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Student government offers over 450 movies.

Election 2008

NDVotes '08 hosts campaign advisors

By ROBERT SINGER

If the six days remaining until Election Day are as unpredictable as last night's "Campaign Forum" hosted by NDVotes '08, the outcome will not be easy to forecast. Ike Brannon, Senior Policy Advisor for the McCain campaign, and Howard Lerner, Executive Director at the Law and Policy Center and advisor to the Obama campaign, were scheduled to sit side-by-side, arguing for their candidates on the issues of energy, the economy, healthy lifestyle changes.

Daniels raises awareness about heart disease

By JENN METZ

Cheri Daniels, the First Lady of Indiana, was on campus Tuesday as part of her Heart to Heart Initiative to spread information about how some of the risks for heart disease, the leading cause of death for women, can be reduced by lifestyle changes.

Students cast election ballots early

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By EMMA DRISCOLL

Students have been taking advantage of the opportunity to cast their ballots for the Nov. 4 general election early and in-person in at least 34 states throughout the country.

Daniels, the Democratic candidate for governor, visited Eck Visitors' Center, Indiana Heart Hospital, and United Health Services. The event, which took place in the Eck Visitors' Center Auditorium, included free cholesterol and glucose screenings provided by the Indiana Heart Hospital, health education booths provided by the St. Joseph County Health Department, Minority Health Coalition and United Health Services.

SMC profs. examine abortion in the election

By SARAH MAIER

"Bishops are not supposed to tell you what to do," Pilarski said. "Being Catholic is about doing good and avoiding evil. If a Catholic supports intrinsically evil acts, the bishops suggest you do not vote for them."

Intrinsically evil acts according to the bishops include abortion, euthanasia, genocide and unjust war among other things.

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Election 2008

Club rents DVDs free of charge

By AARON STEINER

"Unless you turn (a DVD) in late, or you don't turn (a DVD) in if it's damaged, you get the deposit back at the end of the year," she said.

Students can also opt out of the program if they would like.

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The state of Indiana offers early voting to registered voters. Students registered to vote in other states used fall break as an opportunity to vote in their hometowns.

Senior Colleen Desmond voted at a retirement home in Cook County, Ill.

"My mom informed me that when I came home for break, I needed to go with her to early vote," Desmond said.

Senior Pat Young, who voted for the first time at a community center in a public park in his hometown of Houston, Texas, said that his mother influenced his decision to vote early.

"I am encouraged to do it, and I was thinking about looking into it," Freshman Nathalie Rosado said in her county's courthouse in Russell County, Ky.

"I was going to vote in Indiana because I thought it would be more helpful, since it was more of a battleground state," Rosado said. However, Rosado did not make the deadline to register to vote in Indiana. Early voting offers an alternative for individuals who miss deadlines for absentee voting and people who will be away from their homes on election day.

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Golfing in South Bend

My last round of golf of the season was nothing short of epic. My partner Rob and I made it to the interhall championship along with some other twosomes. It was a scramble format, meaning we played the best ball of the two on each hole. The objective was to have the lowest score at the end of the round.

We arrived at the course early to find that the weather was not cooperating. The heavy stuff was supposed to come down, but we arrived early. The wind was roaring and the temperature was dropping. We hurriedly warmed up our golf clubs and headed out to the first tee box.

As we started down the long and straight first fairway, we were greeted by an unexpected gust of wind. It was so strong that our clubs almost flew out of our hands. We had to adjust our grip and make sure our shots were on target.

We played our way through the first nine holes, trying to keep our focus on the game despite the challenging conditions. The wind made it difficult to hit the ball straight, and we had to adjust our club selection accordingly.

By the time we reached the second nine, the weather had worsened. The rain was pouring down, and the wind was blowing harder than ever. We were soaked to the bone, but we kept playing. We knew that it was our last chance to compete, and we were determined to give it our all.

After 18 holes, we had a score to show for our efforts. We had played well, but the elements had taken their toll. The wind had diminished our shots, and the rain had made it difficult to see the green. We were happy to finish the round, even if it meant ending our season in defeat.

Despite the challenges, we learned a valuable lesson that day. We realized that golf is not just about playing well, but also about adapting to the conditions. We were able to stay focused and make the most of our situation, and that is something we can carry with us into the future.

We left the course feeling exhausted but also accomplished. We knew that we had given our best, and that was all that mattered.

The Observer
The Shirt 2009 project is underway
Planning committee will gather for the first time in November

By MADeline BUCKLEY
Near Win.

Even though there are still two more home football games this year, the project to design next season's football shirt is underway, said Matt Barloh, president of The Shirt 2009.

Barloh, appointed president of the project at the Oct. 14 Council of Representatives meeting, said he will choose committee members to design The Shirt next week, and the group will hold its first meeting by Nov. 10.

"The first month of the proj­ect will be devoted to deter­mining the color of The Shirt, throwing out ideas both for the graphics and the lyrics of The Shirt and establishing a strategy for our marketing campaign in the spring," Barloh said.

Barloh said there is an online application from which he will choose seven or eight students who will be chosen. He said he is looking for students who show a passion for the project, have past experi­ence with design or mar­keting, and will show a great attention to detail.

"Personally, I like to see someone who is truly passionate about The Shirt project and truly cares about what goes on The Shirt and how the project is seen by the greater Notre Dame community," Barloh said.

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"Personally, I like to see someone who is truly passionate about The Shirt project and truly cares about what goes on The Shirt and how the project is seen by the greater Notre Dame community," Barloh said. The committee will be among the select few at the University that will see The Shirt before the big unveiling ceremony in April, Barloh said.

"We try to keep the design, theme, and color secret until the day in April when we unveil it because we feel that the mysteriousness ultimately benefits the project," he said.

The Shirt committee has a lot of freedom in choosing the design of The Shirt because the University issues very few rules about the images and lyrics of The Shirt, Barloh said.

"The only guideline there is, I'm acutely aware of is the University's preference that we not incorporate religious imagery with football imagery," Barloh said.

"For example, I couldn't have someone doing the Heisman pose in a football uniform superimposed on a detailed image of the Dome because Mary is on the Dome," he said.

Despite this rule, the com­mittee can be creative, he said. The color of The Shirt doesn't even necessarily have to be blue, gold or green, he said.

"In previous years, we have discussed everything from white and grey to lime green," he said.

But successful Shirts are usually more traditional, Barloh said.

"We prefer the blues, greens and golds because they are colors indicative of Notre Dame," he said.

The committee also tries to unite Notre Dame imagery with football imagery, Barloh said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
Leaders allowed to voice concerns

By JOHN TIERNey
New Win.

In the absence of new busi­ness at Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting, student body president Bob Reish allowed student leaders to address their concerns about student government ini­tiatives.

"There is a time to refocus our­selves and to refocus our ini­tatives," Reish said.

One area that Reish would like to improve student government is its approachability. He said that the results of the student survey have showed a "somewhat lower response than we had hoped" on approachability.

But Reish was pleased by the high number of respondents to the survey. He said that over 2,300 people have responded so far.

One area of concern for Hall Presidents' Council co-chair Pat Krueger was pricing at LaFortune establish­ments. He said that the franchise will budget for the Student body vice president Grant Schmidt recently met with Huddle management and said that the Subway does not serve $5 foot-long Subs because it was not in the franchise's budget. However, Reish and Schmidt are hopeful that the franchise will budget for the promotion in the future.

Huddle management told Schmidt that it would be too dif­ficult to put prices on the rack in the Huddle Mart convenience store "because things move around due to demand,” Schmidt said.

"To actually label every single item would be a lot of work,” Schmidt said.

Schmidt proposed having a scanner in the Huddle so cus­tomers would be able to scan their items b e fore approaching the register, but he said said such a solution might not be possible and would require cooper­ation from the Office of Information Technology, however, all but one COR mem­ber said it is necessary to have prices accessible for items sold in the Huddle.

Sophomore class president Cynthia Weber asked Reish about progress on the Collegiate Council, a proposed organization that would bring together student leaders from various universities.

Reish said that he has spoken with the student body pres­ident at Prin ceton University and that they are working to cre­ate a Google group that would serve the same function as the C ollegiate Council, but without the costs of bringing so many lead­ers to the same place.

Weber, however, said that she still thinks that meeting face-to-face with leaders from other universities would be beneficial.

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Speaker shares business successes

Quality Dining, Inc. runs 118 Burger Kings, 45 Chili's, 9 Papa Vino's

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Dan Fitzpatrick, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Quality Dining, Inc. discussed his journey from a small town in Toledo, Ohio to franchise success during his lecture Tuesday night in Vander Vennet Theater.

"I have a message I would like to give a voice to. Something that isn't a reflection of me per se," he said.

Fitzpatrick began working when he was fourteen in an Italian restaurant. He worked hard because "that was the thing to do," he continued working in the food business until finally becoming Regional Director of 13 Burger King restaurants by age 23. Now, his company, Quality Dining, Inc. operates 118 Burger Kings, 45 Chili's, nine Papa Vino's Italian Restaurants, and recently opened Blue20, a seafood restaurant in New Jersey.

He opened his speech discussing "what makes him tick." His view of himself, his theology, his family, his community and his career are essential parts of who he is. These "points of character" are what drive him. He emphasized the importance of being in control of your own life.

"Me is important. I have been made in the image and the likeness of God. God doesn't make junk. I have to love myself," Fitzpatrick said.

The actions of former generations are also important for young people to consider, Fitzpatrick discussed.

"We have had all these great opportunities handed to us, and we flunked," he said. Civil rights, the environment, energy, education and terrorism were point he believed his generation was not succeeding on.

"You guys have to be the greatest generation. My generation, we screwed it up, and it is up to you to make it better," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick closed his lecture with his words of wisdom, "above all else, pray."

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Brannon starting off, and Lerner taking over when he arrived.

Brannon said he supports John McCain because of the character and independence he has shown throughout his life and political career.

"I think it says a lot about the man, that despite taking on several very scared cows in an interview, despite the fact that he's fought the president on so many issues, that he's the standard bearer for the Republican Party," Brannon said.

Brannon then answered audience-questions about McCain's policies.

When asked how McCain would appoint Supreme Court Justices with regard to his beliefs about abortion, Brannon said although McCain disagrees with Roe v. Wade, he would impose "absolutely litmus test" and he does not believe abortions should be federally banned but left to the states' discretion.

Responding to another question, Brannon explained the goals of McCain's tax plan.

"One of the biggest problems we have with our tax code is that it taxes capital and business way too much," he said.

According to Brannon, taxing businesses at a high rate reduces job creation and makes workers less productive. He said that companies have less incentive to invest in the United States when they can be taxed at a lower rate overseas. Less investment, according to Brannon, lowers worker productivity, which often determines wages.

"We arrived shortly thereafter and stated his case for Obama. To solve the world's environmental problems, the next president, Lerner said, will have to "walk into a room with a number of leaders of developing nations" in order to persuade them to the proper course of action. Lerner believes that Obama has the right "personal and political skills" to achieve this.

He also stressed Obama's commitment to meeting both economic and environmental goals, noting that they are not contradictory but reinforcing aims.

"Energy, the environment, and national security have come together," Lerner said. "We can solve them in ways that work for the environment, work for clean energy, work for our economy, and work for our national security."

When prompted by a question expressing doubt about the economic growth with environmental concerns, Lerner elaborated his argument.

"We don't have a choice," he said. "Like I said we can't hit pause on a Tivo and wait for our climate problems to get better."

He stressed that developing renewable energy will create jobs in new industries and laid out some of Obama's specific proposals, including policies that will make the U.S. 50 percent more energy efficient by 2030 and a cap and trade program that should reduce pollution 90 percent by 2050.

Lerner also defended Senator Obama's tax plans, arguing that it will help to balance the budget.

The fact of the matter is that when President Bush came into office, this country had more than a $200 billion surplus," he said. "We've frittered that away partly because of tax cuts that have benefited the wealthiest Americans."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Torture-induced confession tossed
GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — A U.S. military judge barred the Pentagon Tuesday from using a Guantnamo prisoner's confession to Afghan authorities as trial evidence, saying it was obtained through torture.

Army Col. Stephen Henley said Mohammed Jawad's statements "were obtained by physical threats of death and threats of shackling, which, under the circumstances, constitute torture."

Jawad's defense attorney, Air Force Maj. David Frakt, told The Associated Press that the ruling removes "theynchpin of the government's case."

Guantanamo's chief prosecutor, Army Col. Larry Morris, said he would recognize the judge's decision and needed to study the ruling before making more comments.

Jawad, who was still a teenager at the time he was arrested in 2002, said in a U.S. court with a grenade in 2002. He allegedly said during his interrogation in Kabul that he hoped the Americans died, and would do it again.

Vice fores probed for corruption
CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela opened a corruption probe against President Hugo Chavez Tuesday with less than a month to go before nationwide elections.

Attorney General Luisa Ortega said prosecutors should decide whether to file criminal charges against Gov. Manuel Rosales by year's end, throwing up a cloud that will remain through election day on Nov. 23. Rosales, a Chicago trucker from Delaware.

The Americans carried out a bold daylight raid Sunday in a dusty farming community of mud and concrete houses known as Abu Kamal, just across the border in Syria. The U.S. says Abu Ghadiah and several bodyguards were killed. Syria says eight civilians died. At least one villager says, U.S. forces seized two men and hauled them away.

Whatever Abu Ghadiah's fate, the targeting of his town has become a Seminal moment — casting rare light on the hidden, complex networks that recruit foreign fighters and then deliver them across Syria to the battlefields of Iraq.

Syria has long insisted it monitors the border and does all it can to stop_workflow and fighters.

"They know full well that what happened in al-Ghadiyah," Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem said Monday in London. "They know full well we are trying to tighten our border with Iraq."

But the raid and U.S. documents obtained by The Associated Press — indicate that insurgents operating in the Syrian border region are still providing the material that enables suicide attacks, bombings and ambushes to continue inside Iraq.

Even as the insurgency has fallen on rough times — battered and bleeding but not yet defeated — the networks themselves have become more organized, the documents indicate. That raises fears the insurgency could someday arise anew.

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Despite the raid, Abu Ghadiah, whose real name was Badran Turki al-Mazidi, was mostly known outside a tight circle of Western and Iraqi intelligence officers. They tracked his movements, and the al-Qaida commanders who relied on his services, believing him a senior figure in al-Qaida in Iraq.

Abu Ghadiah housed his recruits both in Damascas and the Syrian port of Latakia before moving them across the Iraqi border, one senior Iraqi security officer said Tuesday. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Scores of people are involved in the smuggling networks, officials say. But Iraqi police held special disdain for Abu Ghadiah, a native of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul believed to be in his early 30s.

Last May, Abu Ghadiah led a dozen gunmen across the border and attacked an Iraqi police station in Qaim, killing 12 policemen, Iraqi police Lt. Col. Falah al-Falahi told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Syrian border guards prevented an Iraqi patrol from pursuing the gunmen back into Syria, the police officer said.

Syria's raid was launched because of intelligence that Abu Ghadiah was planning another attack inside Iraq, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press, also speaking anonymously because he was not authorized to release the information to the media.

Detroit mayor joined in sex scandal

DETROIT — A judge sentenced former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to four months in jail Tuesday for a sex-and-text scandal, calling him "arrogant and defiant" and questioning the sincerity of his remorse and several charitable foundations he helped found.

Kilpatrick also apologized in court, but his lawyers urged the judge to look at his entire career, not just the weeks he served in jail.

As he was being led away, he yelled out to supporters: "You all take it easy."

They responded: "Be strong. Mayor. We love you. Mayor. We got your back, Mayor."

Kilpatrick, a Democrat, admitted lying while testifying last year in a civil lawsuit filed by former police officers who accused him of illegally demanding or firing them.

He and chief of staff Christine Bratty, both 38, were accused of having an affair and denied it, but text messages obtained by a lawyer in the case — and later the Detroit Free Press — clearly contradicted them.

They used their city payers to arrange trysts and share sexually explicit desires. A fresh batch of messages was released last week, revealing that Kilpatrick, married with three children, likely had other lovers.

The sentencing was Kilpatrick's first public forum since a speech to supporters after he pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice Sept. 4.

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WORLD & NATION

Al-Qaida finds new route to Iraq

Senior officer's death shows how insurgents enter Iraq through Syrian border

IRAQI women mourn relatives who were among 34 Iraqi army recruits found in a mass grave in Karbala. Al-Qaida gunmen waylaid the recruits as they traveled to a training base near Syria.
Cindy Adams, director of the Healthy Hearts Center of the Indiana Heart Hospital, discussed cardiovascular disease in women Tuesday.

It’s pretty frightening." Adams gave a PowerPoint presentation about misconceptions about cardiovascular disease in women, risk factors and symptoms. According to a recent survey the American Heart Association released within the weight guidelines for your health, and quitting smoking, which she said is \"the most important thing you can do for yourself, regardless of physical, Daniels said, is important to track these numbers, to see trends and to spot possible changes.

Daniels stressed the importance of making time for regular exercise, even though it might be hard to fit physical activity into busy college schedules. Exercise habits should not be made at once to ensure success, Daniels said, and you should do it regularly because if you go overboard and start an exercise program that you can’t stick with, you’ll end up hating it and won’t want to continue.

She said it is very important to stay active in order to keep healthy, and you’ll feel better as well. She also said it is very important to eat a balanced diet, because that is how you can control your weight.

Early voting process was speedier and more voter friendly, she said that she would definitely be inclined to vote early again.

Rosado also voted in the Democratic primary election in Kentucky. She first became aware of the option of voting early because of an experience she had while running for office in her county. She said that early voting is not only more convenient, but also faster.

Based on her experience, she said that Rosado did not expect early voters to face long lines at polling places.

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Abortion

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Services, introduced the speakers by welcoming them to campus and thanking them for visiting and sharing their information.

Daniels spoke first, and addressed why it has been both difficult and important to speak to people of college age about heart disease.

\"Heart disease is starting to present itself in women younger and younger,\" she said.

She said it is very important to make lifestyle changes as soon as possible.

\"It\'s up to you, protect your heart health, start today,\" she said.

Along with fliers and booklets containing health information, those in attendance received Heart to Heart bracelets and a card with more information about the program and its Web site address heartinfo.gov.

The audience at Tuesday’s presentation contained more male students than when Daniels has brought Heart to Heart to other state universities, like Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University.

\"Usually there are just a handful of men,\" Daniels told the Observer after the presentation. \"This has been of crucial importance to them,\" she said.

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The Observer last February that the DVD rental service was no longer profitable to the store.

The DVDs were returned to Student Government, which originally purchased them for the DVD rental service.

“We got a little over 400 from them, and [Student Government] purchased about 50 more,” Hwang said. Most of the over 450 DVDs are not duplicates, Hwang said. She also said Student Government plans to purchase new films on a regular basis.

Currently, a list of available movies can be viewed on the Student Government Web site. Students can check out one DVD at a time, and regular DVDs must be returned within four days. New releases, typically released in the past year, must be returned within two days, Hwang said.

There is a late fee if students don’t return the movies on time.

Student Body Vice President Grant Schmidt said that the computer is a great aid to track rentals can notify students via e-mail of rentals that need to be returned.

Schmidt said the new program is in part of student government’s goal to increase the lines of communication between students and Student Government.

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Congo
Rebels advance on province capital

Associated Press

KILIMANYOKA — Rebelsocusing to take Congo's eastern provincial capital, advanced toward Goma Tuesday, sending tens of thousands fleeing. Chauvinist a separate area as government soldiers fired on civilians and aid workers trying to escape, the top U.N. envoy said.

Alan Doss said peacekeepers were forced to "respond," apparently meaning they shot at troops who are supposed to be their allies, after the soldiers opened fire on those trying to leave Rutshuru, a strategic town north of Goma. He vowed to keep Rutshuru and other towns out of rebel hands.

"We are going to remain there, and we are going to act against any effort to take over a city or major population center by force," he said reporters in New York in a videoconference.

U.N. helicopter gunships were being used on fronts near Rutshuru and Kilimanyoka, which is about 7 miles north of Goma. They were hammered by rebelss "use of civilians as shields," U.N. spokesman Sylvia van den Wildenberg told The Associated Press.

The rebels also are fighting around Fugar, a town between Goma and Rutshuru, as well as northwest of Goma around Sake — using several fronts in scattered government forces and U.N. peacekeepers.

By the end of Tuesday, it appeared the use of the gunships was paying off. About 200 government soldiers were nearly two miles closer to the rebels than the line of the troops that retreated. They were being resupplied from a truck loaded with rocket-propelled grenades.

Aid agencies in Rutshuru said their workers could hear bombs exploding as the rebels closed in and angry and frightened civilians and soldiers blocked their evacuation by U.N. peacekeepers.

The模式 forced humanitarian centers and the belongings of about 50 trapped aid workers in Rutshuru, said Ivo Brandau, a spokesman for the U.N. humanitarian agency OCHA.

Brandau said tens of thousands of civilians were fleeing that town, heading north and east toward the Ugandan border. Rutshuru had a population of about 30,000 residents and the same number of refugees.

Doctors Without Borders said its doctors and nurses trapped at Rutshuru Hospital had treated 70 war wounded since Sunday but most patients had fled the hospital.

Meanwhile, a sudden influx of an estimated 30,000 people tripled in a matter of hours the size of a camp in Kibati, a few miles from the front line, said Ron Kredom, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency.

"It's chaos up there," Redmond told The Associated Press from Genova, citing U.N. staff in Congo.

"These crowds of people coming down from the north have already started turning up there."

In Kibati, young men lobbed rocks Tuesday at three U.N. tanks also heading away from the battlefield. The U.N.'s peacekeeping mission is the agency's biggest in the world, with 17,000 troops.

"What are they doing? They are supposed to protect us," said Jean-Paul Marambi, a 31-year-old nurse from Kimbina.

The unrest in eastern Congo has been fueled by festering hatreds left over from the Rwandan genocide and the country's unremitting civil wars. Renegade Gen. Laurent Nkunda has threatened to take Goma despite calls from the U.N. Security Council for him to respect a cease-fire brokered by the U.N. in January.

Nkunda charges that the Congolese government has not protected his minority Tutsi tribe from a Rwandan Hutu militia that escaped to Congo after helping perpetrate the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Half a million Tutsis were slaughtered.

Nkunda's ambitions have expanded since he launched a fresh onslaught on Aug. 28. He now declarest will "liberate" all of Congo, a country the size of Western Europe with vast reserves of diamonds, gold and other resources. Congolese vast mineral wealth helped fuel back-to-back wars from 1997 to 2003.

The U.N. says more than 200,000 people have been forced from their homes in the last two months, joining 1.2 million displaced in previous conflicts in the east. Outbreaks of cholera and dysentery have killed dozens in camps, compounding the misery.

On Monday, peacekeepers in attack helicopters fired at the rebels trying to stop them taking Kimbina, a village on the main road 30 miles north of Goma. But fleeing civilians say the fighters overran Kimbina anyway.

The rebels retaliated by firing a missile at one U.N. combat helicopter Monday, but missed, U.N. spokesman Sylvie van den Wildenberg said.

U.N. efforts to halt Nkunda's rebellion are complicated by the country's rugged terrain, dense tropical forests that roll over hills and mountains with few roads.

The chief U.N. mandate is to protect the population. But since the peace deal it also is supposed to help the Congolese army disarm and repatriate Hutu militia — by force if necessary.

But Bisimwa, the rebel spokesman, claimed Tuesday the Congolese army has abandoned dozens of its positions to Hutu militiamen.

"It's the Hutus who are on the front line and when we are fighting, not the army," he said. U.N. peacekeepers "have no choice but to fight on."

Nkunda long has charged that Congolese soldiers fight alongside the militia of Hutus, an ethnic majority of about 40 percent in the region.

Some 800 Hutu militia members have voluntarily returned to Rwanda, the U.N. says, but the fighters recruited and coerce Congolese Hutu children and young men into their ranks daily — far outnumbering those who have returned home.
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**Rain drops run down the face of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama at a rally in Chester, Pa., Tuesday.**

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Let’s look at the various aspects of the eras that face us in the future and how each of these different ages will fail to satisfy us.

Early Adulthood

The biggest shock after college: you have to get a job. I’m trying to resist this necessity as much as possible but if I realize I need to be able to afford the lifestyle to which I’ve grown accustomed. I can’t ever see myself being able to put in an 80-hour work week, and hopefully I’ll never have to. But it could be that way.

Middle Age

Ostensibly children, marriage, and the work-a-day life continue to dominate the environments of the people our parents are aging. Paying bills, paying taxes? It’s not a money issue — it’s a writing issue. I’ve seen that episode of Seinfeld where Jerry cripples his hand signing those Japanese checks. Unfortunately.

Middle Age can be that way.

Senior Citizenship

I have nothing but respect for senior citizens. But in the past month, I have had two exceedingly awkward encounters with elderly women. I have to relate these occurrences to you, reader, because otherwise my point will be dulled by lack of specificity.

The first happened at the Krispy Kreme in Mishawaka. I was trying to order a dozen hot donuts on a Saturday morning and this woman approaches me outside the range of my peripheral vision. She said up to me without me noticing her. Without introducing herself, she grabs my arm to make me sit down and says, “I was going to go to Arby’s but then I saw that red sign on so I decided to come get a free doughnut.”

Two things. One: why did I not know about this free doughnut policy? Two: what gave this woman the right to sneak up behind me, grab my arm, and sit down to me?

The second instance occurred at my local polling place this past week.

I was voting absentee-in-person on Monday afternoon and waited quietly for my name to be called up to the voting booth. An older woman sat down next to me and I saidhello with a polite head nod, figuring that our conversation would end there. A few minutes later, the woman turned to me and said, “You never know who you’re going to sit next to!” I couldn’t tell if this meant I was supposed to recognize her, if she was trying to figure out if I was famous or not, or if she was indicating that she was seconds away from doing something shocking. I didn’t respond, deathly afraid of my seatmate. Then she said, “Too bad I’ve been eating onions all morning,” and proceeded to cackle for several more minutes.

I guess I was called to stand shortly thereafter.

These women were not unjudged in talking to me but I cannot figure out why senior citizens feel the need to talk in such fashions. I do not look forward to a day when I will want to talk to as many random people as possible. I can barely muster up the strength to talk to my closest friends, I won’t be able to survive in a world where it’s expected you’ll speak with unknown people in lines at fast food restaurants, waiting rooms, and offices.

Debates

Most people would stop their age divisions at the senior citizen level. But in my experience this does not speak to the actualities of our dynamical population. I mean, you can join the YMCA at 50 and hold that membership seemingly indefinitely (as long as you pay those darn dues). We need to come to a higher understanding of old age in this country: an understanding that will include less generalization of older peoples. With increasing life expectancies in many sectors of the US population, there should be a last phase of life that runs from the age of 85 until death.

And actually, I look forward to this point in my life. I’ll be too old to be a senior citizen, too young to be dead. I’ll be just senile enough to be as inappropriate and offensive as I desire. If anyone is hurt by my comments I can blame senility in the purest and most beautiful form of denialism in existence. Nobody gets me for a seedy old guy. But on top of this freedom comes the actual hardship of actually being senile. We can romanticize the loss of one’s intellectual capacities with envious eyes, but we have to take a step back to understand that the inherent condition of using your senility for humor is wholly and truly being senile. And I don’t actually ever want to be senile. Do you? I think not.

So now I’ve constructed each one of the periods of life after we leave this hallowed ground. And every last one of them has the appeal of getting hit by a freight train. I don’t have any solutions or optimistic advice. I agree with Yale. These bright college years will never be matched. Ever. Sorry.

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coupled in p więkshion. Yet in reality, the two are constantly in dia-
logue, for better or worse. Politics has become increasingly moralistic and the religious
have become much more political. And with a rapidly approaching ele-
ction, responsible citizen
has a duty to look at how they might con­
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Whether we care to admit it or not, most of us are very much in the same predicament as the Right to Life
party says another. Faith and politics
are personal issues, neither of which can
be divorced from our worldview. We can­
not just eliminate either, or allow one to dictate the other. How do we follow, and how do we decide which are
the most important issues?

The College Democrat who struggles with a candidate's pro-choice stance is in the
same predicament as the Right to Life
voter who used economics to espouse a view
which takes time and effort.

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coupled in püsshion. As the "Forming
Consciences" document suggests, this
means not voting on just a single issue, but
instead, considering all issues. This isn't
an easy, nor is it meant to be. Not all issues
hold the same weight and not every candi­
date will be the oneissue voter. It is for this
reason that we as a society can never
deny a woman's right to choose.

The FOCA would strike down the
Infant Protection Act which requires a doc­
tor to provide medical treatment to a baby
born alive during an abortion.

Not only would this act affect state's
abortion restrictions, this act effectively
removes abortion as a personal issue (as most argued was intended by Roe vs. Wade and the companion case Doe vs.
Reagan). This means that not only can
the state not restrict a woman's access to
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Disney addicts are flocking to theatres to enjoy their favorite guilty pleasure. As I’m sure many a girl’s dorm room can prove, High School Musical is far more than just a teen phenomenon — the innumerable HSM posters and Troy and Gabriella bed sheets are undeniable proof of an obsession that has overrun girls of all ages. The series is the most PG fun you can have. Luckily for fans everywhere, this made for TV classic has been taken to the next level and we can see our favorite too-old-to-actually-be-high-school-students on the silver screen.

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Donny Fox (Justin Martin) He is Jimmie’s right hand man and a stepchild for the musical. He mostly plays the best friend character, but watch out for his performance in the graduation scene.

Talia Gold (Jemma McKenzie-Brown) The British transfer student is Sharpay’s assistant and helps her in her evil scheme to outshine Gabriella. What are her true motives?
One night during high school I sat down to watch TV with my younger brother. We both grew up on Disney, avidly waiting for the latest Disney Channel Original Movie since the days of Jeff Jackson. So, when I decided to venture back into the world of my youth for a night, I was hoping to regain some happy childhood mojo.

What I encountered was a travesty of the highest order. Being a pseudo-geek in high school, I had approached this new "High School Musical" movie with measurable excitement. But Disney, my beloved Disney, had sold out. I was not watching a relatable hero battle life and insurmountable foes in order to "find" himself. Instead, I saw a mockery of absolutely everything from high school theatre programs in Disney itself.

The music was a joke, nothing like the "Even Stevens" musical episode I loved so much. Instead it was overproduced, simplistic drivel built on computer choruses and electric drums on par with a Britney Spears comeback. It wasn't even witty.

The lyrics were unbelievable to the point where I had to ask, "Did she just say 'hip-hop hooray'?" After half an hour I turned to my brother and said, "This script is so bad, it's making my toenails cringe." Disney's attempt at "cute-hip-upbeat-frivolous-fun" had fallen flat on its face.

Much to my chagrin, the twentysomethings came out in droves to the point that no-fool Disney decided to make a second. And a third. But before you gag me with a spoon, here are some reasons I passionately despise this "HSM" thing with the white-hot intensity of a thousand suns.

The movie could have been cute, but it's just awful. I love the simple, catchy attitude of musical theatre today, but this went beyond. I would rail on against the composers, but they're sitting on piles of money so the argument would be moot. It's a principle thing, though. Yes I say unto you, composers: The music you wrote is miserable and I hope your money is worth what you lost as a musician. Key change! The story

The first movie was ridiculous, and coming from an intense high school musical program I can tell you with certainty that it was nothing like reality. I know "that's not the point," but really guys, give high school cheerleaders some respect. We got none from the sports programs. The second movie's plot was unremarkable. I offer it up to the chopping block.

Though I haven't seen the third, I've heard of there are a number of blatant flaws that make Disney look just plain stupid. I'm here to tell you none of these kids are going to Juilliard. Juilliard programs are classical, and they aren't exactly looking for any of the skills these characters display. And a Stanford honors program?

Honey, Stanford is an honors program. And there is no way anyone from Stanford is getting away with a relationship with someone attending Cal Berkeley. The schools are mortal enemies.

The acting
Vanessa Hudgens. Nuff said.

Though I could continue, it would be for naught, because I know everyone who loves High School Musical isn't going to stop loving it anytime soon. And I can't really blame a franchise that is off making billions of dollars through clean entertainment, even if it is an artistic disaster. All I can say is when we look back on our lives, is this really what we want to see as our cultural contribution to the universe?

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Chad Danforth (Corbin Bleu) Chad has always been the most resistant to his East High classmates stepping outside of the status quo. Basketball is the only thing on his mind. So can he open his eyes in time and gather the courage to ask his lady to prom? And will he be able to convince his best friend Troy to drop the drama and work on his jump shot? Blau finally gets his chance in the spotlight as the best dancer in the cast during the junkyard set, bromance-inspired duel with Efron in "The Boys Are Back.

Gabrielle Montez (Vanessa Hudgens) She got the whole gang going together by shaking things up with her arrival at East High in "High School Musical". But this time around she will struggle with leaving the only place she ever developed roots and her beloved Gabriella in college. Go to see Efron's muscles and Blue eyes in "Scream. Stay to see where Troy will end up.

Sharpay Evans (Ashley Tisdale) As drama club president and the self-centered diva of East High, Sharpay has one goal in mind: to become a superstar. Unfortunately, Gabrielle seems to be the one in her way again. Sharpay is on a mission to catch the eye of the Julliard scouts and will stop at nothing to hog that spotlight. She also provides comic relief and a plethora of hot pink, crazy fashions. Her grandiose voice in the cast during the junkyard set, Bromance-inspired duel with Efron in "The Boys Are Back.

Troy Bolton (Zac Efron) He captured the heart of beautiful brainiac Gabriella while warring off the obvious advances of arrogant Sharpay and paved the way for others at East High to break the mold as the jock-turned-singer. In the latest installment, the captain and leader of the Wildcats must decide his future: play basketball at his Dad's alma mater? Or pursue drama? All while worrying about the state championship, spring musical, prom, graduation, and the distance between him and his beloved Gabriella in college. Go to see Efron's muscles and Blue eyes in "Scream. Stay to see where Troy will end up.

Taylor McKessie (Monique Coleman) Taylor is Gabriella's best friend and biggest cheerleader. As the two are yearbook editors together, she encourages Gabriella to jump at the opportunities Stanford is offering. Meanwhile she waits for a proper invitation from a certain curly-headed jock to prom. And what fine college institution will she be headed to in the fall?

Ryan Evans (Lucas Grabeel) Although still a dive in his own right, over the movie Ryan has transitioned from villain to ally, and stopped out of the shadow of sister Sharpay. He won the grand prize for his choreography in "High School Musical 2" and will be back to choreograph the senior year musical. He too is wary for a spot at Julliard while dreaming of a successful career after graduation. He shines alongside new friend Kelsi. But will his sister entice him to return to the dark side to steal the show? Grabeel is a fantastic actor, singer, dancer and his solo performance in the reprisal of "I Want It All" is absolutely charming.

The Observer
MLB

MLB puts Series on hold until at least tonight

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sooner or later, someone will win this World Series.

Just not Tuesday night. Too wet. Besides, the baseball commissioner went home to Milwaukee.

Mainly because the Phillies and Rays can play ball Wednesday night. And shower are in the forecast.

So just sit, tight, folks, we’ll see what happens come Thursday. Right now, bad weather is turning this World Series into a Foul Ball Classic.

Players and fans remained in limbo Tuesday, with Game 5 still suspended from the previous night. It was tied at 2 in the sixth inning when a steady downpour turned Citizens Bank Park into a quagmire, washing away the foul lines and turning home plate into a puddle.

The Phillies lead 3-1 in the best-of-seven matchup, meaning Philadelphia could be close to winning a championship the city desperately craves. Or perhaps not.

“It’s kind of like overtime in a sense, I guess,” Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. “Or sudden victory.”

“It’s just the way it is,” he said. “There’s nothing about it.

OK, no crying here. The minus factor this time was Springsteen while filling out his lineup card was real calm — he’d already lost one game this stretch. They might not even have time to get a hot dog.

“Hard to tell how many people would want to face if — for once — a World Series wraps up before kids have to go to bed,” the TV ratings for the first four games dipped by 25 percent. "We’ll stay here if we have to, “ he said in announcing the suspension.

If the Phillies win a battle of the bullpens when Game 5 resumes, they’ll send parade up Broad Street. If they lose, time to fly to Tampa Bay.

Delays in the World Series are rare. There has never been a rain-shortened game and this was the first suspension.

There were three straight washouts in 1962 with the Yankees and Giants, and a classic 1975 game between Boston and Cincinnati that Carl Fisk won with a home run off the foul pole. In 1989, an earthquake interrupted Oakland and San Francisco for a week.

While baseball purists deride Tampa Bay’s Tropicana Field as an anemic dome that rings with crazy catcalls, at least the wet weather isn’t a factor.

Ruins intruded in Game 3 Saturday night, with the first pitch pushed past to 10:06 p.m. — the latest start time in Series history — and the first pitch came shortly before 2 a.m.

Despite a shaky forecast, baseball tried to play Monday night. It was raining lightly at the start. Within a few innings, the Rays’ offense had left the Phillies for dead.

“Not you’re going to win against us, had he had been starting, Rays pitcher Cole Hamels said.

Soon, every pitch and popup became an adventure as All-Stars were reduced to looking like Little Leaguers. The grounds crew kept putting down Diamond Dust to absorb the moisture, and it kept caking the infield.

With the wind chill dropping into the 30s, several players with ear flaps attached. Mud flaps would’ve been more appropriate.

“I was upset with some of the things that went on,” Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. “But I didn’t feel it was anything that happened, and I also agreed that the game definitely had to be stopped. The conditions were definitely unplayable.”

NBA

Police release new details regarding Thomas overdose

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Officers who responded to Isaiah Thomas’ home after a 911 call reporting an overdose on sleeping pills found a man passed out on the floor and gave him oxygen until an ambulance arrived.

Authorities have not publicly identified Thomas as the victim, but a person familiar with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official police report has not been released, confirmed it was the former NBA player and Knicks coach.

On Tuesday, Harriston Police Chief David Hall provided new details about last week’s emergency in which officers were handed a bottle of prescription pills at Thomas’ Westchester County home.

Hall said the bottle had a name on it, but he would not disclose the precise medication. He said police called the overdose accidental because there was no suicide note and no indication the victim suffered from depression.

Thomas has denied being the victim, and Hall again criticized the ex-coach for saying it was his 17-year-old daughter, Lauren, who required treatment.

“As parents, you try to protect your kids; you don’t say they did something when it was you who did it,” Hall said. “We know the difference between a 47-year-old man and a teenager.”

Thomas’ spokesperson, Jesse Derris, said, “This continues to be a private family matter and this was a private family matter and this was a private family matter.”

Commissioner Derris said. They administered oxygen until an ambulance crew lifted the man onto a gurney and took him to White Plains Hospital.

Supranowitz was not immediately returned. Thomas and the coach last April, still works for the team.

Some of the latest details about the Thomas case were first reported by Newsday.

Hall said the 911 call made late Thursday from Thomas’ multimillion-dollar home in the Purchase section of Harrison went first to state police, then to Harrison. Harrison police on patrol nearby to the scene first, saw a 47-year-old man on the floor and went into “standard operating procedure,” Hall said. They administered oxygen until an ambulance crew arrived and took over, eventually lifting the man onto a gurney and taking him to White Plains Hospital.

He said it was his department’s first call to Thomas’ house. An emergency services log, with the names of the caller and the patient blacked out, indicates the ambulance arrived at the house minutes before midnight.

Hall said someone at the house gave his officers a prescription bottle, and the officers gave it to the ambulance crew so the hospital doctors would know about it. They then searched the house for other medications that might have been involved but found none, he said.

As a player, Thomas won NBA titles with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990 and an NBA championship with Indiana in 1981. He joined the Knicks as the team president in 2003 and became coach in June 2006 after Larry Brown was fired.

He was fired as the Knicks’ coach April 18 after a season of dreadful basketball, a sawdust sexual harassment lawsuit and unending chants of fans demanding his dismissal. Still, he was retained by the organization as an adviser and consultant.
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### NFL

**Chargers fire defensive coordinator**

San Diego Chargers defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell looks on during a divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts. Cottrell was fired by the San Diego Chargers Tuesday, and replaced with inside linebackers coach Ron Rivera.

### In Brief

**Angels exercise team options on Guerrero, Lackey**

The Los Angeles Angels will exercise their 2009 options on outfielder Vladimir Guerrero and pitcher John Lackey, but will decline their option on closer Grant Anderson.

The 32-year-old Guerrero, an eight-time All-Star who batted .303 with 27 home runs and 91 RBIs this season, will earn $15 million next season. He had surgery on the meniscus in his left knee Oct 10 but is expected to be ready for spring training.

Lackey was 2-5 with a 3.75 ERA this season. Originally selected in the second round of the 1999 free-agent draft, he has a 91-63 career record with a 3.91 ERA. He will earn $19 million in 2009. The Angels could have bought out his contract for $201 million.

**Holmes to return to Steelers' lineup after arrest**

The Pittsburgh Steelers won't further punish receiver Santonio Holmes for being charged last week with a marijuana-related offense and plan to start him Monday night in Washington.

Holmes, who led the NFL in yards-per-catch last season, was benched for the Steeler's 21-14 loss Sunday to the New York Giants and won't be in uniform. He was allowed to return to the team after speaking to his teammates and testing a positive urine sample on Monday.

The NFL could punish Holmes once his case is resolved, but coach Tomlin said there will be no additional action taken by the team.

**North Texas reports five players failed drug tests**

NORTH DALLAS — Fifteen North Texas football players failed drug tests conducted this fall at the request of coach Todd Dodge.

Eighty-six players were tested from Sept. 24-Oct. 15. They were chosen by the coaching staff and were considered regular contributors to the team. The results of the testing were first reported by the Denton Record-Chronicle.

The school normally tests athletes at random, and the NCAA tested 20 players separately last late month. North Texas hasn't received results of the NCAA tests, Dodge said at his weekly news conference Tuesday.

"All I did was anything that I could do to help the team win games. I did what is normal for a football player to do. I have no idea what happened. I didn't do anything to try to ruin my career," said North Texas defensive tackle Korey Williams.

"I didn't do anything wrong. I didn't do anything to hurt anyone. I just don't understand where this is from. I don't know what happened. I feel bad about it."
SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles end regular season vs. Trine

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s College looks to cap off its season with a victory over conference opponent Trine tonight. The Belles have already clinched a fourth-place finish in the MIAA conference, but will look to improve on their 18-9 overall record and their 9-6 conference mark. Trine is currently in 8th place in the MIAA, but can possibly finish as high as 6th.

This is the second meeting between the Belles and the Thunder this season, with the Belles taking the first match in four games. Senior captain Kaela Hellmann led Saint Mary’s in the first match, accumulating a team-best twenty kills and a match-high fourteen digs.

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Glass takes over AD reins at IU after scandal

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Fred Glass has been called The Closer. Now he gets to be The Cleaner.

Glass, who orchestrated bringing the Super Bowl to Indianapolis, took on a greater challenge Tuesday by accepting the athletic director's job at Indiana amid an NCAA phone-call scandal and allegations the school failed to properly monitor the men's basketball team.

School officials are awaiting a ruling from the infractions committee.

"We're almost over the long, national nightmare, I hope, because our place is one that has always followed the rules," said Glass. "I think we can have some pride recounting stories about the Hoosiers and the vivid memory of skipper, Indiana's 1967 Rose Bowl team, and the lifetime Hoosiers fan spent in the early 1990s. From 2000 to 2007 he was president of the Capital Improvement Board, which owns and operates Lucas Oil Stadium and Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, and he helped negotiate long-term deals to keep the Colts and the NCAA's Final Four in Indy.

Former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, who attended the news conference and credited Glass with creating the formula that persuaded NFL owners to give Indianapolis the 2012 Super Bowl, believes Glass' personality and judgment will mitigate any perceived shortcomings.

"His judgment is remarkable. He has the ability to look at complex situations and figure out the right thing to do," said Peterson, a longtime friend.

Glass replaces Rick Greenspan, who announced in late June that he would resign at the end of the year.

The open-ended deal with Indiana calls for a salary of $410,000 a year, IU spokesman Larry McIntyre said. Greenspan was paid $275,000.

"In our discussions, I was greatly impressed that Fred not only understood the challenges before our intercollegiate athletics program but also the importance of IU athletics being an integral part of the life of the entire university," McRobbie said.

Greenspan's first task will be wiping away the stain of scandal.

"The Hoosiers' reputation took a major hit when former coach Kelvin Sampson and his staff were accused of making more than 100 impermissible phone calls while Sampson was still under NCAA sanctions for a similar scandal at Oklahoma."

In February, the NCAA accused the school of five major violations before later reducing one to a secondary charge. On the day Greenspan announced his resignation, the school was hit with another major allegation: Failure to monitor.

"I think it's almost immeasurable, not only for basketball but it's almost worse for the university," Glass said. "Basketball may be the easiest fix because we've got a dynamic coach. But people around the country don't like wearing IU stuff and having people coming up and making comments because of what's happened."

Greenspan orchestrated a major housecleaning. He imposed penalties that included the loss of a scholarship this season and a one-year extension of the NCAA's recruiting sanctions, got rid of Sampson and all of his assistants and restructured the compliance department.

Only two players are back from last season's team.
Doctor reveals stroke forced Olson to retire

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lute Olson’s doctor said Tuesday that the former Arizona basketball coach had a stroke within the last year and he advised him to retire.

The comments by Dr. Steven Knope at a news conference called by Olson’s family offer the first explanation for Olson’s sudden retirement last week, two days after he appeared at the Wildcats’ media day. Olson said at the time he was energized and looking forward to his 25th season with Arizona.

Knope said an MRI confirmed the stroke in the frontal part of Olson’s brain, which left the Hall of Famer with severe depression and impaired judgment.

“This is a rather cruel twist of fate,” Knope said at a McKale Center news conference attended by two of Olson’s daughters, Jodi Brase and Christi Snyder.

He is quite literally devastated,” Knope said. “He was doing great over the summer and very much wanted to fulfill his obligation to the community and the university.”

Knope said Olson is resting at home and is on a blood thinner, and he’s optimistic Olson will recover.

The announcement ended almost a year of speculation about Olson’s health. Rumors began to circulate when he took a leave of absence last season for what he later termed a “medical condition that was not life-threatening.”

Over the last few weeks, Knope said he had talked to Olson about retiring because Olson was struggling to handle his workload as preseason practice opened.

“He just couldn’t put the pieces together,” Knope said. “He couldn’t do what he needed to do for the team.”

Knope said he ordered the MRI on Monday after Olson did not respond to recent treatment for depression.

“Unlike a typical stroke that you may imagine where someone is unable to walk or talk or have a limp, this stroke occurred in a part of the brain where much of his intellectual function and his motor function was perfectly normal,” Knope said. “So it wasn’t quite apparent. The tipoff and the clue came in the last several weeks, when we began to treat what appeared to be a bout of depression that simply didn’t respond.”

Knope said he had treated Olson for depression in the last year, during which Olson went through a contentious divorce from his second wife, Christine.

In April, Olson appeared ready to take on the grind of major college coaching. Olson told his doctor, “I love the game. I can’t wait to get back,” Knope said.

But things had changed. Knope said the coach had responded earlier to antidepressants but in the more recent bout he did not and also exhibited out-of-character behavior.

One public example came when a combative Olson sparred with reporters during the April news conference to announce his return. He typically had cordial relations with the media.

“I think we can attribute that behavior to the stroke,” Knope said.

At media day last week, Olson expressed concern about his behavior that day. “I’ve wished I had that hour back many times,” he said.

Olson’s hands have trembled in recent years, prompting rumors that he has Parkinson’s disease. Knope said Olson suffers from a benign condition called familial tremor but does not have Parkinson’s.

“There is no dementia going on in coach Olson,” Knope said. “He had a mental status exam two days ago, and he scored almost perfectly.”

Knope said Olson is still accepting that his health forced him to retire. Knope said the coach is “beating himself up” for leaving the team shortly before the season.

“I can’t tell you how much Lute wishes he were here today,” Knope said.

Olson’s interim replacement, Russ Pennell, expressed his support.

“Today’s news, as odd as this may sound, is comforting only in that he now knows what he’s up against as he works to return to good health,” Pennell said.

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Pierce leads Celtics over Cavs in season opener

Associated Press

BOSTON — The championship banner rose to the rafters. The NBA’s MVP of last year’s Finals finally was part of a ceremony that often seemed unreachable throughout his 10 seasons, all with the Boston Celtics, in Boston. It was a bright night for Boston — fans’ cameras flashing for every player. It was the 1986 championship. The biggest cheers went to Pierce, who had won just three postseason series in his first nine years and was part of the team that managed only 24 wins the season before their championship.

The Celtics beat Atlanta and Cleveland in tough seven-game series, then eliminated Detroit in six before facing the Lakers, the team they beat for their 15th title in 1984, but lost to in the 1985 and ’87 Finals.

In Game 7 against the Cavaliers, in Boston, James outscored Pierce 45-41 but the Cavaliers won 97-92. “I let it go quickly,” James said in the Cleveland locker room an hour before the ceremony. “I had to refocus myself to get ready for the Olympics. It was a great game between me and Paul and it was a great game between the Cavs and the Celtics.”

James and his teammates were on the court for the national anthem but left before the ceremony. “They were invited,” Rivers said with a laugh. “I wouldn’t want to be out there either. First of all, it’s long. And, secondly, they’re giving us something they want.”

It was a bright night for Boston — fans’ cameras flashing for nearly the entire 15-minute ceremony and gleaming rings made of 14-karat white gold with a total of 92 diamonds and emeralds. The top of the ring features a cabochon red sapphire surrounded by 64 pave set diamonds. NBA commissioner David Stern had looked forward to participate in the ceremony.

“In this game, you have the players say that you’re playing for the ring,” he said before it began, “and, there you are, being a part of fulfilling the goal of every player.”

Then, he added, “it’s one of the few times you don’t get booted when you’re the commissioner.”

Turns out, he was the only person booted at the ceremony. Then he opened it by saying, “Here we are, No. 17.”

And when he was done, the crowd chanted, “Let’s Go Celtics.”

A brief video of Celtics patriarch Red Auerbach, who died at the age of 89 in October 2006, got loud cheers when it was played on the scoreboard at the beginning. He guided the Celtics to their first 16 titles as coach or general manager.

When Rivers came out to get his ring — with Auerbach’s signature engraved on the inside — he put his left palm atop the trophy.

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Celtics owner and CEO Wyc Grousbeck handed Pierce his ring after all the other players had gotten theirs. Pierce, seeming to fight back tears, held it up in his right hand as the fans roared and chanted, “MVP, MVP.”

Then he and his teammates raised the banner.

On one side of the new one was the 1986 championship banner. On the other side was a banner honoring the retired numbers of eight Celtics.
Belles prepare for last regular season game

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Opposing environments have proven unfriendly to the Belles so far as they have not recorded a road victory in seven tries this season. Today, Saint Mary’s travels to take on Albion, where the team hopes it can shake its road woes and conclude a tough regular season schedule on a winning note.

The Belles find themselves in a slump, having lost eight of their last nine matches. Last week, Saint Mary’s dropped two very closely-contested matches against Alma and Kalamazoo by one-goal margins.

Despite their disappointing record this season, the Belles have not been completely overmatched. Eight of their 11 losses have come by one-goal margins, including all but one conference loss.

Saint Mary’s has shown its ability to put the ball in the goal as it has found the net in all but three games this season, including a four-goal effort in its conference victory over Trine.

The Belles’ leading scorer on the season is senior forward Lauren Hinton, who has found the back of the net five times and has also served up two assists.

Saint Mary’s has also received a huge offensive contribution this season from the freshman class, which is led by forward Katelyn Tondo-Steele. Tondo-Steele has two goals and an assist. In all, freshmen have accounted for six goals and five assists, nearly half of the Belles’ offensive production.

Saint Mary’s junior Patty Duffy has stepped up in goal, having recorded 72 saves and giving up less than two goals per match.

Saint Mary’s will begin postseason play when the MIAA conference tournament kicks off Nov. 1.

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It's really just repetition and repetition," Nicholas said. "And getting in scrim-
mage situations and things like that that help us under-
stand positions.

That relationship was on full display in a match against Pittsburgh. Despite Notre Dame's loss to the Panthers, Nicholas noted a career-high 54 assists and Kaelin capitalized with 21 kills.

In her role as setter, it is Nicholas' job to run the offense on the court during the course of a match. She said her biggest responsibili-
ties are calling the plays and deciding what type of set is best for a given situation.

Nicholas credited part of her success to the fact that she had the opportunity to play with former Irish setter Ashley Tarutis for two years before taking over the starting role this season.

Tarutis helped me learn the offense and taught me how things were run on the court," Nicholas said. "I just wanted to thank her for doing what I could from her.

Notre Dame's loss to the Irish (11-11, 6-3 Big East) currently sit in third place in the Big East. Reared with Pittsburgh and trailing Cincinnati and St. John's, the Irish have a big task ahead of them, that, while she had hoped for a better start, she's con-

fident Notre Dame will make a run in its remaining matches.

"We think we have done ok up to this point," she said. "We've won some big games, but we've also let down matches that we should won. If we just start working everyday at the gym, we'll be happy with the result.

The Irish have already lost their matches against Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, but have a matchup with conference leaders St. John's on Nov. 14 at the JACC. Nicholas, though, said she isn't worried about the teams on Notre Dame's schedule.

"The only things we can control are on our side of the net," she said. "So we just need to come out the second half of the Big East [schedule] and get the job done."

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five bloopers in eight holes. He responded with a birdie and nine pars to salvage the round and finish strong.

Kubinski said Alan-Lee's round was a good indication of the benefit experience pro-
vides to his young team.

"We have a number of guys really coming a long way in terms of learning to make
shots," Kubinski said. "Alan-
Lee's round was a perfect example learning to right the ship and starting to make some better finishes after get-
ing a lot of experience..."

Junior Doug Fortner shot an ugly 10-over-par 82 in his opening round before firing a 72 and a 72 in his final two rounds to finish in 46th place.

Senior co-captain Olavo Battista's final-round 81 dropped him into 54th overall after shooting a 76 and a 74 to start the tournament.

Freshman Chris Walker rounded out the Irish effort with a 20-over 236 in his sec-
ond collegiate tournament.

The tournament which was played at the par 72, 7,191-yard Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro, N.C. — marked the last com-
petition Notre Dame will see until March. Despite inconsist-
ent results and a last-place finish at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Invitational, the Irish have a young crop of talented and increasingly experienced
golfers heading into the spring season.

"Coming into the fall, we didn't know what to expect with [senior] Josh Handman being out," Kubinski said. "We hoped to play a little better than we did, but we're very encouraged. A lot of guys are really learning, and we're expecting to bounce back in the spring and make a run at the Big East Championship."

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him for 10 years. From 1996-
2000 at Stanford and from 2001-
05 at Notre Dame. That explains the major similarities between the two teams in terms of scheme and formations, Clark said.

"If you ask anyone, they'll always say they're very similar to us," he said. "At the end of the day, personnel dictate how things go, but I think you'll find that there will be a lot of similarities."

With home-field advantage and a chance to erase concerns about Notre Dame's loss to the Irish, the Hoyas are poised to erase concerns about Notre Dame's loss to the Hoyas.

"Everybody knows what the stakes are," Clark said. "If you're in the first game of the season and you're playing for something very meaningful, you know it's been a good season. We're in that situation, play-
ing for the trophy, and you can't ask for more than that. Well, you can -- you can ask to play very well -- and that's our goal start-
ing against Georgetown."

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Last week against Washington, Aldridge was Notre Dame's leading rusher — the first time this season he was tops for the Irish — with 84 yards on only 13 carries, two of which went for touch-
downs.

"When somebody all of a sudden gets something going, you're not looking to take them out just to take them out, you're just going to send them where he is right now," he said.

The fourth quarter of Saturday's game against Washington also showcased Notre Dame freshman running back

Jonas Gray, who had yet to see playing time this season because of the team's depth. Gray carried nine times for 61 yards (6.8 yards per carry) in more than duty against the Huskies.

Gray is especially impor-
tant for this week for Notre Dame because of his speed and quickness, both of which m i r r o r

Pittsburgh tailback L. O s e a n

McCoy. Weis said Gray will

represent McCoy this week for the Notre Dame scout team.

"Gray will be wearing a big old 25. So just you might as well look at him this week, and call him McCoy instead of calling him Gray because that's who he will be this week in this practice," Weis said.

Notes:

♦ Senior wide receiver David Grimes told Weis earlier this week that he feels fully healed after back spasms kept him out of the W a s h i n g t o n
game.

                                                                            "He intends to go this week, and we'll see how

♦ Weis said he foresees line-

backer Harrison Smith as David Bruton's heir apparent at starting free safety, and told the sophomore what he needs to do to win the job next sea-
son.

"I told him, 'You're going to have to lose a little weight and get a haircut.' I told him those are the two things that will probably have to go together for him,' Weis said.

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♦ Linebacker Brian Smith had a cognitive test after suffering a mild concussion against the Huskies. He will not be held out of any prac-
tices this week, but will have limited contact early in the week.

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MEN'S SOCCER
Irish set for rematch against Big East foe Georgetown

By MATTHEW GAMBER Assistant Sports Editor

No. 19 Notre Dame can clinch its second consecutive Big East Division crown with a win against No. 24 Georgetown today at Alumni Field.

The Hoyas (9-3-3, 4-2-3 Big East, 17 points) have moved into third in the division, two points behind Notre Dame (10-0-2, 5-0-2 Big East, 21 points), which tied Pittsburgh 2-2 last night.

Georgetown could grab first place with a victory today, as its ability to run the ball in the smashmouth package in recent games. It said that some teams try to stop the action against the Hoyas, but that not has been successful for Irish opponents.

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A win would give the Irish 20 points and a three-point advantage over the Huskies, who play Pittsburgh 2-2 last night.

Notre Dame attack in a scoreless draw in last year's meeting, and the Hoyas goalkeeping duo of Matthew Brutto and Mike Wilber have combined for some outsides hits this season.

"This game is such a big game, and it's a pity it won't be played in a better atmosphere," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "There might not be that atmosphere, but I know our players will be very excited."

After scoring just one goal in a pair of Big East road games last week, the Irish offense will be tested once again by a stingy Hoyas defense that allows only 38 goals per game.

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"We'd like to score goals but we also can't concede goals," he said.

"We've just got to play well and put a complete game together," Clark said.

The Hoyas are led by Brian Wiese, who played for Clark at Dartmouth before coaching with the Irish.

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FOOTBALL

Trio of talented backs have combined for 792 yards on ground

By DAN MURPHY Sports Writer

So far this season, the Irish running game's only real problem is in one that most coaches wouldn't mind having. Notre Dame has too many talented running backs.

This season, junior James Aldridge and sophomores Armando Allen and Robert Hughes have split time at tailback for Notre Dame, rushing for a combined 792 yards on 42.8 yards per carry.

They have shared the scoring, as well. Aldridge has found the end zone three times on the ground and Allen and Hughes each have a pair of touchdowns.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he rotates the trio because of the constant pressure that battle has gone on this season. As of right now, Allen is the No. back for the spread-style offense and Aldridge is the go-to guy for the "pound it" package.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Nicholas’ assists lead ND into home stretch

By SAM WERNER Sports Writer

It isn't Jamel Nicholas' job to rack up dozens of kills like outside hitters Christina Kaelin and Kelly Scala, but that doesn't mean the junior setter hasn't put up some gaudy numbers of her own.

Over the weekend, Nicholas posted 31 and 49 assists against Villanova and Seton Hall, respectively, and leads the Irish with 690 assists on the season. But the Gibsonia, Pa., native prefers to remain modest about her contributions to the team.

"I think I've done okay," Nicholas said. "Being the setter out there, I need to direct traffic and keep putting up a great set so that our hitters can get a kill."

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Running mates

Irish junior running back James Aldridge hits a hole during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 23. Aldridge rushed for 84 yards on 13 carries against Washington Sunday.

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Scodro ties for first place

By MICHAEL BLASCO Sports Writer

After an uneven showing in his first collegiate tournament earlier this month, Notre Dame freshman Max Scodro finished with a 3-under par 213 that catapulted him to a tie for first-place at the Fighting Irish Intercollegiate earlier this month.

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