Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis said, "The question is, how far is the city's resource and our ability to do what we say we're going to do." When faced with a city of more than 105,000 people to police, Weis said officers would need to respond to calls — not police over a list of potential parties, he said.

Sponsoring Council members argue the ordinance would introduce responsibility and order to students in residential neighborhoods. The Council's proposed ordinance would require residents of boarding houses — buildings in which more than two unrelated people live — to file an application for a permit 10 days before hosting a party at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. Failure to register such a gathering would be punishable by a $500 fine, with a $1,000 fine for any subsequent violations. Violations of any other city laws would retain their own fines.

The specifics of the bill are not conducive to efficient policing, Trent said. "We've got legitimate bars, fully licensed, with 100 patrons spilling out onto the streets," he said. "Somebody's party with 25 people isn't even going to register on the radar."

Council members readily admitted during community relations committee meetings that the ordinance would primarily affect those attending parties in Notre Dame's South Bend neighborhood.

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**Police question proposed ordinance**

**SBPD spokesperson Phil Trent doubts department can enforce plan intended to control student parties**

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A Falcons fan’s lament

There are a lot of reasons to be proud to be from Atlanta. Coke, Home Depot, Chick-Fil-A, Bank of America, Waffle House? Unfortunately this past summer our city was enveloped in controversy and embarrassment by a star we once embraced — Michael Vick.

When drafted from Virginia Tech in 2001, Michael Vick was a quarterback unlike any the NFL had ever seen. From the day the Falcons traded up to select him with the first pick, Vick was an instant celebrity in Atlanta. I was in attendance at a first game a few days after the draft. I wore the ovaron for the No. 13 of The Observer.

I didn’t necessarily those of The Observer. Sadly have to make a trade of my own Column are those of the author and trades in his jersey for prison garb. I’ll cities ever have to deal with players decisions and horrible actions.

I gave fans in Atlanta the finger while on the field issue to watch him win. But then Atlanta. To us, he was still the most talented quarterback in football, and last year, the tide turned. While the talented quarterback in football, and our former superstar’s demise culminated over the past eight months, the first few seasons of his NFL career, we had no reason not to. In his first year starting, Vick led us to the playoffs and beat Brett Farve and the Packers at Lambeau Field. Even though the Falcons fell to the Eagles in the next round, Michael Vick was the hottest athlete ever to hit Atlanta. The No. 7 jersey was the best-selling of any player in the NFL. I happily unwrapped my jersey Christmas morning and wore it every Sunday of the season.

I once-promising career with the team. We wanted Michael Vick to be a fan because it was the end of Vick’s once-promising career with the team. We booed him going into halftime. His entire career and once bright future have crumbled down before our eyes, all because of some dumb decisions and horrible actions.

If anything, I hope no teams, fans, or cities ever have to deal with players like Michael Vick. In the mean time, as Michael Vick trades in his jersey for prison garb, I’d sadly have to make a trade of my own — my No. 7 jersey for the No. 13 of Ihy Harris. 

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a printing error, Thursday’s article about the Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary’s incorrectly noted the hotel’s opening date. The hotel will open Sept. 22, not Nov. 1. The banquet center will hold up to 700 people, not 4,000. The Observer apolosizes to everyone who is a fan.

In Brief

A pep rally for the game against Georgia Tech will be held in the Joyce Center tonight from 6 p.m. to 7. Students with IDs may enter through Gate 11 between 5:15 p.m. and 5:45. The general public may enter through Gate 8 at 5:45 p.m. with tickets.

The summer Shakespeare company will perform “Love’s Labor Lost” tonight at 8:30 in the DelBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $20-35 for faculty/staff/seniors and $12-15 for all students. Performances will run through Sept. 2.

The DelBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening Michael Moore’s documentary “Sicko” tonight 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 tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its annual Circle outside the Main Building tonight at 11:59 p.m.

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

The DelBartolo 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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Residence halls filled at 104 percent capacity

Study lounges converted into extra housing filling campus' capacity, halls are at forced capacity, which means halls are squeezed for at least three years, most of the men's residence doubles and into forced dorms like Farley, study lounges have been converted into extra beds due to overcrowding. According to the Office of Residential Life and Housing, the University's 27 residence halls are at 104.1 percent capacity, which means that 179 beds are squeezed into forced triples, forced doubles and converted study spaces in all 12 women's dorms and most of the men's residence halls.

Four of those extra beds are in the Farley first-floor study lounge, room 115, and have been for at least three years, said Farley's rector, Sister Carrine Etheridge. One of the four girls in room 115, freshman Krissy Kemnetz, does not mind her living arrangement. "It's kind of crowded, but we managed to squeeze a futon and a fridge in there," she said. "There's really a lot of room in the basement, so the lounge isn't that much of a loss, plus it's nice to have more people on our floor."

Scott Kachmarik, associate manager of the Office of Residence Life and Housing, who began working at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, said the dorms have been above 100 percent capacity for the past five or six years. He reviewed data on dorm populations dating back to 1991-1992 and said at no time in those years were the residence halls below 96 percent capacity.

Notre Dame seems to be an anomaly when it comes to on-campus dorm occupancy living trends. Kachmarik said many universities would say their best year for students living on campus would be one where the dorms were at 96 percent capacity.

The demand for on campus living is still high, and current- ly 30 men and 30 women are on the waiting list to live on campus for the fall 2007 semester, Kachmarik said.

The new dorms will mean that, at some point, Farley resi- dents will be able to reclaim their first-floor lounge, a computer room, a music room and two additional study lounges in the basement. The four basement rooms are for senior singles who share one bathroom — meaning one sink, one toilet and one shower. "Even though we're crowded, seniors still want to live here," Etheridge said.

Of the 255 Farley residents, 53 are seniors. "It reflects the spirit of the dorm life ... they desire community, and will get cozy to have that."

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sions of a school evaluate the academic programs offered by other colleges, including its own.

This factor in the rankings, Brown said, "is where the survey loses precision.

"[The] most presidents, provosts and deans of admission only know what happened in a handful of schools in terms of how good they are," Brown said. "To ask them to evaluate several hundred institutions is not very practical."

Brown said Notre Dame belongs in the top 20, but said he thought Notre Dame could be placed higher on the list.

"It is interesting to us that among the top 25 schools we had the lowest peer assessment score, and we are not quite sure why that is," Brown said. "That is one thing that probably weighs us down a little bit."

But Notre Dame did advance one spot on the list since last year, a shift Brown attributed to several factors. A change in the University's computer system allowed Notre Dame to report a larger percentage of full-time faculty members, creating a more consistent record of the faculty population.

Brown also noted revisions in federal reporting guidelines that updated the way faculty were counted as either full-time or part-time.

The large number of applicants for the Class of 2011, with 14,500 applicants for fewer than 6,000 spots, also improved Notre Dame's rating in the selectivity and acceptance rate categories, Brown said.

To an additional US News ranking of schools with the lowest acceptance rates, Notre Dame, with 27 percent acceptance rate, was one of the most competitive schools in the country.

"A little bit here and a little bit there, and you nudge yourself up a bit," Brown said.

A little bit of nudging goes on in the registrar's office as well. Harold Pace, the University registrar, said that the ranking system does sometimes influence class size decisions.

US News factors in its rankings the percentage of classes at a school with fewer than 20 students and the percentage of classes with more than 50 students. Schools get better scores with larger classes and more higher number of larger classes.

Pace tries to keep class sizes under 20 and under 50, if he can, so students might notice that they frequently have classes of 19 or 49.

"If there is a class that is taught and a department has suggested a class size of 20, we will see if that would also work for 19," Pace said. And in the same way, the other cut-offs, just for that consideration.

But if a department or dean would rather have a larger class size, Pace said, then the university will allow the class to be taught with 20 students, for example, rather than 19.

Notre Dame does try to improve its score in the report, Brown said, but always takes the rankings "with a grain of salt."

"In some ways, we can argue that universities have all such unique missions and constraints and weaknesses that to try to numerically rank them is not even credible in some ways, but US News chooses to do that, and certainly parents and prospective students use that tool," he said.

Brown said that updated the way faculty are "not fixated" on rankings:

"Everyone knows that Notre Dame is a great school," she said.

"Does she think Notre Dame is a good school," he said.

"I think it should be ranked higher, but obviously I'm biased because I really like this place."

Senior Katie Miller was glad that Notre Dame had moved up in the rankings but said that even if it dropped dramatically, the school would still get a huge applicant pool.

"I think there is something more about Notre Dame that is attractive other than just their ranking," she said.

Seniors like Miller may soon appreciate Notre Dame's high ranking a lot more when they begin to look for jobs, Lee Sve, the director of the Career Center, which was itself ranked second in the country by The Princeton Review.

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Virginia Tech leader on defensive
School president refuses to step down despite demands from angry parents

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — With anger still raging, university officials were working at the site to remove victims. Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger bristled at suggestions Thursday that he bears responsibility for the bloodbath by allowing it a crime "unprecedented in its cunning and murderous results."

At a news conference where he was grilled about an independent panel's conclusion that lives could have been saved had the school warned the campus sooner than a killer was on the loose, Charles Steger expressed that there had been nothing anyone could have done to stop the April 16 rampage by gunman Seung-Hui Cho that left 33 people dead.

"No plausible scenario was made for how this horror could have been prevented once he began that morning," Steger said. He said he will neither resign nor ask the Virginia Tech police chief to quit, despite bitter demands by some of the victims' families that he and others be held accountable for the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

"In my view of the world, that's part of the top," said David O'Neill, whose son Daniel was among the students killed. "I think this is just gut-wrenching."

The panel of investigators more than two hours to get the first e-mail warning of the killings and two people in a dormitory, in the interim, Cho uploaded a video confession to NBC and then made his way across the Blacksburg campus to a classroom building where he killed 30 more victims and committed suicide.

Steger said that during those two hours, administrators carefully considered whether to hold a campus lock-down. In the end, according to the report, administrators concluded that the shooting was a boyfriend-girlfriend dispute and that the gunman probably had left the campus. Also, the report noted, they were afraid of causing panic, as happened at the start of the school year, when the first day of classes was called off because an escaped murder suspect was on the loose near campus.

Asked whether he would have done anything differently that day, Steger said no.

"I am not aware of anything that would have indicated that a mass murder was imminent," he said at the news conference in Blacksburg. "The panel researched reports of multiple shootings on campus for the past 40 years and no scenario was found in which the first murder was followed by a second elsewhere on campus. Nowhere."

The panel, appointed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, released its report late Wednesday, and Kaine said he was standing by Steger and other top administrators and not pressing for their firing because they have suffered enough. But this is not something where the university officials, faculty, administrators have just been very blithe," Kaine said. "There has been deep grieving about this, and it's torn the campus up."

Instead, he said he would focus on preventive measures, such as better communication between the parents of troubled children and the colleges they are planning to attend.

"The information needs to flow to both ways," the governor said.

The governor's panel, which spent four months investigating the massacre, said the two-hour gap could have been used to craft potentially lifesaving text or phone messages warning students of the gunman.

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Cocaine ring busted in SW Indiana

Associated Press

Evansville, Ind. — Law enforcement officers on Thursday announced a federal indictment charging more than 20 men with transporting and selling cocaine.

The operation, which was the result of a yearlong federal probe, will target as many as 40 wholesalers and retailers throughout the region. About 8,000 pounds of cocaine were seized in the raid.

"Our investigation has strengthened the drug community," said David Young, chief of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Family and friends of the victims said they were relieved at the news.

"We certainly have put a heck of a dent in the drug dealing community," said David Young, chief of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.
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**Ordinance**

marily affect students. Council member Al "Buddy" Kipp said he has many neighborhood problems and complaints about drinking among college students.

The ordinance's other sponsor, Council member Tim Rouse, said student partying has required increased city response and resources.

"There is the perception that things have gotten better, but when you look at the data, they're actually repressed," he said at the Aug. 20 committee meeting. "We have more instances of things that cost the city money."

Later during that meeting, Chief Thomas Fautz of the South Bend Police Department disagreed.

Fautz said police had seen a "slight improvement" in off-campus student partying last year, a change potentially related to the amendment adopted that year to change house ordinance during the summer of 2005.

The Common Council amended the disorderly house ordinance on the recommendation of the South Bend Police Department.

Council member Tom Sullivan, who said many neighborhood problems are caused by "a culture of drinking" among college students, said in a letter to the city council that the ordinance affects all those who live in the neighborhood.

"I think if you lived back around the university area, you would basically list what things you've seen or heard during the protests," he said.

One positive aspect of the proposed ordinance, said, would be the requirement that students provide contact information for someone who understood responsible for the event.

"You usually get out there and ask who owns the house, you get 199 shrugs," he said.

Cautions said the city's police have their own concerns about the legislation, police spokesman Jeff Scott said.

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Ordnance passed unanimously.

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Pittsburgh to start the 2005 season.

But that hasn't hampered many students' enthusiasm. Junior Tony Puskirk is optimistic that Notre Dame will do well on Saturday — and in the future.

"I do have realistic expectations for the season and believe that our new players will be able to contribute to the team this year," he said. "I do believe we will finish in the top 25."

Junior Megan Plancik echoed Puskirk's optimism for the team in the upcoming season.

"I do believe that it will be a learning experience, but I hope that we upset some teams as the underdog," she said.

For senior Lawrence Sullivan, this is the beginning of the final season of his college career as an undergraduate student at Notre Dame. When asked if he is sad about his leaving, Sullivan said, "I'm not really sad yet, although it may be at the end of the season."

Sullivan is hoping for an exciting season and said he believes freshman Jimmy Clausen will be the starting quarterback for the Irish.

"They're making it sound like the South Bend Police Department is the principal body that is going to be trying to push this ordinance," he said. "I think it would take a good deal of legal briefing before the chief said during the committee meeting that he basically listed what things he would like to see that on a football Saturday, we don't do that."

Trent emphasized the need to be "realistic" when enforcing laws. Telling seasonal police officers how to find out-of-control parties would use city resources while accomplishing little, he said.

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South Bend Mayor Aphra S. Nelson has encouraged Council members to revisit the ordinance before bringing it to vote.

The city administration has prepared a working draft of a revised ordinance that was discussed at a community relations committee meeting Monday in that draft, the application submitted to the city 10 days in advance of an event was changed to a notification to the police department 24 hours before an event.

It doesn't do much to have an ordinance that some think is ignored, not enforceable, or unenforceable, he said.

The ordinance, councilman Edger said, has highlighted one frequent misconception about the police department.

"One of the things we hear as a complaint would be, 'Why don't you guys have anything better to do than write tickets for underage drinking? Why are you so fixated on this as opposed to catching people doing crimes?'

As with any public service agency, police departments are subject to a strict division of labor, Trent said. Some police officers patrol the streets to prevent crime, while others conduct parking enforcement.

No officer whose duties include checking for underage drinking at Saturday tailgates would otherwise be walking the streets to investi-
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**Salamonella prompts spinach recall**

NEW YORK — Stocks finished a back-and-forth session Thursday with weaker-than-expected economic data and weighed the chances of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke is expected to speak Friday at the central bank’s annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and in a letter Wednesday to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that Fed policymakers are prepared to act as needed if the market’s turmoil damages the economy. The Fed’s next meeting is Sept. 18, but some on Wall Street expect the central bank could act sooner.

In a statement that Americans’ spending power may keep declining, the Labor Department said U.S. jobless claims rose last week to the highest level since April. Employment has been one of the stronger pillars of the economy recently, enabling robust consumer spending. Considering how sluggish consumer spending has been this quarter, it’s likely to post its worst back-to-back quarterly performance since early 2000, said Michael Strauss, chief economist at CreditSights. And given the mixed results of the mortgage market themes, there is a growing challenge for the economy to continue to grow at a 2.5 percent pace in second half of the year,” he said.

To some investors, that’s not bad news, because weaker-than-anticipated economic readings bolster the argument for a rate cut, which could boost up the credit markets. The Dow fell 50.56, or 0.5 percent, to 11,457.64, while the Nasdaq slid 93 cents to $72.18 and the S&P 500 index fell 6.12, or 0.42 percent, to 1,457.64, while the Nasdaq fell 2.563.50.

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with undergraduate research associations. In the same way, students would be able to
browse different faculty pro­
ies to find potential mentors or
academic advisors.

"It would be a more co­
ordinated effort to try to get stu­
dents and faculty together," Lucero said. "It’s a great tool for students to meet the faculty and start developing the men­
toring relationships that are
key to the success of under­
graduate research and the

enthusiastic students.

Sophomore Jeff Lakusta has
been researching the HIV/AIDS cri­
sis in South Africa with
some help from the University.
During a trip to the coun­
try, he were interested in
the health crisis and
the willingness of faculty to
get personally involved in
their student’s interests is
inspiring.

Jeff Lakusta

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"It's not the school's [suspension]," he said. "It's football's." What the University handed out for Hand's violation is still a mystery. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wyckiff said the University administration had no comment. Associate Vice President for Residence Bill Kirk did not return several phone calls Wednesday and Thursday.

Even if they wanted to comment, Wyckiff and Kirk would have to speak within the bounds of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA says "schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record," which means any comment from the University would have to come in the form of generalities.

According to du Lac, the Notre Dame student handbook, there are 12 possible sanctions that Residence Life can levy against students that have violated University rules. They range from a verbal warning to permanent dismissal.

"It's football's." "It's not the school's [suspension] it's football's."

Charlie Weis Notre Dame Irish football coach

Many sections of du Lac prescribe specific punishments for various crimes. However, there is no section that specifically covers solicitation of a prostitute which leaves the question of punishment somewhat open-ended.

du Lac does say that offensive sexual behavior is a serious offense, and that "students should be aware of Indiana state law," but while solicitation is illegal in Indiana, it is unclear whether solicitation constitutes "offensive sexual behavior." This open-endedness has created confusion among Irish fans, including those who post on the message boards attached to popular fan site ndnation.com. Some have even posted that the administration has decided to ease punishments for du Lac violations.

"Maybe they changed it right after the MacAulayre debate and Hand is just the first high profile student to benefit," one poster wrote. Posters on the message board have compared Hand's situation to that of junior basketball player Kyle McAlarney, who was suspended for the 2007 spring semester after being arrested on marijuana possession charges.

"Suspension for an entire semester for smoking pot but not for soliciting a prostitute?" one poster wrote. "I don't get the administration sometimes."

However, du Lac says that "possession, use or misuse of any controlled substance, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamine and depressants, is a serious violation. Students who possess, use or misuse such substances shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal." There is no such specific sanction provision for solicitation or "offensive sexual behavior."

In Hand's absence, fellow junior Pat Kuntz and freshman Ian Williams will man the nose guard position. Weis said that Hand, who missed all of fall training camp, has to go back in shape before he can contribute on the field.

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Testimony starts in Iraq massacre trial

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine testified Thursday that he saw arowning of frightened women and children moments before they were killed by his squad mates in Haditha, Iraq, but he said he did not see who shot them.

Lance Cpl. Humberto Mendoza was the first witness at a hearing to determine whether Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, 27, of Meriden, Conn., will face a court-martial on charges of murdering 17 civilians.

Wuterich had been charged with murdering 18 Iraqis in a bloody combat operation that left 24 civilians dead, but at the outset of Thursday's hearing, prosecutors withdrew one murder count.

While the number of suspected massacres committed by Wuterich is the biggest to have emerged against any U.S. service member to have served in Iraq, the hearing comes after a string of setbacks for Marine prosecutors.

The case centers on whether Wuterich, who had never experienced combat before, acted following combat rules and that the killings were within combat rules because the occupants of the homes had been declared hostile.

Prosecutors called as a witness Capt. Kathryn Navin, a Marine lawyer who testified that she instructed Wuterich's company on rules of engagement in August 2005.

Navin said she taught Marines to have knowledge of a reasonable certainty that the target you are engaging is a lawful military target, though she conceded there were occasions when positive identification of every individual in a military strike is not needed.

On one of Wuterich's military defense attorneys, Lt. Col. Colby Vokey, said the government was no longer charging Wuterich with murdering an Iraqi man who died in the final house cleared by his squad.

The count was withdrawn after the general overseeing the case dismissed charges against another Marine accused of killing three other men in the same room of the house, ruling that they posed a legitimate threat, Vokey said.

Mendoza described the events of Nov. 19, 2005, as being a fast-rolling series of engagements. After a Marine Humvee driver was killed in a roadside bomb, the troops raided several homes.

"When I opened the door, the first thing I see in women and kids laying down on a bed," Mendoza, who is from Venezuela and has a heavy accent, recalled seeing in the second house he helped raid. "I believe they were scared."

Armored footage from an unmanned drone shows that Marines were engaged in several other combat operations around Haditha that day. The Associated Press obtained the footage on Thursday.

Mendoza testified that he had shot an unarmed Iraqi man who opened the front door to the house, and that he shot a different man in another house whom he thought was reaching for a weapon.

Mendoza said the killings were within combat rules because the occupants of the homes had been declared hostile.

"When I opened the door, the first thing I see in women and kids laying down on a bed," Mendoza said when asked what he saw. "I thought gunfire was coming by a defense attorney what he thought of Wuterich.

Wuterich, who like all Marines in the court were desert camou­flage, sat with his tattooed arms folded on the table in front of him and appeared to be grinding his teeth.

Officer: Craig lied in interrogation

Audiotope of arrest shows Idaho Senator complained of entrapment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The officer who arrested Sen. Larry Craig in a police undercover operation at an airport men's room accused the senator of lying to him during an interrogation afterward, according to an audiotope of the arrest.

On the tape, released Thursday by the Minneapolis Airport Police, the Idaho Republican in turns accuses the officer of soliciting him for sex.

"I'm not gay, I don't do this kind of things," Craig told Sgt. Dave Karas­nia minutes after the two men met in a men's room at the air­port on June 11.

"You shouldn't be out to entrap people," Craig told the officer. "I don't want you to take me to jail." Karas­nia replied that Craig wouldn't be going to jail as long as he cooperated.

The two men disagreed about virtually everything that had occurred minutes earlier, including whether there was a piece of paper on the door of the stall and the meaning of the senator's hand gestures. At no time did Craig admit to doing anything wrong, although weeks later he pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

"You're not being truthful with me," Karas­nia said to Craig during the interrogation. "I'm kind of disappointed in you, senator." Karas­nia later told Craig he was "sitting here lying to a police officer," adding: "I expect this from the guy we get out of the hood. I mean every person vote for you. Unbelievable"

Meanwhile, more of Craig's Republican colleagues moved away from him Thursday in the wake of his guilty plea earlier this month to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct in the undercover police operation aimed at sex solicitors.

Republican National Committee officials had considered calling for his resignation early Thursday, Republicans with knowledge of the delibera­tions said, but had not done so by day's end.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, who chairs the GOP's senatorial campaign committee, stopped short of calling on Craig to resign but suggested strongly that he should.

"I wouldn't put myself hopefully in that kind of position,

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, each turned over to charity $2,500 in campaign donations they had received from Craig's political action committee. Coleman and Collins both face potentially tough races for re-election next year.
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ORLANDO, Fla. — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak can remove an electronic monitor, a judge ruled Thursday.

Nowak had argued that the device was expensive, bulky, uncomfortable and prevented her from living as required of a military officer. Judge Marc L. Lubet said that those claims did not matter, but that Nowak had behaved well enough over the past seven months to remove the device.

Nowak, a Navy captain, said in a statement through her publicist that she wants to worry about safety issues related to the batteries while the monitor is in place and is also really looking forward to getting back into her former aerobics-fitness program.

The Thanking Father Ted Foundation

The Thanking Father Ted Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to preserve the memory of Father Ted, the late Father Edmund Verley. The organization was established in 2003 by the late Father Ted's widow, Glenda Verley, and his daughter, Maureen Verley.

The Foundation's mission is to promote and preserve the memory of Father Ted through various programs and events. The Foundation also supports the Father Ted Center, which is a center for the study and teaching of Irish and English literature.

The Foundation's programs include the Father Ted International Film Festival, which is held annually in the United States and the United Kingdom, and the Father Ted International Writing Competition, which is open to writers from around the world.

The Foundation also produces various publications, including a quarterly newsletter, a book series, and a series of audio and video programs.

For more information, go to www.thankingfatherted.com.
In rare decision, murderer will serve life sentence

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in a rare and uncharacteristic move Thursday, spared Kenneth Foster, 30, from death row, despite his role in a San Antonio robbery-shooting 11 years ago. The decision came on the heels of an equally unusual recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"The first thing I did was drop to my knees and say a little prayer," Foster said. "I owe a lot of people a lot of thanks.

The 30-year-old became only the second inmate since Texas recommended carrying out executions in 1982 that the parole board voted to stop an execution this close to punishment time. And in that case, in 2004, Perry rejected the board’s recommendation and mentally ill prisoner Kelsey Patterson was executed.

"I was really worried about that," said Keith Hampton, Foster’s lawyer. He was walking toward the governor’s office in Austin when he received a call about Perry’s decision.

"I did go into this thinking this is a governor who went ahead and let Kelsey Patterson be executed," Hampton said. "It all happened so fast; to tell you the truth... It’s a good day.

Not for Nico LaHood, whose brother, Michael, 25, was gunned down Aug. 15, 1996, on the driveway of his family’s home. "I can’t believe he was going to do the right thing," Foster said as he was being taken from the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice where executions are carried out, for a return trip to the Polunsky Unit near Livingston, where death row inmates are housed.

He’ll soon be moved to another prison.

Perry, a staunch supporter of the death penalty who has fought attempts to water down Texas’ laws on capital punishment, said capital murder defendants should not be tried together as Foster and Brown were.

"I am concerned about Texas law that allows capital murder defendants to be tried simultaneously and it is an issue I think the Legislature should examine," the governor said.

Death penalty opponents had launched a public relations campaign to save Foster, spurning objections to Texas’ unique so-called law of parties, in which each participant of a capital crime is held equally responsible.

Hampton, whose appeal to the Supreme Court focused on that issue, estimated at least a dozen of the 402 inmates put to death in Texas since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982 have been executed under the same law.

Last weekend, a group picketed outside Perry’s Austin church.

"We commend Governor Perry for preventing this miscarriage of justice," said Sue Gunawardena-Vaughn, director of Amnesty International USA’s Program to Abolish the Death Penalty. "We also share the governor’s concerns about Texas' penalty law and urge him to examine all injustices plaguing the capital punishment systems in his state.

David Atwood, founder of the Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, applauded Perry for recognizing that the death penalty ‘had been grossly misapplied in this case.

Foster and Brown were tried jointly for killing Michael LaHood. Both prosecutors and defense lawyers asked for separate trials for the pair but the trial judge declined their requests.

"It all happened so fast, to tell you the truth... It’s a good day.

Keith Hampton
Foster’s lawyer

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Assessing priorities

Two weeks is all it takes for 10 people — including two Notre Dame students — to get shot in South Bend, but it’s not enough time for the Common Council to realize its priorities are misguided.

For more than a month, the Council has insisted on repeatedly reworking a party permit ordinance that its own police department warns is unenforceable. The proposed ordinance would require residents of houses with more than two unrelated occupants to apply for a city permit for any parties that host more than 25 guests and serve alcohol.

Council members pitched the ordinance as a way to crack down on disruptive house parties that they and their constituents say have become a nuisance — and serious — problem.

The far more serious problem of gun violence, however, hasn’t garnered nearly as much attention at recent Council meetings.

Admittedly, it’s easier to prevent parties than shootings, and it’s up to the police, not the Common Council, to fight violent crime. Still, as South Bend’s governing body, it’s the Council’s job to decide how city resources are allocated. And passing an ordinance like this will only stretch valuable police forces thinner.

Council members have spent weeks debating details: How many guests should be allowed to host without applying for a permit? And how long before should they have to apply?

Police, however, don’t have time for those details. They have far more serious problems to address than noise violations.

Still, the legislation to address that problem could use a really good look at all the city resources and our ability to do what we say we’re going to do.

The Council must pour hours, money and manpower into stopping violent crime, not noise violations, if it truly wants to better the city it was elected to serve.
NFL Memo: Ban Vick the equivalency of his dog fighting days

One would imagine that whoever coined the state’s tourism slogan, “Virginia is for Lovers,” might have lived in the rolling hills of Surry County as a youth. The vicinity’s proximity to Richmond gave the enterprising/entrepreneur Virginia the opportunity to coin the state’s tourism slogan, “Tragically, for six years, Vick has not only managed and promoted an operation for hosting dog fights, but also purchased the main staging area that housed, bred and trained dogs. He approved rage stands that tied down aggressors with collars and automobile axils implanted into the ground so that a dog could run in a circle without hindering its chain. Vick was the primary source of funding for property improvements, dog food, medicine, travel expenses and purse fees. Vick may also face state charges based on an 18-page federal grand jury indictment that outlines many of the sordid, heinous acts that his associates and other witnesses revealed in vivid detail. While Vick’s attorneys deliberated to carefully word his plea in such a way that would prevent state prosecutors from preferring charges, federal witnesses and others yet to be called may complicate Vick’s legal problems. Vick’s enterprise began flourishing in 2001. As the number of events increased, so did the size of the purses. In 2002, Vick hosted a “Grand Champion Fight” pitting dogs that each won five consecutive fights and sponsored from Maryland and the “Junior Mafia” of North Carolina. Quick $300 bets grew to $13,000 per person by March 2003. After Vick’s dog lost, he personally took a book bag full of cash to kennels in order to get his car to pay the winning sponsor. His associates admit to Vick about destroying the losing dog by ultimately electrocuting it.

Nothing mentions Vick’s involvement in side-betting, a typical practice among spectators at such contests. However, too many witnesses saw Vick attempting to contrive odds and manipulate bets while on the betting floor and in the stands. The indictment cites a late 2003 fight at Bad New Kennels where federal cooperation witness No. 3 sponsored a dog. The witness was criticized by one of Vick’s many regulars after the witness yelled out Vick’s name in front of the crowd during the fight. One of Vick’s Virginia neighbors also owns a condominium in my neighborhood. As an entertainment promoter, he knows celebrities, politicians, athletes and journalists through good and alliances that barely reach the third degree of separation. The promoter sought out superstar Vick to become a regular with Vick’s crew, attending training and fighting competitions in their neighborhood. First hand, eyewitness account of how Vick sanctioned the “rolling” of dog fighting or hosting of dogs for fights, is gruesome. Kennels associated smeared raw ground beef on monk heads before fighting, throwing them into the “box,” or blood-laden walled walled fighting ring, to watch them be eaten alive. Kittens and puppies whose demeanor was less than vicious, outweighed and outnumbered, were often chased as a training exercise before eaten alive. Dogs that held promise as an aggressive fighter, however, were kept for further training to watch them be eaten alive. America’s dog fighting subculture is as useless and reprehensible as the Ku Klux Klan. Vick just may be the poster boy who helps end this barbaric and inhumane competition. Fifty dogs were seized from Vick’s property. Nationally, nearly three million dogs at sites each year are rescued but euthanized for being unfit to adopt. Nobody knows how many are killed by their handlers for poor performance. As for Vick, his fate will be determined through three phases — federal court, state court and the National Football League. Vick knowingly sponsored and sanctioned a death sport, sometimes driving from his home in Atlanta during football season. For example, in the fall of 2003, Vick and associates move to South Carolina to wager $3,000 on their dog, “Magie.” The NFL must judge Vick’s cavalier disregard for life and his rampant gambling in light of its corporate standards and ethics. The league should simply reclaim the time Vick wasted on the gambling, mutilating and killing of dogs while an NFL player — ban Vick for six years. After all, nobody can breathe life back into those dogs.

Gary Caruso, Notre Dame’ 73, is a communications consultant who owned a rescued pig bull while serving as a student government director in President Clinton’s administration. His column appears every third week in The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Off-campus behavior to affect proposed ordinance

Members of the student body: As you know, student government has been working extremely hard to represent the best interests of the student body in relation to the party permit ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council. We have made significant progress over the past month. The third public hearing on the ordinance is delayed until Sept. 17, and the Mayor’s office recently introduced an updated version of the ordinance. I consider both of these developments to be positive and initial steps in the right direction.

That being said, continued progress is absolutely contingent on the state of student behavior off campus in the coming weeks and throughout the school year.

Do not perceive my statements as suggestions of a lack of support from student parties. I enjoy going out with my friends, but I am also a strong advocate for students behaving as responsible members of the South Bend community. If you live off campus, be a respectful neighbor. Introduce yourself to those living around you, and encourage your neighbors to contact you directly with any complaints they may have. Be mindful of your schedules and try to avoid holding late night parties outside. If you live on campus and attend parties off campus, you have an equal responsibility to be respectful toward South Bend residents.

We are all intelligent college students who are more than capable of controlling our own actions. Have a blast celebrating our first home football game, but be respectful of those living in the surrounding community. We will continue to work hardest to represent the students’ interests, but we can not be successful unless the student body contributes to our efforts in a positive way.

Go Irish,

Liz Brown
student body president
August 30

Fair pay for Huddle workers

On May 6, three Huddle Employees accompanied by more than 50 students, faculty and community members presented a petition regarding pay and working conditions on Football Saturdays. We, the employees of Huddle Food Services, ask the University of Notre Dame to pay us and workers $13.00 per hour. We are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1914. We are not represented by any labor union.

The petition describes the long and difficult hours worked by Huddle Employees on these Saturdays as an endless stream of customers pass through Sharr, Burger King, Starbucks, Subway and the Huddle Store. It expresses concerns over the unnecessary stress placed on Employees’ Lives and the lives of their families on these weekends.

The petition concludes with the following statement: "Employees of Huddle Food Services are proud of our work and certainly do not ask the University of Notre Dame to sacrifice any part of its wonderful community tradition on our behalf. However, we do ask that we are fairly treated and fairly compensated for our work. We, the Employees of Huddle Food Services, ask the University of Notre Dame to pay us time-and-a-half wages for all of our hours worked on Football Saturdays. We also ask the University of Notre Dame to abide by a strict break schedule of one 15-minute break for every four hours worked." For anyone who has seen the crowds in LaFountaine on Football Saturdays, we can understand why this request should not seem outrageous.

Not all the goals of the petition have been met. While it will clearly take patience and persistence to right this social issue, I ask you to join me in demonstrating to these members of the Notre Dame family that someone here does care about them. It’s the little things that count. Treat these members of our community with respect, and express your appreciation for their service. It’s because of these people who work so hard behind the scenes that we can enjoy the great things that this University has to offer.

Stuart Mora
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Campus Labor Action Project
August 30

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**Superbad**

**Directed by:** Greg Mottola

**Starring:** Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Seth Rogen and Christopher Mintz-Plasse

Jonah Hill ("Accepted") and Michael Cera ("Arrested Development") as Seth and Evan, two best friends dealing with their approaching separation as they venture off to different colleges. The friends are joined by the nerdy Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), who pretends to be a fake ID (with the new moniker "McLovin") so that the trio can buy beer for a graduation party and finally get some action. Co-writers Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg started the script when they were just 13 years old.

The film is not without its blemishes. Some of the situations feel a bit forced in the realm of science-fiction) believable but, on the whole, "Superbad" has a strong, uninterrupted storyline.

Most of its faults can be forgiven in order to enjoy the drama they produce. Furthermore, the plotline is kept (within the realm of science-fiction) believable and understandable. If something else, "Superbad" holds your attention. Because it is suspenseful and exciting, it can be enjoyed on a very basic level. For the more interested viewer it can offer more, and it does so in a way that allows them to contemplate the film's philosophy with their popcorn.

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**Sunshine**

**Directed by:** Danny Boyle

**Starring:** Cillian Murphy, Michelle Yeoh, Chris Evans and Cliff Curtis

In "Superbad," Apatow puts on his 40-year-old virgin trying to get laid and get a girl pregnant. Two seniors in high school boys and manboys with giant hearts. An 8-member space crew has set out to re-start the sun, whose death is threatening humanity with extinction. Just after crossing out of contact with Earth, the crew is forced to leave before they can get laid — not for their lives, but for the life of the human race. This is, of course, an excellent start to a science-fiction thriller but "Sunshine" offers more than that to its viewers. Director Danny Boyle, who has his "28 Days Later" and "Train Spotting," succeeds in expanding the conventions of this genre as he has done with others (like "Million"), his take on more family-centered film. "Sunshine" remains perfectly balanced on the line between science-fiction and something more, asking questions without boring the audience.

Unlike "Solaris," a film to which this has often been compared, "Sunshine" is truly suspenseful and enjoyably frightening. Yet, it still tackles questions of God and religion, guilt and responsibility, and how hard humans are willing to struggle for the survival of their species.

"Sunshine" succeeds because it creates realistic characters that the audience can learn to like or sympathize with, and then asks them to sacrifice everything for the demands of a humanity that remains completely abstract. While many space genre, such as "Deep Impact" to "Armageddon," continually lay off the story back on Earth, "Sunshine" refrains from doing so until the very end, after everything is said and done. Not only does this heighten the movie's sense of claustrophobia, but it also approaches its issues on a very personal level. The characters are left alone with their beliefs and their dilemma, and nothing more.

"Sunshine" is an absolutely stunning study in contrast. It uses every perspective and sense it can, reveling in vibrancy as much as darkness, strong score as much as silence, and panoramas as much as nearly suffocating close-ups. As a result, simply watching the film is a captivating experience. Backed by a strong cast that includes Michelle Yeoh and Chris Evans, Cillian Murphy (who has starred in movies such as "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" and "Breakfast on Pluto," but is probably best known for his roles in "Batman Begins" and "Red Eye") is a wonderful choice for the lead role of Capa in "Sunshine."

Every cast member does an excellent job of illustrating the multitude of reactions to the situations the crew faces and forcing the audience to sympathize with all of them.

Even though they spend the whole movie pursuing beer and babes, all they're really trying to do is hang on to each other. Leaving behind a best friend to go to college is a situation many of us have faced, but Seth and Evan are more co-dependent than most, and the underlying tension of their inevitable separation is prevalent throughout their entire adventurous evening together. "Superbad" is an extraordinary conglomeration of talent, and its success on the big screen is the result of years of work by Apatow and the group of actors, writers and directors that he has collected around him, with Hill and Cera as his latest additions.

Just as "Knocked Up" made Seth Rogen a new staple in comedy, "Superbad" is sure to do the same for these two young actors. The Frat Pack may have been the reigning kings of comedy in the past few years, but 2007 is the year of Apatow and company. So far, they have yet to disappoint.

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In a recent interview promoting "The Bourne Ultimatum," Matt Damon was asked who would win in a fight: Jason Bourne or James Bond. Very dryly, Damon replied that it'd be hard to compare the gadgets and gizmos of Bond with the exploits on screen one more time.

It's pretty simple. Jason Bourne is a man tormented by his inability to realize an identity that has already been defined beyond his control as he goes about reclaiming the life that was taken from him.

Damon says, "We realized that the film is a sequel to "The Bourne Supremacy" and the third flick of the Bourne Trilogy. It stars Damon as amnesiac CIA assassin Bourne with returning cast members Julia Stiles and Scott Glenn reprising their roles from the previous two Bourne films. The film continues the tale of Bourne after he lives through the unsettling "Bourne Supremacy" car chase in Moscow. Keeping with the international flair of the Bourne franchise, the film moves through the locales of Paris, London, Madrid, Tangier and New York City as Bourne contends with ruthless and violent forces."

Differing from the spy swagger and pomp of James Bond is Jason Bourne's pounding silence throughout the film. Commenting on the decrease in spoken dialogue, Damon says, "We realized that Bourne is a lot more effective when he's not talking, so we cut a lot of the original dialogue in the script." In short, the cuts worked. Bourne's silence highlights the perils of mind and body he faces as he struggles towards the film's climax. In place of verbal confrontation and vocal eruption is a far more menacing and gripping experience of true determination plagued by fear.

Of course, the film is wild as hell. Viewers can't forget that Bourne is a finely tuned killing machine caught in a battle of fierce rebellion against the CIA operatives who so ably created him. Unfortunately for them, he's remembered not only for who he thought he was nor the man the CIA thought it created. With this knowledge, Bourne is finally nearing the end of his journey toward redemption.

The film's treatment of Bourne as a man whose humanity is coupled with his dead- ly side resonates strongly with the film's prevailing theme — the tense and anguished difficulty in surviving while retaining control of one's actions. Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of the film is its reliance on real human beings. Not to criticize "Harry Potter," "Cars" or any other movie that heavily relies on computer animation, but audiences can appreciate that the images in the "Bourne" films aren't computer-generated. Especially in today's ever-unstable social climate, the film also hits a strong nerve with its sharp and topical realism. The cinematography is also shaky and unstable, an effect resulting from the extensive use of hand-held cameras.

In Jason Bourne, there is a universal element of the everyman, someone wondering who he is and who he might be — if only he could simply run away from it all, just for a chance to get back to where he should be.

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Yankees pull within 5 after sweeping Sox

by John Tomczak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With drama and flair, the New York Yankees completed another August sweep of the Boston Red Sox and moved into prime position for a September playoff run.

There was a week's worth of highlights during the Yankees' 5-0 victory Thursday: a no-hit complete game, a nine-inning two-hitter and a pair of big home runs by Robinson Cano off Joaquin Benoit in the eighth and immediately ran into trouble in the ninth.

Jaysouth was shocked. He said both pitches slipped and he intended nothing nefarious.

"That's absolutely ridiculous," Yankees manager Joe Torre said about the ejected. "I don't think in any situation, the umpires do not apply common sense. And I've seen it too many times. And something has to change. Either they have to school them or do something that certainly gives them a feel for the game better than they showed today.

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On June 1, five batters were hit by pitches off Yankees plated at Fenway Park.

Phillies 11, Mets 10

A rout, a rally and a rare call gave the Philadelphia Phillies their first three wins over the Mets in a pivotal series.

There came the wildest game of all.

Chase Ullery hit an HBP single off Billy Wagner in the ninth inning and Philadelphia completed a huge sweep of first-place New York by rallying for a victory Thursday in a back-and-forth 10-inning game that took nearly four hours.

Winning four straight against the Mets, the Phillies moved within two games of the NL wild-card spots and suddenly set up an exciting September pennant race.

"We've overcome a lot of obstacles," Ullery said, referring to numerous injuries that have plagued the team. "We want to win."

Mets nemesis Pat Burrell homered twice. Ryan Howard and Aaron Rowand were connected for the Phillies, who wasted leads of 5-0 and 8-5 before falling behind 10-8 in the ninth.

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Andy Roddick celebrates his 25th birthday as he returns a shot to his opponent, Jose Acasuso, in his second round win Thursday in the U.S. Open.

TENNIS

Andy Roddick reaches 3rd Round of U.S. Open

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a kid, Andy Roddick was hard-pressed to come up with a better birthday treat than going to the U.S. Open with his mom. At 9, he was thrilled to be on the scene while Jimmy Connors made a stirring run to the semfinals.

"I'd get here for the first match, and I wouldn't leave till it was over. Those are probably my fondest memories, just sneaking into the nosebleed-sections," Roddick recalled Thursday. "I actually snuck into the players' lounge one time and stole a cheesecake."

He still comes to flushing Meadows at birthday time, nowadays as a competitor — and with a certain James Scott Connors tagging along as his coach.

Roddick turned 25 on Thursday and marked the occasion by reaching the U.S. Open's third round, although not before losing the opening set and moving on when his opponent, Jose Acasuso of Argentina, quit after the third because of a left knee injury.

"That's the good thing about Grand Slams: You get in the grind, and whoever doesn't mind the grind wins," Connors said after watching the match through silver wrap-around sunglasses. "The way Andy played today, especially in the second and third sets, is always good. As long as he's playing the right kind of tennis, that's all that counts."

A trainer came out to wrap white tape above Acasuso's left knee after the second set, then added another bandage below the knee at the next changeover. By the end, he was as stiff and creaky as the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz," barely bending or moving at all, and the score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 when Acasuso decided he couldn't continue.

"I don't think you like winning matches like that," the No. 5-seeded Roddick said. "But at the end of the day, your goal is to get through."

In other words, no complaints. Same for Donald Young, the 18-year-old Chicago native who was 0-11 in tour-level matches until last week and never had won a Grand Slam match until this week.

Now he's in the Open's third round, and he didn't have to lift a racket Thursday, because his scheduled opponent, No. 13 Richard Gasquet, withdrew, citing a viral infection.

IN BRIEF

Gay sets meet record in 200M

SAKA, Japan - Tired and sore, Tyson Gay didn't have energy left to celebrate completing one of the most impressive sprint doubles in the history of the world track and field championships.

"This was the hardest race of my life," he said. "I couldn't think or nothing."

"I really couldn't put my arms up to celebrate. I couldn't even really jog on my victory lap."

The latest dominant American sprinter pulled away from Jamaican Usain Bolt down the straightaway to win the 200 meters Thursday in 19.76 seconds, breaking the meet record of 19.79 set 12 years ago by American Michael Johnson in Goteborg, Sweden.

"Tyson is the man to beat right now hands down. He just proved it," bronze medalist Wallace Spearmon said.

Irish football star caught in dogfighting scandal

DUBLIN, Ireland - A star of Ireland's Gaelic football league was exposed Thursday as a director of an illegal dog-fighting club, an underground gambling activity that has wrecked the reputation and career of Atlanta Falcons football player Michael Vick.

The 17-month undercover investigation by BBC Northern Ireland's "Spotlight" program, broadcast Thursday night, found evidence of 15 illegal dog-fighting operations in the British territory of 1.7 million people.

The program secretly filmed Gerard Cavlan, a 31-year-old member of the County Tyrone Gaelic football team, discussing his ownership of more than a dozen dogs and bragging about how one "hard-mouthed dog" grabbed another in its jaws.

"Sure he had him in the chest, and he shook him and he shook him for 25 minutes," Cavlan said during a conversation filmed covertly in his vehicle.

Tiger roars back after week-long hiatus

ORTON, Mass. - The crowd following Tiger Woods around the TPC Boston grew steadily throughout the morning sunshine until it lined the length of the 18th fairway as he finished his pro-am Thursday at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Woods skipped the first round of the PGA Tour Playoffs last week at Westchester, saying his body and mind needed a brief vacation after back-to-back victories in swinging heat, the second title coming at the PGA Championship.

He looked plenty refreshed on the refurbished TPC Boston during the pro-am round, playing without a bogey and without much effort on his way to a 63.

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Boise State extends winning streak to 14 games

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Yes, Boise State ran a trick play.

Coming off an undefeated season, the No. 24 Broncos ran their winning streak to 14 games — the longest in major college football — and even dipped into the bag of tricks that helped them upset Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl last season, beating Weber State 56-7 on Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Ian Johnson ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns and Taylor Tharp was steady in his first start at quarterback, leading Boise State to touchdowns on its first seven possessions and a 49-0 lead at halftime.

But the first touchdown had everybody remembering that night in January.

Wide receiver Vinny Perretta, who threw for a score in the Fiesta Bowl, lined up at quarterback on third-and-goal from the 7 and ran up the middle for a touchdown.

"I've never been so disappointed in my life."

Ron McBride
Weber State coach

"That's all I can say before the game, and it doesn't get much better once the game starts," McBride said.

Boise State rushed for 386 yards and seven touchdowns, while limiting Weber State to 74 yards. The Broncos threw for another 199 while the Wildcats passed for 74. Boise State ended up with 30 first downs to Weber State's eight.

"This game we dominated," said Broncos safety Marty Tabman. "That's all I can say about it, We dominated."

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Boise State running back Ian Johnson celebrates one of his three touchdowns during the Broncos’ 56-7 win over Weber State.
NFL

Brees has good control of dangerous offense

Efficient preseason bodes well for Saints

The Saints' quarterback Drew Brees throws a pass during a 27-19 win over the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 18.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Rookie Tyler Palko has been learning the Saints' vaunted offense by studying starting quarterback Drew Brees' game film from last season.

Along the way, he's noticed something that might serve as a warning to defenses all across the NFL.

"From what I saw with Drew last year on film to how he's operating now in the preseason, he's head and shoulders above what he was," Palko said. "When things are clicking, especially with someone like Drew, you can't be stopped, you can only stop yourself, and that's a fun offense to play in."

Palko's observations would be one thing if Brees was coming off a mediocre season. But Brees was the running-back to MVP in 2006 after leading the Saints' vaunted offense by studying offensively dangerous offense thrown into the mix.

"I think we do consider ourselves teammates out there and we're pulling for each other ... And we were talking about some things withSolheim out there today, and we're just really looking forward to the competition," said the 44-year-old Steinhauer, making her 20th appearance in the tournament.

Sorenstam, the winner last year at the Rail Golf Club, had two birdies and a bogey in a round of 71. On Saturday, Sorenstam announced that she's marrying Mike McGee, her boyfriend of two years. It will be the second marriage for the 36-year-old Swede, who filed for divorce from David Esch in February 2005.

"I think I played really well today," Sorenstam said. "I hit 16 greens and didn't miss any fairways, so I think I played very, very solid. I had a lot of chances and had a lot of looks out there. If that is any indication of how I'm going to play the next few months I'm happy about it. I'm just going to go out there tomorrow and continue what I'm doing and hopefully it works out."

Last season at Rail, Sorenstam won the last of her 69 LPGA Tour titles, closing with a 1-under 62 to match the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner in tour history. The tournament moved to Panther Creek this year after 31 seasons at Rail.

"I thought today was tougher than the practice round and the pro-am," Sorenstam said. "The wind picked up and the ball traveled to different places. The greens are getting firmer and the fairway is getting firmer."

Japanese star Ai Miyazato and Marcy Hurt opened with 68s.

"It was very windy today," Miyazato said. "I just tried to make one shot at a time. I had good concentration today, so I feel very satisfied."

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S P R I N G F I E L D , 111. — U.S. Solheim Cup player Sherrill Simons, safety Kevin Kaussahorn and defensive tackle Kendrick Clancy wanted to be in New Orleans, where they've all been to contribute. Clancy, who was a starter for most of last season in Arizona, has so far been out of the mix.

"I think players in our league look for destinations where they can win and places where the fit is right," Payton said. "Part of it is related to the contract and money. But hopefully, we continue to become a place where guys look at, players, coaches or anyone for that matter, as a good spot to work in as an organization that's a winner."
Aaron feels message to Bonds is adequate

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In Milwaukee, at least, Hank Aaron remains baseball's home run king.

Aaron received that esteemed — if now outdated — introduction as he and several other members of the 1957 Milwaukee Braves came to Miller Park on Thursday for a 50-year reunion of their World Series victory.

While Aaron wasn't willing to hit the road to follow Barry Bonds' pursuit of his career home run record earlier this month, he was thrilled to travel back to Milwaukee to reunite with his former teammates.

"If I had decided that I was going to go and follow Barry, or do anything like that, then people were going to start talking about steroids, and I didn't want to get into that. I didn't want to do, didn't have to. Because I wasn't prepared to answer all these questions that people were going to have," Aaron said. "I certainly wasn't going to fly to San Francisco or fly to Chicago or anywhere else to be with anybody. I didn't think I had to. Because I wasn't prepared to answer all these questions that people were going to have."

Aaron said that no matter how he reacted publicly to Bonds breaking the record, he was "damned if you do, damned if you don't." But above all, he didn't want people to think he was resentful.

"That's not true," Aaron said. "I've said many times, records are made to be broken. I congratulated Barry, and that's enough."

And with that, Aaron left to join his former teammates for a photo opportunity at a small Braves monument by the youth baseball field adjacent to Miller Park.

The '57 Braves beat the New York Yankees in seven games in the World Series, and the city of Milwaukee hasn't seen much baseball success since.

The Braves moved to Atlanta in 1966. The Brewers have made one trip to the World Series, in 1982.

With the current Brewers team struggling to stay in contention in the NL Central race, the consensus among Aaron and the Braves' other stars seemed to be that the young Brewers are still a year away.

"I've been watching this club," Aaron said. "It's just a young club. I think it's going to take another year before they really get to where they're probably going to be sure of themselves, and I think they're going to be all right."

Del Crandall, a catcher for the Braves and former manager of the Brewers, said he couldn't offer much in the way of advice.

"You have a very young ballclub here, and you've had problems with your pitching," Crandall said. "And I don't think anything is going to do them any good except experience, and they will probably all be much, much better next year. Everybody would like to win. We couldn't win in 1956. We weren't ready to win.

After a strong start early in the season, the Brewers have hit an extended slump and went into Thursday night's game in Chicago 1 1/2 games behind the first-place Cubs.

"Now, can they handle defeat after winning? Can they recover fast enough to make the next run, is going to be the question," former Braves outfielder Wes Covington said.
MLS
Beckham could miss remainder of season
Midfielder diagnosed with sprained MCL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham could miss the rest of the Los Angeles Galaxy's season after being diagnosed with a sprained right knee Thursday.

The English midfielder underwent an MRI exam that confirmed he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his knee, the team said in a statement.

Beckham, 32, was injured in a tackle with Pachuca midfielder Fernando Salazar in the first half of Wednesday night's Western Conference game.

"It's just gone from one thing to another thing," Beckham said Wednesday night. "I need the rest, and get it right and don't come back until it's right."

He had already been nursing a left ankle injury that caused him to miss seven games since joining the team July 13. That injury occurred while playing for England on June 6.

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Nifong denies wrongdoing

Associated Press

DURBAN, N.C. — The former prosecutor who led the now-discredited Duke lacrosse rape case never intentionally tried to mislead the court and believed he gave all DNA test results to defense attorneys, a lawyer for Mike Nifong said Thursday during his criminal contempt trial.

Nifong turned over all the information during the pretrial discovery phase in his case against three Duke lacrosse players, said his attorney, Jim Glover. And when he told a judge the defense had all the DNA test results, it was a mistake — but little more than an oversight.

"The question is not whether those statements Mr. Nifong made are literally true or literally false," Glover told Superior Court Judge W. Osmund Smith III. "The question is were they willfully and intentionally false and were they also part of an effort to hide potentially exculpatory evidence, and that's the issue before the court."

Defense attorneys for the three falsely accused young men asked a judge to punish Nifong for initially telling the court he had turned over all DNA test results when he knew, and failed to disclose, that genetic material from multiple men was found on the accuser — but none from any lacrosse player.

If held in contempt, Nifong faces up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to $500. Nifong pleaded not guilty to the charge at the start of the hearing, which began Thursday and was to resume Friday.

Nifong, the former Durham County district attorney, led the investigation into a woman's allegations that she was raped at a March 2001 lacrosse team party where she was hired as a stripper. That spring, Nifong secured indictments against Reade Seligmann, Collyn Finnerty and Dave Evans for rape, kidnaping and sexual offense.

A month later, Nifong learned that a private laboratory determined the genetic material found on the woman was from several men, none of whom were Duke lacrosse players.

But Nifong didn't provide that information to the defense until October, and only then among nearly 2,000 pages of raw DNA test data that defense attorney Brad Bannon testified Thursday he gave all DNA testing results by referring in the report to other "non-probative" material.

"The fact is, you've got nothing significantly exculpatory beyond what you already knew from the report itself," Glover said Thursday.

"That's absolutely false," Bannon said abruptly. "And you know it."

Meehan, who testified later Thursday, denied that Nifong told him to withhold any exculpatory material. He said he considered the DNA results provid ed to the defense to be an "interim" report since other test specimens had yet to arrive.

Afterward, Meehan told reporters that he included all test results by referring in the report to other "non-probative" but unspecified DNA materials — the genetic material found on the accuser.
Johnson shakes off rust after ending holdout

Losman, Edwards are efficient in win over Detroit; Campbell returns from injury looking sharp and healthy

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Larry Johnson got the break-in work he needed while supplying a lackluster Chiefs-Rams preseason finale with just a smidgen of star "power."

Johnson, who ended a 25-day holdout earlier in the month, was the only starter of substance for either team who got on the field in St. Louis' 10-3 victory Thursday night. He shook off a bit of rust, carrying three times for 12 yards at the start of the Chiefs' first drive.

"It was good to get in the game and get a couple carries," Johnson said. "That's the toughest adjustment, getting back in the speed of the game and getting your timing down with your offensive linemen."

Third string quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Marques Hagans in the third quarter to give the Rams (2-2) a 10-0 lead.

Chiefs-Rams preseason finale

Friday, August 31, 2007

The Rams gave cornerback Fakhir Brown a start before he begins a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy on Friday. Ronald Bartell, a second-round pick in 2005, will be making his first career start in place of Brown in the Rams' opener Sept. 9 at home against the Carolina Panthers.

Chiefs defensive end Jared Allen, suspended for a DUI for his final appearance before an enforced absence.

The Chiefs (0-4) were held to a 40-yard field goal with 1:46 left, and Buffalo recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to seal a win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday night in the preseason finale.

"It's going to be a long stretch of sitting on the sidelines and watching, so I need to be able to use what I learned in the preseason," Edwards said.

Edwards was 18-of-24 for 182 yards, perhaps solidifying a job as Losman's backup ahead of Craig Nall even though coach Dick Jauron said the decision would be made soon.

"I was really happy with Trent," Jauron said. "He's performed so well. He just gets a little better all the time. He's pretty good to start with, like we said when we drafted him."

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Campbell played just one series, but it was exactly what the Redskins (2-2) wanted to see from the third-year pro. Although he got hit once, he had ample time in the pocket and capped the drive with a 23-yard strike down the sideline to Anquan Boldin.

It was Campbell's first touchdown pass of the preseason, an encouraging sign for an offense that scored just 37 points in its first three games.

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Brunell took over from there, getting plenty of playing time in his first game in Jacksonville as an opposing player.

The face of the Jaguars for nine years, Brunell got a warm welcome as he jogged onto the field.

He didn't get quite the same reception when he threw a 14-yard TD pass to Ryan Hoag late in the first half to give the Redskins a 14-3 lead.

Chiefs running back Larry Johnson breaks past Rams safety Todd Johnson during Kansas City's 10-3 win Thursday.

Losman take every significant practice opportunity he was given last week. It was Campbell's first career start. He gained some needed experience in the exhibition season, but like Edwards, he gained some needed experience in case Jon Kitna can't withstand 63 sacks as he did last season while taking every snap. He has to end the preseason," Edwards said.

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Quinn keeps pushing for Browns starting job

Rookie had to wait his turn, but led team on touchdown drive once he saw the field

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brady Quinn said he's ready to make an impact for the Cleveland Browns and he did in the preseason opener before his opportunity comes to remain.

The rookie from Notre Dame was efficient, if unspectacular, leading the Browns to a touchdown in a 19-9 victory over the Chicago Bears on Thursday.

Now, it's up to coach Romeo Crennel to decide if Quinn's time is sooner or later.

Brian Griese, the team's quarterback for the previous three seasons, was sacked twice and completed only three of 10 passes. Brian Hoyer completed two of five passes, and Derek Anderson led a field-goal drive late in the first quarter before Quinn entered the game.

The second pick in the 2007 NFL draft will get his chance on Thursday night with a three-and-out drive backed by three sacks and a missed field goal.

Quinn led the Browns to a touchdown early in the second quarter and Anderson led another.

Associated Press

Baltimore — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have finally found a city they didn't want to leave.

The Baltimore Orioles could — and that's the big word — raise their single-season club record.

The first three batters to face Kazmir provided the Orioles with a 3-0 lead, and five runs were scored in the first inning of the Orioles' 8-6 victory over Baltimore on Thursday night.

The team has scored fewer runs in the last two games than they did in the first 10.

The Orioles are 2-0 in the last three games played against the Rays in Baltimore.

The Rays have lost three straight games, and their first three-game sweep in a row. They have yet to win in the series.

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Associated Press

Baltimore — The Boston Red Sox will play their Kansas City Royals home opener at Fenway Park on Thursday night.

The game will be a part of the Red Sox's three-game series against the Royals.

The Red Sox have won five of their last six games, including their first two against the Rays.

The Rays have lost five in a row, including their first two against the Red Sox.

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LSU crushes Mississippi State 45-0 in opener

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Matt Flynn was average in his first game as LSU’s No. 1 quarterback. It looked great compared to the way Mississippi State’s Michael Henig played Thursday night.

Craig Steltz grabbed three of Henig’s record-tying six interceptions and the second-ranked Tigers rumbled past the Bulldogs as usual 45-0. Flynn and new offensive coordinator Gary Crowton struggled to find a rhythm early, but they received plenty of help from Henig and the Tigers’ defense on a rainy night.

“Way the plays were going to come,” Flynn said. “It was really messy out there. The rain was really coming down out there. It was tough to hang on to the ball, tough to put yards together.”

Just ask Henig, who practically handcuffed LSU’s eighth straight win overall. The Tigers scored points after five of his interceptions and a fumble by backup quarterback Wesley Carroll set up another.

“I’ll be the first to admit he wasn’t playing well,” Mississippi coach Sylvester Croom said. “There’s not a whole lot to say.”

It was LSU’s eighth straight win in the series with the Bulldogs. Since Mississippi State’s last win in 1999, LSU has outscored the Bulldogs 340-81, including three shutouts by 42 or more points.

Mississippi State has lost 12 straight games to Top 10 opponents and 11 of its last 13 home games.

Steltz, Curtis Taylor, Jonathan Zenon and Danny McCray had interceptions in the first half and Steltz added two more in the second half. The Tigers needed the help as a stout Bulldogs defense held them scoreless on every drive but one that wasn’t set up by a turnover.

Henig also fumbled the snap on a fourth-and-1 attempt after he led the team on a nine-play drive in the first quarter that put the Bulldogs at the Tigers 36. It was one of only two serious forays into LSU territory.

Henig tied the school record for interceptions in a game that had stood since 1949, when Max Mainbrook did it against Cincinnati, before giving way to Carroll midway through the fourth quarter. It was Henig’s fifth multiple-interception game in 10 career starts and the most picks he’s thrown since giving away three passes against Alabama on Nov. 5, 2005, as a freshman.

How does a quarterback recover from a six-interception game?

“A lot of prayer to clear my head,” Henig said. “I know a lot of people will say bad things this week. But I can’t pay attention to that.”

LSU coach Les Miles said he’d never had team pick off six passes in a game.

“I hope it’s not the last,” he said.

Croom said the turnovers undermined any chance the Bulldogs had.

“You lose field position, you lose offensive opportunities and the big thing is you can’t give the defense a rest,” he said.

While LSU’s offense was held to 37 yards rushing on 14 carries. He also passed for 126 yards on 12 of 19 passing with two touchdowns and no turnovers in his second career start.

Doucet had nine catches for 78 yards and a touchdown. Flynn also ran for 42 yards.

“Flyne made good plays and was really the key to our efforts on offense,” Miles said. “He moved well in the pocket and avoided negative yardage.”

Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom bows his head following his team’s 45-0 loss to LSU Thursday. Croom is 9-26 as Mississippi State’s coach.

Jacob Hester gave LSU a boost early and finished with 67 yards rushing on 14 carries. He also served as the lead blocker on two 1-yard TD runs by Keiland Williams that helped the Tigers to a 17-0 halftime lead.

While LSU’s offense will have to find some consistency as the team prepares for next week’s game against No. 9 Virginia Tech, its defense appeared to be as dominating as last year.

The Tigers allowed 146 total yards and held the Bulldogs to 10 yards rushing. LSU also had four sacks and a fumble recovery.

Mississippi State can take some consolation in keeping the game close in the first half. Last season, the Tigers led 21-0 after the first quarter and 35-3 midway through a 48-17 win.

But the result certainly won’t take the pressure off Croom, who has lost 26 games in four seasons at Starkville and will be searching for his 10th win when the Bulldogs travel to Tulane on Sept. 8.
Outside hitter Megan Fesi and middle blocker Justine Stremick attempt to block in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Syracuse in 2006.

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Monday. The Irish will now face tournament host Missouri today and Florida International Saturday.

"The Invitational is a good opportunity to continue to play strong competition and better ourselves for the season," Brown said. "Specifically we are looking to be a much better hitting team."

The last time the Irish faced the Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory.

The Tigers have held a 2-1 overall record and the No. 20 ranking in the nation. They also are undefeated all-time against the Irish, with a 2-0 mark.

Notre Dame has never faced Florida International, and the Irish are looking for a win against the 2-1 Golden Panthers to start the series.

"I think as a team we are going into this weekend really determined," Brown said. "We're a competitive group and we don't like losing. We're looking to go undefeated this weekend."

The Tiger Invitational marks the first of three tournaments in which the Irish will compete before the conference slate begins. Next weekend the Irish will host the Shamrock Invitational, where they will face the College of Charleston, Alabama and Ohio. Their conference season will begin with an away match on Sept. 22 against Pittsburgh.

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NBA

Special prosecutor hired to investigate referee betting scandal

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — David Stern defended his current referees, blasted a pair of former ones, and vowed to wait until a review of the NBA's officiating program is finished before he decides on any punishments stemming from gambling activities.

The commissioner was in Las Vegas on Thursday to watch the United States play Argentina in the FIBA Americas tournament, and it wasn't long before questions turned to gambling.

The league recently chose former federal prosecutor Lawrence B. Pedowitz to oversee a review of its policies regarding gambling and its referees in the wake of the Tim Donaghy scandal.

Donaghy has pleaded guilty to betting on games, including some he worked, and providing inside information to others to help them win bets. An ESPN Radio report said the former official was set to name as many as 20 other referees who took part in gambling activity, though not necessarily criminal.

"As a staff, the quality is a lot better than when Mr. Donaghy and Mr. Mathis and Hue Hollins, who have been critical in some recent newspaper stories of the current state of the profession under director of officials Ronne Numm. NBA officials are generally prohibited from speaking to the media.

"I think that their statements about former referees, which they're happy to take shots at, are kind of interesting," Stern said. "And I guess that's all I'll say, is that Messrs. Mathis and Hollins at the end of their careers were not model referees."

"As a staff, the quality is a lot better than when Mr. Hollins and Mr. Mathis were running the floor, I might say. Certainly toward the end of their perhaps otherwise distinguished careers, so I'm very protective of our existing officials and their staff and their development, and I doubt very much that our existing staff would do to their younger colleagues what Mathis and Hollins now find to be open. So when you talk about officials you should make the point that these are disgruntled former officials."

Stern said Pedowitz and his staff have as much time as they need to conduct their review, which will include interviews with referees, and league and team officials. He said there would be "no holds barred."

But he's not ready to say yet what will happen if more gambling activity among his officials is proven. NBA policies prevent referees from any type of betting, other than trips to the races during the off-season.

"Some of them might have actually bought a lottery ticket, or played bingo in a church, two forms of gambling that I'm sure everyone is very familiar with," Stern said. "I don't want to prejudge what the referees might do, but I think there are some things that would perhaps cause me to pause more than others."

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One of those freshmen, goalkeeper Nikki Weiss, is one of six keepers in the program.

"I think that support is really key for us," Cinalli said.

Five starters graduated last year, but Cinalli said their spots have been satisfactorily filled. "Some of [the freshmen] have had a transfer [junior Elise Weber, from Wisconsin] who's stepped into that hole and is helping with that a lot," Cinalli said. "And then some of the underclassmen have stepped up, so it's been everyone.

"The graduation of Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivaček left a large hole at the midfield position. Freshmen Lauren Fowlkes, who had a goal against Virginia, should start there, along with juniors Brittaey Boek and Becca Mendiza. Junior Carrie Dew, back from an ACL injury, will play alongside Weber and sophomore Amanda Clarke and Haley Ford in the backfield, helping to fill the void left by the departure of Christie Shaner and Kim Lovrenen. Cinalli and Waldrum said Weber has been a great help to the team since joining them this summer.

Notre Dame is 12-2 against Michigan and defeated the Wolverines 2-0 in Ann Arbor last season. The Wolverines, who were 9-7-6 last season and lost in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, had a 1-1 pre-season record. They defeated Ohio 5-0 and lost to Dayton 2-1.

Cinalli said Notre Dame's loss to North Carolina in last season's NCAA championship and the subsequent tie this pre-season provided the team with extra motivation. "Obviously it was a heart-breaker, the national championship," Cinalli said. "Coming into pre-season and playing North Carolina, I mean, we completely dominated them and should have beat them, but we did tie them and so that kind of built our confidence going into the season.

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ND Women's Soccer Commentary

Students should support contenders

Eight months after Notre Dame fell to North Carolina in the 2006 national championship game in the Tar Heels' home state, a record crowd of 3,412 turned out at Alumni Field on Aug. 19 for the rematch of that final.

The Irish played the defending champions to a 2-2 draw in the friendly.

But tonight's contest is definitely a whole new story for us," Cinalli said. "Coming into pre-season and playing North Carolina, I mean, we completely dominated them and should have beat them, but we did tie them and so that kind of built our confidence going into the season.

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Irish defense man Jack Traynor battles for the ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over DePaul in the first round of the Big East tournament on Oct. 25, 2006.

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America's team.

"We know they are going to be a great team," Clark said. "They don't have any weak spots, but to be truthful we don't either."

"Strikers" Joseph Lapira and Kurt Martin will lead the Irish. Martin is starting for the first time in his career and has emerged as a serious scoring threat in Notre Dame's two preseason matches.

Lapira is the reigning winner of the Hermann Trophy Award, widely recognized as the most prestigious national player-of-the-year honor.

Notre Dame won both of its exhibitions this season against Northwestern and a 2-2 draw with Virginia Commonwealth. The Terps will also open up their season tonight against tournament host Indiana.

"We will get a good look at them on Friday and we will have an opportunity to really evaluate their team then," Clark said.

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In a time when audiences were treated to self-pronounced "new gas over and over and over again," everyone hoped that the experiment would stop with Shrek the Third. (We couldn't find anyone who knew this movie, so instead of a recap we've presented instead an approximation of the dialogue that would have followed.)

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ND Women's Soccer

One step at a time

No. 2 squad gets set for opening match

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

On the heels of a successful preseason, No. 2 Notre Dame opens the regular season against Michigan tonight at 7:30 on Alumni Field.

Senior forward and captain Amanda Cinalli seemed slightly taken aback when asked what worried the team most about the game against Michigan.

"Worried? I don't know if we're too much worried," Cinalli said. "I think we're just excited.

The Irish tied No. 1 North Carolina 2-2 and beat No. 11 Virginia 3-1 in their preseason campaign. The exhibition games gave freshman players a chance to experience the game at the collegiate level, and so far the transition to college has been smooth.

"They've been doing really well for us," Cinalli said. "We already feel like they're veterans, which is great."

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Football

ResLife's actions not consistent

I am confused.

Last winter, Notre Dame basketball player Kyle McAlarney was arrested for possession of marijuana. The University's Office of Residence Life suspended McAlarney for the rest of the spring semester, after he entered a pre-trial diversion program to expunge the charge from his record. This summer, South Bend police arrested Notre Dame defensive end Derrell Hand on charges of soliciting a prostitute. Hand also entered a pre-trial diversion program. His punishment: a three-game suspension from football coach Charlie Weis and, apparently, little from the University.

Here's why I am confused. Both offenses occurred off campus and involve athletes in high-profile sports. While Delaware makes no explicit mention of prostitution, the University surely does not condone either offense. It has decided, however, to handle these cases involving high-profile athletes very differently.

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Men's Soccer

No. 1 UCLA awaits in season debut

No. 9 Irish try to snap losing streak against top-ranked opponents

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame has faced a No. 1 ranked team five times in program history. The result has been the same each time: an Irish loss.

But No. 9 Notre Dame has a chance to start its 2007 season with a bang by reversing that trend against top-ranked UCLA tonight.

Four of the five losses have come at the hands of in-state rival Indiana — the most recent loss to the then-No. 1 Hoosiers being a 2-0 defeat in 2004 — and the fifth was another 2-0 loss to Connecticut in 1998. The Irish were shut out in all five contests.

"To start off the season beating anyone is special, whether they are No. 1 or just another good team," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The important thing in this game is that we have to look after ourselves."

The UCLA match is part of the Adidas/IU Classic in Bloomington, Ind. The tournament is in its 25th year and features four top-10 clubs this season. It has hosted the eventual national champ nine times since 1982.

The Bruins were only one goal away from claiming their own national crown last year, but lost 2-1 to UC-Santa Barbara in the title game. UCLA returns eight starters from that squad and 16 total players — all of whom are hungry for a second chance at a championship.

One key loss from last season's UCLA squad was goalkeeper Eric Bled. But sophomore Brian Pek, who takes over the starting role, played with the U.S. Under-20 National Team and was recently named to the preseason All-American team.

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Volleyball

Irish travel to Tiger Invitational

Team hits the road hoping to rebound after rough week

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After two tough losses against No. 9 Minnesota and No. 7 Florida, Notre Dame will look for its first wins of the season this weekend in the Tiger Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

"We played two tough teams last week," coach Debbie Brown said. "We played and hit much better against Florida than Minnesota. We hope to continue this upward trend and improve both our play and our record."

The Irish lost to Minnesota 3-0 in the first game of the weekend. The Irish played a closer match against the Gators, but Florida won in four games.

Though this weekend's tournament traditionally has four participants, Florida A&M withdrew from the field.

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Irish sophomore outside hitter Christina Kaelin spikes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26, 2006.

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Notre Dame’s young defensive coordinator brings a new scheme to what has been a porous defense. But what really is ...

The Corwin Brown Effect?
Going back to a familiar unknown

In 2007, Irish fans step back into the unknown. Some people dread the unknown and fear that 2007 will bring disappointing results. After all, who could blame them for thinking that way? Last season, everybody knew who everybody was on the team. Quinn, Samuelsen and Walker were known quantities. They were reliable, consistent and brought with them the security of a good season, but those days of security are now over.

This season is for those who relish the unknown and the chance to take a journey that is sure to hold moments of both disappointment and excitement.

The first and most obvious unknown is at the quarterback position. Some have called coach Charlie Weis arrogant for not revealing his starting quarterback earlier, but in reality, what difference does it really make whether or not fans learn the starter Saturday morning or if they had learned a month ago? The starter does not have to beat out two very good candidates this training camp, the Irish are pushing their quarterbacks harder than ever on defense. Sophomore Darrin Walls beat out traditional starter senior Ambrose Wooden for the corner-back spot opposite Terrail Lambert. The competition for each defensive spot must have been intense and only makes the secondary better in the end because everybody has to push harder everyday in practice. Nobody knows what to expect from anybody this season. Remember 2005, and having that feeling of uncertainty that the season could come crashing down or, if a couple things went right, could be memorable? I have the same feeling.

Just have a little patience and not necessarily those of The Observer. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Chris Hine
Sports Editor

Sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls tackles Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson in Notre Dame's 14-10 win last September.

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Dr. Corwin Brown, Irish defensive coordinator, brings new attitude to defense

Defensive Coordinator Corwin Brown brings new attitude, new scheme to Irish defense

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown is a players' coach.

Yes, the product of the Bill Parcells-Bill Belichick-Al Groh-Eric Mangini coaching tree is a players' coach.

No, he's not a lackadaisical, non-disciplinarian.

He's not a guy who is going to play favorites or coddle starters.

And Brown certainly is not a guy who is going to say anything other than what he thinks.

But talk to the Notre Dame defense, and they'll tell you that the team's new, 37-year-old defensive coordinator is what they think a "players' coach" should be.

He relates well.

Something about the former standout at Michigan — who grew up in a tough neighborhood of Chicago, earned a spot in the NFL, studied the game closely enough to land an assistant coaching gig in college and then a spot on a pro team's staff — connects with almost every defender for the Irish.

"He's a great players' coach. He knows how to get guys fired up," fifth-year defensive lineman Trevor Laws says. "You really feel like you're playing for him when you're out there because he's always right behind you, always pushing you. He knows how to get players to play, and you really do want to play for him."

Laws says that Brown's youth is a benefit in his relationship with players, something related to what some of Law's teammates say.

For other defenders, having a coach whose playing experience was substantial and recent means an extra level of comfort and respect. Brown played for the New England Patriots from 1992-96, for the New York Jets from 1997-98 and for the Detroit Lions from 1999-2000. Meanwhile, Irish head coach Charlie Weis didn't play any college ball, and defensive backs coach Bill Lewis ended his playing days 45 years ago, when he graduated from East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State.

"It's a lot easier, too, when he's actually played and he's telling you things that you know. And he really does answer questions when you really relate to them," Irish linebacker Joe Brockington says. "I think that was the biggest thing ... opening your ears and listening to what he had to say."

Defensive coordinator Darril Walls says Brown "understands a lot of our situations" because "he's been in the game, he knows what it's like."

More than just one change

When Weis announced that Minter's contract would not be renewed and Brown would be the team's new defensive coordinator, the offensive-minded Brown said he would understand Brown's scheme and his goals.

But the change was more than just a man named Corwin Brown replacing Rick Minter. It was more than just the 3-4 personnel group replacing the 4-3.

It was aggressiveness replacing a passive defense. It was energy replacing analysis. It was two years of underperformance replaced by one year of a performance.

Brockington says one of Brown's strengths is his energy, which is far greater than his predecessor's. Brockington says Brown is more than just a rah-rah coach; he's also an intellectual. "Brown wants you to coach the 44-year veteran of coaching things about defenses and ways of interacting with players. "Corwin is extremely bright. He has a great grasp of the game of football," Laws says. "If you're at practice, he runs around, he tells press conferences to the area and with its coaches.

"If I wasn't into there prior, he probably would have that [role]," Ingham says. "But certainly, with anybody, if you come and you have contacts some place, we're going to use your contacts. We'd be foolish not to, regardless of where they are."

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"They don't B.S. you," Wooden says. "If they see something in you, see a special talent you have, they're going to tell you about it. That's what I think they bring to the table, and that's what they're up-front. They'll tell you exactly what they think of you, whether it's good or bad."

And, at least in Wooden's view, that makes them players' coaches.
**Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

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**COACHING**

In two years as Notre Dame head coach, Charlie Weis has led the Irish to back-to-back three-loss seasons and two BCS berths. Although he is just 1-5 against Top 10 teams, he is 18-3 against teams outside the Top 10 — like Georgia Tech.

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**QUARTERBACKS**

Tayor Bennett reached West Virginia's abysmal pass defense last season in the Gator Bowl and just his second start. Whether that's an indicator of things to come is still up in the air, but it was a promising start in his career.

**IRISH RUSHING**

John Tenuta favors speed over size, and it shows on his defensive line, where the least talented player is just 285 pounds. The entire front seven is fast, however, and the confusing blitz schemes the Jackets employ can make offenses look silly.

**IRISH PASSING**

Notre Dame has three quarterbacks to choose from, but none of them have any experience. Similarly, the Irish have a whole host of young wide receivers. Tight end John Carlson is one of the best in the country and should make an impact against Georgia Tech.

**ANALYSIS**

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Don't count on the new quarterback being the biggest difference in the Notre Dame offense. That distinction will belong to Charlie Weis's imagination. After a reported meeting with West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez, Weis will utilize a spread-option offense, which will play to the Jacket defense's weaknesses. For the first time since he got here and said he would create an offense around his players, Weis will do just that.

**NEITHER STARTER WILL BE SPECIALLY EXPERIENCED, BUT BENNETT'S PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE MOUNTAINEERS GIVES HIM AN EDGE. NOT ONLY HAS HE PLAYED IN A BIG GAME, HE'S STILL PERFORMING WELL AND WILL BE CONFIDENT COMING INTO ND.**

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**Chris Khorey Sports Editor**

**Notre Dame's quarterback (Whever it is) won't exactly remind people of Brady Quinn, but it won't matter. The Irish running game will control the clock and the defense, which will show major improvement over last year, will set up at least one touchdown with a turnover. Tushard Choice will get the yards, but in the end Notre Dame will pull out a hard-fought defensive battle.**

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**Ken Fowler Managing Editor**
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Jackets RUSHING

Jackets PASSING

Special Teams

INTANGIBLES

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The Irish secondary struggled last year, but with a lot of returning talent and two former NFL defensive backs coaches on the defensive staff, it should be improved in 2007. Meanwhile, Brown’s 3-4 allows for blitzes from all sorts of angles.

Tashard Choice came into his own at the end of the season, finishing with over 1,500 yards and 9.0 points per carry. He didn’t see the ball much in the opener last year against the Irish, but he did manage to run for 58 yards on 14 carries.

Georgia Tech is at home with low expectations, which means a raucous crowd if things start going well. Georgia Tech has no film of Corwin Brown’s defense, has no idea who will start at quarterback and will be caught by surprise by new wrinkles from Weis.

The Jackets come in looking for revenge after feeling like they lost last year’s game ship away. However, they threw everything at the Irish last year in Atlanta and Weis knows what to prepare for.

If Notre Dame’s pass defense improves as envisioned this year, it will not be able to weather two disasters that will shock him all game from all sorts of angles. It will make it easy for him to replicate the Gator Bowl.

With speedy returners for both kickoff and punt returns, the Irish have the capability to return every kickoff and Georgia Tech’s punt. If Notre Dame’s offense struggles, Notre Dame may be called upon to keep his team in the game.

Notre Dame has almost all the intangible advantages in this one. They have the home field and Tom Zbikowski is among the worst in the nation.

The Irish defense and special teams save the day in this close game. Armando Allen runs back the opening kickoff. The offense manages to pull together one impressive drive early in the second half, but it does not matter as the defense holds Georgia Tech to limited second half yardage. Notre Dame starts off the year 1-0 and gains key momentum heading into Penn State.

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Even without a clear successor to Brady Quinn, Notre Dame’s offense should still be ready for anything Tech can throw at them. Weis still has a potentially great running back combo in Alexander and Thomas. The one real question mark is whether Corwin Brown’s defense is going to be enough to stop Tashard Choice. But anything has to be better than the Irish defense in years past.
### Crunching the numbers

**2006 Statistics (Average Per Game)**

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*Upset special in bold*
Running backs look to establish offense

By BY JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Taylor Bennett spent all of last season on defense and special teams—a departure from his natural position of running back—in order to help Notre Dame with the Irish defense with speed. But Saturday, the fifth-year man can return full-time to the offensive backfield and can already visualize the big plays he wants to make against Georgia Tech.

"I think everyone is excited right now, last year we had said, 'I'm just looking forward to my first big little sheet,'" Thomas said. "The first few of five running backs is head coach Charlie Weis. I think the Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "The thing about this kid, that I always admire with running backs, is he's very, very durable." Choice came into his own late last season, rushing for more than 100 yards in each of his last seven games, including a 169-yard performance in the Gator Bowl against West Virginia.

"Obviously the mainstay of their running game is [Choice]," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "The thing about this kid, that I always admire with running backs, is he's very, very durable." Choice said he felt like he could have run for more than 100 yards in last season's game against Notre Dame, but then-offensive coordinator Patrick Nix decided to concentrate on the passing game.

"We didn't run the football as much, we didn't convert on that many third downs," Choice said. "I think it was a chance to win the game but obviously a little bit. We knew that we could compete with anyone. This season we want to show people that we can go into a hostile environment and win games like that and do that for the course of the season." Bennett can point to his performance last year against the Mountaineers as proof that he can play well in big games. He threw for 326 yards on 19-for-29 passing and two touchdowns. (The Gator Bowl) helped him tremendously," Yellow Jackets coach Chan Gailey said. "I think it helped everybody tremendously. The more experience you have, and the more positive experiences you have, the better you get." For his career, Bennett has completed 45 percent of his passes for 2,544 yards with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

But Weis said what impressed him most on film was Bennett's ability to do things that I wanted to do. "The thing that stood out about this kid is he shows very good poise," Weis said. "He has a strong arm. I think he's a very good athlete." Bennett will have to be poised coming into a hostile environment at Notre Dame.

"I think that's what our guys can make the adjustments that are necessary," he said. "The experience we have as a big part into that." Bennett will have to be poised coming into a hostile environment at Notre Dame.

"You can't let the situation get to you," Gailey said. "Our guys have been in some pretty tough places to play in and have been successful, so I don't think I have to go make a long speech about the No. 1 horsemen or anything."
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