Malloy recovers after kidney operation
President Emeritus donates organ to anonymous recipient in four-way procedure

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

67-year-old University president emeritus Father Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C., returned to work last week after donating a kidney to an anonymous recipient in four-way procedure.

Malloy said donating his kidney was a sort of natural progression in his life. "My father only had one kidney from the time he was born to age 77," he said. "It never had any bad effects. It was just a fact about our family."

Malloy had discussed organ donations in an academic setting in the 1970s and early 1980s while he taught biomedical ethics as a professor of theology at the University.

"I discussed all the issues of transplant theoretically, but never imagined it as a reality," he said.

There are about 80,000 people in the United States waiting for kidney transplants and for Rorapaugh to move to the top of the list he needed a family member or friend with the same blood type to volunteer to donate their own kidney. Other family members were unable to offer their organs to him because they didn't match his blood type or there were other health reasons preventing them so Malloy decided to donate his.

"At first, I thought I was too old, but they told me I wasn't," Malloy said.

Until two weeks before the scheduled August 11 date for the procedure, Malloy expected his kidney to go to Rorapaugh. However, his doctors notified him of the anonymous mother-son pair, who were incompatible for each other. Malloy, however, was a compatible donor for the mother, while the son was a compatible donor for the father.

University president Fr. John Jenkins presided over the first Mass of the academic year. Tuesday, emphasizing environmental issues.

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SMC opens new building
Spes Unica Hall will house 13 of the college's 20 academic departments

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

It wasn't just the freshman who had to find their classrooms and navigate a new building when classes began at Saint Mary's Monday morning. Upperclassmen and professors have joined the first-time freshmen in the new building, since it opened at the start of the semester.

The College announced plans to build Spes Unica—which means "our only hope" in Latin, referring to the cross of the same name—after a $10 million fund drive. Spes Unica will replace the 1967 Science Hall, which was in need of renovation.

"We're going to have a five-story building that is 100,000 square feet, with 14 class rooms on the first two floors, 15 labs and two lecture rooms on the third floor, and 40 faculty offices on the fourth floor," said Fr. John Morocco, C.S.C., who took several weeks to plan the layout of the building. "The lower floor will be an equipment storage area, and the upper floor will be a research lab, which we have never had before."

As students, faculty and staff move into the building, they will begin to see the benefits of the new facility. "I'm looking forward to the new classrooms and labs," said a junior biology major.

Sterling, the former executive dean of the College of Arts and Letters, was appointed dean of the Graduate School over the summer.

The appointment follows a split between the University's Graduate School and Office of Research in 2007 and Sterling plans to use his new role to help strengthen the Graduate School and increase collaboration between graduate and undergraduate programs.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Wake-up call

So. Another start to another year here at Notre Dame.
I haven’t been on campus since December, and some things have changed.

Jenn Metz

News Editor

there’s a gor­geous new male
dorm with the stair­way leading to the roof — and the view from the top is breathtaking.

Some of the more unfortunate things I can think of from campus, however, remain the same.

When I was in Rome last semester, I loved (almost) everything about the vibrant city life — the open-air markets, the cafes, the constant activity, the people.

The Eternal City, however, was home to eternal traffic — motorbikes and Vespas going 100 miles per hour and unnecessarily honking at all hours.

Considering that my bedroom in my apartment was three-quarters surrounded by windows, those motorcycle noises were particularly irksome at night, when I was trying to sleep. My room­mate resorted to earplugs.

Imagining my excitement at finally returning to the Midwest, to a beau­ti­ful, cool campus that, most of the time at least, is quiet at night.

Much to my dismay, I was awoken my first night (or morning, rather) here by the sound of various trucks near LaFortune delivering things.

My bedroom in Cavanagh, with its one window (now open, to encourage air circulation) becomes filled with the drooled sounds I thought I left behind when I boarded my train-Atlantic flight, the screeching­wise of trains, the beeping large vehicles make when they back up, the droning of engines.

It was as if I was still in Rome, and my window is no longer always facing the road.

And they wake me up. At 6 am.

Every day.

Exempt Sunday. Even delivery trucks have a day of rest.

With this new year comes a new schedule. Now, I’ve found, when rising at 6 am, those motorcycle noises are particularly irksome at night.

I’m probably going to go back to my old routine of waking up at 5 am, even if it is on weekends.

I’m probably not going to do any of the things I said I would do this year.

I could write? I could knit? I could read? I could exercise? I could learn some unique trade? I could write the great American novel in maybe I will be struck by inspiration (but really never has) I can get back to the Midwest.

A whole year (finally).

A new deal.

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Every day.

I’m really embarrassed to admit it. I’m going to try anyway.

But I’m going to try anyway.

Questions of the Day:

What advice do you have for the incoming freshman?

Chris Esbers

senior

Knott

"Enjoy the good life."

Kat Hake

senior

off campus

"Call your mom."

Rob Plesschaert

senior

off campus

"Don’t eat after midnight — and stay away from water."

Leo Rubinkowski

senior

Standford

"Don’t get between the baby geese and their mothers."

Eric Wash

senior

off campus

"Four years at Notre Dame go by fast, so live it up!"

Amber Stevens, left, and Dilsheid Vadsaria, right, who play Ashleigh and Rebecca Logan on the ABC family tv show "GREEK" visited the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore promoting voting registration Tuesday.

IN BRIEF

There will be a Meet and Greet hosted by The Department of Film, Television and Theater today at 6 p.m. in the Phlibin Studio Theater in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Auditions for "The Dispute" will follow.

Campus Ministry will host an open house tonight from 7-9 in the Coleman-Morse lounge.

Seniors must attend a mandatory Career Center Presentation in St. John Center today from 4-6 p.m.

The movie “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” will be shown on North Quad tonight at 9.

The annual Saint Mary’s Club Fair will be in Angel’s Athletic Facility Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

The welcome back picnic for graduate students will be Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fischer O’Hara Grace (FOG) Graduate Residence Parking Lot. There will be free food, music, games and prizes.

The Student Activities Office is hosting illusionist Mike Super, the winner of NBC’s Phenomenon, Saturday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall for an interactive magic experience. Super will make an audience member levitate four and a half feet off the ground with absolutely no connections of any kind. He will also make snow from his bare hands.

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New V.P. for public affairs and communication elected

JANET M. BOTZ, executive director and chief communications officer for Dow Corning Corp., has been elected vice president for public affairs and communication at Notre Dame by its Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of University President Fr. John I. Jenkins. The appointment is effective Nov. 1.

"Jan has very successfully led a communications office with international reach, and in a career that has spanned decades she has gained experience in all aspects of organizational communications," Jenkins said. "We are fortunate to have someone with her intelligence, discernment and background heading our Office of Public Affairs and Communication."

"It's a great honor for me to be invited to join this great university," Botz said. "It will be exciting to be part of its long tradition of excellence and to work with all the dedicated people who will assure its continuing success."

In her new role, Botz will be responsible for advancing Notre Dame's interests and contributions in the public arena and directing the University's communications with its multiple internal and external audiences. Established in 2001, the public affairs and communication division is comprised of some 50 staff members in news and information, community relations, the Robinson Community Learning Center, Notre Dame Magazine, and the marketing communications units — Notre Dame Web Group, Notre Dame Media Group and ND Works.

Botz has worked since 1980 for Dow Corning, a high-technology specialty chemical company based in Midland, Mich., with service and sales of approximately $5 billion and 10,000 employees.

For the past seven years, Botz has been responsible for the global direction and implementation of the company's internal and external communications strategies. Her primary role has been management of Dow Corning's reputation by integrating communications to customers, employees, managers and external publics — including government and community relations. She has served as the chief communications counsel and strategist for executive management and has been responsible for corporate branding, employee and management communications, corporate contributions, and risk, issue and crisis communications.

From 1996 to 2001, Botz managed various communications divisions for Dow Corning for the Americas, Europe and globally. She began her career at Dow Corning in sales, then spent ten years in marketing before becoming cash manager and then finance manager in the treasury department. She joined the communications team in 1992.

Botz has been honored by the International Association of Business Communicators with two Gold Quill and two Silver Quill awards of excellence in employee communications and crisis communications. She is an invited member of the Arthur Page Society, chair of the Conference Board's Council of Corporate Communications Strategies, chair of the American Chemistry Council's communications organization and a member of the Vice Presidents' Forum.

SMC students will wear the shirt to the San Diego State pep rally

By SARAH MAYER

With the tagline "Helping the Dome Shine One Victory at a Time since 1874," the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has unveiled the second annual "SMC-tee" for Saint Mary's students to wear to the San Diego State pep rally the College will co-host on Sept. 5 as well as to football games. The shirt is a way for Saint Mary's students to be a part of the Notre Dame community at football games while still maintaining their identity as students at the College.

"Last year's BOG wanted Saint Mary's women to be able to represent their school pride at football games while still fitting into the 'Sea of Green,'" student body vice president Sarah Falvey said. "The first SMC-tee was dark green, to match the color of last year's 'The Shirt.' It said 'Saint Mary's Belles' on the front and the back said 'Ringing in Irish Victories since 1842,'" identifying the year Saint Mary's was founded.

It was unveiled on Nov. 15, 2007, the night before Saint Mary's co-hosted Duke pep rally.

Since that shirt was a success, BOG decided the second SMC-tee needed to make an earlier appearance and therefore was unveiled at the First Year Orientation last year.

This year, we decided to continue the tradition but reveal the SMC-tee earlier so students could take advantage of it at our pep rally (which will take place earlier in the year), Falvey said.

"This year, we decided to once again match them to 'The Shirt,'" Falvey said. "In keeping with 'The Shirt' we made our shirts navy blue with white writing," she said.

The slogan on this year's SMC-tee refers to the fact that the College donated the famous Golden Dome to Notre Dame after the Main Building built by University founder Fr. Edward Sorin burned down in 1879. The 1842 date refers to the year that the Notre Dame football team began to meet unofficially even though the inaugural game against Michigan didn't take place until Nov. 23, 1887.

While it may seem as though BOG is trying to usurp the popularity of Notre Dame's "The Shirt," Falvey said there was never any intention of replacing the Notre Dame tradition. It was more about school pride, she said.

"I don't think we made the SMC-tee with the intention of wearing it over 'The Shirt,'" she said. "We are asking students to wear it to our pep rally on September 6. We want students to be able to show school pride."

She also said that, like profits from "The Shirt," BOG has decided to donate any proceeds to a local charity, which will be determined at a later board meeting.

Falvey said many students seem excited about the shirt.

"Our first year students and their parents — were really excited about the shirt," she said. "We got a lot of compliments on the design and I've already seen the shirts all around campus."

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you will be afflicted by hope." Jenk inks asked those in attendance to consider the distinction between hope and optimism. He compared the view of the optimist and pessimist to clarify what he considers hope.

"No matter how bad the situation, the optimist believes there's a solution," Jenkins said. "The pessimist believes the problem is not only grave but insolvable."

Jenkins called optimism and pessimism "excuses" for analysis, and stated that the person "afflicted with hope," however, is required to analyze the situation as it is.

Hope isn't an excuse, Jenkins said. Hope demands that one see the world as it is, analyze, and then act.

With that hope in mind, Jenkins prayed that God afflicts the Notre Dame community with hope and that they might "face problems with perspicacious honesty, respond with courageous... to act, and inspire others to act."

Following the Mass, the Notre Dame community enjoyed the picnic lunch that also emphasized sustainability.

"A major event at the beginning of the academic year is the perfect time to educate the Notre Dame community on the University's recycling and procurement initiatives, as well as how to make individual decisions that are earth-friendly," said Notre Dame's Painel of Sustainability.

Tuesday's Mass and picnic were the first of several University events to focus on sustainability. After the Notre Dame Forum, Notre Dame's second annual Energy Week begins Sept. 17, and a Forum Film Festival begins Sept. 19.

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of Jesus Christ — in the spring of 2006 and broke ground in the fall of that same year. The term is the motto of both Saint Mary's and the College's Founding order, the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"This building represents our future — a future that will see us ever more ambitious and ever more widely recognized for the excellent education of women," College president Carol Ann Mooney told The Observer in January.

In 20,000-square-foot new building is home to 13 of the College's 20 academic departments as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, the Center for Spirituality and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). It also offers state-of-the-art classroom, laboratory and office spaces and contains a number of common areas where faculty and students can gather such as a café, reflection room and a patio. It will be dedicated in October.

It is a vast improvement over Madeleva, where the majority of the College's classes were held prior to Spes Unica's opening, Mooney said in January.

"One of the hallmarks of a Saint Mary's education is that students and faculty work and learn together," she said in January. "Collaborative work requires the kind of spaces that will be found in this new building. This first rate facility will match the quality of our faculty and reflect the value we place on them and on the learning environment for our students.

While students have only attended a few classes in the building so far many of the upperclassmen are excited and finally able to attend class in the building that has been under construction for so long.

"I'm so excited it opened for my senior year," student vice president Sarah Falvey said as she walked to her first class in the building. "Our freshman class is so lucky that they can take advantage of it all four years.

Senior Sarah King had only two classes in Spes Unica Tuesday afternoon but she loved the design of the building. "It's beautiful," she said. "It was exciting just to go in with the [College's] seal on the floor and there's a spiral staircase there that I really like. It's a place where I want to go and study and a place where I want to go hang out."

Sophomore Caitlin Buzaid met with junior Claire Orfano to do just that in one of the many student lounges after their classes ended in Spes Unica Tuesday.

"Everything is nicer than Madeleva," Buzaid said. "I love it." She said the classrooms in the building, some of which have stadium-style seating, are more like what she imagined classrooms would be like before she came to college.

Orfano agreed with Buzaid, saying she liked the comfortable chairs and seats in both the classrooms and the lounges.

Junior Grace Lape said she enjoys the windows in the building, which she says are nicer than those in Madeleva.

She is also looking forward to using the new Social Work laboratory.

"It has a two-way mirror so we can tape each other doing fake sessions with clients," she said.

The faculty in the 13 academic departments housed in the building moved their offices from Madeleva over the past two years, and history professors Bill Svelmoe and Dave Ste范文ic love their new offices.

"I like the fact that we're in a suite with our colleagues from English," Svelmoe said. "You get to interact with more people on a daily basis and the English people are cool."

Ste范文ic said he has more room for the 60's of books he moved from his office in Madeleva and now that they're put away he feels like his office is his own again.

"I love the window for the fresh air," Ste范文ic said.

Svelmoe said he likes the natural light that comes in through the many windows in the building's hallways and classrooms and the fact that the building is environmentally friendly.

"It's very green," he said. "The lights are all on timers so we don't waste too much electricity. The toilets are supposed to be all tricked out, although that what exactly I'm not entirely certain and I'm not sure I want to know."

The "tricked out" toilets are another green aspect to the building — literally. The flush handles have a green plastic coating on them to protect against germs.

Each bathroom stall has a bow-to-draw diagram on the back of the stall doors to explain how to flush the toilets to keep them environmentally friendly. The handle is supposed to be pushed up for "No. 1 (liquid waste)" and pushed down for "No. 2 (solid waste)."

The diagram also has a note saying that by installing the water-saving handle with the dual-function flush Spes Unica "has demonstrated its commitment to protect and preserve the environment. For the system to work, we need your help. Please take a look at the diagram above and push the handle in the direction which best suits your needs."

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SMC students Claire Orfano, Grace Lape and Caitlin Buzaid study in a lounge in Spes Unica Hall Tuesday.

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Students enjoy the picnic Tuesday on Library Quad after attending the first mass of the year. The picnic used locally grown produce, recycled paper plates and recycling bins to highlight sustainability.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US troops accused of civilian deaths in Afghanistan — In a stark warning to the U.S. government, a top Afghan official said it will try to regulate the presence of U.S. troops and their use of airstrikes, while the U.S. on Sunday announced that "convincing evidence" exists that an American-led operation killed 90 civilians.

The U.N. sent a team of investigators, who relied solely on villagers' statements in alleging the American-led operation in the western province of Herat, in which 90 civilians were killed. The U.S. military stood by its account, that 25 militants and five civilians were killed in the operation.

The U.N.'s allegation of such a large number of civilian deaths could set the U.S. and the Afghan government on a collision course over the use of military force in Afghan villages, where international troops battle Taliban and al-Qaida militants daily.

Rice clings to Mideast peace hopes — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Tuesday she would continue to push for an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, despite the two sides' inability to reach a compromise. Rice also reiterated her support for the peace process, despite the recent violence.

Speech aimed to unify Democratic Party, provide "catharsis" for Clinton supporters

Clinton paid an advance visit to the convention hall in late morning with her daughter, Chelsea. While her appearance was the main event of the night, it was far from the role she envisioned more than a year ago when she launched a bid to become the first female commander in chief. She was the prohibitory front-runner, but soon found herself in a riveting struggle with Obama that she could not win.

By Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

Detroit mayor faces removal hearing

DETROIT — Mired in criminal charges for years, Kwame Kilpatrick now finds his political future strapped to a little-used provision in the Michigan Constitution that allows a governor to remove an elected official for misconduct.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a fellow Democrat, confirmed Tuesday what had been widely anticipated: As of Thursday, the governor will begin Sept. 3 to determine whether Kilpatrick was seeking private gain or personal advantage when he accepted $8.4 million settlement with three fired police officers.

It will be the first time since 1982 that a Michigan governor has considered the removal of an elected official. The target then was a township official who drank too much alcohol. What's more, the lone sitting Democratic governor to date.

SAT scores lowest in a decade

COLUMBIA, Mo. — For a second straight year, SAT scores for the most recent high school graduating class ranked lowest at the time in nearly a decade, a trend attributed to a record number of students now taking the test.

The 1.52 million students who took the test is nearly 30 percent over the past decade. Minority students accounted for 40 percent of test-takers, and 36 percent were the first in their families.

Local News

Eddy street to be paved this week

SOUTH BEND — The west side of Eddy Street at LaSalle and Colfax avenues will have this week as part of an improvement project, according to city engineer Carl Littrell.

Littrell said a utility relocation slowed down the project, but completion is still expected to be on time in late October. Littrell told contractors are working on some driveway approaches this week and all the curbs are back in place.

Russia recognizes Ossetian independence

President Dmitry Medvedev said hours after announcing the Kremlin's decision and one day after Parliament had supported the recognition.

While the risk of a military clash with the West seemed remote, the lack of high-level public diplomacy between the White House and the Kremlin added to an uneasy sense here at least of an escalating crisis.

Medvedev also promised a Russian military response to a U.S. missile defense system in Europe. Washington says the system would counter threats from Iran and North Korea, but Russia says it is aimed at blunting Russian nuclear capability.
Sterling said.

However, far from detracting from the college, Sterling said strengthening the Graduate School would actually be beneficial to everyone at the University. "I actually think the graduate studies are complementary to undergraduate education. They mutually reinforce one another," he said.

One particular area where graduate students could help undergraduates is research, he said.

The emphasis that we are now putting on undergraduate research is going to feed into this because graduate students are primarily here to do research and they're actually going to have more and more of a leading role in helping foster undergraduate research," Sterling said.

While he stressed there is no work wrong with professional studies, Sterling also said having more graduates at Notre Dame could help foster the pursuit of intellectual studies, rather than just the pursuit of a career.

"Graduate students help set an intellectual tone," he said. "It's one thing to think about a career, but it's another thing to engage a discipline for the sake of engaging that discipline. That adds an intellectual richness to one's studies that looking for a career won't add, and I think graduate students will help set that tone.

He said he believes a stronger Graduate School will help improve the academic environment at Notre Dame and could be another hallmark of an already prestigious university.

"When graduate studies were established in 1918, the immigrant population was looking for a way for their children to advance socially and there was an interest in professional schools," he said. "I think we've now reached the point where we can take one more step and put our emphasis on advancing not only professionally but also within the academy, and that will elevate the academic reputation of Notre Dame."
Marshals detain 600 plant workers

Raid nets alleged illegal immigrants in Mississippi factory, hundreds in custody

Associated Press

LAUREL, Miss. — The largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history has caused panic among Hispanic families in this small southern Mississippi town, where federal agents rounded up nearly 600 plant workers suspected of being in the country illegally.

One worker caught in Monday’s sweep at the Howard Industries transplanting operation said fellow workers apprised as U.S. grants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began by clipping computer cards.

“I was crying the whole time,” Pena said. “You didn’t know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but then we figured out it was immigration.”

About 100 of the 959 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said.

About 475 other workers were transferred to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Jena, La., who were under 18, were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

John Foxworth, an attorney representing some of the immigrants, said eight appeared in federal court in Hattiesburg on Tuesday because they face criminal charges, and allegedly were not given Social Security and residency identification.

He said the raid was traumatic for families.

“There was no communication, an immediate loss of any kind of news and a lack of understanding of what’s happening to their loved ones,” he said. “A complete and utter feeling of helplessness.”

The superintendent of the county school district said about half of approximately 160 Hispanic students were absent Tuesday.

Roberto Velez, pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, about half of approximately 160 Hispanic students were absent Tuesday.

Roberto Velez, pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, where an estimated 30 to 40 percent of the 200 parishioners were caught up in the raid, said parents were afraid immigration officials would take them.

“They didn’t send their kids to school today,” he said. “How scared is that?”

Those detained were from Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru, said Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokeswoman.

Elizabeth Alegría, 26, a Mexican immigrant, was working at the plant Monday when ICE agents stormed in. When they found out she has two sons, ages 4 and 9, she was fitted with a bracelet and told to appear in federal court next month. Her husband, Andres, was not so lucky.

“I’m very traumatized because I don’t know if they are going to let my husband go and when I will see him,” Elizabeth Alegría said through a translator Tuesday as she returned to the Howard Industries parking lot to retrieve her sport utility vehicle.

“We have kids without dads and pregnant mothers who got their husbands taken away,” said Velez’s son, Robert, youth pastor at the church. “It was like a horror story. They got handled like they were criminals.”

Howard Industries is in Mississippi’s Pine Belt region, known for commercial timber growth and chicken processing plants.

The tech company produces dozens of products ranging from electrical transformers to medical supplies, according to its Web site.

Gonzalez said an executive searched warrants at both the plant and the company headquarters in nearby Ellisville. She said no company executives had been detained.

A U.S. Marshal deputy directs several suspected illegal immigrants in Hattiesburg, Miss., to a waiting van for transportation to a holding facility, yesterday.

FAA warns of flight delays nationwide

WASHINGTON — The number of troubled U.S. banks leaped to the highest level in about five years and bank profits plunged by 86 percent in the second quarter, as slumps in housing and credit markets continued, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. data released Tuesday show 117 banks and thrifts were considered to be in trouble in the second quarter, up from 90 in the prior quarter and the biggest tally since mid-2003.

The FDIC also said that federally-insured banks and savings institutions earned $3 billion in the April-June period, down from $16.8 billion a year earlier. The roughly 8,500 banks and thrifts also set aside a record $50.2 billion to cover losses from soured mortgages and other loans in the second quarter.

The majority of U.S. banks “will be able to weather” the economic and housing storms, with 98 percent of them still holding adequate capital by the regulators’ standards, Bair said.

Number of U.S. uninsured declines

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Banks languish amid credit slump

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The FDIC also said that federally-insured banks and savings institutions earned $3 billion in the April-June period, down from $16.8 billion a year earlier. The roughly 8,500 banks and thrifts also set aside a record $50.2 billion to cover losses from soured mortgages and other loans in the second quarter.

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Colleges purchase survival program

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hundreds of colleges across the nation have purchased a training program that teaches professors and students not to take campus threats lying down but to fight back with any “improvised weapon,” from a backpack to a laptop computer.

The program — which includes a video showing a gunman opening fire in a packed classroom — urges them to be ready to respond to a shooter by taking advantage of the inherent strength in numbers.

It reflects a new response at colleges and universities where grisly memories of the campus shootings at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University are still fresh.

Look at your environment through the lens of survival, said Domedec Brouillette, who administered the course at Metropolitan Community College, which serves more than 20,000 students.

“Survivors prepare themselves both mentally and emotionally to do what it takes. It might involve life-threatening risk. You may do something you never thought you were capable of doing.”

Nearly 300 professors at Metropolitan Community College were shown the video as part of a training exercise before the first day of classes on this downtown campus. The training, produced by the Center for Personal Protection and Safety, a for-profit firm based in Spokane, Wash., is also available for the school’s students.

The training drills teachers and students in a “survival mindset,” said Randy Spivey, a former U.S. Department of Defense hostage negotiator who is executive director of the center. The center’s roster includes retired FBI agents and others with federal law enforcement experience.

“There are two extremes. On the one hand is paranoia, and on the other is oblivion,” he said. “We’re just trying to get people to keep this on their radar.”

The training discourages cowering in a corner or huddling together in fear, Brouillette emphasized at the Kansas City session.

Instead, Metropolitan Community College faculty members were taught to be aware of their surroundings and to think of common classroom objects — such as laptops and backpacks — as “improvised weapons.”

The program has been bought by nearly 500 colleges, which tailor the company’s safety messages — laid out in instructional videos and other training guides — to craft localized violence prevention programs. Spivey expects that by year’s end that number will have grown to about 1,000 schools.

Schools may provide the training to students as well as staff, as at Metropolitan, or limit it to instructors or security personnel.

Campus safety experts interviewed by The Associated Press said they are not aware of any similar survival training courses marketed specifically to college campuses.

“It’s a dark subject,” Brouillette said. “But we can’t say it’s never going to happen again.” It’s “When is it going to happen? And we have to be prepared to survive that.”

The sort of aggressive survival response by Brouillette t r ou b l e s school v io lence researcher Loren Coleman, a retired University of Southern Maine professor.

“Showing students violent images of school shootings could trigger post-traumatic stress or other reactions that resident advisors, graduate assistants and similarly untrained workers would be unequipped to handle,” Coleman said.

And the techniques shown in instructional videos such as “Shots Fired” could provide inspiration for troubled students considering their own acts of violence, Coleman suggested.

“You more or less are giving them a blueprint for how to avoid law enforcement,” he said.

At the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, officials are looking for ways to incorporate the training as part of the school’s “Alert Carolina” program. Campus police chief Jeff McCracken said the school may offer hands-on training to students and faculty, or simply post a link on the university Web site.

Despite the relative rarity of deadly violence on campus, colleges can no longer assume that they are immune from such problems, McCracken said.

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Septuplet births cause ethics debate

Fertility drugs given to couple spark controversy over population control

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA — The 27-year-old woman and her husband already had three children — all girls. They badly wanted a boy and she had not conceived in five years, so doctors gave her hormones.

The startling result was healthy septuplets — four boys and three girls — heralded by Egyptian doctors as a miracle. But debate persists about the ethics of fertility treatment in a nation where medical oversight is lax, incubators and neonatal respirators are rare, and many families face pressure to have a son.

In addition, Egypt faces concerns about overpopulation and cheap fertility drugs could lead to a wave of multiple births. President Hosni Mubarak warned in June that growth is hindering Egypt's economy, saying Egypt's population of 79 million — mostly crammed into the 3 percent of the country's area around the Nile River — will double by 2025.

For the mother, Ghazala Khamis, the most pressing question now is how her impoverished family is going to get by. "I'm really scared," she said, lying in her hospital bed in this Mediterranean coastal city. "We live in a mud hut with only two rooms. I don't know how we're going to afford 10 children now."

Khamis' husband Farag Mohammed Ali, a 31-year-old farm laborer, can find work only a few days a week, she said. "I'm really worried about what the future looks like."

About the Aug. 16 birth, by Caesarean section, was stunning. The babies are large for a multiple birth, weighing between 3 pounds 3 ounces and 4 pounds 10 ounces each. The duration of the pregnancy was also the longest ever for septuplets — 34 weeks.

By contrast, the world's first surviving septuplets, born to the McCaughey family in Iowa in 1997, came at 33 weeks and the biggest baby weighed about the same as Khamis' smallest. There are two other sets of surviving septuplets, both born to Saudi women.

Khamis' doctors waited so long to deliver the babies because Egypt has only a few respirators and none were available. So he weeks, doctors kept Khamis in Alexandria's Shatty Maternity University Hospital, letting the fetuses develop enough that their lungs could function on their own after birth. But the wait also increased the risk to the mother.

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More importantly, what has happened in "Full House?" From 1987 until 1995 it was broadcast on ABC and was one of the most popular shows of that era. The sitcom was about a widower who raises his three daughters with his brother-in-law and his best friend. At a time when America was not necessarily ready to see a strong family bond exist without both a dominant mother and father figure, "Full House" showed that as long as love exists in a household, a family will survive. "Full House" also deserves much more respect than it is given in terms of its comedy. We look at shows like "The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld," with ironic jokes so subtle and clever that most audiences will never pick up on them, and we say, "Full House" comes nowhere near their comedic sensibilities. But that's because all we remember is Uncle Joe's "Cut it out," Stephanie's "How rude," Michelle's "You got it, dude" and Uncle Jesse's "Have mercy." What we forget is the subtle physical humor that Bob Saget and Dave Coulier brought to the table, the facial expressions that Candace Cameron and Jodie Sweetin exchanged at Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen's expense and the hilarious use of the dog Comet which could lighten the mood of any situation. I implore you to watch old episodes of "Full House." Give them a second or third or fourth try and you will see that there is much more humor there than you would immediately expect. For example, who could forget the episode where Jesse's Greek family visited San Francisco. Papouli, Jesse's grandfather, brought the Katsopolis family with him, including a Michelle Tanner look-alike named Melina. The look-alike was in fact the other Olsen twin in a brown wig playing her stardom in favor of the behe-moth that is the Olsen twins, leading Sweetin to a lark-luster television career after the show ended. Yet "Full House" is not universally accepted as a high-quality program. People hate it for reasons as varied as its rampant humor or its unrealistic analysis of suburban San Francisco life in the mid-nineties. The reason I adore it is as a show, as a source of entertainment, as a way of life in its unconcerning ability to provoke such reactions and yet remain a genuinely wholesome thirty minute program at its core. That is, disregarding its inevitable turn as Olsen twin vehicle.

So the next time you're in Best Buy or flipping channels on basic cable, go past "Family Guy" and "Everybody Loves Raymond," even "Seinfeld" and "The Simpsons" and find yourself the bastion of hope that is "Full House." When you've lost out there and you're all alone, the Tanners will be there to carry you home. Chopoo-tap-pa-pa.

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Lowering drinking age not a bad idea

Earlier this week, more than 100 university and college presidents signed their names to an initiative launched in July to encourage lowering the drinking age to 18.

Leaders expressing support for the initiative include presidents of Duke University, Dartmouth College and Ohio State University. The movement has been met with widespread dissension and debate from many groups, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Also, a state not enforcing the 21-and-older drinking age faces a penalty of 10 percent of its federal highway appropriation, thanks to the National Minimum Drinking Age Act that Congress passed in 1984.

Ofentimes, when people discuss whether 18-year-olds should be allowed to drink, some will argue that young adults aren’t mature enough to partake in such activities.

Personally, we’re of the opinion that many students start drinking in high school, and all of us either experimented with alcohol ourselves or had friends who drank. We are all in agreement that if, at 18, a person is considered old enough to vote, pay taxes and serve in the military and find yourself rubbing elbows with seniors from U-High.

Naturally, we would advocate educational programs in high school about drinking, as well as education at home by parents. If people can learn at an earlier age the difference between binge drinking and social drinking, the less likely they would probably be to do it later on.

If people want to drink, they’re going to find a way, regardless of the legal age. Just because a person is 21 or she isn’t instantly able to drink with an air of maturity. From our experience, it’s quite the opposite, people sometimes go a little crazy with the bottle once they turn legal.

For instance, when one of us celebrated turning 21, it involved losing the ability to walk and being carried out of one of the bars on The Strip.

Another board member remembered this summer doing doughnuts in a go-cart at a Tulsa public park and trying to crash through a locked baseball field gate.

This immature behavior is not limited to twentiesomethings. Basically, there’s no age limit on stupidity.

It’s time we let the 18-year-olds come socialize at the bar.

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Smoke, vote and drink?

It’s Saturday night and you and some friends are headed to the bars. You enter and find yourself rubbing elbows with seniors from U-High.

This could become reality according to a story by the Associated Press which noted that presidents of some of the nation’s most prestigious universities are among others vying to lower the drinking age to 18.

Enraged groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving are fighting to ensure this law becomes nothing more than a pipe dream.

Our first impression of this topic led three of us to believe that this change would not necessarily be the worst thing to happen. The United States assumes its citizens are old enough at the tender age of 18 to choose a president, purchase cigarettes and decide to potentially put their life on the line to defend their country, so why not let them knock back a few cold ones?

We are not naïve enough to believe that all of these students began drinking when they arrived at college. These laws have not stopped teenagers in high school from drinking. We are all so busy waiting to reach some age that we are missing the most enjoyable years of our lives, sober or not.

Surely the parents would step in and intervene at some point if this law did go over, and would it be to stop their children from getting a license or driving? If so, the burden on parents to drive their kids everywhere would be heavier and a result teenagers would be walking around intoxicated, running the risk of breaking other laws like public intoxication and curfew.

We all agree that drinking is something that is going to happen, at age 14, 18 or 21 because the fact remains that if kids want to obtain alcohol, they will always find a way.

One stance is that students will be more prepared for college if drinking is something that is not new to them.

Even 21-year-olds are often heard proclaiming that now that they can drink, it has lost the thrill. If this law was passed, there would certainly be some sort of drinking frenzy that would take place, but after it became commonplace, would drinking become as nondescript as it is in say, Europe?

Drinking is a privilege, not a right. The current legal drinking age is 21 for a reason. We are all so busy waiting to reach some age that we are missing the most enjoyable years of our lives, sober or not. For right now, the combination of 18-years-olds drinking and driving is a cocktail too lethal for anyone to stomach.

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Dorm Decor: Creativity never goes out of style

By JESS SHAFFER
Assistant Scene Editor

It's that time of year again: hammering, hoisting into place, and shuffling and sliding across minuscule living spaces. But before you’re lost in an endless maze of homeless couches, bedding, carpet, and posters, consider the dogma of dorm décor: creativity never goes out of style. Check out these tips, thoughts, and hints before you get a case of the move-in blues.

Captivating Creativity: Unusual objects make dorm room bliss

It seems that there’s an endless number of Breakfast at Tiffany’s Posters and Notre Dame pennants to go around, but it is the unusual items that will give your room a homey, personal touch and that added distinction. You may even have the power to turn trash into treasure. A perfect example of this is found in Pasquerilla East, where some freshmen roommates created surprisingly chic wallpaper from trash. Accumulating wrappers from Vitamín Waters, the roommates created a pattern with pops of color that covered an entire wall. What about the slides attached to lofts, as seen in Keenan Hall? What a better way to start your morning than to enjoy a kiddie classic? Or if you’re looking to bring a bit of Zen into your room, you could take a note from some Zahm residents who crafted a fishpond, complete with an accessory hammock in their room. Who knows, maybe your idea for an end table crafted out of water bottles could be the next great thing.

Compromised Vision: Why negotiating is worth it

Though your vision may seem as infallible as Kanye West’s latest sunglasses fad, remember that in reality there is more than one way to achieve your room décor. It may be the compromise between your various roommates that takes your abode to the next level. Not only can you avoid the tension that comes from arguing over assorted aesthetics, you may stumble upon an unexpectedly brilliant idea. A painless way to include all your roommates’ taste into one item is that tried and true staple of a collage. For an easy do-it-yourself project, collect magazines, postcards, and other miscellaneous items. Then go crazy with glue, scissors, and markers to craft an original piece of art just for your room. Just remember that kindergarten safety measures still apply (i.e. be careful not to mix sharp objects with sharp objects).

Mod Quad: Simplicity lends elegance and modernity

Does excessive color make you cringe? Do you abhor multitudes of posters? Can’t identify with the wild bohemian vibe of tapestries? Then a more mod style might be for you. Try picking out a few colors to play with in your bedding, curtains, and carpets. The pop of color will be refreshing but not overwhelming. Neutrals are relaxed classics. Black, chocolate brown, khaki, and navy are solid tones that make a statement without being obnoxious. Simple lines (especially found in plain curtains) can break up the various parts of your room that you’d like to divide. Also try selecting a single focal point like a bright throw pillow to add in personal touches without becoming overwhelmed.

Suite School Spirit: Rah, rah, fight, fight, gee I hope I look alright?

Make use of the ridiculous amounts of free ND stuff to show your spirit and add some flare. And what better common ground than the love of the Irish? Not to mention the fact that green is very “in” right now. So shake your shamrocks and display your ND pride in your décor choices.

Shabby Chic: In with the old, out with the new

Nothing is cooler than vintage classics to accent your fresh pad. And, lucky for us students on a budget, old school décorations are really cheap. Check out local thrift stores and antique shops for steals that no one else will have. South Bend abounds with hidden, and more importantly — cheap treasures. Used furniture is comfy, inexpensive, and easily spruced up. And if your budget is a little bigger, consider reupholstering couches and chairs to freshen up old pieces.

Overall, the name of the game is creativity. The trick is to commit to your vision and to just have fun. Cheers to another great year with awesome dorm décor.

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Tips for setting up your dorm room

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
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The first step is being aware of your space. Know what you have to work with. Take measurements so that when you are out shopping for things you know what will fit.

The first thing that should go in your room is the carpet. Know how much you want to cover. Do you want carpet covering the whole room, including under the beds, or just in certain areas? You want to do carpet first because it’s hard to move everything out if you change your mind and want to put one in after everything is set up.

Let’s face it, the bed is the centerpiece of your life, and of the room. Talk to your roommate about where you want the beds to go. Should they both be against one wall? Putting beds perpendicular to each other is a way to create new space and break up the boxiness of a room. If you can, try lofting the beds on top of the desk and dresser or each other.

When you place your desk, be sure it is somewhere where you can work. If you like natural light, try to arrange the room so that it is nearest to the window. If you don’t like being interrupted, avoid putting your desk near the door. It’s easy to create your own space if you put the desk up against a wall and cover the wall with pictures and posters that motivate you or remind you of home.

Designate a place where you can be artsy. Pick a corner or a shelf that is all your own, that you can decorate without roommate input. Take care to make it look good, whether it be a leveled structure where you organize your jewelry, or a shrine to your favorite baseball player. When the rest of the room becomes a mess, this area should stay neat, and is your “interior decorator” place.

Look for places to coordinate. Matching accent pillows, similar patterns for hanging up photos or just a color theme can make a room look more deliberate and planned out.

Decide where your “messy corner” is. It’s annoying for everyone if you leave all of your stuff in the middle of the room. Pick a place where you can throw your dirty laundry or drop your books so that they are out of the way when your roommate comes in. Sometimes you won’t have time to do laundry or clean everything up, but if your mess is somewhere tucked away, it makes the room as a whole look nicer.

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Baseball’s new instant replay era to begin Thursday

In spite of new system, commissioner opposes use of ‘unlimited instant replay,’ calls change ‘emotional and difficult’

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Replay ball! Umpires will be allowed to check video on home runs calls starting Thursday after Major League Baseball, guardian of America’s most traditional sport, reversed its decades- long opposition to instant replay.

“Like everything else in life, there are times that you have to make an adjustment,” baseball commissioner Bud Selig said following Tuesday’s announcement. “What we’re opposed to until limited instant replay is still very much in place. The game has prospered for well over a century now doing things the way we did it.”

The 74-year-old Selig, who described himself as “old fashioned” and an admirer of baseball’s “human element,” softened his opposition following a rash of blown calls this year.

For now, video will be used only on so-called “boundary calls,” such as determining whether fly balls went over the fence, whether potential home runs were fair or foul and whether there was fan interference on potential home runs.

Any time you try to change something in baseball, it’s both emotional and difficult,” Selig said. “There’s been some concern that, well, if you start here, look what it’s going to lead to. I’m opposed to it.”

Replay went into use with three series scheduled to open Thursday: Philadelphia at the Chicago Cubs, Minnesota at Oakland and Texas at the Los Angeles Angels. For other games, replays will be available to umpires starting Friday.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella wondered whether a team could challenge a call.

“I’d love to be able to throw a red hankie or a green hankie. Imagine being able to throw something on the field and say, ‘I’m opposed to it.’”

Selig said. “I don’t say it’s not going to be. But it’s a different kind of situation.”

Selig would consider rules during the offseason but boldly said he never will allow replay to be used for other calls, such as determining whether a ball was caught or trapped. The use for “safety’s sake” has been considered.

“I believe that because of the configuration of ballparks, both new and old, that calling home runs is really much more difficult than it once was,” Selig said. “I don’t believe in the use of instant replay for other things.”

Players generally agreed.

“I don’t just want it to open up Pandora’s box, with calls at home and calls at the bases and eventually behind the plate,” Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said.

The players’ association agreed to replay for the balance of the season but retained the right, through Dec. 10, to ask for additional bargaining for future years. If players don’t, the replay agreement will run through 2011.

Union head Donald Fehr doesn’t anticipate an expansion of what calls replays can be used to determine.

“We haven’t talked about that. I think that’s unlikely over the term of this agreement,” he said. “What we’ll obviously do is look at it after the World Series. We’re hopeful that we’re going to say it was great.”

Umpire Gary Cederstrom said his crew had a training session Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

“We talked to the technicians and he explained what they’re going to do, being,” he said. “We basically did a dry run.”

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New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan talks about his retirement at a news conference June 10 in East Rutherford, N.J. Strahan turned down an offer from the Giants to return to the team Tuesday.

Strahan turns down offer to return

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Seven-time New York Giants Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan is staying retired.

“This has been one of the toughest nights of my life,” Strahan told FoxSports.com in a story released Tuesday afternoon. “But after long deliberation and throwing around a million scenarios in my head for the past day, I think it’s just best if I stay retired.”

Tony Agnone, Strahan’s agent, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Giants general manager Jerry Reese has asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement on Monday, just 48 hours after the Super Bowl champions lost Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyioro for the season to a knee injury in the preseason game against the New York Jets.

Strahan needed just about a day to turn down an offer to return for a 16th season with what could have been an $8 million contract.

“I really love my life now,” he told FoxSports.com while on vacation in Greece. “It’s great having nobody put a finger on me. You really put yourself through an awful lot in this league, more than people realize. Reese did not seem surprised by the decision.

“We knew it was a long shot, but we owed it to ourselves to exhaust the possibility,” Reese said late Tuesday evening. “We appreciate Michael even considering ending his retirement. He has a new career in front of him and we wish him nothing but the best. As we all said when he announced his retirement, Michael was and is a great Giant.”

The Giants moved Mathias Kiwanuka from linebacker to defensive end Monday to take over for Umenyiora, who had successful knee surgery on Tuesday morning and was placed on season-ending injured reserve.

The move will not be a major one for Kiwanuka. He was drafted in the first round in 2006 as a defensive end and started nine games as a rookie. He also lined up as a defensive end in third-down situations last season.

“There is a reason he went in the first round obviously,” middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. “The guy, he is playing behind Strahan and Osi, and then we moved him to linebacker, so obviously he is one of our top players on the team and he is going to show that he is a top defensive end.

In Brief

Knee injury will bench Jurevicius for six weeks

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Browns wide receiver pumpkin Jurevicius will miss the first six weeks of the regular season while he recovers from knee surgery.

The Browns placed Jurevicius on the physically-unable-to-perform list Tuesday.

Jurevicius had swelling and discomfort in his right knee related to a previous operation and needed another procedure in June to further clean it out.

After the sixth week of the season, the Browns have three weeks to allow Jurevicius to start practicing. Once he begins practicing, the Browns will have another three weeks to make a decision on his roster status.

Jurevicius had 50 catches for 614 yards and three touchdowns last season.

Yastrzemski discharged from hospital

BOSTON — Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski was released from a hospital Tuesday, one week after having triple bypass surgery. The former Boston Red Sox outfielder had surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital after experiencing chest pains. His discharge was announced by team spokesman John Blake.

Yastrzemski, the last player to hit for the Triple Crown by leading the AL in batting average, homers and RBIs in 1967, turned 69 last Friday.

His family released a statement after the surgery saying it was “a complete success.”

Yastrzemski took over for Ted Williams in left field in 1961 and spent his entire career with the Red Sox before retiring after the 1983 season.

LPGA to require players to speak English

ORLANDO — The LPGA Tour boosts players from all over the world, and it wants all of them to be able to speak English.

The LPGA will require players to speak English starting in 2009, with players who have been LPGA members for two years facing suspension if they can’t pass an oral evaluation of English skills. The rule is effective immediately for new players.

“Why now? Athletes now have more responsibilities and we want to help their professional development,” deputy commissioner Lisa Galloway told The Associated Press. “There are more fans, more media and more sponsors. We want to help our athletes as best we can succeed off the golf course as well as on it.”
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — More than a month after having knee surgery and enduring weeks of rampant speculation about whether the injury was worse than first feared, two-time Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning finally provided his doctors with one emphatic answer Tuesday: He's back, right on schedule.

"This is a significant step for me to get back out on the practice field," Manning said before throwing and running with teammates.

"If things go well, as we expect they will, then I hope to be full go next week and ready for the season opener," Dungy said.

Manning will be limited in practice initially after being activated from the physically unable to perform list.

Coach Tony Dungy said the Colts will cut down the amount of practice time and even clip snaps on Tuesday — a photo Manning later called "the most amazing picture ever." The question that still lingers is: "We really don't know, at this point, where it is," Dungy said. "It could be anywhere from a couple of weeks to a major injury. We don't know that yet. Jeff has some options, but we don't know how bad it is and it could be through this weekend before we know for sure."

In the first half Monday, and then, hopefully, I'll be full go Wednesday.

If all goes according to plan, No. 18 will then start against Chicago.

The question that still lingers is how long will it take for Manning to round into MVP form?

Even he's not sure.

"I never really like talking about guesses," Manning said, drawing into some parts of practice today and tomorrow and I may even dress for Thursday's game (though I won't play). We'll do a short practice Tuesday."

He's been doing it forever, he's been doing it since he was 6 years old in his backyard," two-time Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne said. "He and Marvin (Harrison) have been together forever, and this is my eighth year, so you kind of get used to it."

With the Manning saga perhaps nearing a conclusion, there are more injury concerns for a Colts team that has opened the past three seasons with at least seven straight wins.

Manning's return has taken on even greater significance given the Colts depleted situation at quarterback.

Longitude backup Jim Sorgi was expected to play into the third quarter Sunday night but never made it off the street clothes because of what the team described as a gimp knee. Dungy said that although X-rays and tests were negative, Sorgi wasn't at practice Tuesday because doctors were still trying to control the swelling.

Sorgi's absence means the Colts have just two quarterbacks, Jared Lorenzen and Quinn Gray, who were both signed July 24, available against the Bengals. Last weekend, Lorenzen production one significant drive in the first half while Gray threw four interceptions and one touchdown in the 20-7 loss.

As-givening in the first half view to the MVP form, Manning finally provided his doctors with one emphatic answer Tuesday: He's back, right on schedule.

"This is a significant step," Manning said. "I hope to be, and I certainly don't want to create this dramatic announcement. I think I will do some parts of practice today and tomorrow and I may even dress for Thursday's game (though I won't play). We'll do a short practice Tuesday, and then, hopefully, I'll be full go Wednesday."
US OPEN

Ivanovic avoids early exit, defeats Dushevina

Serena Williams crushes Bondarenko on home turf, sister Venus follows suit in straight sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ana Ivanovic raised her racket, ready for an easy overhead slam in what was shaping up as an easy match. Then she somehow spiked the ball right into the net from just a few feet away.

Out of whack lately because of an injured right thumb, the world No. 1 was suddenly out of sorts. Ivanovic recovered in time Tuesday to avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round at the U.S. Open, rallying past Vera Dushevina 6-1, 6-4.

"I could feel some shots, lack of practice," Ivanovic said.

Serena Williams took a more direct approach. Favored by oddsmakers to show the women’s side, she overwhelmed Kateryna Bondarenko with her serve in a 6-1, 6-4 victory.

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DETROIT — Cliff Lee got his American League-leading 19th win and Ben Francisco hit two home runs in the Cleveland Indians’ ninth straight victory, 10-4 over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Jamey Carroll and Kelly Shoppach hit back-to-back homers for Cleveland, which overtook Detroit for third place in the AL Central. The Indians are three games under .500 for the first time since May 24.

Edgar Renteria hit a home run for the Tigers, who have dropped three straight.

Lee (19-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 2-3 innings, to tie Brandon Webb of Arizona for the major league lead in wins. It’s also a career-high. Lee won 18 games in 2007.

Lee allowed five straight outs, and eight of nine. The Cy Young contender is 5-0 with a 1.86 ERA in August.

Lee became the eighth pitcher since 1920 to win 19 of his first 21 decisions in a season, according to Stats LLC. The last to do it was Roger Clemens, who was 20-1 after beating the White Sox on Sept. 19, 2001, while with the Yankees.

Chris Lambert (0-1) gave up six runs — two earned — and five hits in 2 2-3 innings in his major league debut for the Rays. The contract was purchased from Triple-A Toledo earlier on Tuesday.

The Indians used the long ball and two errors to score six in the third. Carroll and Shoppach led off with singles, and Francisco’s was his first since last Aug. 11.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland then hit Orlando Cabrera with a pitch. Cabrera took second when League won a bunt and came home on third baseman Ryan Raburn’s error on a groundout by Matt Gartner. One out later, Jonny Peralta singled and Gartner scored when the ball skipped past left fielder Marcus Thames for an error and rolled to the fence.

Peralta later scored on David Bellucci’s double, and Carroll chased Lambert with an RBI single.

Francisco’s first two-run homer, in the fourth, made it 8-0. He added a second in the seventh inning and has 14 on the season.

The Indians got on the board in the fifth on Raburn’s run-scoring double and Brandon Inge’s RBI single, and scored two more on Renteria’s ninth-inning home run.

Grady Sizemore, a night after becoming the 14th American League player to join the 30-30 club, went 0-for-4.

Blue Jays 6, Rays 2

Roy Halladay beat Tampa Bay for the first time this season, and Vernon Wells homered and had three RBIs as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the AL East-leading Rays on Tuesday night.

Halladay (16-9) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings. The right-hander posted a 5.32 ERA in losing his previous three starts against Tampa Bay this year.

No team has beat Halladay four times in the same season.

Wells had two run-scoring singles and added a solo homer in the ninth that made it 16-2. He has four homers and nine RBIs over his last three games.

Rod Barajas hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who have won 10 of their last 13 road games.

Erie Hinske drove in two runs for Tampa Bay, which has lost consecutive games for just the second time since the All-Star break. Tampa Bay is an AL-best 47-19 at home this season.

Red Sox 7, Yankees 3

Alex Rodriguez flipped all night when the New York Yankees needed a big hit.

Tim Wakefield won in his return from the disabled list and the Boston Red Sox moved a step closer to squashing New York’s playoff hopes, beating Andy Pettitte and the Yankees 7-3 Tuesday night.

Jason Bay drove in two runs. David Ortiz had a strong game at the plate and Boston got an outstanding effort from its bullpen to close out the opener of a key three-game series.

Johnny Damon homered twice for the Yankees, but Rodriguez grounded into two double plays — one with the bases loaded — and struck out for the final out.

This is Boston’s final regular-season visit to Yankee Stadium, the site of so many memorable moments throughout the teams’ long rivalry. Next year, New York moves into a lavish new ballpark being built across the street, and this isn’t the way the Yankees wanted to say goodbye.

The three-time MVP finished 4-for-5, and his home run loudly as New York fell six games behind Boston, which leads the AL wild-card race by a slim margin over Minnesota. Rodriguez also committed an error at third base.

With a couple more wins this week, the Red Sox can leave the Yankees with a huge hill to climb and little time left to do it. New York hasn’t missed a postseason since 1993.

Wakefield (8-8) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings. The 42-year-old knuckleballer hadn’t pitched since Aug. 6 because of tightness in his right shoulder.

Five Red Sox relievers combined for four scoreless innings, and Jonathan Papelbon got four outs for his 34th save in 38 chances.

Usually reliable in big games, Pettitte (13-10) was hit for six runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings. Ortiz hit two doubles and walked twice. Playing his first game in the rivalry, Bay had an RBI single in a two-run third and a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Rodriguez flew out with two on in the fifth. With the Yankees trailing 7-3 in the seventh, he came up with the bases loaded and grounded into an inning-ending double play against Justin Masterson.

That left A-Rod 1-for-10 this season with the bases loaded — 0-for-7 when there were less than two outs.
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH — The New England Patriots have a deep group of experienced running backs and just one more exhibition game before they decide which ones to keep.

"So improvement is more important than the identity of that opponent — the team that beat them in the Super Bowl. "We really don't care," third-down back Kevin Faulk said Tuesday. "The thing that we care about right now is getting our team better. If you watched our first three preseason games, there's a lot of work we have to do."

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Morris also had played seven seasons when the Patriots signed him on March 3, 2007. He rushed for 384 yards and three touchdowns in New England's 16-15 loss to Baltimore, missed the next two games with an undisclosed injury, but said Tuesday he had no restrictions in practice.

"I know the backdrop is crowded but I've also said I know what I'm capable of doing," he said. "Unfortunately, I had this setback with the injury this past couple of weeks. But once they make their decision what they're going to do, if I'm here it's just up to me to make sure that come Sunday I'm at my best."

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With so many running backs carrying the ball in exhibition games, it can be difficult to get into a rhythm.

"A lot of it is established in practice," Morris said. "I guess, especially in preseason, we actually get more reps or more carries than we do in the actual game. I think it puts the onus a little more individually to go out and execute with the limited amount of actual game reps."

Maroney, more elusive than Jordan and Morris, is in his third season. Faulk's 323 receptions in his eight years are the most by a running back in club history.

"We probably have one of the deepest backfields in the league," Jordan said. "The thing about us is that we all bring something different to the table, which gives the defense a different look."

With Tom Brady throwing an NFL-record 50 passes last season, the Patriots led the league in overall offense and yards passing. They were 13th in rushing.

They have plenty of options to improve their ground game. By Saturday afternoon, Belichick must decide how many of those options will still be with the team. He also must decide which backs to keep at other positions. Many decisions have been made and those still trying to impress him will have one last chance Thursday night.

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BELIEVE IN SOMETHING BETTER
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Dew has immediately taken charge on the field, leading an Irish defense that held Michigan to just one shot on goal in a 7-0 Notre Dame rout to open the season last Friday.

Notre Dame out shot the Wolverines 24-4 in a statement game for the 2008 season. Dew and company have not surrendered a goal to Michigan at any point in their collective careers. The five-game streak of shutouts dates back to 2004.

"She has shown that she is definitely, completely back," Waldrum said.

Dew was named Big East defensive player of the week Tuesday for her performance against the Wolverines. It is the third time in her career the senior has earned that honor and she also adds the accolade to her 2006 Big East defensive player of the year award.

Still, Waldrum said that Dew is an underappreciated player for No. 2 Notre Dame. The Irish have some of the best strikers in the country and consistently finish as one of the top-scoring squads in the NCAA.

"If you play on the defensive side of the ball on this team, you definitely feel underappreciated," Waldrum said. "People who know soccer understand how important it is to have a terrific central defender like [Dew]."

Waldrum said that last season's team did not reach its full potential because Dew was not fully healthy. Despite her injury, the California native netted one of Notre Dame's two goals in its College Cup semifinal loss to Florida State.

Now, Waldrum said he expects her to thrive in her final season.

"She has such a calm mannerism and way of going about things," Waldrum said. "She's the perfect player to have in the back of the defense."

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Gold
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Sana Jacobson in the women’s sabre event. She also added a bronze medal to her two golds—the first of which came at the 2004 games in Greven—in the team sabre event a few days later.
Zagunis has already racked up All-America honors at Notre Dame as well as winning a national championship in 2006.
Boxx and Markgraf (formerly Kate Sobrero) also won a national championship with the Irish in 1992. Both women played all 120 minutes in the overtime final match against Brazil.
“I don’t think we ever doubted we would win the gold, but we just didn’t think about it,” Markgraf said to USsoccer.com following the win.

On their road to the finals, the U.S. also took down Canada in a 2-1 quarterfinal match. The game featured four former Irish players with alums Candace Chapman (’06) and Melissa Tancredi (’05) playing for the Canadian side.

“We’re very proud of all four of them,” Notre Dame soccer coach Randy Waldrum said. “It shows you that ND has been a women’s soccer power for the past 15 years and it’s great to be a part of that.”

W ard r um coached both Canadian players but Boxx and Markgraf graduated before he took over as head coach for the Irish in 2000. Boxx served up the game-winning assist on a header play the overtime win to the United States.

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Young also noted the importance of running the ball for developing an offense. “When you run the ball you can control the clock much better,” Young said. “And to go along with that, you run the ball, you suck the safeties in. Then you can throw over the top, play action, it all plays off each other.”

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Irish junior Mariel Zagunis celebrates after winning a gold medal in the women’s sabre event in Beijing on Aug. 9.

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Mendoza created specifically for them.
Right tackle Sam Young said the plans consisted of many drills tailored to linemen, such as flipping tires, King of the Ring, and even some Sumo wrestling.
“Across the board, everyone’s gained weight, everyone’s gotten stronger,” Young said.
But Young said the weights weren’t the only tool they used for adding some pounds.
“Bruno’s (Restaurant) put the weight on,” he said. “I guess you could say it was our carrot stick.”
In addition to the offensive line’s increased strength, the unit also benefits from its experience, right guard Eric Olsen said.
“As we’ve gotten older a year as a group, things have gotten easier with that experience, so I don’t know if the schemes are that much simpler but when you gain experience, it really shows the game down for you,” he said.
Young also said the offensive line has assumed the responsibility inherent in Weis’ “pound it” offense.
“That puts a lot of responsibility on us. We establish the line of scrimmage and as an offensive lineman that’s what you love to do. Instead of being passive-aggressive and pass block, you have to be aggressive and knock the other guy in the mouth,” Young said.
But the offensive line is only half of the “pound it” philosophy, the running backs will also need to pull their own weight.
In his Monday news conference, Weis said he is pleased with all the running backs on the depth chart.

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The Blue and Gold got a little bit more gold this summer when three athletes with Notre Dame ties brought home first-place medals from the Beijing Olympics. Junior fencer Mariel Zagunis and alumni soccer players Shannon Boxx '99 and Kate Markgraf '98 all won the second gold medals of their Olympic careers this August for the United States. "The Olympics are a great adventure, it's a very exciting time," Irish fencing coach Janusz Bednarski said.