comcast subscribers to receive the network and pay $1.10 a month for the network. In a release posted on the network’s Web site, it argued that its inclusion of nearly 400 live events and 600 hours a year of original programming should earn it a spot on basic cable in the three initial states.

“I was most concerned about Notre Dame being exploited,” Ruggiero said. “But Ruggiero said the channel on its sports entertainment package, which customers can add for an additional cost, because it believes the network’s lack of marquee football games and dominance of non-revenue sports will minimize its appeal.

“With Big Ten, we’ve been very clear that we absolutely would love to add the Big Ten Network to our channel lineup. But we want to do it in the way that’s best for all of our customers. When you look at the entirety of the year, and you look what the Big Ten’s going to offer on the network, especially compared to what’s available on other channels, we think the best way to do that is to make it part of... the sports entertainment package.

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2007 Season Predictions

This season is going to be ugly. Damn ugly. The finest offense that produced pro-level numbers is gone, as is the bend but don’t break mentality on defense that too often led to breaking. While the passing game is Charlie Weis’ forte, something about hardened football being run by a protege of Bill Parcells seems right. Notre Dame will start the season 2-0, and the series with Michigan is underdog-friendly. But UCLA will trip up an undefeated Irish squad in early October, reminiscent of the 2005 team’s loss to Sparta. This year, however, Notre Dame will overcome Troy and enter the BCS full steam ahead.

FINAL RECORD: 12-1, BCS bowl win

The Irish begin the year with a gritty home win against Georgia Tech, but then head into Happy Valley and drop their first of the year. Learning from that loss, the Irish go on to upset Michigan and their weakened defense.

Notre Dame uses a combination of good defense and a solid running attack to handle their next two opponents before losing in a defensive struggle to UCLA.

After pounding Boston College, USC comes in and reminds everyone why they are the preseason favorites to win it all. The next four wins are easy wins and the Irish gain a bye in the Gator Bowl where they finally break their bowl losing streak.

FINAL RECORD: 10-3, Bowl win

The season breaks down into three categories: Michigan and USC, six middling opponents, and five hard wins to finish.

The Irish probably don’t have the experience to beat the first two yet, and they will probably be picked off by one of the “second six,” likely Georgia Tech, Penn State or UCLA. There is no way Notre Dame will lose to Navy, Air Force, Duke or Stanford.

Along with a win in the Gator or Cotton Bowl, that leaves the Irish with the exact same record as last year. However, instead of finishing on our sour note, Notre Dame will finish on a five-game winning streak and with confidence for next year.

FINAL RECORD: 10-3, Bowl win

Notre Dame has one of its toughest tests in a few years this season. With away games at Penn State and Michigan back-to-back along with home games against Boston College and Southern Cal, the Irish will have to work hard to repeat the success of the Brady Quinn era.

The most important part of this season is whether the Irish will reload or rebuild. A new quarterback and a new defense could mean trouble for Notre Dame, but there’s enough athletic ability and coaching talent to keep the Irish a strong team, if not BCS-bound.

Corwin Brown’s defense and the five running back stable will help the Irish more than anyone could think.

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Which Dining Hall Card Swiper enjoys her job?

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CROSSWORD

Across
1  Restrict
10  Ex -
13  Not bothered
23  Winston
26  Largest geological division
29  How some music is played
31  Takes off
36  See 20-Across
39  Fortuneteller
48  See 20-Across
51  Kentucky's
53  Reese's
54  Plugs
65  66  See 58-Down

Down
1  Trucker's place
2  Report to
3  N.H.L. team at Joe Louis Arena
4  Big party
5  Pulls the plug on
6  Fine metalwork
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DEUCES MANOR

Horoscope

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DEVELOPING A POT BELLY OVER THE YEARS IS ---

Horoscope

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Laura Collins, 21; Jeff Lorre, 22; Desire Beatz, 32; Carla Gugino, 36.

Happy Birthday! You will want to be in or around people who are not compatible. Try to go out and seek whomever you prefer. However, once you connect, you will find that you have a common interest. Do not act on a whim today. You may be made to regret it later. A romantic evening may lead to a new direction but question your motives. 3 stars

TUESDAY (Aug 28-Sept 3): You can get as distant and push for what you want. A chance to do something different will lead to knowledge and wisdom. Learning, recording and recalling will move you in a positive, profitable and playful direction. 4 stars

WEDNESDAY (Aug 29-Sept 4): Be careful how you handle the people around you. If you aren't fair or if you treat things around you, you can expect to get the same in return. Democracy or aggressive action will backfire. Pull yourself and use your cunning and sensitivity. 4 stars

THURSDAY (Aug 30-Sept 5): There is glory on the horizon but you have to be willing to try something new if at least get involved with new people or activities. An event that brings you in contact with more people in your community or neighborhood will pay off. 5 stars

FRIDAY (Aug 31-Sept 7): As much as you want to get out and have fun, take care of unfinished financial, legal or contractual business first. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish when you are serious about what you want. Don't give up too much or the exactly your desire. 3 stars

SATURDAY (Sept 8-Sept 13): You're pushed to the limit in a lot of different directions today but, as long as you know what you want, you will marginal your expectations. Do not make your thoughts or the ole common project you get away with using emotional blackmail. 3 stars

SUNDAY (Sept 14-Sept 20): Finish what's important. Take care of matters concern the end. You'll not be yourself today, so don't think that you can dive in and jump to the time to argue over something that doesn't really matter in the big scheme of things. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct 21-Oct 27): Get on with your work. You can think and ponder over things forever but that won't get you ahead. Proceed to know how to look and move. You have no more trouble. You may be more than one or more. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love, romance and wander will all bring you the exact who you feel is the best partner for you. Opposition will be following you around. Keep your head up and be yourself in spite of what you are told. Take your business or a project that isn't quite ready. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A closer look at what you have to offer will result in some great changes that will not be as benefiting. A chance to see first hand how you make things work will develop if you take a short step to visit someone with experience. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can offer a service that will bring in a lot of cash. Be careful and you will attract fortune in whatever you do. You can cash in on old ideas that will now work in new ways. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will not be yourself today, so don't think that everyone around you is wrong. You probably are who is respecting all the facts. Keep things simple, avoid controversial subjects and don't let anyone fool you into a bad. 3 stars

Birthday Babe: You are eager to please, a lot of a sensation and very strong-minded. You are well liked, a hard worker and have a tendency to go overboard in the search for improvement.

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**ND ATHLETICS**

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Fifth-year senior Laws anchors inexperienced defensive line corps

*By JAY FITZPATRICK*

Associate Sports Editor

In 2007, Trevor Laws will play in his third different defense in his Notre Dame career. And now he feels that he can finally show everything he can do.

"I'm excited to get out there and show people what I've learned and what this scheme can help me do out there," Laws said. "It's definitely a new way to play, and I'm definitely enjoying it."

Laws will be the anchor of the defensive line this season as one of two defensive ends in first-year defensive

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**Men's Soccer**

Preseason bodes well for squad

Upcoming schedule will shed light on true potential of team

Before his team had played any games this season, Irish coach Bobby Clark said Notre Dame's goal was to improve upon last year's Elite Eight finish in the NCAA Tournament. Apparently, Clark sets realistic goals.

In its two preseason games, No. 10 Notre Dame scored six goals, conceded zero and, in general, looked more than capable of becoming the first Irish team in program history to reach the Final Four. Clark, however, isn't convinced.

When asked how indicative his team's preseason performances were of what's to come in the regular season, Clark said that preseason games mean nothing and that he'd tell us in December.

Luckily for impatient Notre Dame fans, they won't have to wait until December to get a better idea of whether the 2007 Irish are capable of reaching the Final Four.

On Friday, Notre Dame's first regular season game will pit the Irish against No. 2 UCLA, which fell to UC Santa Barbara in last season's NCAA Final. Later in the weekend, the Irish take on No. 9 MNUC — the 2005 NCAA champion.

The Bruins and Terrapins are the type of teams the Irish will likely need to beat in order to reach this year's Final Four in Cary, N.C., and

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish drop first opener in 17 seasons

**ND loses season kickoff for first time in Brown era**

*By PAT O'BRIEN*

Sports Writer

Notre Dame's year began on a sour note for the first time in a decade. The Irish lost a 3-0 (30-16, 30-28, 30-28) decision to No. 9 Minnesota in their season opener Aug. 24 in the Joyce Center, then dropped a 3-1 match to No. 7 Florida two days later.

The loss against the Golden Gophers marked the first time since 1990 that the Irish fell in a season opener. It is also the first defeat in a home opener for head coach Debbie Brown.

Sophomore Megan Feil led the Irish with 11 kills. Senior Ashley Tarzis tallied a team-high 16 assists, while sophomore Jameel Nicholas added 13 helpers. Senior Adrianna Stasiuk had 10 digs along with nine kills.

Three players aided Minnesota (1-0) with double-digit kills. In her freshman debut, Brock Dieter had 18 kills and 14 digs. Junior Kyla Ronbrig was also impressive at the net,