Endowment jumps $1.4 billion

Dramatic growth continues; in one year, total increases from $5.08 to $6.54 billion

By KAREN LANGLEY

The Notre Dame endowment pool has grown by more than $1.4 billion during the last fiscal year, making it likely the University will continue to rank in the top two or three American universities in investment performance, Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Wednesday. The endowment grew at an annual rate of 25.9 percent during the 2007 fiscal year, among the top rates of return of all university endowments, Malpass said. This rate of return is markedly higher than the 17.7 percent returns experienced by the TUCS Large Fund Median, a compilation of other endowment foundations and pension funds of more than $1 billion, Malpass said.

The University endowment pool was $6.54 billion when the 2007 fiscal year ended on June 30. A year earlier, the endowment pool was $5.08 billion. Investment strategies at Notre Dame differ from those at some peer institutions in that University investments must follow the guidelines of Catholic social teaching, Malpass said.

186 companies attend career fair

Students meet with representatives; organizers say 600-800 interviews scheduled today

By KRISTEN EDELEN

Students brought résumés for representatives of 186 companies at Notre Dame’s fall career fair Wednesday in the Joyce Athletics and Convocation Center (JACC). Though students say the fair appears geared toward business majors, Lee Svete, director of the Career Center and an organizer of the fair, said all students could benefit from the variety of companies represented.

There is actually quite a bit of the marketing area represented here tonight, which is a career suitable for any major,” Svete said. “General Mills, Target (and) even Abercrombie and Fitch from the corporate levels are here. These are the people responsible for branding and such. These are creative opportunities.”

Until 2001, Svete said, the fair was “only associated with the Mendoza College of Business. It was even held in the Mendoza building. Moving it to the JACC has opened up the scene for undergraduates as well as a variety of other majors. Still, Svete said, many of the companies present offered opportunities geared toward finance and accounting majors. There were also opportunities for engineering majors to contact companies including Neidle Waters and Chevron. Though Svete is proud of the fall fair, he said, the second career fair, held in January, will be “less business driven.”

Saint Mary’s junior and finance major Erika Lowe was prepared for the large number of companies present at the fair. She had done research and was ready to talk to possible future employers.

“It is a little bit intimidat­ing, but you just have to get in there and talk to people. You can’t hold back on opportunities like this,” she said.

OFF-CAMPUS SENIOR Brian Ronan, also a finance major, targeted representatives from investment banks and consulting firms. Going into the fair, he was not partial to any company but decided to scout firms in attendance. The fair was once geared primarily toward seniors looking for careers but has changed, making it more accessible for sophomores.

ND takes health research to U.N.

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Notre Dame and Purdue University researchers will present their work on global health initiatives Sept. 23 at a side event for the opening of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly. This one-time event, sponsored by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, is a chance to tell four stories from Notre Dame, said Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame.

The event, entitled “Global Health in Focus,” will take place at 1:15 p.m. in Holy Family Hall on 315 E. 47th St. in New York City. Approximately 30 countries have received personal invitations to the presentation. Jacobs said, most of which are African countries that have been devastated by HIV/AIDS. The rest of the U.N. assembly has been invited as well, he said.

The Notre Dame delegation, which will present some of the work professors are doing to address the health crisis, is comprised of three people: Dr. Patrick Teplitz, Maria Brusas, and Anna Essgott. Teplitz, professor of biological sciences, said the delegation will represent the university well and continue to further the University’s mission of serving the public.

Facebook prompts concerns

Job hunters fear scrutiny in hiring

By ROHAN ANAND and NICK BOCH

Facebook, undoubtedly the most popular social networking site for college students, is now posing a problem for those ready to apply for jobs after graduation.

User privacy concerns are believed to be the most common reason why a growing number of students have choses to delete their Facebook accounts. Until last year, Facebook access was limited to high school and college students by requiring a school e-mail address in order to create an account.

Now that it is open to the public, more students are growing concerned about how easily their information can be accessed by non-students – particularly important individuals like potential employers in the job market. “Students aren’t protecting certain parts of their Facebook,” said Lee Svete, director of career services at Notre Dame.

In the past, employers have joined Facebook, which will present some of the students to be Facebook

Author speaks on writing process

Ann Cummins reads from ‘Yellowcake,’ a story about a Navajo family

By KATIE STAAK

Acclaimed short story author Ann Cummins read from her first novel, “Yellowcake,” and explained her character development process in an event Wednesday at Notre Dame sponsored by the Department of Economics.

“Yellowcake” is set during the 1990s and focuses on memories of a Navajo family living with the effects of working in a uranium mill. The
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Leaders address pollution

Senators urge University to reduce emissions 10 percent by 2015

By KAITLYNN RIELY  Assistant News Editor

A resolution urging the University to pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 10 percent by 2015 passed unanimously in the Student Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, presented by Student Environmental Task Force co-chairs Felipe Witchger and Zach Einterz, also calls for a long-term commitment to carbon neutrality.

The Task Force is a volunteer group of club leaders that meets occasionally to discuss ways to make campus more environmentally friendly, Einterz said.

The resolution describes global climate change as "one of the most serious challenges facing humanity today" and says Notre Dame has a "moral ob­ligation to safeguard Creation for future generations."

The resolution cites the grade D- received by Notre Dame on the 2007 College Sustainability Report Card as a reason necessitating the resolution. The data used in the study, conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, was questioned by University administrators, who said that no one from the Institute ever spoke with a University representative. The resolution states that the information used in the evaluation came only from Notre Dame’s Web site.

Einterz credited the University with looking at ways to decrease energy use and increase energy efficiency and said it has expanded its recycling program. However, Notre Dame still lags behind its peers in environmentally sustainable practices, he said.

One of the reasons for that, Einterz said, is "our admin­istrative support hasn’t been as strong as we would like."

More work can be done by the University, Einterz said.

The purpose of the resolution, he said, is "for the University to publicly say they are committed to dealing with climate change in a concrete and definable way."

The resolution acknowledges that Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves created the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee in January 2007. The committee’s Web site says its intent is to "broaden energy and environmental awareness," report on Notre Dame green initiatives and advise University leadership on environmental leadership in ecologically friendly opportunities," Witchger sits on the committee.

Witchger said he did not have data on the current levels of greenhouse gases emitted by the campus. But he said 10 percent is a feasible goal for the University by 2015. Harvard University has reduced its emissions by six percent in the past two years, he said.

"Ten percent is a very basic, very small goal," Witchger said.

If the University were more progressive, he said, it could probably reduce emissions by 30 percent by 2015.

"This ten percent would just give a public statement, saying the student body wants to take action forward," he said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Some senators reported that concession stands at the stadium did not take their Donor Dollars.

Concession stands behind stu­dent seating should take Donor Dollars, student body president Liz Brown said, but she said she would look into why they could not be used behind the freshman seating section.

♦ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution amending the Student Body Constitution. The amendment eliminated mention of the Student Union Board presidential division, which no longer exists.

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Brown: Wear black today, green Friday

By KAITLYNN RIELY  Assistant News Editor

"The Shirt" solidarity day, originally scheduled for today, was postponed to Friday because of the previously scheduled national solidarity day on which people have been asked to wear black to show support for a group of six black teenagers facing criminal charges in a small town in Louisiana.

The African-American teenagers — known as the "Jena 6" — allegedly assaulted a white teenager following a string of racial flare-ups in the racially charged town of Jena, La. They were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun sent an e-mail to the student body postponing "The Shirt" day until Friday and encouraging students to wear black today.

"It was not the intention of Student Government to plan a day in support of ND Football on the same day as a national movement to support the Jena 6," the e-mail said. "This was obviously an oversight on our part, and by no means a political statement or an attempt to overshadow the importance of this national issue.

At the Student Senate meeting Wednesday, Brown recommend­ed senators and their constituents wear black today.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran warns of weapons readiness
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has drawn up plans to bomb Israel if the Jewish state should attack, the deputy air force commander said Wednesday, arguing that tellingly heated up by an Israeli airstrike on Syria and Western calls for more U.N. sanctions against Tehran.

Other Iranian officials also underlined these threats this week. Iran, the U.S. or Israel attacks, a reflection of concerns in Tehran that demands by the U.S. and its allies for Iran to curtail its nuclear program could escalate into military action.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Sunday that the international community of war in the event Iran launches atomic weapons, although he later stressed the focus is still on diplomatic pressures.

Fiery meteorite strikes Peru
LIMA, Peru — A fiery meteorite slammed into southern Peru over the weekend, experts confirmed on Wednesday. But they were still puzzling over claims that it gave fumes that sickened 200 people.

Witnesses told reporters that a fireball fell from the sky and smashed itself into the desolate Andean plain near the Bolivian border Saturday morning.

Jose Mecherche, a scientist with Peru's Geological, Mining and Metallurgical Institute, said a geologist had confirmed that it was a "rocky meteorite," based on the fireball's path.

He said water in the meteorite's muddy crater boiled for maybe 10 minutes from the heat and could have given off a vapor that sickened people, and scientists were taking water samples.

NATIONAL NEWS

Tennessee lethal injection halted
NASHVILLE — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Tennessee's new lethal injection procedure was cruel and unusual punishment, interrupting plans to execute a killer next week.

The protocol "presents a substantial risk of unnecessary pain" and violates death row inmate Edward Jerome Hamilton's constitutional protection against the cruel and unusual punishment, U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger said.

The new protocol, released in April, does not use the traditional "three-drug cocktail" before the lethal injection is administered, Trauger said, which could "result in a terrifying, excruciating death."

Troop bill fails to pass Senate
WASHINGTON — Democrats' efforts to challenge George W. Bush's plan to expand a demilitarized zone in Afghanistan into all of Pakistan failed Wednesday after they failed to scrape together enough support to pass legislation that would give the military more time at home.

The 54-46 vote — four votes short of reaching the 60 needed to advance — all but guaranteed that Democrats would be unable to muster the votes to pass tough anti-war legislation by year's end. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., was seen as the Democrats' best shot at blocking its pro-military policies.

"The idea of winning the war in Iraq is beginning to seem a second look," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who led opposition to the bill alongside Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

LOCAL NEWS

State reports first West Nile death
DENVER — A 64-year-old Colorado resident has died from the West Nile virus, the state's first reported death from the mosquito-borne illness this year.

The agency did not release the person's name or any other details.

The department also reported that two new human cases of West Nile, one each in Lake and Vanderburgh counties. They bring to 10 the number of confirmed infections in Indiana this year.

Health officials say the hot, dry weather this summer is perfect for the mosquitoes that carry the virus. Those over age 50 are at greatest risk from the virus.

LEBANON

More violence takes toll on diplomacy
Six killed, including Lebanese politician, and 67 wounded in latest bomb attack

Associated Press

BEIRUT A powerful bomb killed a Syrian lawyer and six others Wednesday in a Christian neighborhood of Beirut, threatening to derail an effort by an already deeply divided international coalition to begin new talks with Lebanon's next president in voting to begin next week.

Antoine Ghanem, a 64-year-old member of the Christian Phalange party who had returned from refuge abroad only two days earlier, was the eighth anti-Syria figure and fourth lawmaker from the government coalition to be assassinated in less than three years.

Coalition members blamed Syria. Damascus denied involvement, as it has for the previous seven assassinations, including the 2005 bombing death of Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, a killing that ignited huge protests that forced Syria to withdraw its troops after a three-decade occupation.

Security officials said at least 67 people were wounded — more than 20 of them by shrapnel — in Thursday's explosion in a busy street in Beirut's stronghold, severely damaging nearby buildings, setting several cars ablaze and scattering blood and debris along the street.

Explosive experts were seeing checking the engine of Ghanem's car, which was thrown more than 150 feet.

He died in hospital.

"I have never seen a more cowardly regime than that of Bashir's," Lebanese lawmaker Samir Geagea said, blaming the Syrian president for Ghanem's death. Hariri replaced his father, the assassinated ex-premier, as head of anti-Syria forces, which now hold a majority in Parliament.

Kouchner said Sunday that the international community does not want presidential elections in Lebanon to be held.

"It is the only regime that does not want presidential elections in Lebanon to be held," Farfatt said.

President Emile Lahoud, an ally of Syria, also implied Ghanem's death was meant to undermine the presidential vote, saying "it is no coincidence that whenever there are positive signs that someone is killed.

Syria said the attack was aimed at sabotaging efforts by the Lebanese people to reach agreement.

"This criminal act aims at undermining efforts paid by Syria and others to achieve Lebanon's national accord," Syria's state-run news agency SANA quoted an anonymous Syrian official as saying.

Many people fear the divisions over the presidency could lead to civil war and a power vacuum, with Syria trying to gain influence in the last two years of Lebanon's 1972-90 civil war when army units loyal to competing administrations battled it out.

The United States has accused Syria of trying to undermine Lebanon's govern­ment, but has stopped short of tying the Damascus regime to the political killings.

"The bombing that claimed these lives was another in a campaign of terror by those who want to turn back the clock on Lebanon's hard-won democratic gains," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

"Enemies of peace and freedom want to gain through violence, threat, and intimidation what they cannot win in free and fair elections."

Bush proposes expansion of spy law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush has approved legislation that would allow the government to wiretap telephone calls and monitor electronic communications in the United States without a court order.

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The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act governs when the government must obtain warrants for eavesdropping from a secret intelligence court. This year's update — approved just before Congress' August break — allows for more efficient interception of foreign communications.

"Under the new law, the government can eavesdrop without a court order on communications conducted by a person reasonably believed to be outside the U.S., even if an American is on one end of the conversation — so long as that American is not the intended focus or target of the surveillance."

In requesting the change, the Bush administration said technological advances in communications had created a law gap in the ability to collect intelligence on ter­rorists.

Such surveillance generally was prohib­ited under the original law because the wiretap was conducted inside the U.S., unless a court approved it. Because of changes in technology, many more foreign communi­cations now flow through the U.S. The new law, known as the Protect America Act, allows those to be tapped without a court order.

Civil liberties groups and many Democrats say the new changes go too far. Democratic leaders in Congress set the law to expire in six months so that it could be "fined-tuned," that process now is beginning on Capitol Hill.

Democrats hope for changes that would provide additional oversight when the govern­ment eavesdrops on U.S. residents communicating with overseas parties.
Author opines on affirmative action

By SARAH MAYER News Writer

Author Tim Wise spoke to a standing-room-only crowd Thursday about affirmative action, saying that affluent white America is given a head start in the college admissions game.

Wise, author of "White Like Me" and "Affirmative Action in White America" spoke at the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College Wednesday as part of a lecture-series entitled " Undoing Systems of Racism: Privilege and Equality in Higher Education."

The series was hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Wise presented his views on affirmative action and the difference in opportunities available for white and African-American students. He also discussed the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and how he felt the government made no effort in helping African Americans evacuate.

Wise have more access to scholarship funds, large libraries and programs to increase standardized test scores.

"White people who end up doing very well in colleges, very few of them have not had the money or connections to get them into colleges," Wise said.

"Wise said wealthy white students start two laps ahead of African-American students and, in turn, the African-American students feel pressure to catch up. This pressure is created entirely by white people, he said.

"White folks created race as an issue and decided it would be an issue," he said.

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Health

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improve global health on a local scale in countries like Haiti, Uganda and Benin, hopes to speak with delegates from the countries where Notre Dame representatives are working.

Another goal of the delegation is to put Notre Dame’s work on global health issues "on a world stage," Jacobs said.

Archbishop George Fulco, the Permanent Observer to the Holy See at the U.N., came to South Bend last spring and heard about what Notre Dame and Purdue were doing in the field of global health issues, Jacobs said. He then offered to hold the presentation event in New York City.

"Notre Dame turned its focus to global health publicly last fall with the Global Health Forum, which featured speakers who were leaders in initiatives to address health issues around the world," in January, University President Father John Jenkins led a Notre Dame delegation to visit a Millennium Village Project sponsored by Notre Dame and Uganda Martyrs University.

"Father Bob Dowd, a political science professor and the director of Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, will give a presentation related to Notre Dame’s work in the village of Nyindwe, entitled “Partnering to Protect Quality of Life.”"

He will discuss using a holistic, cross-cultural approach to health like health care, education and HIV/AIDS in rural Ugandan villages and the benefits of partnering with local institutions, like Uganda Martyrs University, to do so, Jacobs said.

Father Thomas Streit, whose work in Haiti has been featured on Notre Dame commercials during football games, will discuss efforts to end encephalitis, a disease carried by mosquitoes that attacks the lymphatic system and leads to the swelling of body parts.

"It’s a socially stigmatizing disease, and it’s completely preventable."

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"They are devising an instant cure that would be very useful for the world."

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Purdue will make five presentations. Jacobs said Notre Dame and Purdue have been "easily extrapolated and expanded," Jacobs said.

"These efforts are important steps to understanding how local efforts can be expanded or scaled from regions to much larger areas across continents."

Purdue group, led by Senior Associate Vice President for Research Alan Rebar, will feature presentations by Joe Pekny, director of Discovery Park’s Enterprise Center entitled “Applying Research to Global Health Challenges,” and Murphy Logue, a professor and director of Global Health and Infectious Disease Initiatives; and Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost.

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CORPORATIONS LOOK AHEAD TO HOLIDAYS

Companies plan to keep workers happy, customers satisfied for annual rush

Genesco purchase hits roadblocks

In a release that it is still working toward the closing, though "it continues to evaluate its options in accordance with the details of the merger agreement," UBS said in communications with The Finish Line that it intends to defer any further work on the remaining closing documents "pending the results of its analyses of Genesco's financial condition and performance," according to a Finish Line statement.

Finish Line operates 698 Finish Line stores in 47 states, 95 Man Alive stores in 19 states and seven Paloma stores in seven states.

Genesco sells shoes, hats and accessories in more than 2,000 retail stores in the United States and Canada under several store names, including Journeys, Johnston & Murphy, Hot Topic and Unltd.

Because of the current weak retail market, companies are feeling the need to make preparations early for the holiday season.

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices posted a rare decline in August while the battered housing industry saw construction fall to the slowest pace in 12 years.

The new economic reports Wednesday were also a reminder of how different the retail market is from what it was just a year ago.

Through the summer, markets have been swayed by concerns about Genesco's financial performance — not because of Genesco's results but because the upheaval in the credit markets makes this deal less profitable for them, Pennington said in the letter.

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Consumer spending slows slightly

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending slowed slightly in August, the slowest pace since June 1995 and put construction of new homes fell by 2.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.331 million units. That was the slowest pace since June 1995 and put construction activity 19.1 percent below the level of a year ago.

New pricing drives food maker's profits

MINNEAPOLIS — Changing more for Cheerios and Lucky Charms and Yoplait yogurt helped General Mills report an 8 percent increase in its first-quarter profit on Wednesday. The foodmaker said more price increases might be on the way if ingredient and fuel prices keep rising.

"We are actively monitoring the need to pass along additional input cost pressures as they arise," Chairman and Chief Executive Steve Sanger said on a conference call with analysts. Golden Valley-based General Mills Inc. announced in June that it would shrink its cereal bowl slightly to make them more like competitors. Shoppers might have seen lower prices on each box, but the price for each ounce of cereal actually went up. General Mills raised prices on Yoplait in July, and also raised prices on Green Giant vegetables and in its food service division that delivers food to caterers.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big companies like L.L. Bean and Hallmark are already in holiday mode, sending out catalogs and putting merchandise on display. Small business owners want to follow their lead.

Although Christmas is still three months away, doing some holiday planning now will make life easier, business and personal — a lot easier come December. That includes thinking about year-end staffing and parties and buying gifts now.

It can also mean giving customers ready. At Pink Beach, an upscale day-care and spa for pets, owner Robyn Tomb began reminding customers in July that they need to book early for the holidays, or risk not being able to board their pets when December arrives.

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Owner Marika Slatt says the company won't take on more projects that it can handle during the holidays because "we all have young kids and we all want to spend time around the holidays with our families."

"We like to prepare for that in advance; the worst thing we can do is overcommit and not deliver," Slatt said.

That can mean turning some new business away, but Slatt said that because two-thirds of the company's clients are book-related, for the most part their needs can often be handled before or after the holidays. So she'll arrange in advance with clients to do the work when it's not the height of the holiday season.

Early planning for holiday parties is critical if owners want to insure they hold their events at the locations they want on the dates they want. Basho Strategies Inc. in Burlington, Mass.-based company that provides sales training, has picked dates for its client and employee holiday parties, and already booked a spot for the letter event.

"It's absolutely essential to start looking" early, said Besay Picard, Basho's vice president of marketing." If we had waited any longer, it would be too late."

Like many companies, Basho learned the hard way that it should have planned in advance. Picard said. Planning has also become critical because the company has grown so much; now, an executive assistant handles many of the details.

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colleagues or used a search mechanism on the site to do background checks.

Default privacy settings all members of a user's school, region or work network to view their information. These settings can be adjusted to limit information to be available to confirmed friends only.

"I have the highest security settings available on my account, and definitely try and keep my information as vague as possible," senior Lauren Benenati said. "Even still, I've heard stories from friends that despite these settings, recruiters can still access information."

Benenati said the most likely way of encountering problems is through photographs that the user — or others — "tags on Facebook, thus identifying the subjects of the photographs. Although she said she has never been told during a job interview that her profile has been searched, she has researched some company Web sites that claim to check Facebook and MySpace for eliminating material."

"One of my friends from the University of Florida told me that an interviewer for pharmaceutical sales company in Florida had seen a picture of him with beer on Facebook," she said. "During the interview, the recruiter mentioned this just to verify that he was 21 and not breaking any laws, but even such a minor thing like a beer turned into something fairly intense.

Recruiting though profiles

Still, students feel it's unfair for paranoia over job interviews to prevent them from posting spring break pictures or expressing their political views on Facebook.

Svete said that such concerns should not be blown completely out of proportion.

"Some employers have stopped checking Facebook in a backhanded way because students feel it's their space," he said. "There are definitely students out there, in that some people are looking to see if there are alarming things on somebody's page, whereas others think that it's their space, leave it alone."

Lee Svete
director of career services

"There are definitely two schools of thought out there, in that some people are looking to see if there are alarming things on somebody's page, whereas others think that it's their space, leave it alone."

A Notre Dame alum who works for a top-tier investment bank, but requested to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions from her current employer, said checking the Facebook accounts of job candidates can serve to her company's benefit. "Often times, the people recruiting you are people who are a couple of years out of college," she said. "We look at profiles to see if they would be a good fit for our group based on common interests. It doesn't really affect whether or not you will get the job, but rather what department would suit you best within the company," she said.

When asked how students should approach controlling certain types of content — such as pictures of underage drinking — she said that usually recruiters have a fairly relaxed opinion toward that kind of display, but that the student should just be generally cautious of the kind of perception he delivers to the public. "We understand that alcohol is a part of college, and once you get to corporate cultures, you'll be drinking with colleagues during your training, so it's not a huge deal," she said. "You just have to understand the boundary between what is and isn't appropriate, and the kind of image you convey to your boss before you even reach the job."

A conservative approach

There are still some upperclassmen, like junior Kirk Fogg, who have chosen not to toy with privacy settings on their Facebook account and are still comfortable with leaving their information open to the public. "Anybody can access my information," he said. "But I really haven't touched it in months — the only thing that keeps changing is the pictures people tag of me. I think that if I post something on there that is funny, my hope is that somebody else who sees it will also find it funny as well."

Fogg said he tries to stay conservative with what he publishes. "I know an employer won't be disturbed with what's on there as long as I am not completely out of control, like posting pictures of nudity," he said. "And personally, I don't want to work for an employer that gets bent out of shape for [me] drinking alcohol once in awhile.

"Still, I understand that it's all part of the culture we live in, and once in awhile you have to abide by the so-called 'rules,' so just use common sense," he said.

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"It's ingrained in everything we do," he said. "As a Catholic university, it's very much consistent with our mission."

A formal policy requires investors to comply with the Catholic bishops' guidelines on investments and forbids investment in 500 companies whose practices are considered in violation of Catholic social teaching, he said.

Despite the guidelines, Notre Dame ranks in the top two or three schools in the nation in raw endowment growth during the past 20 years, Malpass said. The growth can be attributed, at least in part, to "revolutionized and modernized" approaches to investing since the late 1980s, he said.

The investment office has diversified its investments so that Notre Dame's endowment pool now ranks among the most global funds in the nation, with about 40 percent of assets in non-United States currencies, he said.

The University's investors have also made a large commitment to private investments—including private equity, real estate and private energy funds, he said.

"We get access to the best investment firms in the world," Malpass said. "They love Notre Dame as a partner. They know we're going to be there with them."

Malpass called this summer's economic turbulence caused by a sub-prime mortgage crisis "a challenging period" but said the University "came through the summer very well."

Throughout University investments have had high returns, endowment growth is also tied to a high rate of donations by alumni, Malpass said. More than 54 percent of Notre Dame alumni now make some financial contribution to their alma mater—a statistic that places Notre Dame second among American universities for alumni participation, he said.

The University's $6.54 billion endowment pool should be the 14th or 15th largest endowment of American colleges this year, though figures have not yet been released nationally, he said.

"When I became president, I realized if you took the 20 top endowments in the country, you got the 20 best schools in the country," Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, said.

"Then there's other people out there who have pretty good investment offices and fundraisers," he said. "But think within the next 10 years, it's very possible."

A long history

The growth of the University's endowment has been substantial since University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, whom Malpass described as "the godfather of the endowment," took office in 1952.

At the beginning of the 1950s, there were five colleges and universities in Indiana with larger endowments than Notre Dame's, Malpass said.

"When I became president, I realized if you took the 20 top endowments in the country, you got the 20 best schools in the country," Hesburgh said.

The highly endowed schools were able to hire top faculty, sponsor leading research and build spectacular libraries, he said.

"When he became president, the University had a $7 million endowment with an annual operating budget of $4 million."

"It wasn't like we went with our hands up and woke up," Hesburgh said. "We were not on the chart when we began. An endowment of $7 million was zilch, and a budget of $5 million was money."

Hesburgh described how his close friend Father Ned Joyce, a certified public accountant, helped Hesburgh make financial decisions for the University during his presidency.

"I told him, Ned, on the big decisions, the fiscal and monetary stuff, you're the guardian of the gate," he said. "You tell me what to do."

Hesburgh later served on the board of Chase Manhattan Bank, then the third largest bank in the United States. He advised the board on any moral issues involved with potential investments, he said.

Today, the endowment pool continues to aid the growth and development of the University campus, student body and faculty.

About 30 percent of the endowment pool goes to scholarship funds, and about 25 percent goes to endowed faculty chairs, Malpass said.

Hesburgh said those funds are critical to the University's development.

"We're at a point today, which very few schools are, where we can pick the very best class of 1,800 people out of over 14,000 applicants without even looking at their financial needs," he said.

The University also needs funds available to compete for top faculty from around the world, he said. Since he created the first endowed professorship early in his presidency, that number has grown to more than 290 endowed faculty members, Hesburgh said.

"I'm a little biased, of course — this is my business — but I think of endowments as the eighth wonder of the world," Malpass said. "What other concept is there where you have a permanent fund that grows over time, provides perpetual operating support, critical, essential operating support to an institution?"

Endowments were first created in the United Kingdom, likely during the 12th century, when land was bestowed upon religious orders, he said.

"They're really an American phenomenon today," he said. "It's a reason our higher education system is so strong."

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Iraqis to control nation later than U.S. planned

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — In another sign of U.S. struggles in Iraq, the target date for putting Iraqi authorities in charge of security in all 18 provinces has slipped yet again, to at least July.

The delay, noted in a Pentagon report to Congress on progress and problems in Iraq, highlights the difficulties in developing Iraqi police forces and the slow pace of economic and political progress in some areas.

It is the second time this year the target date for completing what is known as "Provincial Iraqi Control" has been pushed back. The Pentagon report submitted to Congress on Monday hinted at the possibility of further delays.

The intent is to give the provincial governments control over security in their area as a step toward lessening — and eventually ending — the U.S. security role.

Thus far seven of the 18 provinces have reverted to Iraqi control.

The process has gained relatively little attention in the broader debate in Washington about when and how to get Iraqis ready to provide their own security so that U.S. forces can begin to leave. That may be in part because some details of the provincial transition process are classified secret.

An independent commission that examined the issue of provincial Iraqi control this summer concluded in a report to Congress on Sept. 4 that the process is too convoluted and an impediment to the overall U.S. goals of speeding the transition to Iraqi control and supporting sovereignty.

"Our current policy of determining, on a province by province may or may not be controlled by its own government, reinforces the popular perception of the U.S.-led coalition as an occupation force," according to the commission, headed by retired Marine Gen. James Jones. "This may contribute to increased violence and instability."

The commission recommended that all 18 provinces return to Iraqi control immediately. U.S. forces would continue to operate in the areas they are now, in coordination with Iraqi authorities; Iraqi control would mean U.S. troops could transition to less combative roles.

In an interview Wednesday, Jones said he and the other commissioners got the strong impression from Iraqi officials they met in Baghdad this summer that they want full provincial control without further delay.

"The whole process seems to be acting as more of a brake on progress than a help," Jones said. "If the Iraqi government is willing, I think we should be pushing much of this as soon as possible.

"To have a sovereign government that doesn't control all of its provinces doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

In an Associated Press interview last week, Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, defended the transition process. It involves a series of detailed reviews and assessments by U.S. and Iraqi officials, culminating with input by Petraeus and the most senior Iraqi government leaders.

Cummings

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story is written from five different points of view.

Professor Stuart Greene, associate dean of undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters, has introduced Cummings to the attention of faculty, students and the hospitality industry.

"Being an active writer helps to feed my teaching," said Ann Cummings, author of "Mafia: The Last 200 Years and Who's Counting.

"I never thought I could write a novel. I am a perfectionist and it's like a disease," said Ann Cummings, author of "Mafia: The Last 200 Years and Who's Counting."
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Eight plays is enough

The latest edition of the popular Madden NFL video game series debuted recently in hot sales, despite mixed reviews and grumbling about the lack of substantial changes to the game. Reasonably enough, people who pay $50 for each yearly edition hope for more changes than just the customary updates to team rosters. Recent versions of the game have included such innovations as Superstar Mode, where you develop your own player and try to turn him into an MVP. Owner Mode, in which you hire new coaches and such mundane details as how much to charge for parking and hot dogs, and the unpopular Vision Cone, which was supposed to make quarterback play more realistic, but which aggravated enough Madden loyalists that it was quickly scrapped.

The problem is that too often these flourishes are added at the expense of functionality. During Madden gameplay, the television screen is occupied with full offensive and defensive playbooks, helpful hints from the coach himself, statistical charts and other distractions which is much harder to read against, of its sparse design and white background. Its only flaw, which is much harder to read against, of its sparse design and white background. Its only flaw, which is much harder to read against, of its sparse design and white background.

This problem is endemic to society; take the new Notre Dame homepage as an example. Whoever was paid a lot of money to redesign the page has clearly bought into the idea that new necessities equals better. The site is now a Web 2.0 hodgepodge of unnecessary functionality are abandoned. Attractiveness and personality test results, the would-be messenger is dismayed, and gives up in shame.

No matter what our collective consciousness tells us that last year's product must be inferior to this year's, and in our search for complexity through consumption, simplicity and functionality are abandoned. Advertisers spend millions to sell us on the fact that we need this year's bells and whistles, but their work is not hard, because for most part our brains are wired to be receptive to such messages.

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The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

Harlan Ellison

author
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic character more complex

Greg Yataрова ("ND's Catholic — Don't be surprised", Sept. 18) appears to believe that the glossy brochures and booklets designed to sell Notre Dame as a花朵和鼓手敲着的鼓。人们跳舞、唱歌、高声欢呼。狂欢，在圣日耳曼，是主教与><![CDATA[这个机会将是明显的错误]]></CDATA[]]>。I find it refreshing. But that is the crux of what makes such good Catholic students. We need the people with the system and are using their faith to inform their actions as they "speak truth to power." I invite Mr. Yataрова to attend a meeting of the Progressive Student Alliance when he is available, we meet on Tuesday nights at 9:30 in the Great Hall, where we try to make Notre Dame a better place, Catholic or not.

Stacey Williams
McGill Hall
Sept. 19

Fundraising valued at ND

The comments by Kyle Cassily about benefactor Phil Purcell in last Wednesday's issue ("Benefactor deserves thanks for quiet gift", Sept. 13) of The Observer are a poor representation of fundraising and philanthropy.

A member of the University's Board of Trustees, Mr. Purcell has contributed $12.5 million to the soon-to-be-reopened renovation of Notre Dame's Joyce Center arena. Facilities are among the most important components of our athletics program (as they are for the campus as a whole), and they are critical to the recruiting process. Pinpointing benefactors such as Mr. Purcell is essential because it is how the University funds its facilities. None of us would be here if it were not for those individuals, whose names you will find on buildings all over campus. From a fundraising perspective, identifying the primary benefactors is critical.

While I cannot claim to speak for the rest of the University, I invite Mr. Yataрова to attend a meeting of the Progressive Student Alliance when he is available, we meet on Tuesday nights at 9:30 in the Great Hall, where we try to make Notre Dame a better place, Catholic or not.

John Heisler
senior associate athletics director
Catholic Student Center
Sept. 19

Keep the career fair unrestrained

God, Country, Notre Dame. The saying becomes even more true in the current economic climate, where the ideal priority of living. It is chiseled in stone at the entrance to the Sacred Heart Church.

At Notre Dame we have a history of supporting student groups — our annual 80BCG program, the Stonehenge memorial commemorating those who lost their lives in World War II. We are first and foremost a Catholic school, however immediately following our faith come our duty to the United States of America.

The article in the Viewpoint yesterday raises concerns about admitting the CIA and Raytheon into our career fair. Mr. Jenkins's relationship with the Board of Trustees, or the fact that women comprise only 19.5 percent of tenured and tenure-track faculty. These are not small issues; they are part of a larger picture.

God's work in the world — through the Church. Some among us constitute the Church. Some among us are heros, whose work God blesses and mobilize our energies. And create places — like Notre Dame — that continue the legacy long after the hero kicks his feet up on the back porch of heaven.

This week's FaithPoint is written by Father Lou DelFra, director of campus Bible studies in the Office of Campus Ministry. He can be reached at delfra.2@nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Muscings on the back porch of heaven

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By TIM GALLO
Staff Writer

Last spring, Cartel moved into a “bubble” in New York, where the group members had 20 days to record their next album, “Cartel.” During this process, the band had fans watching it through a glass window. The end result of this stream-oriented experiment was this self-titled album.

What is clear after listening to “Cartel” is that, bubble or no bubble, Cartel was never going to produce a solid album. It is full of generic pop-punk tunes that junior high students would enjoy listening to in the car as their moms drive them to the movie theater. The guitars are simple and fast, and lead singer Will Pugh moans and screams about girls and, well, girls.

The unimpressive lyrics sound like they have been sung by 50 other bands before them. He sings about “looking into her eyes,” “hiding myself away” and “needing you there.” These words work for over-emotional, sensitive teen rockers. But when you find out their crush has another date to homecoming, but to the rest of the planet, Cartel sounds like another generic, boring, annoying emo band.

“Cartel” does have a few strengths. It kicks off with “The Best,” an almost seductive intro that ends too quickly. The next two songs, “Tonight” and “Low It,” are melodic jams that, while unoriginal, make the listener tap his toes and have fun with. As the song album progresses, however, these three-minute ditties become boring and irritating. The melodies, lyrics, and guitar riffs all blend together into one brutal scream fest.

Where this album really goes bad is when Cartel tries to get musically “creative.” The song pulses forward with a space-age, tech-inspired opening track, “Peacebone” blends chaotic influences with simple harmony. The song pulses forward with a space-age, tech-no-like rhythm, complemented in an off-beat manner by an assortment of jarring sound effects that include screams and cracking whips. The sound effects create a frenzied harmony during the song’s chorus. As Tare sings of forgetting the past. The album’s final track, “Derek,” sounds like something you might hear at football games. Whoever thought that a song about being “wasted” should talk about terminal illness and have a beat out of Niki Cannons’ “Drum Line” should never hear anything that records any sound.

And, to make things worse, “Wasted” comes back at the end of the album as a remix with Wyclef Jean. A bad song is even more painful when you know it was written by a big-name rapper. Both the song and the remix sound like bad ideas. No one should be shocked that Cartel made such a weak record because no one really expects the band to make a solid one. Cartel’s job is to produce catchy pop-punk tunes that are radio-friendly. They succeed in doing this on a few songs, but beyond this, the record is a disgrace. Cartel should instead try to make eight to 10 good emo-pop songs. Any attempts aside this will just bring the music world more pain.

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By MARK WITTE
Staff Writer

Take a step off the beaten track of mainstream music and enter the world of Animal Collective. With classifications spanning from indie rock to psych and freak folk, it is impossible to pinpoint the exact genre of Animal Collective’s music. The band’s erratic, often nonsensical lyrics and its barrage of abstract sounds places Animal Collective in a genre of its own.

This might scare off the faint of heart, especially in the band’s latest album “Strawberry Jam.” But those lingering awhile will find that there is more to Animal Collective than first meets the ear. Though the band’s founder and frontman Avey Tare (David Portner) and drummer Panda Bear (Noah Lennox), both Baltimore natives, first released their music together in 2000, they did not create an album under the name Animal Collective until 2003, when they picked up guitarist Deakin (Josh Dibb) and the Geologist (Brian Weitz). Their album was called “Here Comes the Indian.”

“Strawberry Jam,” which hit stores Sept. 11, marks the eighth time Avey Tare and the Geologist (Brian Weitz) a have collaborated on an effort. With a splash of insightful songwriting and melodic tunes, “Strawberry Jam” revisits Animal Collective’s distinctive sound.

The song opens with a space-age, tech-no-like rhythm, complemented in an off-beat manner by an assortment of jarring sound effects that include screams and cracking whips. The sound effects create a frenzied harmony during the song’s chorus, as Tare sings of forgetting the past. The album’s final track “Derek” sounds like something you might hear at football games. Whoever thought that a song about being “wasted” should talk about terminal illness and have a beat out of Niki Cannon’s “Drum Line.”

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The album’s most exciting song, “Winter Wonder Land,” dabbles with visions of a paradise that clash with annoyance and gloom. The song’s chorus is so rousing in its attempt to understand the human condition that one could spend hours pondering its questions. Some of the tracks seem intent on giving the listener a serious headache. But maybe that is how Animal Collective intended it. “Cuckoo Cuckoo” starts off pensively before descending into madness as a barrage of instruments and sounds clash, completely overwhelming the listener. Collective’s ability to make “Cuckoo” a reality is an achievement, but more than one listener is asking for a migraine.

The album’s final track “Derek” sounds like something you might hear at an Austrian puppet show as it joyfully hops along with Tare singing a sort of tribute to his dog, Derek. It feels hit odd, however, as the upbeat instrumentation contrasts with lyrics intent on resounding guilt about the animal’s treatment.

To add to the confusion, the song completely turns itself halfway through, becoming like an Irish march. The singer asks “What do you see when you see inside of me?” But such confusion may be Animal Collective’s ultimate goal as they strive to be a band unlike any other.

Animal Collective’s songs may appeal to too small an audience to ever become more than just a popular cult group. Still, the insightful expoloenence of their lyrics and unique sound makes them well worth a listen. So give “Strawberry Jam” a chance and enter the commune. It just might be your niche.

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**Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds**

**Duo possesses undeniable chemistry in live album**

By MARK MANLEY
Staff Writer

Intricate, eclectic and smooth, the latest Dave Matthews album, "Live at Radio City Music Hall," could be one of the best albums you buy this year.

Matthews pairs up again with Tim Reynolds in his latest solo release for a very distinctive listener. Reynolds accounts for much of this undeniably different touch through his virtuoso guitar accompaniment and rumbling riffs into ambient sounds.

He sometimes strays from the bounds of the typical tonal music that most people are accustomed to and enters into a strange experimental zone — leaving the listener a little perplexed and uncomfortable. Thankfully these moments don't last long, but they leave a lasting impression.

The great chemistry between Matthews and Reynolds is impressive. Matthews gives a great vocal performance, nailing both falsettos and screams in well-known songs like "Crash Into Me" and "Don't Drink the Water." Meanwhile, Reynolds keeps up a subtle, ornate background — an accompaniment that pleases but does not distract.

This album has an interesting mix of songs, contrasting starkly with "Live at Luther College," another collaboration with Reynolds. While "Live at Luther" had many of the songs that are Dave Matthews Band staples, "Live at Radio City" shies away from tunes like "Ants Marching" and "Warehouse." The album instead favors less commercial tracks. "Radio City" is filled with the likes of "Stiff Water," "So Damn Lucky," "Stay or Leave," and "Lie in Our Graves," which should please the more hardcore Deadheads.

There are plenty of familiar songs on the album, too. The album's 26 songs leave plenty of room for Matthews to include "Gravedigger," Don't Drink the Water," and "Crash Into Me," "441," and "Two Step." These songs are spread throughout in an even mix, with a slight concentration toward the end.

Matthews is a great vocalist in his own right, but Reynolds is impressive. Matthews gives a great vocal performance, nailing both falsettos and screams in well-known songs like "Crash Into Me" and "Don't Drink the Water." Meanwhile, Reynolds keeps up a subtle, ornate background — an accompaniment that pleases but does not distract.

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Tigers outfielder Marquese Thomps Ripa his helmet after making the last out in the ninth inning of Detroit's 4-2 loss to the Indians Wednesday.

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In press conference Wednesday, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said he will not back down from his comment that black quarterbacks face greater scrutiny than their white counterparts.

**McNabb pulls scab off old wound**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Four years ago, Donovan McNabb got off to a lousy start and Rush Limbaugh said the media propped him up because it was "very desirous to see black quarterbacks succeed."

In an interview recorded almost three weeks ago but aired Tuesday, McNabb said people wanted to see black quarterbacks succeed.

"Who's right? Both," if the benchmark is a disgruntled few, neither is the sample is large enough than that.

Whatever opinions the rest of us harbored about the topic were pretty much exhausted a decade or so ago, around the time black quarterbacks became commonplace in the NFL.

It's a measure of progress that most of us understand a coach would play Satan at quarterback — with the tacit approval of everybody from the team owner to the team chaplain — if he thought it improved his chances to win.

We also understand the opposite is true, that Eagles coach Andy Reid would yank McNabb the moment he found somebody he believed could run the offense better. So maybe the better question is why McNabb decided to wake up those ugly echoes.

He started life in the NFL as a guy with a chip on his shoulder pads, which made sense when you remember McNabb was booed on draft day in 1999 by a bushel of Philly fans who rode up to New York for just such an occasion. And in those first few seasons, no matter what the Eagles lacked a consistent ground game, game-breaking receiver or tentative "D" — McNabb seemed determined to prove he could overcome it all by doing more himself.

Then came success: the Pro Bowl selections, the string of NFC Championship games, a strong supporting cast and a very different McNabb. He cut down on reckless runs, quit forcing throws into tight spots and became the model of consistency. His high school coach watched McNabb play a game back in Chicago early in 2004, the season the Eagles finally reached the Super Bowl, and pronounced the transformation complete.

"It's like everything else in life," said Frank Lentil, who has sent a half-dozen players to the NFL from Poker High, "It takes a while to get comfortable in your own skin."

**In Brief**

Everett looking to move to next phase of rehabilitation

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Kevin Everett could be transferred to a Houston hospital by this weekend to begin the next phase of the Buffalo Bills' tight end's rehabilitation, a person close to the family told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"That's the plan that probably by the end of the week, if progress remains the same, he'll be transferred back to Houston," said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of Everett's status.

The person said doctors still are making arrangements to determine which hospital would best suit Everett, who sustained the life-threatening spinal-cord injury Sept. 9 while making a tackle. The player grew up in Fort Arthur, Texas, and now lives in Houston, 90 miles away.

Puerto Rican horse loses 125th consecutive race

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Puerto Rican horse that can't win a race now has a claim to fame.

Dona Chepa, a 9-year-old brown mare, finished last in a six-horse field at Camarero Racetrack in eastern Puerto Rico on Wednesday, a 125th consecutive loss that is believed to be the longest in horse racing history.

Track spokesman Joe Bruno said Wednesday's loss surpasses an equine losing record of 0-124 set by Australian horse Dourouze, who raced from 1976-83. There is no world governing body that tracks lack of success for horses, but Dona Chepa's penchant for losing at least beats other notable marks for futility, including Dourouze, Gloria Springs (106, Japan), Thrast (110, North America) and Quixall Crosett (112, Britain).

**Patriot's cheating makes coaches skeptical**

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia is getting ready to face Alabama in a crucial Southeastern Conference game. The Crimson Tide is coached by Nick Saban, who used to work for Bill Belichick.

Can you figure out where this is going? Yep, for the first time in his seven years as the Bulldogs coach, Mark Richt has totally closed practice for the week leading up to a game.

While doing his best to persuade skeptical reporters that it has nothing to do with Saban's tactics, Richt seemed downright paranoid Tuesday when going over his reasons for the lock-down.

"Things have changed in the last few years. It's not like it used to be. It's so easy for information to travel so fast," Richt said.
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Rockies get second come-from-behind win in two nights over Dodgers with Hawpe home run in eighth
NASCAR

Dale Jr. announces Pepsi deal for next season

Associated Press

DALLAS — With a swig from his 16-ounce Amp Energy drink, the rebranding of Dale Earnhardt Jr. began.

Earnhardt officially ditched longtime sponsor Budweiser on Wednesday, announcing deals with PepsiCo. and The National Guard to fund his No. 88 Chevrolet next season at Hendrick Motorsports.

Pepsi will market its Mountain Dew Amp Energy drink with Earnhardt, and NASCAR’s most popular driver was pouring the product after an early appearance before 1,500 bottlers at Pepsi’s annual convention.

“They got me up at 5 o’clock this morning, so I’ve been able to sit here and not yawning. In addition to new sponsorships, Earnhardt signed personal services contracts this summer with Sony and Adidas, and unveiled a personally designed candy bar on Tuesday in Chicago.

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Associated Press

Leftwich joins Atlanta, practices for first time

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Byron Leftwich knew he would have to pick a new number when he got to his new team.

But Hendrick didn’t look outside his existing partners. He quickly announced that Budweiser, who first teamed with Earnhardt in 1999, would not sponsor him in 2008 and began working out new deals.

Earnhardt has worked with Pepsi’s products for almost a decade, and the National Guard is the primary sponsor on Casey Mears’ car this season.

They new sponsors will be joined by a new car number. Earnhardt has driven the No. 8 Chevrolet full-time for DEI since 2000, and he tried to take the No. 8 with him to Hendrick. But stepmother Teresa Earnhardt refused to give up her rights to it, and Mark Martin and Ari Almirola will co-drive it next year with sponsorship from the U.S. Army.

With Sony and Adidas, and unveiling a personally designed candy bar on Tuesday in Chicago.

“I think there is a little bit of a turnaround here for Jr. as a corporate pitchman,” said Mark Dyer, CEO of Motorsports Authentics, the largest marketer of NASCAR merchandise.

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The Falcons’ former starter pleaded guilty to hiring dogfighting charges and figures to spend at least a year in prison. He also was suspended indefinitely by the NFL and is unlikely to ever play again for the Falcons, who haven’t cut him yet merely for financial reasons (the team hopes to recover some of the bonus money from his record $130 million contract).

Harrington, who signed with the Falcons to serve as Vick’s backup and try to get his career back on track, was thrust into the starting role by default. While he’s completed more than 67 percent of his passes, he’s accounted for more touchdowns by the opposition (Minnesota returned two interceptions to the end zone in Week 1) than his own team has scored (the Falcons managed just one through their first three games).

Despite his criticism, Petrino stressed Wednesday that Harrington is still the starter and Chris Redman remains the backup.

Leftwich will likely need a couple of weeks just to get a handle on the offense.

“This will have no effect,” Petrino said. “I think they were ready to go in a different direction with his image. With the change to Hendrick, they were ready to switch their alignments and partners and I think that’s a healthy evolution.”

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Associated Press

MIAMI — Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione started to play dirty talk about facing Miami several months ago during spring practice. The Aggies meant no disrespect to any other opponent, but this was the nonconference game that stood out from the rest.

Now with unbeaten Miami out and ready to make a statement with the Hurricanes is finally here.

"Coach said it best," Aggies defensive back Devin Gregg said. "It can be exposure, or we can be exposed.

The 20th-ranked Aggies haven't started 4-0 in consecutive seasons since the early 1940s. They'll get a chance to change that Thursday night, when they visit unranked Miami (1-2).

It's the first meeting between the teams since 1944, and the Aggies' first trip to Florida since 1968.

"This is a big game for us, but you've got to play every game like it's a big game," Miami defensive end Calais Campbell said. "It'll be on national TV and all the people who do the little rankings and stuff will be watching, so we've got to get out and make a statement.

While Miami has won its last 10 games on Thursday nights, the Hurricanes are 1-7 in those games, 10-1 points nine times. The Aggies have beaten the Aggies. Over its last 20 games, Texas A&M is averaging nearly 23 points per game for so far — not entirely bad, but not even half of what Texas A&M is scoring this year.

If recent history is any guide, teams have to be able to put up some big numbers to have a good chance of beating the Aggies. Over its last 20 games, Texas A&M has allowed 28 or more points nine times. The Aggies are 2-7 in those games, 10-1 in all others.

But the stat Franchione talked about this week was A&M's 5-0 record in regular-season road games last season — and how he hopes some of that success carries over into the Aggies' first road trip of 2007.

"When you go play a tradition-rich program like Miami in the Orange Bowl, if you are able to play well and get a victory, it does reinforce an attitude that you can go anywhere and beat people and play well on the road," Franchione said. "I think this team carries that feeling."

Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione gives instructions to players during the Aggies 47-45 win over Fresno State Sept. 8. The Aggies face Miami Saturday in a nonconference battle.

No. 20 Aggies ready to face Hurricanes in Miami

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Jazz forward Kirilenko criticizes Sloan, demands trade

Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko kisses the EuroBasket trophy Sunday after leading Russia to victory over Spain. Kirilenko said Wednesday he wants a trade from Utah.

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Roughly three months removed from their longest playoff run in a decade, the Utah Jazz could have a starting lineup with less firepower next season.

In a blog post made Tuesday on the Russian Web site Sportson, Kirilenko said Wednesday he wants a trade from Utah.

Kirilenko, an NBA All-Star in the Western Conference Finals for the first time since 1997-98, is averaging 8.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game last season after playing in 69 games in 2002-03 and averaging 15.3 ppg, 8.0 rpg and 3.1 bpg.

Despite a difficult NBA campaign, Kirilenko stood out at the European Basketball Tournament, leading his native Russia to the championship to clinch an Olympic berth. He was named tournament MVP and said on the blog that playing for Russian coach David Blatt helped him decipher his future.

The Tribune transcribed part of Kirilenko’s as: “In a week, I need to join the Utah Jazz again but quite frankly I’m not really happy about that. The past season was bad for me and I was really disappointed. I’ve thought about it a lot and I came to a decision. I want to leave Utah Jazz. The European championships that just ended became sort of a test for me and now I think I know what I want to do. “Coach Sloan is one of the reasons. It’s not the only reason... Sloan’s main method to motivate players is to create a feeling of guilt. Our wages, our errors in games and whatever we do beyond playing for the Jazz is also an excuse to criticize us. I want to play basketball. I want to be happy playing basketball, but I don’t want to be a robot in Sloan’s system.”

Kirilenko’s agent, Marc Fleisher, did not return phone calls Wednesday from The Associated Press.

The Jazz open training camp on Oct. 6 and Kevin O’Connor, the team’s senior vice president of basketball operations, expects Kirilenko in camp.

“We explained to him when everybody was supposed to be back and we expect him to be here,” O’Connor told the newspaper.

Kirilenko said in his blog post that he told O’Connor of his request a few weeks ago but hasn’t heard back from him.

“I don’t want to be there and mechanically fulfill a contract. Unfortunately, it’s been more than a week, but I haven’t heard from the Jazz leadership,” Kirilenko wrote.

“There’s no response negative or positive and this silence is just one more evidence of the way they treat me. Nevertheless, I’m really hopeful that Utah Jazz leadership will realize that our relationship is over and it’s time for us to part ways.”

Kirilenko was frustrated with his role for most of the past season. Following Game 1 of the Jazz’s opening-round playoff series against Houston, Kirilenko was visibly upset. He played limited minutes in the first two games but was benched in Game 3 and was pulled by Sloan from Game 2 after missing a nine-footer.

He averaged 9.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game last season and with Sloan leaving the team, Kirilenko was visibly upset. He played limited minutes in the first two games but was benched in Game 3 and was pulled by Sloan from Game 2 after missing a nine-footer.

Without giving names, Williams accused team mates of starting vacation early. Kirilenko was asked about it as he was cleaning out his locker and declined to comment.

Kirilenko, one of the last remaining players from the John Stockton/Karl Malone era, signed a six-year, $86 million deal three years ago that made him Utah’s highest-paid player.

After the season, he complained to a Russian newspaper about his role in the offense and that he felt he was being treated like a rookie instead of a franchise player. Sloan said in June that the team would keep Kirilenko but that Utah would also try to do something else if Utah would take Kirilenko but that Utah would also try to do something else if

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Pettitte wins 200th as Yankees close in on Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte got a milestone ball from Mariano Rivera and the lineup card from manager Joe Torre. The New York Yankees got another step closer to the top of the AL East.

Rivera named his 200th win, Rivera escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning and the Yankees edged the Baltimore Orioles 2-1 Wednesday night to complete a three-game sweep that pulled them within 1 1/2 games of first-place Boston.

“They’re right there and I mean we want to win,” Pettitte said. “We would like to win this division but just thankful we’re playing good.”

Rivera homered and Doug Mientkiewicz scored on a wild pitch for New York, which has won four straight and 12 of 14.

“We spent an early portion of this year trying to find our way,” Torre said, “and now that when we come to the ballpark we expect to win, it’s a nice feeling.”

The Yankees (89-59), a season-high 24 games over .500, also opened a 5 1/2-game lead over Detroit (85-64) in the AL East.

Now it’s the division race that is the most important, especially with just 22 of their last 28 games. They have saved 49 of Pettitte’s wins, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Leo Chavez has experienced three decisive moments in China.

The first threatened her soccer career. The last were much better: two eye-catching goals for the U.S. national team’s quiet midfielder.

The latest goal came Tuesday after just 57 seconds, the second fastest in tournament history. It sent the No. 1-ranked Americans past Nigeria 1-0 and into the quarterfinals of the Women’s World Cup.

“That goal, being my first World Cup goal, was an amazing feeling,” said Chavez, a former defender prone to menacing late runs. On the Nigeria goal, she stabbed in a close shot off a header from Abby Wambach.

Her other China goal came eight months ago in the Four Nations Tournament, when Chavez’s soaring 20-yard strike beat China 2-0.

“That goal was a big confidence builder for me, showing that I can make a difference in these games,” said Chavez, who will guide the midfield in Saturday’s quarterfinal against England in the northern industrial city of Tianjin.

Another quarterfinal Saturday has North Korea facing defending champion Germany in the central city of Wuhan.

Chalupny leads U.S. attack

Women’s World Cup

Australia are the favorites.

As the American forwards struggled to score in the World Cup, Chalupny, Shannon Box and Carli Lloyd provided the biggest threats outside ofodafone.

On paper, the U.S. appears equal footing among the favorites. Several other strong teams will also fail to make it when the last group games are completed Thursday. There are rising powers in Brazil, North Korea and host China.

Overall, however, the United States has a chance to prepare for the quarterfinals. American coach Greg Ryan said, “The top teams are no longer the top teams by miles.”

The U.S. has scored five goals in three games — three by Wambach. But it has missed dozens of other chances, a slightly worrying trend with the Sept. 30 final in Shanghai in sight.

“We never put a lot of pressure on goal scorers or they will miss more,” Ryan said. “The main thing for us is to continue creating our chances knowing at some point they just start falling. We just hope it’s soon.”

The Americans have been relying on set plays and a stellar defense. They probably were slowed by a few wet fields — training in California has not prepared the team for rain.

“We don’t typically play in downpours and on wet slippery fields,” Ryan said, referring to Tuesday’s rain-soaked game, which was played as Typhoon Whips was nearing.

“We just haven’t had that experience. I guess we should have doused our fields and got ready for this.”

Fallout from the typhoon forced two games scheduled for Wednesday to be pushed back to Thursday.

In final games in Group C on Thursday, it’s Norway vs. Ghana and Australia vs. Brazil in Group D. Brazil vs. Denmark and China vs. New Zealand. Ghana has been eliminated but the other seven still have a chance at the quarterfinals.

Brazil, China, Norway and Australia are the favorites. Their group of quarterfinals will be played Sunday in Wuhan and Tianjin.

The postponements came 10 minutes after the Australia-Canada game was to have begun, leaving fans outside the stadium to listen to explanations over loudspeakers.

“It’s disappointing to find out so late about the rescheduled game, but that aside it allows us to compete on an equal footing,” Australia coach Tom Sermanni said.

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Simpson posts $125,000 bail

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — In a scene of legal deja vu, a grayer, heavier O.J. Simpson stood handcuffed in court Wednesday to face charges that could put him behind bars for life. The prosecutor who failed to get him a dozen years ago was there to watch, and news cameras tracked his every move as if they were covering a slow-speed chase.

But as Simpson made his $125,000 bail on charges including kidnapping and armed robbery, legal experts were questioning: Could a former football star who beat a double-murder rap really do hard time for a crime that sounds like a bad movie?

Police have laid out a case that makes Simpson the leader in a tense, armed holdup of sports memorabilia collectors. Some of the facts — including a curious rendering of the confrontation — don't seem so clear-cut.

Legal experts say that issues such as who had rightful ownership of the goods and the reputation of witnesses in the sometimes less-than-reputable world of memorabilia trading could cloud the prosecution's case.

Simpson has insisted he was merely retrieving items that were stolen from him earlier.

Alfred Beardsley, one of the collectors who says he was robbed at gunpoint by Simpson and several others, told NBC's "Today" show before Simpson's hearing that he didn't think an audiotape made at the scene was accurate. Beardsley was arrested for a parole violation on Wednesday.

The man who arranged the meeting between Simpson and the two collectors, Tom Riccio, has a criminal record. The other victim, Bruce Fromong, was recovering from a heart attack in a Los Angeles hospital.

The credibility of the cohorts in the enterprise would be a key issue at trial," said University of Southern California law professor Jody Armour.

Agreed, said Dennis Turner, a professor at the University of Dayton School of Law. "This is a pretty shady world and pretty shady characters dealing with each other in a pretty shady way."

A key difference with the 1995 murder trial is that there are plenty of witnesses this time who place Simpson at the scene, including hotel video surveillance. Simpson has made no secret he went to the hotel room intending to take the memorabilia and told The Associated Press that a man who came with him brought a truck to cart away the goods.

"It's not like the murder case involving his ex-wife and Ron Goldman, where Simpson had a completely different story in which he said, 'I wasn't there,' " said Doug Godfrey, a professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

"A prosecutor only has to show intent. And the intent is: "Were you acting in concert with someone with a gun to take property from someone?"

If you were, you're guilty of armed robbery."

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said: "You can't rob something that is yours."

Simpson, standing in court in a blue jail uniform and handcuffs, furrowed his brow as the judge read the list of charges against him. Gomez was the slight smirk he flashed when he was arrested.

He answered quickly in a hoarse voice and nodded as the judge laid out restrictions for his release, including surrendering his passport to his attorney and having no contact with co-defendants or potential witnesses.

Simpson did not enter a plea.

"Mr. Simpson do you understand the charges against you?" the judge asked.

"Yes, sir, " Simpson responded.

Galanter said after the hearing that the $125,000 bond was reasonable.

The oddity of the case has attracted a swarm of media, including Marcia Clark, who unsuccessfully prosecuted Simpson for the 1994 murder and was reporting for "Entertainment Tonight." A helicopter television crew followed Simpson's vehicle leaving the court, strangely reminiscent of the slow-speed chase in which he once fled police in a white Ford Bronco.

Alabama wide out adjusts to new fame after touchdown catch

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Gators call it "Vitamin Addazio," a rousing pep talk before breakfast that wakes everybody up and gets them energized to play.

It might be needed more than ever at Mississippi on Saturday. The third-ranked Gators face several challenges in their first road game of the season: traveling with such a young team — Florida is playing 48 freshmen and sophomores and having lost the last three trips to the Magnolia State. Even more concerning, though, is the rare 11:30 a.m. local time kickoff.

"The red flags are up," coach Urban Meyer said. "That is a major concern. We don't have the answer. We're just going to keep researching it. I even asked some of the players I trust. How do we make sure we're energized?"

"Tim Tebow's fine. He goes to sleep charged and he wakes up charged. I'm not worried about that one. It's the dead fish I'm worried about, believe it or not, we still have some dead fish that we have to awaken."

Florida faced a similar situation during Meyer's first season, when the Gators played Iowa in the Outback Bowl and had the same late-morning start time.

Meyer called former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce and former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz for advice. They told him he needed to find a way to get the players going early.

Meyer's solution? Well, some would call it a rude awakening.

"When we wake them up, it's a circus," Meyer said. "There's no alarm clock going off. There's assistant coaches kicking doors in. Everybody does the same thing. They rip the curtains open, open the windows, give them an orange juice and throw a newspaper at them and have fun with those guys."

It worked so well the first time — Florida beat Iowa 31-24 — that the Gators have used the same routine for every road game since.

"Even when we play at night we do that," Meyer said. "The players, some of them look forward to it. Some of them probably can't stand it. That's part of the deal."

After the coaches get everyone out of bed, they walk a few laps around the hotel and then sit down for breakfast. That's when offensive line coach Steve Addazio takes over.

"It's exciting," center Drew Miller said. "He gets up and brings a lot of energy and juice for us, trying to get us motivated. It's just gets us excited and ready to play. He's always got spit flying."

The Gators hope the pep talk, along with better play, will help them end a three-game losing streak in Mississippi.

Nice catch

Alabama receiver Matt Caddell had been quietly pulling duty as a blocker and a decoy, going without a catch in the first two games.

That all changed in the final two drives of the Crimson Tide's 41-38 win over Arkansas, culminating in his leaping touchdown grab with 8 seconds left.

"That's the kind of guy he is," tailback Terry Grant said. "He's kind of quiet, then all of a sudden he sneaks up and knocks you."

Caddell suddenly became the Tide's go-to guy with star DJ Hall hobbled late by a sore quadriceps.

Caddell had six catches for 54 yards on the final two drives, resulting in a field goal and his 4-yard touchdown.

Caddell's nine-catch game was only seven fewer than he had all of last season.

But the soft-spoken senior didn't use it as a chance to gripe about his lack of chances in the first two games, or lobby for more.

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Associated Press

BAYOU ROUGE, La. — Glenn Dorsey's fellow defensive lineman sees the same pattern every week.

"They've allowed only seven points in the first three games. They've got an inexhaustible drive in him to make plays, because you can't sit there throughout the whole game and say you can blow him one-on-one. It's practically impossible."

"He's always the imposing presence he is now. In his earliest youth, he was bowlegged and needed leg braces. Some relatives shielded away from holding him, he said, because the braces scrapped them up."

"Dorsey is a special guy and he's a high-character guy," Pelini said. "He's a special guy and he's the kind of guy that he's causing now. He's the kind of guy that he's doing it to."

"I'm the underdog. That's the way I take everything."

"He's not afraid to call them," Dorsey recalled. "He's not afraid to call them."
Schedule
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This year’s schedule for the Big East’s pre-season favorite has been far different.
The 2007 campaign started with losses against No. 12 Minnesota and No. 6 Florida.
On the way to 4-6, the Irish also stumbled against No. 19 Ohio and No. 11 California.
Another loss came to a Missouri team that was ranked in the top 20 at the time.
Not only did the Irish face top competition during the non-conference schedule, the season’s turning point has already been reached. It happened last weekend in the Bronco Invitational in Santa Clara, Calif.

Junior outside hitter Mallorie Croal returned to the lineup against the Golden Bears, back from injuries that had sidelined her for the first eight games of the season.

In a match that saw Notre Dame up 2-0, the Irish could not hold on for the upset. Cal won last three games and took the victory 3-2. Because of the devastating loss against a top-tier opponent, Notre Dame could have just packed in its season in a style reminiscent of some recent Michigan State football teams.

But it didn’t.

Down 2-1 in their next game, on the road, to then-No. 22 Santa Clara, the Irish picked themselves off of the ground and made a comeback of their own. The Irish took the match against a team that beat them 3-0 a season ago.

Now, Notre Dame is ready for the Big East portion of its schedule.

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the Belles and added 21 digs.

Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellman added in the effort with her own double-double of 12 kills and 25 digs. Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen had a team-high four service aces and the third double-double on the night (10 kills and 19 digs).

The final double-double came from senior setter Amanda David, who contributed 46 assists and 17 digs.

Albion’s offensive stats were not as notable, even though the Britons came out victorious. What was impressive was Albion’s defensive effort.
Six of the 10 Albion players posted double-digit digs.

Walter and senior defensive specialist Meghan Miller tied for the team lead with 24.
Sophomore outside hitter Maggie Dubshiber contributed 23 digs to the winning effort.

The win lifts the Britons record to 2-7 overall and 1-4 in the MIAA while Saint Mary’s falls to 5-7 and 2-3, respectively.

The Belles take on Kalamazoo at home Friday at 7 p.m.

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Recruits
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Chicago linebacker Steve Filer. The Irish also hold the No. 1_NS ranked class in the country, according to both Rivals.com and Scout.com. So far, recruits such as Chicago linebacker/defensive end Darius Tate. Despite playing together this week. Breen-Phillips, on the other hand, is pursuing him as a wide receiver. He's kind of a combo guy and Notre Dame is very excited about the Catholic League, but a lot of the better players are actually in the Chicago Public League, Frank said. "I don't think it's going to affect Notre Dame in any way — maybe a player or two — but I just highly doubt it. I think Corwin Brown is a great recruiter and he's in charge of recruiting that area and he will overcome any questions anybody would have regarding Jones left." Notes:
• This weekend, three notable recruits will attend the Michigan State game on their official visit.
• Ryan Williams, running back from Virginia, who Frank says is one of two running backs Notre Dame is pursuing this season.
• Another is defensive end Chancey Aghayere from Garland, Texas. "He's a big-time defensive end, outside linebacker type and a big time player. He's got offers from just about anybody," Frank said.
• The third recruit is Chris Harper, a wide receiver/quarterback from the Kansas City area. "He's kind of a combo guy and the Irish have a shot," Frank said. "The problem they're going to run into is he also wants to play quarterback and Notre Dame is recruiting him as a wide receiver. So, that could be a little bit of a problem. They have to convince him that wide receiver is his future." 
• Associate Athletic Director John Heisler announced in a statement Wednesday that 75,000 fans will receive white towels to wave at Saturday's game against Michigan State.

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**Crossword**

**Horoscope Last**

Happy Birthday: This will be a tough year to keep up and schedule your plans. Keep your priorities straight and say no to people who are trying to take advantage of you so you won’t burn out with your own responsibilities. Think carefully before you commit to something that is not essential. Do not put off getting your work done. Someone will stand in your way. If you have done your homework, this will not be an obstacle for you. By offering to help others, you will help yourself. Someone may say something to mislead you. Don’t let others confuse you. You may find it hard to sit still or keep secrets but it’s in your best interest. If you jump too quickly, everyone will know that you are a pushover. Anger must be avoided. 3 stars

**Celebrities Born on This Day**

Kevin Zegers, 32; Allison Sweeney, 31; Jenny Finn, 35; Kinka Dias, 47

**Jigsaw for Young Solvers**

Jumbles: BELIE SORRY ABACUS JUMBLE Answer: Why the m oster’s tailor quit — IT WAS A “SEAMY” JOB

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**Across**
1. Moon and Start, for short
2. Home Depot was founded
3. The Jaguars, on scoreboards
4. Father Jim’s nickname
5. Townie’s home Altar
6. Townie slang
7. TV title character
8. Where to see a crown
9. The Engineers of cold athletics
10. A & A Actor with a black belt in karate
11. Office expense
12. Cigarette label
13. “I Love You in a Song” singer, 1974

**Down**
1. Knights’ journeys
2. Hungarian composer who wrote “The Mikado”
3. More gossip
4. Protein building block, for short
5. Unwound
6. Star near Venus
7. — ad
8. Word with greater or rather
9. A captain might say it
10. Blow away
11. Rottweilers and their org.
12. Spaniels
13. Spare holders
14. Tuxedo jacket
15. Complains, e.g.
16. Wool source
17. 1998 film thriller based on a TV series, with “The”
18. Longtime
19. Sliced bagel
20. Blew (through)
21. “Take this”
22. Toy name preceding “tweety”
23. Salad bar
24. Longtime
25. Qtys.
26. “I’ll Have to Say"
27. “Where to see a certain big person...”
28. “You Lost Me”
29. Card game with the spring
30. Force along
31. Toy name preceding “tweety”
32. Woman, slang
33. Item sought in the spring
34. High, in seven
35. Comparable
36. Stuff
37. Kind of engine
38. President with a bridge in Montreal named after him
39. English monarch
40. Rock singer
41. Psych’s love
42. Consumer’s enticement
43. More gossip
44. Protein building block, for short
45. Unwound
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55. Space
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Please solve the crossword puzzle by matching the clues to the answers provided. If you need help, feel free to use the hint system or consult your dictionary. Have fun and enjoy the challenge!
**FOOTBALL**

**Firm commitments**

Top recruiting class still in place despite poor showing on field

By CHRIS HINE

Sports Editor

After an 0-3 start to the season, Notre Dame is searching for positives.

"Our goal sign for the future of the Irish is the strong recruiting class coach Charlie Weis has lined up for February's National Signing Day. And even after a sluggish start to the season, those verbal commitments seem as solid as ever."

The spoken word may be the only young team's that's going through some growing pains and they also realize there's a very good chance that they'll be able to come in and play early and be a part of the solution."

"The Irish have 19 verbal commitments, including Sherman Oaks, Calif., quarterback Dayne Crist and Chicago.-Pat O'Brien"

Sports Writer

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws in Notre Dame's 38-0 loss to Michigan Saturday in Ann Arbor. Despite Notre Dame's troubles, its strong recruiting seems steady.

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**WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE**

Squads take to field for 2nd set of games

By ANDREW ZICCARELLI, ANDY BENNER and JOHN WHITTY

Sports Writers

Pasquerilla West looks to continue its dominance against an up-and-coming Lewis squad tonight.

The Purple Weasels are fresh off a 33-16 win over Breen-Phillips-Sunday. Freshman quarterback Grace Orians rushed for four touchdowns and passed for one more in her first contest, replacing senior Cara Davies, who is abroad.

"She knows she has big shoes to fill. "Pasquerilla West senior captain Tina Martinez said. "She's very willing to learn, and she listens to her teammates very well. She will just get better."

Lewis must also face a stout Weasel defense. It shut out Breen-Phillips in the first half Sunday and didn't allow a point until it was leading 33-0.

"Our defense is pretty solid," Martinez said. "There's not really one person you can pull our on defense. I can pick out all of the girls on the team and say what they did well."

"The Chicks, on the other hand, are looking to rebound after a poor showing last year. Senior captain Alexandra Persley was optimistic about the upcoming season."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

**COMMENTARY**

Tough luck will not last all season

Hard schedule main reason for team's struggles thus far

Don't worry, fans. Notre Dame's 4-6 record means nothing.

"Absolutely nothing. Last season at this time, Notre Dame was 6-0 and primed for big East play. With one look at the records, an uninformed person might say that Notre Dame was a lot better last year going into conference play. That person would be wrong — the team's wins last year were against the likes of Bowling Green, Valparaiso and Butler."

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