University Health Services has seen a slight increase in students with an Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and 26 Notre Dame students have had presumptive cases of the H1N1 virus, according to Director Ann Kleva.

Of 1,922 total student visits to Health Services from Aug. 15 to Sept. 9, 414 students presented signs of ILI. Of those students, 144 were tested for influenza A, and 26 of those students tested positive, which is presumptive for the H1N1 virus (commonly referred to as swine flu), according to Kleva.

“We have only seen truly mild cases of influenza,” she said. “The students haven’t needed hospitalization and are recovering in an average of three to four to seven days.”

Students with ILI have to have a fever of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit, a cough and/or sore throat and an absence of a cause other than influenza. H1N1 can be seasonal flu, H1N1 or other strains or symptoms of the influenza virus.

“We are seeing a slight increase in flu symptoms and they are showing up earlier,” Kleva said. “But the treatment is exactly the same as in past years and we have not seen serious flu.”

Kleva said the students with ILI were told to self-isolate, get plenty of rest and drink fluids for at least 24 hours after their fever breaks. She said University Health Services has also seen an increase in the normal walk-in population, but many of those students are not ill with the flu.

“There’s an increase in the number of colds, allergies and upper respiratory illnesses that are unrelated to flu at this time,” Kleva said. “We have only seen truly mild cases of influenza.”

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Future of economics department uncertain

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters plans to discontinue one of its two economics departments in the next two years, according to College Dean John McGreevy.

In the future, McGreevy said there will not be two economics departments in the College of Arts and Letters. Currently, the College houses the Department of Economics and Policy Studies and the Department of Economics and Econometrics.

McGreevy said any action he takes will ensure that the voices of the Economics and Policy Studies professors continue to be heard.

“We’re trying to create the best economics conversation we can have at Notre Dame,” McGreevy said. “There are lots of places around the University where we need economists,” including at the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute and the Poverty Studies program.

Although the University has not made a final decision on what to do with the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, that there will not be two departments in the future.

“What I’ve said in a meeting with both departments is that..."
IN BRIEF

The Kellogg Institute is hosting a symposium, "HIV and the Rule of Law: Human Rights at Home and Abroad," today at the Husch Center for International Studies. The all-day event is open to the public but advance registration is required.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team is playing Wisconsin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The game is part of the three-day Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team is playing Seattle University tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. The game is part of the Mike Birtellini Memorial Tournament. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame Rugby Football Club is playing the Chicago Griffins on West Quad on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit the Rugby Club Web site.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play New Mexico on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

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Inside Column

Live like you're alive

At my high school graduation party, I smiled my way through about a million conversations with people I only pretended to know, but somehow didn't get a chance to talk to the one person I wish I would have.

Stella was a family friend battling breast cancer. She had an optimistic attitude, so I remember being hit with reality when my mom told me Stella probably wouldn't get to attend her own child's graduation party.

Unfortunately, that was all too true. Stella died this week. And on that tragic day, my biggest fear was that I wouldn't get to time with friends. I usually spend scarifying down meals in the dining hall or drunk at a party. Not exactly quality time.

But once in a while, life taps me on the shoulder and reminds me that we all don't live to be 100 years-old. I don't have all the time in the world to do all that I want to accomplish and become who I want to be.

This isn't a "you should live everyday like it's your last" column. I'm not saying that you should drop out of school tomorrow, marry the first person you see walking down South Quad or blow all your money on a lavish vacation.

You don't have to live like you were dying, but I am suggesting that you live like you're alive. Figure out what makes you feel most alive, and then actively pursue it.

Feeling alive doesn't have to be big and bold. It doesn't have to be skydiving or rock climbing. We can all instill a small fire in our everyday lives by choosing to step outside of our comfort zones.

Volunteer in a in a way that you are normally shy. Get a tattoo. Study abroad. Let yourself fall in love.

We can actively appreciate the positives in life — when a class gets cancelled and you can sleep in, when someone gives you a compliment — not just Notre Dame beats Michigan tomorrow.

If you are reading this column, you already have the privilege of being alive, and not everyone is so lucky. So send your grandpa a homemade birthday card. Say "I love you" when you hang up the phone with your mom. Take five seconds to be thankful for this day, this moment, this breath.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sarah Mervosh at smervosh@nd.edu

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

Question of the Day: What is your prediction for Saturday's game?

Kelsey Sugrue
sophomore
McCandless

"I need the Irish to win or else my father, a die-hard Michigan fan, will never let me live it down."

Tim Scully
sophomore
Alumni

"69-0, Notre Dame."

Pete Freedoso
freshman
Dillon

"We will trounce them."

Tric Carden
freshman
O'Neill

"It will keep us on the edge of our seats, but in the end — complete domination."

Deborah Olmstead
junior
Welsh Family

"'Shut out. Times 2."

South Bend's own The Selentic Brothers Band perform at the Morris PAC on Wednesday night. They opened for ZZ Top.

OFFBEAT

Man demands to drink stolen beer before arrest

BAYOU GEORGE, Fla. — Authorities in the Florida Panhandle say they arrested a convenience store shoplifter who demanded to drink the 12-ounce beer he had stolen before being taken into custody.

The Bay County Sheriff's office says the man said the deputy he had recently lost his job of 13 years and wanted to drink beer. The man became combative when the deputy wouldn't let him finish it.

George R. Lintzbohm II was charged Wednesday with shoplifting, battery, possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Bay County Jail officials say the man told the deputy he had been given the beer by a friend.

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**Class registration gets an upgrade**

By AMANDA GRAY

News Writer

Notre Dame’s Office of the Registrar, student government and Office of Information and Technology (OIT) are working together to update and redesign the course registration process, said Walker Anderson, student government Campus Technology chair.

"Last year, we brought up course registration redesign," Anderson said. "We discussed it with OIT and the Registrar’s office. We want to identify what’s wrong with the current system."

Assistant Registrar Lora Spalding said the Office used student testing as a tool to identify issues with the program.

There has been a test group of students who needed to let us watch and video tape them as they registered for their Fall 2009 classes," Spalding said. "We also captured all their key strokes and interviewed them about their experience. Another student test group will be used to preview and give suggestions to developers from our software provider."

A committee was put together to analyze the data, Anderson said. The major problems found with course registration are selecting classes, appointing fair registration start times, finding information on course evaluations and syllabi and fitting everything into a workable class schedule, Spalding said.

"We are always looking at ways to make registration an easier and more intuitive experience for students and so as software upgrades or feasible suggestions come forward, we are always ready to fit them into a redesign," Spalding said. "Some of the redesign may be small improvements, but some, because of the upcoming software upgrades, may be larger."

Some improvements have already been added, Spalding said.

"Most of the fields in ‘Class Search’ can be sorted — this helps to find, among many other uses, open classes and instructions," Spalding said.

If students are looking for information about a specific class, Anderson said, the course evaluations are available as part of Enhanced Class Search results.

Additionally, based upon a student government initiative, the Office of the Registrar and OIT are working on making class syllabi available through ‘Class Search’. Spalding said changes that will involve tools to help fit a schedule together should occur sometime next summer.

Some of the inspiration for new updates come from other schools, Anderson said.

"We’ve looked at [the University of Minnesota] and we want to look at Northwestern, among others," Anderson said.

Major changes could be anywhere from six months to a few years away in this long-term initiative, Anderson said.

"We’re still analyzing our current system," he said. "We have an idea of providing a more intuitive, streamlined and innovative way of taking the stress out of the course registration process."

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**Oxford University Press to publish for Kroc Inst.**

Special to The Observer

Oxford University Press has accepted proposals from the University Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies to publish a series of books on strategic peacebuilding, beginning this fall, and a handbook on religion, conflict and peacebuilding in 2011. The books will be written by scholars around the world engaged in peace research, including Kroc Institute faculty.

The Oxford Studies of Strategic Peacebuilding, a collection of monographs and edited volumes, will be edited by Notre Dame’s Scott Appleby, John M. Regan Jr. director of the Kroc Institute; John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding; and Daniel Philpott, professor of political science and peace studies. The first book in the series, "Strategies of Peace: Transforming Conflict in a Violent World," is edited by Kroc faculty members Philpott and Gerard F. Panei.

Strategic peacebuilding, the Kroc Institute’s signature concept, is defined by Appleby as "the creation and nurturing, over time, of constructive relationships — at every level of society and across ethnic, religious, class and racial boundaries — as a means of transforming structures and social, political and cultural dynamics that promote discrimination, inequality, hatred and war and other forms of deadly violence."

"The Oxford Handbook on Religion and Peacebuilding" will be edited by Appleby, Atalia Omer, assistant professor of religion, conflict and peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute; and David Little, formerly of the Harvard University Divinity School.

Religious or faith-based peacebuilding, a subfield of peace studies that has recently gained attention among U.S. and international policymakers, is one of the Kroc Institute’s core research programs. While religious extremism is often cited as a cause of conflict, religious peacebuilding and sustaining peace is less recognized. The handbook is expected to be a significant contribution to a greater understanding of the importance of religion, peace and conflict in international affairs.

Founded in 1986, the Kroc Institute is a leading center for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for peace. It offers education in peace studies and strategic peacebuilding at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral level.
Cardinal Mahony to give lecture on campus

Special to The Observer

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, will give a lecture titled "Purifying the Baptismal Priesthood in the "Year for Priests"" at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University.

Following the Second Vatican Council there has been a rediscovery in Catholic theology of baptism as the foundational sacrament of ministry, and a clearer recognition that ministry is not just for the ordained. The Second Vatican Council related the baptismal call, the vocation of the baptized, and the office of the ordained to the mystery of Christ. Finding in each a reflection of the three offices of Christ, priest, prophet and king. Every vocation and every ministry is rooted in the same reality of Christ and his presence by the gift of the Spirit in the Church.

Responding to Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to reflect on the priesthood during this "Year for Priests," and drawing from his own recent pastoral letter on ministry, "As I Have Done for You," Cardinal Mahony will identify the foundations for a baptismal priesthood and a ministerial priesthood suited to meet the pressing needs of the Church today.

Cardinal Mahony was appointed archbishop of Los Angeles by Pope John Paul II in 1985 and was elevated to cardinal in 1991. A native of Hollywood, he is the first "Angeleno" and the third archbishop of Los Angeles to become a cardinal. He received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1989.

One of the cardinal electors participating in the 2005 conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Mahony serves on several committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including those for Liturgy and Pro-Life Activities.

Cardinal Mahony's lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, the Center for Social Concerns and the Department of Theology.
Catholic nuns have signed the letter. Tensions, rabbis, Muslim leaders and Roman Catholic clergy across the country's largest ethnic group clashed with security forces in the country's capital.

AP photographer Stephen Fernandez counted scores of police and the army clashed with stone-throwing protesters who burned tires Thursday in Kampala. The protests all appeared to be civilians. Several other people were injured as police fired tear gas and used batons at police vehicles. The security forces responded by firing in the air and at a period of shots from which residents were throwing stones.

Yemen launches offensive on rebels

SAVANNAH — Yemen's government launched a new offensive against Shiite rebels in the north, destroying many of their vehicles and hideouts, an army statement said Thursday.

Both sides claimed victory, however, in the intense day's fighting, which came just a week after the government declared a unilateral cease-fire that fell apart in hours. The five-year-old rebellion is led by Shiite tribesmen who complain they are discriminated against and neglected by the government. The rebels have also accused the state of colluding with hard-line Sunni fundamentalists, whom they consider Shiites as heretics.

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**IRAQ**

Kurds call for security after bombing

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Kurdish lawmakers demanded the government step up security in northern Iraq after a suicide truck bomb flattened a neighborhood in a small village Thursday, killing 18 Iraqis and wounding 39 others in the most recent in a spate of attacks.

Two suicide truck bombers targeted the Shiite Kurdish village of Wardak, about 50 miles south of Mosul and 80 miles south of Mosul just after midnight.

Local security forces fired on the driver of one truck when he refused to stop, but he was still able to detonate his bomb. The second assailant in the other explosives-laden truck was shot and killed before his bomb exploded, according to local officials and villagers.

"No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents who remain active in Mosul and surrounding areas in Nineveh province — a region where U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents appear to be trying to stoke an Al-Qaeda-Kurdist conflict.

It follows several other deadly bombings in small villages of ethnic and religious minorities, indicating that insurgents are seeking out relatively undefended targets to maximize casualties as the strapped Iraqi army focuses its efforts on more central areas. Members of Iraqi minority groups are bearing the brunt of the violence. The ongoing terrorist and criminal acts in Nineveh are aimed again at the Kurds, Turkomans, Shias and Yazidis — they are ethnic cleansing operations in which hundreds of innocent people have been killed," Abdul-Mah林 al-Asaadoun, a lawmaker of the Kurdistan Alliance parliamentary bloc, said at a press conference in Baghdad after the attack.

"We call on the federal government to take the necessary measures to prevent further attacks, find the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

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Pohlen, Professor of Economics and Econometrics, said.

"The people who wanted to form the new economics department wanted to study the problem of extreme poverty. The majority of people in the College of Arts and Letters, students and faculty and students working together, are the ones who are really facilitating this. It’s not just a bunch of economists who are in and taking the lead. Rather, we are working collaboratively with our Ugandan colleagues."

"Rather than offering services to the people of the world, the goal of the Ford Program is to utilize research, teaching, and community engagement in order to enable the people of Nnindye to achieve their goals," Dowd said.

"We want to be agents of that change and help to realize their goals," Dowd said. "We will bring a certain amount of technology, resources, and ideas, but we will work together with the community to achieve these goals."

Guided by a strong Catholic social teaching foundation and a belief in the inherent dignity of the human person, the Ford Program strives to effectuate collaborative research, teaching, and community engagement here at Notre Dame and in Uganda.

Dowd said teaching and research are crucial to the program’s mission in helping to build a foundation of learning in human development studies, which will augment experiences outside the academic environment.

"We want to enhance and expand the opportunities for our students to study international development in the classroom and to find ways to integrate their experience in developing countries with the theory that they might learn in the classroom, Dowd explained.

One way the program hopes to achieve teaching and research goals is through a Ford Program Fr. Bob Dowd, director of the Ford Program, has sponsored a baseline survey of a community in Uganda to many countries throughout the developing world.

"We have a special relationship with the Ford Program Fr. Bob Dowd, director of the Ford Program, in partnership with the Center for Social Concerns, sponsored a special two-week undergraduate class earlier this month taught by Duncan Green, head of research at Oxford University.

"The focus of the course was teaching the importance of active citizenship in the world, and we are the ones who are really facilitating this. It’s not just a bunch of economists who are in and taking the lead. Rather, we are working collaboratively with our Ugandan colleagues." Dowd said."

"The Ford Program is also encouraging any Notre Dame faculty members to apply for research seed grants up to $15,000, which will help develop a greater understanding of the causes of extreme poverty in the developing world and to design solutions.

"We are calling for collaborative research," Dowd said. "We really want Notre Dame faculty and students working together with African researchers, faculty and students. This would help our goals of building an alliance across cultures and countries to address the problem of extreme poverty.

While research is central to the mission of the Ford Program, students and alumni will have many opportunities to get involved and contribute to the development process.

"Our focus, in large part, is on research, but we also believe there is a way to integrate service and research," Dowd said. "I think there will be opportunities for students and student groups to work with us in gathering resources and information. It might be that funds that we actually work with people in Uganda to realize their goals. There are all kinds of ways that students can help, and I’re really excited about that involvement."

In addition to service, the Ford Program, in partnership with the Kellogg Institute, has offered a special internship program for students in the spring of 2010.

The Center for Social Concerns/Global Gateway for Social Entrepreneurship are working with the Ford Program to create the International Summer Service Learning Project in the Nnindye villages as well.

"The idea is that students who have completed the Micro Venturing certificate program can apply for this site and work with students in Uganda," Pohlen explained.

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two departments is not the best model," he said. The Department of Economics and Policy Studies was the primary economics department at the University until the creation of the Department of Economics and Econometrics in 2003, according to Professor of Economics and Policy Studies David Ruccio.

"The University decided in 2003 to create another economics department," Ruccio said. "The majority of people in the existing department voted against the idea and the college council voted against the idea. The people who wanted to create a new department went to the Academic Council and got a positive vote," Ruccio said.

Of the 21 economics faculty members in 2003, 16 voted against the split and five voted in favor, according to Ruccio. The five economics professors who voted against the creation of a new department remained in the Department of Economics and Econometrics, which supports only neoclassical economic theory.

"The idea is that "Most importantly I’ d love to see the people in the villages realize goals by helping themselves," Dowd said. "Secondly I would like to be able to say that Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni have learned something from the process and have contributed positively to the process.

"Increased research among faculty, and exchange programs between Notre Dame and Uganda-Martins University students are additional goals for the Ford Program, Dowd said. Dowd also sees a special niche here at Notre Dame, as a faith and religion play a central role to the research and study of this institution.

"We want to take the role of faith and religion seriously in the development process," Dowd said. "We would like to promote and support research that takes a close look at the role faith-based institutions play in affecting the lives of people for themselves and the degree to which they realize these goals."

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Ruccio said that the different approach of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies helps "make Notre Dame distinctive."

"Lots of universities only teach neoclassical economics," he said. "Notre Dame is different "partly because of the Catholic tradition of social justice."

Now students will only get one approach and that’s a shame," Ruccio said. Without the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, "there won’t be a department that would be devoted to a conservation rather than a monologue on campus," Ruccio said.

Students are less likely to be exposed "to a variety of different theories, when they depart from the no longer exists," he said.

"That’s especially true if Economics and Econometrics teaches all the same courses," he said.

Ruccio said the need for different approaches in economics stems from the concept of the liberal arts education.

"I think in general education, students are exposed to critical thinking and the only way to do critical thinking is to be exposed to a variety of approaches," he said.

McGreary said that moves to other roles in the University could allow Economics and Policy Studies professors to have a larger impact.

"Our colleagues in Economics and Policy Studies have much expressed such a fear," he said. "We’re asking where in the University they can have the most impact."

McGreary said the tenure of Economics and Policy Studies professors will be reviewed.

"We can’t be fired," Ruccio said. "But from what we’ve heard, they’re trying to find another position either inside the University or outside the University."

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The workers, by a slim margin, voted for striking or working backward facilities. Workers at the North Charleston plant, which makes fuselage sections for the 787, voted 199-68 Thursday against continued representation by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Workers at a Volkswagen plant in Wolfsburg, Germany, also voted to strike. In that case, workers voted 70 percent to 30 percent in favor of a walkout by 34,000 union members. "We are in a very difficult situation," said Workers’ Council chairman Peter Stamm.

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FRANCE

Interior minister defends racist-sounding remark

Associated Press

PARIS — France's interior minister has been caught on camera making what sound like anti-Semitic remarks, inflating anti-racism groups, even though he said that local words were innocent and misconstrued.

In a video controversy for Brice Hortefeux, the top law enforcement official and a former immigration minister in a country where tensions between police and minority youths occasionally erupt into violence.

It's also sensitive for President Nicolas Sarkozy, a longtime friend of Hortefeux, and his conservative government.

A video circulating Thursday on the Internet shows Hortefeux at an event last weekend in southwest France for the governing party UMP, having his picture taken with a young party member from North African origin.

Voices in the primarily white crowd talk of "integration," one woman says, "he should be put behind bars." Hortefeux is heard saying, "he doesn't fit the prototype at all," she says. "We always need one. When there are too few, they are right. It's when there are a lot of them that there are problems.

Hortefeux's office released a statement saying the remark was a "reference to the very many pictures that he had just had taken" with local party members.

"In a single word by Brice Hortefeux made reference to a supposed ethnic origin of a young adult," the video says.

But Hortefeux's critics are pointing to other comments about remarks, accusing him of "racial hatred." Hortefeux has helped carry out Sarkozy's push to keep out and appeal illegal immigrants.

An umbrella group of black associations in France, CRAN, said it was "shocked by these unacceptable comments."

Gilbert Roger, the Socialist leader of the party in the suburb where police have clashed with youths of immigrant background, said Hortefeux "is so disconnected from reality that he is surprised that there is diversity within his own party." His top aide resigned.

A top official whom Hortefeux recently suspended for racism comments, Gilbert de Langlade, told France-Info radio, "I hope he will resign in disgrace.

France has struggled with how to integrate immigrants from its former colonies and beyond, and how to accommodate the growing minority population. Discrimination was one factor behind an explosion of violence in the black and Arab young men in the neglected housing projects around France in 2005.

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"I always feel like a broken record when it comes to vegetables," she said. "People often go to the dining hall and get more servings of vegetables at lunch and dinner.

Extra helpings of vegetables are a good way of getting a lot of food for few calories in the end."

"They fill you up at about 25 calories a serving." Antonelli said. "People often give up their body what it needs and not as much of what it doesn't need."

With the recent popularity of low-carbohydrate diets, Antonelli said students can still eat some carbohydrates, but should be cognizant about the different types of carbohydrates.

"When eating foods from broccoli stalks, students should eat high in fiber items and less simple, sugar-carbon foods."

When considering different types of vegetables to eat, Antonelli said she kept in mind the glycemic index. The index ranks carbohydrates according to their effect on the body's blood glucose level.

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"People do stupid things," said Gallagher. "They leave something behind. They say something to a friend, or do something that draws attention to themselves.

Meanwhile, lawmakers were using the wildfire to draw attention to a bill calling for a national registry of convicted arsonists. Under a proposal by Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Calif., and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., convicted arsonists would be required to report where they live, work or go to school.

The blaze is still churning its way through rugged backcountry terrain in California's rural wilderness but was 71 percent contained as of Thursday.

Nearly 4,500 firefighters and 28 helicopters and air tankers were working the blaze, and firefighters took advantage of cooler weather overnight to set backfires Thursday near Mount Wilson to further protect a historic observatory there and several communications towers.

All the while, investigators are plodding away in search for a clue that could lead them to a suspect.

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Investigators review tips for Calif. wildfire arson case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Investigators trying to solve a giant arson wildfire outside Los Angeles have bolstered their ranks in recent days, putting six more homicide detectives on the case as they review dozens of tips from the public about who set the blaze that has ravaged a 250-square-mile stretch of national forest.

Investigators still have not found a culprit in the fire that eruped Aug. 29, burning 82 homes and killing two firefighters who died when their truck plunged down a ravine as they fled the flames.

Their deaths meant that as soon as the fire was identified as arson, the investigation became a homicide probe.

The fire's single point of origin has been traced to an area near an oak tree at the bottom of a steep ravine next to a curvy mountain road. Investigators reported found some kind of incendiary substance but have not disclosed more information. They ruled out lightning as a cause and said they found no glass, which in rare circumstances can magnify the sun's rays and accidentally ignite a fire.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is the lead investigative agency, with 10 detectives now on the case — up from four since last week.

A reward of $150,000 is being offered and investigators want to hear from people with information about the arsonist, or anyone who saw unusual activity on the Angeles Crest Highway around 3:30 p.m. the day the fire broke out. The first reports of flames came shortly afterward.

About 50 people have called the department with possible information about who set the fire, Lt. Liam Gallagher said. He said they were treating all of them seriously and some might be more helpful than others.

"We get a lot of good people with good information, and your usual wingnuts, but each one we have to follow," said Gallagher, who is heading up the probe.

Investigators have left the crime scene; the way remains closed to the public and police tape still surrounds the roadside turnout near where the fire started.

Finding the ignition point was a crucial step in the case, said Tom Fee, a private arson investigator and business manager for the California Conference of Arson Investigators. Further progress will depend on the type of information provided by tips, or evidence uncovered at the scene.

"It's a difficult task," said Fee. "The arsonists that are made on arson fires are a very low percentage."

Guy E. "Sandy" Burnett, a Florida attorney specializing in arson litigation, said cases are solved by much as old-fashioned detective work as by modern forensics.

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Jones waited as long as possible, stretching 14 days. NASA kept a close watch on the shuttle still was docked to the international space station, while the two were still linked. It became clear that if the weather remains poor in Florida, then the shuttle will be diverted to Edwards. The cross-country ferry trip eats up 1.7 million and just over a week, however, which is why NASA prefers sending shuttles straight to their home port.

Discovery has enough supplies to remain in orbit until Sunday. There was a bit of excitement earlier in the day when the shuttle astronauts had to steer clear of a mysterious piece of space junk. The debris apparently came from the shuttle or international space station, while the two were still linked. It's believed to have become dislodged during the crew's third and final spacewalk Saturday.

Specialists did not know how big the piece was — or even what it was — but determined it was going to pass uncomfortably close to Discovery beginning Thursday afternoon. The threat went away after the pilots slightly lowered the shuttle's orbit.

NASA kept a close watch on the shuttle or international space junk during the flight, while the shuttle was docked to the international space station.

Still, Southern sensitivities reign in the district the 62-year-old has represented for the past eight years. Added Roper, "He probably shouldn't have said it in that context."

Wilson apologized to the White House soon after the outburst. "People who have come to our country and violated our sovereignty, we should not be providing full health care services," he said.

Late Thursday, House leaders threatened to bring up a resolution of disapproval or reprimand for his behavior unless he apologizes on the House floor next week, a Democratic official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private negotiations on the matter.

Flu

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This Weekend in Irish Sports

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all," she said.

Kleva said rectors say students have been taking precautionary measures against contracting the flu.

"What we really see in dorms is that students are truly practicing what we recommended," she said. "Roommates of sick students are keeping distances and they're using alcohol-based sanitizers."

Health Services launched a germ-fighting campaign in August to advise students on correct preventative measures for the flu.

Students are encouraged to stay at least six feet away from a person with flu symptoms and always cough into their sleeves.

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The Notre Dame women's soccer team has worked its way into the top five nationally. They've been to the College Cup each of the past two years and mere minutes away from winning the NCAA Championship last season. The men's team has played well recently, too.

So Randy Waldrum and Bobby Clark's squads received a well-deserved facilities upgrade in the new Alumni Stadium, located next to the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Given their lofty achievements, it's fitting that they should play in a first-rate stadium.

It's too bad their fans may not be able to watch them.

Students trying to see the Irish women play top-ranked North Carolina last week were turned away because there was no room left in the stadium. Paying fans who arrived at the same time got in.

There's no secret these days that sports are about making money. But this University has a generous endowment and the good fortune of owning a football team with a lucrative television contract that provides all the revenue they could hope for. Are those extra SS tickets really making an impact?

Notre Dame's athletic Web site reported that 3,007 fans watched the Irish play North Carolina. But that's not the largest home crowd they've had. In 2008, 3,127 watched Notre Dame win in extra time in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. If you're building a new stadium, why not build it big enough to accommodate all the fans?

Well, they thought of that. Waldrum told The Observer that the stadium architects provided plans for a larger stadium as well, but the smaller stadium was chosen to avoid empty stands.

"We had to decide if we make it bigger and risk having empty seats or do we build it to what it would be full," Waldrum said on Sept. 3. "We really like that atmosphere to be full. You don't want to build it so big that it looks half empty. That won't create the atmosphere."

Makes perfect sense. No reason to build a stadium you can't fill. And we understand that not everyone will have the kind of demand that a No. 1 North Carolina vs. then-No. 2 Notre Dame, on the Friday night of the first football weekend, will bring. But let the students in first.

Now the season-ticket holders, the loyal fans and supporters of Irish soccer, are just as important. If not more so, than the students. We're not saying limit their access. But you want atmosphere? Students create it. They're loud and boisterous and they know the players. You don't create atmosphere by selling tickets to alums that are looking for something to do after the pop rally while keeping the real fans outside.

So sacrifice that extra money you make by selling the tickets and fill the stands with the students. The fact that students now care about sports other than football, basketball and, more so, hockey.

One disgruntled would-be attendee shouted while waiting in line, "Their tickets cost five dollars. Our costs $48,000!"

There's your true fan — and your revenue.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Don't deny the truth behind 'Thin'

The power of viewing the images of Lauren Greenfield's work, "Thin," is undeniable; however, many people are underestimating the fact that this well-intentioned work could actually have the power to "fuel the obsession of many of those with eating disorders. Think about this. Picking up a copy of Greenfield's book is akin to the insatiable desire to deny indeed measures as "thin." The power of viewing the images of Lauren Greenfield's work, "Thin," is undeniable; however, many people are underestimating the fact that this well-intentioned work could actually have the power to "fuel the obsession of many of those with eating disorders. Think about this. Picking up a copy of Greenfield's book is akin to the insatiable desire to deny indeed measures as "thin."
Recalling My America before 9/11

Gary Caruso
Capitol
Comments

The susceptibility of the college demographic to drinking in college, whether you agree with it or not, is about as proven of a reality as the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassinations during the 1960s or most recently, the 9/11 attacks of eight years ago. The young people know not how to cope in a society they have spun out of control, but how to vocally vent their frustrations.

Our society seems to stand on full oxymoron alert these days as Americans yearn for the past yet cling to the present for fear that it too will quickly slip by them. It is as though they are trying to grasp any available limb while being swept down a swollen creek bed. For them, change opposes their very essence.

Uncertainty isolates their warmth of society they believe has spun out of their control, but how to vocally vent their frustrations. The more egregious error, one that should unite us rather than morph into disruptive shouting matches at public gatherings. Above all, they view President Obama as the symbol of their constellation, the focus of their disposition.

Politic political or ideological philosophies aside, the question we should be asking before any of us feels a sense of loss is, “What do I truly love?” Someone once said that where his heart was concerned, he was God. In other words, a quest of the heart in its purest form is a journey of truth.

The late Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy revealed in death through his writings a steadfast loyalty to help others—despite his own human excesses or personal faults—to make government work for others, especially those for whom little had been given. His love of life earned a friendship and a support from the conservative Utah Senator Orrin Hatch to use the government to provide health care for impoverished, uninsured children.

We are not necessarily supposed to be personal sacrificers like the Greatest Generation in World War II or our active military personnel overseas today. But we are all called upon to care for our neighbors as we would want to be treated. It is simple to define what can be easily opposed, but rarely in today's fast-paced news cycles for many to sail their moral compasses based on what is best for others. Today we are the descendants of past American generations, but make no mistake, we are the footholders for others who will follow.

My personal America has always been the one I saw summers off somewhere into tomorrow where the possibility of tomorrow is. I do not cement my feet in current or past comforts because I know conditions always change. It will be with me today to remember the victims of 9/11 and honor the first responders who valiantly sacrificed their lives during their rescue efforts. They embodied the America that never changes, nor can be lost.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Ladies and gentlemen, buckle up. I'm about to drop some knowledge, blow your minds, and change your lives.

If you all know, South Bend weather is atrocious. Winter is a place where dreams and happiness go to die.

Do you know, Matt Brown, Shakespeare stuffy and difficult to comprehend scarf, and the actors created a royal was incredibly impressive. The three sisters, wł. 5, and I love Christmas carols. 

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Looked every inch a king in a samurai-like contemporary garb, except for Lear, who need not fear this show. The tragedy is extensive and artful use of the few props Gras beads.

Women — all good things; not to mention sledding and my one goal for this winter: being towed behind a car on a trash can lid. However, after going home to open presents in shorts and a t-shirt folks, we have our summer break in June. The semester ends at the beginning of August. There would be a three-week break until the end of August/ beginning of September. For the first time ever, Labor Day would be a holiday and Thanksgiving a weeklong vacation. Then we come back for the final stretch taking exams right before Christmas, theat's home for the holidays and able to spend quality time with the family when everyone is sure to be around. Plus, what better gift can you give a mother than the news that you passed and are now a sophomore, junior, senior or that you're moving back in? The next three months, January, February and March, are our long break. If you really miss the snow, you can visit friends and go snowboarding. If you are normal, you can come to my house and we'll go sail.

The lights rose as five players stood onstage, back to back for their five chairs and a few props, ready to introduce their characters. Terence Wilson played Lear, the Duke of Cornwall and the Duke of Albany. Richard Neale was Edgar and Edmund and Cordelia and Dale Rapley was Gloucester and Kent. They were dressed simply in plain clothes so far, and I love Christmas carols. My inexact rage at the sheer bitterness of the winter was only compounded this summer as I stayed on campus. The weather was fantastic! It was Notre Dame as it was meant to be enjoyed. I went outside, took a weekend trip or two, saw green grass and the bareness and simplicity of the "King Lear" stage was a refreshing change that allowed your imagination to fill in the blanks in a way that personalized the performance for each actor and audience.

"It's a different kind of challenge [having five actors]. Most of us have to find a journey to fill in the blanks and feel" said cast member Dale Rapley, who has been acting professionally for 22 years. His character, Edgar, made the audience for heart unfettered by the weight of school. Flawless!

I think ["King Lear"] is the most brilliant play, possibly the greatest Shakespeare wrote. It is a play about life, struggles we all have — family, power, poverty — and how we struggle through adversity," said Rapley. Whatever adversity is in "King Lear," there is nothing adverse to be found in this performance of it. The Actors from the London Stage have once again brought a mesmerizing and all around spectacular bit of Shakespeare to Notre Dame.

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The E.N.D. is Forgettable

By NICHOLAS ANDERSON

The Black Eyed Peas are famous for a couple of reasons. Fergie misspells words in lyrics. Will.I.am is the next Bob Dylan, at least according to Pepa's recent commercial. There are two other members as well. Between the four of them, they have been a pop powerhouse since the release of 2003's "Elephunk."

Will.I.am is clearly the leader and creative force in the group. He has come a long way since he signed his first record contract with Ruthless Records. The Black Eyed Peas just released their fifth album, "The E.N.D. (The Energy Never Dies)", approaching new material in an unorthodox fashion. In their own words, "What is an album when you put 12 songs on iTunes ... There is no album anymore."
The band is simply embracing the death of an art form that much of the industry is mourning. Not only do the Black Eyed Peas ditch the concept of an album, they do so while setting the bar incredibly high. Again, in Will.I.am's words, "The album is also the beginning of a whole new cultural birth." No one is denying their ability to craft pop songs, but reimagining a culture is an entirely different block.

Seeing that the group didn't set out to make an album, it seems unfair to review it as such. Instead, each song was examined on individual merit. The reviews will be given from two perspectives. A listener experiencing the songs in sequential order on a hi-fi stereo system, B. an over enthusiastic partygoer whose shirt is a bit too shiny and cologne a bit too strong.

A. The three leading singles, "Boom Boom Pow," "Meet Me Halfway," and "I Gotta Feeling," are obvious club bangers and work as such. However, "Boom Boom Pow" holds its entertainment value in a room with fewer sweaty bodies and more patriotic. It does so by the merits of its strong bass line, solid production, and intentionally funny lyrics. "I Gotta Feeling" is much less impressive.

The production sounds exceptionally repetitive and lyrics fall flat. It doesn't matter how light-hearted a song is supposed to be, just like the days of the week and throwing around some Jewish phrases does not constitute songwriting. "Meet Me Halfway" introduces the world to a B.E.P idol. It's meant as an emotional plea to a lover but comes off as pathetic. It's the song a guy who has mopped about a breakup for a month too long would write.

B. Oh man, I love these songs! It's like Fergie is talking about this club! I'm gonna get my dance on! And "Meet Me Halfway" is heavy man. It's like ... heavy.

A. Three songs come off as strong singles. "Imma Be" is one of the more aggressive songs in their catalogue and the repetition apparent within every B.E.P song doesn't overstay its welcome, combining for a strong single. "Rock the Body" surpasses mediocrity based solely on a sample from The Fresh Prince and DJ Jazzy Jeff. Finally, "Now Generation" creates an impressive sound by looping computer enhanced vocals over a guitar and harmonica.

It's a mildly successful song that at least presents a new sonic texture resembling a hipster mash-up.

B. More Black Eyed Peas! They can't make a bad song! They're like the new Beatles, but better!

A. There are nine more songs on the album, all more or less forgettable. The most disappointing moment is when it becomes apparent that "Party All The Time" isn't an "Eddie Murphy" cover.

B. I'm just going to dance all night. The Black Eyed Peas know how to party!

The E.N.D.
Black Eyed Peas

Label: Interscope
Recommended Tracks: "Imma Be," "Rock the Body," "Now Generation"

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MLB

Rockies continue hot streak despite injuries

Minnesota fails to make up ground on Detroit in AL Central as offense remains ice cold in Toronto

Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies keep losing players and winning games.

Starting pitcher Jose Contreras came out in the third inning after straining a quadriceps Thursday, his second start for injured Aaron Cook.

No matter, the bullpen and a makeshift lineup that was missing its two sluggers led the Rockies to their seventh straight win, 5-1 over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

"Got to keep the train going," Charlie Young Jr. said. "It's chugging along at full steam these days."

The NL wild-card leaders increased their cushion to 4 ½ games over the idle San Francisco Giants and crept within two games of the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West. The Dodgers also had their day off.

By sweeping four games from the Reds, the Rockies wrapped up a 9-1 homestand — one of their best in franchise history. Next, Colorado embarks on a nine-game road trip that includes three in San Francisco.

"We are playing great baseball," Javy Guzman said. "I'm excited that we are doing the little things that are going to get big hits when we need it and getting great pitching. That's what you want to do to win.

"You give up three runs, you try to get everybody excited and winning games."

The Twins start for injured Aaron Cook.

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That got the Rockies going.

With Troy Tulowitzki and Ian Stewart sitting out a third straight game with back stiffness, the team again had to relay on a patchwork lineup with Clint Barnes at shortstop, Garrett Atkins at third and Young at second. The team even gave first baseman Todd Helton the day off, starting Giambi instead.

Still, they produced.

"Speaks volumes as to the depth and strength of this organization," said manager Jim Tracy, whose team is 63-32 since he took over.

Young was just trying to jump-start a listless offense when he put down a two-out double in the third inning.

His burst, though, slipped through the fingers of pitcher Kip Wells as he tried to field the flight. With Wells primed to make a play at first, Troy Tulowitzki beat out a ground ball, he was ruled safe.

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Seth Smith had an RBI single, Giambi laced a two-run double to deep center and Atkins added a two-run home run.

Just like that, the Rockies had a 5-1 lead. It was more than enough.

"You just know how a small thing like my bunt can get something like that going," said Young, who added two stolen bases. "I just wanted to try to get everybody excited and pounce on the Rockies in the first inning, but Contra's hit.

"That's a job by our bullpen," Tracy said.

Gilmore has been dialed in since joining the Rockies on Sept. 1. The slugger that Tracy has taken under his wing, "GilGaminho" now has six RBIs in six games with Colorado.

"I have a lot of confidence right now and I'm swinging the bat very well," said Gilmore, who nearly hit a solo homer in the eighth, only to have Drew Stubbs reach over the wall to bring it back. "I've come in, fit right in right away and have gotten results.

"Wells (1-4) didn't fare well against his former team, giving up five runs and six hits in six innings. With three each against struggling Oakland and Cleveland. Phillips run-scor­ ing single in the first was his 86th RBI.

The Reds have a chance to pounce on the Rockies in the first inning, but Contreras struck out Vladimir Batlentien and Adam Rosales to wiggle out of a bases-loaded jam.

"That's been a problem for us all year, and it was today," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "We get runners in scor­ ing position and we can't make contact or put the ball in play."

Blue Jays 3, Twins 2

Minnesota keeps falling to pressure Detroit in the AL Central.

Jose Bautista hit a solo homer, Brett Cecil won his final start of the season and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Twins 3-2.

"It's a game we needed to win and we didn't do it," Morneau said. "That's why we're a .500 team."

Minnesota (70-70), which has lost seven of its last eight games back of the Tigers, has not won consecutive games since taking three in a row from Aug. 30-Sept. 1. The Twins went 1-9 with runners in scoring position Thursday and are averaging just 3.2 runs during their past 10 games.

"You give up three runs, you should have an opportunity to win," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Unfortunately for us, our offense never could get anything going.

Minnesota is batting .237 (72 for 304) in September.

"I'm trying my best not to do everything, just to keep it sim­ ple still," designated hitter Jason Kubel said. "But given the circumstances, it's kind of hard not to go out there and try to win the game yourself."

The Twins begin a nine-game homestand Friday that starts with three each against struggling Oakland and Cleveland. They'll face the Tigers for three starting next Friday.

"We're just trying to hang on and try to gain some ground until we play Detroit," starter Scott Baker said. "We obviously don't have a lot of room to lose any more games, that's for­ sure.

The Twins also play a four- game series at Detroit from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

One night after the teams drew 11,599, the smallest crowd in the 20-year history of Rogers Centre, attendance was 11,461, the second-lowest this season. The Tigers averaged 12,315 for the four-game series.

Minnesota's Joe Mauer went 0 for 4, dropping his major league-leading average to .363.

Cecil (7-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. The Twins are averaging just 3.2 runs during their past 10 games.

"To finish like that, I still have a lot of stuff to work on but it's really good, really posi­ tive," Cecil said.

Jeremy Accardo, Jesse Carlson and Shawn Camp each got one out in the seventh, Scott Downs pitched the eighth, and Jason Fraser finished for his eighth save in 10 chances.

It's all starts with pitching and Cecil picked a good ball game for us," Blue Jays man­ ager Cito Gaston said. "The guys came out of the bullpen and shut everything down."

As the Blue Jays headed to Detroit after the game, they dressed Cecil and nine other Rock in Toronto and competed cheerleaders for the flight.

"This will be another," Cecil said.

Baker (13-8) lost for the first time since July 7, giving up three runs, five hits and four walks in 6 2/3 innings. He had been 7-0 in his previous 11 starts.

"He still gave us a great chance to win, we just couldn't get any runs for him," Mauer said.

Toronto went ahead in the first when Joe Inglett walked and scored on Adam Lind's sacrifice fly.

Denard Span tied it in the fifth after Nick Punto doubled and scored on Orlando Cabrera's RBI single but Toronto moved in front in good for the bottom half. John McDonald led off with a dou­ ble, took third on a grounder and scored on Lind's sacrifice fly.

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U.S. OPEN

Serena Williams gears up for semifinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams finally acknowledged what has seemed rather obvious for quite some time: There are four tennis tournaments that truly matter to her.

"Absolutely. I really play for the Grand Slams," Williams said Thursday, a day before facing Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open semifinals.

"Whenver I'm playing elsewhere, I really try. But for me, the Grand Slams — I give it that extra oomph," Williams added. "It's where you can learn history and leave a mark, and that's kind of how I look at it."

She's certainly left her mark lately at major championships, winning three of the past four to raise her career haul to 11 Grand Slam singles titles. The other three women left in the field at Flushing Meadows own a combined total of six: Clijsters won the 2005 U.S. Open.

The Belgian hadn't played in the event since — she was injured in 2006, then walked away from the game in early 2007. During her 2 1/2-season sabbatical, Clijsters found it tough to follow her sport closely, particularly once her daughter was born.

"I only just started watching tennis at the start of this year, to be honest," said Clijsters, trying to become the first mother since 1980 to reach a major final. "I didn't really have that much time with a baby running around, and I was happy just to sleep when she was sleeping."

Still, Clijsters does not need a TV or a DVD to know how it will feel to have Williams on the other side of the net Friday. They last played each other in 2005, yet Williams leaves quite an impression.

"She's always been able to step it up at the Grand Slams," Clijsters said. "I've seen her play before and she has that face where she's like, 'Ok, I'm here to do business.'"

Dating to the start of last year's U.S. Open, Williams' win-loss ledger at major tournaments vs. lesser tournaments is striking:

- 8-0 at majors
- 0-4 against lesser tournaments

At all other events, Williams is 21-11 (plus one walkover), for a .656 winning percentage, including a 3-5 record against top-10 players.

IN BRIEF

Bird confirms extension of contract with Seattle Storm

SEATTLE — Sue Bird has agreed to a multiyear contract extension to stay with the Seattle Storm, keeping the All-Star guard with the only WNBA team she's played for.

Terms of the deal were not released. The extension was announced right before Seattle played its regular season home finale against Phoenix on Thursday night.

The former UConn star was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 draft and helped lead Seattle to the 2004 WNBA title. She's been a six-time All-Star selection and is the Storm's all-time leader in assists.

Bird recently became the third player in WNBA history to record 3,000 career points and 1,000 career assists.

Phillies' closer Lidge speaks out about poor season

WASHINGTON — Brad Lidge and Charlie Manuel had a meeting to discuss the struggling closer's role with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Lidge will get his job back as closer. Manuel wouldn't say if or when.

"We're really on the same page with everything. We had a good talk," said Lidge.

Lidge converted all 48 of his save chances last year, including a 3-5 record over that span. Lidge will get his job back as closer.

"Center, right guard, right tackle, I'm not saying those are easy necessarily, but more guys play that side. That's why left side guys get paid so much."
Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The lawyer for a woman who is accusing Ben Roethlisberger of raping her is seeking a Nevada court to compel the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback to name all the women he has had sex with, court documents show.

Reno lawyer Cal Dunlap also said that if Roethlisberger's request to waive court rules and speed up the evidence-gathering process is granted, he also should be given immediate access to the quarterback's phone records, Internet communications, and names of any women who have claimed improper sexual conduct by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

The possible demands were included in a lengthy motion filed late Tuesday in Washoe District Court in Reno, in which Dunlap argues against motions by Roethlisberger's lawyer to dismiss the woman's case.

The motion also says that if a physical or psychiatric examination of his client is allowed by the court, "a reciprocal examination of her assailant in both categories should also be mandated.

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, claiming the quarterback raped her in 2008 at a penthouse at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino across the street from a golf course where he was playing in a celebrity tournament. The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

The suit also names eight executives or employees of Harrah's, her hotel-casino, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations, and has claimed in court documents that his accuser is mentally unstable and motivated by money. His lawyer previously said the case could be settled if the woman wrote Roethlisberger an apology and dropped her suit.

That offer was rejected by Dunlap, who last week said his client would settle if Roethlisberger admits to raping her, apologizes, and gives $100,000 to a nonprofit agency that helps domestic violence victims.

On Thursday, Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell distributed a "remedy request," signed by the woman on July 6, 2009, which he said shows she was willing to give the woman "a limited benefit of the doubt," given her "unstable mental state and the possibility that she is being manipulated by unscrupulous lawyer."

"Her lawyer, however, does not deserve and will not receive similar consideration," Cornwell said.
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Eagles enter season with high Super Bowl hopes

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles could have an undefeated regular season, set for orbiting the stratosphere as they breeze through the playoffs. Nothing matters more than winning their elusive first Super Bowl. Anything less would be considered a failure this season.

The Eagles have done it all over the last decade except win it all. They’ve reached the postseason 13 times, made five trips to the NFC championship game and went to the Super Bowl once, only to come up three points short against New England.

Time could be running out on coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb, who are entering their 11th season together in Philadelphia. Neither has a contract beyond 2010, and they may have to deliver the team’s first NFL title since 1960 to stick around.

"The only thing I care about is winning and building up that trophy at the end and winning the Super Bowl," McNabb said. "That’s the only thing that matters.

The Eagles are so desperate to win they brought in Michael Vick to give the offense an extra dimension. The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback is expected to play a leading role in Philadelphia’s version of the wildcat offense. Vick isn’t eligible to play until Week 3 after being reinstated to the NFL following an 18-month dogfighting operation.

Signing Vick was a stunning move for an organization that prides itself on strong morals and has little tolerance for players with character issues. But Reid, with McNabb’s support, persuaded owner Jeffrey Lurie to give Vick a second chance. Lurie agonized over the decision, but he eventually signed off — not because the Eagles want to become the new landing spot for past erreurs but because Vick could help the team win now.

“I’ve often said that we are full pedal to the metal,” Lurie said. “And when coach Reid said this man can give us a dimension that we don’t have and add another weapon to our offense in unpredictable ways, in partnership with the players that we have and the quarterback we have, then again, (it was) a soul-searching tough decision, but something that we think can improve the team and at the same time create social change.”

Make no mistake, winning is still the top priority here. Vick gives Reid and offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg another weapon and opposing defenses more to worry about. The Eagles scored a franchise-record 416 points last year without Vick or wide receiver DeSean Jackson running back LeSean McCoy, the team’s first two draft picks. There’s no telling what this offense can achieve with this talented trio in the mix.

Star running back Brian Westbrook is determined to prove injuries and turning 30 won’t slow him down. Wideout DeSean Jackson seems poised to build on an outstanding rookie season. McNabb appears at the top of his game, rebuffing well from his first career benching last year to lead the Eagles to a 4-1 record down the stretch; an unlikely playoff spot as the No. 6 seed; two road playoff wins; and a near-comeback win in Arizona in the NFC title game.

The key to the offense could be how a revamped line meshes and if the unit stays healthy. The five projected starters didn’t take a snap together in the preseason and left guard Todd Herremans is sidelined with a foot injury.

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McNabb said. “That’s the only way we are going to look crisp and there are going to be times when we don’t. We have to make sure that we capitalize on those mistakes and be able to change some negatives to positives.”

The biggest question marks for the Eagles are on defense. First, the unit lost its on-field leader when seven-time Pro Bowl free safety Brian Dawkins signed with Denver in free agency. Next, the Eagles lost longtime defensive coordinator Jim Johnson.

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Bailey laughs off Bengal's taunts

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Champ Bailey chuckled at Chad Ocho Cinco's proclamation that he was eager to embarrass the Denver Broncos and their star cornerback in Cincinnati this weekend.

The Bengals superstar received his pick of the offensive players in the NFL after missing about half of last season with a groin injury, when he was still known as Chad Johnson and caught seven passes for 149 yards and a score.

"I know what I'm capable of," Bailey said. "I'm all for it, whatever he wants to do."

Bailey said he enjoys Ocho Cinco's trash-talking and looks forward to getting his best shot.

"Yeah, I love the way he talks," Bailey said. "The funny thing is he has respect for me and I have respect for him and he knows what he's capable of and I know what I'm capable of. So, it's not like he's talking to belittle you, he's a guy that he's an entertainer and he knows it and he uses that ability to talk to the fullest."

"And he gets to some people, but he knows he can't get to me."

Ocho Cinco has embarrassed Bailey before, though.

Although he was held to three catches for 32 yards the last time these teams faced each other, in 2006, Cincinnati's superstar got the better of Bailey in a game in 2004 — when he was still known as Chad Johnson and caught seven passes for 149 yards and a score.

"I just know when you play a player like that and a quarterback likes (Carson Palmer), you've got to be on top of your game every single play. You know, I slipped up a few times."

The Bengals are expecting Bailey to match up with Ocho Cinco on Sunday no matter where he lines up.

Bailey wouldn't give away the game plan but said he would love to match up with him all day long.

Both Bailey and Ocho Cinco are coming off frustrating seasons and what better way to kick off a house-right year than by facing each other in Week 1?

"Well, every year you're trying to prove yourself, trying to make the team and you know I set my levels so high as far as what I want to be, I want to be the best ever," Bailey said. "And I've got to do that every week, every game, so I'm always out there trying to prove something."

Bailey acknowledged that he ponders his legacy from time to time.

"I mean, that's not all I think about. I want to win a Super Bowl first and foremost," he said. "But you know along the way I want to perfect my craft and for people to look at me and say, 'He was the best ever.' You know, I've still got a lot of work to do."

"I've been the best cornerback in the NFL after missing about half of last season with a groin injury," Bailey said. "Well, I don't get hung up on it much. I always try to go out there and be the best at what I do. That is something I learned when I was little, was try to be the best at what you do and not just the best you can be."

"And whatever people say, that's up to them."

including Ocho Cinco.
Howard to ground into a game-winning double in the ninth.

**SPORTS**

Houston put two runners on with one out in the ninth inning, and the result would mean much more than a win over the last-place Astros. The win pushed the Mets two games over .500 for the first time since winning 71-91 in 2004.

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season returning this year, including juniors Mary Kate Beyce and MIAA Season
Medalist and All-MIAA First Team
honorée Rosie O’Connor. Also returning this year is sophomore Natalie
Matuszak who earned All-
MIAA second team honors last fall.
In their season opener, Saint Mary’s took second at the
Trine Fall Invitational
behind Division II leader
University of Indianapolis
with a two-round score of
645 to the Greyhounds’ 621.
Freshman Martyna Mierzwa
got her season off to a strong
start with a final score of
155 after shooting 76 the first
day and a 79 the second.
The second round was
won by Matuszak shot an 82 both
times to tie her in 13th with a
161. O’Connor shot an 84 the first
day, but came back with
an 87 to finish 13th with a
166, and sophomore Christine
Brown finished the weekend
with a 174 to tie her in 20th.
Saint Mary’s hopes to con-
tinue on their successful run
since placing tenth at
Nationals in the spring, and
are working towards recup-
pering the MIAA Championship.
The Belles held the title from 2002-
2005, but have seen No. 10
Olivet in their place the last
three seasons.
Saint Mary’s will begin their
conference competitions Sept.
17 with a match at Albion.
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SMC SOCCER
Belles play host to Invitational
By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer
After two straight losses
coming at the hands of
some tough competition, the
Belles hope to rebound when
they return home to host the
Saint Mary’s Invitational
this weekend.
The tournament is sched-
uled to kick off when Saint
Mary’s takes on No. 7 Otterbein
Friday at 4 p.m.
The Belles got off to fast
start this season when they
shutout neighbors Holy
Cross, 3-0 in their first
game. It was a much better
start than a season ago when
they failed to earn a
court.”
Saint Mary’s will look to
rebound from the tough loss
when it travels up to
Michigan for a paycheck against
MIAA rival Adrian College
Friday.
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NCAA FOOTBALL
Clemson rallies, but falls just short vs. GT
Associated Press
ATLANTA — Georgia Tech
looked to be in trouble.
Then it was Clemson’s turn.
In a game filled with
challenges, the Yellow Jackets
finally took control when it mat-
ttered most.
Scott Blair threw a touch-
down pass to Jamarcus Jones
36-yard field goal with 57
seconds remaining and No.
15 Georgia Tech rallied to
beat Clemson 30-27 after
squandering a 24-point lead
Thursday night.
Clemson (1-1, 0-1 Atlantic
Coast Conference) scored 27
straight points, taking its
first lead of the night on
Richard Jackson’s 53-yard
field goal with 11:33 to go.
But Georgia Tech, which
did nothing offensively
throughout the second and
third quarters, came
back to life. The Yellow
Jackets (2-0, 1-0) put together
a 69-yard drive to set
Blair’s tying kick, a
34-yarder with 5:40 left that
made it 27-all.
Then, after a holding
crime on Clemson’s Thomas
Austin wiped out Kyle
Parkers’ 30-yard completion
to Jacoby Ford, Georgia
Tech got a chance to win.
Josh Nesbit hooked up
with Demaryius Thomas for
a 29-yard pass, making up
for a miserable passing
performance by the Georgia
Tech quarterback who com-
pleted only 3 of 14 for 83
yards with two interceptions.
After Thomas’ catch, the
Yellow Jackets moved into
position for Blair’s winning
kick.
Blair also threw a wobbly
34-yard touchdown pass dur-
ing Georgia Tech’s early bar-
ge.
One good a day, but it’s a
field goal.
Parkers redshirt
freshman

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coach Debbie Brown said. "They're teams that play a good schedule, they're winning programs."

Notre Dame (3-3) returns home after posting a 1-2 record at the Xavier Invitational last weekend, dropping the last two matches in straight sets against Texas Tech and No. 7 Michigan. But Brown is confident her players will maintain their composure as they look to bounce back to their winning ways.

Ten not ranked in the top-20 in the AVCA coaches' poll.

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips, who leads the squad with 62 kills over-all and 3.96 kills per set, is confident the Irish can right the ship.

"It's definitely a mental thing," Phillips said. "We have all the physical capabilities to do the best. We're just focusing on certain aspects of the game: serving, just trusting each other, and confidence."

This weekend's showcase will mark the first meeting between the Irish and New Mexico State (4-3). Led by sophomore Kelsey Brennan, the Aggies are coming off their first WAC regular-season title in 2008 after compiling a 15-1 record in league play, including a win at No. 6 Hawaii.

Amassing a team-high 211 assists as the Irish's lone setter, senior Jameil Nicholas believes the team's experience and overall desire to win will be enough to carry them to victory.

"This is our fourth and final year," Nicholas said. "We've been here, we've seen these kinds of situations now, we're prepared for them, we're just trying to guide the younger girls through it. I think we're all really confident, so we just have to come out Friday using that confidence and get back on track."

Hoping to add depth to the roster, Brown will be holding open tryouts for the setter position Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Rolfs Recreation Center. Interested students should contact Dawn Mays at 574-631-4880 or dmays@nd.edu to register by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. on Friday against Wisconsin and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday against New Mexico State.

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State for first place at 25-over.

Individually, sophomore Becca Huffer led the way for the Irish with a three-round score of 224 (eight-over).

Leading the way were seniors Annie Brophy, who has the competitive experience of our team," Irish coach Susan Holt said.

Leading the way are seniors Annie Brophy, who has the competitive experience of Notre Dame history (76.90) and has played in all of Notre Dame's 96 rounds since her freshman year. The Irish will also count on consistent rounds from sophomore Becca Huffer, who was named Big East Freshman of the Year last year, and junior So-Hyun Park who took home honorable mention All-America honors.

As for the Invitational this weekend, the Irish will use the same lineup as last season, which includes sophomores Kelsey Brennan, Huffer, Park, senior Kristin Wetzel and junior Katie Conway. Park in particular had great success last year, leading all individuals in the tournament after the first two rounds and posting an impressive 4-under, 68 in the second round.

Live scoring of the Invitational will be available on Golfstat.com.

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The Irish hold a slight 64-1 advantage in their all-time series with the Cardinal, including a 24-1 record in neutral site meetings.

The Irish and Cardinal's last meeting came in last season's College Cup semifinal where Notre Dame outdueled Stanford in a 1-0 thriller. Current Irish sophomore Courtney Barg scored the game's only goal in the 15th minute and the Irish defense shut down the Cardinal the rest of the way to earn a berth in the College Cup final.

Current senior goalkeeper Jeyey Lynden played a full 90 minutes in the win, tallying a career-high seven saves in the shutout.

The Irish are scheduled to play the Broncos tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Buck Shaw Stadium and will take the field for their match against the Cardinal at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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7:30 p.m. tonight before squaring off against New Mexico Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Although Notre Dame will not have a match against the Hoosiers, No. 12 Indiana will be the fourth team the Irish will face in the tournament and represents the Irish's toughest obstacle to claiming a second-consecutive Berticelli title. The Hoosiers will face New Mexico at 5 p.m. on Friday before playing Seattle at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

"In games like this there is usually a small margin of error between success and failure and in both cases little things prevented us from scoring the goals," Clark said. "Having said that, I thought there were periods in both games where we played very well. Still, Notre Dame's road to the NCAA Tournament will not get any easier. The Irish's schedule is one of the most grueling in the country and should push the team to its limit.

Booby Clark

Irish coach

"We always have a tough schedule, so the past weekend was a typical start for us," Clark said. "Playing the No. 1 and No. 3 teams is always going to be challenging."

Leading Notre Dame this weekend is the Irish midfield, which features a bevy of talent.

Our playmakers are mainly our central players," Clark said. "John Slafer and John Brosky have done well in this capacity. I would also say well done to [senior defender] John Slafer who stepped in and stepped up after [senior defender] Cory Bollas picked up an injury last weekend.

Notre Dame's 7:30 p.m. match against Seattle follows at 11:30 a.m. at Alumni Stadium. Sunday will feature the Hoosiers taking on Seattle at before Notre Dame's finale against New Mexico.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team travels west for matchup with Stanford

By MIKE GOTIMER

ND returns to JACC weekend to top-ranked teams, so it's a huge benefit to host the Notre Dame/Adidas Invitational. The Irish have already teed it up as solid game for the Irish where the Irish earned a 2-0 victory over the Broncos.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers face strong field at Invitational

By CHRIS MICAISKI

The Notre Dame football team isn't the only team traveling to the state of Michigan this weekend, as the Irish women's golf squad is off to Lansing to compete in the Mary Fossum Invitational Saturday and Sunday. This two-day tournament, previously called the Michigan State Invitational, marks the beginning of the regular season schedule for Notre Dame. The Irish have already tied it up as a team overseas, playing five courses in eight days in Ireland. They have three matches in five days against three ranked opponents. The Irish are hoping to prove that they are worthy of the hype entering the season. After tying No. 3 Wake Forest and falling to No. 1 St. Johns in Bloomington last weekend, Notre Dame will look to bounce back while hosting the Mike Betteci Memorial Tournament at the new Alumni Field. The No. 10 Irish will face Seattle at Memorial Park next Tuesday.
When I was 10 years old and living in Farmington Hills, Mich., I got braces. For those of you who have never had braces, the idea is an orthodontist superglues sharp metal to your teeth. Naturally your gums don’t react to this very well.

I got the braces on a Thursday.

That Saturday was the Notre Dame-Michigan game, by which time my mouth had been sliced open and I couldn’t eat, talk or smile. Then Michigan beat the Irish 26-22. I can’t think of a more miserable afternoon or smile. Then Michigan beat Notre Dame in 2009.

And I could think of a more miserable afternoon or smile. Then Michigan beat Notre Dame in 2010, and, according to Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank, Parker could follow suit when he’s ready to make his college choice.

Roberson, a bruising tailback out of Newbury Park, Calif., committed earlier this week and Frank said Roberson would be a candidate to play fullback at the college level. “Knowing he wasn’t just going to be a fullback blocking people, but a guy who’s going to get to the football [said Roberson],” Frank said. “Seeing how [Notre Dame] was using Alridge really made him feel more comfortable.” Parker, a top safety prospect from Harbor City, Calif., is a player Frank said would likely take several more official visits, as he has offers from virtually every major program in the country. But Parker left South Bend very much interested in the Irish, Frank said.

“I think they did an outstandingjob,” Frank said. “I would venture to say that if he had a little more concrete answer as to how good Notre Dame will be this season, I think he might have committed — I think they did that well.

There’s still some things up in the air, and the only way to make him more certain is to go out and win some games.

Looking ahead, Notre Dame has a large number of high school seniors who have agreed to make official visits to campus at some point this fall. Of the remaining six home games, however, there is one that stands out in terms of recruiting importance.

“When you look at all the big-time players coming for the USC game, it’s really going to be a big weekend,” Frank said.

“That’s just going to be a massive recruiting weekend, and it’s really important. Notre Dame shows up and plays well.”

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Sophomore Kyle Rudolph turns unexpected playing time in 2008 into experience for 2009

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

How quickly things can change.

When Kyle Rudolph first set foot on the Notre Dame campus as a freshman last fall, he was the third tight end on the depth chart. By the opener against San Diego State, he was listed as the starter.

Thanks to a season-ending injury to original starter Mike Ragone and an eventual suspension of backup Will Yeatman, by the end of the season, Rudolph found himself as the only tight end on the roster with any sort of playing experience.

"My goal from the time I decided to come here was to be the number one tight end when I get here," Rudolph said. "For it to actually work out and fall into place, I wouldn't say I was surprised, but I was surprised with how few tight ends we did end up having."

Irish coach Charlie Weis is known for using sets that feature multiple tight ends, and in the past has taken advantage of having players like John Carlson and Anthony Fasano on the field at the same time. Without any sort of depth at tight end, the playbook can become very limited quickly.

"We were just kind of thin and couldn't use the tight end package we wanted to," Rudolph said.

Even though the role fell to Rudolph in addition to offseason workouts.

"I worked real hard to get myself where I needed to be physically, and I picked up on the offense pretty quickly," Kyle Rudolph Irish tight end

So I remember what it's like being in that situation, so I try and make it the best transition for them possible.

"And how would he assess his blocking performance in the first big tight end.

"It helps me tremendously because it forces teams to put safeties over top of them, and if you don't put a safety over them they'll run right by you," Rudolph said.

In last year's Hawaii Bowl, a nearly flawless offensive performance, the attention the defense paid to Floyd and Tate was noticeable.

"A couple of times in the first half [of the Hawaii Bowl], once you got past the linebackers, the middle of the field was wide open," Rudolph said.

"I expect a very hostile atmosphere," he said. "But I'm excited to go up there and play at the Big House.

But, just like moving from third string to third string, Rudolph said he expected the most important against the Wolverine defense, led by defensive end Brandon Graham.

"They've got a great defensive end and good linebackers," Rudolph said. "And if you're not on top of your game as far as technique goes, they'll get the best of you.

Rudolph said he expected the atmosphere Saturday to real the game at USC last season, but maybe even a notch or two higher.

"I think it's even still on a completely different level, and I can't really compare it to anything," he said.

But, just like moving from third string to starter in three weeks, Rudolph will be sure to take it all in stride.

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2009 Schedule

Sept. 5 Nevada — W
Sept. 12 @ Michigan
Sept. 19 Michigan St.
Sept. 26 @ Purdue
Oct. 3 Washington
Oct. 17 Southern Cal
Oct. 24 Boston College
Oct. 31 Washington St.
Nov. 7 @ Pittsburg
Nov. 14 @ Navy
Nov. 21 Connecticut
Nov. 28 @ Stanford
Oct. 17 Southern Cal
Oct. 3 Washington
Sept. 26 @ Purdue
Sept. 5 Nevada — W

Scoring: 35.00 ppg (36th)
Sacks Allowed: 0 (1st)

ND OFFENSE
Total: 510.00 ypg (21st)
Passing: 332.00 ypg (10th)
Rushing: 178.00 ypg (45th)
Interceptions: 0 (1st)
Fumbles lost: 0 (1st)

UM DEFENSE
Passing: 263.00 ypg (87th)
Sacks: 2 (34th)
Interceptions: 2 (12th)
Fumbles rec.: 1 (26th)

RUSHING
Notre Dame's run game was solid, but not dominant, in the opener. But the Irish ground attack will be missing a key component Saturday when fullback James Aldridge is held out with a shoulder injury. Robert Hughes, another power tailback-turned-fullback, will fill the vacancy, and while Charlie Weis said Hughes had been working as a fullback for some time, it always hurts to miss a key starter. Armando Allen and Jonas Gray looked good against Nevada, though, and the offensive line opened enough holes for the team to total 178 rushing yards on the day.

The Wolverines were too much for Western Michigan to handle on the day.

If Saturday's thrashing of Nevada was any indication — and general opinion is yes, it was — opposing defenses will have their hands full with the Irish passing attack all season. It was no secret heading into the opener that Jimmy Clausen had the arm, and the offensive weapons, to make secondaries miserable. But what made the passing game even more dominant was the amount of time Clausen had to drop back, scan the field and find the open man. If the offensive line continues to give Clausen a cushion, even the most talented defensive backfields on Notre Dame's schedule will be in serious trouble.

Michigan's pass defense put on an uninspiring performance in its opener against Western Michigan last week, allowing 263 yards through the air in a less-than-spectacular Broncos aerial attack. But the Wolverines' front four will test the Irish offensive line, and that could result in pressure on Clausen — which, in the past, has caused some errant throws and poor decisions.

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Michigan defensive coordinator Greg Robinson beat Notre Dame as the head coach at Syracuse last year. But it was the Irish defense, not the offense, that was the culprit in that contest.

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Irish Offense vs. Wolverine Defense

Not much to go off here, as Nick Tausch didn't play a field goal and Thad Riddick only got one chance on kick returns. But so far, so good, as Tausch was perfect on extra points, and Riddick looked ready for a season touch in the return game. It'll be interesting to see how Notre Dame's young specialists (Tausch, Riddick, snapper Jordan Cowart) handle the pressure of the Big House.

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Charlie Weis: Fullback is Back! 

Imagine Charlie Weis marching onto the field at the Big House chanting the mobster thug from the beginning of "The Dark Knight," screaming, "My dogs are hungry!" to the 106,000 fans. Because they are. Threw Xs and Os out the window and focus on emotion, which Notre Dame will use to overpower Michigan. Now bring Xs and Os back for a second, because Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson create a threat much more dangerous than Colin Kaepernick was. It won't be much more dangerous, though, because Michigan's secondary can't cover both Golden Tate and Michael Floyd. Even if they can, Kyle Rudolph burns them on the seam route.

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Both teams have the talent to dominate the Big House, and I'm intrigued by the matchup. The Wolverines have a shot to come out of this game with a win, but they need to contain Clausen, control the ball and keep penalties to a minimum. If Forcier can get everything running smoothly, Michigan could pull off the upset.
Michigan Wolverines
Record: 1-0
Coaches: NR

2nd season at Michigan
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Michigan - 0 (74th)

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The Wolverines held senior starter Brandon Minor out of the opener with a minor injury, but the bruiser back should be ready for Saturday. Carlos Brown averaged over five yards a pop in Minor's place, so Michigan has to be confident in its ability to rotate tailbacks. Minor (6-foot-1, 218 pounds) is the one to watch, though, as Notre Dame has struggled in the past to wrap up power backs — a category into which Minor certainly fits.

The Irish defense held a run-based Nevada offense to 153 yards in the opener, a solid performance but one that may have been different had Notre Dame not pulled away early. Despite the encouraging showing, there were still yards to be gained, particularly up the middle, against the Irish front. The linebackers and safeties did a nice job in run support, but the defensive linemen will have to hold their ground more consistently to keep the Wolverines from racking up the running yards.

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As long as Eric Olson and Jimmy Clausen complete the first center-quarterback exchange of the game without a hitch, this year's trip to the Big House will be better than the one the Irish took two years ago. The Irish look to be the more talented team, especially on the offensive side of the ball, and should be able to put up points if they continue to be aggressive. This game will be a dogfight, but Notre Dame's defensive front will pressure the Wolverines' young quarterbacks into one too many mistakes to help the Irish pull away in the fourth quarter. But it will certainly be closer than the one-sided games of the past two years.

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What’s your favorite movie right now? I have a lot of favorites, but my favorite recent one would be “The Dark Knight.”

What is the most played song on your iPod right now? I actually don’t have an iPod, but I listen to a lot of Usher, some older stuff like Tupac.

What is your favorite place to eat in South Bend? I have a lot of favorites, but I’d have to go with Olive Garden for the breadsticks.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Definitely fly. That or maybe live forever, if that’s a superpower.

Batman or Superman? I’d have to say Superman because I really want to fly, I guess Peter Pan got me started on that.

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HOSTILE BIG HOUSE AWAITS NOTRE DAME

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Editor

By the numbers, it's the biggest stage in college football: Michigan Stadium, "The Big House," is the fourth-largest stadium in the world, and has an official capacity of 106,201 screaming fans, a number which usually grows to around 110,000 when counting hands, porch mem­ bers and stadium staff.

The Big House hosted the largest crowd in NCAA college football history (112,118) against Ohio State in 2003, and last year's game should be packed with well over 110,000 fans Saturday. So how do the Irish feel about playing in the hostile "maize­out" environment?

"I remember going there on an unofficial visit and just standing on the M, looking at how big it all was," junior linebacker Brian Smith said. "I love the energy though, and there's nothing more I'd love to than to shut some fans up.

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Renovations will soon up Michigan's capacity to 108,000, again making it the largest in college football. And while that number is more than Notre Dame would like, it could be worse — the Big House was originally designed with footings that would allow expansions to accommodate over 150,000.

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FRESHMEN FORCIER, ROBINSON POSE DUAL THREATS AT QB

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Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick is tackled from behind by Irish freshman linebacker Manti Te'o in the second quarter of Notre Dame’s 35-0 victory over the Wolf Pack on Sunday.

QUICK HITS

♦ Michigan and Notre Dame rank first and second in the NCAA in all time winning percentage, television appearances and all-time final composite AP Poll rankings.

♦ The Wolverines lead the all-time series against the Irish, 20-15-1.

♦ Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds 71 of its last 80 away games including Saturday’s game.

♦ The 35-point victory over Nevada was the largest margin of the Charlie Weis era.

♦ The Irish are one of only four NCAA FBS programs to have never faced a non-FBS opponent since the current setup was established in 1978. The three other remaining schools are USC, UCLA and Washington.

♦ The Irish have dropped nine of the last 12 opening away games.

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