Market turmoil affects student job prospects

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Despite major economic trouble, Notre Dame diploma still valuable

The future of Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers, formerly two of the nation’s top investment banks, reflects a “scary time” in the investment community, Lee Svete, director of the Notre Dame Career Center, said.

“We don’t know yet what the dominant effect will be,” he said.

The once-reliable companies’ failings affect Notre Dame students of all majors, Svete said, in a valuable job market.

“Right now, it’s going to impact our job market for students who want to pursue investment banking but do not have an internship on their resume,” he said.

Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch were not present at last Thursday’s Fall Career Expo, but both firms have said they are reducing their workforce.

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“Gigot Challenge is open to all Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students,” Slaggert said. “Designed to be less intimidating than our annual Business Plan Competition, The idea is for students to come up with their best entrepreneurial pitch on a variety of concepts, is open to all Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students.”

“Ideas Challenge began Sept. 8 with a kick-off event at Legends,” said Brian Miers, co-director at the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. This new program supplements The Center’s annual Notre Dame Business Plan Competition.

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“The Gigot Challenge is open to all Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students,” Slaggert said. “Designed to be less intimidating than our annual Business Plan Competition, the Gigot Challenge is perfect for students in all colleges and all majors on campus.”

Students compete in one of five categories. The first category, called Lead a Hand, accepts ideas likely to have a positive impact on the world. The technical category is for concepts likely to be developed.

A stock broker takes a break from the floor during trading on Wall Street in New York Monday.
Facebook etiquette

My fellow Facebookers: It has come to my attention recently that there are several problems in our favorite social networking land. And no, I'm not referring to the new Facebook. I'm talking about etiquette: people. What has happened to the days of classy Facebooking? There are certain things, my friends, that are acceptable, and certain things that are not.

I feel like this is a large issue, something that can't be fully discussed in one column. So today, I will hold myself to one target of these Facebook faux pas: the wall. First and foremost: You should never ask someone on a date via Facebook. That's just embarrassing — both for you and the person you're inviting out. Do you really want your humiliation to be public if you get turned down? And honestly, it's just not at all classy. Save that for a Facebook message — then it's acceptable.

There is one exception to this: a completely over-the-top invitation to your potential mate. In this case, it's probably not even a potential mate, more like a good friend you can mess around with for the purpose of a Faking scandal.

Those invites should look something like this: "My darlingst, loveliest, and fairest, does my friendship mean nothing to you? You love your Facebook life, so why not your potential mate? In this case, it's acceptable.

In "The Wonderful Years," Pat Hazzel finds humor in the experience of growing up in America. This event will be held Friday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $40, $32 faculty/staff, $30 seniors, and $15 students and can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

The annual Forum Film Festival will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Films on sustainability will be shown. The event is open to the public. Tickets are free and must be reserved in advance at the Ticket Office.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information and all event info to obnews@nd.edu.
Council selects task force issues

Dorm life, technology, new student integration, security among topics to be addressed

By AARON STEINER
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After reviewing the topics discussed at the previous Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting and adding a few additional points, CLC members decided Monday on the creation of three task forces. The task forces will cover a variety of student life issues, but will focus on three general topics: technology and study spaces within the dorms, student safety issues and a final task force on other dorm life issues, including welcoming new students to dorm life at Notre Dame.

Sustainability was also discussed as a possible task force, but council member and assistant vice president for Student Affairs Sr. Sue Dunn suggested that sustainability be an overarching topic of consideration for all the task forces throughout the year, rather than having its own force. The Council agreed with Dunn.

The task force on technology and study space issues within the dorms arose from discussion during the previous CLC meeting, members discussed the lack of an accessible and user-friendly central calendar system. Council member David Wilbur, who is the off-campus Student Senate representative, said the Student Senate’s technology committee, to which he sits on, is working with OIT to start using Google Calendars.

Wilbur said that eventually, in addition to dorm, club and other University events, professors would be able to use the system. “The plan is eventually to put professors’ syllabuses up there as well, so homework is up there,” Wilbur stated.

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The second task force, centered on student safety and security issues, will address both on- and off-campus security issues.

Improving relationships with South Bend taxi services, organizing a forum for off-campus students to learn about issues affecting students off campus, addressing the relationship between students and Notre Dame Security Police and finding where specific safety issues may exist on campus are among the topics this task force will address.

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Flynn had also mentioned security concerns inside Hesburgh Library at the previous CLC meeting. McCormick said that working to create a bike path or safer environment for bikers around the Notre Dame campus should be a consideration for the task force.

The final task force will encompass the issues affecting both freshman and other new students at Notre Dame and a variety of other dorm life issues.

The task force will review the changes made to Freshman Orientation this past fall, consider ways to better organize and synthesize the information that new students receive upon entering the University, and other dorm issues, including monetary and funding issues and disparities between dorms.

While the Council considered having more than three task forces or changing the concentration of task forces at the end of the semester, Sr. Mary Lynch, rector of McGlinn Hall, stated it would be wiser to plan to work for the entire year.

“It really does take time to track down all the people you need to connect with,... have meetings ... and provide feedback,” she said. “It really does take close to a year.”

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"never once" considered it appropriate to put taxpayer money at risk to resolve the problems at Lehman Brothers, which was saddled with $60 billion worth of soured real estate holdings. The result was one of the most momentous days in Wall Street history since legendary banker J. Pierpoint Morgan helped broker the rescue of financial markets during the Panic of 1907. The Dow industrials dropped 504.48 points to close at 10,917.51, the first time since July they have finished under 11,000. It was the sixth-largest point drop ever and the worst since Sept. 17, 2001, when the average fell 664.81 points on the first day of trading after the terror attacks.

The Career center is advising students to be "flexible" to adapt to the changing job environment. It said Houlihan Locky was an example of a middle-market firm where students can employ the same skills they would use in a position at one of the bigger companies.

In Washington, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who refused to tum a financial lifeline to Lehman, was unapologetic as the Bush administration signaled strongly that Wall Street shouldn't expect more rescues from Washington.

The American people should remain confident in the "soundness and resilience in the American financial system," Paulson told reporters at the White House.

Six months ago, Paulson moved to present the collapse of Bear Stearns, broking a deal for JP Morgan Chase & Co. to buy the firm at a fire-sale price with Federal Reserve backing. Earlier this month, he stopped in to help the government wipe Fannie and Freddie in hopes of reversing the housing and credit crises.

But Monday, Paulson said he was present in the past. "We still don't know what's going to happen yet because Bank of America hasn't made a decision," he said.

The two companies' downfall are not necessarily indicative of the investment banking field as a whole, Svete said, as some middle-market bank and other financial services and companies are still hiring.

"It's important that the middle market is still here in a big way," he said. "But in this crazy market, with the larger businesses in trouble, it could change.

Houlihan Lokey - one of the middle market banks Svete mentioned - is coming Tuesday to recruit on campus. Commercial banks, like PNC Bank and Fifth Third Bank, have also recruited at the University.

"To some extent, we knew it was going to be a volatile job market for investment banking," he said.

During the Wall Street Forum last week, 178 firms, including Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan, said they would hire interns for summer 2009, but analysis on recruiting in the fall is currently on hold, Svete said. Neither Merrill Lynch nor Lehman Brothers were present.

The Career center is advising students that being "flexible" to adapt to the changing job environment. Svete said he saw the collapse "as more of a market correction.

"This industry's going to bounce back," he said, "and it's going to look differently.

This is Svete's ninth year at the career center and during his tenure he has witnessed the effects of the Enron fraud scandal and 9/11, and has watched students bounce back.

"With Enron, the 40 accounting majors that had jobs going into April, one day they just didn't have jobs. They all found jobs by the end of May," he said. After 9/11, the Career Fair went from 100 companies to 35.

Svete said that in a tough job market, a Notre Dame diploma becomes even more valuable.

"I think our students are going to be fine," he said. "I'm not saying it's not going to be tough out there, that it's not going to be competitive. Students are going to work a lot harder.

The reasons for the value of a Notre Dame diploma are two-fold, Svete said. The first reason is the strength of the alumni community.

The second is how diverse and flexible and well-educated our graduates are," he said. "If I'm a company that was going to hire 10 college grads - and I was going to keep one school on my calendar, we're going to be one of those schools.

Svete said that is the reason why 162 companies and 400-plus recruiters are at our career fairs.

The winter Career Fair is scheduled to take place Jan. 28.

"The companies, organizations and grad schools will realize that our degree, our reputation, our integrity - all the things we bring to the table in a highly competitive market will only make us more valuable in the long run," Svete said.

Svete said Notre Dame's recent national rankings - 19th overall in the U.S. News and World Report and 3rd best undergraduate business program in BusinessWeek Magazine - indicate that "we'll be the last school to be cut by recruiting.

"If we get cut, so will Stanford, Duke and Harvard." The second-tier schools, however, are "going to take a hit six this year," he said.

Advising numbers at the Career Center are up, and a record number of underclassmen attended last week's Career Expo, Svete said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female bomber kills 35 in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber blew herself up Monday among police officers who were celebrating the release of a comrade from U.S. custody, killing at least 22 people, Iraqi officials said. Separate bombings in Iraq killed 13 other people.

The suicide attack happened in Diwaniya, a province northeast of Baghdad where Sunni insurgents have carried out persistent attacks despite security gains elsewhere in the country. The female bomber targeted the home of a police commissioner who had been detained by American troops for allegedly cooperating with the Mahdi Army, a Shi'ite militia.

Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Rubaie, the military police chief, said 22 fatalities were police and that 33 people were wounded in the evening attack in Balad, about 45 miles northwest of Baghdad. Two police captains and three lieutenant colonels were among the dead, said a police officer who was disturbed anonymously because he was not authorized to release the information.

Son of al-Qaida suspect released

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The 12-year-old son of a woman suspected of links to al-Qaida and facing charges in New York was freed Monday by Afghan authorities and sent to his family in Pakistan, two months after he was detained with his mother.

Officials identified the boy as Ali Hassan, and his mother, Aafia Siddiqui, was detained outside the American ambassador's house in Afghanistan's Ghazni province in July. The American-educated Pakistani woman was then handed over to the U.S. and flown to New York to face terrorism charges. Her two sons, aged 5 and 11, were left at a hospital in their native Pakistan.

National News

Nebraska ‘haven’ law sees action

OMAHA, Neb. — Two boys ages 15 and 11 were left at Nebraska hospitals over the weekend, the first youngsters surrendered under the state’s new safe-haven law that allows caregivers to abandon children and teens as well as infants, officials said. A 29-year-old woman dropped off her two sons Sunday at the Omaha Police Department’s North Patrol Station, saying the boy had behavioral problems that she couldn’t handle anymore, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Carkelly said. The woman is the boys’ legal guardian.

The other boy was left at Immanuel Medical Center where he was treated for minor injuries. The third boy was left at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Omaha.

O.J. Simpson trial resumes

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson’s Las Vegas robbery trial is resuming Monday, with a defense lawyer resuming his two-year-old line of questioning aimed at discrediting the government’s key prosecution witness became ill on the stand.

Bruce Fromong had been on the witness stand for several hours Monday before he pointed to his chest and indicated he didn’t feel well. The sports memorabilia dealer is one of the alleged victims in the case.

He said he has previous heart attacks. Paramedics examined Fromong at the courthouse but did not take him to a hospital. His attorney, Louis Schreiber, says Fromong could resume testifying on Tuesday.

Local News

Democrat asks to suspend tax on gas

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Republican lawmaker is repeating her call for a suspension in Arizona’s gasoline tax as fuel prices spike in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

Republican Rep. Jack Cicilline said he would like to see an immediate suspension and is personally considering introducing legislation to do so.

Long Thompson also wants to cap the gas sales tax once the pump price reaches $2.75. AAA’s Daily Fuel Gauge Report shows that Hoosiers paid an average of $4.12 per gallon of regular unleaded on Monday. That’s up from $4 per gallon Sunday.

Morgan Tsvangirai, the new Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, prepares speak at the power-sharing deal yesterday.

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe shares power after 28 years

Political rivals sign power-sharing agreement intended to help economy

Associated Press

HARARE — President Robert Mugabe ceded some power in Zimbabwe for the first time in 28 years, signing a power-sharing deal Monday with opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai amid questions on how the fierce enemies will work together to fix the collapsing economy.

Thousands of supporters of the rival parties threw stones at each other as the ceremony got under way and several hundred broke through the gates of the convention center where it took place. Police fired warning shots and set dogs on the crowd, which calmed and cheered as their leaders left after the signing.

Mugabe, Tsvangirai and Arthur Mutambara, leader of a faction that broke from Tsvangirai’s party, all pledged to make the deal work. But long-simmering and bitter differences as well as the nation’s economic collapse — inflation is officially running at 11 million percent — haunts any deal under intense pressure.

It has already been criticized privately by some opposition leaders, who are unhappy that it leaves Mugabe as president and head of the government. They fear Mugabe will exploit that, especially by playing on tensions between the two opposition groups.

Nine African leaders including mediator President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa witnessed the signing in a show of commitment to the deal. The African Union is underwriting Zimbabwe’s government.

Tanzania’s President Jakaya Kikwete, chairman of the AU, addressed the concern on many minds: “Will it hold or will it not?”

That is the question, Tsvangirai, who is expected later this week.

Mugabe’s government restricted the work of aid agencies in June, accusing them of siding with the opposition before an presidential runoff. The ban was lifted last month, but aid agencies say it takes time to get up.

Mugabe, 84, has been in power since independence in 1980 and won’t be leaving office. The agreement provides for 31 ministers — down from 50 — 15 nominated by Mugabe’s party, 13 by Tsvangirai and three by Mutambara.

The parties began negotiating Monday which ministries they would hold and an announcement was expected later this week. Opposition leaders want the Home Affairs Ministry that would give them charge of the police who have terrorized them and their supporters this year, and Mugabe would retain the Defense Ministry.

Tsvangirai saluted members of parliament for their willingness to work across party lines. “If we were my enemy yesterday, today we are bound by the same patriotic duty,” he said, calling on legislators to be “driven by the hope of a new, better, brighter country” and the “hope of a new beginning.”

Texting may be cause of train crash

Associated Press

LOUIS ANGELES — Federal rail investigators said Monday they were closer to court to get an engineer’s cell phone records to determine if he was texting messaging when his passenger train collided with another train Sunday.

The investigation into Friday’s fatal Metrolink crash was also focusing on whether signals lights worked properly and were synchronized with a control center where a dispatcher was responsible for a train signal only after the collision had occurred.

As workers continued to clear the tracks to restore full service, a smaller number of commuters — many wary and emotional — returned to the rail line, where Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa tried to reassure them the trains are safe.

“I want to dispel any fears about taking the train,” he said. “Safety has been our No. 1 concern, and while accidents can and do happen, taking the train is still one of the safest and fastest options for commuters.”

About a dozen bouquets were strewn the length of the loading platform at the Sylmar station as passengers boarded buses and were shuttled to the Chatsworth station, bypassing the tracks still being cleared of wreckage.

Regular commuters said the train was much lighter than usual. The National Transportation and Safety Board said the commuter train, which carried 220 people Friday, rolled past stop signals at 42 mph and forced its way onto a track where a Union Pacific freight was barreling toward it. NSB board member Kitty Higgins said the commuter train engineer, who was among the 25 dead, had failed to stop at the final red signal. The crash also injured 138 people.

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opened into a viable product.

The creative idea category takes ideas that solve a problem. The At Your Service category takes the concept most likely to result in a viable service organization. The final category, Big Bucks, looks for the idea most likely to result in a viable company, generating profits and new jobs.

Judges will determine the top three ideas in each of the five categories. $100 will be awarded for first place, $50 for second place, and $25 for third place in each of the five categories.

The top 20 ideas submitted from all categories will be invited to compete in the Elevator Pitch Competition, where participants will have two minutes to sell their idea to an investor. The top three winners of The Elevator Pitch Competition will receive an additional $1750 in prize money.

The first training session for the Ideas Challenge is currently open for registrations. The deadline for entering the Ideas Challenge and Business Plan Competition is Oct. 6.

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Storm
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astated much of Galveston, it did not hit as strongly as originally expected — it was downgraded to a Category 2 hurricane once it hit Galveston Island, according to CNN.

Leaving Houston on Sunday was more of a challenge than entering the city for Bath, however. Her flight from Houston to Chicago was cancelled, and she eventually had to fly out of San Antonio in order to get back to campus, she said.

Bath also said that she has some friends in eastern Houston who decided to stay as the storm first hit.

“My family and I called everyone we know to see how they were,” Bath said. “Most people didn’t have power or phones lines … and fences were destroyed by the storm. There was some flooding (in eastern Houston, but no signifinccnt damage)"

Bath, who is from western Houston, said that she and her family were thankful the hurricane had not caused any major damage to her home.

“My family was relieved that our house was spared,” Bath said.

Bath said she thought Texas residents were better prepared to respond to Ike due to the devastation they saw others endure from Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

“If it hadn’t been for those storms, the state would not have mobilized as quickly as it did, and it has taken great pains to evacuate the coast as much as possible,” she said.

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Lorna Bath
Senior

The level of organization was impressive,” Sophomore Elizabeth Morgan said that Ike has been particularly worrisome for her because she has experienced first-hand what it is like to have family members caught in a hurricane.

“I was personally affect-ed by Hurricane Katrina because I have a lot of family in New Orleans. It’s an emotional experience whenever a hurricane comes and I always get a little scared and nervous about it,” Morgan said.

Morgan said she first started keeping up with Ike’s progress last week.

“Last week I was watching the news, and I saw that there was a big storm that was going to affect Houston,” Morgan said.

Morgan is from Spring, Texas about 30 miles north of Houston — while her town has not been affected as drastically as other areas like southern Galveston, she remained fearful for friends and family residing in these areas.

“Spring has not been affected as far as water, but trees have fallen and power has been cut off,” she said.

Morgan also said her grandparents who live in southern Houston and friends that attend the University of Houston who have been under mandatory evacuation.

“It’s hard for me to be up at school where everything is normal, while friends and family are at home in the midst of destruction with no air conditioning or electricity,” Morgan said.

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Associated Press

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Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 index was down 5.3 percent to 11,260.86 in mid-afternoon. The Hong Kong blue-chip Hang Seng index shed 5.7 percent. Both markets have been down more than 20 percent this year — the biggest negative start to a year in more than two decades had been closed for holidays on Monday, when news first broke about the dramatic events on Wall Street.

Across the region, markets were trading deeply in the red, with South Korea’s Kospi down 5.4 percent. Taiwan’s benchmark was off 4.7 percent and China’s Shanghai index dropped 4.6 percent.

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Pope Benedict XVI gave communion during a special Mass Wednesday for the sick in front of the Basilica of the Rosary in Lourdes, France, Monday.

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Benedict XVI spoke to disabled, sick and dying at visit to Lourdes

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ELECTION 2008

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One lesson here is that saying too much can get you into trouble. The Second Amendment is the only one in the Bill of Rights with a prefatory clause linking it to the purpose. That “militia” clause, over the years, gave rise to endless debate, which the Court settled with an enactment was that the.”

The gun issue is far from settled. The Supreme Court has held that most of the protections in the Bill of Rights are binding on the states and local governments as well as on the federal government. But in Heller the Court interpreted earlier cases to establish that “the Second Amendment applies only to the Federal Government.” Future litigation may turn on provisions in state constitutions comparable to that amendment. Justice Breyer’s dissent in Heller highlighted also the uncertainty that still surrounds the level of judicial scrutiny that must be applied in Second Amendment cases.

So what can we learn from Heller?” It is far from a mandate that every American community become a Dodge City or even a Kennesaw. On Supreme Court decisions, and everything else, don’t jump to conclusions without reading the fine print.

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"The pleasure of love is in loving." - Francois de La Rochefoucauld
The Observer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The clamp down on football games

Our Dearest Gus,

We wholeheartedly support your stance on the soul-endangering occurrences, which surface around the festivities of Notre Dame football. We, too, have a few suggestions to refocus our festivals towards Catholic values and fortitude. First, students should not be allowed to paint themselves. Painting leaves skin uncovered enticing us into fusing after the 60's. Enough with scantily clad girls! Habits for all girls attending the game! It's not only classy but very slimming. As for the boys, only University-approved shirts should be allowed within the festival. Nobody should be allowed to go up for pushups after a score. Boys shouldn't touch girls and girls shouldn't touch boys until the holy vows of matrimony are recited. And guys touching guys and girls touching girls! Abominable! Before entering the stadium, every spectator should be breathalyzed; after all alcohol only makes people louder and more debaucherous, thus preventing God from hearing those who are praying in the Stadium.

As always, we wish to thank all the alumni for reading The Observer and providing feedback as how not to "get it up" but instead to lift our souls upwards to heaven.

Kevin J. Gleason
alumni
Class of 2008
Sept. 15

Glory of tradition still alive

I must say that after reading Gus Zuehlke's article "Bad game day behavior disgraces football tradition," Sept. 15, I am a little confused about which university he attended back in the late 1970's that was such a virtuous utopia compared to the University of Notre Dame and its students today. No, I wasn't alive when Mr. Zuehlke attended the university, but my father graduated in '75, and the parents of my friends were in attendance at the same time as Zuehlke — so I've heard the stories.

Zuehlke comments on the "degeneration of what was once a festival we could celebrate without endangering our souls". He implies that the student body to "drink but not get drunk," and yet, while he attended the University, kegs made their way into the Stadium via ropes pulled along the outer walls. I am sure that the virtuous student body, which he implies attended the University at the time, was not drinking alcohol only makes people louder and more debauched. After all, people who do not want to get drunk usually cannot wait until after a game to resume drinking. I am afraid I cannot comment on how lewd people were at games; I'll be honest with you state that alumni greeted me with a nervous reaction, I came across the following photographs in those yearbooks: 1. A snow "sculpture" created on campus in the shape of a middle finger aimed at the golden dome. 2. A sign at a local movie theater showing the movie title "Deep Throat XXX". (On a side note, it is a funny picture since there is a trash can in front of it up "but instead to lift our souls upwards to heaven.

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Revelry, not vulgarity

"Therefore let no one judge you in matters of food and drink or with respect to a festival, a new moon, or Sabbath days," Colossians 2:16. I write this piece in reference to the Viewpoint article published in The Observer on Sept. 15, titled "Bad Game Day Behavior a Disgrace to Football Tradition." While I do respect your opinion, I disagree with various critiques you made in regards to my actions and my character.

First, in defense of a few well respected ladies with whom I associate: these ladies were simply enjoying the commencement of the 2008 Notre Dame Football season. While they may have been dressed in slightly less clothing than average females, it would have been unbearable if they stained their clothing with blue, green, or gold paint. By a college football tradition to apply paint of a school's colors on game day and should be no different at an institution like Notre Dame.

In addition, I am personally offended at the comment regarding the writing on my back. It seems wrong to single out one student for advertising the words roughly paraphrased as "Suck This," when our entire student body can be heard chanting "Suck it down team name" on any given home football weekend. I feel that if you choose to criticize me for my body art, you must also criticize the thousands of fans participating in this popular chant. While you state that alumni greeted me with a nervous reaction, I bring to light the plethora of guests of our beautiful campus who requested pictures of me with themselves or their children, as well as those greeting me with friendly smiles and high-fives.

You also referenced my use of the phrase "Get it up," which a number of my fellow students have brought to my attention has certain vile connotations. In no way was this phrase used as a sexual reference or anything of the sort. The phrase is a common request of fans to raise their voices and emotions (and nothing else) for the team that they support. Any other interpretation of what I meant by this statement is both far-fetched and incorrect. To me, Notre Dame Football transcends ordinary, earthly festivals, and I would like to enjoy each of these blessed days to the fullest extent.

While I do apologize for "endangering others' souls," as you contend, I believe myself and those around me were simply enjoying ourselves while getting excited for a promising season of Fighting Irish Football. Rather than intruding on others' weekends, I believe I was simply motivating others around me to cheer as loud as possible on opening day for our beloved Irish.

Respectfully,

Rameez Tass
alumni
Sept. 15

GUEST CARTOONIST

JOEY HERZOG

Hmmm... What's this!

CHARLIE,
We hope this helps you recover and lead the warriors of Our Lady to victory.

-BXVI

GET WELL

PS: please return with full tank.
By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

I can't lie — I feel kind of like a celebrity right now.

No, it's not because I'm being stalked by paparazzi lurking in the shrubbery outside my dorm. Nor do I suddenly have the desire to start adopting children from as-yet-unnamed developing nations. Or to give those children names like "Pilot Inspektor." (Irony, Jason Lee from "My Name is Earl"?) Hell no.

No, I'm feeling slightly - to sort of quote one of my favorite "Project Runway" contestants, Rhayne Walsh - "celib-o-licious" because of the sweet celebrity swag that I've been getting since I took this Scene Editor gig last month.

Swag, for those of you who aren't addicted to watching awards shows on television, is commonly defined as "sweet stuff." Lots and lots of sweet stuff, in fact, is often tacked into cute little baskets for presenters at banquets and award ceremonies in the Hollywood hills. You might notice that I'm not handing anyone a Best Supporting Actor Oscar, so what gives?

To the studios/networks/record labels, it's marketing. In a recent letter I received from none other than the Fox Network, J.J. Abrams knows how to create a picture-perfect marketing package.

The first few minutes of the pilot episode also traveled east to west, north to south and back again, via a transatlantic flight. The FBI and the CIA are sent to clear up the mess.

The quick-witted characters intend to concentrate on fringe science. That is the study of mind control, the existence of UFO's, human resurrection, and various other strange events which are planned to form the backbone of the series. It also appears that an overarching story featuring an evil corporation will take precedence every few episodes.

Most of the series action will take place in Boston, though the pilot episode also traveled to Iraq and the depths of the human dream state.

With ominous floating letters at every location, J.J. Abrams once again proclaimed his fascination with CGI black text. The revered creator of the biggest show of Fox's fall lineup. So there must be something about Anna Torv that J.J. Abrams liked.

Some fans may remember other Abrams female leads such as Jeri Russell in "Felicity" and Jennifer Garner in a fairly popular show titled "Alias." Another welcome addition to this cast is " Dawson's" recent alum Joshua Jackson, and the mad Seward of Condor, John Noble, from "The Return of the King." The three work well together and will most likely be the savior of this premier episode.

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By SYZMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

Like at least one other J.J. Abrams television program, this one's pilot episode begins in a plane — a plane in a storm — a plane in a storm with lots of screaming passengers. This other show, of course, is the spectacularly popular and consistently disappointing "Lost." The plot for "Fringe" starts with a mysterious disease that has killed every single passenger on a transatlantic flight. The FBI and the CIA are sent to clear up the mess.

Through this we are introduced to the main character, Olivia Dunham, portrayed by relative newcomer to American television, Anna Torv. Though she has mostly worked outside of America, she landed a lead role in the biggest show of Fox's fall lineup. So there must be something about Anna Torv that J.J. Abrams liked.

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Scene
By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

Has any band in recent memory put out as much quality music in as little a time as the Gaslight Anthem? In the last 16 months, they've produced two full-length albums and an EP, without any signs to indicate that they remain completely unknown to the mainstream. This is an utter shame. Their spectacular sophomore album, entitled "The '59 Sound," is a debut for their catalogue. While the online hype is succinct, they started to build around the group, they did not have on prior efforts. Though some fans may be quick to launch into cries of "Sell outs!" the pop-punk sound works perfectly for them as catchy as these.

The album kicks off with the one-two punch of contemporary groups like Against Me, who have found both critical and commercial success. The album opens with the modern punk of today, "I want to do/I ain't got a thing to prove to you." The band shows a slightly more hostile edge, Weezer is through with messing around since Pinkerton. "Heart Songs" is a nostalgic tribute from Rivers Cuomo to his favorite artists from childhood, including a few surprises (ABBA?). The final track on the regular version of the album, "The Angel and the One," seems with one ic "Hash Pipe" did hint at this rawer edge. Weezer maintains an ironic element of self-mockery, being the nerd rock kings that they are.

The album is almost impossible to resist the urge to replay the song. One of the most appealing aspects of the Gaslight Anthem is their lyrical continuity — the repeated mentions of cars, girls, and Mary or, Maria, and dancing. This doesn't let up on "The '59 Sound," and though it's not overbearing, fans will notice and appreciate these lyrical Easter eggs. Also, aside from the title track, singer/guitarist Brian Fallon possesses. His lyrics reflect the blue-collar rock that the band plays, and it never seems contrived.

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Yankees start final week at stadium with win

Cubs' Lilly almost matches Zambrano's no-hitter as hurler throws six no-hit innings, helping Chicago sweep Houston

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera moved into second place on the career saves list and the New York Yankees put a small dent in Chicago's postseason plans, beating the White Sox 4-2 on Monday night.

Beginning its final week at Yankee Stadium — baring an incredible playoff surge — New York got a two-run homer from Xavier Nady in the second inning and a tying double by pinch-hitter Wilson Betemit in the seventh.

The White Sox, who still lead the AL Central by 17 games over Minnesota, wasted six strong innings by Mark Buehrle and Jo-Won Wise's two-run shot off Alfredo Aceves. They arrived at their for his 36th save in 37 chances following a doubleheader sweep of the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.

Rivera entered as a pinch runner in the eighth and stayed in the game at second base, making a fine, barehanded play on Jim Thome's grounder to start the ninth.

With the score tied at 2, Nady drew a leadoff walk from Ehrenansom (1-2) in the seventh and advanced to second on an error by shortstop Ronny Cedeno, right, hands the ball back to pitcher Ted Lilly after his no-hitter bid was broken up in the seventh inning. Lilly threw seven shutout innings in Chicago's 6-1 win over Houston Monday.

“Lilly sure came close to one of his own,” Lilly said.

 nickel pitching no-hit ball until Mark Loretta hit a°pinning single and the Cubs beat the Los Angeles Angels 7-1 last week in the first one.

“We need to move on,” said Astros owner Drayton McLane, one of the few people in Miller Park wearing a orange shirt. "We've got a wonderful opportunity to win the wild card. We need to win games."

On Sunday, Zambrano pitched the Cubs' first no-hitter since Milt Pappas in 1972, leading Chicago to a 5-4 win. And until the seventh, Lilly appeared headed to a repeat.

After watching it last season, it would have been fun to do something I'm out sure has been done - yet,” Lilly said. "You don't know if you'll ever have that opportunity again, but I'll take tonight the way it was."

Aramis Ramirez's first-inning sacrifice fly and Jim Edmonds’ homer off Brian Moehler (11-7) in the fifth built a 2-0 lead, and Derek Lee and Geovany Soto hit two-run homers in the sixth.

Lilly (15-9) faced the minimum through six innings, allowing only a leadoff walk in the second to Lance Berkman, who was caught leaning off first and thrown out at second.

"All I was thinking was no way it could happen again," Lilly said.

Reggie Abercrombie's hard grounder leading off the seventh was booted by third baseman Ramirez, who was charged with an error by official scorer Tim O'Driscoll.

"In all honesty, it probably could have gone either way," O'Driscoll said. "It's one of those decisions where you're the loneliest guy in town because everybody else's opinion really doesn't matter because you just have to make that decision."

Loretta followed with a cheerful response.

"It was a real small moral victory," Loretta said. "We couldn't muster up much energy these last two days."

Buehrle has won at least 15 games in each of the last three seasons, was given a standing ovation by the crowd of 15,158. He allowed the hit in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

"You know, when I leave him in, I get asked why I leave him in, when I take him out, I get asked why I take him out. I flipped a coin and it came out," "Pinella dead-panned.

Lilly said he being considered for the no-hit bid after the game.

"I knew even at that point there was still a lot of work to do," Lilly said. "It doesn't get easier the closer you get."

Astros manager Cecil Cooper thought Hurricane Ike may still be weighing on the minds of his players.

"It might have had an effect - I still don't have power at my house — but we're paid very well to play baseball so we have it a lot easier than most people back in Houston," Cooper said.

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**MIAA Women's Soccer Conference Standings**

**Team**

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- **1. Alma** 4-0-0
- **2. Hope** 3-0-1
- **3. Wheaton** 2-0-1
- **4. Calvin** 2-0-1
- **5. Albion** 2-2-0
- **6. HOLLAND MARY'S** 1-1-1
- **7. Kalamazoo** 1-3-1
- **8. Trine** 2-0-1
- **9. Olivet** 0-4-0

**In Brief**

Smith 'ready to roll' after two game suspension ends

**CHAMBERLAIN, N.C. —** Steve Smith is back with the Carolina Panthers, just in time to join a team full of confidence after a surprising 2-0 start.

The receiver's two-game suspension for breaking teammate Ken Lucas' nose in a training camp fight ended Monday morning. He was seen leaving Bank of America Stadium around noon carrying two cardboard boxes and joking with defensive tackle Damien Lewis. Smith did not speak to reporters.

"He's ready to roll," coach John Fox said. "Obviously he's excited to be back and excited that we're 2-0."

The Panthers insist they have got over the hard feelings created by Smith's sucker punch in camp. Lucas' nose in a training camp fight.

Smith said he was back and excited that we're 2-0, "after a surprising 2-0 start."

**Cooley apologizes for nude photos on website**

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley apologized Monday for posting an explicit photo of himself on his Web site.

"It's something that is completely unacceptable," Smith said.

Cooley accidentally revealed more of himself than he wanted when he took a picture Sunday morning while preparing for the game against the New Orleans Saints. Cooley wanted to show the readers of his popular blog some of the study materials the players were given by coach Jim Zorn.

Cooley, however, was studying in the nude, and he didn't examine his photo closely before posting it. "All apologies from the website.... We did not want to offend anyone," Cooley said in a posting Monday afternoon after the photo was removed. "The picture wouldn't have been up for so long, but we were in the middle of winning a big game."

**Cowboys win old-fashioned shootout**

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens caught the long pass in stride, Terrell Owens caught the long pass in stride,漷ually came to a close there.

Texas Stadium was off to an apparent touchdown celebration before he actually scored; and, ultimately, there was Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook wasting great performances by fumbling a fourth-quarter handoff exchange.

The game was decided cleanly after that turnover—a crisp Romo-led drive capped by Marion Barber's 1-yard touchdown run, lifting the Cowboys to a victory that certainly will be remembered by anyone who saw it.

For anyone who didn't, think back to Romo's big comeback in Buffalo on a Monday night last year, or McNabb's great escape on a scramble three years ago or even Lein Lett's premature touchdown celebration in the January 1993 Super Bowl. This game had plays reminiscent of all these, most in the first half.

Philadelphia led 30-24 at halftime, then Dallas moved in front on a 17-yard touchdown catch by Barber midway through the third quarter. The Eagles came right back, with McNabb overcoming a second-and-21 by Scouting out two near collisions, avoiding an ankle tackle and zipping the football like a fast-pitch softball to Westbrook. The drive ended with Westbrook churning into the end zone for his third touchdown and a 37-31 lead.

Lawyer charged with DUI, speeding outside Atlanta

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Falcons safety Lawyer Milloy was arrested on DUI and speeding charges in suburban Atlanta early Monday, just hours after Atlanta lost to Tampa Bay.

At his Monday news conference, Atlanta coach Mike Smith would not offer details on any potential discipline Milloy could face.

"Any time any of our players are in this type of situation, we are extremely disappointed, myself and our organization," Smith said.

"It's something that is completely unacceptable," Smith said.

Gwinnett County police charged the 34-year-old Milloy with driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding. Milloy, who lives in near Buford, was booked into the suburban Atlanta jail at 4:35 a.m. and posted a bond of more than $1,600.
Chiefs now playing musical quarterbacks

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Who says the Kansas City Chiefs don’t have a quarterback problem?

They have one with an injured shoulder and one with a sore neck, one with low expectations and one with high hopes.

The one with high hopes is probably headed back to reserve with the other receiver.

Or is he?

Nobody, including head coach Herm Edwards, seemed to know Monday what might happen next on Kansas City’s chaotic quarterback carousel.

One thing does seem certain — Brodie Croyle, the projected starter, will be out at least another week with a shoulder injury he sustained in the opener at New England. Damon Huard, the reliable 35-year-old backup, came in and almost engineered an upset over the Patriots, and then started on Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

But Huard came out in the first half of the 23-8 loss with what the Chiefs called “mild head trauma” and what he calls a stiff neck. Edwards said Monday he did not know whether Huard or No. 3 QB Tyler Thigpen will start at Atlanta on Sunday.

Neither is anyone saying if Marques Hagans, a backup wide receiver and former college quarterback, will ever get a shot.

Either is a shot in the dark.

“Either is a shot,” Thigpen said when asked who would start against the Falcons. “We’re going to make a decision on that probably Wednesday."

Huard, the only one of the four who’s ever won a game in the NFL, was lifted after throwing an interception. Tyler Thigpen, who had only six pass- es in the NFL on his brief resume, came in and wound up completing 14 of 33 throws for 151 yards, including a short touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez.

Hagans, a quarterback at Virginia Tech, says he’s been doing anything but a backup wide receiver in the NFL, completed only one pass he threw for 5 yards. His other plays resulted in one penalty and several short, ineffective runs.

“We haven’t talked about it. We’re just going to sit down and talk about it today,” Edwards said.

Even Huard himself seemed mystified. He did not appear hurt when he came out. Then in the fourth quarter the Chiefs announced he had mild head trauma. Thigpen, who’s hoping to get valuable playing time the next couple of weeks while Croyle recovers, admitted even he didn’t know that Huard was hurt.

“I went up to him at the end and I was like, ‘Why haven’t you gone back? What’s going on?’” he said. “He was like, ‘I ended up hurting my neck,’ or whatever it was.”

Thigpen and Huard both said they had no idea who might play, or for how long, this week.

“I thought Tyler was getting a series in there. But on the sideline, my neck stiffened up on me pretty good,” Huard said.

When you’re in the heat of the battle you don’t really think about it! But it really kind of caught up with me there on the sideline,”

Huard, who has had a concussion during his career, said the symptoms were “pretty bad.”

“Everybody responds to head trauma a little different. I think there may have been a little bit of that,” he said. “There were a few symptoms. But to sit here and elaborate on that, it’s not going to get us anywhere.”

Huard said he won’t be ready if called upon for quarterback duty again.

“I think if we continue with it, it will be a good package for us,” he said. “So we’ve worked it down, then I’ve just got to be a third receiver and (on) special teams, and I’m all for that as well. Any time I get to play quarterback in the NFL, you’ve got to be excited about that.”

In my mind, we’re going to beat Seattle.

Scott Linehan
Rams coach

Jokingly, Linehan said he thought about radically altering the schedule in search of a positive result, perhaps by holding practices at midnight and having players sleep during the day.

Seriously, he noted it was pointless to worry about practicing the red zone offense until the team got there.

“We could eat baloney sandwiches on Wednesday, pencilize the team for not playing very good,” Linehan said. “We could try all that stuff. The bottom line is it’s how we play on Sunday and what we do when we get in those moments that’s going to decide our fate.”

Linehan did, however, hint at personnel changes this week.

The list of potential candidates could include safety Corey Chavous, cornerback Ty Hill, wide receiver Dane Looker and offensive lineman Richie Incognito and Nick Leckey.

Winning coaches complement their fallen foes all the time, so such plaudits should be kept in context, but Giants coach Tom Coughlin on Monday saw potential in the Rams.

“They played tough, they played hard,” Coughlin said. “They were in position in the fourth quarter to win the game, so I think that they have many talented players. I realize they’re 0-2 but they have a talented group.”

Those words are unlikely to soothe players’ wounded egos.

“Certainly nobody takes any satisfaction from hanging there for three quarters with those guys,” said rookie defensive end Chris Long, who gets his first career sack. “We can’t be satisfied with any facet of the game.”

Linehan was 8-8 in 2006, his first season as a head coach at any level. But the Rams are in the midst of a sorry 3-15 skid dating to last season, and echoes of their 0-8 start last year are lingering with an increasingly hostile fan base.

“Part of the addition of offensive coordinator Al Saunders is an early-season flop — they scored their only touchdown on the season on a fluke play against the Giants. The offense is 3-for-26 on third-down conversions, quarterback Marc Bulger has been sacked 10 times and Steven Jackson is still rounding into form after a 27-day contract holdout. Bulger limped away after Jackson bumped knees with him on one handoff, and Jackson tripped on the turf on what could have been a 66-yard touchdown run.

“I think it’s a fragile group and we’ve got to stay on course,” Saunders said. “I’m disappointed, certainly. I’m not encouraged about these guys, because I know what we can do down the road.”

The defense has been every bit as shaky, surrendering 563 total yards. The Giants had six gains of 25 yards or more while folding the Rams’ pregnancy strategy of controlling the run and simply running the clock.

“I think there are some individuals lacking confidence,” defensive coordinator Jim Haslett said. “They just need to go out and play.”
Brewers fire Yost in effort to save season

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In an unprecedented move, the Milwaukee Brewers fired manager Ned Yost on Monday, hoping to pull out of another late-season slump that has jeopardized the team's chances of making the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

Third-base coach Dale Sveum will take over as interim manager for the remainder of the season. The Brewers have lost seven of eight and fallen into a tie with Philadelphia for the NL wild-card lead.

"It was a big surprise to me," said Astros infielder Mark Loretta, formerly of the Brewers. "It makes you wonder who really made that decision."

Cubs managerLou Piniella said Yost was a "good man." "I don't know the situation here with the Brewers, but I've got a lot of respect for Ned and it's not easy when you get fired," Piniella said. "But I hope everything goes well for him. He's a good baseball man and he'll be back."

Yost was in his sixth season as the Brewers' manager. When Milwaukee hired him from Atlanta after the 2002 season, the team was in the midst of four straight seasons with 94 losses or more.

But Yost seemingly couldn't get the Brewers to take the next step. Under Yost, the young Brewers improved to records of 81-81, 73-87 and 83-79 in the past three seasons — a significant improvement for a franchise that hadn't had a winning record since 1992. But Yost seemingly couldn't get the Brewers to take the next step.

Yost was fired future Hall of Fame manager Buck Rodgers after a 43-42 record. Popular Harvey "The Wallbangers" went 32-32 for 83-79 and missed the playoffs.

By shaking up its on-field leadership, Milwaukee is hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's collapse. In 2007, the Brewers held an 87-game division lead in late June but slid to 83-79 and missed the playoffs.

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This was a very difficult decision to make, and we appreciate all of the work that Ned has done to develop this team into a contender."

Doug Melvin
Brewers general manager

"It's certainly has worked out, as the reigning AL Cy Young winner is 9-0 in 13 starts with six complete games and a 1.29 ERA."

But little else — not the other starters, the shaky bullpen or a home run-happy offense that has gone colder than a Wisconsin winter — is working for Milwaukee these days.

"We have to make a major boost when they made a trade with Cleveland for ace CC Sabathia on July 7," Yost said. "That acquisition certainly has worked out, as the reigning AL Cy Young winner is 9-0 in 13 starts with six complete games and a 1.29 ERA."

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Jets rue missed opportunities in loss to Pats

Lousy field position, conservative play-calling, penalties keep New York from sending message in division

Associated Press

FLORIHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets huddled into the film room a day after a loss to the New England Patriots and could only shake their heads at what they watched on the screen.

"We let things get away," center Nick Mangini said Monday. "We were doing some good things and there's little mistakes and penalties that really hurt us.

The Jets were slight favorites entering the game, and for good reason. They were facing untested Matt Cassel instead of Tom Brady and had the excitement of Brett Favre making his regular-season home debut in front of 78,000 raucous fans.

Instead of sending a message since last season.贾€™s going to be issues," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's tough to consistently prevent the other team from scoring points when they're starting in plus territory like New England was most of the day."

A large part of the problem was the poor punting of Ben Graham, whose net average was 27.3 yards. Graham, in his fourth year with the Jets, has struggled with consistency since last season.

"It's a situation we'll look at," Mangini said. "We'll look at it very closely, then we'll move forward here, see where the different opportunities are and evaluate them.

Still, the Jets were very much in the game. Favre led an impressive drive, featuring a 24-yard pass to Inavasious Coles, midway through the second quarter — only to have it stall at the goal line with three failed running plays.

On first-and-goal from the 3, Thomas Jones went off right guard for a yard. He went up the middle for another 2 yards and then lost 2 yards. Richad Seymour plowed into him off left guard. Instead of taking a lead, the Jets settled for a field goal that left them three points down.

"That four-point swing is difficult to lose," Mangini said, "but I'm a running guy and I like to pound it in and I thought if we were able to clean it up just a little more, we would've been in there."

Mangini further defended the calls, saying he liked what the line and the running backs had been doing to that point. He also addressed the criticism that Favre was somewhat handcuffed by the play-calling.

"We're not calling plays in a function of not realizing that Brett was here. It was a function of what we thought was the line and the running backs had been doing to that point.

The Jets also had an ugly stretch by running all over the Jets, led by LaMont Jordan's 62-second-half yards.

"When we needed to make big stops, we didn't make them," linebacker Eric Barton said. "It's as simple as that. We didn't do our job.

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He was sidelined from Aug. 4 to Sept. 2 because of rotator cuff tendinitis and went back to the bullpen when he returned.

"A little tendinitis, it just tells you a lot," Posada said after the TV interview. "I think his body is made up for a reliever.

Chamberlain was 3-1 with a 2.76 ERA in 12 starts, striking out 74 in 65 1-3 innings. He's 1-2 with a 2.29 ERA in 24 relief appearances, fanning 34 in 28 2-3 innings.

New York hasn't decided its future plans for Chamberlain.

We'll discuss whether Chamberlain will be a starter or a reliever, along with everything else, during the winter," co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner said.

Manager Joe Girardi didn't mind Posada voicing his opinion, saying "some players feel more freely to discuss them openly than others." He also said the decision could depend on offseason developments.

"For right now, we still envision him as a starter or reliever, along with everything else, during the winter," Girardi said.

Ms. Chamberlain would like the Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain walks to the dugout during New York's 6-5 win over Tampa Bay Sept. 13.

With the Yankees almost certain to miss the playoffs for the first time since 1993, the 37-year-old says the team must go into the free-agent market to repair its starting rotation. CC Sabathia, Ben Sheets and A.J. Burnett are their chief targets.

New York figures to have tens of millions of dollars available: Jason Giambi ($21 million), Andy Pettitte ($16 million), Bobby Abreu ($11 million) and Carl Pavano ($11 million) are all potentially eligible for free agency.

"We're going to do whatever we can to improve, whether it's free agency or trades," Steinbrenner said.

On another topic, Posada voiced anger toward Pedro Martinez for the 2003 brawl between the Yankees and the Red Sox during the AL championship series.

"I thought he was going to hit me in the head with a bat, after we had the fight and he pushed Don Zimmer. It was ridiculous. I mean, he throws at Karim Garcia because he's losing the game. I mean, there's no class," Posada said.

It might have been an uncomfortable situation had Posada signed with the New York Mets after the 2007 season. He would have had to catch Martinez.

"You try to forget about the past and look forward," Posada said.
Donohue continued from page 24

starting spot, and I'm really try-
ing to focus on getting more
crosses in and getting to the
back post and picking up goals
there."

Donohue’s sudden scoring
surge is a welcome surprise for
the Irish, who entered the sea-
sion with the tough task of
replacing Joe Lupica, the 2006
Hermann Trophy winner who
left Notre Dame with 42 career
goals.

The Irish, however, weren’t
concerned, even after being
shutout 3-0 in their opener
against Akron.

"As a team coming in, we had
no concern about who’s going
to score goals," Donohue said.
"We believe in each other, and
we know if we do the little
things and win our individual
battles, it will turn into a team
win."

That formula has proved to be
a winning one thus far for the
Irish, who have put up goals
12-3 in their four wins.

But it hasn’t just been
Donohue. Junior midfielder
Michael Thomas and senior for-
ward Bright Dike each have
three goals, and junior mid-
fielder Justin Morrow has
scored twice.

Sophomore midfielder Jeff
Brosky, sophomore forward/mi-
ddlefielder Josh Thiermann and
sophomore for-
ward Steven Perey each have
broken onto the score sheet
once, as well.

"There’s quite a few other
guys who have got the poten-
tial," Clark said. "Morrow’s scor-
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gotten in there yet but have
it in them, too. Thiermann should
get some goals, and Brosky.
midfielder/forward Brendan
King’s someone who has terrific
ability to score – his time will
come."

The time appears to be now,
though, for Donohue and his
Notre Dame teammates.

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Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS)

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008
Time: 4:00—6:00 PM
Place: University Fieldhouse Mall
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Come meet MSPS staff, get some free food, and be dazzled by the talents of ND’s
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very excited to have him."

"We're a coach," Piane said. "We're battled in Bouffalo."

He earned his master's degree in history in 1998.

was in charge of multi-event activities.

D'Youville College in Buffalo.

and-field coach at the University of Buffalo, where he was in charge of multi-event athletes, hurdlers, and javelin throwers.

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do to make sure he had all the right information he needed to do his job.

And I'm sure Charlie Jr. feels similarly.

I'm sure there's no one on the Notre Dame sideline who is working harder than Charlie Jr. is at his job to make sure Notre Dame has a successful football team, and I'm sure Charlie Jr. is excellent at what he does — otherwise I'd just as sure that his father would take the head-

And what exactly does Charlie Jr. do?

According to Notre Dame's director of football media relations Brian Hardin, he relays the opposing offense's personal-

He also was a party to 18 new school records at

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

ENERGY WEEK T-SHIRT SALES
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
North and South Dining Halls
Show your support and buy an organic cotton t-shirt for $12 and receive a FREE reusable Grab 'n Go bag.

CAPTAIN PLANET EPISODES
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 Midnight
Montgomery Theatre, Lafourte Student Center
Watch four episodes as he battles the forces of evil with the five Planeteer's rings: earth, fire, wind, water, and heart.

Energy Week t-shirt sales.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

QUAD DISPLAY
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
South Quad (between Cushing and Hayes-Healy)
Rain location: Jordan Hall of Science Gallery

MAJOR ENERGY CORPORATIONs will be available to discuss current energy-related projects.

CAMPUS ENERGY SAVERS — Find out what different departments across campus are doing to save energy.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

ENERGY CAREER LUNCHEON
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Lower Level Dining Room, McKenna Hall

Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to attend the Energy Career Luncheon with representatives from major energy companies. The event is FREE but registration is REQUIRED. To register, e-mail villarosa.2@nd.edu with your name, major, and academic status before WED.

"LOCALLY GROWN SELECTIONS"AND "WASTE & WEIGH"
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
North and South Dining Halls
Use the "Veggie Bar" line to select locally grown food and sustainable items.

2008 ND FORUM FILM FESTIVAL
7:00 p.m.
Browning Cinema

Film: "Five director is FREE, but you DO NEED A TICKET. Call the Ticket Office at 631-2800.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

ND vs. Michigan State
Carpool to the game.

Go Irish!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

SCREENING: "WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR"
3:00 p.m.
Browning Cinema

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, cont.

GREEN PRAYER SERVICE
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
(Rain Location: Zahn Chapel)

Presented by Rev. Paul Kolman, C.S.C. All students, faculty, staff, and guests are welcome.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

POWER PLANT TOURS
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Power Plant

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to tour the Notre Dame Power Plant. Registration is REQUIRED. Sign up during the QUAD DISPLAY or e-mail villarosa.2@nd.edu with your preferred time by 9/19.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

SCREENING: "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH"
7:00 p.m.
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

The former Vice President of the United States Al Gore's personal story, a call to action and a wake-up call to the entire world, this film is an elegant intertwining of the science of global warming with the political and social issues surrounding it. "An Inconvenient Truth" is FREE, but you DO NEED A TICKET. Call the Ticket Office at 631-2800.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

"LIGHTS OUT"
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Campus-wide

Join all of campus and turn your lights off in your offices, classrooms, and dorms before attending the Notre Dame Forum.

ENERGY QUIZ
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Joyce Center Arena

Win a prize! The doors open at 2:30 p.m.

2008 ND FORUM: "CHARTING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE"
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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no explanation, her too began to move. After six weeks in the hospital re-learning how to walk, Scott DeMaria returned to school. Years later, she learned of a possible reason for her recovery. After the bus flipped, Scott DeMaria crawled out onto the ground and spent over an hour with her back in direct contact with the snow, so much so that her body temperature dropped to 94 degrees.

"We always traveled very well-dressed. None of us had jackets on. It was freezing," she said.

The snow may have controlled the swelling around the spine, allowing the surgery performed that night to save the integrity of her spinal chord. Years later, a similar, medically-induced treatment would be used on Buffalo Bills' tight end Kevin Everett, who suffered a broken spine in a collision in the first week of the 2007 season. Hypothermic saline is injected into the body to keep swelling in check, but the treatment is somewhat controversial because an overdose can shut down organs.

"My good friend who's an M.D. said, 'It's rare to have God doing the closing,'" Scott DeMaria said. Scott DeMaria didn't learn what happened to Reeler and Hopp until a day after her surgery. Besides shock, she said, her recovery wasn't much more than mincing an infant. She rolled over, crawled and kneeled during the learning process, which at 18 years old seemed backwards and unnecessary to her.

"Why do I need to know how to crawl? I don't wanna crawl, I wanna walk," she said. "I was a stubborn patient, but it served me well."

The toughest thing about rehab was the physical motions, she said; it was the bizarre lack of sensation in her lower body. Even when standing with the assistance of doctors, Scott DeMaria said she couldn't tell if she was upright or sitting when her eyes were closed.

That summer, back in Phoenix, Scott DeMaria's spine collapsed, and she had three more surgeries. This time, instead of going through her back, surgeons attacked the spine from the front of her body. She compared the surgeries to righting a fallen tree.

"I was something I can do for them, it was something for me to focus on, and really from then on they never left my mind," she said. "I suffer from, and really from then on, it was something for me to focus on, and really from then on they never left my mind." 

Haley Scott DeMaria
Former Irish swimmer

DeMaria didn't learn the real experience and an average weekend at the time she had the same pre-race routine as before. Fiddle with her goggles, shake out her arms, splash water on herself.

Her first race after the accident was the 50 freestyle. She won her heat. "I think other people celebrated it more than I did," she said. "I thought it was more of a matter that I knew I was going to do."

Scott DeMaria had to stay an extra semester to finish her degree, but that extra semester helped her meet her husband through—of all things—e-mail.

Scott DeMaria said going back and writing a book about the incident wasn't tough in itself, but she found certain quirks in her research both frightening and funny. "I think I was clearly so naive and young at 18 that I don't think I fully appreciated how horrific physically it was for me," she said. "I suffered collapsed lungs and heart failure, and at times was lucky to come out of these surgeries at all."

The research was at times comical as well. The minutiae of details she recorded in her journals at the time seemed ridiculous 16 years later.

"I was worrying about how the steroids gave me acne and what the guys were going to think," she said. "It was meaningless, but it was a huge deal at the time when you're 18."

The book allowed her to express her understanding to others who have been in similar accidents. She said a girl whose brother suffered a similar injury was in tears at the book signing, saying she wanted her brother to read it.

"I turned to my husband and I said, 'That's the reason I did this, really just to say to someone I understand,'" she said.

She stressed the importance of the University, both at the time and in this day, in her successful recovery. When her parents wanted to move her to a renowned rehab facility, she resisted. It was important for her to be here, she told them, and they knew she had friends still from other schools who were amazed by the level of care and support.

"My friends said 'If this were our school, it would happen, people would say, Gezz that sucks, and they would forget about me,'" she said. "And this school has never forgotten."
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Puzzle by Roy Fiorentino

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Things are hopping — the way you like it — but your inclination to take on too much probably will lead to falling short of your expecta-
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no gratification. 2 stars

COPPER (June 21-July 22): Think, believe it, because it’s true. Don’t let emotional matters stand in the way. Focus on business enterprises or improving your reputa-
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**SPORTS**

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

On top again

ND ranked No. 1 by pollsters on Monday

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum has put together five No. 1 teams in his ten years coaching for the Irish, four of them in the past five years.

Waldrum and the Irish were ranked No. 1 by three polls released Monday— Soccer America, Soccer Buzz and Top Drawer Soccer. The NSCAA poll and the Soccer Times poll will be released today.

Notre Dame (6-0-0) jumped UCLA with a 5-0 win over SMU this week. The Bruins played to a 0-0 draw with Brown on Sunday.

The week before the Irish jumped to No. 2 with wins over three ranked teams including previous No. 2 North Carolina and No. 12 Duke.

They will take on DePaul, Penn State and Louisville this week for their first chance to defend the No. 1 ranking in 2008.

**ND SWIMMING**

Former swimmer writes book about miracle comeback

By BILL BRINK

Sports Editor

It took Haley Scott DeMaria three tries, but she finally wrote and published the story of an event that changed her life.

Scott DeMaria was a freshman swimmer at Notre Dame in 1992. On Jan. 24, she was on the team bus coming back from a meet against Northwestern. Driving through a blinding blizzard, the bus was four miles from campus when it hit a patch of ice, skidded and flipped off the Toll Road.

Scott DeMaria suffered three crushed vertebrae, and was paralyzed by the time she reached the hospital. Two other freshmen, Meghan Beeler and Colleen Hipp, died in the crash.

Scott DeMaria’s life after the crash is an inspiration to accident victims, their family members or anyone who’s ever had a goal in life.

Her book about the accident, “What Though The Odds — Haley Scott’s Journey of Faith and Triumph,” came out this June, following two previous attempts to write it. Scott DeMaria said she’s in a place now where she can tell the story.

“What I’ve realized is that I needed to be at a very healthy and stable point in my life to go back and relive a very unhealthy and unstable part of my life,” said Scott DeMaria, who was on campus this weekend for a book signing.

Usually, she said, the men and women traveled together to meets, but this was the first occasion where the women traveled by themselves. The team lost, but swam well. Scott DeMaria, a Phoenix native, said, and was excited to contend with such a good team.

Next thing she knew the bus was upside down in a ditch next to the road, and Scott DeMaria was on her back in the snow.

Scott DeMaria had two operations that night. She said doctors looked for any signs of hope that she may regain feeling in her legs and walk again, but after two days, they told her to begin accepting the reality of life in a wheelchair. She would have none of it.

“It was shock and some of it was being overwhelmed with what’s going on but for the most part it wasn’t acceptable to me,” she said.

As it turns out, her instincts were right. A few days later, with her book

**FOOTBALL FIRST-PERSON COMMENTARY**

Charlie Jr. earns his keep

There was a lot to harp on during last year’s 3-9 season, but there was one criterion of Charlie Weis that still persists today.

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**ND MEN’S SOCCER**

Donohue gets weekly honors after big game

By MATT GAMBER

Sports Writer

In 24 games as a sophomore, Dave Donohue tallied three goals and an assist.

In Thursday’s 4-1 win over Marquette, Donohue tallied three goals and an assist.

The Irish junior midfielder, who earned Big East offensive player of the week honors and a spot on the College Soccer News national team of the week — not bad for a guy whose goals are “just a bonus,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

“The goals are great and he’ll have his special days, but it’s what he does when the other team’s got possession that’s most important to our team,” Clark said. “He’s a great example to the team because of his work ethic and his ability work when we don’t have the ball, pressuring the other team.”

Donohue leads No. 3 Notre Dame (4-1, 1-0 Big East) in goals (four), assists (three) and points (11) — all of which are new career highs after he played in every game last year.

“I came off the bench more last year, trying to come in and raise the tempo,” Donohue said. “This year, I earned a