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Jenkins aims to symbolize ND values in new presidency



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Father John Jenkins took office as University President on July 1.

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Since taking office on July 1, University President Father John Jenkins has assumed more than a new title — he has become the human embodiment of Notre Dame.

"The president has a symbolic role for the whole University," Jenkins said Tuesday. "You do things that are functional, you have meetings, you make decisions, and that's all important, but the whole dimension of playing that

symbolic role ... even to the nation at large, the world at large, I think that is the thing that may be the most surprising and has been the biggest adjustment."

He says becoming "that presence" is a process. And just as he once applauded University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy for skillfully setting the tone for the University, Jenkins too has been setting his own tone.

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"I've spoken with the deans and chairs, I've spoken with various divisions in the University and really I've tried to articulate what I think is important at Notre Dame," Jenkins said.

For the new president, that means focusing on several ideas.

"We act with integrity. There's a sense of teamwork here," he said. "Notre Dame has a special mission, and everybody has a leadership role and has to understand that, and in a way that reflects that leadership and excellence.

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Frosh-O gender tensions tackled

Staffers, student government officials work to foster healthier environment between sexes

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a periodic series examining gender relations at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

By KATE ANTONACCI and
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News Writers

While Kyle Rocca enjoyed Freshman Orientation Weekend, something struck the Walsh Hall freshman as strange.

Depending on whether Walsh was socializing with a men's dorm or women's dorm, she said, the mixer events took on a decidedly different tone.

"Any time that we were with a girls' dorm was in a sit-down activity. With the guys' dorms, it's always a physical, touching activity," Rocca said Sunday, pointing to the intertwined limbs of Walsh and Alumni Hall freshmen doing the "human knot."

"With girls it is not one-on-one, but with boys it's like, 'Here's your date,'" Rocca said. "I've had fun, but it's awkward. It's not normal social functioning."

Rocca's observations spell out the feelings of many Notre

Dame students about Freshman Orientation weekend, the University's annual activity-packed crash course in dorm life. Designed to allow new students to meet as many of their peers as possible while distracting them from homesickness, Frosh-O instead often becomes a source of lasting tension between the sexes at Notre Dame, students and University officials said.

"Frosh-O is the time during which initial impressions of campus culture and gender norms at the University are established in the minds of freshmen," said Ali Wishon, chairperson of the Student Senate Gender Issues Committee. "By encouraging events that reinforce typical gender stereotypes and the college 'hook-up' culture, we are setting a dangerous precedent for freshmen to uphold."

Creating unhealthy relationships between the sexes is not the University's intended outcome for orientation weekend, said Ann Firth, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

"Freshman Orientation is simply how we welcome the

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DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Freshmen students swing dance as part of last weekend's orientation activities. Such "pairing up" activities have been criticized.

Burish named provost

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

The Board of Trustees elected 1972 Notre Dame graduate Thomas Burish to the position of University Provost on July 21, following the July 1 departure of Nathan Hatch, who held Notre Dame's second-ranking administrative post for nine years.

"The wonderful thing about Tom Burish is he brings a really remarkable résumé [and] a set of experiences, as an academic and in the administration," University President Father John Jenkins said Tuesday.

Burish, formerly the president of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., is now the chief academic officer of Notre Dame, overseeing all academic programs and functions.

"His responsibilities

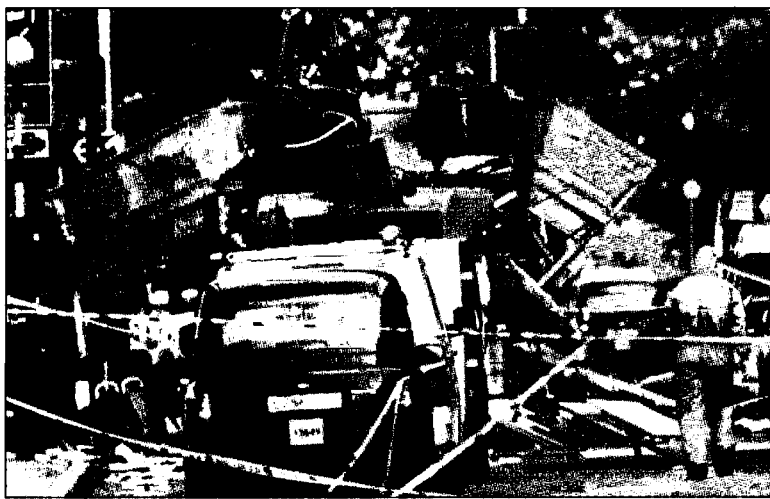
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London abroad program continues

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

The Notre Dame undergraduate London program will continue this fall as originally planned despite the coordinated terrorist attacks July 7 that killed 52 people and injured more than 700 in the British city, program officials said.

No students pulled out of the program in response to the four deadly explosions, three on underground trains and one on a bus, associate program director



AP

Dozens of people were killed July 7 in the London bombings, one of which struck a doubledecker bus in Tavistock Square, seen above.

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Notre Dame says ticket lottery goes smoothly

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Students arriving at Notre Dame Stadium Monday and Tuesday to claim their lottery numbers and season football tickets — recently raised to \$168 apiece for Notre Dame students and \$225 for Saint Mary's students — discovered a lottery process that went smoothly, said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel.

Tickets were issued to 2,000

seniors in about two hours Tuesday, director of ticket operations Josh Berlo said.

Implemented in 1999, the football ticket lottery system is designed to ensure student seating together. The lottery system requires students to travel to the stadium to receive a lottery number, then return to the stadium to retrieve their season ticket booklet. The lottery number 1561 was drawn Monday night and the student with that number received the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Summer lessons

Another summer has come and gone, and so has the annual family trip up north to little Glen Arbor in northern Michigan. Although the idea of "family time" usually makes me cringe, this summer's trip caused me to see things a little differently.

Maddie Hanna

When I was little, as our minivan crawled onto the freeway out of Milwaukee, the general mood was one of anticipation. But that youthful happiness always disintegrated quickly. My brother, two years my junior, was quite tenacious in our backseat battles. Still, he couldn't compete when I dug my fingernails into his skin. That move was a winner.

Associate News Editor

Once I turned 16, however, we started taking two cars. By then, I'm positive that if all four of us had driven together, someone would have died. Homicide kind of puts a damper on a vacation. The problem with two cars was that I often got stuck riding with my mom. Age 16 seems to be when mother-daughter tensions peak, and when you factor in my mom's need to stop every 20 minutes to use a restroom, the journey was basically miserable.

This year, however, marked a new milestone for our family. My brother and I drove together. It seemed like a better option than slowly going insane with my mother.

But this grand plan began to go downhill. Once we hit torrential rains in Chicago that forced many drivers to put on their hazards and pull over, my bro was fast asleep, leaving me to fend for myself. Almost immediately after opening his eyes, he insisted I drive faster. Given my sub-par driving record — an incident where I rear-ended a car last summer prompted my parents to say, "You might want to lay low for a while" — I like to cruise at a safe nine over. So I suggested he drive.

This turned out to be a bad call on my part. I sat stiffly upright the whole time, mostly due to comments like "Oops, I didn't know we were going 100." There was also his road rage; apparently, anyone who passes my brother is a trashy (insert obscenity of your choice) here. Furthermore, I had to shell pistachios for him, since he decided to purchase the most inconvenient driving food possible from the gas station.

It should also be noted that the car reeked of Slim Jims and feet. I don't even want to go into that one.

Throughout the 10 hours of hell, I realized I have a soft spot for the kid, horrendous odors and all. He follows me around, trying to tell me stories to make me laugh. Sometimes he surprises me with insightful remarks that I never expected him to share with me.

I've been gone a year now. I'm the token college girl that comes home and clashes with my parents over rules — seriously, one time my mom tried to tell me I had parietals. But despite our differences, my family is still there for me.

Even better is that my Notre Dame family was waiting for me when I got back.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How effective do you think FROSH-O is for ND and SMC freshmen?



Julian Lagoy
sophomore
Siegfried

"It makes me want to avoid girls even more."



Vihn Nguyen
junior
Stanford

"University says OK as long as it's before 12 a.m."



Monique Alaniz
senior
Farley

"It forces people to meet/love each other. Love should come naturally."



Ashley Chan
sophomore
McGlenn

"The University stresses meeting people of the opposite sex right away, which shows there are gender relations problems."



Adam Hipp
sophomore
Dillon

"It would be more effective if they got rid of parietals."



Chun-Li Lin
sophomore
Keough

"Awkward."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Students gather for a barbeque on DeBartolo Quad Tuesday following the opening Mass in the Joyce Center, where Father John Jenkins gave his first homily as University President. A fireworks show followed the picnic.

OFFBEAT

N.Y. man in record book for eyebrow hair

SARANAC, N.Y. — A 43-year-old North Country man has made the Guinness Book of World Records in a new entry for the longest eyebrow hair.

Frank Ames of Saranac in Clinton County measured in at 3.078 inches, or about 7.8 centimeters.

"I don't know why it grows like that; it just always has," Ames told the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh.

Ames's journey toward notoriety began almost two years ago when a co-worker at Bombardier Corp.

noticed the bushy brow and suggested he try for a record. Ames then decided to go for it, but discovered that no such category existed.

Dog alerts neighbors when woman collapses

ELKHART, Ind. — A pint-sized dog is being credited with helping get prompt medical attention for a woman who collapsed in her home during a diabetic fainting spell.

When Marlene Huffer fainted Aug. 11, Danny — the Pomeranian mix she's caring for — began barking loudly and racing back and

forth inside.

Neighbor Colleen Willits, who had heard a report on her police scanner about a woman screaming at the home, went next door to check on Huffer.

After Huffer failed to come to the door and Willits heard Danny's frantic barking, she called paramedics, telling them she thought Huffer needed help.

"I said, 'Look at that dog, there is something wrong. He wouldn't act like that if there was nothing wrong,'" Willits said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Graduate Student Union is holding a picnic Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 for graduate, law and MBA students in the Fischer-O'Hara-Grace parking lot.

Burt Levy, an author and vintage European sports car specialist, will give a lecture Thursday entitled "Italian Carrozzerie: Sculpture with Soul, Speed, Passion and Purpose." The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public.

The International Student Orientation will take place Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The volleyball team will face off against Michigan at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Joyce Center Arena.

Photographs by Sebastião Salgado will be exhibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries II and III of the Snite Museum of Art. The photographs are on loan from the Yancey Richardson Gallery in New York.

The Show, featuring bands Akon and Cake, will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Doors open at 7. Students must bring a valid ID card to gain admittance. Tickets may be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Opening Mass marks new academic year

Fair caters to off-campus students

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Thousands of Notre Dame faculty, staff and students flooded the Joyce Center Tuesday evening to celebrate the beginning of another school year at the Votive Mass led by University President Father John Jenkins.

Jenkins, who served as homilist for the event, called on students to seek inspiration for "fresh insight, creative endeavors and moral and spiritual growth."

Citing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, understanding, council, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord — the first-year president called for students to be more open to the inevitable difficulties that lie ahead in the coming school year.

"To receive these gifts we must become more receptive ... and aware of our own neediness," Jenkins said. "We may have to dismantle present understandings and comfortable charities."

Questioning a career path, experiencing the uneasiness of first arriving at Notre Dame and facing academic difficulties can all lead to fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to everyday struggles, Jenkins said.

"God's gifts sometimes come in strange forms," Jenkins said, citing confusion, loneliness and strife as some unexpected feelings in which one can find these gifts. "It is negative moments like

these that can lead to new and positive insight."

At the conclusion of his first homily as Notre Dame president, Jenkins reminded students to have open minds and hearts to hardships along the way which may later reap greater, more positive rewards.

Many students were excited about opening Mass, not only because it marks the beginning of another school year, but because of the tradition of the annual event.

"I love going to opening Mass. It brings me back to the first Mass I went to as a freshman, which always reminds me of how lucky I am to go to Notre Dame," said junior Claire McArdle. "You look around the JACC and see students sitting together, representing every dorm. I love that there is school unity and that faith is yet another factor that unites the student body. It is an inspiring way to start the school year."

Following Mass, Basilica Rector Father Peter Rocca urged students to participate in Jenkins' presidential inauguration from Sept. 22-23, calling it a "historic event."

As part of the celebration honoring Notre Dame's third president in 53 years, he invited students to attend an academic convocation as well as the actual inauguration ceremony and ball.

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By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Students living off-campus trickled into Notre Dame Stadium Monday afternoon to pick up football tickets and meal plans at the first ever off-campus fair — the brainchild of the new student government administration of Dave Baron and Lizzi Shappell.

Designed to inform the student body and provide them with off-campus living and safety tips, the fair also morphed into an event for local vendors to advertise their products, Baron said.

"This event came out of last year's fall Board of Trustees report on off-campus safety," he said.

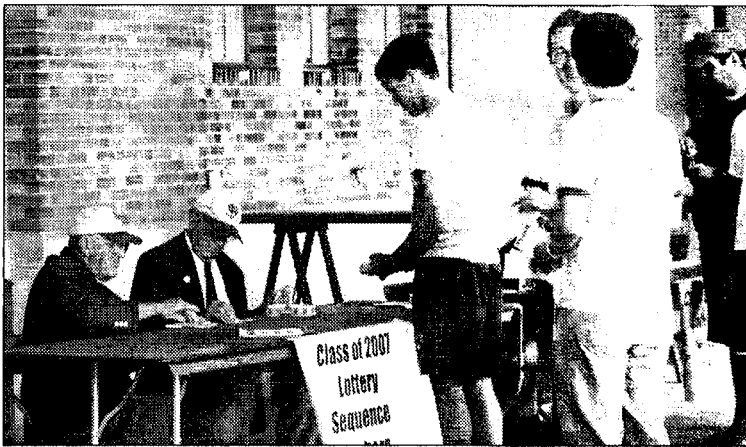
The fair was not mandatory but was the only means for students living off campus to pick up their football tickets.

For senior Dan Tudesco, the fair and the ticket pick-up was not worth the 45 minutes he spent driving to the stadium and waiting in line.

"I think this [the fair] just makes everything a lot more complicated," Tudesco said. "It's ridiculous. There are way too many steps in the ticket purchase process."

Seniors had to pick up their ticket applications at the fair, wait in line later to receive their lottery numbers and then return Tuesday to purchase their tickets.

In recent years students living



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Juniors wait in line with their football ticket applications at the first ever off-campus fair, held Monday at Notre Dame Stadium.

off campus have voiced concerns that it is not convenient to drive to campus multiple times in order to receive their tickets.

But Baron believes the fair and the ticket process make it easier for students off campus to sign up for services they need.

"We like to make it as convenient as possible," Baron said. "It's a good idea to hold an information fair for students because for many of them this is their first time living alone."

For many students, the free samples were tasty perks.

Senior Peter Kralovec enjoyed a slice of Papa John's pizza while making his way to the Notre Dame food services table.

"I came to get football tickets, a meal plan and pizza," Kralovec said.

Safety was already an issue discussed in his house on Napoleon Street, Kralovec said.

"Security and safety is a priority," Kralovec said. "Plus, this fair is an opportunity to have a mini-orientation and to reconnect with who is and isn't living off campus."

At the South Bend Police Department table, Officer Aaron Cassel chatted with Officer Patrick Hechliniski behind stacks of safety pamphlets.

"Some kids feel okay approaching us," Hellinski said. "We have a lot of good information for students to be aware of."

Crowds gathered around the SupperShop.com table — where representatives were serving free lasagna and Mexican beef for lunch. Martin's Supermarket had sushi and cookie samples, as well.

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SMC tops ranking list again

College named No. 1 in its category

By JEN MALL
News Writer

Saint Mary's has been named the No. 1 Midwest comprehensive college for the 11th time in the past 12 years, according to the U.S. News and World Report's 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges."

In the rankings released this week, Saint Mary's reigned above the other 107 colleges in its category, including Calvin College and Marietta College, achieving a perfect score of 100. Saint Mary's ranked at the top in all categories, which included student selectivity, graduation rates, retention rates and commitment to instruction.

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney said the ranking did not surprise her.

"Saint Mary's educates women uncommonly well, and it's good to have our enduring quality reflected in these annual rankings," Mooney said in a press release. "But what the rankings don't show is that, after four years at Saint Mary's, our students become women who excel in business, the arts, medicine and academia. Our success as an institution can best be measured by our graduates who are powerful forces for good in their workplaces, homes, communities, and parishes."

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said that having a consistent No. 1 ranking associated with the institution is valuable.

"Those who pay attention to the rankings know that the College has been No. 1 for a very long time, leaving with them an impression of enduring excellence," she said. "Our recognition as a first-rate institution comes from so much more than these rankings."

Students also expressed excitement about the College's top ranking.

"It's awesome that Saint Mary's is No. 1," said senior Stephanie Mason. "I definitely think this is an added bonus for me in the future as I prepare to enter the job market."

The College's commitment to instruction is seen primarily in the small class sizes at Saint Mary's, Mooney said.

"The rank reflects the quality of student we enroll," Mooney said.

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Student reports attempted burglary in dorm

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

An Alumni Hall resident reported an attempted burglary last week, Assistant Director of the Notre Dame Security/Police Phillip Johnson said.

A man entered the men's dormitory and at approximately 9:40 a.m. Aug. 16 conversed briefly with the student, who, while walking to a neighboring room, became worried that he did not lock his door, Johnson said. When

he returned to his own room, the student discovered the man taking DVDs and putting them into a bag.

Once the man was confronted, he fled without taking anything from the room. NDSP searched the area but did not find the suspect, Johnson said.

Though the suspect was not found, Johnson said a crime was still prevented because the student followed his instincts, a response Johnson said is necessary to maintain a safe campus environment.

This type of crime — an

unforced attempted burglary — is the most common on campus, Johnson said. Despite their frequency, such incidents are easily preventable, he said.

"We could virtually eliminate crime on campus if people [would] lock their doors," Johnson said. "NDSP can't be in every dorm all the time."

Johnson also recommended that students program NDSP's phone number into their cellular phones as a speed dial number to report suspicious activity on or around campus.

Such an incident highlights

the importance of people being responsible for others' safety when in a residence hall community, Johnson said.

He also added that propping open doors and not locking dorm room doors are dangerous to campus security.

"You do [lock your doors] everywhere else in the world, why not here?" Johnson said. "If people say ND is a safe campus, it is because people look out for each other."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Peruvian airplane crashes in jungle

LIMA, Peru — A Peruvian airliner carrying 100 people crashed as it attempted an emergency landing on a jungle highway Tuesday, killing at least five people and injuring 20 others, officials and radio reports said.

Peruvian media said as many as 40 were killed, but there was no official confirmation.

The Boeing 737 went down near the Pucallpa municipal airport at 3:12 p.m., Norma Pasquel, a Pucallpa airport receptionist, told The Associated Press by phone.

The pilot contacted the airport tower saying he could not land because of strong winds and a torrential downpour, she said. The plane circled the airport until it tried to land on a nearby highway.

Iraqis resume charter talks

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunni Arab leaders showed no sign of compromise Tuesday as they prepared to resume talks in yet another bid by the Shiite-led government to win approval of Iraq's new constitution.

The U.S. ambassador said every effort must be made to win Sunni agreement, but the chairman of the drafting committee doubted that differences could be resolved quickly and suggested parliament might submit the current draft to voters.

Failure to win over the once-dominant minority would undercut the U.S. strategy of using the constitution to lure Sunni Arabs from the Sunni-dominated insurgency so American and other foreign troops could start to go home. Berta Garcia, a secretary at Pucallpa's municipal hospital, told Radioprogramas that five bodies — those of four adults and a small boy — had been brought there.

NATIONAL NEWS

Wal-Mart employees shot to death

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Two Wal-Mart employees who were gathering shopping carts were shot to death Tuesday in the parking lot of one of the retail stores in suburban Phoenix.

The shootings occurred in the middle of the parking lot, about 75 yards from the store entrance. A body could be seen in one of the corrals used for collecting carts.

Police spokesman Mike Pena said authorities were searching for the gunman. He said there were several witnesses to the shootings but would not identify them.

There was no immediate word on what might have motivated the attacks.

Delia Garcia, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman on the scene, said the two victims were collecting shopping carts when the gunfire broke out.

Obesity grows in nearly every state

WASHINGTON — Like a lot of people, the nation's weight problem is settling below its waistline. The states with the highest percentages of obese adults are mostly in the South: Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana and Tennessee.

In the entire nation, only Oregon isn't getting fatter.

Some 22.7 percent of American adults were obese in the 2002-04 period, up slightly from 22 percent for 2001-03, says the advocacy group Trust for America's Health, citing data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

LOCAL NEWS

State debt reaches decade high

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana owes more money than it has in over a decade, with a tab topping \$4 billion for such projects as prisons, government office complexes, university buildings and the Indiana State Museum.

It will take taxpayers years to pay it all off, even if lawmakers don't add another dime.

As a percentage of personal income, the state's debt is the highest since at least 1992, according to Moody's Investors Service.

Bush says mother's views misrepresent

According to the president, many military families don't embrace Sheehan's demands

Associated Press

DONNELLY, Idaho — President Bush will spend two hours today with families of soldiers killed in Iraq, but they won't include Cindy Sheehan.

Bush said Tuesday he understood the anguish of the California woman whose son was killed in Iraq last year and who has maintained a stubborn vigil near his Texas ranch. But he also challenged her, saying her demands for an immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq were not embraced by many military families and represented a view contrary to the national interest.

The shift in emphasis came as the White House sought to deal with growing recognition of Sheehan as the face of a new anti-war movement.

"I think those who advocate immediate withdrawal from not only Iraq but the Middle East are advocating a policy that would weaken the United States," Bush said.

The president said U.S. troops in Iraq are keeping Americans safe and that Iraqis are making progress toward democracy. He urged patience as officials in Baghdad struggle to complete a constitution.

"The fact that they're even writing a constitution is vastly different from living under the iron hand of a dictator," Bush said.

Bush also said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had made a tough and courageous decision to withdraw Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip. He said the next step was to establish a government in Gaza that responds to the Palestinian people.

Bush, dressed in blue jeans and a fleece jacket, spoke underneath the tall pine trees at the Tamarack Resort, where he is spending two nights away from his ranch. His visit to the



A supporter of President Bush holds a sign backing the troops Tuesday in front of Camp Casey, Cindy Sheehan's anti-war camp in Crawford, Texas.

mountain getaway came between two speeches to rally support for the war — one Monday in Salt Lake City and another Wednesday in Nampa, Idaho, that is to be followed by more than two hours of private meetings with relatives of dead soldiers.

Bush met Sheehan last year at a similar series of meetings with families of the war dead. But Sheehan says there have been developments since then and she has more she wants to say to him.

Her vigil in Crawford, Texas, has given momentum to the peace movement, and even some Republicans have said Bush should meet with her. She flew to Los

Angeles last week after her 74-year-old mother had a stroke, but she is expected to return to Texas in a few days.

"Well, I did meet with Cindy Sheehan," Bush said Tuesday. "I strongly support her right to protest. There's a lot of people protesting. And there's a lot of points of view about the Iraq war."

He added: "She expressed her opinion. I disagree with it."

At a Pentagon briefing, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked about Sheehan's vigil and what he would say to her if he had the chance. "While it has to be a heart-wrenching thing for each of the families involved, our task is to

try to help them and the country understand the importance of the work that's being done," Rumsfeld said.

Bush spoke once before about Sheehan, during a foreign policy summit at his ranch on Aug. 11. He said then, too, that he sympathized with her but disagreed with her call to bring the troops home immediately.

He said Tuesday, "She doesn't represent the view of a lot of the families I have met with."

After speaking to reporters, Bush took a bike ride and then had dinner plans with Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the state's congressional delegation.

VENEZUELA

Country condemns Robertson's assassination call

Associated Press

CARACAS — Pat Robertson's call for American agents to assassinate President Hugo Chavez is a "terrorist" statement that needs to be investigated by U.S. authorities, Venezuela said Tuesday. The Bush administration quickly distanced itself from the religious broadcaster.

Robertson's suggestion Monday that the United States "take out" Chavez to stop Venezuela from becoming a "launching pad for communist influence and Muslim extremism" appeared likely to aggravate tensions between the United States and the world's fifth-largest oil exporting country.

Chavez, who was democratically elected, has emerged as one of the

most outspoken critics of President Bush, accusing the United States of conspiring to topple his government and possibly backing plots to assassinate him. The United States is the top buyer of Venezuelan oil, but Chavez has made it clear he wants to decrease the country's dependence on the U.S. market by finding other buyers.

Winding up a visit to Cuba, Chavez said in response to questions from reporters at Havana's airport that he did not have information about Robertson's comments.

"I haven't read anything. We haven't heard anything about him," Chavez said. "I don't even know who that person is."

But Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said the U.S. response to

Robertson would be a test of its anti-terrorist policy and that Venezuela was studying its legal options.

"The ball is in the U.S. court, after this criminal statement by a citizen of that country," Rangel said. "It's a huge hypocrisy to maintain this discourse against terrorism and at the same time, in the heart of that country, there are entirely terrorist statements like those."

Rangel called Robertson "a man who seems to have quite a bit of influence in that country," adding sarcastically that his words were "very Christian." He said the comments "reveal that religious fundamentalism is one of the great problems facing humanity in these times."

London

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Terri Bays said. The 128 participants left for London Aug. 17.

Bays did receive a number of phone calls from parents in the days after the attacks, but most were "overwhelmingly supportive" of the program continuing, Bays said.

"We waited a few days [after the attack], and then we sent out a note via e-mail to the parents of the fall students reassuring them that we were continuing the program," Bays said. "There would have to be some information that there was a significant growing danger to the students such as the outbreak of war or specific terrorist attacks for the program to be canceled."

Notre Dame students participating in the summer engineering program were in London when the attacks occurred, but all were already in class the morning of July 7.

Robert Dunn, director of the London engineering program, went to the classrooms to inform the students of the incidents.

"We asked the students to stay in the Notre Dame building until things quieted down," Dunn said.

Many students intended to spend the three-day weekend traveling, but since the attacks took place on a Thursday, some students ran into difficul-

ty getting to the train stations, Dunn said.

"The Tube and buses were closed down and all the cabs were really busy," Dunn said.

The students responded "remarkably well" and kept in close contact with program directors for the duration of the summer, Dunn said.

The city had largely returned to normal within a few days, he said.

News of the attacks "deeply saddened" junior and fall program participant Meghan Wons, and it crossed her mind her semester abroad might be canceled.

"Unfortunately, something like the July 7 attacks can happen at any time and anywhere," Wons said. "I didn't consider pulling out of the program but the July 7 attacks did make me warier of riding the Tube."

Wons' mother Karen did consider asking her daughter not to go to London and has been watching the news very closely.

"[Terrorism] certainly is a concern," Karen Wons said. "At the same time, I think it is just an incredible opportunity to do the study abroad experience."

Her elder daughter participated in the London programs three years ago, and Karen Wons and her husband still plan on visiting their daughter for Thanksgiving.

"I do have faith in the Notre Dame program that if they felt the situation was worsening

they would send them home," Karen Wons said.

Philip O'Brien, whose daughter Kathleen O'Brien is studying in London this semester, said while he was concerned about the attacks, he did not ask his daughter not to go.

"We had some trepidation but we figured its part of life these days," O'Brien said. "The upside outweighs the risk."

Meghan Wons admitted that going to school in London after the July 7 attacks would be very different than living on campus in South Bend, and said she had received lots of advice from students who had gone in past semesters.

"I think I will try to travel in groups and avoid taking the Tube as much as possible," Meghan Wons said. "I know a lot of my flatmates and friends here said that their parents did not want them taking the tube either, so we will all be doing a lot of walking together."

Due to exterior threats, such as those from the Irish Republican Army, the undergraduate London program has had security measures in place since the late 1980s, Bays said. Guests are not allowed to stay overnight in Notre Dame housing, and no one can enter the classroom building without an identification card. Students are also given a full security detail upon arriving in the city, Bays said.

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A commitment to excellence should pervade everything we do."

Along with establishing a particular mindset, Jenkins has been developing specific goals for his term. Although he said his Sept. 23 inaugural address and Oct. 11 faculty address would further articulate his plans, he said his general thoughts on the future of the University under his leadership should not be terribly surprising.

"I don't think Notre Dame needs a radically new direction," Jenkins said. "I think it needs an understanding it has a distinctive role to play in American education, and it's got to realize that and play it in the best possible way."

In order to progress and play its role, Notre Dame must focus on undergraduate research, elevated standards for faculty and a greater promotion and understanding of diversity, Jenkins said.

"[Diversity] is an issue I think we made progress on and need to continue to make progress on," Jenkins said. "I think that involves the faculty increasing the number of women, and across the University to increase diversity and reflect on diversity so that we can understand that and get the greatest value from the diversity that is present at Notre Dame."

Jenkins also said he would like Notre Dame to become "the world center for reflection" on issues such as religious conflict,

expressing enthusiasm for an upcoming forum on the subject moderated by former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw.

"We're the major university in this country that has a religious character that is among the top 20 universities or so," Jenkins said. "And we can take that on."

For now, however, the new president often finds himself tied up in meetings, citing time management as his biggest challenge.

"It's been very busy," Jenkins said. "With the start of the school year there's an enormous number of meetings to go to, groups to meet."

Luckily for Jenkins, Hilary Crnkovich, vice president for public affairs and communication, and Father James McDonald, senior executive assistant and counselor to the president, are busily planning his inauguration. He expressed excitement for the two-day event, which will begin Sept. 22 and be attended by Jenkins' extended family coming from Omaha, Neb.

"I hope it's a time not to celebrate John Jenkins, but to celebrate Notre Dame — to celebrate this wonderful faculty, stu-

dents, alumni and its great potential for the future," Jenkins said. "And I hope our visitors come and walk away just thinking, 'What a great place.'"

And how does he feel about his term as it approaches the two-month mark?

"So far, so good," Jenkins said with a smile.

"So far, so good."

Father John Jenkins
University president

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Dish provider offers free service

Associated Press

DENVER — The nation's No. 2 satellite television provider wants to dish out free service to any town willing to rename itself "Dish."

EchoStar Communications Corp., which operates the Dish Network, said Tuesday it will provide 10 years' worth of free satellite television service for every household in a U.S. town that legally makes the change.

The service will include a receiver, standard installation and a programming

package for every household. In exchange, the municipality must change its name permanently, including on buildings and signs.

The service would cost about \$4 million for 1,000 households, the nation's No. 2 satellite television provider estimated. Interested cities have until Nov. 1 to submit a proposal.

"It's an exciting concept and we hope it will become a buzz of any town," EchoStar spokesman Mark Cicero said.

The promotion comes on the heels of EchoStar's

newest advertising campaign and a contest that will allow the winner to name EchoStar's next satellite.

Get Involved in Irish Athletics!

The Sports Information Office is looking for student assistants for the 2004-05 school year. Any student interested in becoming active in Irish athletics should come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Information Office, (Joyce Center, second floor inside Gate 2). For more information, call Bernie Cafarelli at 1-7516.

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Up: 1,447 Same: 180 Down: 1,821 Composite Volume: 1,702,333,520

AMEX	1,415.58	+12.73
NASDAQ	2,137.25	+4.16
NYSE	7,453.78	-32.76
S&P 500	1,217.59	+4.14
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,454.52	-18.41
FTSE 100(London)	5,300.20	-18.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.28	-0.11	38.73
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.15	-0.04	26.87
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.07	+0.07	17.76
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.34	-0.34	25.72
BEACON POWER CORP (BCON)	+0.59	+0.59	4.74

Treasuries

30-YEAR BOND	-0.47	-0.21	44.05
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.76	-0.32	41.87
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.64	-0.26	40.49
3-MONTH BILL	+0.53	+0.18	34.40

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.06	65.71
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Exchange Rates

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CANADIAN \$	1.1997

IN BRIEF

Oil firm to acquire major producer

BEIJING — China's biggest state-owned oil firm has reached an agreement to buy a major oil producer in neighboring Kazakhstan for \$4.2 billion — a victory in Beijing's campaign to secure foreign energy supplies for its booming economy.

The acquisition of PetroKazakhstan Inc., a Canada-based company, by a unit of China National Petroleum Corp., comes just three weeks after Hong Kong-based CNOOC Ltd. dropped its bid for Unocal Corp. following opposition from U.S. politicians.

The deal, which still requires the approval of PetroKazakhstan's shareholders, would be the biggest acquisition yet in a string of Chinese corporate takeovers overseas.

CNPC International Ltd. agreed to pay \$55 per share — a 21 percent premium over PetroKazakhstan's closing stock price on Friday. Shares of PetroKazakhstan climbed \$8.35, or 18 percent, to close at \$53.75 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock's strongest level of the day was \$54.52, well above its previous 52-week high of \$46.92.

Stocks fall as traders wait for data

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday as traders waited for data on existing home sales and oil prices rose again.

Wall Street has been closely watching home sales, worried that the housing boom is nearing its end. The National Association of Realtors was expected to report later in the session that July existing home sales fell slightly compared to June. Jobs in the construction and at home improvement retailers would be affected by a contraction and consumer spending could take a hit if home prices decline, since a raft of home equity loans have put cash in consumers' pockets.

Traders also worried as oil prices rose slightly, feeding concern that higher gasoline prices are curbing consumer spending. On Saturday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailers, said its third-quarter results would miss analysts' expectations due to rising oil prices. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$66.05, up 40 cents, in electronic pre-market trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Government proposes new fuel standards

Rules would coerce manufacturers to produce more vehicles with better gas mileage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With gas prices continuing to rise, the Bush administration on Tuesday proposed new rules to compel auto manufacturers to make pickup trucks, minivans and some sport utility vehicles more fuel efficient. Environmentalists said the plan would do little to wean the nation from its dependence on foreign oil.

The proposal would require the auto industry to raise standards for most vehicles other than cars beginning in 2008. All automakers would have to comply with the new system by 2011.

"This is a plan that will save gas and result in less pain at the pump for motorists without sacrificing safety," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said.

Mineta, speaking at news conferences in Atlanta and Los Angeles, said the program was expected to save about 10 billion gallons of gasoline over the life of vehicles built from 2008 through 2011. The U.S. currently consumes about 140 billion gallons of gasoline per year, according to Energy Department statistics.

But the plan would not apply to the largest SUVs, such as the Hummer H2. Passenger cars, already required to maintain an average of 27.5 miles per gallon, also would not be covered by the changes.

Environmental advocates panned the approach, saying it failed to go far enough to reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil while creating new loopholes that would weaken the requirements. Passenger



Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta speaks Tuesday at a news conference held at a gas station in Los Angeles to announce a proposed new fuel economy plan.

cars and light trucks, a vehicle category that includes pickups, minivans and SUVs, account for about 40 percent of the nation's oil use. "At a time when Americans are paying record prices for gas, the Bush administration has sided with its cronies in the auto industry and rejected real solutions," said Dan Becker, director of the Sierra Club's global warming program.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., called it "backward looking" and "another lost opportunity to help our security, economy and

environment."

John D. Graham, director of the Office of Management and Budget's office of information and regulatory affairs, countered that the plan was projected to save more fuel than any previous rulemaking in the history of the light-truck CAFE program.

Under the current system, automakers must maintain an average of 21 mpg for light trucks and will have to meet 22.2 mpg for the 2007 model year. It represents an average of manufactur-

ers' entire fleet of light trucks.

The new system would divide light trucks into six categories based on size. Smaller vehicles would have to get better gas mileage than larger trucks.

Automakers could opt to comply with the old system through 2010 or to meet the standards in the six categories.

If they stayed with the old system, they would have to meet a 22.5 mpg average by 2008, 23.1 mpg in 2009 and 23.5 mpg by 2010.

GE and Rolls-Royce win contract for jet engine

Associated Press

EVENDALE, Ohio — A joint venture between General Electric Co. and Rolls-Royce has won a \$2.47 billion contract to develop an engine for the military's next-generation stealth jet fighter.

The contract is the largest military developmental contract in about 20 years for Fairfield, Conn.-based GE's jet-engine division, GE Aircraft Engines, which is based in this Cincinnati suburb and employs about 6,800.

Under the contract, Rolls-Royce's Indianapolis operations will share in about \$500 million of the work on the engine, ensuring several more years of employment for about 100 specialty engineers hired in the past year to ramp up the project.

"We're excited. This is a big deal," said Dennis Jarvi, president of Defense North America. "This is

really the program to be in in the future."

GE was named the majority partner in a 60-40 joint venture with British engine-maker Rolls-Royce. The deal was announced late Monday by the Department of Defense under a Navy program that is administering development of the Lockheed Martin F-35, known as the Joint Strike Fighter.

The jet will be powered with Pratt & Whitney engines until 2012. After that, GE Aircraft Engines and Rolls will compete with Pratt & Whitney for engine placement on the F-35.

The United States and foreign air forces will select either the Pratt & Whitney engine or the GE/Rolls engine as they order individual batches of F-35s.

About 6,000 F-35s may be built over 30 years, GE said. Lockheed Martin is designing the plane to replace several aircraft including the F-16 and F/A-18.

"This is going to be the mainstay of our military engine business going forward," said GE's Jean Lydon-Rodgers, program director of the new F136 engine, which would be installed in the F-35 plane.

Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed Martin has already produced a prototype of the plane, expected to cost between \$28 million and \$40 million apiece.

The first planes are expected to go into U.S. service in two years using the Pratt & Whitney engine.

GE Aircraft Engines is expected to earn \$13.3 billion in revenue this year, with about \$3.8 billion, or 28.6 percent, coming from military contracts.

Shares of General Electric Co. rose 12 cents, or 0.35 percent, to \$34.09 in after-hours trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Its shares have traded between \$32.31 and \$37.75 over the past 52 weeks.

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newest members of our community, but we always have to be aware of how all men and women are treated at the University," Firth said. "There is always room to grow in terms of being a place that really welcomes people, and there is always room to grow in terms of our attitudes."

Changing the tone

After a series of focus groups held last spring, student government officials found some orientation events to be so damaging to campus gender relations that it labeled them "juvenile and hypersexualized" in its April report to the University's Board of Trustees.

Student body president Dave Baron, former president Adam Istvan and former vice president Karla Bell told the trustees that activities requiring male and female freshmen to pair off should be eliminated and replaced with events between many students of the same sex.

"I received a lot of feedback [from the focus groups] that students felt uncomfortable with what they labeled as 'coupling' that happened during freshman orientation weekend," said student body vice president Lizzi Shappell.

Over the summer, Baron said, Freshman Orientation commissioners worked with administrators and members of student government to create activities promoting healthier gender relations, which some dorms implemented last weekend.

In addition to increasing same-sex interhall events, some dorms incorporated icebreakers that paired freshmen by birthdays and hometowns to reduce awkwardness. Side activities, like inflatable games, were also set up to distract those who felt uncomfortable with forced interaction.

"At the end of my Frosh-O, I felt like I had met all the girls in the world but didn't know any guys in my own dorm," said Jonathon Floyd, a sophomore Alumni Orientation Commissioner. "I think that the way the events take place puts much more pressure on meeting the opposite sex rather than people in your own dorm,

which for some may create tension and discomfort for more shy people and possibly unhealthy gender relations."

Across South Quad, Howard Hall tried this year to branch away from the stereotype of orientation activities between one women's dorm and one men's dorm, instead holding activities with neighboring women's dorms Pangborn and Lyons, sophomore orientation staff member Pia Mauro said.

"We want to facilitate activities that encourage girls to approach guys and vice versa," Mauro said, "but not to force them into relationships."

Pasquerilla West rector Sister Sue Bruno said she supports the inclusion of same-sex interhall events in Frosh-O weekend.

"I think it's healthy," she said. "We've always wanted to have a good relationship with our neighbor [Pasquerilla East] ... We can have friendly bantering and allegiance to our own dorm, but we need to be able to interact in a respectful, friendly manner."

In her years at Notre Dame, Bruno said she has seen great efforts made to encourage balanced interaction between the sexes.

"In terms of Frosh-O, they've done a tremendous job of making it more comfortable," she said.

Also changed this year was the annual "From Football to Finals" presentation, designed to inform first-year students about how to stay safe at Notre Dame.

A work in progress

But even with this year's adjustments, Frosh-O remains a work in progress, and not everyone agrees that the current orientation format is flawed. While support exists for same-sex interhall activities, not all such events went smoothly last weekend.

"Saturday night our event with Farley didn't go very well," said sophomore Megan O'Hara, a Campus Orientation Commissioner for Lewis Hall, of a same-sex interhall event that

was encouraged but not required by the University.

"There were groups of Lewis girls and Farley girls standing around separately," she said. "It's a good idea in theory, but there are 128 Lewis freshmen and they don't even know each other's names yet. They don't feel as obligated to reach out to other girls. They want to meet boys."

O'Hara said that if her dorm were to hold a similar event in the future, she would have recommended that

students drop the dorm shirts that broadcast their hall affiliation and often become an immediate source of division.

"I would have had them wear normal clothes so girls would have just looked for other girls who looked nice and

talked to them," she said. Same-sex interhall events might be more successful if they were not just confined to orientation weekend, said Farley rector Sister Carrine Etheridge.

"I think it's important to meet other girls on [North] Quad," she said. "[But] Frosh-O is so compressed, so I think the key is planting seeds and doing follow up. I would like to see our freshmen do follow-up a few months later with girls from [Breen-Phillips] and Cavanaugh."

And while several freshmen sensed Orientation Weekend was setting an unhealthy tone, others said they recognized its artificial constructs wouldn't last long.

"This feels like summer camp," said Keenan freshman Scott McBride. "We go around marching, chanting, shouting 'We love you' to girls' dorms."

"Obviously on Tuesday sum-

mer camp ends and college starts."

Fellow Keenan freshman Lance Ladendorf denied that the weekend focuses too much on meeting the opposite sex.

"Right now there are 90-something [freshman] guys in my dorm," he said. "There are no [fraternities] at ND, so Keenan is it for me. You meet maybe three girls at an activity, and you need to get to know guys, too. I think it's great to move into our dorm with freshmen and a few sophomores. We're all a little nervous and going into it together."

Stanford rector Father Tom Gaughan said he impresses upon his freshmen that regardless of the social activity on the Frosh-O slate, they should not feel pressured to participate.

"It's possible that a guy has had a painful separation from his girlfriend and does not feel like running around and meeting girls on Frosh-O weekend," Gaughan said. "It is most important to have activities that people find fun, comfortable, welcoming. The problem comes when people are forced or pressured into anything."

Seeing through the 'gender lens'

Notre Dame recognizes that setting a positive gender relations tone does not stop with Frosh-O, said Heather Rakoczy, director of the University's Gender Relations Center (GRC). Though a Women's Resource Center has been present on campus since 1993, the creation of the GRC was announced March 1, 2004. Founded to create a healthier climate for women and men at the University, the center is striving to take on a more active role in improving how gender functions at Notre Dame, Rakoczy said.

"When a gender lens is missing from the conversation, gender relations and gender issues

can become an invisible entity at the University," Rakoczy said. "I hope that the GRC can begin collaborating with other University departments to provide that gender lens."

"If that happens, we might begin addressing how gender relations operates within [Freshman Orientation] and in so many other contexts on campus wherein it may have gone unaddressed in explicit ways as well."

Etheridge agreed Frosh-O is not the only culprit for negative gender relations at Notre Dame.

"I think it's funny to see kids packed into a dorm room with the lights off in a haze of alcohol and then to hear them complain about how bad gender relations are," she said, adding students might form better relationships once the school year starts if they try to meet people through clubs and activities instead.

Still, student government officials are confident the changes to Freshman Orientation will have a positive effect on overall gender relations at Notre Dame.

"I cannot speak for the University as a whole, but I feel that setting the foundation for long-lasting healthy relationships between and within the genders is paramount during Frosh-O," Wishon said.

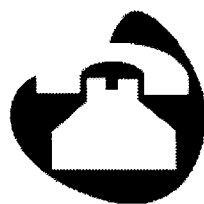
Firth praised students for taking on a leading role in bringing about this year's changes.

"These were positive first steps and certainly steps forward," she said. "I think our goals are to welcome people, and to welcome them into a community that is comfortable with dialogue and welcomes all equally and has healthy attitudes about gender."

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"Obviously on Tuesday summer camp ends and college starts."

Scott McBride
Keenan freshman



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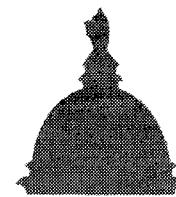
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Provost

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range from appointing and promoting faculty to setting the budgets for academic departments, colleges and institutes," Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said.

Additionally, Burish must ensure "the budgeting process supports the academic mission and priorities of the University," Jacobs said.

Though Burish is familiar with Notre Dame's academic mission, he may need time to get reacquainted with the University.

"He will need to take time to learn [what] ND is today," said Father James McDonald, senior executive assistant and counselor to the president. "As he himself says often, the Notre Dame he left as a senior in 1972 is not the Notre Dame of 2005."

"But he will hit the ground running, for he has experience as a provost and as a president of a distinguished university."

A search committee comprised of five faculty members and a student was elected by Academic Council last spring and chaired by Jenkins over the summer to identify promising candidates, Jacobs said. All interviews and deliberations were conducted in strict confi-

dence.

Burish said, after being identified by the committee, that he was initially drawn to the position because of the University's Catholic affiliation — the same characteristic that drew him to the school as an undergraduate over 30 years ago.

"The challenge of wrapping together our faith-based heritage while further strengthening our academic excellence is a rare opportunity and, for me, a special dream," Burish said in a University press release announcing his appointment.

"I did not anticipate this opportunity or seek it but am excited by it and am grateful for it."

Jenkins said that Burish, a clinical psychology scholar, brings extensive experience to Notre Dame, after serving as president at Washington and Lee and as provost at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"In both of these roles, Dr. Burish excelled as a strategic leader," Jacobs said. "He has great vision for setting an ambitious academic agenda that builds on the distinctive characteristics of the institution."

In addition to his studies at

Notre Dame, Burish, a native of Peshtigo, Wisc., received master's and doctoral degrees in psychology and clinical psychology from the University of Kansas in 1975 and 1976, according to the press release.

Jenkins said Burish's connection to Notre Dame makes him a great asset.

"He's a Notre Dame graduate whose son graduated from Notre Dame last May," Jenkins said. "He understands Notre Dame, he's deeply committed to Notre Dame and its mission, so he brings a sense of that special character of the University, and really is coming for that reason."

"He will need to take the time to learn [what] ND is today."

Father James McDonald
executive assistant and
counselor to the president

Though Burish will not be on campus until after Labor Day, administrators in the provost's office expressed excitement about his appointment.

"I am looking forward to working with Dr. Burish," said Assistant Provost Joy Vann-Hamilton. "In my brief interactions with him, I have found him easy to engage and to have a wonderful sense of humor, which is vital."

"Most importantly, he asks the right questions and listens, which has and will lend to his understanding of the challenges and opportunities for the University."

Upon his arrival, Burish will meet with campus leaders to learn more about the successes, opportunities and challenges before him, Jacobs said.

"Although it is premature to identify the specific short-term goals of the provost's office, we in the provost's office are working in partnership with the academic units to implement the goals of the Strategic Plan approved by the Board of Trustees," Jacobs said.

Burish, who has served as the chair of the American Cancer Society's national board of directors since 2004, succeeded Hatch, who notified the University in January that he would be leaving Notre Dame to become president of Wake Forest University.

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Tickets

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first pick at seating.

The lottery number distribution is organized by class with each year receiving their numbers at a different table, a much less hectic process now that students are familiar with the system, Gagnon said.

"There is no one left on campus who is even familiar with the old system. It goes pretty smoothly," he said. "People have realized that getting there early in the day is not an advantage. If you get there at 2 p.m. instead of 9 a.m., you could still get the starting lottery number."

Gagnon said that though freshmen, graduate students, law students and MBA students are new to the system, they generally have the advantage of reading the information more closely and checking the Web site.

"Freshmen are a little more obedient," Gagnon said. As students reach the stadium to collect their booklets, as seniors did Tuesday, tickets are distributed in order of lottery numbers that are present. Seating begins with the lowest row number of one section, proceeds up to the top and then goes through the next section top to bottom.

Gagnon predicted that the next few days, when juniors, sophomores and freshmen travel to the stadium to collect their booklets, will go well.

Senior Sean Hanfin praised the new lottery system, commending especially the decision to separate the classes when distributing the lottery numbers.

"Time structure has worked to their advantage

both in the lottery number and the ticket distribution," Hanfin said.

Gagnon said the lottery system is "a thousand times better" than the former system.

"You had people out in all kinds of weather for very long periods of time on concrete near a highway," he said. "[With the lottery system], nobody waits in line for more than an hour at most. And if you plan it better, your wait is more like 30 minutes."

When the system was first implemented, Gagnon said there were often incidents in which students wanting to sit together, in confusion, got lottery numbers that were not in sequential order. In such a circumstance, Gagnon would average their numbers, though he said such an exception did not happen Tuesday.

Some students decided to bypass the wait altogether. "We came late [two and a half hours after the start time] because we figured there'd be long lines earlier," said senior Mariela Suarez. "It went pretty smoothly. The whole thing took about 10 minutes."

While the lottery system seems to be problem-free thus far, there has been discussion of moving to an online ticketing program, which is available for non-students.

"We've been working with the [Office of the] Registrar, ResLife, and OIT to make sure we're giving the matter its due diligence," Berlo said. "It could happen in the next couple of years."

Gagnon pointed out the pros and cons of an online system. "There are all kinds of advantages for students. They wouldn't have to go wait in any line; they would save going to the stadium on either day. It would be done for the returning students in spring or summer," he said. "Someone might say that a disadvantage would be the friends you have in May are not the friends you have in September, if you were to break up with your boyfriend over the summer or get a new roommate in the fall."

However tickets are acquired, Hanfin said students seem to be happy with any seat.

"When it comes down to it, in Notre Dame Stadium, there's not a bad seat in the house," Hanfin said.

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Land giveaways draw newcomers

Free plots in the heartland spark a traditional pattern of homesteading

Associated Press

ELLSWORTH, Kan. — Here in the heartland, the prairie homesteading tradition lives again.

Land — that coveted, crowded, pricey possession in America's hot spots — can be had these days for nothing in a growing number of Great Plains communities.

Sagging populations prompted economic planners to offer juicy incentives inspired by the land giveaways to settlers in the mid- to late 1800s. And so, in the middle of Kansas, Maribel Juarez has rediscovered the town of her El Salvadoran childhood.

In Ellsworth, just as in El Salvador's Atlix, church bells chime. Freight trains clatter and whistle day and night. Everyone knows everyone else — and their business — and there's no fighting with traffic.

"I found a place exactly like my hometown and it's in America," Juarez says with a broad smile. "To us, this is our promised land. We don't need anything else."

Lured by an offer of free property, Juarez, 44, and her husband, Madecadel, 46, came to Kansas from Vallejo, Calif., two months ago. They went from an apartment where they feared letting their daughter out on her bicycle to a nearly new home with a big lawn, oak floors and a sense of utter safety.

More than a dozen communi-

ties in Kansas and Nebraska are giving away land or planning to do so as a way to staunch population declines and boost local economies.

Ellsworth's giveaway has had an impact, but not the one its creators expected. Anita Hoffhines, the economic development director who is the spark of the program, pictured newcomers snapping up the free lots and building their dream homes.

Instead, all the outsiders who have come to size up the properties, in many cases reserving them, ended up buying existing homes they saw when they toiled around town.

So far, 18 families in two years have settled here that way and taken advantage of the second big incentive Ellsworth County offers — a down-payment grant of up to \$3,000 for families with children.

The county gets a tangible benefit from its investment, beyond the boost of having more people around to shop. Each child who enters a local school attracts \$6,000 a year in state aid. The 25 kids who have enrolled from the new families bring \$150,000 annually to the education system, enough to pay for several teachers.

Hoffhines is the first to say places like Ellsworth are not for everyone. The one grocery store has a modest selection and uncompetitive prices.

Fancy clothes are not to be found. "I drive 40 miles to get fresh salmon," she said. "If I want sushi, I'm not going to find it here."

One of the most common questions she gets from prospective settlers is where the nearest Wal-Mart is located. "Some people are just addicted to Wal-Mart," she said. They

drive 50 minutes to Salina to get their fix, or make do with mail order or Internet shopping.

Apart from the Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen, this one-stoplight town is untouched by the big shopping and restaurant chains.

People can choose between two dentists, two law firms and two old-time independent drug stores across the main street from each other. Stores close early, and there's nothing much happening on a Sunday.

On the other hand, Ellsworth offers some brick streets, a cappuccino bar in one of the antique stores, a nine-hole golf course, recreation center, a new medical center, a 24-hour gas station and convenience store, and an outdoor swimming pool with a slide.

The town treasurer's office, which used to close for lunch, stays open now, thanks to a campaign pledge by the previous occupant of the office to end the noon break. In fact, life in general here "is pretty much in the open," says Hoffhines.

"You can't hide," she said. "If you come to give to the community, you will be received. If you come to take, you won't."

The town now has 10 free lots available, each about one-third of an acre, and four more elsewhere in the county. Local families are eligible for the free lots, and two have built on them, but the down-payment aid is for newcomers only.

Amy Eck, 31, came from Phillipsburg 130 miles away to take a job as managing editor of the local weekly, the Ellsworth County Independent. She and her husband realized it would take too long to build a new home on a free lot and it would be an iffy investment anyway.

"It just wasn't worth it," she said. But her son qualified the family for the down-payment grant, and she liked the community. "When I send my son to school, he doesn't have to enter a metal detector."

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heartland newcomer

Researchers claim fetuses feel no pain

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Doctors should not be required to discuss fetal pain with women seeking abortions because fetuses likely can't feel pain until late in pregnancy, according to a review critics say hardly settles the contentious topic.

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco reviewed dozens of studies and medical reports and said the data indicate that fetuses likely are incapable of feeling pain until around the seventh month of pregnancy, when they are about 28 weeks old.

Based on the evidence, discussions of fetal pain for abortions performed before the end of the second trimester should not be mandatory, according to the study appearing in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The review, researchers say, is an attempt to present a comprehensive, objective report on evidence to inform the debate over fetal pain laws aimed at making women think twice before getting abortions.

Critics angrily disputed the findings and claimed the report is biased.

"They have literally stuck their hands in the hornet's nest," said Dr. Kanwaljeet Anand, a fetal pain researcher at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, who believes fetuses as young as 20 weeks old feel pain. "This is going to inflame a lot of scientists who are very, very concerned and are far more knowledgeable in this area than the authors appear to be. This is not the last word — definitely not."

Proposed federal legislation would require doctors to provide fetal pain information to women seeking abortions when fetuses are at least 20 weeks old, and to offer women fetal anesthesia at that stage of the pregnancy. A handful of states have enacted similar measures.

The review says medical evidence shows that brain structures involved in feeling pain begin forming earlier but likely do not function until around the seventh month, when fetuses are about 28 weeks old.

Some scientists say younger fetuses show pain by moving away from a stimulus, but that likely is a reflex action and not an indication that they are actually feeling pain, said UCSF obstetric anesthesiologist Dr. Mark Rosen, the study's senior author.

Offering fetal pain relief in the fifth or sixth month, when brains are too immature to feel pain, is misguided and might result in unacceptable health risks to women, the authors said.

Dr. Nancy Chescheir, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Vanderbilt University and a board director at the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, said the report "will help to develop some consensus" on when fetuses feel pain. "To date, there hasn't been any."

The measure pending in Congress would affect about 18,000 U.S. abortions a year performed in the fifth month of pregnancy or later, said Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee. He said the review is slanted.

Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, JAMA's editor-in-chief, said the decision to publish the review was not politically motivated.

JAMA does not publish "politically motivated science. We publish data-based, evidence-based science," she said.

Rosen said researchers "tried to review the literature in an unbiased fashion. This was a multidisciplinary effort by experts on anesthesia, neuroanatomy, obstetrics and neonatal development."

When doctors operate on fetuses to correct defects before birth, general anesthesia is given to the mother primarily to immobilize the fetus and to make the uterus relax. Anesthesia during fetal surgery increases the mother's risks for breathing problems and bleeding from a relaxed uterus, the researchers said.

Rosen said those risks are medically acceptable when the goal is to save the fetus but there is not enough evidence to show any benefit from fetus-directed anesthesia during an abortion.

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Neither left nor right

So what exactly do libertarians believe? I've heard this question too many times. I'm going to ignore the inanity of it, in deference to the truly curious, and attempt to answer it briefly because there is no other way — that is, short of writing several volumes of political philosophy, which is something I am not planning on doing.

Maybe you have heard of libertarianism, or maybe you have not. It is a political philosophy that is not new, and has its roots in the earliest forms of capitalism. The Libertarian Party was only founded within the last 35 years, but boasts more members elected to public office than any other third party.

So ... what exactly do libertarians believe?

The core principle of libertarianism is simple, and if one wishes to join the Libertarian Party one must sign a pledge to uphold it: the principle of non-aggression. Therein lies the most striking difference between libertarianism and the other political philosophies currently wrestling for power in the United States.

Non-aggression simply states that your freedom to engage in violence ends where another human being begins, except in cases of self-defense. Thus, your inherent authority extends only to your own borders — the property you own, or your own body — and nowhere else. Authority is an artificial construct that is morally valid if and only if the consent of the subordinated is clearly established. This rule applies to all individuals, corporations and yes — even governments.

It is from this foundation that all liber-

tarian positions derive. The government, at any level, is an exercise in authority that is not necessarily intrinsic to its existence. As Murray Rothbard, one of the greatest political thinkers you've never heard of, said, "If you wish to know how libertarians regard the State and any of its acts, simply think of the State as a criminal band, and all of the libertarian attitudes will logically fall into place."

Unlike Rothbard, however, most libertarians are not anarchists. Most are disillusioned Republicans or Democrats who have seen the national debt grow, who have watched civil liberties be curtailed, who have seen the machinery of state aggression, who have recognized that the root of oppression is the usurpation of authority and who have had enough.

Libertarians reject authority that does not rest on the explicit consent of the governed. We believe that neither you nor any politician has a right to our money. We believe that no one has the right to interfere in our private lives. We believe that self-defense is inalienable but that all forms of aggression are immoral. We believe that drug laws, just like immigration laws, have been enacted to create criminals out of peaceful citizens. The government's role is not to enforce charity and morality, and we believe that the best way to a better society is not through more laws, but through fewer. As Tacitus once wrote, "The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws." It is true.

Hence the difficulty in classifying libertarians on the left-right-wing scale. Like the left, we believe that the state has no right to interfere in the personal lives of people. Like the right, we believe that the state has no right to steal from its citizens. Libertarians are thus both simultaneously left and right, and most will say they are neither.

The bumper sticker on the back of my car states it clearly enough: libertarians are "pro-choice on everything."

Translated into a contemporary media buzzword, libertarianism is, basically, "tolerance."

Unfortunately, the left has commandeered the word "tolerance" and now throws it around carelessly. Tolerance is not about acceptance. It is, simply, tolerance. You may not like my opinions. You may not like the Vagina Monologues; you may complain and whine and ignore all of these things, but you're going to tolerate all of them because you have no right to do anything otherwise. You are not free to decide what is best than anyone else is.

That is libertarianism. It is based entirely on negative rights, in that people are free from coercion. In opposition are today's big-government socialists and neoconservatives who believe in positive rights: that is, you have the right to a government-funded retirement, the right to a pornography-free society, or any other "right to" that can be invented. Libertarianism is not about what you have a "right to." It is about what you have the right to be "free from." Fundamentally, you do not have the right to coerce anyone, just as you have the right to be free from coercion.

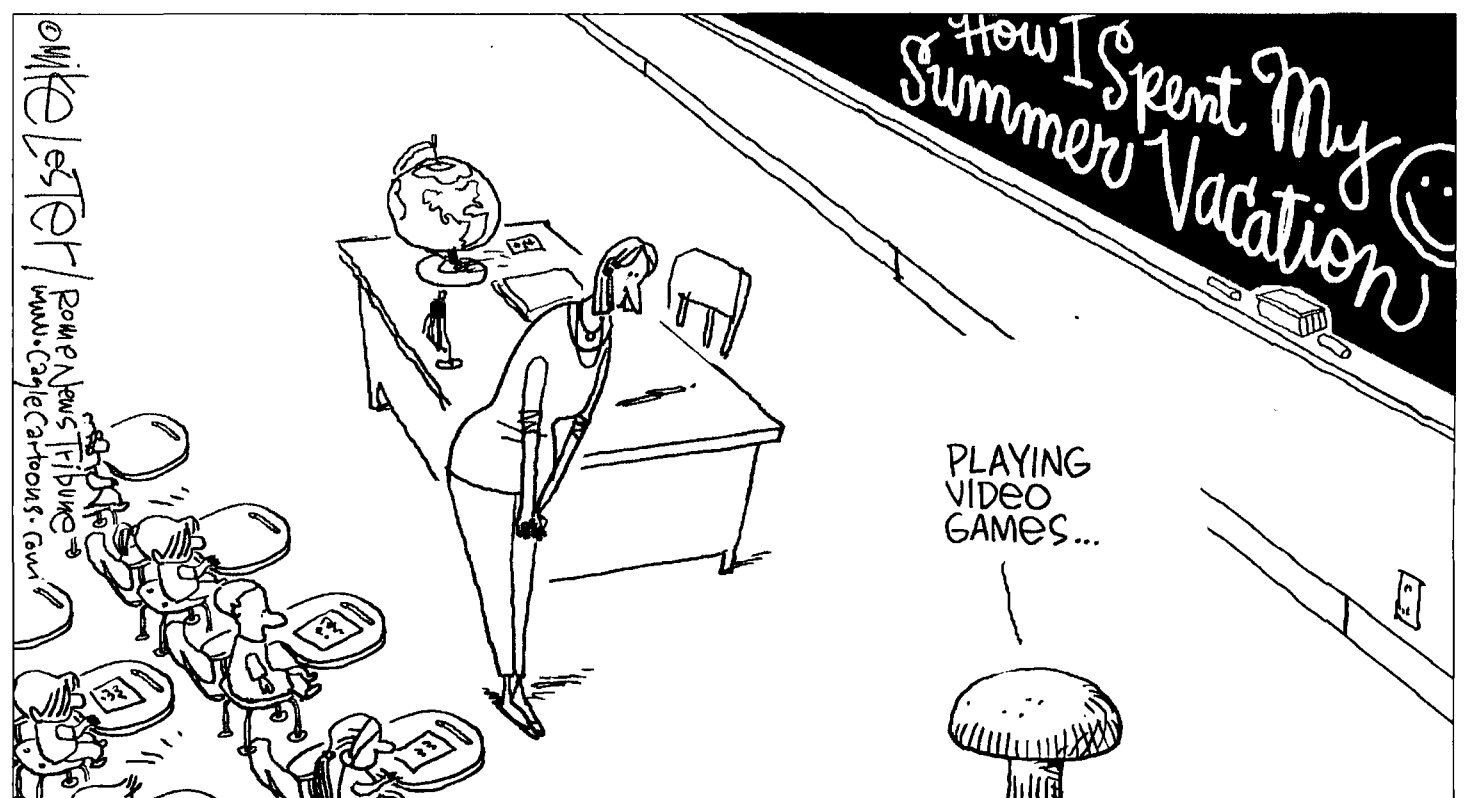
If ye harm none, do as ye will.

Hopefully this column will serve as a forum in which I can detail out some libertarian solutions to government-created problems. If you find that the idea of fewer laws, smaller government and freedom of speech, religion and the press appeals to you, keep reading and investigate the matter further. It's going to be an interesting year.

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Hypocrisy rampant in Gaza Strip policies

Several weeks ago, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari called for the United States to begin withdrawing American forces from Iraq by as early as 2006. President Bush correctly deflected the Prime Minister's statement by refusing to set a time table for the American disengagement from the war-torn land as such an action would give the terrorists a clear cut date to plan an organized offensive when American presence would be at its weakest. Other more extreme voices in America and abroad have called for the immediate removal of U.S. troops, using words such as "occupiers," "crusaders," "infidels," etc.

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Regardless of what one might think of the reasons (and mistakes) that brought our nation into Iraq, the fact of the matter is that at this juncture we are the righteous party in this conflict. This is a much-overlooked fact. The terrorists are ruthless murderers who do not simply attack American and Iraqi military targets, but also have targeted crowded markets and shopping centers without an "occupier" in the vicinity.

President Bush stands firm with the understanding that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and al Qaeda in Iraq cannot be allowed to dictate the terms of American withdrawal and risk the fledgling Iraqi government falling into their claws. An American retreat from terrorism half a world away would give their ideology a massive jumpstart and would leave us vulnerable to terrorism in our own backyard.

The President's hard-line ideological stance against terror is widely seen as consistent towards all terrorist organizations around the globe and is exemplified in his resolve to stay the course in Iraq. However, most have overlooked (or turned a blind eye to) the similarities between the American "Global War on Terror" and

Israel's own struggle against terrorism. The President's hypothetical resolve to fight terrorism wherever it exists is lost in contradiction and hypocrisy when placed next to his support of the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in the wake of years of bombings and Intifada.

The main issue that President Bush fails to address as he walks his diplomatic tightrope over Israel is that terrorist organizations exist in Gaza in an organized infrastructure integrated to a greater extent than the terrorists in Iraq, are maintained within the mainstream of Palestinian society and have legitimate political influence. Hamas enjoys enormous popularity in Gaza and is threatening to overthrow Palestinian Authority control in Gaza once the disengagement is over.

Already, the organization's members have clashed with Palestinian police only a month ago, shooting a top Palestinian official and overturning and burning Palestinian Authority police cars in Northern Gaza. Why? Because the Palestinian police stopped an attempt to lob Kassam rockets at Israeli settlements in the region.

This tactic of intimidation could become extremely successful against Mahmoud Abbas' hold on power in the Gaza Strip as he has tried to corral and cajole Hamas without confronting or disarming it.

As Mr. Abbas is showing weakness; Hamas is showing strength independent of the centralized PA government. Their leaders have been holding their own news conferences before the Israeli withdrawal, claiming victory in ending the occupation in Gaza and promising to continue the armed struggle against the Israelis.

What is the Hamas definition of this armed struggle against the Israelis? Unfortunately, the organization has historically attacked the vulnerable and innocent, murdering in cold blood without regard for human life.

The worst and most frightening prospect is that Hamas is threatening to secure a victory to control Gaza legiti-

mately through elections and illegitimately, if necessary, through intimidation and violence.

With the settlements and military outposts removed from Gaza and the possibility of a Gaza seaport, Gaza could be the major center of operation for Hamas and other terror organizations in all of the Palestinian territories.

After all, it appears that its brand of violence has caused the Israelis to give up a major bloc of territory worth its weight in gold, which the terrorists are claiming as justification for suicide bombings and their other methods of murder.

The Iraq War's parallel to the Israeli Gaza withdrawal would be what President Bush has been preaching against all along: no withdrawal until the Iraqi government can control the terrorist situation.

The Palestinian government cannot yet handle its own extremists, and many terrorists are actually in the government itself. The Gaza Strip is being given to the Palestinians as a prize for the Second Intifada for nothing in return, when it could have been used in future negotiations as a bargaining chip for the disarming of terror groups and the future security of Israel.

President Bush has supported Israel's disengagement as he attempts to show solidarity with Prime Minister Sharon in his bid for peace. However, when a plan is weak and shortsighted, a strong leader would not support it, even at the expense of a friend.

As a passive accomplice to PM Sharon's biggest gamble, President Bush has forgotten his values.

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Don't just take the professor's word

I know this will shock you, but your professors are not always right. Shhhhhh, this is top secret insider info, sort of like when you realized mom and dad got it wrong about Santa, candy rotting your teeth and your face getting stuck like that.

Amanda Hooper

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They look so intelligent down there during class, behind the lectern with their PowerPoints and those fancy Ph.D.s after their names. This is probably because they are. However, professors are not infallible. They come to the classroom with their own set of experiences, opinions and biases.

In fact, some may be more biased on their area of specialty than just your average smart guy. They have spent years immersed in a specific area of study, so it is pretty easy to form strong opinions about certain aspects of the subject.

Just think, you most likely know more about your favorite sport than your mom, but you probably have some preconceived notions that are debatable among other sports fans.

Ladies, if you walk out of your women's studies class and don't feel oppressed by the evil male patriarchal society that defines your gender, won't let you open your own doors or pull out your own chairs and then pays you only 76 percent of what they make for your work, there is not something wrong with you!

Maybe you aren't oppressed, and perhaps women don't make less because those numbers are not adjusted for comparable time and responsibility. In fact, some studies show women make as much or even more than their male counterparts in the same occupation.

If your political science professor tells you that government is never the problem and always the solution, feel free to disagree.

Did your science professor tell you that the scientific method is actually a specific philosophical way of looking at science? Empirical observation used to support hypothesis within a theory is not neutral because it is actually an element of the theory it is trying to verify or falsify. Science is inevitably tainted by the paradigm of the universe that the scientists ascribe to because ultimately the scientific process relies on human reasoning. Maybe scientific "fact" is not foolproof, and it is a lot more interrelated with philosophy and sociology than you thought.

Or then there is the foreign language professor who tells you that all Hispanic people should be loyal to a particular political party for the obvious reason that only one party looks out for that group's interests. Maybe those "obvious" reasons are debatable, and differ by the individual. There is more to what shapes a person's political views than his or her ethnicity.

Maybe that avant-garde piece of artwork that the professor gushes over is really just what you think it is — for lack of a better word, really artistic crap.

If you are at all engaged with your class work, you will invariably come across some inconsistencies with your professors' outlook and your own. Trust your judgment. Don't cast those questions aside too quickly. Learning to think is more difficult than just memorizing and regurgitating fact.

In the classroom, respecting your professors is essential. Learning from them is expected. Truly processing the information they pass on to you and making educated conclusions is ideal.

Of course, the first step for some of you is staying awake.

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No intelligent design in science textbooks

If, as some have suggested, American science teachers present philosophical theories like intelligent design alongside Darwin's theory of evolution, it would make the line between science and religion — not to mention church and state — dangerously indistinct.

Staff Editorial

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When President Bush this month said schools should teach both sides of the evolution debate, it sparked controversy over what science textbooks in American schools should include.

Christian conservatives have aligned themselves on the side of intelligent design, which argues that some organisms are too complex to be explained using only Darwin's theory of evolution. Critics have argued that no scientific basis exists for intelligent design, and some have gone so far as to label it a clever trick for slipping creationism back into classrooms. Sadly, the debate has fast become more political than scientific.

Theories like intelligent design should be available to K-12 students, but only in proper context. Students should be left to decide for themselves what worldviews

and personal philosophies they adopt.

However, intelligent design should not appear in science books alongside Darwin's theory of natural selection, as some have suggested. The former is a concept rooted more in faith than in science, while the latter is a conclusion drawn from empirical process and the scientific method. Scientists can't sail to the Galapagos Islands to determine whether some higher power built the Venus flytrap.

Intelligent design represents a subjective philosophy, not a testable scientific theory. Therefore, it should be presented in schools as such. One possible solution might be creating a separate class geared toward discussing contrasting philosophical ideas.

However policymakers decide to address the controversy in the classrooms, one can only hope that common sense and the ability to differentiate between philosophy and science — not buzzwords and political weblogs — will lead states to make the right decision.

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Summer movie roundup: *A recap of the season's*

The summer is traditionally known as the blockbuster season for studios and audiences, as glossy special effects and movie stars drive box office receipts. The latest summer season, however, was alarmingly indistinct and lacking in many truly worthwhile films. Sequels and remakes seemed to be the trend, even for high-profile directors like Tim Burton and Steven Spielberg and their equally big-name stars, Johnny Depp and Tom Cruise.

Despite the potential of several summer films, most were disappointing, which was the general climate of the entire season. The relative failures ("Cinderella Man," which fell short of recouping its more than \$80 million budget) and smaller films ("Crash," written and directed by "Million Dollar Baby" scribe Paul Haggis) ended up being the best and most interesting in a summer largely devoid of originality.

Aside from these brighter blips, there were far more disasters than usual. Stars and directors alike stumbled, resulting in films that were either wildly disappointing ("Fantastic Four") or should never have been made in the first place ("Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo"). These films were over-saturated by their ad campaigns — money that would've been better spent ensuring the quality of the finished product.

With a few exceptions, the best films of the summer seemed released in the wrong month, as they would've been better suited to Oscar season. This is a disappointing trend, as summer blockbusters have their own place and tend to be the most enjoyable pictures of the year. That tradition was certainly not the case this season.

THE GOOD

Batman Begins

The gauntlet had been thrown down by Marvel Comics. Each of the last four summers, the "X-Men" and "Spider-Man" sequels alternatively wowed critics and mass audiences, garnering high praise and even higher profits while raising the bar for intelligent, entertaining comic book films. This June, DC Comics finally awoke and struck back with "Batman Begins," dusting off a cobwebbed franchise and restoring it with vigor.

Employing a similar recipe to the one used by Fox Studios and Sony Pictures for "X-Men" and "Spider-Man," respectively, Warner Bros. hired director Christopher Nolan ("Memento," "Insomnia") to reenergize a character that had fallen into despair under the campy fluorescent lights of "Batman Forever" and "Batman and Robin." Nolan, whose previous films had been low-budget independent films with a focus on strong characterization and a skillful directing style, focused the spotlight of "Batman Begins" firmly on Bruce Wayne, a tortured soul torn between revenge and justice.

Unlike the previous films, where villains like Jack Nicholson's Joker frequently stole the show, Batman is no longer thrown to the wayside. The talented Christian Bale inhabits the dual role of Wayne and his alter ego, bringing a fierce intensity to the role that dismisses the previous interpretations of actors Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer and the clumsy George Clooney. Bale got so into the role that even the name on his trailer door was labeled "Bruce Wayne."

Surrounding Bale is a veteran cast, studded with perennial Oscar-contenders Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman and Liam Neeson. The solid script and impressive cast helped the film paint an original, captivating story in a summer where originality was as hard to capture as Batman himself.

Cinderella Man

Ron Howard's "Cinderella Man" failed to become the blockbuster that the studio expected, though it's difficult to see why. Perhaps its summer release hindered its potential, as many audiences would reject a serious (albeit uplifting) film about a boxer in the midst of the Great Depression. Wariness over the real-life antics of star Russell Crowe may have also contributed to the film's failure to find a mass audience. But despite being a relative commercial failure, "Cinderella Man" wound up as one of the best films of the summer season.

Good filmmakers know that the secret of boxing pictures is that they aren't really about boxing at all. Instead, they focus

on character, which helps underscore the brutal nature of the sport itself. In that regard, "Cinderella Man" is at once a biopic of real-life Heavyweight Champion James Braddock and a spot-on depiction of Depression difficulties.

Great acting and directing carries "Cinderella Man." Russell Crowe is reliable as ever, playing one of the genuinely nicest protagonists in recent memory. The rest of the cast is equally consistent, from Renee Zellweger's concerned wife to Paul Giamatti's fast-talking agent. The film is well-shot, especially in the boxing sequences, which are stylized and brutal, more "Raging Bull" than "Rocky." This allows the fights to carry a surprisingly effective emotional weight.

In his review of the film, critic Roger Ebert pointed out that "there's no great need for another [terrific boxing movie]," but he shouldn't complain. As long as they're being made, they should all be as terrific and inspiring as "Cinderella Man."

Crash

"Crash" is an intelligent, well-crafted film and a distinct departure from the recurring trend of sequels, remakes and fundamentally bad films that were released this summer. The movie deals with the difficult topic of race relations in Los Angeles, but writer/director Paul Haggis, who also wrote the critical favorite "Million Dollar Baby," creates multifaceted characters and intertwining stories that simultaneously evoke thought, anger and hope.

While the topic of race is difficult to deal with, "Crash" portrays a wide range of racial issues both sensitively and critically while still managing to be a highly entertaining film. The ensemble cast is brilliant, and includes a somewhat unusual group of actors, such as Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Ryan Phillippe and rapper Ludacris. Some of the most notable performances include Sandra Bullock with her work as a depressed socialite, proving that she can do more than just romantic comedies, and Ludacris, playing a car-jacker who simultaneously complains about and embodies stereotypes about young black men, revealing that the rapper just might have a future in acting.

While each of the characters spends only a small percentage of the film on screen, "Crash" manages to give each of them depth and makes them seem like real people. While the film is alternately uncomfortable and inspiring to watch, it is one of the few films in the last few years that offered such a genuinely interesting and insightful critique of human relationships.

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

This summer seemed to be the season of remakes, few as high-profile as Tim Burton's second adaptation of Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Burton's direction and style are as evident as ever, resulting in a jagged look to Charlie's hometown and a Chocolate Factory that's more of a sensory overload than a confectioner's headquarters. To the filmmakers' credit, the movie looks and sounds very good, buoyed by the art direction and a truly bizarre musical score by Danny Elfman.

However, there are two major problems with "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." The first is the addition of a gratuitous backstory that de-emphasizes Charlie and concentrates instead on Willy Wonka and his candy-hating dentist father (though the casting of Christopher Lee in this role is a stroke of brilliance).

The second is with Johnny Depp's portrayal of Willy Wonka. Depp and Burton have teamed up before, often to glorious results ("Edward Scissorhands" and especially "Ed Wood"). But in "Charlie," his bizarre mannerisms and child-like tendencies are far creepier and less effective than his performances in either of those other two films. For an actor of Depp's caliber, this is disheartening, though it does demonstrate just how good Gene Wilder's performance as Wonka was in the original.

Comparisons to the pseudo-psychedelic 1971 original are inevitable, and while the 2005 version is far more stylized and visually arresting, it's not nearly as effective as the original. What's strangest is that the title of this version is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" while the original was entitled "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." Yet the removal of the Everlasting Gobstopper subplot and addition of Wonka's backstory actually de-emphasizes Charlie and focuses on Wonka himself.

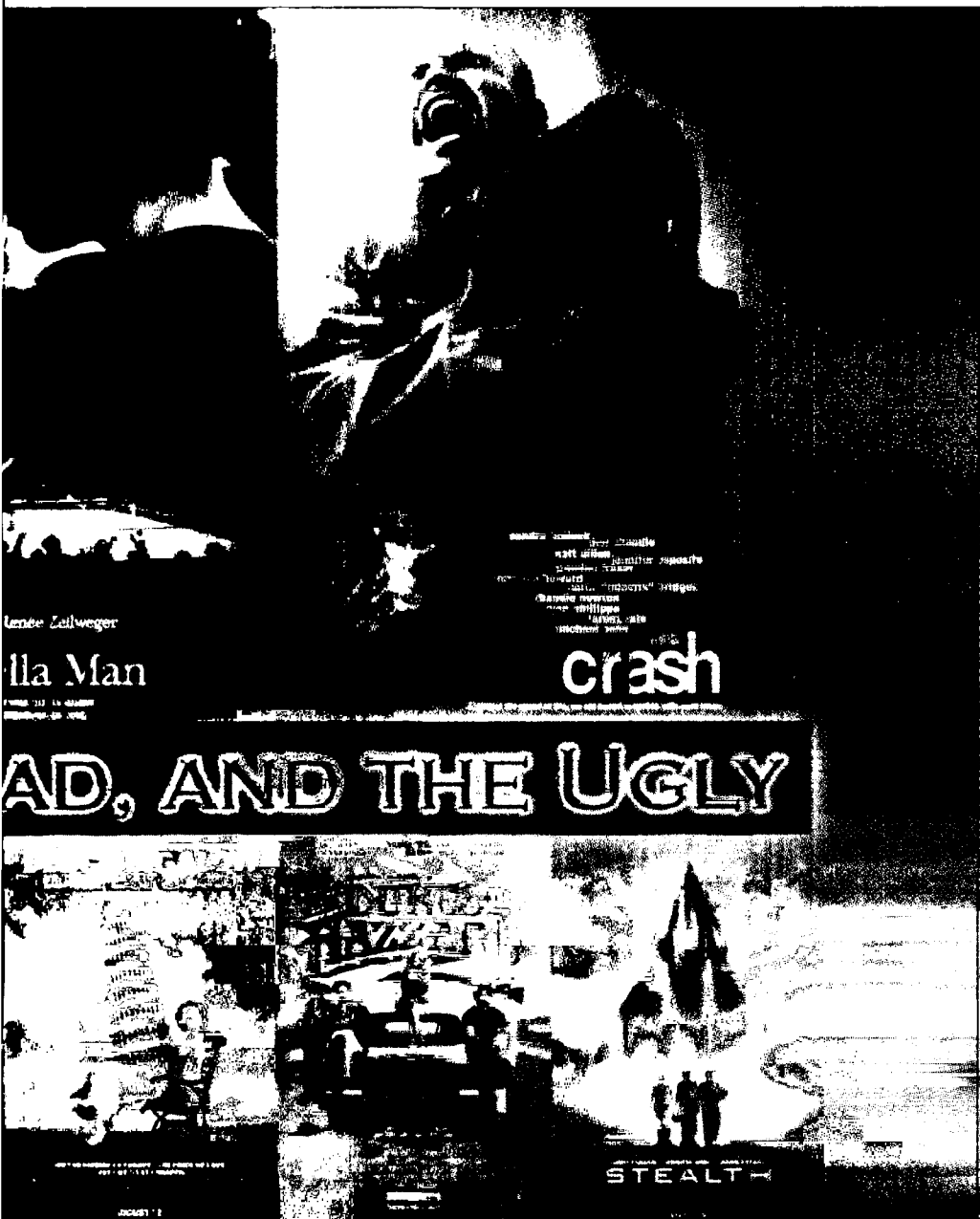
Considering Depp's odd performance, it's a decision in a film that had far more to offer.

Fantastic Four

The summer season emptied the comic book genre films. Paramount announced the comic book film, as even in this year's throwdown between two venerable comic book franchises, "Batman" limped far behind "Cinderella Man." Doomed by a mediocre script, special effects and dull characters, the film failed to celebrate. Beyond a few wacky moments, Storm (Chris Evans), the stoic puma, claimed inspiration from the energy associated with the Human Torch (Chickadee), the playful banter and pranksterism between the Human Torch (Chickadee) and the Human Torch (Chickadee) were the only workable elements. The film's script was so feeble that it actually trekked all the way to the end — as the fantastic foursome — to throw him back his ridiculous transformation. The scene, worthy of any episode of "Star Trek," appeared and vanished in another example of a summer movie that failed to live up to the next jaw-dropping spectacle. When the inevitable "Fant"

triumphs, disappointments and downright unwatchable films

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THE UGLY

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

Some films are made to have sequels, such as "The Lord of the Rings," while others are bad but aren't awful, like "Miss Congeniality 2." Finally, there are the sequels that simply make you cringe, like "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo."

The original film, "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," was bad to say the least, but it had a few inappropriately funny moments that made it possible to sit through. The first film was really nothing more than a one-joke movie, and attempting to stretch the already weak concept to fill another movie makes the sequel dull and tedious to watch. The sequel's plot centers around Deuce's return to work as a male prostitute while his fellow workers are being mysteriously murdered.

All of the tasteless jokes that you would expect are included, and moving the action to Europe doesn't really change much except that stale jokes about different nationalities can be exchanged to fit the new continent.

Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin could potentially be funny as a team with the right material, but the thin premise of this movie gives them nothing substantial to work with. This film is truly a testament to the lack of original ideas and taste in Hollywood.

Dukes of Hazzard

Movies based on defunct television shows are rarely any good, but "The Dukes of Hazzard" manages to sink to a new low. This film is nothing more than a lame excuse to blow things up, have car chases and bring Jessica Simpson out in a bikini.

While the television show was not anything close to critically acclaimed, it was still popular and possessed some sort of charm and energy that made it a successful show with a devoted legion of fans. The film version merely appropriates the show's name and characters and repackages them for a younger generation, an odd strategy because it ignores the fans of the show and aims for those who never watched the original.

The casting is squarely aimed at attracting a younger audience, with Sean William Scott ("American Pie") and Johnny Knoxville ("Jackass") filling in as Bo and Luke Duke. Scott and Knoxville are normally entertaining regardless of how bad the film is, but even they get bogged down in the dull and meandering plot. Jessica Simpson relies entirely on her ability to wear a bikini, which is probably for the best because her acting skills

are nonexistent. She is completely overwhelmed by what is going on around her.

The presence of notable casting choices like Burt Reynolds, Willie Nelson and Linda Carter (TV's "Wonder Woman") isn't enough to save this film and it raises questions as to why they are there in the first place.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" is simply bad, boring and nearly unwatchable.

Stealth

There is an odd trend of recent Academy Award winners going on to make subpar films, from Denzel Washington making "Man On Fire" to Halle Berry making "Catwoman" to Gwyneth Paltrow making "Shallow Hal." Jamie Foxx joins that Hall of Shame with his latest, "Stealth."

What's sad is that Foxx's performance isn't terrible at all, but it seems terrible because the dialogue and plot are so poor. "Stealth" might qualify as a popcorn picture, except that a popcorn picture is designed to be enjoyable. The logic of the film is questionable at best and egregious at worst, and the pacing is much slower than might be expected. The cast ranges in quality, from extremely good (Sam Shepard, whose echoes of "The Right Stuff" is more depressing than thrilling) to extremely poor (Jessica Biel, who is straddled with such bad dialogue that one is almost tempted to forgive her). There are actually a surprising amount of quality actors on display here, which is ultimately a shame since they are stuck in a movie with such poor dialogue and plotting.

The special effects and charisma of its lead star help carry "Stealth," but not by much. Director Rob Cohen, whose previous credits include "The Fast and the Furious" and "XXX," is often regarded as a subpar popcorn moviemaker, but at least those films were enjoyable in a mindless sort of way. "Stealth" doesn't even grant that guilty pleasure.

The film didn't do well at the box office despite a monstrous marketing campaign, which bodes well as it demonstrates that audiences expect a lot more than special effects and star power to carry a picture. It's something that Jamie Foxx ought to remember as he chooses roles, especially since it served him so well in "Collateral" and "Ray."

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the directing and writing team would be wise to invest some heart into their lead characters, instead of stringing audiences along from one mindless action sequence after another.

War of the Worlds

"War of the Worlds," while not an awful film, doesn't fulfill the expectations that most moviegoers had for the pairing of director Steven Spielberg and star Tom Cruise.

Spielberg has directed two other hugely successful alien films, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T.," and Cruise has starred in a string of successful summer films, including "Mission: Impossible." The combination of Spielberg, Cruise and H.G. Wells' classic science fiction story led to huge expectations for the film, which it unfortunately failed to meet, despite making a large amount of money at the box office.

The action in the film is well directed and keeps viewers' attention, but the film stumbles when it puts too much focus on Cruise, who plays a irresponsible, divorced father, and his children, particularly Dakota Fanning. Tim Robbins does some great work in the film as a creepy survivalist, but none of the other actors put forth any notable performances.

The end of the movie is incredibly disappointing and fails to match the suspenseful build-up. By that time, the audience has seen Tom Cruise narrowly escape death so many times that it simply stops being believable.

The film is entertaining while it is being viewed, but looked at logically, the plot of the entire movie falls apart and becomes increasingly unsatisfying.

"War of the Worlds" is by no means an awful film, but considering the amount of talent and money that was poured into it, it fails to meet any of the expectations that were held out for it.

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SUMMER 2005 BOX OFFICE MOVIE REPORT

MOVIE	STUDIO	TOTAL GROSS
1. WAR OF THE WORLDS	PARAMOUNT	\$230,725,666
2. BATMAN BEGINS	WARNER BROS.	\$202,358,091
3. CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	WARNER BROS.	\$193,219,376
4. MR. AND MRS. SMITH	FOX	\$183,438,987
5. WEDDING CRASHERS	NEW LINE	\$178,518,000
6. FANTASTIC FOUR	FOX	\$150,774,680
7. THE DUKES OF HAZZARD	WARNER BROS.	\$69,693,942
8. HERBIE: FULLY LOADED	BUENA VISTA	\$64,281,751
9. BEWITCHED	SONY	\$62,252,415
10. CINDERELLA MAN	UNIVERSAL	\$61,360,220

CONCERT PREVIEW

Anticipation builds for The Show 2005

Rock quartet Cake and R&B artist Akon headline year's biggest concert

By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

Deciding which performers to bring to The Show, Notre Dame's largest on-campus concert, can be a daunting task.

This year, numerous acts were considered as possible performers, from jam-bands to rap impresarios. After much deliberation, The Show 2005 committee, which consists of 17 members of the student body, settled on a bill coupling Sacramento rock quartet Cake with the politically conscious crossover R&B artist Akon. Notre Dame student and freestyle artist Da Natural also will open and perform briefly between sets.

The Show 2005, which is in its fourth year, is expected to draw about 4,000 students, event advisor Aaron Perri said.

"[The Show 2005 committee] was looking to find a really diverse artist along with an old favorite with mass appeal, so we could entice both freshmen and the upper-classmen who in the past haven't always come to the event," said Anja Smitz, the student chairperson of The Show 2005 committee.

Cake, which recently played at Lollapalooza 2005 and at a sold-out concert in Brazil, has been around the music world since the band debuted on college radio with its infectious single "Rock N' Roll Lifestyle" in 1995 off their album "Motorcade of Generosity."

Cake went multi-platinum a few years later when its singles "Never There" and "The Distance," which is often played at major sporting events, hit the Top 40.

"In terms of where American music, and especially radio is at the moment, music seems to only be popular if it is a bulbous, oversized, muscular, striving rock and roll," John McCrea, Cake's

lead singer and guitarist, said.

"For Cake, we are more about turning the volume down a bit, and not being entirely overt about emotion. Every song shouldn't be a soap opera, straight drama, or sadness, or humor," McCrea said. "Doing that is simplistic, and the songs become distillates of real life. Our music has humor and sadness existing side by side, sitting on a couch, drinking a beer with one another."

McCrea and his bandmates released their most recent album "Pressure Chief" in September 2004, an amorous play of subtle melodies and multi-layered songwriting that contrasted nicely with the previously wide-held perception of Cake as a deadpan rock band that consistently delivered three-minute indie rock riffs on life and loathing.

"Our paradigm is contradiction," McCrea said, "That is true rebellion. It is more rock and roll to not wear a leather jacket than to wear one."

Akon, who hails from Senegal, is respected by both critics and fans as a serious lyricist and raucous performer. Akon's current radio hit with Baby Bash, "Baby, I'm Back" is being played often on rap

radio, and Notre Dame students may remember him from his hilarious appearance on MTV's "Punk'd" — or could have seen him on MTV2, where he has become popular through heavy promotion of his hits "Bananza (Belly Dancer)" and "Lonely."

Akon was recently nominated for an MTV2 Music Video Award at the 2005 VMAs — which will incidentally be held two days after The Show — and has become known for a signature style that combines his unique West African vocals with hip-hop rhythms that ponder the ways of the street instead of indulging in male rap fantasies.

For Da Natural, whose real name is Jeff Stephens, The Show 2005 will be a huge watermark in his burgeoning career. As emcee and performer, Da Natural, a junior, will deliver his

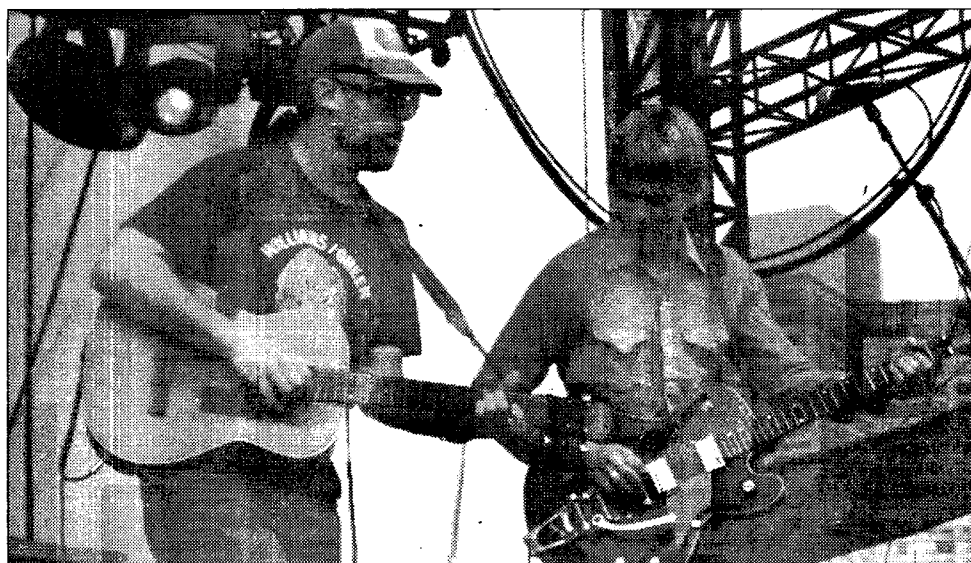


Photo courtesy of ign.com
Singer and guitarist John McCrea, left, and Xan McCurdy of rock quartet Cake perform on stage at Lollapalooza 2005 in Chicago's Grant Park in July.

already popular original tracks like "Dedication" and "I Have A Dream" in an arena setting for the first time.

Past performers at The Show, which started as Flipstock in 2001, have included Jason Mraz, Guster, Black Eyed Peas, Better Than Ezra, George Clinton, and They Might Be Giants.

The Joyce Center Fieldhouse doors open at 7 p.m. Friday and the concert begins at 8. The Show, which is open only to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, is selling tickets for \$10 at the LaFortune Box Office.

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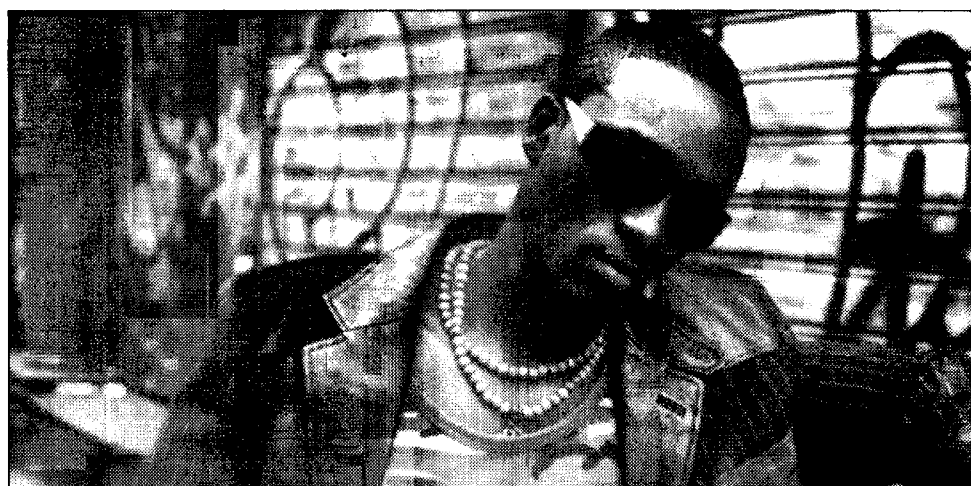


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Originally from Senegal, R&B artist Akon is touring to support his first album, "Trouble," a hybrid of rap lyrics and West African-styled vocals.

Performing Arts Center strengthens sophomore schedule

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

More than 10,000 people walked through the doors of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) during its open house weekend last September. And while the DPAC is only in its second year, its inaugural success has raised hopes and expectations for the coming semester.

"The Performing Arts Center is still defining what its greatest strengths are," said Laura Moran, director of marketing at the DPAC.

Already some of those strengths are becoming clear, even as the venue is in transition.

The top three focuses for entertainment shows continue to be classical, world and jazz performances. Notre Dame will also feature groups focused on modern dance, touring theatre, blue grass and popular music over the next few months.

On Sept. 2, the season will open with a unique one-night performance by the Las Vegas act, Toxic Audio. They are

currently performing a long-standing show at the Luxor Las Vegas Hotel and have been described as the "vocal equivalent of STOMP." As winner of New York's 2004 Drama Desk Award, Toxic Audio is beginning to reach the level of fame that Blue Man Group enjoyed five years ago.

In the coming year, Notre Dame will welcome several of the great modern dance companies in the United States, including Merce Cunningham Dance Company.

"Merce Cunningham Dance Company has performed to [musical compositions] scored specifically for them by Radiohead and John Cage," Moran said.

Notre Dame also extends its Irish tradition to the performing arts again this year with a returning performance by The Chieftains next March and the legendary Irish musician Tommy Makem and his sons, the Makem Brothers, in late September.

In the field of cinema, DPAC is "doing a great job at showing films that relate to who we are as a school and a community," Moran said.

This year, Browning Cinema will feature several films making their premieres in Northern Indiana, including "Murderball" on Sept. 2 and Sept. 3, as well as "Rize" and "Last Days" later in September.

The PAC Classic 100 film series, a collection of films deemed essential and noteworthy over the course of the medium's existence, will also continue into the fall.

The performing arts center has also made it a mission to help build strong connections between the university and the surrounding South Bend community.

"Notre Dame is trying to partner with different organizations that will help us develop the relationship with the South Bend community," Moran said.

University President Father John Jenkins has been instrumental to this cause through his personal involvement with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Moran said. The orchestra will be presenting the June H. Edwards Chamber Series within DPAC, with the hope that it will create more personal ties between the university and the

surrounding areas, Moran said.

Hoping to connect to the community outside Notre Dame, the DPAC has been undergoing changes to its physical location, including construction to the surrounding area and the newly constructed south entrance to Notre Dame Avenue. Moran believes that the new walking paths and a possible outdoor amphitheatre will serve as "a space students will enjoy spending time in and a great meeting place with people in the community."

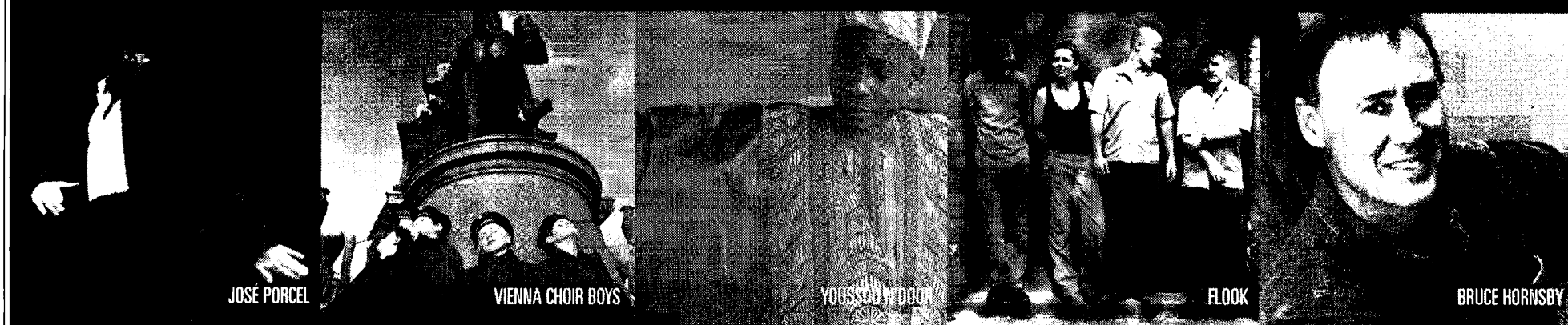
Another welcomed improvement DPAC has made for this season is the addition of a brand new Web site and the ability to purchase tickets online for many of the upcoming shows. With the convenience of a click of a button and a short walk, there are more reasons than ever for students to attend the performing arts center in its second season, Moran said.

"We would like to get to the point where arts are an inescapable part of a Notre Dame student's experience at school," she said.

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- 9/9 Classical musicians **ENSEMBLE GALILEI** and NPR's "Talk of the Nation" Host **NEAL CONAN** in a multimedia performance that includes images from the Hubble Space Telescope; 8 pm
- 9/16 An evening with **BRUCE HORNSBY**, former Grateful Dead band member and versatile rock pianist; 9 pm
- 9/30 Legendary Irish musician, the "Bard of Armagh" **TOMMY MAKEM** in concert with his sons, **THE MAKEM BROTHERS**; 8 pm
- 10/6 **OPERA VERDI EUROPA GALA NIGHT**. An evening of opera's greatest hits; 7:30 pm
- 10/13 Traditional jazz with the world-famous **PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND**; 9 pm
- 10/14 Academy Award-winning composer and conductor **MARVIN HAMLISCH**; 9 pm
- 10/21 A celebration of Gypsy song and traditional Spanish dance with **BALLET FLAMENCO JOSÉ PORCEL**; 9 pm
- 10/27 Atlanta's 7 Stages Theatre performs Athol Fugard's ground-breaking play about apartheid "**MASTER HAROLD**"... **AND THE BOYS**; 7:30 pm
- 10/29 Internationally celebrated mezzo-soprano **DAWN UPSHAW** and contemporary ensemble **EIGHTH BLACKBIRD** perform Osvaldo Golijov's "Ayre"; 8 pm
- 11/1-11/2 Modern dance with the renowned **MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY**; 7:30 pm (both nights)
- 11/6 Grammy Award-winning Senegalese pop musician **YOUSSEU N'DOUR**—"The Voice of Africa"—in concert; 7 pm
- 11/8 Contemporary jazz from Mexico with the **ETHOS TRIO**; 7:30 pm
- 11/9 Classical pianist **KRSTIAN ZIMMERMAN** in concert; 7:30 pm
- 11/27 Austria's world-famous **VIENNA CHOIR BOYS** in concert; 3 pm
- 12/1 The **PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, conducted by Hans Graf with violinist Sarah Chang; 7:30 pm
- 12/9 Classical guitar virtuoso **CHRISTOPHER PARKENING** and bass-baritone **JUBILANT SYKES** perform a special Christmas show; 8 pm
- 12/11 Enjoy a traditional Celtic Christmas with award-winning performers **CHERISH THE LADIES**; 7 pm
- 2/4 Arab composer, violinist, and oud master **SIMON SHAHEEN** in concert with **QANTARA**; 8 pm
- 2/10 Grammy-winning violinist **MARK O'CONNOR'S HOT SWING** in concert; 8 pm
- 2/14 Canadian classical pianist **ANGELA HEWITT** in concert; 7:30 pm
- 2/18 **THE SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR**, world-famous African inspirational musicians, in concert; 8 pm
- 2/26 Premiere classical flautist **SIR JAMES GALWAY**, **LADY JEANNE GALWAY**, and the **POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** in concert; 7 pm
- 3/2 Ireland's most recognized name in traditional music **THE CHIEFTAINS** in concert; 7:30 pm
- 3/4 Classical guitarist **ROBERT BLUESTONE** in **WOVEN HARMONY**, a multimedia concert featuring the textile art of **REBECCA BLUESTONE**; 8 pm
- 3/9 Grammy-award winning musician **EDGAR MEYER** (standup bass) and **MIKE MARSHALL** (mandolin, guitar) perform bluegrass with classical influences; 7:30 pm
- 3/21 **POMERIUM** in concert, performing a *cappella* sacred music of the Renaissance; 7:30 pm
- 3/23 One of Russia's best-known classical ensembles, the **KIROV ORCHESTRA**, directed by Valery Gergiev; 7:30 pm
- 3/25 Contemporary Irish instrumental band **FLOOK**; 8 pm
- 4/1 Britain's leading period-instrument orchestra, the **ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC**; 8 pm
- 4/21 **BILL CHARLAP TRIO** in concert, built around the phenomenal jazz piano of Bill Charlapp; 8 pm

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TOXIC AUDIO

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MLB

Yankees and Indians stay tied in race for AL wild card

Jacque Jones' homer ends no-hit bid and wins game for Minnesota

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Felix Escalona's bases-loaded single with two outs in the ninth inning gave the New York Yankees a 5-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night and sole possession of the AL wild-card lead.

Hideki Matsui hit a tying homer in the ninth, and Derek Jeter had two hits in his return to the lineup for the Yankees (69-55), who scored in each of the final four innings to win for the ninth time in 12 games and reach 14 games over .500 for the first time this season.

New York, which didn't lead until the final hit, had been tied for the wild-card lead with Oakland, which lost at Detroit.

Vernon Wells had three hits, including a homer, as the Blue Jays wasted a strong start by Josh Towers and matched a season high with their fifth straight loss.

Toronto took a 4-3 lead off Mariano Rivera (6-3) in the ninth, but Matsui led off the bottom half with his 20th homer, a drive off Miguel Batista (5-5). Jorge Posada walked with one out, and Robinson Cano walked with two outs. Batista then intentionally walked Jeter to load the bases for Escalona, who singled to center on an 0-2 pitch.

After New York tied it in the eighth, Orlando Hudson singled off Rivera with one out in the ninth when Escalona came off first base to grab Jeter's throw. Hudson took second on an infield out and scored on Reed Johnson's single, beating Matsui's throw from left.

Al Leiter allowed three runs and six hits with one walk and five strikeouts in seven-plus innings. The left-hander threw 121 pitches — 50 more than Towers needed to get the same amount of outs. Towers gave up two runs and six hits.

Leiter had retired eight in a row before Wells hit his 23rd homer with one out in the fourth. Gregg Zaun bounced an RBI single up the middle for a 2-0 lead later in the inning.

Twins 1, White Sox 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Jacque Jones ended Freddy Garcia's no-hit bid with a home run to lead off the eighth inning, and Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins beat the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Santana (13-6) gave up three hits and walked one in eight

innings, striking out seven to beat Garcia in a battle of perhaps Venezuela's two best pitchers. Santana, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, improved to 6-1 after the All-Star break.

Garcia (11-6) walked two and struck out three in eight innings. Jones' homer to right-center was his 18th of the season and the only hit Minnesota managed.

The Twins moved within 9 1/2 games of first-place Chicago in the AL Central — with Cleveland in second, seven games out. Minnesota and Chicago play nine more times this season.

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 32nd save and extended his scoreless innings streak to 15.

Santana and Garcia made this look like a pennant race classic, matching each other inning for inning.

Pablo Ozuna stroked a single off Santana's first pitch and doubled down the left-field line in the third, but that was it until Geoff Blum singled with two outs in the seventh. Ozuna followed with a drive to deep center, but Lew Ford — named the AL's Player of the Week the day before — caught it on the run before he crashed into the wall.

Joe Mauer, who walked twice, was erased in the fourth when Justin Morneau hit a comebacker to the mound that Garcia quickly turned into a double play. To no avail, Twins manager Ron Gardenhire argued that shortstop Juan Uribe missed the base on the pivot.

Michael Cuddyer reached second to start the sixth when Ozuna tried to backhand a grounder to third and let it roll under his glove. He moved to third on a groundout, but Garcia stranded him there — finishing the inning when Jermaine Dye jumped to catch Nick Punto's flyball and hit his left arm hard against the right-field wall.

Red Sox 5, Royals 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — David Wells and the Boston Red Sox maintained their mastery of Kansas City with a victory Tuesday night, snapping the Royals' two-game winning streak that followed a team-record 19 straight losses.

Edgar Renteria had three hits and Jason Varitek hit a towering home run for Boston, which handed the Royals their team-record ninth straight loss at home.

Wells (10-6) allowed five hits

in five shutout innings for his 11th straight win over the Royals, raising his lifetime record against Kansas City to 16-3.

Jeremi Gonzalez pitched three hitless innings and Mike Timlin worked the ninth, giving up two runs on Donnie Murphy's single with the bases loaded.

The Royals snapped the 19-game losing streak on Saturday night at Oakland and beat the Athletics again on Sunday.

Wells worked out of jams in the first and second and issued two walks for only the third time this season. The left-hander has not lost to Kansas City since May 5, 1993, while with Detroit.

Zack Greinke (3-15) became the first major league pitcher with 15 losses as the Red Sox beat the Royals for the fourth time in as many games this season. Since 2001, the Red Sox are 20-8 against Kansas City and have guaranteed themselves of winning the season series for the fifth straight year.

Greinke, in his first appearance against the Red Sox, gave up five runs and nine hits, with two walks and three strikeouts. His ERA climbed to 6.04.

Renteria had an RBI single in a three-run third. After Bill Mueller doubled and scored on a two-out double by Johnny Damon, Renteria's first hit scored Damon to make it 2-0. Then David Ortiz doubled for a 3-0 lead.

Cubs 10, Braves 1

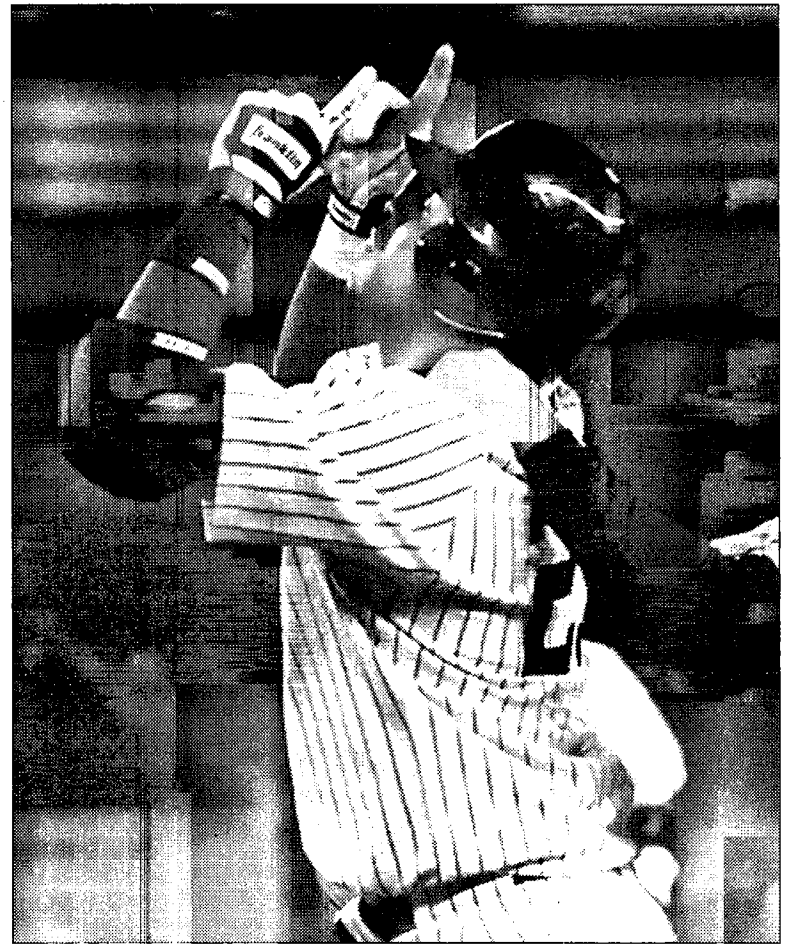
CHICAGO — Jerome Williams took a no-hit bid into the fifth inning and had the first multihit game of his career, and Jeromy Burnitz backed him with a grand slam to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Atlanta Braves Monday night.

Williams (4-6) allowed one run and three hits in 7 2-3 innings, his longest outing this season. After walking Rafael Furcal leading off the game, he retired 11 in a row before Andruw Jones led off the fifth with his 40th homer.

At the plate, Williams was 2-for-4 with a single, double and a run.

Burnitz, in a 15-for-71 slide coming in, hit his eighth career slam, his first since May 2003, for an 8-0 lead in the fourth against reliever Joey Devine. Burnitz has 19 homers this season.

Braves starter John Thomson (3-4) lasted just 3 2-3 innings for



New York Yankees' infielder Felix Escalona celebrates after driving in the winning run against the Toronto Blue Jays Tuesday. Escalona singled with the bases loaded in the ninth inning.

his second straight start, allowing five runs and seven hits. He gave up seven runs and eight hits in a loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday.

Williams, 1-for-17 this year coming in, hit a leadoff double in the third. Todd Walker hit an RBI grounder, Burnitz walked with the bases loaded and Neftali Perez blooped a two-run single to center.

After going 0-3 in his previous four starts, Williams threw 112 pitches — 68 for strikes. He left to a loud ovation after allowing a single by Johnny Estrada and walking Peter Orr. Reliever Roberto Novoa retired Marcus Giles on a groundout to end the eighth.

Michael Barrett hit a two-run double in the bottom half for the Cubs.

Pirates 10, Cardinals 0

PITTSBURGH — Unbeaten rookie Zach Duke pitched two shutout innings before leaving with a sprained left ankle and the Pittsburgh Pirates got big nights from three other first-year players to beat St. Louis on Tuesday night.

Nate McLouth, one of four rookies in Pittsburgh's increas-

ingly young lineup, hit his first career homer — a two-run drive off the slumping Jason Marquis — and Ty Wigginton had a three-run triple in his first Pirates' at-bat in 2 1/2 months. Chris Duffy and Ryan Doumit, the other two rookies, each reached base three times and scored a combined five runs.

Pirates second baseman Jose Castillo was lost for the rest of the season Monday when he sprained a ligament in his left knee turning a double play.

While the Pirates finally did something right against the division-leading Cardinals, who had won 15 of 17 against them, Duke's injury was a disconcerting note on an otherwise promising night for a team headed for its 13th consecutive losing season.

With the Pirates up 4-0, Duke (6-0, 1.81 ERA) singled to start the second inning for his second career hit and advanced on Duffy's single. But Duke was trapped off second on McLouth's line drive that shortstop David Eckstein intentionally dropped and, trying to decide whether to head for third or go back to second, was tagged out scrambling back to the bag.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	71-51	.582	6-4	-
New York	68-55	.553	7-3	3.5
Toronto	63-61	.508	4-6	9
Baltimore	60-63	.488	5-5	11.5
Tampa Bay	51-74	.408	8-2	21.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	75-46	.620	3-7	-
Cleveland	69-56	.552	6-4	8
Minnesota	68-58	.532	8-2	10.5
Detroit	61-62	.496	7-3	15
Kansas City	40-82	.328	2-8	35.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	71-53	.573	6-4	-
Oakland	68-56	.548	3-7	3
Texas	57-66	.463	1-9	13.5
Seattle	53-70	.431	4-6	17.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	71-54	.568	5-5	-
Florida	66-58	.532	7-3	4.5
Philadelphia	67-59	.532	6-4	4.5
Washington	65-59	.524	6-4	5.5
New York	64-60	.516	6-4	6.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	79-46	.632	6-4	-
Houston	67-58	.536	4-6	12
Milwaukee	61-64	.488	5-5	18
Chicago	60-65	.480	5-5	19
Cincinnati	57-67	.480	5-5	21.5
Pittsburgh	53-72	.424	4-6	26

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	61-63	.492	3-7	-
Arizona	58-68	.460	3-7	4
Los Angeles	56-68	.452	5-5	5
San Francisco	55-69	.444	5-5	6
Colorado	47-77	.379	3-7	14

NSCAA/Adidas Preseason Men's Soccer Poll

	team	prev. record	prev. rank
1	Indiana	18-4-2	1
2	Maryland	17-6-2	3
3	Duke	18-6-0	4
4	UC Santa Barbara	21-2-2	2
5	St. John's	12-6-1	T-5
6	Virginia	12-5-4	T-5
7	Southern Methodist	16-4-1	11
8	New Mexico	17-1-2	10
9	UCLA	14-4-2	14
10	Wake Forest	14-5-2	12
11	VA Commonwealth	12-6-3	7
12	Creighton	14-4-2	13
13	UNC-Greensboro	19-3-1	9
14	Tulsa	12-7-4	8
15	Boston College	13-5-2	15
16	NOTRE DAME	13-3-3	17
17	North Carolina	10-9-2	NR
18	Ohio State	12-7-2	16
19	Connecticut	12-8-3	22
20	California	13-4-3	18
21	Santa Clara	15-6-0	NR
22	Old Dominion	13-6-2	19
23	Penn State	10-4-8	T-20
24	Northwestern	15-6-2	NR
25	Saint Louis	9-8-1	NR

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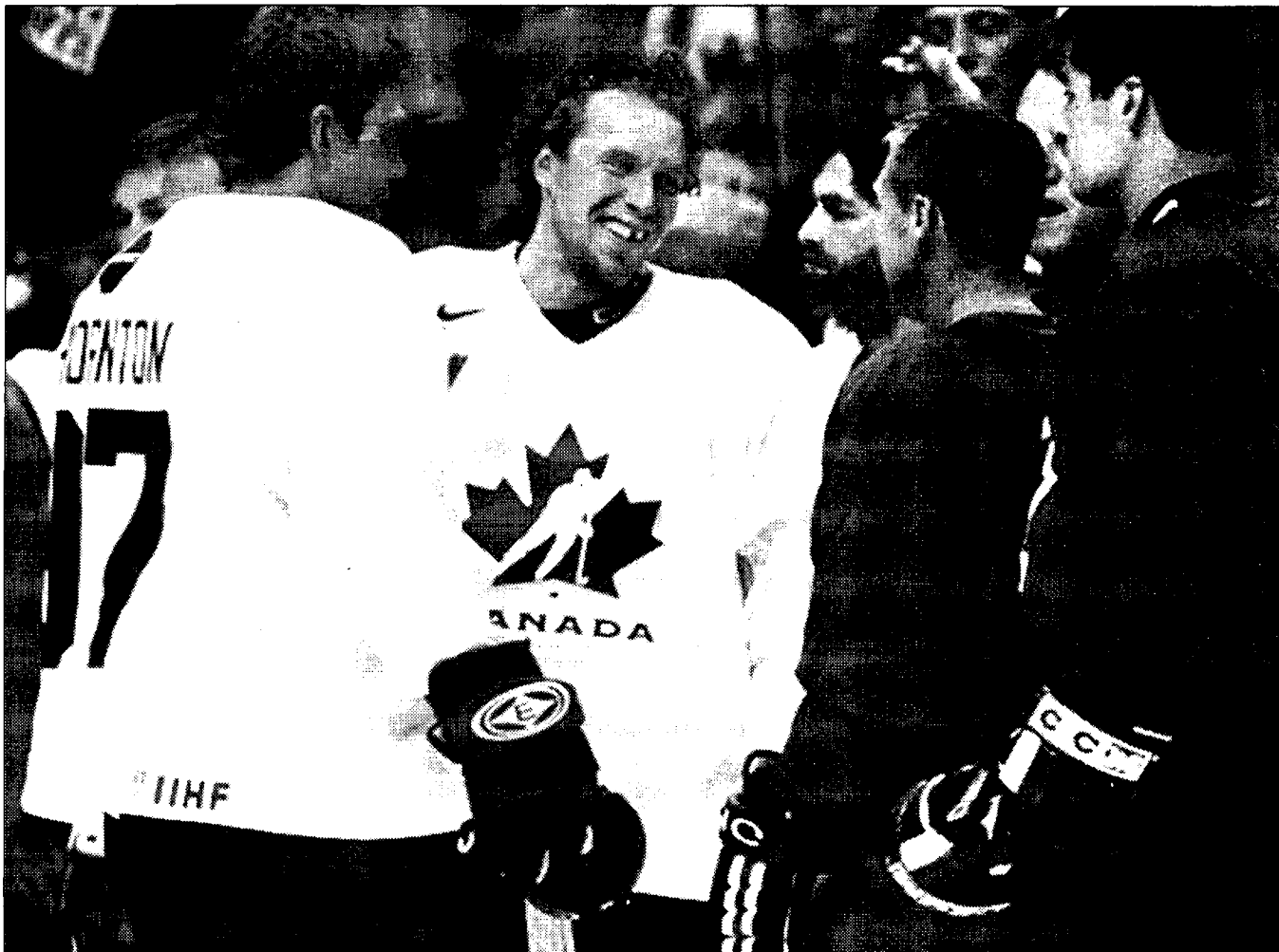
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NHL



Dany Heatley, center, talks with teammates at Team Canada's orientation camp on Aug. 15. Heatley was dealt on Tuesday to the Ottawa Senators from the Atlanta Thrashers for Marian Hossa and Greg de Vries.

Thrashers send off Heatley to Senators

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Thrashers traded former NHL rookie of the year Dany Heatley to the Ottawa Senators for Marian Hossa on Tuesday, a blockbuster deal requested by Heatley less than two years after he was blamed for a wreck that killed a teammate.

The teams swapped high-scoring right wingers on the same day Hossa agreed to a three-year, \$18 million contract with the Senators, avoiding salary arbitration.

The 24-year-old Heatley combined with Ilya Kovalchuk to give the Thrashers two of the NHL's most prized young players. Hossa led the Senators with 36 goals and 46 assists in 2003-04, the last season before the lockout.

The Thrashers also received defenseman Greg de Vries.

Heatley's best season was 2002-03, when he had 41 goals and 48 assists. He has been plagued by misfortune since then, most tragically when he was driving a car involved in a high-speed crash that killed teammate Dan Snyder.

Heatley went to the Thrashers a couple of weeks ago and requested the trade.

"Over the course of time, we experienced some unfortunate incidents and encountered some challenging issues," his agent, Stacey McAlpine, said in a telephone interview from Calgary. "I think it was a combination of several things that slowly, over time, led us to the decision that it might be in everybody's best interests to work together to try to find a new opportunity, a new home, a new place to play."

Thrashers general man-

ager Don Waddell said he could understand Heatley's desire to play in another city.

"The emotions that went with the accident ... driving by the place where the accident happened and being reminded of it," Waddell said. "Obviously we have 37, Dan Snyder's number, in our building. All of that led to Dany believing he needed a fresh start."

McAlpine said the contract negotiations were not a major factor. Heatley, a restricted free agent, promptly signed a new three-year contract with Ottawa.

IN BRIEF

Gates inks contract with San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The Antonio Gates saga took another surprising turn Tuesday when the All-Pro tight end agreed to a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.

Despite getting the long-term deal he wanted, Gates still has to sit out the final two exhibition games and the season-opener against Dallas on Sept. 11, his punishment for missing a team-imposed deadline for reporting to training camp.

Financial details weren't immediately available, but it appeared that Gates' side had to make concessions. Gates wanted to be paid among the top tight ends in the league and was seeking a deal worth between \$4 million and \$5 million a season.

At one point, his agent reportedly was seeking a three-year deal, which would have allowed him to become an unrestricted free agent quicker. The Chargers balked at giving him the chance to do so.

Alex Smith benched for season opener

SAN FRANCISCO — Alex Smith will begin his first NFL season on the San Francisco bench.

After struggling in both of his preseason starts, Smith was told Tuesday by coach Mike Nolan that Tim Rattay will open the season at quarterback against St. Louis.

"I know how this works," said Smith, the top overall pick in this year's draft.

"This is a team game. This isn't all about me."

"I think the team wants to win now. We expect to win now, and as of right now, this looks like the right decision."

"Hopefully, I keep getting better and keep pushing it. Who knows what happens in the future, but right now, I understand it."

While Smith looked befuddled in going 5-for-16 for 43 yards without a touchdown pass in the first two games, Rattay was 13-of-19 for 194 yards and three TDs.

Davenport regains winning form

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Lindsay Davenport easily won her first full match since losing to Venus Williams at Wimbledon, beating the Czech Republic's Kveta Peschke 6-4, 6-1 on Tuesday night in the Pilot Pen tournament.

Davenport, who lost the world's top ranking Monday after missing several weeks because of a back injury, appeared confident in the second-round match.

The top-seeded Davenport is using the event as a tuneup for the U.S. Open next week.

Peschke stayed close for much of the first set, but Davenport broke serve to go up 5-4, closed out the set and went on to dominate the second set.

It was only Davenport's second appearance since Wimbledon. She pulled out of the Bank of the West Classic last month in the first set of her opening match.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Holtz and Bradshaw headline Harris voters

Former Irish coach among 114 members of BCS ranking poll

Associated Press

Terry Bradshaw, Lou Holtz, Steve Largent and Anthony Munoz are among the 114 panelists voting in a new poll the Bowl Championship Series will use this season to determine which teams play in college football's four major bowls, including the national title game.

The Harris Interactive College Football Poll panel is comprised of former college football players, coaches and administrators, plus some media members. The names of its voters were released Monday.

"Harris Interactive has been diligent in creating a voting panel that is balanced, statistically valid, and representative of all I-A conferences and independents," BCS coordinator and Big 12 Conference commissioner Kevin Weiberg said in a statement.

The Harris Poll replaces The Associated Press Top 25 media poll as one of three components in the BCS standings. The USA Today coaches' poll and a compilation of six computer rankings make up the other two-thirds of a team's BCS grade.

The AP poll had been used by the BCS since its inception in 1998, but after last season the AP asked BCS officials to stop using its rankings in their formula.

ESPN pulled its affiliation to the coaches poll after last sea-

son.

The Harris panel has numerous big names on it, including NFL Hall of Famers Bradshaw, Largent and Munoz.

Bradshaw played at Louisiana Tech. Munoz was an All-American tackle at USC. Largent played for Tulsa.

Holtz retired from coaching last season, leaving South Carolina. He also made successful stops at Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame.

Among the other former players voting in the Harris Poll are Rocket Ismail, Boomer Esiason, Don Maynard, Lee Roy Selmon and Craig Morton.

Spike Dykes, Gerry DiNardo and Foge Fazio are among the former coaches taking part in the poll.

Former Southeastern Conference commissioner Roy Kramer, whose effort was pivotal in forming the BCS, will also be a Harris poll voter.

The 114-member panel was selected by Harris Interactive Inc., a marketing firm hired by the BCS, out of a group of more than 300 nominations supplied by the Division I-A conferences and Notre Dame.

The voters were chosen to give equal representation to all 11 conferences.

The first Harris poll will be released Sept. 25, four weeks into the college football regular season. Harris poll voters will not be required to make their ballots public until the final poll Dec. 5.

Voters in the coaches' poll agreed for the first time to release their final ballots this season.

FOOTBALL

Three walk-ons earn scholarships

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Senior cornerback Brandon Harris, senior wide receiver Rob Woods and junior defensive lineman Casey Cullen have been awarded scholarships for this school year, Irish coach Charlie Weis announced Monday.

Weis rewarded the trio — who all came to Notre Dame as walk-ons — for representing "everything Notre Dame stands for on and off the field."

"I went and researched grade point average, looked at character, saw if they were ever in any trouble with the University," Weis said. "What I didn't want to do was give away a \$40,000 or \$50,000 scholarship to someone who has been in a bunch of trouble."

Weis was impressed by their effort, noting that they are all strong students. Woods holds a 3.95 GPA in Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering and played in three games last year.

"He might not be the greatest

athlete in this world," Weis said of Woods. "But you get a bunch of guys on your team with that type of heart and intelligence and work ethic that play themselves into the mix because they're overachievers, not underachievers — that's the type of guy you want on your team."

Weis also raved about Harris, who came to Notre Dame on a partial music scholarship and participates in the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra.

"I told [Harris] he can take that partial music scholarship and throw that baby away because I'm picking up the tab this year," Weis said. "I thought he would be the right type of guy, the Notre Dame type of guy that earns his way to a scholarship."

Cullen has never played in a game going into his third year on the team. However, Weis noted his desire and work ethic has helped him become a 'core' player on the Irish special teams.

"[He's a] guy that day-in and day-out has been impossible for anyone to block or to stop,"

Weis said.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame Stadium turns 75 this year and the structure is currently being decorated to celebrate its anniversary. Sponsored by the Monogram Club, banners commemorating great moments in Irish football history are being hung in the stadium concourse, from light poles in the Joyce Center parking lots and in the tunnel leading to the field.

◆ Notre Dame freshmen football players met with the media Monday afternoon for the first time since arriving on campus. They spoke at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex about how they're adjusting from the high school game to Division I college football.

"I've learned that you have to go 100 percent on every play," fullback Asaph Schwapp said. "The speed of the game [is different]. There's also better competition. I'm not used to having that in high school."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Huggins given 24 hours to quit

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bob Huggins was ordered Tuesday to resign as Cincinnati's basketball coach or he'll be fired, the culmination of a power struggle with the school president.

In a letter faxed to his lawyer

by the university, Huggins was given 24 hours to resign and accept a financial compensation package worth almost \$3 million. If he doesn't respond by 2 p.m. Wednesday, he will be fired, the letter said.

The 51-year-old coach was traveling and had not seen the letter, lawyer Richard Katz said.

Athletic director Bob Goin, one of Huggins' most loyal supporters over the years, said he backed the decision.

"It's time for the university to

move on," Goin said. "We've reached an impasse."

Huggins has won more games than any other coach at Cincinnati, but his tenure also has been marked by player arrests, poor graduation rates and NCAA rules violations that landed the school on probation.

His arrest for drunken driving last year upset new school president Nancy Zimpher. Huggins was placed on unpaid leave over the summer, but returned and coached last season.

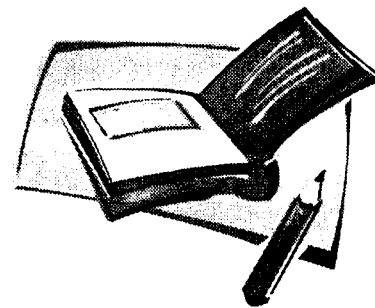
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NCAA

Seminoles axed from NCAA banned list

FSU wins its appeal to new guidelines on Indian nicknames

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The NCAA will allow Florida State to use its Seminoles nickname in postseason play, removing the school from a list of colleges with American Indian nicknames that were restricted by an NCAA decision earlier this month.

The NCAA said it was recognizing the relationship Florida State has long enjoyed with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, which assists the university with its pageantry and celebration of its culture and supports the school's use of its name.

"The staff review committee noted the unique relationship between the university and the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a significant factor," NCAA senior vice president Bernard Franklin said in a statement released Tuesday.

"The decision of a namesake sovereign tribe, regarding when and how its name and imagery can be used, must be respected even when others may not agree."

Florida State president T.K. Wetherell had threatened to sue the NCAA immediately after its Aug. 5 announcement that the school's highly visible nickname, "Seminoles," was defined as "hostile and abusive" by a committee.

"The two things we requested in our appeal were granted," Wetherell said. "I'm ready to play football, start school and have classes begin and all that kind of stuff."

Lee Hinkle, vice president for university relations, said the school e-mailed 250,000

alumni and friends of the NCAA decision.

"I don't think anything has brought them together quite as much as this," said Wetherell. "Whether you're a Gator, Hurricane or Bulldog, those entities believe it's a Florida decision."

Gov. Jeb Bush also applauded the NCAA's reversal.

"When you make a mistake it's important to realize it and move on," Bush said. "They came to the right conclusion ... the Seminole mascot and the tradition at Florida State is not offensive to anyone."

The NCAA said it would handle reviews from other schools on a case-by-case basis. The Illinois Fighting Illini, Utah Utes and North Dakota Fighting Sioux are among other prominent school nicknames that remain affected by the edict.

Utah athletic director Chris Hill said the school is expecting a similar ruling on its appeal.

The university is working on its appeal with the Ute tribe and it should be filed within a week or two, he said.

"We want to do it as fast as possible, but we want to do everything thorough," Hill said. "We felt all along that we would get a favorable ruling."

Under the NCAA restrictions, teams with American Indian nicknames would not be able to display them on uniforms or have their mascots perform in postseason tournaments.

"The NCAA remains committed to ensuring an atmosphere of respect and sensitivity for all who participate in and attend our championships," Franklin said in the statement.

Wetherell said he has had some contact with the other schools.

"I think they [NCAA] understand, there will be other requests," Wetherell said.



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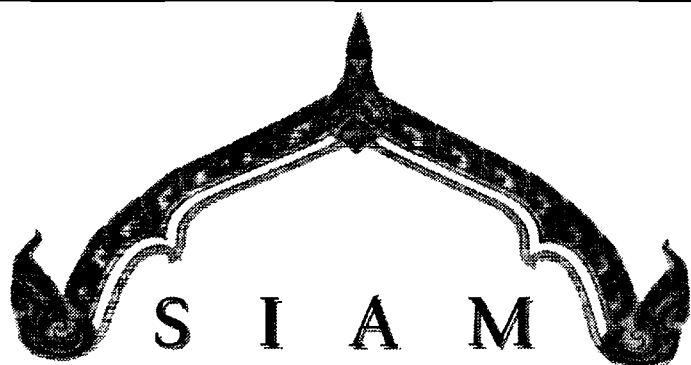
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French paper accuses Armstrong of using EPO

American cyclist vehemently denies report, calling it a 'witch hunt'

Associated Press

PARIS — Faced with yet another report that he cheated his way to a Tour de France victory, Lance Armstrong responded Tuesday the same way he has since the doping whispers began during the first of his seven straight wins: "I never took performance enhancing drugs."

In a four-page article headlined "The Armstrong Lie," the French sports daily L'Equipe printed copies of documents suggesting six urine samples he provided during his first championship in 1999 tested positive for the red blood cell-booster erythropoietin, or EPO.

The drug was on the list of banned substances at the time but there was no effective test to detect it.

Tour de France director

Jean-Marie Leblanc said the report published Tuesday appeared "credible" and meticulously researched, adding that Armstrong must have a chance to rebut the claims.

"We are very shocked, very troubled by the revelations we read this morning," Leblanc told RTL radio.

Armstrong, a frequent target of L'Equipe, vehemently denied the allegations.

"Unfortunately, the witch hunt continues and tomorrow's article is nothing short of tabloid journalism," Armstrong wrote on his Web site. "I will simply restate what I have said many times: I have never taken performance-enhancing drugs."

The allegations surfaced seven years later because EPO tests on the 1999 samples were carried out only last year when

scientists at a lab outside Paris used them for research to perfect EPO testing. The national anti-doping laboratory in Chateaufort-Malabry said it promised to hand its finding to the World Anti-Doping Agency, provided they were never used to penalize riders.

L'Equipe's investigation was based on urine B samples — the second of two samples used in doping tests. The A batch was used in 1999 for analysis at the time. Without those samples, any disciplinary action against Armstrong would be impossible, French Sports Minister Jean-Francois Lamour said.

The governing body of world cycling did not begin using a urine test for EPO until 2001, though it was banned in 1990. For years, it had been impossible to detect the drug, which builds endurance by boosting the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells.

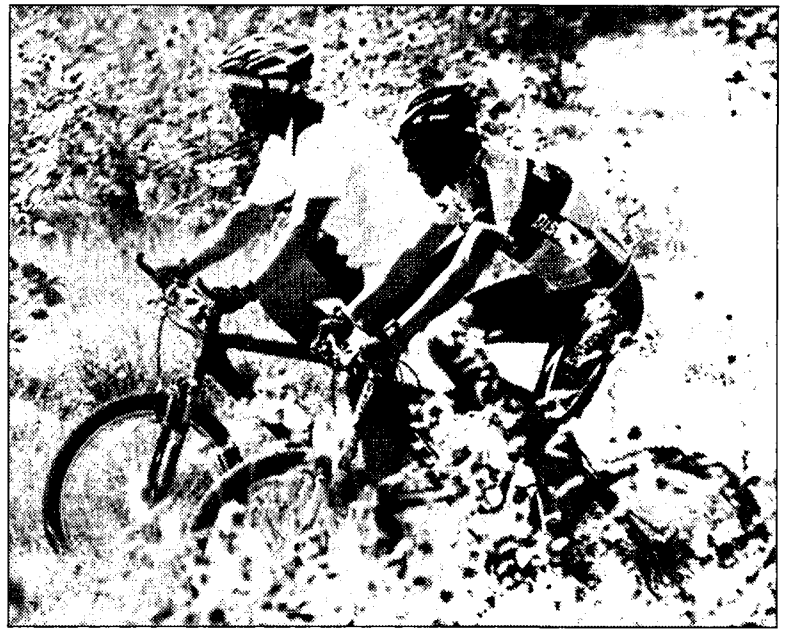
Jacques de Ceaurriz, the head of France's anti-doping laboratory, which developed the EPO urine test, told Europe-1 radio that at least 15 urine samples from the 1999 Tour had tested positive for EPO.

Separately, the lab said it could not confirm that the positive results were Armstrong's. It noted that the samples were anonymous, bearing only a six-digit number to identify the rider, and could not be matched with the name of any one cyclist.

However, L'Equipe said it was able to make the match.

On one side of the page, it showed what it claimed were the results of EPO tests from anonymous riders used for lab research. On the other, it showed Armstrong's medical certificates, signed by doctors and riders after doping tests — and bearing the same identifying number printed on the results.

"It will be very interesting to see what UCI does and what the U.S. Cycling Federation does and what Lance



Lance Armstrong, right, rides his bike with President Bush on the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas Saturday. Armstrong denies allegations that he doped during the 1999 Tour de France.

Armstrong has to say," WADA chairman Dick Pound said. "If the evidence is seen as credible then, yes, he has an obligation to come forward and specifically give his comments, especially after his previous comments that he has never used drugs."

"If anything were found, we couldn't do anything because we didn't even exist in 1999. But it's important that the truth must always be made clear," Pound added.

Representatives for Armstrong said he was in Austin, Texas, where he lives and did not wish to comment beyond the statement on his Web site.

A year before Armstrong won his first Tour title, the race faced its worst doping scandal after police caught a Festina team employee with a stash of drugs. Riders were ejected and others quit, almost forcing the Tour to collapse.

Armstrong has been dogged by questions in the French media about how someone whose testicular cancer had spread to his lungs and brain could rise to the top of one of the most grueling sporting events in the world.

Armstrong angrily appeared

at a news conference that year to explain that trace amounts of cortisone found in his system were from a prescription skin cream to treat saddle sores.

The following year, Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service team became the subject of a French investigation into whether they used banned substances during the 2000 race. The probe was closed in 2002 for lack of evidence.

L'Equipe, whose parent company is closely linked to the Tour, often questioned Armstrong's clean record and frequently took jabs at him — portraying him as too arrogant, too corporate and too good to be for real.

"Never to such an extent, probably, has the departure of a champion been welcomed with such widespread relief," the paper griped the day after Armstrong's record seventh straight win.

A former L'Equipe journalist, Pierre Ballester, was co-author of a book published last year that contained doping allegations against Armstrong. He wrote "L.A. Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong" with The Sunday Times sports-writer David Walsh.

In the book, one of Armstrong's former assistants claimed that the American once asked her to dispose of used syringes and give him makeup to conceal needle marks on his arms.

Armstrong has taken libel action against The Sunday Times after the British newspaper reprinted allegations in a review of the book in June 2004. The case is to go to trial in London's High Court in November.

Victor Hugo Pena, Armstrong's former U.S. Postal Service teammate, said the French were bad losers who could never accept his supremacy on the Tour.

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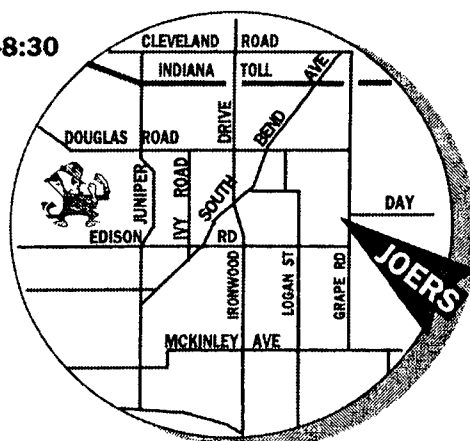
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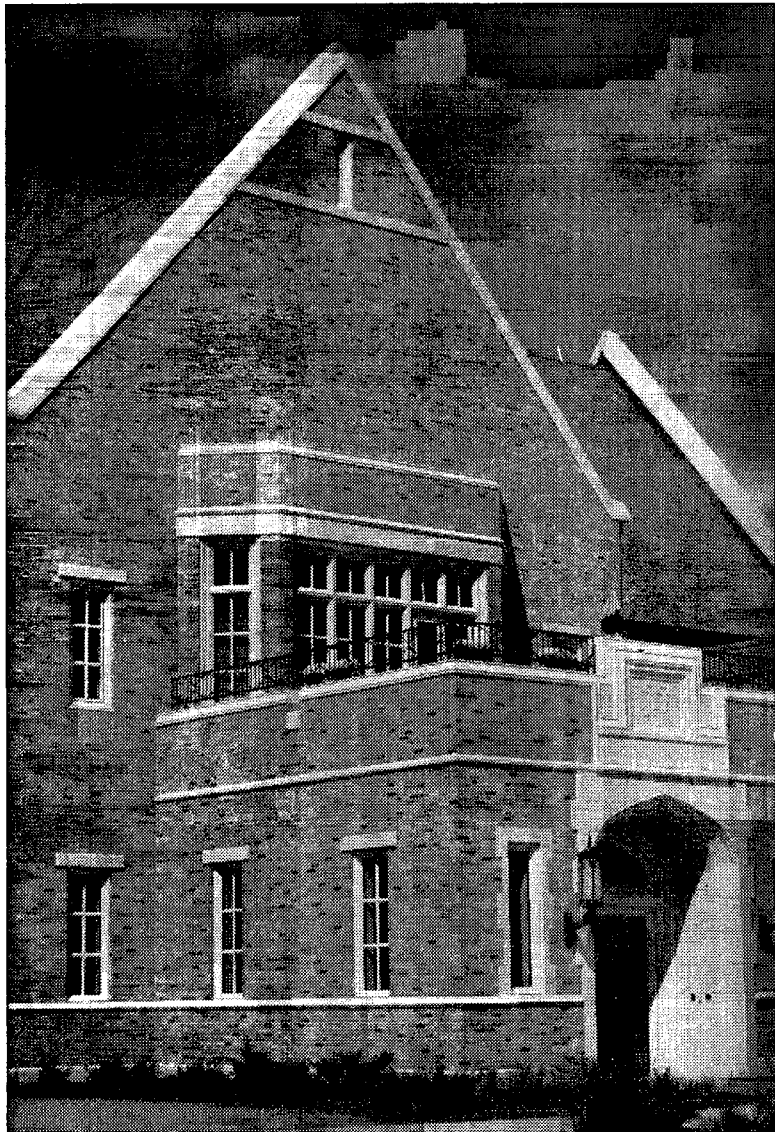


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The porch outside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex is coach Charlie Weis' personal grilling area — both for players and food.

Gug

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— the Irish feel they were long overdue.

"I think going from facilities that I believe were antiquated to now right at the top with everybody with the way Notre Dame should be and what they

stand for, I think our players are very, very happy," Weis said on media day.

Now the Irish have six plas-
mas of their own in the weight room.

From a mud-room for spike-cleaning to shoe-warmers in the bottom drawers of players' lockers, the "Gug" gives Notre Dame football a fresh look as the program changes direction

with a new coaching staff.

Wide receiver Matt Shelton particularly approves of the practice locker room, since the team will no longer be walking into the stadium daily.

"I think by having the locker room over here and not being over at the stadium as much, it's going to bring back a certain mystique to the stadium," Shelton said.

At the greeting area inside the front doors, a player has access ahead to a 3,800-square-foot, 150-seat auditorium for team meetings, film watching and other purposes.

Down a hallway to the left, wall-to-ceiling windows provide a viewing area of the Haggard Fitness Center, where the "Gug" and the Loftus Sports Center share 25,000 square feet of strength and conditioning space, a three-lane track, a 40-yard Prestige Turf athletic surface for team workouts and strength coaches' offices.

All 25 of Notre Dame's other varsity sports will use the weight facilities and auditorium as well.

The rest of the building includes an 8,260-square-foot sports medicine facility, team meeting rooms with high-tech video and technology systems and even an indoor area to hold team buses in inclement weather.

And as the new coaching staff gets acclimated to improved facilities for training, conditioning and coaching, areas like Weis' balcony can also serve other purposes — like staff bonding, for example.

"The first day back there I had all the staff out there, they got mad at me and I said, 'I'm having a staff meeting, be in

my office at noon," Weis said. "They walked in at noon and there were some burgers and dogs out on the grill. They didn't dislike me too much at that time."

"It's going to bring back a certain mystique to the stadium."

Matt Shelton
Irish wide receiver

The center was underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife, Flora. Guglielmino at-

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The University broke ground on construction of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex in November 2003.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish stars lead skilled team

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have concerns. They must recoup from the loss of a sterling defense, but Notre Dame also has veterans who — as they showed on Sunday — can lead the team.

Leading the pack are Greg Dalby and Ian Etherington, two of the men's soccer team's most visible players. Both were named preseason All-Big East players, with Dalby garnering an additional nod as a second-team preseason All-American.

But both players are quick to redirect attention from themselves to the team, from focus on preseason awards to the team's goals for the season.

"I think we showed tonight we have a great team," Dalby said after Sunday's preseason exhibition match against No. 6 New Mexico, which ended in a 1-1 tie. "It just shows that there's lots to be excited about this year."

If Dalby won't say it, his accomplishments speak for themselves. An integral part of the team's excitement for the year is fueled by Dalby's play. One of three unanimous picks to the preseason team and a returning Second Team All-Big East player, Dalby honed his skills in the off-season, captaining the national Under-20 team in international play.

Hearts stopped at Alumni Field on Sunday when the defensive center midfielder went down with an injury, although preliminary X-rays showed no damage.

"What he contributes, he contributes in so many other ways," coach Bobby Clark said. "He's a class kid, he's just such a mature leader ... hopefully he's going to



Greg Dalby leads Notre Dame against New Mexico. The Irish and the Lobos battled to a 1-1 tie in two overtimes Monday.

be fit and [losing time due to injury is] not a question, hopefully we get him as a player and as a leader."

The team views Dalby as a leader and voted him one of their three captains for the coming season.

"I think I'm a leader on the team that I lead by example, bringing experience to the table — I'm a simple player," he said.

In addition, he values the importance of attitude and the way the team's attitude reflects his own.

Etherington was named to the third team All-Big East after the 2004 Irish campaign, which culminated in the regular-season conference championship. Although the offense struggled at times, he tied for the honor of team-points leader with eleven, including a team-high five assists.

"My attitude is I only have two more years left and I'm going to take every ounce of it," Etherington said. "My attitude

goes along with our teams attitude, we're going to work hard every practice, we go there and we're going to work our butts off... we're going to try our best in every game, in every practice and we're going to try to be a more tougher team this year."

The team-first attitude is reflected in Etherington's take on his preseason honors.

"It was a big accomplishment this year for me, I thought to get announced as First Team Big East," he said. "I gotta give my teammates credit, I wouldn't be there if my team didn't do well. If your team does well other players get rewarded for that."

Despite Dalby leaving Sunday's game on crutches and the uncertainty that lies ahead, the Irish are optimistic with their chances for this season, and no one knows that better than their preseason honorees.

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Goalie Chris Cahill throws the ball during Monday's game against New Mexico.

Lobos

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foot-6 junior who started in goal for the Irish, needed all of his length as he dove and knocked down the ball for the save.

Fifteen minutes later, the Lobos finally capitalized on an opportunity. Matt Wootton sent a laser shot past Cahill to put New Mexico in front 1-0.

"It was a hell of a goal that was hit," Clark said. "So I don't think we can blame [Cahill]. It was a crack of a shot."

Cahill and the Irish defense held New Mexico at bay for the rest of the half. A markedly different Irish team then took control.

"We came out much different in the second half," Miller said. "We really took it to them and played with more confidence."

In the 12th minute of the second, Miller headed in a terrific pass from midfielder Nate Norman to even the game at one goal apiece. Miller gave Norman most of the credit for the score.

"Nate just put a great ball in and all I really had to do was put a head on it," Miller said.

After the play, Cahill was replaced in goal by senior keeper Justin Michaud. The Irish continued to press the Lobos through the rest of regulation but could not muster another goal.

Notre Dame received a large

boost from the play of freshman Jack Traynor. Clark inserted the defender into the lineup in the second half, and he performed like a veteran.

"He was superb," Clark said. "He looked like he'd been playing there forever. I was very, very impressed with Jack."

The entire Irish defense turned in a strong performance. After losing last season's standout defenders Jack Stewart and Kevin Goldthwaite to the MLS draft, the team is faced with the problem of replacing two of the nation's top players. Miller, senior tri-captain Dale Rellas and Traynor all did a solid job of limiting the New Mexico attack.

The Irish are also forced to replace last year's first team All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer. Clark has not yet decided who will be the starter in goal, but Cahill and Michaud each played well in the

season debut. Both keepers recorded three saves, with Cahill allowing the one goal.

Notre Dame did suffer one setback early in the game. Twenty-five minutes in, junior tri-captain Greg Dalby went down with an injury and did not return. The midfielder's status is yet to be determined.

Notre Dame's next match comes Sunday, with the Irish traveling to Ann Arbor to take on Michigan.

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McNeil

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three cornerbacks in this class." The Mocksville, N.C. product garnered three out of a possible five stars by Scout.com. Clocked at 4.40 in the forty-yard dash, McNeil intercepted five passes and tallied 60 tackles in his junior season at Davie County High School.

"He's a true corner, a big corner-back," Frank said. "He's got very good lateral movement. His high school uses him a lot in the return game, and I think Notre Dame will probably try him as a returner as well. He's got that kind of ability and burst in the return game."

The Irish intend to sign 25

players in Weis' first full recruiting class, and with 12 committed before the first game of the 2005 season, Notre Dame is off to a good start, Frank said.

"Notre Dame has more recruits right now than the vast majority of schools," Frank said. "But they also have a lot to get this year. [The large number of verbals so far] means they're landing the top guys they're recruiting. These players are very high on their list."

One such highly-touted recruit is quarterback Demetrius Jones. The 6-foot-3, 190-pound prospect out of Morgan Park High School in Chicago chose the Irish over Illinois. Last season as a junior he threw for 2,300 yards and 25 touchdowns while rushing for 1,100 yards and 18 touchdowns.

"Notre Dame has more recruits right now than the vast majority of schools."

Mike Frank
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Despite the April 14 commitment of quarterback Zach Frazer — the No. 11 quarterback in the nation according to Scout.com — Frank does not expect Jones to switch positions when he arrives on campus next year.

"[Jones] might not be as polished as Frazer, as far as mechanics go," Frank said. "But he throws the ball quite a bit in high school. He'll get every opportunity to play quarterback. He can make a lot of things happen if you get him on the field."

Schmidt, the No. 17 running back in the nation according to Scout.com, is the third running back to verbally commit to Notre Dame. Frank said Schmidt and fellow Irish running back verbals James Aldridge and Munir Prince are the top three ball-carrier prospects on the Notre Dame coaching staff's list.

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Bock

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assisted on the goal.

Butler's Meredith Buemi evened the score at 1-1 15 minutes later, but that proved to be the only offense the Bulldogs could mount.

The Irish played exceptional defense, surrendering just three shots on goal in 90 minutes of action.

The Irish retook the lead in the second period, as sophomore Susan Pinnick marked a goal in the lower left corner.

Hanks finished the scoring at 89:30 with a rebound goal off Bock's final shot.

Although the margin of victory was great, Hanks felt that the team could have played better.

"It wasn't the best game all of us played," she said, "but it was good to get out there and get a game under our belts."

Notre Dame 2, Virginia 0

In the IPFW Showcase in Fort Wayne, Ind., Katie Thorlakson once again gave the Irish an early lead against No. 4-ranked Virginia.

Kerri Hanks served a pass to the right side of the box, where Thorlakson received and shot to the lower left corner.

The Irish defense helped the offense kept the lead, allowing just seven shots all game. Goalkeeper Erika Bohn delivered a solid performance, saving all three Cavalier shots on goal. It was a strong outing for the Irish defense, after stifling the Butler offense four days earlier.

Hanks was happy with the team's performance as well as her own. She said the offense was crisper and working better together.

"I'm glad we got to play Virginia because I think that was the best exhibition game there was all year," she said.

And they played up to the competition.

"We were much better than we were against Butler," Hanks said.

Now, though, Hanks, Thorlakson, and the rest of the Irish have to hone their skills for the first regular-season match of the year.

On Friday, the Irish travel to Vermont to face New Hampshire to begin their quest of a repeat.

While "it's on our minds — we want to repeat," Hanks said, the team "cannot [look] at the big picture." They just take it "one game at a time."

For the first two, so far so good.

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Kerry Hanks
Irish forward

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Irish freshman Brittany Bock, center, receives a pass in practice on Aug. 16. Bock helped lead Notre Dame to two preseason wins, including a 2-0 win over No. 4 Virginia on Aug. 18.

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By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

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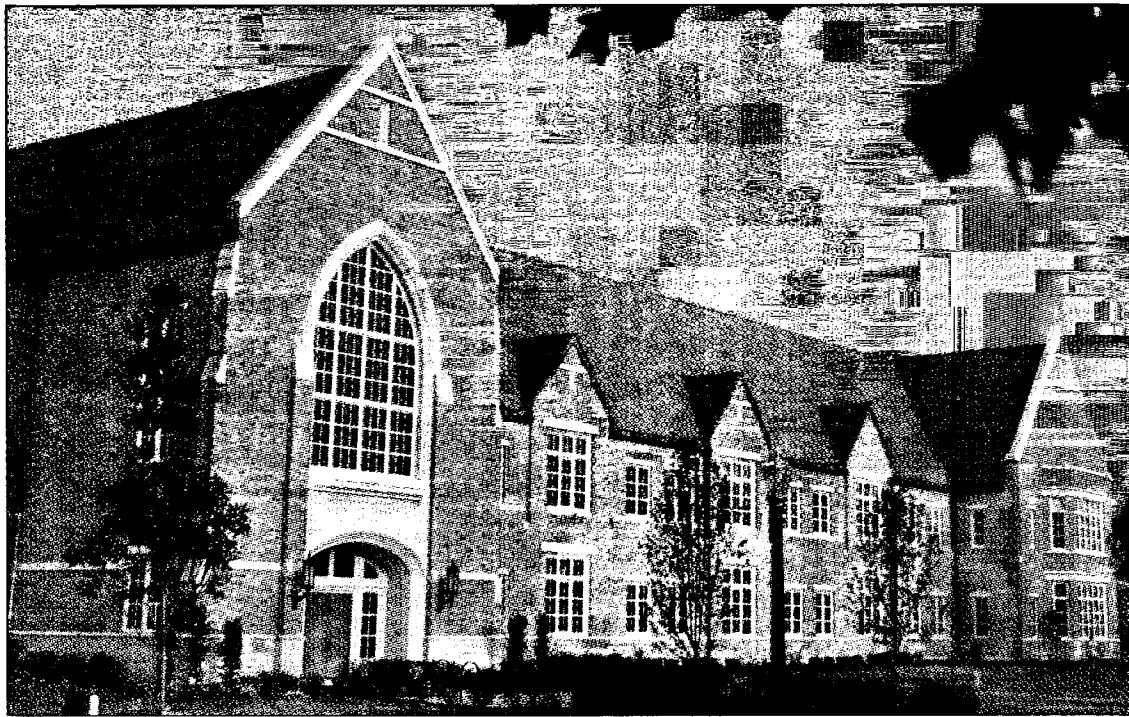
The Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Athletics Complex, a \$21.25 million project, is receiving its finishing touches as the 2005 football season approaches. The football team recently moved in to the new 95,840-square-foot facility that features state-of-the-art locker rooms, training equipment, greeting and meeting rooms and coaches' offices.

And head coach Charlie Weis already feels at home.

"Absolutely," Weis said after Tuesday's practice. "Ride by. I'll wave to you from my patio."

Weis' second-floor office opens onto a balcony that overlooks Cartier Field, where the team practices. Add that to the long list of amenities and upgrades that are making the "Gug" the talk of all Notre Dame sports, not just football.

"You could see how moving into a facility like this ... is a



The Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Athletics Complex provides the Notre Dame varsity athletic programs with a new facility that features offices, locker rooms and training equipment.

really big plus for the University of Notre Dame," Weis said on the team's media day Aug. 8. "It's a big plus for the whole athletic department."

Located behind the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and

connected in the back to the Loftus Sports Center, the Guglielmino Complex will serve as the new official location of the football offices — moving to the east of campus from their previous location in the Joyce Center.

With big-name college football programs upgrading facilities across the country — Sports Illustrated once reported Oregon had plasma screen televisions in its locker room

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bock aids Irish for two wins

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

New season, same results.

That's been the story of the top-ranked and defending national champion Notre Dame women's soccer team in the last 10 days, as freshmen Brittany Bock and Kerri Hanks and senior Katie Thorlakson propelled the Irish to two wins in exhibition matchups.

Though Hanks said the team was a little out of sync, the Irish topped Butler and Virginia in the team's two pre-season games.

"It all came down team effort," she said. "And the coaches prepared us very well."

Notre Dame 8, Butler 1

In the first contest, Notre Dame routed the Bulldogs in Indianapolis, 8-1, scoring eight goals on 26 shots. Bock made a tremendous first impression, scoring two goals and adding an assist.

Senior forward Katie Thorlakson started the Irish on the right foot, netting her goal just 90 seconds after kickoff. Junior defender Kim Lorenzen

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MEN'S SOCCER

Aggressive play benefits Irish

Notre Dame ties New Mexico 1-1 after a challenging first half

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

What a difference a half makes.

In the opening exhibition game of the year, the Notre Dame men's soccer team fell behind 1-0 in a first half controlled by visiting New Mexico on Monday. The second half, however, proved to be quite a different story.

The Irish came out of the break much more aggressively and confidently and stole the momentum from the Lobos. Notre Dame tied the score in the 56th minute of play on a goal from junior defender Ryan Miller. The two teams fought to a standstill for the rest of regulation and two overtime periods, and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Coach Bobby Clark was pleased with his team's play.



Ben Crouse moves the ball past a New Mexico defender in Monday's game against the Lobos.

"They all played a phenomenal second half," Clark said. "We looked as well as any team can."

The Lobos, who entered the game ranked No. 6 in the nation, set the pace at the outset and had several early scoring chances. With

19:33 left to play in the first half, New Mexico's speedy striker Brandon Moss got behind the Irish defense and fired a shot from the top of the box. Chris Cahill, the 6-

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FOOTBALL

Jones, Webb top list of ND recruits

Weis, Irish ink six star players over the summer season

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

This summer was a busy one for Charlie Weis and his Notre Dame coaching staff as six recruits gave their verbal commitment to the Irish, upping the total number of recruits who intend to sign with Notre Dame this year to 12.

The six verbal commitments received since May 27 are cornerback Raeshon McNeil, offensive lineman Bartley Webb, running back Luke Schmidt, wide receiver Rob Parris, defensive end John Ryan and quarterback Demetrius Jones.

Recruits are not allowed to sign their official letters of intent until February. McNeil is the most recent verbal commitment, having made his announcement on Aug. 15. He and Webb are two of the more important commitments given the lack of depth on the team in the defensive secondary and offensive line.

McNeil is the first secondary commitment in this class, and is believed by many experts to be the most promising Irish cornerback prospect in the past 10 years.

"Lately Notre Dame had seemed to miss out on their very top cornerback prospects," said Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com. "But they got [McNeil] and will probably try to sign at least two and probably

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Despite individual successes, the Irish maintain their strength is team play.

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The Irish rewarded three players with athletic scholarships: Casey Cullen, Brandon Harris, and Rob Woods.

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Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins was given 24 hours to resign from his head coaching position, or the Bobcats' coach will be fired.

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Former Notre Dame and South Carolina head coach Lou Holtz named one of 114 voters in new BCS format.

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