University revises smoking policy

Update bans lighting up within 25-foot perimeter to protect buildings, comply with ordinance

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The University's policy regarding smoking on campus has been updated to include a ban on smoking within 25 feet of the outside of any building.

The primary reasons for the revision are two-fold, Michael McCauslin, assistant director of Notre Dame Risk Management and Safety, said.

The new perimeter will help prevent the "influence or the entrapment of smoke within the building," he said. "Many of our buildings have pretty powerful intake systems for ventilation, cooling and heating."

These systems are oftentimes located on the service side of the building, the side that is frequently used as a smoking area, and there have been some incidents of smoke entering buildings, McCauslin said.

A second reason for the change of policy is to bring the University in line with a St. Joseph County ordinance that establishes a perimeter where smoking is prohibited around public buildings, he said.

McCauslin said the county's ordinance also prohibits smoking within public buildings, restaurants and athletic venues. The ordinance was put into effect in April of 2006.

On campus, the Department of Risk Management and Safety was charged with investigating concerns regarding smoking near buildings. This change in policy brings the University "more into concert with the ordinance," McCauslin said, which "helps keep regulations] consistent across St. Joe County."

The revisions to the policy also incorporate requirements for Leaders in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications. McCauslin said, which are part of sustainable campus design.

"Each building during the design and construction phase seeks LEED certification," he said. "We only have a small

ND Votes '08 receives enthusiastic response

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Amid empty pizza boxes and pop cans, students crowded into the first floor lounge of the Coleman Morse Center Monday night for "Pizza, Pop and Politics: Race to the White House," an event sponsored by ND Votes '08.

The seating was gone well before the starting time of 5 p.m. and the standing-room only rear section of the lounge quickly filled to capacity.

ND Votes '08 co-chairs Mallory Laurel and Christine Romero said the goal of the event was to help educate prospective student voters about key issues as well as drum up enthusiasm for the election.

"We have political responsibility to be involved in the political process and to be educated on the issues," Romero said.

Laurel said the event's informal atmosphere and question and answer session pleased the interests of students.

"This event has an informal atmosphere," she said. "It's low key, and makes people feel more comfortable asking questions."

As the high turnout showed, the event certainly appealed to a wide variety of students. Freshman Lincoln Robinson said he attended because he was "interested in what the speakers had to say."

SMC students return from abroad

Travelers readjust to life in South Bend; return to College community

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

As the fall semester gets underway, many well-traveled Saint Mary's students find themselves readjusting to campus life in South Bend after spending time abroad.

According to Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) during the 2007-2008 academic year, 114 students participated in the college's eight study abroad programs in Australia, Austria, France, India, Ireland, Italy, South Africa and Spain.

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SMC crime rates fall in past 3 years

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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Saint Mary's crime rates have fallen over the past three years according to the annual report released by the College. Saint Mary's Director of Security David Gariepy said the campaign to educate the student body about how to avoid being a victim was one of the key factors in lowering crime rates.

"We provide information through programming, during orientation and throughout the year, which creates a better informed and more aware community," Gariepy said.

Security used campus-wide e-mails to alert students of any suspicious activity and willing to also provide information to authorities when criminal or suspicious activity is viewed," Gariepy said.

Saint Mary's security has focused on measures to prevent crime, such as providing transportation for students who are at Notre Dame late at night. The van "Blinkie" runs for two hours after the trolley stops running, which is 11 p.m. during the week and 2:20 a.m. on the weekend.

Security has also been requested to update their camera systems.

"Technology upgrades are always being reviewed and addressed as needed," Gariepy said.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC discusses Task Force creation

Frosh-O, event publicity also focuses on meeting

By AARON STEINER
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The Campus Life Council discussed the creation of various Task Forces for such issues as University-community relations, dorm issues and new student concerns during their first meeting of the year yesterday.

Last year, the council formed three Task Forces: a Student Development Task Force, a Community Relations Task Force and a Campus Environment Task Force, student body president Bob Reish said.

"We can be as broad as we want in making Task Forces," Reish said.

Senator Gus Gari suggested the council continue to work on off-campus living issues and pursue initiatives suggested by last year's Task Force, specifically the creation of a Web site geared towards off-campus students with resources specifically for them. He also discussed holding a forum for students living off campus to address any concerns or questions these students might have.

Gari also commented that he would like to see the CLC review the changes implemented at Frosh-O this year. Gari added that the council might consider the amount of paper-work freshman receive throughout the orientation process and find a way to better organize the information new students receive, if and where possible.

Also related to freshmen orientation issues, Reish said new students might not receive sufficient information about opportunities in the South Bend area. Providing "some type of uniform guide" may be helpful, he said.

Another point of discussion was addressing the posting and communication of various club, dorm, SAI and other campus events that students should be aware of. Father Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, said he feels the current Agenda calendar system in place is underused and the council could look into either "reinventing" the Agenda system or moving to another central calendar system. Gari noted Google Calendars — part of the University's new integration of Google Apps with student online accounts — might provide a solution for this.

In other CLC news:

• Related to the work of last year's Task Force on sustainability, Student Body Vice President Grant Schmidt suggested the council look into reviewing sustainability issues on campus and in dorm life, especially in light of the upcoming Notre Dame Forum on sustainability on Sept. 24.

• Sister Denise Lyon, rector of McGlinn Hall said she has heard from some of her hall staff that security at the Hesburgh Library should be addressed. Students do not always feel comfortable studying at the library, and "don't feel safe in the stairwells," she said.

• Senator Catherine Flynn said she would like to see the council address the inequalities of furniture and other amenities between dorms. She specifically noted complaints that Duncan Hall, the newest dorm on campus, has significantly higher quality amenities than older dorms.

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who went to Seville, Spain, during the fall of her sophomore year, said studying abroad was a great opportunity to fine-tune her Spanish.
"I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to enhance my understanding of the Spanish language and culture, as well as explore many different parts of the world," she said.
"This experience, along with my Spanish and business majors, will hopefully help me in my future career." For the students returning to campus this semester, CWH hosted a "Welcome Back" party during the second week of classes.
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Civilian casualties fromraid rise
KABUL, Afghanistan — The bodies of at least 10 children and many more adults covered in blankets and white shrouds appear in videos obtained by The Associated Press on Monday, lending weight to Afghan and U.N. allegations that a U.S.-led raid last month killed more civilians than the U.S. reported.

The sounds of wailing women mixed with the voices of men shouting inside a white-walled mosque in the western village of Arazabad, where an Afghan government commission and U.N. report said some 90 civilians — mostly 60 children and 15 women — were killed.

The two grainy videos, apparently taken by cell phones, showed bodies lying side-by-side on the mosque floor, covered by floral-patterned blankets and black-and-white checked shawls. One young boy lay curled in a fetal position; others looked as though they were asleep. One child had half its head blown off.

Three convicted in bombing attempt
LONDON — Three British nationals with ties to Pakistan were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to murder in a terrorist bombing campaign but jurors failed to reach a verdict on whether they plotted to blow up multiple trans-Atlantic airliners with liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.

The failure to get convictions on the more serious charges was a major setback to the British government, which has struggled to justify past claims that it was pulling spies behind bars with intelligence from multiple countries.

U.S. to pull 8,000 troops from Iraq
WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to keep U.S. troop levels in Iraq near their current level through the end of the year and will pull home about 8,000 U.S. troops by February when the next president will be in charge of wartime decision-making.

If security in Iraq keeps improving, Bush said, "additional reductions will be possible in the first half of the year.

The president's decision amounts to perhaps the first major move in his presidency to pull U.S. forces from Iraq. He is to announce the decision Tuesday, the text of which was released in advance by the White House.

Detroit mayor evicted from mansion
DETROIT — Detroit's mayor has a deadline to get out of the city's official mayoral residence, which has stayed in his family's hands for decades.

He was to announce the details in a speech Tuesday, the text of which was released in advance by the White House.

Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's wife and three sons are expected to be out of the city's Mansion on the Park by Monday. Kilpatrick also has until that day to vacate his City Hall offices.

City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr., who is set to take over as mayor Sept. 19, says Kilpatrick told him Monday he'd have no trouble meeting the deadline.

6 children escape apartment fire
INDIANAPOLIS — A mother tossed several children to waiting neighbors as a fire spread in their third-story apartment in Indianapolis.

The fire broke out about 7:15 a.m. Monday at the Bradford Square apartments on the city's east side. Six children in all, ranging from 23 months to 13 years old, escaped from the apartment without injuries.

Firefighters arrived in time to help the mother down a ladder. It took crew about 10 minutes to bring the fire under control.

Residents make their way through a flooded street after Hurricane Ike hit Camagüey, Cuba, Monday, causing the evacuation of some 900,000 Cubans. Residents should remain inside, and tourists should wait before returning.

Haiti turns west, avoids Florida Keys
Hurricane, downgraded to a category 1 storm, still may hit Gulf Coast states

The 23-month-old boy described as "my life" had thrown his arms up in excitement as he watched the fireworks" the night before.

"I'm just hoping for the best," said 80-year-old Barbara Kellner while walking her dog. "And we see the weather report today, and it appears it all will be over."

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Smoking

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handful of buildings right now that are going to meet it, but it is something all new buildings will be following."  
After campus-wide notifications of the policy are released, the new contours will begin to be enforced, McCauslin said. The Department of Risk Management and Safety is not the office that will handle violations or concerns of smoking in prohibited areas, he said. The department "acts as a finder of fact," McCauslin said. "We perform the investigation, determine the causes, the effects."  
He said his office will investigate smoking complaints and refer the information gathered to whom it applies in each individual circumstance — in the case of a student, information will most likely be referred to the rector, he said, and the residence hall's internal policy regarding violations will take over from there. "We get accurate information and share that with the appropriate person, and then those branches of the University use their own processes," McCauslin said.  
The University first adopted a policy about smoking on campus in 1992, after a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students dealt with environmental issues reviewed information about smoking and the health concerns of second-hand smoke, McCauslin said. This first policy prohibited smoking in all campus buildings, he said, with few exceptions — like private offices and dormitory rooms.  
Not long after this initial policy was established, these exceptions were removed, and the policy was left unchanged for about ten years, he said. The policy continues to prohibit the sale, distribution and advertisement of tobacco products on campus as well as smoking in all University buildings.  
According to the News and Information release, the policy regarding smoking as well as instructions for filing complaints will be made available online for students, faculty and employees of the University.  
Smoking cessation programs for faculty and staff through the Office of Human Resources, as well as programs for students through the Offices of Alcohol and Drug Education will continue to be made available upon request.  
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Professor Matt Storin, also of the Gallivan Program, concluded the discussion with a talk on the media and its influence on this and past elections. Storin said the modern technology of today is having a "tangible effect on elections, especially because blogs help spread the news faster, and to more people, than ever before.  
The event was also used by ND Votes '08 as a platform to talk about the database that they are compiling. The database is going to be used to help students register to vote, and assist in absentee ballot casting.  
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New Ad

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the "rights" going on at Notre Dame to the University's football heritage, Woodward said. The ads also attempt to "show the real world effect of research at Notre Dame," Woodward said.  
The most recent ad explained the work of 2008 graduate Pablo Nava and his fight for improved standards of living in Mexico.  
In the ad, Nava narrates the storyline that led him to his current work, stating the average worker in Mexico works 12-hour shifts and is paid two dollars an hour. "I knew I wanted to help the people of Mexico," Nava said in the ad.  
Nava also won Notre Dame's Social Venture Competition and started his own company, Por Nuestra Casa, which takes unused shipping containers and converts them into small, four-walled homes complete with electricity and running water.  
Of the remaining five commercials scheduled to air this season, four will feature stories like Nava's, while one will focus on the importance of voting, Woodward said.  
This year's commercials also feature a familiar voice to many American television viewers — Martin Sheen. Sheen, an actor and self-described human rights activist, is the University's most recent Laetare Medal recipient. "I was talking to [Associate Vice President] Father Jim McDonald, and said 'boy, [that] would be a great narrator,'" Woodward said. "I do hope people recognize his voice."  
Woodward said the University strives to create spots that "make alumni proud" while telling other sports and Irish fans something new about the University. "We expect people to say, 'Wow, I didn't know that was the kind of work going on at Notre Dame,'" Woodward said.  
Prior to the "What Would You Fight For?" campaign, the University produced one-minute spots working with an outside ad agency.  
Surfing last fall, though, the University began to work with NBC to create the spots as part of the contract between the University and NBC that gives the University exclusive rights to broadcast all home games.  
"We work directly with NBC for over six months to produce the six spots," Woodward said. The University receives help from NBC at a "very inexpensive" rate.  
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**New York — Stocks rallied Monday as investors placed their bets on a recovery in the financial and housing sectors, and the economy is more likely to occur following the U.S. government’s move to rescue mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Dow Jones industrials gained nearly 300 points. The announcement Sunday that the Treasury Department was seizing control of the companies, which own or back half the nation’s mortgage debt, brushed aside investors’ long-simmering worries that the pair would be felled by a spike in bad mortgage debt. Investors were hoping that the plan to inject up to $100 billion in each of the government-chartered mortgage financiers could help lower mortgage rates, though some analysts were concerned that the government could instead stabilize the economy. The move could help banks feel more open to write new mortgages and to refinance existing mortgages at lower rates, offering a possible lifeline to consumers struggling with increasing payments. The move appeared to have an immediate soothing effect on mortgage rates. The national average interest rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage dropped 0.3 percentage point to 6.04% on Monday, according to financial publisher HSH Associates. But the government’s steadying hand for two institutions that Wall Street observers said had simply too big to let fail isn’t likely to alleviate troubles for homeowners who have fallen far behind on their mortgages. **

**City switches to digital-only broadcasting**

WILMINGTON, N.C. — With the flip of an 8-foot switch at midnight Monday, this Southern city became the first market in the U.S. to make the change to digital-only broadcasting. The switch wasn’t really connected to anything, but it did serve as a centerpiece for a downtown ceremony at noon EDT marking the moment that community broadcasters voluntarily turned off their old-fashioned, inefficient analog signals. Wilmington voluntary switch to be a canary in a digital coal mine — a test market for the national conversion to digital broadcasting. The rest of the nation’s full-power television stations won’t be converting until Feb. 17, 2009, a date set by Congress. “This switch is the biggest change in television since it went from black and white to color back in the 1950s,” Federal Communications Commissioner Chairman Kevin Martin told the ceremony at historic Thalian Hall in downtown Wilmington. **Mortgage rates fall, homeowners happy**

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates fell sharply Monday, as investors reacted to the government’s takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. And the government’s move to bail out the mortgage financiers could help the housing market. Still, he said the plan was far more welcome than a collapse of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. “It saves Armageddon from happening,” he said. “If you think about it, this helps the financials, this helps the housing market, Tech took a huge hit last week. Does this really affect tech? I don’t think so. At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 289.78, or 2.58 percent, to 11,510.74 after being up nearly 350 points in the early going. Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index advanced 25.48, or 2.05 percent, to 1,267.79, and the Nasdaq composite index added 13.85, or 0.62 percent, to 2,269.76. Bond prices edged higher in late trading on Monday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.68 percent from 3.69 percent late Friday. The dollar was higher against other major currencies, while gold prices rose. Common shares of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will be made virtual—worthless by the plan, which will dilute the stock. But the companies’ shares had already suffered huge declines in the last year so many shareholders have already endured the majority of their losses. Fannie Mae shares plunged $6.24, or 90.1 percent, to 70 cents, while Freddie Mac fell $4.21, or 83 percent, to 89 cents. **Washington Mutual’s Kerry ousted as CEO**

Washington Mutual Inc. said Monday that it has fired its chairman and chief executive officer, Kerry Killinger, over his dealings with a non-employee as board chairman during the CEO’s tenure. Washington Mutual, the nation’s fifth-largest savings and loan, said Monday that it had entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Thrift Supervision concerning aspects of its operations. Washington Mutual said that it will not require the company to raise capital or increase liquidity, as many analysts expected. Washington Mutual shares fell 15 cents, or 3.5 percent, to close at $4.12, after dropping as much as 24 percent earlier in the session. The Associated Press. **WaMu’s Killinger ousted as CEO**

NEW YORK — Washington Mutual Inc., ravaged by losses from sour mortgage loans in recent years, said Monday it would fire its chief executive of the nation’s largest savings and loan as of Monday, adding him to the growing list of bank CEOs ousted by their boards.

Killinger, 59, is being replaced by Alan H. Fishman, the former president and chief operating office of Sovereign Bank and former president and chief executive officer of Community Bank. Washington Mutual said that it had entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Thrift Supervision concerning aspects of its operations. Washington Mutual has committed to provide the OTS with an updated, multi-year business plan and forecast for its earnings, asset quality, capital and business segment performance. The plan will not require the company to raise capital or increase liquidity.

WaMu’s Killinger was one of the CEOs of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that had been under scrutiny for their roles in the housing bust — WaMu’s $23 billion in mortgage fraud, and the rapid erosion in the credit markets began. Barristered by rising mortgage delinquencies and defaults, and by the sinking value of its mortgage portfolio, WaMu has lost nearly 70 percent of its market value this year.

Killinger, who was stripped of his chairman title in June, became CEO of the Seattle-based thrift in 1990 and built WaMu into one of the country’s largest banks. But with a heavy focus on sub-prime and option-adjustable-rate mortgages — the types of mortgages at the heart of the housing bust — WaMu’s losses began to mount and its shares plummeted, sparking an outcry from shareholders.

The board’s splitting of the CEO and chairman roles in June was an effort, at the urging of shareholders, to improve corporate governance. At WaMu’s shareholder meeting in April, a non-binding resolution calling for the installation of a non-employee as board chairman passed with 51.5 percent of the vote.

But Killinger — who received compensation valued at $14.4 million in 2007 — held on to his post as CEO, even as the list of other top banking executives shown the door continued to grow.

After backing Killinger for so long, the board’s sentiment finally changed. “The board and Kerry mutually agreed that this was the right time for Kerry to leave the company,” said spokesman Brad Russell in an e-mail to The Associated Press.
SELFISHNESS VS. SELF-SACRIFICE

As I watched John McCain give his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, I was struck, not just by this man’s story of exceptional strength in the face of fierce adversity, but by how drastically it differed from that of his rival. To be sure, Barack Obama’s rise to political fame is inspirational as well. The difference, though, lies here: One man has clearly dedicated his life to serving his country; the other, not so much his country as himself.

Obama’s life journey reads like a fairy tale. The self-described “skinny kid with a funny name” that later becomes the first African American to be nominated by a major party for the office of the presidency. And there are surprisingly few steps in between. Columbia graduate, community organizer, Harvard Law graduate, lawyer, constitutional law lecturer, state senator, U.S. senator.

Yet what troubles me about Obama is that he has done nothing that separates him from the crowd, at least before gaining prominence by speaking at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Nothing in his background suggests that he has gained the wisdom necessary to lead a nation, let alone the most powerful nation on earth. Never has his judgment been put to the test, nor has he truly had to sacrifice his own well-being for the sake of others. In fact, most of his life seems to have a particularly self-interested slant.

And what does he have to show for it?

Well, he graduated from two celebrated institutes of higher education. He was the first African American editor of the Harvard Law Review. He helped draft a few insignificant pieces of legislation as a state senator. Oh, and prior to that, he wrote an autobiography. Again, personal gain is the focus here.

Now I’m not saying that there is anything inherently wrong with the pursuit of self-interest, in fact, our nation was built upon it. It is embodied in the provincial American Dream. Millions of immigrants risked everything for a glimpse of Lady Liberty lifting her lamp, guiding them to the shores of a land where freedom and opportunity reign, in search of a better life for themselves and their families.

Furthermore, our continued dedication to free-market capitalism has resulted in unfailingly positive progress by channeling selfish impulsion toward the betterment of society as a whole.

Finding a politician who harbors no narcissistic tendencies is an extreme rarity, especially when it comes to presidential elections. Anyone who volunteers to assume the role of leader of the free world must think rather highly of him or herself. But this year is different. This year, we have a candidate who nearly sacrificed everything for his country. And, like he says, he has the scars to prove it.

Which brings me back to the speech. Sure, McCain is no great orator; he has the scars to prove it. But five years of imprisonment and torture taught him otherwise. When he vows to fight for his country for as long as he draws breath, there is no question his promise is genuine.

Throughout his many years as a senator, McCain’s devotion to America and its people, rather than to his party or to himself, remains just as steadfast as ever.

On the other hand, when Obama claims that this election “has never been about me; it’s about you,” I can’t help but doubt his sincerity. This is a man who falsely claimed that his uncle helped liberate Auschwitz; who spoke at the Brandenburg Gate, where President Reagan demanded that Gorbachev “tear down this wall;” who tried to use a logo resembling the presidential seal during a roundtable discussion with Democratic governors; who announced his candidacy at the Old State Capitol where President Lincoln gave his famous “House Divided” speech.

Talk about audacity. As syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer asks, “Has there ever been a presidential nominee with a wider gap between his estimation of himself and the sum total of his lifetime achievements?” The answer is no.

Our country needs a hero. Not one who seeks to use the opportunities it offers for service of himself, but one who has sacrificed for an idea greater than himself, whose every waking moment is dedicated to serving his fellow Americans. John McCain is that hero.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Victory is a thing of the will."

Marshal Ferdinand Foch

French author


**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Visitors afforded enjoyable game day**

Last Saturday (Sept. 6) was our first time attending a Notre Dame football game. We just want to thank all the folks associated with the event for being so nice and helpful. From the parking lot attendants to the shuttle drivers and all the ushers at the stadium, everyone was most polite and helpful. Actually, it started off campus when one of your photographers helped us with directions outside a South Bend store. Our San Diego State shirts were no impediment. Thank you again.

Steve and Ginny Woods
Noblesville, IN
Sept. 8

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**Get Clausen a 'bowl' cut**

In response to Ryan Bailey's letter, "Get thy ears lowered," (Sept. 8), I couldn't care less whether or not Jimmy Clausen gets his hair cut. As long as he wins us games and leads our team to a bowl game, he could dye his hair pink for all I care. I will donate my $20 to Hannah and Friends and watch our team compete in a bowl game. I think it's a win win.

Matt Babcock
Junior
Stanford Hall
Sept. 8

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**Football should learn from soccer**

This past Sunday evening, as I slugged through the security line at the Raleigh-Durham airport, I found myself weighted down by reflexive consideration of the bizarre and disappointing performance of Charlie and the Notre Dame football team from the day before. Just then, as I sat down straight from "Wake Up the Echoes," an iridescent platoon of Kelly green- and-blue clad lady athletes came bounding by my flank and, low and behold, it was the Notre Dame women's soccer team, fresh off the destruction of local pretenders to their throne, UNC and Duke. I told all of them within earshot that I was a Notre Dame alum and that we were all very proud of them and rooting for them to go all the way. I was struck by the matter-of-fact nature in which these women described how they had rolled over the vaunted Tar Heels and Blue Devils and I could see a confidence, poise and overt aura in this Notre Dame team that reminded me of the Notre Dame football teams of my youth. Such aromas come from teams that annually reside at or near the top of the national rankings and play for or win the national title, it seems, every other year.

We should all celebrate and congratulate the Notre Dame women's soccer team, for they embody all the ideals of our great University—excellence in athletics, academics and in life. Ironically, the Notre Dame women's soccer team has become the "Notre Dame football" of women's soccer, as Rockne himself once imagined it. Perhaps Charlie and his staff can study the women's soccer team tapes and how they do their business and learn what it means to "Play Like a Champion Today."

John Chase M.D.
Chapel Hill, NC
Sept. 8

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**Dude, where's my proportionality?**

Catholics commenting on American politics often point out, correctly, that a faithful Catholic may only vote for a pro-choice politician if the following two criteria are satisfied: 1) The Catholic is voting for the politician in spite of the latter's support for permisive abortion policy, not because of it, and 2) There are "proportionate reasons" to support the pro-choice candidate over his rival. In other words, in the 2008 presidential election there must be some good quality that the pro-choice candidate (i.e. Barack Obama) possesses that is so good that it outweighs his support for abortion-on-demand. So once we've agreed that there are circumstances in which a Catholic may in good conscience support pro-choice politicians, the next question is, how can this reasoning be applied to Barack Obama's candidacy? Is there a reason to support Obama that is so powerful that it outweighs his abortion-rights zealotry? As far as I can tell, the answer is no.

Some supporters point to Obama's foreign policy judgment. Yet, one could argue that Obama's opposition to the troop surge of the last year and a half was a pretty spectacular misjudgment on his part. And, anyway, it seems to me that no matter who is president, America's Iraq policy will be a gradual withdrawal over the next few years.

Obamaniacs might rejoinder that Obama has a superior energy policy and that energy is the central economic and national security issue of our time. But Obama's tepidity towards nuclear power (among the "greenest" of energy sources) and offshore drilling isn't very reassuring.

Some people are enamored of "Obamamomics" (mostly because the word has a nice ring to it, I think). But is a massive expansion of the federal government really all that attractive to Catholics who believe in subsidiarity (or even balanced budgets, for that matter)?

Lastly, there's that intangible quality that Obama seems to possess. Isn't he the candidate of change and hope? Maybe he would be able, through the force of his personality, to usher in a new Era of Good Feelings, during which a united citizenry will rout out all forms of injustice. But if you look at his actual record, you will see that he is actually a fairly typical career politician, unwilling to challenge the corrupt status quo in Chicago politics, unwilling to challenge the demagoguery of his own powerful local preacher until, after many, many years, public opinion forced him to, unwilling even to vote yes or no on many issues, instead choosing to vote "present." If he didn't shake things up in Illinois or in the Senate, what evidence is there that he is an effective agent of reform?

Perhaps there is a good that he would promote that would outweigh the great evil that he would perpetuate by protecting Roe v. Wade and otherwise expanding abortion "rights." But I have yet to hear what it is. The next time a Catholic Obama supporter says that abortion isn't the only issue in 2008, the correct response is, "Well, what selling point does Obama have that outweighs his moral blindness on abortion?" Good public speaking ability isn't enough.

Gregory Barr
Senior
Kreit Hall
Sept. 7

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

[Image: AND IF WE DON'T WIN, I'LL BE THE MEDIA'S FAULT!]

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The stage is kept nearly bare; one of the only set pieces for their production of “Romeo and Juliet” was a standard ladder to serve as the famous balcony. The actors remain on stage for the entire performance, sitting at the back if they are not performing. Props are also kept to a minimum. In the 2006 production of “Hamlet,” one of Shakespeare’s later romantic works, the set includes a tragic center, but a happy ending.

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By SYMOM RYZNER
Scene Writer

A wise man once said that the perfect
country song possesses lyrics concerning
"mama, trains, trucks, prison, and get­
ing' drunk." "Around the Bend," Randy
Travis' latest release, does not have that
air of perfection, but an ode to KFC is
present and readily available.

Country music itself has often been a
source of anger and frustration to music
lovers. It is quite common within society
to proclaim an eclectic taste but deny
country a place within that listing.

Despite a huge following in the south
and Midwest, country has yet to gather
as much steam.

Randy Travis, hot off his series of
Christian country releases, returns with
his 17th studio album in 22 years of
work. His first purely non-Christian
album since 1999' s "A Man Ain' t Made
of Stone," he has created another album
of completely generic country music.

The turnaround for creating country
albums seems dreadfully short, but that
should not be used to diminish the value
and quality of the music. The value and
quality of the music instead should be
the factors that affect the albums them­
selves.

Randy Travis was the first country
music performer to have multi-platinum
success. This led to widespread fame,
but a decline in his popularity in the '90s
led him to try a different formula. His
gospel records were popular, with some
singles even breaking into the Billboard
charts, but nothing could quite recapture
the success he had previously enjoyed.

Married to his longtime collaborator
Elizabeth "Lib" Hatcher, Travis is clearly
dedicated to his career and hoping to
continue to entertain and create. Despite
being a country musician, he has also
collected a fair amount of acting credits
throughout his career.

Despite going as high as No. 3 on the
Country Music Charts, "Around the
Bend" provides neither particularly
memorable singles nor a solid CD worth
of tunes. The two released singles,
"Faith In You" and "Dig Two Graves,"
also had very limited success, failing to
break onto the charts. The album itself
is traditional country, and makes for fan­
tastic background music due to its circu­
lar nature. Travis seems to have found a
niche to fill — diehard fans will love the
new album, and country fans will find
enough within it to appreciate. It has a
repetitive nature, but that is often a
weakness in country music. The same
instruments and variations on a theme
provide limited variety and most enjoy­
ment comes from the plethora of differ­
ent country singers.

For the majority of fans, this will be an
enjoyable performance by Randy Travis
filled with enough of the good stuff to
satisfy. For the rest of those who
happen to hear this album and
aren't already fans, it is proba­
bly best used as a coaster or
bookend, or a way to impress
that country lovin' friend of
yours.

Fortunately for Travis, his
career does not show any signs
of slowing down, and his fans
will no doubt appreciate this lat­
est collection.

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Country star Randy Travis has released his 17th studio album, "Around the
Bend." Travis also specializes in Christian music.
MLB

Lester's gem brings Red Sox to 1/2 game edge of Rays

Huff's grand slam sparks seven-run sixth inning; helps Baltimore defeat Cleveland ending eight game losing streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jon Lester pitched into the eighth inning, Jason Bay homered in a three-run first and the surging Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night to move within a half-game of the struggling AL East leaders.

Playing before their 45,614 straight regular-season sellout crowd, a new major league record, the Red Sox closed with in a half-game of the division lead for the first time since July 23.

Boston improved to 6-1 in its last seven games while Tampa Bay is 1-6 in that same stretch after losing its fourth straight. The Rays were shut out for the second consecutive day for the first time this year, having lost 1-0 at Toronto on Sunday.

They dropped to 0-7 at Fenway Park this season and could fall out of first place on Tuesday night in the second game of the three-game series. The teams wrap up their season series with three games at Tampa Bay starting next Monday.

Boston leads the majors with 14 shutouts.

Lester (14-5) matched his season high with nine strikeouts, accomplished in his no-hitter against Kansas City on May 19. He allowed six hits and three walks in 7 2/3 innings.

With two outs in the eighth, Lester gave up a single to Ben Zobrist and a ground-rule double to Carlos Pena, putting runners at second and third. Jonathan Papelbon came in and struck out Bosoledi, who fanned in all four at-bats. Papelbon finished up for his 36th save in 39 opportunities.

Lester outpitched Edwin Jackson (11-10), who settled down after the three-run first and finished with six strikeouts while giving up eight hits and two walks in seven innings. Jackson had won six of seven decisions before his worst start of the season, a 9-3 loss to the New York Yankees last Wednesday in which he allowed six runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Mark Kotsay, the first batter Jackson faced, started the rally with a walk and then scored on a one-out double by David Ortiz. Ortiz scored on a single by Kevin Youkilis, who was thrown out in a rundown between first and second.

Bay followed with his sixth homer since being traded by Pittsburgh on July 11 and his 20th of the season before 31,329 fans in Fenway.

The Cleveland Indians set the previous record from June 1995.

Back in the cleanup spot after welcoming a boy into the world, Huff hit his 31st homer and upped his RBIs total to 102. Last season he finished with 15 home runs and 72 RBIs.

"Last year was just one of those years where everything stunk. This is one of those years when everything's been pretty good," Huff said. "That's just baseball."

Luke Scott, Adam Jones and Ramon Hernandez also homered for the Indians, who lost 13 of 14. Jones ended an 0-for-16 skid with three hits and four RBIs.

Only 11,818 watched Baltimore's second win since Aug. 20, but manager Dave Trembley said the long-awaited win was "good for the team and good for the fans. We played very good baseball tonight."

Asdrubal Cabrera went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs for the Indians, and Shin-Soo Choo had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 12 games. Choo has reached safely in 28 straight games since Aug. 25.

Baltimore trailed 3-2 before sending 10 batters to the plate in the sixth. After two walks and a single loaded the bases with no outs, Fausto Carmona (6-6) struck out Lou Montanez. Pinch-hitter Oscar Salazar then bounced a two-run single to left, and Carmona was removed after walking Brian Roberts to reload the bases.

"Fausto was doing OK," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "When he got to the sixth inning, it got away from him.

Speaking through a translator, Cabrera said: "A lot of times, it's been one inning where they've scored a lot of runs. Next time out, I'm going to concentrate on getting through that inning."

Jones greeted Juan Rincon with an RBI single, and after Nick Markakis struck out, Huff drove a 2-0 pitch into the right-field seats. It was the 11th grand slam allowed by Cleveland, a club record and the most in the majors.

"Sometimes things come in bunches, and that has this year. I don't think it's one particular thing you look at," Wedge said. "Obviously, we've had our struggles in the bullpen this year — put a lot of people on base. The more you do that, the more there's an opportunity for somebody to do that.

Huff is close to having a career year; his best season came with Tampa Bay in 2003, when he had 34 home runs and 107 RBIs.

"We've done repetitive in saying he's been a legitimate No. 4 hitter for us," Trembley said. "It's just been real good, especially with guys on base."

Just a three-homer run and Hernandez added a two-run shot in the eighth, both off Brendan Donnelly.

Orioles starter Garrett Olson (9-7) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings. The left-hander was 0-2 with an 11.81 ERA in his previous four starts.

"My biggest focus tonight (was) not trying to press, just going out there and being myself the whole time," Olson said. "Not trying to do too much, being aggressive and letting the defense play behind me. When you do that and you keep the team close as the game goes on, eventually the team will start to come through."

After Cleveland got a two-out RBI double from Cabrera in the second, a run-scoring grounder by Scott tied it in the bottom half.

Cabrera hit an RBI single and Franklin Gutierrez followed with a sacrifice fly to put the Indians up 3-1 in the fourth.

Orioles third baseman Aubrey Huff hits a grand slam helping Baltimore to a 14-3 win over Cleveland Monday.

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Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers makes his first career Lambeau Leap after rushing for a touchdown in the Packers’ 24-19 win over Minnesota Monday night. Rodgers also threw for a touchdown in

Rodgers gets the win in Packer debut

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers passed his first test as the Green Bay Packers’ new quarterback, throwing for 178 yards and a touchdown and scoring on a gamewinning sneak in a 24-19 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night.

Rodgers, who was 18-0 as a starter, beat a bitter division rival in his first regular-season start, which came in the wake of Brett Favre’s offseason retirement saga.

"I’m happy we won, and that he played well,” Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. “That’s what’s important. I don’t really get caught up in all the other things. And it’s important for him not to, too."

Will Blackmon’s 76-yard punt return gave Green Bay a 17-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Minnesota’s Tarvaris Jackson answered with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Sidney Rice on fourth-and-1 to cut the Packers’ lead to five with 14:12 remaining. But a 2-point conversion attempt failed when Jackson threw a pass slightly behind Rice in the back of the end zone.

Grant then broke free for a 57-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, giving the Packers (1-0) first-and-goal at the 2. After a penalty against the Vikings (0-1), Rodgers was stuffed on his first attempt at a quarterback sneak but plunged into the end zone on the second try.

Rodgers acknowledged he was happy to get his first start out of the way, but generally seemed to be enjoying life as the No. 1 quarterback.

"Tonight, knowing I was going to get the first snap was pretty special," Rodgers said. "And running out of the tunnel to the electric atmosphere that we had, it was a pretty special night."

"I love playing in this stadium," Rodgers said. "It’s pretty special."

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**US OPEN**

Federer silences doubters with convincing win

Swiss champion wins fifth consecutive U.S. Open, 13th Grand Slam title, one shy of Sampras’ all-time record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No matter what anyone else said or thought, Roger Federer knew he was still capable of elite tennis.

Knew he was still capable of winning Grand Slam titles. Knew he was still Roger Federer.

Back at his best, back at the top. Federer, who has won 13 major titles since 2003 and is the fifth man to win four consecutive Grand Slam titles, had an opponent unlike any he had been his way.

Federer had to get past Murray, the fourth man who has won Grand Slam titles against everyone except Federer. Murray had lost his last six matches to Federer.

At the beginning of the year, Federer had lost to Nadal in the Australian Open. Murray had lost to Federer in their only previous meeting, at the quarterfinals of the 2009 Australian Open.

But Federer had lost to Nadal at the Australian Open, and Murray had lost to Federer at the U.S. Open.

Federer, coincidentally, was the same age as Murray when he played in his first Grand Slam final, back in 2003 at Wimbledon. Federer won that, and has kept winning major championship matches against everyone except Nadal.

Indeed, Murray can consider himself in good company. Federer’s other four finals at Flushing Meadows came against four men who have won Grand Slam titles: Leyton Hewitt, Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick and Novak Djokovic.

“I’m sure we’re going to see much more of Andy in the future,” said the second-seeded Federer, who dominated every facet of this final.

He accumulated a 36-16 advantage in winners, a 7-2 count in breaks of serve, and won the point on 31 of 44 trips to the net, compared with a 7-for-11 showing by Murray.

Murray — assured of rising to a career-best No. 4 in the rankings — missed about 10 feet behind the baseline to return serves, exactly the way he did in upsets Nadal in their tw-day, rain-interrupted semifinal over the weekend. And Murray did display flashes of the get-every-ball defense he used against Nadal, including one pretty flick of a lob by Federer with his back to the net.

But Federer, who might have benefited from an extra day to rest because his semifinal wasn’t affected by Tropical Storm Hanna, was simply too much for Murray. Too good.

Too smart.

Too experienced.

Too, well, Federeresque.

At only one juncture did Murray really throw a scare into his opponent on this day, taking 11 of 12 points to go from 2-0 down in the second set to 2-all and love-40 on Federer’s serve. Federer saved the first of those break points, and on the second, they engaged in a 14-stroke rally that ended with Murray missing a backhand.

TV replays, though, showed one of Federer’s shots during the rally should have been called out — and had it been, Murray would have had a break and a 3-2 lead in the set.

But there was no call, and no replay, because Federer stayed steady enough to save the third break point there and go on to hold serve.

“That was key,” Federer said. “After that, I began to play freely, the way I usually do.”

In the next game, Murray flexed his right leg, clutching at that knee and looking up at his substantial support group in the guest box, a gathering that included his mother, his two coaches and his two fitness trainers.

Federer later broke Murray at love in the last game of the second set, closing it on a 13-stroke point that was a thing of beauty. First, Federer extended the point with some superb court coverage, and then — shifting from defense to offense in a blink — he ended it with a forehand passing winner.

Federer turned to his guest box — which included his pal, Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour — and bellowed, punching down with his right fist.

This is how he is supposed to play.

This is how these Grand Slam finals are supposed to go.

Not his lopsided loss to Nadal on clay at Roland Garros. Or his heartbreakingly narrow loss — 7-9, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 — in the fifth set as the light disappeared — on grass at the All England Club.

These were two of Federer’s 12 losses by August in 2008, more than he had in any entire season from 2004-07. He also arrived in New York with only two titles from minor events, and none on the type of hard courts used at the U.S. Open.

Federer’s year began sluggishly as he dealt with a bout of mononucleosis, something he said affected his preparation later in the season as he played catch-up.

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NFL

Pollard says Brady's injury was an accident

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The man who delivered the hit that ended Tom Brady's season insists he was not trying to hurt last year's NFL MVP.

"It was really an accident," said Kansas City's Bernard Pollard. "I can't change what happened. I can't do anything now to pray for him and hope he has a speedy recovery."

Early in the Patriots' 17-10 victory, Pollard came on a safety blitz and was fighting through the block of running back Sammy Morris. Crawling forward, he got hold of Brady's left knee just as Brady was planting to make a long throw to Randy Moss.

"As soon as the play happened, I said, 'Oh, man.' When I heard him scream, I knew it was serious," said the third-year safety. "I came back to the sideline and told (coach Herm Edwards) 'That dude's hurt. But it was not intentional, coach, man, I'm sorry.'"

The league said Monday the call of a safety was an accident. The replay was reviewed by Mike Pereira, the NFL's supervisor of officials.

Associated Press

Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard injures Patriots quarterback Tom Brady during New England's 17-10 win Sunday.

Pollard's teammates were making a point to console him.

"Bernard feels terrible," said quarterback Damon Huard, who came into the game in the third quarter when Chiefs starter Brodie Croyle sustained a shoulder injury that could sideline him for a while. Huard, a former backup to Brady and a good friend of the Patriots star, said the injury was just an unfortunate accident "that happens in football."

"When you're making a long throw, you usually take a bigger stride," he said. "And Tom was just totally stretched out and extended, and Bernard just tried to reach out for him and caught him at the right time."

"Bernard feels bad about it. He really does,

Cornerback Patrick Surtain, an 11-year veteran and leader of the youthful secondary, said no one who knows Pollard would think he tried to hurt anyone.

"It could have been any quarterback in the league," Surtain said. "The guy was on his knees, basically crawling to get to him."

Pollard said he would not be surprised if he comes to be known around the country as the player who knocked Brady out for the year.

"He's a really good guy. He's not only the NFL face, but he's the face of magazines, and people love him," Surtain said. "But it still doesn't sidestep the fact that he plays for the National Football League. He plays football. He ties his shoe just like I tie my shoes to get ready for a game. He puts his mouthpiece in to keep all his teeth in, just like I do."

"I'm not talking any trash on him at all. He is the face of the NFL. But at the same time, he is a player. I just hope for a speedy recovery. I hope it's not as bad as everybody is saying."

Pollard said he would not do anything different.

"My thing is, the call's been brought in by our coaches and I just lay on the ground, then everybody's saying, 'Bernard's showing no effort on this play.' Then I'm not a dirty player but I'm a bad player, or not a good teammate because I don't have effort.

"We can't turn back the hands of time, I just wish him a speedy recovery."
Browns pick up pieces after Dallas debacle

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — For kicker Phil Dawson, it was a Monday like so many others over the past decade.

One day after Cleveland began a season of great expectations by unexpectedly getting embarrassed 28-10 in its opener by the Dallas Cowboys, Dawson, a Browns lifer and the only player who has been with the club since its 1999 expansion renaissance, offered some perspective on a loss that isn’t sitting well with the locals.

“It’s not time to panic,” said Dawson, 1-9 in NFL openers.

“It’s time to figure out how to improve. We just did not play good enough. This is a 1-6-chapter book and yesterday was the first chapter.

“It wasn’t a good one but we still have a lot of the book to read.”

With a nationally televised Sunday night game with the Pittsburgh Steelers up next, the Browns can’t turn the pages on the Dallas debacle fast enough.

The Boys manhandled them. Now, they have to make sure the Steelers don’t, too.

Pittsburgh has dominated Cleveland in one of the league’s most bitter rivalries. The Steelers have won nine straight, 15 of 16 and 22 of 25 since 1994.

“You could put this game in April and Brown-Steelers is important,” Dawson said.

“This isn’t just any week, it’s Steelers Week and I think that’s a good thing. I think it will help us move forward. If we had a bye week or something right now I think that we’d sit around and think about how horribly we played.”

Putting aside the frighteningly lopsided statistics — Dallas prevailed in first downs 30-11; total yards 487-205; time of possession 37:22 to 10:46 — the Browns are taking comfort in that they’ve been through something similar.

In 2005. But the truth of the matter is that his team, especially his defense, was no match for a Dallas’ galaxy of offensive stars.

Cleveland’s pass rush, a major concern heading into the season, was nonexistent.

The Browns didn’t have anyone to cover tight end Jason Witten, who blistered them for huge gains. And because they couldn’t get to Romo, it put more pressure on cornerback Brandon McDonald, who did all he could to stay with wide receiver Terrell Owens.

“We couldn’t stop Witten. We couldn’t stop T.O. We couldn’t stop Romo,” Dawson said.

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Rudolph didn’t get beat pass-blocking. Asghal Schwapp made two or three big blocks to open running lanes.

So what does this mean? It doesn’t forecast another 3-9 season, but it also doesn’t lock up a BCS bowl for the Irish. It means the team’s improving. The offensive line didn’t get great push, in the running game, but kept Clausen on his feet. That’s an improvement.

Clausen threw two interceptions (neither of which were really his fault) but led an effective no-huddle offense. That’s an improvement.

Robert Hughes and Armando Allen each fumbled, but gained decent yardage on the ground. That’s an improvement.

At this point it’s all about improvement. The storm clouds are still swirling overhead, but the lightning bolts are becoming less frequent and tuneful. That’s an improvement.

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The New York closer could be done for all of next season as well

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billy Wagner is out for the rest of this season and likely all of next.

The New York Mets closer will have surgery after an MRI on Monday showed a torn medial collateral ligament in his pitching elbow. The Mets have gotten worse during more than a month of rehabilitation. His injury could send the Mets into the free-agent market for a top reliever this winter, perhaps prompting them to pursue Francisco Rodriguez.

"It does change your thinking," general manager Omar Minaya said. "Any guy that we run out there is not going to be a proven guy. So, you know, until you have a proven guy, you can’t say you’re comfortable.

A five-time All-Star, Wagner also has a torn flexor pronator, which is a muscle in the forearm. When he tested his arm Sunday at Shea Stadium by facing teammate Gustavo Molina, Wagner hit the reserve catcher on the left foot with his 13th pitch, then walked off the field.

"The tear is now big enough that the doctors are recommending so-called Tommy John surgery," Minaya said. "If all goes well, he will be able to return to pitching in about a year’s time following the surgery."

The left-hander has contention of 191 of 118 regular-season save chances since signing with New York before the 2006 season, but has not pitched since Aug. 2.

When the Mets put Wagner on the disabled list three days later, they described the injury as a strained left forearm. Minaya said Monday that an MRI that day revealed the tear but that Wagner and the team thought there was a chance he could pitch through it.

"There’s a lot of guys that pitch with tears, especially when you’re 37 years old," Minaya said. "The question is how these tears hold up and when you’re 37 years old," Minaya said. "I still think Billy, he’s a good enough athlete, he said. "I still think Billy, he’s a good enough athlete, he’s a hard worker, determined. I don’t want to say this is the Mets’ situation."

Before Monday night’s home game against the New York Yankees, Rodriguez didn’t want to comment on the Mets’ situation.

"I don’t want to answer that question. Right now I only want to talk about today’s game. I don’t know what’s going to happen in the future," he said.

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get started and will just try to young group, though. They've around working out and practic­ing, he said, and would sometimes come and talk to the campaign. "The thing I remember about him was his work ethic," Brink said. "He was a flat out machine as a worker. He was a leader of the first guys that was into weight lift­ing. He was one of the first guys that was into nutrition."

In his junior year with the Irish, Dantley was fourth in the nation in scoring, averaging 28.6 points per game. He averaged 25.8 points per game in his career and made 613 free throws, more than anyone else in Notre Dame history. He skipped his senior season to enter the NBA draft.

The Buffalo Braves drafted Dantley sixth overall in the 1978 draft, and he was the NBA Rookie of the Year in 1979. He went on to play for the Pacers, Lakers, Jazz, Piston, Mavericks and Bucks in his career. He led the NBA in scoring twice and was named an All-Star six times. From 1981-84 Dantley averaged over 30 points per game and is still 18th on the all-time scoring list. After his playing days were over, Dantley went on to coach as an assistant at T owson University for two years. He is currently an assistant coach for the Denver Nuggets. Dantley was inducted this weekend along with a slew of household names including Haakon Olafjovson, Patrick Ewing, Pat Riley, Dick Vitale, Detroit Piston owner Bill Davidson and women's basket­ball coach Cathy Rush.

Danley said the talk he gave us was fabu­lous.

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smacked a couple times, and we're going to be to play and set our pace.

Dame returns four starters from last season, including Big East Player of the Year Luke Harangody, and is expected to contend for the conference title this year. But to win that crown, the Irish will have to navigate the always tough Big East schedule.

Dame will face a cru­cial test early in its Big East schedule, when it faces a daunting five-game stretch beginning on the road at Louisville on Jan. 12. The Irish follow that with a trip to the Carrier Dome to take on Syracuse on Jan. 17, then return home for games against Connecticut on Jan. 24 and Marquette on Jan. 26 and finish the stretch with a trip to Pittsburgh on Jan. 31. ESPN's College Gameday will visit the Joyce Center for the first time for the Connecticut game.

"There's so many good ones on our schedule ... Brink said "It's going to be an unbel­ievable experience and a great challenge."

On Feb. 7, Notre Dame will head to Los Angeles to renew its rivalry with UCLA. It'll be the first meeting between the two teams since 2004.

The Irish will face Indiana on Nov. 24 to open the Maui Invitational and depending on how they fare, will play either Texas or St. Joseph's in round two, and possibly North Carolina in the Finals. After two games at home against Furman and South Dakota, Notre Dame heads to the new Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Dec. 6 to take on Ohio State. Then, Notre Dame has three more games at home against Boston, Delaware State and Savannah State before kicking off Big Dame play at Paull on Dec. 31.

In the Big East, Notre Dame will play Connecticut, Louisville and St. John's in its home-and-home opponents and will close the year with one of their last four games at the Joyce Center.

In all, Notre Dame will play 14 games on the ESPN family of networks (ESPN2 and ESPNU) and will have two games on CBS (at UCLA and at Connecticut on Jan. 26).

Note: Notre Dame home football weekends are a time when many highly-touted recruits come to campus, but not just for football. Brink received a verbal commitment this week­end from 6-foot-8 forward Mike Broghammer. Broghammer joins Joyce Brooks and Jack Conley as verbal commitments Brink has lined up for this year's senior class. Brink can't comment on the recruits until the recruits sign their letters of intent in November.

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**Men’s Basketball**

**Team releases tough schedule for 2008-09**

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

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**Football Commentary**

**Fans should keep the faith for now**

For the first time in three football seasons, I went to a midnight drum circle performance. I got there early and stood behind throngs of eager fans dying to hear the cadences. A friend told me they really were sick, that it was the first time he’d ever left one more excited about a game than when he’d come home. In the stadium the fans were cranking the team up, chanting and gesturing with the best of them.

Then the game started, and people turned into Debbie Downers.

In front of us left Jimmy Clausen threw his second interception. People started calling for Dayne Crist and Noah Montana. My friend from home texted me midway through the second quarter asking if I’d left yet. Support for Charlie Weis was shaky during the "1912 Overture" in the fourth quarter. Suffice it to say the fans weren’t enthralled with the team’s production.

They have reasons to be: the team is on a short leash after last season, and based on Saturday’s game, there are reasons for it. Clausen didn’t look off his receivers and throw two interceptions. The "pounded" it game amounted to much ado about nothing; the Irish averaged 3.1 yards per carry and fumbled twice. The punt was blocked, and multiple San Diego State drives. The fancy blizzards produced one sack.

The game left us asking questions: Why was John Ryan the down lineman in the nickel set for the whole game instead of an actual lineman? Where was Duval Kamara looking when Clausen’s pass was intercepted over his head? Will we be able to convert third-and-shorts against teams that don’t have its entire defensive line injured like San Diego State did?

And most importantly, shouldn’t we have been blown out San Diego State?

 Plenty of reasons to be skeptical. But there are also reasons to rejoice in the fact that, at the very least, Notre Dame wasn’t embarrassed in its first game.

The offensive line didn’t allow a sack. Clausen threw three touchdowns passes. Michael Floyd looked good in his first time out, and may have had two touchdowns if Clausen had unglued his eyes from Golden Tate. Kyle 

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**Men’s Golf**

**Shaky start for Irish in California**

By MIKE BLASCO
Sports Writer

After tearing up the famously treacherous local courses during the Hec and the Emerald Isle early last month, Notre Dame is wishing it brought home a little bit more of the luck of the Irish as a souvenir.

The Notre Dame squad sits in ninth place in a field of 15 after the first round of the USF Intercollegiate Invitational at the 8,833-yard, par 70 Olympic Club in Daly City, Calif., just outside San Francisco.

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**SMC Volleyball**

**Belles look to keep trucking**

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to build on its first time Saint Mary’s had taken down Bethel since 1993.

The team is still 0-1 in conference play after losing three straight games in the conference opener to Adrian on Sept. 2. The Belles will look to keep things rolling and pick up their first MIAA win against the Flying Dutch tonight.

Saint Mary’s will look to the offensive efforts of freshman standout Danielle Brink and Junior Kathleen Mills to help attack a formidable Hope defense. Mills was an integral part of the team’s fifth set comeback victory over Bethel last week with a game-changing kill, and the team will count on her veteran leadership on the court to lead the team to victory.

Hope head coach Becky Schmidt picked up her 100th career victory on Saturday. The Belles look to keep her team’s momentum going strong en route to a 5-1 overall record and a 2-0 record in the conference. The Flying Dutch are currently in first place in the MIAA. 

Spearheading their team’s strong defense is senior Meghan Winer, who pulled off a 30-digit performance in the Flying Dutch’s victory this past weekend. However, Winer will have a difficult time dealing with the power of Belles senior