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ACE workers feel Katrina's wrath

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

There are many recent Notre Dame graduates who have left the Dome — and their homes — to spend two years as volunteer teachers in needy Catholic schools as part of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. And now Hurricane Katrina has made their already challenging jobs even harder.

Twenty-five Notre Dame graduates are serving in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, ACE director John Staud said. The affected sites are Baton Rouge and Plaquemine, Louisiana; Mobile,

Alabama; Biloxi, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida.

"The important thing is, all the teachers are safe and were evacuated in time," Staud said. "In my 10 years involved in the program, this is the worst [storm] we've experienced. Last year in Pensacola was bad, but this will probably surpass it."

Staud said the next step would be damage assessment and mobilizing alumni contacts in the area.

"There was massive flooding, wind damage," he said. "We don't have confirmation on anything."

Emily Gorman, one of six student teachers living in Mobile,

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Boats sit on their sides Tuesday in Bayou La Batre, Ala., after being pushed out of the water by high waves from Hurricane Katrina.

Freshman runs Potter Web site

By JARRETT LANTZ
News Writer

After living 10 years of his life in an average family, Harry Potter had a striking moment of self-discovery: he was actually a wizard, one of the most famous wizards in the magical world. And much like the famous young boy, Notre Dame's own Harry Potter —



Spartz

freshman Emerson Spartz — has been thrown from several years of home schooling into a college campus where, to many Potter fans, he is already famous.

Spartz, an 18-year-old Knott resident, runs the Internet's definitive Harry Potter Web site, MuggleNet.com, offering visitors up-to-date Potter-related news on everything from the movies' castings to Potter sightings in the media. For visitors unversed in the world of Hogwarts, the site includes short spoiler-free overviews of the series, as well as information and debunked rumors regarding the yet-to-be-released final installment in the series for Harry Potter fanatics.

Spartz started MuggleNet when he was only 12 years old. Halfway through seventh grade, Emerson decided to give self-taught home schooling a try.

"I figured I could always go back to school if I don't like it."

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Woman tries to get in step with Irish Guard

Sophomore auditions for position in all-male group on which only one woman has ever served



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

The Irish Guard practices Tuesday with the Notre Dame band. Only one woman has ever been a part of the Guard.

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

While the Irish Guard will remain all male for the 2005 season, the legendary kilt-clad group saw a rare female hopeful at tryouts this August, despite the fact that no women had auditioned for the Guard since Molly Kinder became its first female member in 2000.

As sophomore Tess Murray packed for marching band tryouts 13 months ago, her mother mentioned a group that might be of interest to the 6-foot-2 freshman. The Irish Guard led the band into Notre Dame Stadium each home game, and its members had to stand at least 6-foot-2 tall. Though Murray had never before seen the Guard, she began to consider trying out.

While freshmen are not allowed to audition, Murray was able to watch the group at band practice each day from her vantage point in the saxophone section. By the end of the season, she was determined to try her chances at joining them in the fall semester.

Murray, along with 16 other Notre Dame students, arrived on campus Aug. 18 to begin a four-day tryout. Since the seven returning

Guardsmen automatically regained their spots, only three of the auditioning students had the opportunity to make it. The band directors choose the new members with input from the returning Guard.

"You start out learning to march," Murray said. "It's really not that different from marching band tryouts. They taught us how to do the basic moves."

While the activities of tryouts resembled those for marching band, the Guard tryouts drew a group of participants that was much taller and entirely male — except for Murray.

The Irish Guard, which is run under the band and the Student Activities Office, gained its only female member when Molly Kinder made the cut during the 2000 season.

Assistant Band Director Sam Sanchez said there have been only four women, including Murray, who have ever auditioned.

Murray was aware of the traditional all-male nature of the Irish Guard and of the problems Kinder encountered when she made the Guard after her second year of tryouts.

In a February 2004 article in The Observer, Kinder said the other members of the Guard treated her "with a standard policy of segre-

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Fans flock to snatch new football Shirt

T-shirt flies off racks, despite criticism of new gold color

By KATIE MCANANY
News Writer

With the approach of Notre Dame's first football game Saturday against Pittsburgh comes the excitement — and dread — about the advent of The Shirt, the official T-shirt worn to Notre Dame football games throughout the season.

Though the student section has been identified as "the sea

of green" in the past three seasons, thanks to the kelly green color of The Shirt, this year's The Shirt has received mixed reactions because of its gold color.

In The Shirt's 16-year history, it has been green, navy and gray — The Shirt of 2005 is the first ever to sport Notre Dame's historic gold hue.

Despite anxiety regarding the color change, Shirt sales are still high, according to Sally Wiatrowski, a representative from the Notre Dame Bookstore.

"Those who have bought The

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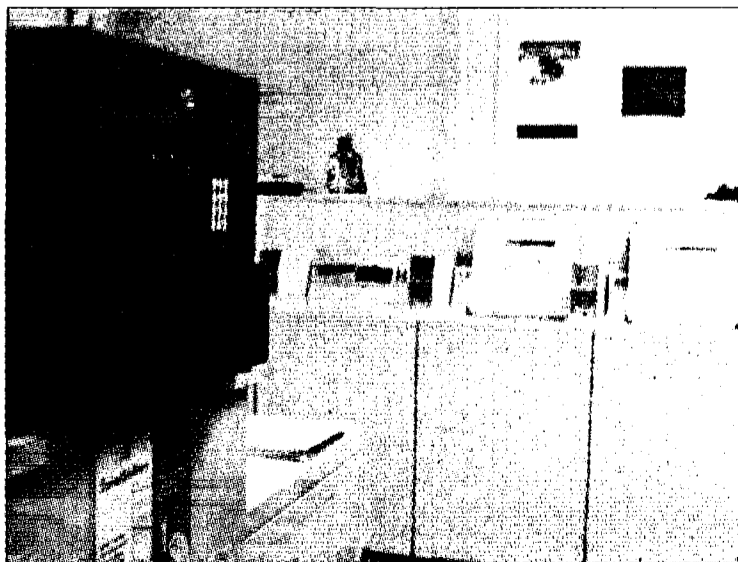
Domer Dollars used for laundry

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Freshman Ashlee Wright arrived to Lewis Hall armed with a roll of quarters, prepared to join the ranks of college students across the country who, some for the first time in their lives, now have responsibility for their laundry. However, rather than making a dent in her coin collection, Ashlee simply swiped her student ID and used Domer Dollars to pay for her first laundry load.

This year, Notre Dame Card Services offers an incentive for using Domer Dollars for laundry services. With Domer Dollars, 25 cents is deducted from the normal cost of laundry — washing a

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FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Laundry rooms across campus, such as Walsh Hall's above, have added machines accepting Domer Dollars to pay for laundry.

INSIDE COLUMN

We love our attitude problem

Just as recognizable — yet slightly less tangible — as the Golden Dome or Touchdown Jesus, the Notre Dame swagger is as much a part of the University as any its staple landmarks.

Katie Perry

Although outsiders label Notre Dame students with such positive attributes as intelligent, talented, athletic and religious, they also believe Domers to be stereotypically cocky.

*News
Production
Editor*

And they're right. Maybe cocky isn't the most of flattering choice of terminology, but the idea is — for the most part — wholly accurate.

There's a reason why we sport an excessive amount of apparel, adorn our cars with no less than three decals and integrate the words "ND," "Irish," and "Domer" into our screen names. That reason is simple. We go to an amazing school. We know it, and more notably, we show it.

Notre Dame is a unique college in many regards, but perhaps its most extraordinary characteristic is the student body's unflinching adulation for their school.

Generally speaking, students not only like it here — they love it. For many of them, attending the University represents the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

"I see you've joined the Notre Dame cult," a friend told me this summer as she antagonistically gestured at my sweat pants, T-shirt, cap and sandals — all of which boasted some form of University emblem.

My immediate thought was a hasty remark I tactfully chose to keep to myself: "Clearly, you are just jealous."

But no, that wasn't (entirely) it. She, like other critics of the Notre Dame swagger, incorrectly mistook my adoration for arrogance.

Although we indeed are a confident bunch — any Domer will readily and unabashedly attest to Notre Dame's greatness — we are also misunderstood.

That was it. She simply didn't understand. After all, how could she? She doesn't walk past a massive Golden Dome every day, nor does she become lost in a sea of green — or yellow for that matter — on football Saturdays. She can't experience the ridiculousness that is Notre Dame on St. Patrick's Day, nor can she buy a hot dog with a quarter she found lodged in the bottom of her book bag.

For these and the million and one other endearing idiosyncrasies of this glorious institution, we have a chip on our shoulder — and there is no shame in that.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR TO FOOTBALL GAMES THIS YEAR?



Kathy Stofan
junior
Breen-Phillips

"I'll wear The Shirt. It's not my favorite, but I'm going to wear it to support the team."



Jack Carroll
freshman
Zahm

"I'm not going to wear anything."



Richard Grant
law student
Keenan

"Anything but the yellow 'Spirit' shirt."



Dan Leszkowicz
sophomore
Stanford

"The Stanford Hall T-shirt because this year's shirt is embarrassing."



Meghan Quigley
junior
Breen-Phillips

"I'm not going to wear a shirt."



Aaron Pereira
junior
Zahm

"A toothbrush."



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

A father and son search through the remaining pile of football shirts at the bookstore Tuesday, in preparation for the first football game of the year Saturday at the University of Pittsburgh.

OFFBEAT

Skinny London house on sale for \$933,000

LONDON — This thin house requires a bankroll that's fairly fat. A home in London that measures just over 5 feet at its skinniest and 9 feet, 11 inches at its widest is up for sale for \$933,868, estate agents said Tuesday.

The narrow home is spread over five levels and used to be a hat shop before being converted into living quarters.

Real estate company Winkworths described the house as being "utterly amazing and almost certainly unique."

Its bathroom features a medium-sized tub that takes up the entire length of the tiny room.

Guard accused of urinating on computer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A state prison guard who was arrested after a drunken brawl at a nightclub may also be charged with urinating on a municipal jail computer, police said.

Willie M. Shannon, 26, of Lacey, employed at Washington Corrections Center in Shelton, was later transferred from the city jail to the Thurston County Jail, where he was

booked for investigation of first-degree malicious mischief and then was released after posting bail, according to police reports Monday.

Shannon, Sean W. Dack, 25, of McCleary, who works with Shannon at the prison, and Randy M. Hinchcliffe, 38, of Olympia, who has previous felony convictions and knew Shannon from the prison, were arrested after fighting early Sunday morning at The Vault, police Lt. James Costa said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The first of six lectures on business ethics this fall at Notre Dame will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. It is entitled "Business Schools are Partially to Blame for the Corporate Ethics Scandals: Multiple Viewpoints" and will feature several Notre Dame faculty members.

The Office of International Studies is joining forces with the International Student Services and Activities Office to launch the first annual Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale to sell handicrafts from around the world on campus during International Education Week in November. Students interested in volunteering can attend the organizational meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Coalition Lounge on the 2nd Floor of LaFortune.

ND Cinema will host the critically acclaimed documentary "Murderball," about quad rugby Team USA's bid in the 2004 Paralympics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema Friday and Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for all students.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Florida Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Texas at 5 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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Students learn to invest in class

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

A group of Notre Dame business students are set to receive real life financial experience in investing in the finance course Applied Investment Management (AIM), an 11-year old program for which students are required to apply.

AIM received approximately \$70,000 from a student fund at the inception of the curriculum. Each semester the University added another \$50,000 to the portfolio.

The portfolio's growth into a \$3 million investment was a direct result of University donations and portfolio performance, professor Frank Reilly said.

"[The University] realized when they gave us the money there was no promise how the students would do," Reilly said.

For the last 10 years, the portfolio's benchmark has been the S&P 500. During this time period, it has outperformed the S&P by an average of three percent each year.

Students must apply and be accepted into the AIM course. Each semester approximately 60 to 65 students send in their resume, statement of intent and transcript for review. From the pool of applicants, roughly 25 are admitted to the course. Ninety-five percent of the students are finance

majors, Reilly said.

The team of instructors heading the course includes Bernard J. Hank, Professor Frank K. Reilly, Executive in Residence Jerry Langley — former Vice President of Global System Finance of McDonald's Corp. — and Assistant Professor Scott Malpass, the Vice President for Finance and Chief Investment Officer for Notre Dame.

"We learn everything we need to know to make us marketable to Wall Street firms."

Craig Brede
AIM student

When students first enter the class, they are assigned to analyze one of the 25 stocks comprising the portfolio passed down from the previous semester. At mid-semester the students decide whether to sell or buy more of the individual stocks, Reilly said.

In the second half of the semester, each student chooses and analyzes his or her individual stock selection. At the conclusion of the class, students must determine whether or not to invest in the researched stocks. The updated portfolio is then passed on to the crop of AIM students.

Recognizable investments in the portfolio include Accenture, Avon Products, Dell, McDonald's, Morgan Stanley, and United Health Group.

"Students are evaluated on the basis of their effort and input to the portfolio," Reilly said. "The performance of the portfolio has nothing to do with the grade."

Throughout the semester, students visit Chicago and

New York. These trips offer the AIM participants exposure to a wide variety of money management firms, investment banks, private equity companies, hedge funds and real-estate portfolios.

Students who have taken the AIM class have gone on to work for such corporations and firms as Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Boston Consulting, Fidelity Investments and Morning Star.

Roughly 500 Notre Dame students have completed the AIM course. The former students feel a strong allegiance to the curriculum and provide strong connections for current AIM students entering the job market.

"Employers who have these students feel they represent ND very well," Reilly said.

Tim Lavelle, a finance major who completed the course last year, said that in all of his interviews, potential employers questioned whether or not he had taken the AIM course.

"It is the most applicable class I have taken and the fact that there are multiple professors is very good because they have their own perspectives and strategies," Lavelle said.

Current AIM student Craig Brede said the advantages of the course are well-deserved given the effort put in by students.

"We learn everything we need to know to make us marketable to Wall Street firms," Brede said. "Unfortunately, we pay for this by the enormous work load."

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Treadmills replaced at Rockne facility

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Students who frequent the workout facilities in the Rockne Memorial building may notice some updated equipment this semester. After replacing its elliptical machines and step-

Sally Derengoski, director of RecServices and Fitness, said she could not give specific budget numbers, but she did say that the Rock operates under a "five-year fitness equipment replacement plan."

Every year, fitness equipment is evaluated and decisions are then made as to what machines need replacement, Derengoski said.

"At least \$20,000" is spent on new fitness equipment each year, although the number varies slightly year to year, Derengoski said.

She also said that fitness equipment remains a "high priority" because of its popu-

larity with students.

"The fitness equipment replacement plan has been very useful to us in making plans for purchasing new fitness equipment," Derengoski said. "With literally hundreds of thousands of visits each year to the recreation fitness rooms that RecSports oversees, it's really important to us to keep the equipment up to date and in good shape."

Many students were not happy with the quality of the treadmills formerly in the Rock, and the gym's patrons warmly welcomed the new equipment.

Matt Morris, a sophomore who uses the Rock about three times a week, was satisfied with the improvements.

"Some of the equipment is old and outdated, but it is still really good," Morris said.

Jennifer Phillips, assistant director of Fitness and Fitness Facilities, said that while there are no definite plans, there could possibly be new exercise bicycles in the near future.

Rich Dube, a sophomore who uses facilities at the Rock almost every day, says he "can't complain" because the equipment is so much better than what he had at his high school.

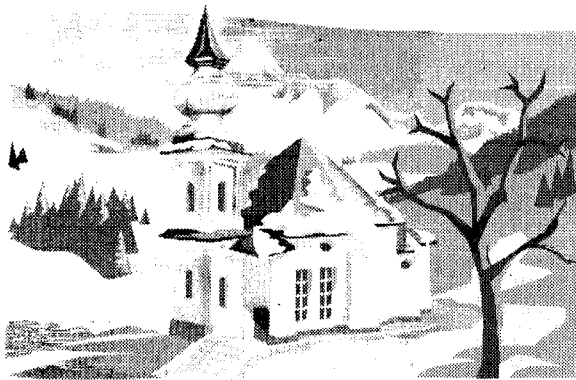
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but it turned out to be the best decision I ever made," said Spartz. "I had way too much free time on my hands, so I started [the site] a few months after I began home schooling. I never expected it to get so big."

And big it has grown. Emerson said that MuggleNet has become a profitable business venture. MuggleNet's extensive collection of content now draws more than 30 million visitors a month, making the Web site many times more popular than any competitors, even J.K. Rowling's official site.

The homegrown site has exploded into a cross-cultural phenomenon with international readers from over 150 coun-

tries logging in.

The years of effort involved in creating the site didn't just attract the attention of fans, but the site also gained prestige in the eyes of the author, publisher and movie producers.

Spartz was invited to the premieres of the third Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, in both London and New York. Warner Brothers, the studio handling the films, even flew him out to the set of the fourth movie, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, where Spartz had the chance to interview the movie's actors.

But none of that compares to Spartz's biggest accomplishment: MuggleNet's coverage of the sixth and most recent book in the series, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Early one morning, Spartz received a

phone call from the usually private author of the Harry Potter book series.

"J.K. Rowling called in May to invite me to her house and interview her on the day of the new book's release," said Spartz. "I had to stay up all night to read through the entire book in time for the interview."

In the meantime, back in the U.S., MuggleNet co-sponsored the self-proclaimed world's largest book release party in history at a Mount Prospect, Ill. mall. Spartz said that 10 to 15 thousand Potter fans — dressed in costume of course — attended the record-breaking event.

As the site matured, it became more difficult for Spartz to do all of the work by himself. Spartz began to hire volunteers to help with every aspect of the Web site, from posting news to creating the

HTML code.

All in all, over 100 unpaid volunteers run it with Spartz's oversight.

The venture has even become a family affair.

"My 16-year-old brother does the graphics," said Spartz. "And my parents have started to help out a lot more now that I'm in college. Even my 6-year-old brother offers me moral support and encouragement."

But despite his love for the Harry Potter series — the fourth book is his favorite — Spartz is not planning on focusing on writing or journalism at Notre Dame. Instead, his work managing MuggleNet's staff members and making executive decisions has convinced Spartz to major in business management.

"It's a lot better to hire people who are smarter than you

instead of trying to do everything yourself," he said.

Spartz said that he is not planning on MuggleNet becoming his full-time job after college, nor is he thinking about starting another Web site. Instead, he plans on building his wealth investing in renewable energy sources.

In the mean time, while Spartz continues his education, Notre Dame's own Harry Potter fans might be in luck.

Although Emerson has not confirmed anything yet, he said he is considering starting a Harry Potter club on campus.

"Maybe I'll start a [Harry Potter] club later on," said Spartz. "But right now I'm still trying to find my place at the University."

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ACE

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has not had to evacuate, although the ACE house was without power Tuesday.

"The downtown area is flooded and there's a lot of debris," she said. "One of the schools got a decent amount of damage and one is close to flooding."

The student teachers, currently serving at five schools in the Mobile area, stocked up on essentials like water, supplies, food and batteries Sunday after the storm's severity was predicted to increase.

Gorman, whose school will reopen no earlier than Thursday,

said she "had an idea" of the region's hurricane potential before embarking on the program.

"When they first told me I was going to Mobile, they had pictures [of previous storm damage]," Gorman said. "But I didn't expect this."

Notre Dame has already begun fundraising for the disaster, said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry.

"We wrote to rectors and asked them to take up collections this weekend," Warner said. "Dillon already collected \$500 last week and turned it in without even asking."

Half of the money collected this week from Masses in the Basilica

and residence halls will go to Catholic Relief Services, and half will go to the damaged ACE schools and a school run by Holy Cross, Warner said.

"I don't think anybody realized how terribly destructive this was going to be," Warner said. "There's a lot of poor people there, and I think we can really help."

Staud said the student teachers he had talked to seemed upbeat despite the disaster.

"One said, 'It's only the middle of hurricane season,'" Staud said. "I'm kind of in awe of the strength of the people down there."

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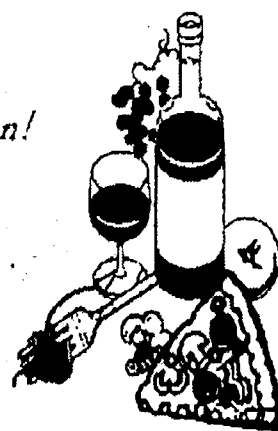
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SUB MOVIE: "SIN CITY" AT 10PM IN DEBARTOLO 101

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Sept.
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Friday, September 2

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SUB MOVIE: "SIN CITY"
8PM AND 10PM IN 101 DEBARTOLO

Saturday, September 3

SUB MOVIE: "SIN CITY"
4:30PM AND 7:30PM IN 101 DEBARTOLO



Sub is a party for the student union board
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lebanon names murder suspects

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The United Nations named four pro-Syrian generals and a former legislator as suspects Tuesday in the February assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri — the first major break in a crime that transformed Lebanon.

U.N. investigators were interrogating the men at a hilltop hotel overlooking Beirut after searching the generals' homes. The Lebanese government, acting at the request of the U.N., detained three of the suspects; a fourth surrendered for questioning and a fifth returned from Syria, promising to cooperate.

The moves against such once-powerful generals and politicians — who had readily executed Syrian policy in Lebanon — would have been unthinkable a few months ago when the country and its government were still under Syrian control.

Iraqi TV reporter shot at rally

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi television journalist who was killed covering a demonstration east of Baghdad became the 67th journalist to die in the Iraq war, a media advocacy group said Tuesday.

Rafed Mahmoud al-Rubai was shot by unidentified gunmen while covering a pro-Saddam Hussein rally on Saturday. Rubai, a freelance contributor to the Iraqi TV station Al Irakiya, died instantly, Reporters Without Borders said.

"Rafid became a target after he did a great job during the elections" in January, Iraqiya's editor-in-chief Bassem al-Fadly said.

Rubai was the 67th journalist or media assistant to be killed in Iraq since the start of the war in March 2003.

NATIONAL NEWS

Militant refuses to answer questions

EL PASO, Texas — An anti-Castro militant initially refused to answer questions from U.S. immigration attorneys Tuesday at his deportation hearing, but later acknowledged using several aliases and passports with different names.

Luis Posada Carriles, 77, is wanted in several countries for the deadly 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner. He requested asylum in the United States after his May arrest in Miami on charges that he sneaked into the country illegally through Mexico.

His deportation hearing also will consider whether the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion was an act of U.S. terrorism.

When first asked about a series of aliases, including "Bambi," Posada invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Firebomber sentenced to 39 years

OKLAHOMA CITY — A federal judge on Tuesday sentenced a man to 39 years in prison for firebombing a Jewish temple and later trying to send a racist later to the congregation. The defendant raised his hand in a stiff-armed Nazi salute as the judge left the court.

Sean Gillespie, 21, of Spokane, Wash., was found guilty in April of three bombing-related charges for hurling a Molotov cocktail at Temple B'Nai Israel a year earlier. The act, which caused minor damage to a brick wall and a glass door, was captured on a security videotape.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana SAT scores improve

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's most recent high school graduates took the SAT college entrance exam in record numbers, scoring 5 points higher than last year as the state continued a 15-year improvement on the key test, according to figures released Tuesday.

The 43,544 Indiana seniors who took the SAT exam this year had an average score on the verbal section of 504, up 3 points from last year. The average score on the math portion was 508, up 2 points from 2004.

New Orleans still engulfed by Katrina

Death toll soars in swamped city, now an estimated 80 percent below-sea-level

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Rescuers along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast pushed aside the dead to reach the living Tuesday in a race against time and rising waters, while New Orleans sank deeper into crisis and Louisiana's governor ordered storm refugees out of this drowning city.

Two levees broke and sent water coursing into the streets of the Big Easy a full day after New Orleans appeared to have escaped widespread destruction from Hurricane Katrina. An estimated 80 percent of the below-sea-level city was under water, up to 20 feet deep in places, with miles and miles of homes swamped.

"The situation is untenable," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "It's just heartbreaking."

One Mississippi county alone said its death toll was at least 100, and officials are "very, very worried that this is going to go a lot higher," said Joe Spraggins, civil defense director for Harrison County, home to Biloxi and Gulfport.

Thirty of the victims in the county were from a beachfront apartment building that collapsed under a 25-foot wall of water as Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast with 145-mph winds. And Louisiana officials said many were feared dead there, too, making Katrina one of the most punishing storms to hit the United States in decades.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said hundreds, if not thousands, of people may still be stuck on roofs and in attics, and so rescue boats were bypassing the dead.

"We're not even dealing with dead bodies," Nagin said. "They're just pushing them on the side."

The flooding in New



Emergency personnel rescue people from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library in the 9th Ward of New Orleans Tuesday.

Orleans grew worse by the minute, prompting the evacuation of hotels and hospitals and an audacious plan to drop huge sandbags from helicopters to close up one of the breached levees. At the same time, looting broke out in some neighborhoods, the sweltering city of 480,000 had no drinkable water, and the electricity could be out for weeks.

With water rising perilously inside the Superdome, Blanco said the tens of thousands of refugees now huddled there and other shelters in New Orleans would have to be evacuated.

She asked residents to

spend Wednesday in prayer.

"That would be the best thing to calm our spirits and thank our Lord that we are survivors," she said. "Slowly, gradually, we will recover; we will survive; we will rebuild."

All day long, rescuers in boats and helicopters pulled out shellshocked and bedraggled flood refugees from rooftops and attics. The Coast Guard said it has rescued 1,200 people by boat and air, some placed shivering and wet into helicopter baskets. They were brought by the truckload into shelters, some in wheelchairs and some carrying babies, with stories of

survival and of those who didn't make it.

"Oh my God, it was hell," said Kioka Williams, who had to hack through the ceiling of the beauty shop where she worked as floodwaters rose in New Orleans' low-lying Ninth Ward. "We were screaming, hollering, flashing lights. It was complete chaos."

Frank Mills was in a boarding house in the same neighborhood when water started swirling up toward the ceiling and he fled to the roof. Two elderly residents never made it out, and a third was washed away trying to climb onto the roof.

Administration announces 427 meth arrests

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When police visited an assisted-living facility near Pittsburgh they found employees cooking more than just the evening meal — authorities seized a lab used to make methamphetamine.

Police also made two of the more than 400 arrests that were part of the first nationally coordinated operation aimed at producers and sellers of the highly addictive drug.

Authorities announced Tuesday the results of Operation Wildfire, a cooperative effort among police in more than 200 cities and the Drug Enforcement Administration. More than 200 pounds of the drug and 56 labs were seized.

Eight counties in rural western North Carolina accounted for 70 of the 427 arrests made nationwide.

Two elderly residents of the assisted-living facility in Donora, Pa., had to be hospitalized for exposure to toxic chemicals from the meth lab, DEA

administrator Karen Tandy said. In Minneapolis, drug agents and police seized a lab in a hotel that is across the street from an elementary school, Tandy said.

"It's homemade, cheap and readily available," Tandy said, noting that after starting in the West, meth has been found in every state.

Authorities also took custody of 30 children, including two in Missouri who were living in a bug-infested home where meth was being produced, she said.

The arrests followed intense criticism from members of Congress and local law enforcement that the federal government is not doing enough to combat the use of methamphetamine. More than half the 500 sheriffs in a recent survey called meth their top problem, far surpassing cocaine and marijuana.

Local officials applauded the results announced Tuesday, calling them good first steps. But the administration has proposed eliminating \$804 million in

grants to local authorities for drug-fighting efforts, said Joe Dunn, assistant legislative director for the National Association of Counties.

"We'd like them to reverse that decision," Dunn said, noting that Congress appears likely to restore at least \$400 million.

Methamphetamine, which can come in the form of a crystal-like powder or rocklike chunks, is an addictive stimulant that can be smoked, snorted, injected or taken orally. Its street names include "ice," "crystal," "speed" and "tina."

Meth can be made using ingredients in over-the-counter cold medicines, prompting a dozen states to pass laws forcing stores to remove medicines containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine from shelves.

At least 12 million people have tried meth, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Authorities have dismantled more than 50,000 clandestine meth labs since 2001.

Laundry

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load of clothes costs \$1.25 and drying clothes costs 75 cents, rather than \$1.50 and \$1, respectively.

David Prentkowski, the director of Notre Dame Food Services, said the new laundry pricing incentives were introduced as a way to encourage students to use Domer Dollars instead of cash on campus.

Notre Dame Food Services started offering Domer Dollars six years ago for use by students at different food service locations. The number of places on campus that accept Domer Dollars has gradually risen over the years — now they can be used at such locations as the bookstore, the copy shop and in vending machines.

Notre Dame's student government was instrumental in encouraging the installment of card readers for the laundries into all dorms, Prentkowski said.

The government reasoned that since the laundry system is something most students utilize, it

would benefit the University to make it easier and more cost-effective. The Card Services office hopes that the 50 cents total price decrease will encourage students to use their cards rather than change.

The University also expressed interest in dealing primarily in electronic transfer, since it is less costly and time-consuming than processing coins, Prentkowski said.

Prentkowski said that there is an attraction and usefulness in Domer Dollars.

"It is a way for parents to give money to their children that they know they will use on campus," he said.

Prentkowski said Domer Dollars are much more convenient to carry than cash, and said that some staff members have requested the addition of Domer Dollars to their ID cards.

Kara Whitaker, an assistant at the Card Services office, has noticed that students are taking advantage of the ability to use Domer Dollars to get a reduced laundry cost.

"Before this year there was not a lot of incentive to use Domer Dollars, but now there is more

incentive for students to come over here and put random amounts of change on their card," she said.

Students have also been bringing rolls of quarters to the Card Services office that they had

planned to feed into the machines and instead depositing them into their Domer Dollars account, Whitaker said.

Students have expressed excitement about the lower cost of laundry thanks to Domer Dollars.

"It's all about saving as much money as possible," Wright said, adding that she gave all of her quarters to her roommate.

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Shirt

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Shirt are very positive about it," Wiatrowski said. "I haven't heard any negative feedback."

Student responses to The Shirt have ranged from enthusiasm to disgust, with most negative responses from students aimed at the new golden color.

Cavanaugh freshman Teresa Nesbitt said she is not planning on buying The Shirt this year.

"The color is garish and the quote on the back is too cheesy for words," she said.

Some students, however, think The Shirt appropriately represents the Notre Dame school spirit.

"I really like the design on the back. The quote isn't great, but changing things up can never be bad," said Keenan freshman Joe Gorman.

Although he has not bought a shirt yet, junior Jourdan Sorrell approved of The Shirt's new color.

"Gold is a good color," he said. "It signifies victory, and

it's better than red or pink."

The President of The Shirt Project, Kathleen Fox, stands by the color change. Fox was responsible for coordinating design and production of The Shirt.

"Those who say The Shirt is yellow are wrong," Fox said. "It's gold."

Fox said that the change in color was to commemorate the new coach, Charlie Weiss, and to celebrate a new era in football.

"For the past three years, The Shirt has been green because of Tyrone Willingham. With our new coach, Charlie Weiss, the new Shirt color should lead us into a great season," said Fox. "I hope the new Shirt inspires a great season."

The Shirt Project was started in 1990 to aid a graduate student who had been injured in a car accident. Since then, it has grown to become the largest student fundraiser on campus, raising over \$2.5 million for student organizations and financial aid.

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NASDAQ	2,129.76	-7.89
NYSE	7,397.06	-16.92
S&P 500	1,208.41	-3.87
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,453.14	-11.300
FTSE 100(London)	5,255.80	+27.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.36	-0.14	38.62
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.11	+0.03	27.18
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CAPSTONE TURBINE C (CPST)	+11.74	+0.54	5.14
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.62	-0.16	25.57

Treasuries

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10-YEAR NOTE	-1.99	-0.83	40.90
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U.S. oil reserves become political football

Bush finds himself under mounting pressure from both parties to ease prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has signaled it is willing to tap the nation's crude oil stockpile if needed to help refiners whose supplies were disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. But the action won't have much effect on soaring gasoline prices. As fuel costs keep rising, President Bush could find himself under increasing pressure from both parties to do more.

As the shutdown of oil platforms, refineries and pipelines drove energy prices to new highs, Bush decided to end his summer vacation on his Texas ranch and return to Washington on Wednesday to monitor hurricane recovery efforts.

Even before the powerful storm ripped through the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico, White House advisers were blaming Bush's slide in the polls at least in part on high gas prices. And lawmakers home for their August break have been getting an earful of complaints about pump prices.

But the political reality — for Bush and for the lawmakers — is that there are few realistic options for easing prices in the short term. The storm damage joins other factors that are relentlessly pushing up prices, including continuing war in Iraq, tensions with Venezuela and rising demand in China.

"In the next few months, there's no upside," said economist Mark Zandi of Economy.com, an economic consulting service. "And this winter, we're going to feel it more noticeably as people pay record gas prices and record home-heating bills."

If repairs on oil produc-



An Allied Aviation Fueling Company of Houston refueler adds fuel to a Continental Airlines' Boeing 767 plane bound for Honolulu at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston.

tion sites take longer than expected, it could generate severe oil, gasoline and natural gas shortages, threatening the U.S. economy.

The crisis draws attention to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the nation's emergency supply of 700 million barrels of crude oil buried in salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana.

Bush is expected to authorize the release of just enough oil from the reserve to help make up

for production losses directly related to the powerful storm — with a stipulation that the oil later be replaced by oil companies with an even larger quantity.

With gasoline prices nearing or surpassing \$3 a gallon in many areas, some lawmakers want the president to go further and open the stockpile's spigots to help drive down prices.

The administration contends that would defeat the purpose of the reserve, which is to protect the

nation against supply disruptions like the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a leading advocate of aggressively tapping the reserve, disagrees.

"We have more oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve than we've ever had. It's full. And using about 30 or 40 million barrels for a few months will not hurt us strategically," Schumer said in an interview, adding, "I think pressure will build" on Bush.

IN BRIEF

Stocks drop in hurricane aftermath

NEW YORK — Stocks skidded Tuesday in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which slammed the Gulf Coast, pounding hotels and casinos, constricting oil refinery capacity and leaving insurers to cover losses estimated as high as \$25 billion.

While major indexes gained Monday when the storm weakened, Wall Street's spirits sank Tuesday after the nation's top disaster relief official called the hurricane "catastrophic," oil prices climbed and stocks in affected sectors continued to drop. The Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 100 points in late afternoon trading, but narrowed its losses toward the close.

"This is the kind of reaction everyone expected yesterday," said John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group, part of Cleveland-based KeyCorp.

Crude oil futures hit record highs on fears that already tight refinery capacity would be further constrained as TV reports asserted widespread refinery shutdowns along the Gulf Coast and the Coast Guard said seven rigs were adrift in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dollar higher in Asian trade

TOKYO — The dollar was higher against the yen in Asian trading early Tuesday as a moderate easing of oil prices failed to raise prospects for Japan's economy, which depends heavily on imported oil.

The dollar bought 110.77 yen on the Tokyo foreign exchange market at 11 a.m. Tuesday, up 0.49 yen from late Monday and above the 110.61 yen it bought later that day in New York. The euro fell to \$1.2214 from \$1.2326 late Monday.

On Monday in New York, the dollar had moved broadly higher buoyed by an easing in crude oil futures prices and by investor optimism ahead of a slate of U.S. economic data due later this week.

The British pound fell to \$1.7949 late Monday in New York from \$1.8045 on Friday. The dollar rose to 1.2666 Swiss francs from 1.2570, and to 1.1977 Canadian dollars from 1.1974.

A barrel of light crude settled at \$67.20, up \$1.07 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier surging past \$70 a barrel, as investors found relief in reports that President Bush may release oil from the nation's petroleum reserve.

More restaurants offering gluten-free menus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a longtime chef in four-star restaurants, Joseph Pace had seen appreciative customers before. But nothing prepared him for the day that a well-dressed man walked into his Greenwich Village restaurant, ordered a pizza and a beer, and broke into tears.

That man, Pace recalls, had been diagnosed ten years earlier with celiac disease — an incurable affliction that makes the body unable to take anything containing gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley and rye.

The pizza and beer that Pace serves in his restaurant Risotteria, like many other items on his menu, are formulated with substitutes for wheat and barley, making his place a magnet for people who have celiac disease. The customer told Pace that he hadn't been able to enjoy a pizza and beer for a decade.

"This is what the restaurant busi-

ness is," Pace said. "Making people happy."

Not every customer may be as effusive as that one, but Pace says he gets tremendous amounts of feedback from customers, which also helps him try out new recipes. His latest experiment is a pasta made from white beans. Rice, the main ingredient in risotto, is naturally gluten-free.

Founded just five years ago, Pace's restaurant quickly became known among people with celiac disease, who make heavy use of the Internet and e-mail to share restaurant recommendations.

Several major restaurant chains are also reaching out to the celiac community. Outback Steakhouse, P.F. Chang's and other restaurant companies offer menus of gluten-free dishes, and more are joining them.

Last month, Mitchell's Fish Market, a 13-restaurant chain based in Columbus, Ohio, introduced gluten-free menus, and six months ago

Boston-based Legal Sea Foods did the same in its 31 restaurants. Richard Vellante, the executive chef for Legal Sea Foods, said his company adopted a gluten-free menu after hearing requests from customers and also noticing that competing restaurants were doing it.

Many people with celiac disease miss the textures that come with eating foods that contain wheat, such as crusty bread, croutons in salads and crispy fried foods, which often contain bread crumbs or flour, Vellante said.

So Legal Sea Foods worked on making substitutes — chick pea croutons for salads; corn meal for frying and chick pea crumbs for baking instead of flour. Many items, they found, unexpectedly contained gluten and had to be excluded from the celiac-safe menu, including cocktail sauce, balsamic vinegar and blue cheese. Gluten is often added to foods as a stabilizing agent.

Irish

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gation and disregard."

Kinder's negative experiences on the Guard did not make a difference in her decision, Murray said, especially since Kinder had said that she did not regret her choice to join. But Murray remained nervous about interacting with the all-male group.

"Once I got there, it was better than I expected," she said. "It's like any other group of guys. Was I treated like one of the guys? No, but it was awkward for everyone. I was trying to decide if I should act like a guy, but I shouldn't have to because I'm a girl."

While the 2000 Guard was not receptive to a female member, the current Guard was open to the idea, Sanchez said.

"When I was outside observing them, it seemed that they were treating her the same as any other individual," he said. "With Molly there was a bit of bias."

Sanchez said the 2005 Guard was trying its best to raise the group's image.

If she were to make the Guard, Murray said that she would have asked only for tolerance.

"I wouldn't be asked to be treated better, and I wouldn't ask to be treated worse," she said.

Brian Martin — captain of the Irish Guard — said that all prospective members were treated equally regardless of gender.

"We don't make any favorites," he said. "I think in terms of tryouts, which is the only place I have any experience in this situation, I don't think that there is that much more difficulty for a guy or a girl. Marching is difficult to learn and

hard on the body."

There is no set formula for a Guardsman, he said.

"It all just depends on who is the best marcher and who is the best fit for Irish Guard," he said. "It's not just about marching. When you are at attention you also have to look the part. That's the whole reason you have to be 6-foot-2". It's supposed to be an intimidating thing."

The identity of the Guard played as big a part as gender relations in her tryout, Murray said.

"I came from the marching band," she said. "I view the Irish Guard as being a part of the band, and they don't. They're supposed to be our version of the flag corps, but they see themselves as a separate group that happens to lead the band."

Though Murray would have lost her spot in marching band had she made the Guard, band leaders were excited that she auditioned.

"We're hoping she will audition next year. She did very well, but there were only a few spots," said Sanchez.

Sanchez said tryouts are extremely competitive for anyone, though the degree of difficulty varies each year depending on the number of returning Guardsmen.

"Often people don't make it their first year," he said. "None of the four band members who auditioned this year made it. There were a number of people who tried out for the third time. Molly Kinder didn't make it her first year, but her second year we took five people and she was number two."

Murray said she plans on trying out again next year.

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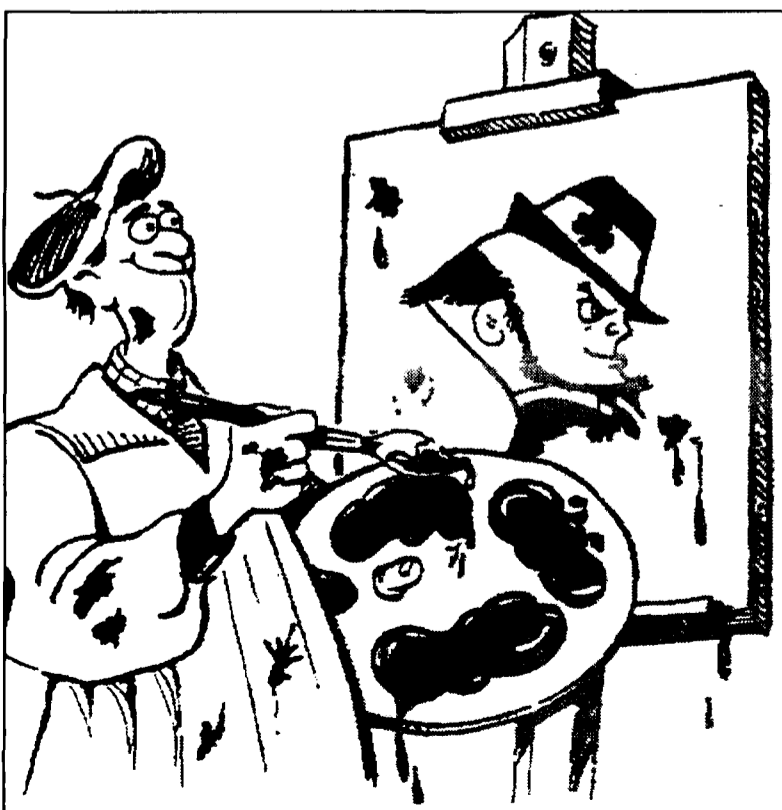


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Where's the fire?

One night last spring walking home from a late night studying in Lafortune, I heard loud shouting coming from a couple across the quad. Their argument — the content of which I had no idea — gave me renewed hope in Notre Dame students.

Every day, I hear plenty of jovial conversation and silly laughing — and that is great. It shows that we enjoy each other's company and like to have fun. For me though, the good feelings, times and memories are not enough to have healthy, meaningful and transformational interactions. Some of the best relationships I have are littered with arguments, tense conversations and confrontational moments.

Quite simply, our lives are not meant to be all giggles and small talk. We do not change by taking what we get and being content. We do not help the people we care about by refusing to confront them when they need it. Lasting relationships are forged in the light of shared joys and the fire of shared pain and confrontation. I can remember one time my friend and roommate called me out on a flippant remark I made to her. I did not say it out of malice, but she told me she did not like it. Her standing up for herself to me — her friend — showed me her respect for herself and demand to be respected by me. Not only did I learn something about my friend, but also about myself — I say things that I do not really mean that may hurt people. That interaction was transformational and stayed with me. Without my

friend's courage to confront me, I would never have learned that lesson.

Why are we afraid to confront each other, to express our anger in public, or be anything but happy and quiet? I can only remember overhearing a few angry interactions in my entire stay at this school. Is Notre Dame an anger-free zone? A collegiate utopia? I doubt it.

With all the campaigns and efforts to reform our university, heated correspondence in The Observer and other publications and disgruntled student mumblings behind closed doors, we have got issues for sure. Yet, none of these translations of anger or stress turns into anything real.

For example, I have been a Viewpoint columnist going on my third year and have received a fair share of negative comments by e-mail from readers. However, e-mail to me is an innocuous medium — lacking the power of tone, gestures and passion in speech. Only 7 percent of conversation is the words we use — so e-mail to me is not my idea of confrontation. I have never had a conversation — face-to-face — with a disappointing reader and have comfortably stayed in my worldview. As much as I believe in my own ideas, forged by my own experiences, I would have welcomed an honest conversation from someone from a different perspective on an issue I raised.

We should not be afraid of anger; indeed it has produced some important developments in our society. Anger over segregation and racism produced the civil rights movement, anger over denial of full citizenship to women produced movements to gain the right to vote and anger over migrant working conditions produced the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the successful Taco Bell Boycott.

Anger gives us energy and connects our experiences and gut feelings to the disdainful things we see around us. Without it we are simply coasting in this life, biding our time till we leave this Earth in splendid isolation.

I believe we can be surrounded by people for all our lives, but never connect with or impact another if we refuse to confront each other; at the same time, we may be completely alone and have a tremendous effect on others. Thomas Merton lived away from the world as we would dub it in a monastery — yet his targeted and powerful writings impact people's lives and choices even today.

The foundation of confrontation — whether to our friends, fellow Domers or the institutions that manage our lives — is compassion and love. When we care about a person or a community we want it to grow in a trajectory that is positive. When we love another person we are compelled to see the good and the bad — recognizing both in compliments and confrontation. When we love a place like Notre Dame, it should shame us to let fixable flaws go on without an objection. We are not perfect and — news flash — neither is our university.

To practice the love and respect demanded by our creed, we have got to show a little, maybe even a lot, of anger and confront people and issues when necessary. So keep speaking bravely to each other. You may not know it now, but that may have helped another change for the better.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent... Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers."

Louis D. Brandeis
U.S. Supreme Court justice

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Take a closer look

It seems to me that one of the many reasons for studying history is the pragmatic desire not to repeat the blunders of the past. Unfortunately, Ian Ronderos is advocating such a disaster in his Aug. 30 Op-Ed piece "Of patriots and tyrants."

In his encouragement of "removing" the democratically elected and popular Hugo Chavez, Ronderos supports sending weapons and bolstering the opposition. This is eerily similar to situations in that past where the United States supported leaders such as Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan. Of course, as everyone knows, the U.S. intervention into those areas has been wildly successful. Moreover, Ronderos' opinion that a small regime of Marines would make a civil war swift and easy is laughable considering the fiascos of the Vietnam War and present-day Iraq.

Although this willingness to repeat historical tragedies is disturbing, I find that the fact that this dangerous rubbish is coming from the president emeritus of the College Republicans even worse. What happened to the Republicans who were against nation building? Why have Republicans forgotten that it is exactly the policies that Ronderos advocates and his general "America knows best" attitude that are what cause most of the world to despise the United States and are the sources of our many international problems?

It is not because people hate our "freedom." Nor are people jealous of our "wealth" and "power." Such arrogance and bravado is dangerous for America. To put it in terms that classics majors such as Ronderos may understand, the United States suffers from a bad case of hubris and the views and attitudes of people like Ronderos and the College Republicans are hastening America's tragic fall from grace.

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U-WIRE

A textbook case of gouging

The rest of the nation is complaining about gas prices these days, but paying close to three dollars a gallon at the pump is nothing compared to what most of us have been shelling out at the bookstore in the past week. The sticker shock is more than enough to rival any fill-up, as cash registers from Newcomb to the Corner climb to gasp-inducing triple digits. Yet while the targets of gasoline woes are easy enough to name (from OPEC to the president, choose your culprit), the staggering cost of textbooks seems more like an unexplainable, if miserable, phenomenon.

But just in time for back-to-school season, the Government Accountability Office, at the request of Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., published a study on Tuesday about the skyrocketing costs of books that indicates that there may, in fact, be some accountability to be had. The study found that the prices of textbooks have nearly tripled in the past twenty years, increasing at about twice the rate of inflation.

Translated into your life, that means the average student is spending nearly \$900 a year on textbooks and supplies, or 26 percent of his or her tuition and fees at public four-year colleges like the University. American families spent more than six billion dollars on textbooks in the 2003-2004 academic year. What's driving the increases? By and large, says the GAO, all those multimedia bells and whistles that come shrink-wrapped with your books.

The industry name for the practice is "bundling," and textbook publishers claim that they're "increasing investments in developing supplements in response to demand from instructors." If you're thinking that you'd just as soon spend the extra cash on your rent instead of a supplemental CD-ROM you'll be using all of never this semester, you're not alone. The Public Interest Research Groups of California and Oregon conducted a study of their own in the fall of 2003 and discovered that while half of college textbooks now come bundled, 65 percent of faculty rarely or never use the bundled materials in their college courses.

While learning supplements can have a useful place in and outside the classroom, the need is clearly not driven by professors but rather by the profit motives of the industry, leaving us students

with a stack of very expensive coasters.

The useless computer disks and glossy case study booklets aren't the only examples of the publishing industry's gouging of student pocketbooks. According to professors interviewed for the study, textbook publishers issue a new edition of a single book approximately every three years — for all subjects, regardless of how the subject has changed during that time period. Obviously, material in textbooks must keep pace with new discoveries, theories and ideas in the fields they address, but keeping the material up to date doesn't excuse forcing students to spend more money on a new edition of a Latin book, for example.

But what's good for students isn't good for the bottom line — as soon as one version of a textbook becomes available to the majority of students, the profit margin for the publishers starts to decrease, as new books on average cost 58 percent more than their used counterparts.

The survey quotes a former publishing industry executive for the Academic Press as acknowledging exactly that: "Publishers release new editions of successful textbooks every few years — not to improve content, although that may be a byproduct — but to discourage the sales of used books by making them seem obsolete." There's no blaming the professors in this case, either; 76 percent of faculty report that the new college textbooks editions they use are justified "never" to "half the time," and 40 percent of faculty say the new editions are "rarely" to "never" justified.

The Textbook Market Fairness Act, passed by the Virginia General Assembly this year, requires Virginia's public universities to post course booklists online so that students can comparison shop for the best prices; the new policy is certainly a step in the right direction.

But empowering students to hunt for the cheapest of outrageously priced books is only a band-aid, and is no substitute for placing pressure where it is due. The price-gouging practices of the textbook publishing industry hurt students and hurt university communities, and the publishers need to answer to the students and families paying the bills.

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U-WIRE

New law provokes token

What does possession of marijuana and speeding on the highway have in common? Nothing yet, but if the executive director of the Drug Policy Forum of Kansas, Laura Green, successfully persuades the City Commission at the upcoming Sept. 6 meeting, then getting caught with marijuana would be treated as a speeding ticket. That is if they are caught at all.

Penalties for having marijuana should remain at the State and Federal Courts level and not brought down to the City Courts just because people feel like it's too harsh.

Of course, the majority of the people in Lawrence, Kan., that took the Lawrence Journal-World's poll asking should marijuana possession be treated as a traffic ticket, the response was predictable. Five hundred eighteen of the 734 votes were in favor of this proposal that should just go up in smoke.

As Green wrote in her letter to the City Commissioners, her reasoning was for the welfare of students. As it stands now, a University of Kansas student found in possession of marijuana will be arrested and the case would be held at Douglas County Courthouse. Because the case would be in a State or Federal Courthouse, the student would be denied financial aid because of the drug conviction.

If marijuana possession cases were held in City Court, then a drug possession would not appear on a student's record.

The proposal also asks that marijuana enforcement would become a low priority. Making the punishment less severe for this offense would increase the number of incidents. If there is no incentive to stay drug-free, then the drug problem will rise. It's like making all speeding tickets 10 dollars or 50 dollars no matter how fast you were traveling over the speed limit. This would just produce more people speeding because the consequence isn't that great of a punishment.

Green states in her letter to the City Commission, "The long-term benefit will be less young people with criminal records ..." This is the line she's used to win over Lawrence's mayor, Boog Highberger, and District Attorney Charles Branson, who handles the marijuana cases for Douglas County.

In Aug. 24, 2005 edition of the Lawrence-Journal World, Highberger said, "It wouldn't bar a student from getting financial aid ... [it's] appropriate because I think that would be a pretty harsh penalty for getting caught with a little pot." What, then, does qualify as a "little pot," Mr. Mayor? The Lawrence-Journal World article says the criteria is "small amounts of marijuana for personal use, not cases involving drug dealers."

So, it's a little pot, that's okay. But what about drug dealers who make money here in Lawrence by selling by the bowl-full? They aren't selling it by the kilo, after all.

And what about those students who need financial aid who didn't get caught with pot? This law makes it possible for a student without a drug conviction to get passed up for student loans by a student with a drug conviction.

Green said the penalties would be similar to those already existing: "a combination of diversion, treatment, probation and a maximum fine of \$2,500 or a year in jail." — the Lawrence-Journal World, Aug. 24, 2005. If the penalties are the same except for the arrest and the drug felony, then this should be a moot point.

If you smoke pot and you get caught, it's simple — you go to jail. Lawrence is not a monopoly game; there should be no "get out of jail" cards here.

Certainly the fines and jail-time remain the same, but the long lasting effects of being caught with an illegal substance become virtually nil for first-time offenders, provided they get caught doing the offending at all.

If drug users and dealers in other Kansas towns hear that they can get their first time offenses stricken from the record, won't they flock to a town where they know that there won't be any long term consequences to their record?

Combine that with marijuana enforcement becoming a "low priority," and it's almost a given that marijuana use in Lawrence will increase, and it seems like our law-makers are okay with that.

Well, the editorial board is not. The proposed plan is a complete lapse in moral judgment.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Murphy, McAdams take flight in 'Red Eye'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

"Red Eye" is a tight, effective little thriller that coasts on the charisma of its two leads, Cillian Murphy and Rachel McAdams. Director Wes Craven is no stranger to the genre, as his credits include "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream." By contrast, "Red Eye" is far more subdued than either of those films, as it unravels its relatively straightforward plot in a brief, busy 85 minutes.

Watching "Red Eye" is like listening to a song stripped down to its melody. Audiences have come to expect labyrinth plots and roller-coaster plot-twists from thrillers, so the fact that the film has neither is surprisingly refreshing.

Once the central conceit of the film has been established, it stays for the course for the majority of the film. This is ultimately a wise decision as the addition of plot devices would have bloated the running time and prevented "Red Eye" from being the doggedly economical film its director intended.

Lisa Reisart (Rachel McAdams) and Jackson Ripner (Cillian Murphy) meet in an airport, share a drink, then end

up sitting next to each other on their Fresh Air flight from Dallas to Miami. From the moment the plane leaves the ground, the plot kicks into gear and doesn't let up for the next hour. Revealing too much of the plot gives away the film's precious few surprises, suffice to say that Ripner is not all that he seems and his proximity to Reisart is far more than coincidental. The scope of the film is not quite as vast as one might expect, but the small-scale actually benefits the film, as it is able to concentrate on the tense conflict between the two lead characters. Using a plane as setting is effective, as it essentially traps Reisart and keeps her essentially at the mercy of her proverbial captor.

What is most surprising is that neither Rachel McAdams nor Cillian Murphy bring anything less than believability to outlandish plot.

Murphy, who also played The Scarecrow in "Batman Begins" this summer, is quite good as Jackson. There are strains of Anthony Perkins' "Psycho" in his simultaneous evocation of boyish charm and seething psychopathic tendencies, though he gives his character a welcome amount of depth. Murphy is a chameleon-like actor who morphs into a variety of roles.



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Terror awaits Lisa (Rachel McAdams) when she is seated next to Jackson (Cillian Murphy) on a night flight to Miami in director Wes Craven's "Red Eye."

McAdams is the glue that holds the whole enterprise together, proving her range and effectiveness as an actress. As Lisa Reisart, her inherent goodness is what separates her from Murphy's Jackson and gives focus to the plot. It's hard to believe she played Regina George, the eponymous Mean Girl, a year prior.

The cinema must be taken on its own terms, and when reviewing "Red Eye" in that context, it fulfills its function

very nicely. Wes Craven has made better films, but he rarely gets actors as talented and charismatic as Murphy and McAdams and he takes full advantage of that strength.

It's no masterpiece, but it's well-wound and enjoyable to watch, which is more than can be said of many films far more ambitious than "Red Eye."

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Director: Wes Craven
Writers: Carl Ellsworth and Dan Foos
Starring: Rachel McAdams, Cillian Murphy and Brian Cox

Unoriginal 'Skeleton Key' unlocks no thrills

By MARK BEMENDERFER
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At this point, a twist ending would constitute a thriller not actually involving a twist. In recent years, it has become all too common for movies to try to incorporate some sort of twist in hopes of salvaging an otherwise forgettable movie. This trend has once again been displayed in Iain Softley's "The Skeleton Key," a movie that works off an original premise, yet manages to fall back into the usual trappings of the genre.

"The Skeleton Key" starts off with Caroline (Kate Hudson) becoming disillusioned with her role as a hospice worker in a care center. In efforts to do more to help people, she quits her job at the center and takes up a job as a private caretaker at a plantation. The hours are good, and she is able to continue her nursing degree while she cares for the elderly couple at the plantation.

The husband (John Hurt) has recently had a stroke, and requires assisted living. The wife (Gena Rowlands) is suspicious of Caroline and her northern habits, but allows her to take the job. While working there, Caroline begins to discover that all is not as it seems, and that a dark magic called Hoodoo may be involved.

The original premise is nice, but can only carry the movie so far. The film seems confused about what it wishes to accomplish. At times it wants to be horror, at others it wants to be a thriller.

While some might argue that there is little distinction between the two, "The Skeleton Key" demonstrates that such an assumption is not true. The film is all buildup and no payoff. At times, it tries to evoke a sense of horror that never comes. At others, it tries to leave the viewer in suspense. Once again, it fails. Watching the movie, one is kept waiting for a strong emotion of any sort, which, once again, never comes.

It's not the acting that fails the movie. All of the actors perform decently within the confines of the script, with no noticeable sore spots. They are all fairly established actors, and this shows, thanks to the fine performances.

Kate Hudson, who also appeared in "Raising Helen" and "Almost Famous," does well within her own role. Her increasing awareness of the mysteries around her is transferred onto the screen well, creating empathy with the viewer.

John Hurt is especially convincing in his role as Ben Devereaux, the stroke afflicted patient that Caroline is hired to tend. Being unable to move for much of the movie, he could only convey emotions through using his eyes, and subtle movements. These were all done commendably.

Hurt certainly has earned his screen presence, having starred in over 120 movies during his career.

The script isn't bad either. Plot holes are not too prevalent, and it actually feels like a decent story. The setting is moderately unsettling, as is the house the old married couple live in. The sub-



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Caroline (Kate Hudson), a nurse, and Luke (Peter Sarsgaard), the local attorney, uncover a terrifying secret in "The Skeleton Key," a supernatural thriller.

ject matter is mysterious, which is a good recipe for horror. On paper, it was probably much scarier than it ultimately became on the screen.

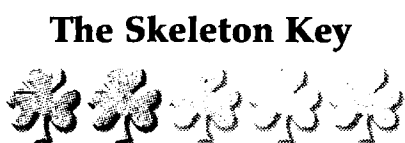
The director, Iain Softley, has only six movies in his repertoire. This could explain the lack of any real substance to the film's style.

Points should be given for the chosen subject alone, as movies based around voodoo and hoodoo are rare. When asked, some might think back and remember "Predator 2," which had some elements of voodoo in it. Movies that are based solely around those pagan practices are next to non-existent.

Then again, "The Skeleton Key," and movies like it, may be the very reason more are not created, since they fail to impress.

The main shortcoming of the movie is that it failed to fulfill its promises. The previews hinted at a possibly scary, potentially thrilling movie. The end product failed to evoke any emotions that associated with either. It's not necessarily a bad movie, but neither is it a good one. There are much better movies out there worth seeing.

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Director: Iain Softley
Writer: Ehren Kruger
Starring: Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands, John Hurt and Peter Sarsgaard

MOVIE REVIEWS

Charming Carell shines in '40 Year-Old Virgin'

By ELIZABETH LUDEMANN
Scene Critic

In the summer of "Star Wars," Brangelina, Tomcat, and remakes galore, not many would have guessed that a film about a 40-year-old virgin with no bankable stars would rule the box office for two straight weekends. Only six out of this year's 29 box office number ones have been films with no big-name stars, and the latest does not disappoint.

Carried by Steve Carell, former correspondent on "The Daily Show," the film is a work of comedic genius, blending insight and humor.

The film's unlikely hero is Andy Stitzer (Carell), a man who rides a bike to his job at an electronics store and collects action figures in his spare time. More appropriately, he is infatuated with these "collectibles," to the point that they fill his entire apartment, aided by his impressive stash of video games.

His weekend's most exciting moment: making egg salad. He's generally an odd bird, and his co-workers are more than aware of this.

One night, after being invited to a poker game, Andy accidentally reveals to the shock and horror of his new

buddies, that he is a virgin. A 40-year-old virgin. After the initial amazement and a few rather hurtful jokes, the co-workers make Andy's deflowering their new mission.

So Andy enters the dating world, experiencing failure after failure. Then, along comes Trish (Catherine Keener), a single mom who enables Andy to get past his shyness and fear. She, of course, is not aware that Andy is a virgin, and as their relationship progresses, his secret becomes more pressing.

The film works for a number of reasons, the most important of which is the treatment of the main character. Instead of being presented as a loser, Andy Stitzer is shown to be a nice and

decent guy who is almost painfully polite. He is not a freak show or a social outcast. At one point, he reveals his humanness when he explains to his friends how he happened to remain

a virgin for so long: after a while, he just stopped trying, and it became a non-issue.

The chemistry between Carell and Keener is another big reason the film works so well. The plot necessitates that their relationship remain innocent for some time, and the leads make this not only believable, but engaging as

The 40 Year-Old Virgin



Director: Judd Apatow
Writers: Judd Apatow and Steve Carell
Starring: Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks



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Andy (Steve Carell) has a chance to break his losing streak when he begins romancing single mom Trish (Catherine Keener) in "The 40 Year-Old Virgin."

well.

"The 40 Year Old Virgin" is one of those rare films that is successful at being both a hilarious sex comedy and a sweet romance. It paradoxically alternates between vulgarity and innocence. The comedy is perfectly constructed and delivered, offering the audience a plethora of one-liners and belly-laugh moments. But between the dirty jokes and sexual innuendos, the

audience actually comes to care about these characters.

The bottom line is that this is a sweet movie with a good heart. It is one of the funniest, if not the funniest, movies of the year.

There's only one downside: your face may hurt from all the smiling.

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'Brothers Grimm' fails to deliver fairy tale ending

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Critic

From Terry Gilliam, one of the most original minds in modern cinema, comes "The Brothers Grimm," a weird and macabre tale of two brothers who conjure up demons - and destroy them for a hefty fee.

Will (Matt Damon) and Jacob (an utterly incomprehensible Heath Ledger), known throughout 19th-century Germany as conquerors of all that is supernaturally evil, are actually nothing more than glorified pranksters. They parade from small village to small village exploiting the townsfolk's fear of old fairy tales and bedtime stories.

Eventually they are exposed and arrested by an irritable French general (Jonathan Pryce), who wants them to discover who is behind the mysterious disappearance of ten little girls in a rural village. What ensues is a twisted, disorienting, and altogether disappointing fantasy-adventure that sadly becomes a dark blemish on its director's otherwise excellent résumé.

Much of the effect a film will have comes from expectations set before entering the theater. "The Brothers Grimm" is directed by Gilliam, the historically thought-provoking director who has helmed such critically-acclaimed projects as "Fear and Loathing In Las Vegas," "12 Monkeys," and the criminally-underestimated "Brazil." Compared to that list, "Grimm" is pedestrian at best.

Gilliam tries his best to inject it with trademarks like spiraling camera shots, crazy and nonsensical characters and considerable narrative bent towards the dark and sinister, but to little avail.

The trouble begins, however, with the story itself, which is so tired and filled with clichés and illogical twists and turns that the audience has a hard time keeping track of it all.

The film's big gimmick is that it alludes to famous fairy-tales. Among those referenced are "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Hansel and Gretel" and "Little Red Hood." This happens to be the inspiration for the Grimm brothers' business. However, the screenplay is so sloppy and the visuals so outrageous that the film becomes impossible to play along with.

Damon and Ledger talk in terrible

faux-English accents that make them impossible to understand. Throughout the course of the film, they meet a stock Keira Knightley look-alike (Lena Headey) and a

dangerous plague-ridden Queen (Monica Bellucci) who has taken the little girls captive in an effort to create an elixir for eternal life.

Each and every character, save for the awkwardly stoic and serious Headey, has a nervous tic or crazy facial abnormality that makes the entire film feel like something out of a circus sideshow, and the camera never stops moving to the next creepy, gross thing Gilliam feels the need to throw

The Brothers Grimm



Director: Terry Gilliam
Writer: Ehren Kruger
Starring: Matt Damon, Heath Ledger, Jonathan Pryce and Monica Bellucci



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Traveling con-artists Jacob (Heath Ledger), left, and Wilhem Grimm (Matt Damon) get tangled up in a genuine fairy tale curse in "The Brothers Grimm."

onscreen.

There are points where "The Brothers Grimm" is popcorn entertainment, but again, Gilliam ought to know better. By the umpteenth 'deus ex machina' moment, one starts to hope that this is all one of Johnny Depp's ether-induced dreams from "Fear and Loathing."

Yet, the film can best be summed up by a particular moment in the film: A

cat is (somehow) kicked into a giant whirling blade, at which point the poor feline is shredded into small bits, one of which lands on Pryce's face. He stands, bemused, picks the little gob of red entrails off of his cheek, and pops it into his mouth.

Bon appétit.

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DPAC PREVIEW

The real best seat in town

DPAC's Browning Cinema continues trend of diverse film screenings

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Many students may not realize that one of the best movie theaters in the state can be found right on campus.

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts houses the Browning Cinema, a venue with richly diverse screenings. An eclectic mix of films is played there each semester and Fall 2005 will continue that trend. Whether showing an early silent domestic picture or a first-run foreign film, The Browning combines all the best elements of arthouse and popular cinema in a single venue.

While the PAC is usually reserved for Film, Television and Theatre class screenings during the week, the venue opens to all students — as well as the general public — on weekends.

"The PAC can provide screening opportunities that rival most major cities," said Jon Vickers, the Browning Cinema Manager. "Even a city with a good arthouse may not show as many classic films as we're showing."

The Browning screens a variety of film styles from many different countries, giving students the opportunity to be exposed to types of cinema they would not normally find in domestic theaters. This includes classic foreign and arthouse cinema as well as more recent films.

Everything from Fritz Lang's silent classic "Metropolis" (1927) to Pedro Almodovar's ultra-contemporary "Talk to Her" (2002) will be shown in a THX-certified setting.

THX certification is only given to theaters that meet the highest standards of picture and sound quality and the Browning Cinema is one of the only screens in Indiana that has been given that distinction.

Since the Browning's screenings are open to the public, some studios will deal directly with the University. This allows the venue to receive special prints of films that are still in their major theatrical runs. Among the first-run films being screened this semester

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Jon Vickers
Browning manager



A full house watches director Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Sept. 2, 2004 in the Browning Cinema, located in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

are David LaChapelle's "Rize." Paul Haggis' "Crash," Marilyn Agrelo's "Mad Hot Ballroom" and Gus Van Sant's "Last Days."

Additionally, the use of The Browning as a public theater allows for a student discount. Each screening costs only \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors, \$5 for faculty and staff and \$6 for the general public.

"The charges for a non-theatrical venue, which is most universities, are typically much higher than for theatrical," Vickers said. "Everyone thinks that studios give colleges a break, but it's quite the opposite."

The goal of the PAC is not to make money, but to give students the chance to attend cinema that might not normally catch their attention.

Aside from the contemporary films screened, the Browning plays host to the PAC Classic 100 Films, a list compiled by Jon Vickers and John Haynes,

the director of the DPAC.

"It took us a number of months to compile the list," Vickers said. "We merged together 10 outside lists, then would pick and choose substitutes to get a good balance."

Every film shown in the PAC Classic 100 is projected in an authentic 35 or 70 millimeter print, which come straight from the studio. Using such a print ensures that each movie is screened in its original theatrical presentation. Among the films being shown this semester as representatives of the PAC Classic 100 are such classics as Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey," Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver," and Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" (crowned by the American Film Institute as the number one movie of all time).

The most important quality of The Browning may be the diversity of its content. Vickers emphasizes the impor-

tance of exposure to the less contemporary films that the PAC hosts.

"The Browning is giving the Notre Dame and South Bend community the chance to see great international arthouse titles plus a wonderful supply of classic films," he said. "There are probably some students who have never seen a foreign film. They should take this opportunity because half the cinema circulated worldwide is not from the United States."

The Browning will host three very different films this weekend. Turkish writer/director Fatih Akin's "Head-On" (Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.), will be screened first. Akin's forceful character study and psychological drama won the Golden Bear at the 2004 Berlin Film Festival. Later this weekend, the Browning will host "Murderball," (Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.), a documentary about a violent sport played by quadriplegic athletes. "Murderball," like many films shown at Performing Arts Center, is still in its first theatrical run.

Finally, the Browning will host Jean-Luc Godard's groundbreaking 1959 film "Breathless," (Saturday at 3 p.m.) the latest entry in the PAC Classic 100. "Breathless" was one of the first films

in The French New Wave, a movement that revolutionized contemporary cinema.

The Browning Cinema is one of the many assets that can be found on campus, but its importance is not limited to the Notre Dame community alone. As one of the best movie theaters of any kind in the state, it is a valuable resource for movie-lovers and the general public alike.

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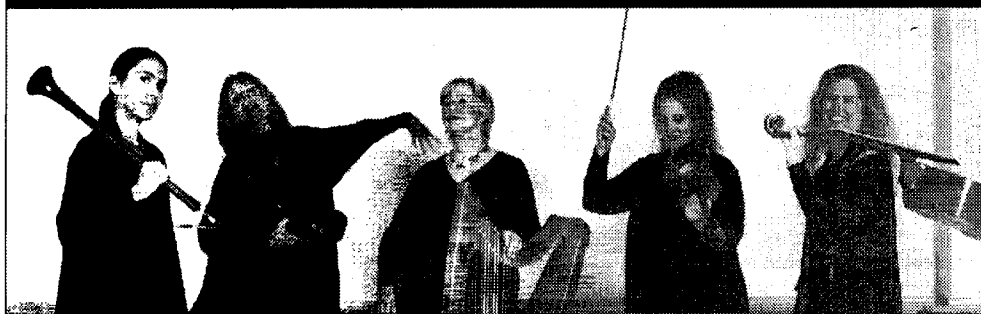
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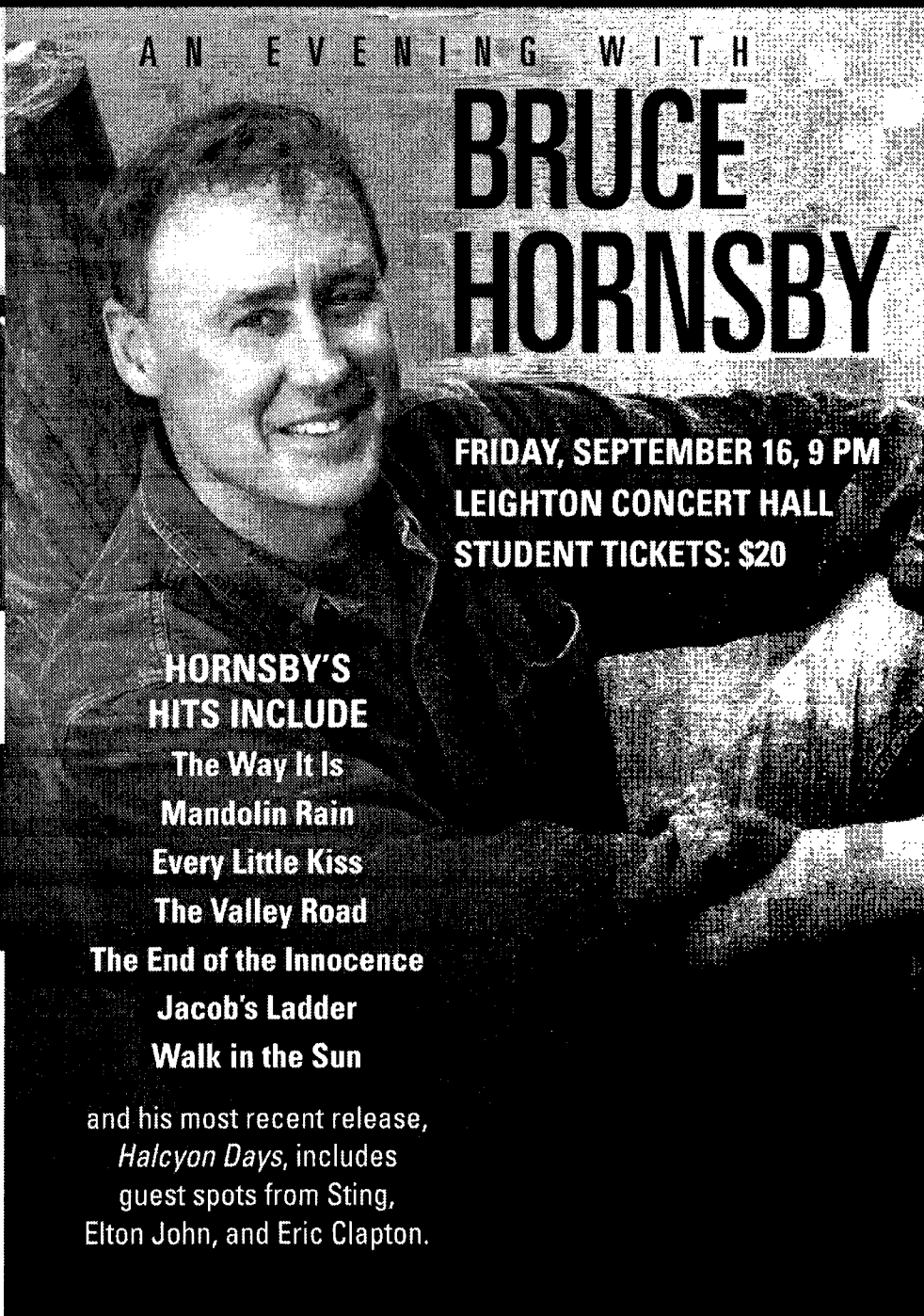
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MLB—AMERICAN LEAGUE

ChiSox split doubleheader with host Rangers

Chicago tosses shut-out in second game

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Brandon McCarthy pitched two-hit ball over 7 2/3 innings for his first major league win, Jermaine Dye had two homers and six RBIs, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 8-0 Tuesday night for a doubleheader split.

McCarthy (1-1) was called up from Triple-A Charlotte earlier in the day to make his sixth major league start. He held the Rangers hitless over the first 4 1/3 innings until Alfonso Soriano's double.

In the first game, rookie left-hander C.J. Wilson allowed one run and two hits in five innings of relief for his first major league win, Mark Teixeira drove in six runs and hit a pair of two-run homers off 16-game winner Jon Garland, and the Rangers won 8-6.

Losses in the previous two games by the White Sox top starters — Garland and Mark Buehrle — left Chicago with 11 defeats in a 16-game span.

McCarthy struck out two and walked one, allowing only two runners as far as second. Bobby Jenks pitched 1 1/3 innings to finish the White Sox's eighth shutout of the season.

Dye had the 10th multihomer game of his career and first of the season while matching his career high for RBIs.

Chicago, which snapped a three-game losing streak, built a 3-0 lead after two innings against Edison Volquez (0-1) in his first major league start.

Carl Everett drove in the first run with a first-inning sacrifice fly and Dye made it 3-0 in the second with a two-run homer.

Volquez's debut ended with two outs in the fifth after Aaron Rowand's run-scoring single extended Chicago's lead to 4-0. Dye had a run-scoring single off John Wasdin in the fifth for a 5-0 advantage.

Scott Podsednik had three hits in the second game and Rowand went 5-for-8 with four RBIs in the doubleheader.

Volquez allowed five runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Dye added his 25th homer, a three-run drive off Wasdin in the seventh, to make it 8-0.

Wilson (1-6) had been winless in 12 major league appearances and in six minor league decisions this season. He hadn't won since 2003, missing the entire

2004 season recovering from elbow ligament replacement surgery.

After the game, the Rangers optioned Wilson to Double-A Frisco to create a roster spot for Volquez, who was called up from the same club. Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Wilson would be back with the Rangers next week when rosters are expanded to 40.

Teixeira's 33rd and 34th homers gave him six multihomer games this season and 10 in his career. He also matched his season high for RBIs.

Teixeira's two-run shot in the fourth off Garland (16-8) gave Texas the lead for good at 7-5.

Garland, who started the day second in the AL in wins, allowed eight runs — five earned — and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings. He had his shortest outing of the season and is 1-4 in his last seven starts.

Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 29th save in 36 chances.

Boston 7, Tampa Bay 6

BOSTON — Curt Schilling started slowly in his return to the Fenway mound, but the Boston Red Sox rallied from a five-run deficit and beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday night when Trot Nixon singled in the winning run with two outs in the ninth.

Making his first start at Fenway since April, Schilling gave up five runs in the first two innings before settling down with four scoreless innings.

Boston trailed 5-0 after two and 6-4 in the eighth before tying the score on Bill Mueller's RBI groundout and John Olerud's pinch-single.

There was one out in the ninth when David Ortiz walked against Joe Borowski (1-1) and took third on Manny Ramirez's single off Danys Baez. Jason Varitek drew a walk after falling behind in the count 0-2, then Johnny Damon hit a liner to right that was too hard for Ortiz to score.

Nixon followed with a similar shot, a little shallower, and it fell in for a single.

Mike Timlin (6-2) pitched one inning of perfect relief, striking out one.

Julio Lugo, Carl Crawford and Jorge Cantu had three hits apiece for the Devil Rays.

Schilling made just three starts before missing 69 games with a right ankle injury, then made 21 relief appearances before returning to the rotation



White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, left, congratulates Brandon McCarthy Tuesday night in Texas. McCarthy shut out the Rangers for nearly eight innings, yielding only two hits.

for a 7-4 loss to Kansas City on Thursday. His hair bleached blond and his socks just plain old white, he was in trouble from the start.

Lugo doubled to lead off the game and, after a sacrifice bunt, scored on Cantu's single before Schilling struck out Aubrey Huff and Jonny Gomes to end the inning. Alex Gonzalez doubled with one out in the second, Toby Hall singled and Lugo tripled to make it 3-0.

Toronto 7, Baltimore 2

TORONTO — Earplugs didn't help Rafael Palmeiro stop his slump.

Palmeiro inserted earplugs after he was loudly booed during his first at-bat in the Baltimore Orioles' loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night. He went 0-for-4, leaving him with two hits in 26 at-bats, an .077 average, since a 10-day suspension for testing positive for steroids.

Palmeiro struck out swinging in the first inning, popped out weakly to the pitcher in the fourth, lined out to first base in the sixth and took a called third strike in the eighth. His batting average has dropped from .280 at the time of his suspension to .266.

Fans have jeered him and made disparaging remarks since his return. He is the most prominent major league player punished for taking banned drugs.

Palmeiro was Baltimore's designated hitter, a day after interim manager Sam Perlozzo suggested he has lost his job as the regular first baseman.

Baltimore lost its fifth straight game and for the 10th time in 11 games. Rodrigo Lopez (13-8) gave up seven runs and 11 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Shea Hillenbrand tripled during a four-run second inning, and hit an RBI double in a three-run fifth.

David Bush (4-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings, struck out seven and walked none for the Blue Jays, who lost eight of their previous 10 games. Every Toronto started had at least one hit.

Baltimore's Brian Roberts led off the first with a homer, the fourth time he's done it this season and the second time against Bush. He also homered off Bush on April 23.

Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Mauer singled, doubled and tripled and Justin Morneau hit a

three-run homer in the Minnesota Twins' victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Morneau, who came in on a 2-for-21 slide, hit a 3-2 pitch from Jimmy Gobble an estimated 423 feet, capping a five-run sixth inning. Gobble had just come in for starter Jose Lima (5-13).

Mauer scored twice and had two RBIs. He had a triple in the first, a single in the third and a double in the sixth, all off Lima. Needing a home run for the cycle, he grounded out in the seventh and bounced into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Carlos Silva (9-6) went 6 2/3 innings, allowing four runs and eight hits and didn't walk a batter. The right-hander has pitched 180 1/3 innings and allowed only six unintentional walks, tops in the majors. His ERA dropped to 3.37.

Lima, trying for his first two-game winning streak of the season, went 5 1/3 innings and gave up six runs and seven hits.

The Royals had hit only four home runs in their last 14 games but got their first two runs on solo shots. John Buck led off the third with his eighth homer and Matt Stairs homered with two outs in the fourth.

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NFL

Warrick released by Cincinnati

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The first time he set foot in Cincinnati, receiver Peter Warrick felt like he was in Tinseltown.

"I'm looking at the hills and (thinking) Hollywood," he mused that sunny April afternoon in 2000.

He left town Tuesday during a downpour, the remnant of Hurricane Katrina moving through. The Bengals released Warrick after five failed attempts to craft a feel-good ending in a city that sorely needs one.

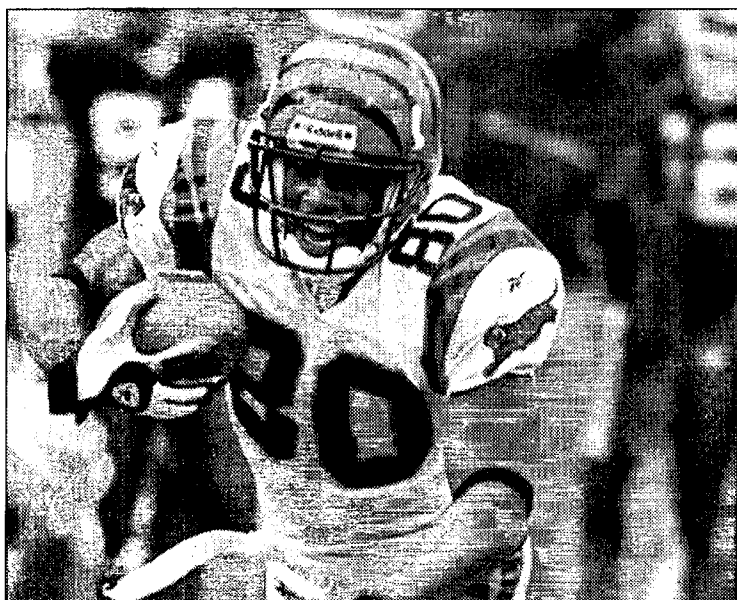
"It's weird, because you don't expect something like that to happen to him," said receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who took Warrick's job when he was hurt last season. "That's why you're shocked, really."

"I hope he does well. I'm quite sure he will. All he can do is make them feel like they made a mistake."

The Bengals made several mistakes with Warrick, right from the start.

They took the shifty playmaker from national champion Florida State with the fourth overall pick, expecting him to develop into a game-breaking receiver and kick returner. They didn't quite know what to do with him.

They teamed Warrick, college teammate Ron Dugans and quarterback Akili Smith — all rookies — behind a flimsy



Peter Warrick, the fourth pick in the 2000 NFL draft, was cut Tuesday by the Cincinnati Bengals. The former Florida State star never developed into a top receiver during his five seasons with the Bengals.

offensive line in 2000, and it was a failure. Warrick had a rough adjustment, learning what it's like to play for a losing team.

He tried too hard to make things happen, often doubling back and losing yards while vainly trying to turn a short reception into a big play. The Bengals repeatedly changed quarterbacks, and Warrick languished.

He finally made progress in 2003, the first season under Marvin Lewis. He caught 79 passes for 819 yards with eight touchdowns — all career highs

— and helped the Bengals stay in contention for their first playoff berth since 1990.

For the first time, he looked like a first-round pick.

"It was like the old P-Dub we used to watch in college," receiver Kelley Washington said. "He made unbelievable plays with the ball in his hands."

Warrick missed only one game late in the 2003 season after having arthroscopic surgery for torn knee cartilage. The Bengals finished 8-8 and Warrick's knee was never the same.

MLB

Bellhorn decides to join Yankees

Released by Red Sox, infielder will deepen the New York bench

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mark Bellhorn switched sides Tuesday, signing with the New York Yankees after winning the World Series with the Boston Red Sox last season.

The infielder was put on unconditional release waivers by Boston on Friday after he refused to accept a minor league assignment. He had been designated for assignment on Aug. 19.

The 31-year-old Bellhorn met with the press before Tuesday night's game with the Seattle Mariners wearing a Yankees cap and a Yankees T-shirt.

"It was kind of weird to look in the mirror the first time I tried my hat on," Bellhorn said with a grin.

He was in the lineup at third base batting eighth in place of Alex Rodriguez, who was at designated hitter. Rodriguez came out of Monday night's game with the Mariners because of a tight right groin.

The Yankees open a three-game series against Boston at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 9.

"I'm looking forward to it,"

Bellhorn said. "I've still got a lot of friends on that team. But it's going to be a different feeling."

Bellhorn played a pivotal role in Boston's comeback against the Yankees in last year's ALCS, hitting a three-run homer in Game 6 and a solo shot in Game 7 to help the Red Sox become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 series deficit. He also homered in Game 1 of Boston's World Series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

But this season, the strikeout-prone second baseman hit just .216 with 109 strikeouts in 283 at-bats. He went on the disabled list with a sprained left thumb July 18, a day after getting hurt while diving for Jason Giambi's grounder at Fenway Park, and missed the next 28 games.

Bellhorn said he purposely left his Red Sox World Series ring at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz. He said he has no hard feelings about the Red Sox.

"It's unfortunate for me what happened this year in Boston," he said. "But there are no hard feelings. I didn't start off too great and I think I started pressing. Maybe I was putting too much pressure on myself."

Bellhorn had other offers, but said once the Yankees told him they wanted him, it was an easy decision to make to go to New York.

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SMC GOLF

Freshmen provide spark

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Amidst the pressures of adjusting to dorm life and homework, five Saint Mary's freshmen have taken on the responsibility of being part of one of the most prominent athletic programs that the College has to offer — the Saint Mary's golf team.

The freshman class is walking into a program that has seen three conference titles and three national championship appearances in three years.

And the newcomers may just well be a crucial part of keeping the success going for a fourth year.

Head coach Mark Hamilton has called the team's new golfers the best freshmen class he's seen.

For the Belles, who lost three highly effective players after last spring, that is a good thing.

Seniors Nicole Bellino and Megan Mattia have experience working on their side, and have started to earn conference recognition on an individual basis.

But simply in terms of numbers, the Saint Mary's team is counting on the freshman class to provide some much-needed depth.

The five newcomers double the size of the squad, which is made up of four seniors and one sophomore.

This year's freshmen are Meredith Fantom, Meaghan

Fontein, Molly Goldsmith, Katie McInerney and Alex Sei.

On a team where talent and work ethic have been the two major components of recent success, these women seem to be fitting right in.

The personalities so far have meshed well with the team, and the girls have proven themselves to have the work ethic that Hamilton strives to procure from all of his golfers.

Recruiting doesn't generally have a major impact on colleges offering Division-III sports, and this year was no exception.

But the Belles still certainly seem to have attracted an array of golfers to the team. Sei comes to the Belles from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Fontein hails from Andover, Mass.

The good fortune that Saint Mary's has seen in gaining so many good, young players is in part due to a change in the world of women's golf.

"The overall quality of women's golf is getting better," Hamilton said. "It's a natural evolution that these players are better."

And Hamilton works hard to promote the opportunity that attending a smaller school can provide to young athletes.

"We talked about how athletics is an important part of college life, and I wanted them to give golf a shot," he said.

Some prospective recruits may have actually been lost to other schools in the last year,

but with the class that they gained, the Belles are not feeling the loss.

Two of this year's freshmen will travel with Saint Mary's to their first competition, which takes place this weekend at Ferris State University. Sei and McInerney will join the Belles for what will be their first collegiate competition, not including qualifying matches.

The question remains whether inexperience will become a problem for this young team.

It can only be expected that anyone in the position of Sei and McInerney would experience some jitters in their position.

"It's all about learning what the nerves do to your body, and how to counteract it," Hamilton said.

The freshmen will be at a slight disadvantage compared to the rest of the team this weekend, as no one on the Belles has ever played the course, and they will not have a practice round.

And yes, Hamilton said, the freshmen will most likely be nervous.

But so will the seniors — it just goes with the territory. What remains to be seen is whether this bright, young crowd can maintain their composure and fulfill the expectations that lay ahead of them.

And for a team consisting of no members of the junior class and only one sophomore, this year's freshman class will no doubt continue to play a crucial role in the roster in the years to come.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles edge Maroons in exhibition match

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

It may have only been a pre-season scrimmage, but the level of intensity on the court at the Angela Athletic Complex Tuesday made it feel like the postseason.

When the dust settled, the Belles emerged victorious over the University of Chicago Maroons in five games, 30-26, 28-30, 29-31, 30-21 and 15-12.

The Belles came out firing early, taking leads in each of the first three games. Chicago proved to be a resilient bunch, however, using a 10-3 run in the first game to cut a 19-11 deficit to 22-21 advantage. The Belles hung on to win game one, but were not as fortunate in game two, which followed a similar pattern.

Again, the Maroons put together a 10-3 run to tie the game at 21 after the Belles had taken an early lead. After losing game two and falling in a see-saw battle in game three, the Belles played their most complete game in the fourth, dominating with crisp passing and timely hitting.

The final game saw Saint Mary's take an early lead only to see Chicago once again rally to tie the game at 12-12. The Belles won the final three points culminating in junior Kristen Playko's kill to secure the clinching point.

It was a very productive night for Saint Mary's as coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was able to get all her players into the game. She was addressed the team's lack of depth at the setter position by rotating Amanda David and Michelle Turley in to fill the hole.

Schroeder-Biek was largely pleased with the results.

"I thought Amanda played well tonight," the coach said. "We all have confidence in her, now it's just a matter of building her confidence. I am proud of both Amanda and Michelle."

The contest allowed the Belles to get some of their younger players valuable experience in a tight contest before the regular season begins this weekend. The more experienced players had the opportunity to shake early season nerves.

Schroeder-Biek was thrilled to get this much out of an exhibition contest.

"It was fun to see some of the first-year players out there," Schroeder-Biek said. "We all had to respond to some jitters when they made runs at us. They are a solid team and very comparable to us. Tonight proved that we can finish [a match]."

Schroeder-Biek wanted to use this game as a gauge to evaluate her team's strengths and weaknesses. At the conclusion of the contest, she was able to quickly identify areas that stood out.

"I thought we passed well which allowed the setters to run a good offense," she said. "I think there is room for improvement in our blocking and communication at the net."

The Belles will use the experience gained from tonight's scrimmage when they travel to suburban Chicago this weekend to open the season at the Elmhurst College Invitational.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	75-54	.581	6-4	-
New York	74-56	.569	8-2	1.5
Toronto	65-65	.500	2-8	10.5
Baltimore	61-69	.469	1-9	14.5
Tampa Bay	55-77	.417	6-4	21.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	79-50	.612	5-5	-
Cleveland	74-58	.561	8-2	6.5
Minnesota	69-62	.527	5-5	11
Detroit	62-67	.481	5-5	17
Kansas City	42-87	.326	4-6	37

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	74-56	.569	7-3	-
Los Angeles	73-57	.562	4-6	1
Texas	63-68	.481	6-4	11.5
Seattle	55-75	.423	3-7	19

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	74-57	.565	5-5	-
Florida	70-62	.530	6-4	4.5
Philadelphia	70-62	.530	5-5	4.5
New York	69-62	.527	7-3	5
Washington	68-63	.519	4-6	6

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	84-49	.632	6-4	-
Houston	69-62	.527	5-5	14
Milwaukee	64-68	.485	4-6	19.5
Chicago	63-69	.477	3-7	20.5
Cincinnati	62-69	.473	7-3	21
Pittsburgh	55-77	.417	2-8	28.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	64-66	.492	5-5	-
Arizona	61-72	.459	4-6	4.5
Los Angeles	60-72	.455	4-6	5
San Francisco	57-73	.438	4-6	7
Colorado	52-79	.397	7-3	12.5

College Football AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Southern Cal (60)	13-0	1,619
2	Texas (4)	11-1	1,500
3	Tennessee	10-3	1,376
4	Michigan	9-3	1,329
5	LSU	9-3	1,291
6	Ohio State	8-4	1,205
7	Oklahoma	12-1	1,204
8	Virginia Tech	10-3	1,184
9	Miami	9-3	1,142
10	Florida	7-5	1,080
11	Iowa	10-2	1,011
12	Louisville (1)	11-1	892
13	Georgia	10-2	869
14	Florida State	9-3	764
15	Purdue	7-5	711
16	Auburn	13-0	650
17	Texas A&M	7-5	576
18	Boise State	11-1	375
19	California	10-2	358
20	Arizona State	9-3	313
21	Texas Tech	8-4	256
22	Boston College	9-3	232
23	Pittsburgh	8-4	211
24	Fresno State	9-3	196
25	Virginia	8-4	153

NFL



Brett Favre drops back while under pressure from Buffalo's London Fletcher in a preseason game on Aug. 20. The childhood home of Favre in Kiln, Mississippi was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina on Monday.

Katrina destroys Favre's family home

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre spent most of the last two days nervously waiting to hear from family members in his hometown of Kiln, Miss., in the heart of the Gulf Coast area devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

The Packers said Favre finally spoke to his mother, Bonita, late Tuesday afternoon when she was able to reach him with the help of a Houston television station in the area covering hurricane damage.

According to the team, Favre said his mother

reported spending Monday night in the family attic, along with his grandmother, after the house filled up with water within a matter of 5-10 minutes, much like a tsunami.

On Tuesday, the water receded enough that she was able to leave the family home and go to his brother Jeff's nearby house, which is slightly higher and away from the water.

Bonita Favre told Brett that Hurricane Camille, which the family experienced in 1969, didn't compare to this one and the damage it has caused.

She indicated the family

home is destroyed and probably will have to be bulldozed, but the good news is that everyone in the family appears to be fine.

Bonita, Jeff and another brother, Scott, decided against evacuating and instead gathered at Favre's childhood home in Hancock County, one of the areas hit hardest by the hurricane.

Favre said his grandmother, aunt and other family members also were there.

Favre said earlier Tuesday that he spoke to his wife, Deanna, Monday night and again Tuesday

morning. He said she and their two children, 16-year-old Brittany and 6-year-old Breleigh, are safe at Favre's home in Hattiesburg, 60 miles north of Kiln, although their property had extensive damage.

Favre's mother was seven months pregnant with him when Hurricane Camille, which killed 256 people in Louisiana and Mississippi in 1969, struck the area.

"I've seen pictures," Favre said.

Favre said the fact his family waited out Camille likely factored into their decision.

IN BRIEF

Bellhorn joins up with Yankees

SEATTLE — Mark Bellhorn switched sides Tuesday, signing with the New York Yankees after winning the World Series with the Boston Red Sox last season.

The infielder was put on unconditional release waivers by Boston on Friday after he refused to accept a minor league assignment. He had been designated for assignment on Aug. 19.

The 31-year-old Bellhorn met with the press before Tuesday night's game with the Seattle Mariners wearing a Yankees cap and a Yankees T-shirt.

"It was kind of weird to look in the mirror the first time I tried my hat on," Bellhorn said with a grin.

He was in the lineup at third base batting eighth in place of Alex Rodriguez, who was at designated hitter. Rodriguez came out of Monday night's game with the

Mariners because of a tight right groin.

Giants, Angels, Nats deal minor leaguers

SAN FRANCISCO — The Washington Nationals and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim both made trades with the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday to strengthen their rosters for the stretch drive.

The Nationals attempted to bolster their struggling offense, acquiring shortstop Deivi Cruz for minor league pitcher Ben Cox.

The Angels picked up lefthanded reliever Jason Christiansen for minor league pitchers Dusty Bergman and Ronnie Ray.

Cruz was batting .268 with five homers and 19 RBI in 81 games with San Francisco this year.

Washington (67-63) has dropped eight of its last 12 games to fall 2 1/2 games behind Philadelphia (70-61) in the National League wild card race. The Nationals have failed to generate

much offense during their skid, averaging just 3.2 runs per game over their last 12 contests.

Buehrle accuses Rangers of cheating

ARLINGTON, Texas — Chicago White Sox left-hander Mark Buehrle called the Texas Rangers cheaters on Tuesday, claiming that the team signals pitches to batters through a high-tech light system in center field.

Buehrle suggested Monday night that the Rangers knew what he was throwing during Chicago's 7-5 loss, and he repeated the accusation before Tuesday's doubleheader.

"I've heard rumors, so it's not just me saying this," Buehrle said. "I've heard it from tons of people. It's not just me saying this. ... Something's going on because they hit so good at home."

The way they hit here, you'd have to raise an eyebrow to figure something's going on. Look at the stats. I'm not just making this up."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Trojan offense ready for big year

Carroll expects an even more potent attack

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Here's a scary thought for the college football world: Southern California coach Pete Carroll believes the Trojans will be improved on offense.

That's difficult to fathom, considering USC scored seven touchdowns and rolled up 525 yards in overpowering previously unbeaten Oklahoma 55-19 in the Orange Bowl in January to secure its second straight national championship.

The Trojans, who open the season Saturday at Hawaii, have fielded one of the country's top offenses each of the past three years, averaging 38.2 points in going 13-0 last season; 41.1 points in going 12-1 two years ago, and 35.8 points in going 11-2 in 2002.

Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Matt Leinart returns along with USC's five leading rushers and four top receivers.

Little wonder Carroll feels the way he does.

"This is the best group we've had based on the experience and the big production from the receivers and the running backs and, of course, the quarterback," Carroll said Tuesday. "I think the continuity is very special. We have Matt at the helm, and the offensive line intact."

Among the other returnees

are Heisman finalist Reggie Bush and LenDale White, a potent 1-2 punch at tailback; wide receivers Steve Smith and Dwayne Jarrett; and tight end Dominique Byrd.

"They might be the best offensive team I've seen physically," Hawaii coach June Jones said on a conference call.

Center Ryan Kalil said he has no doubt the USC offense will be improved.

"Especially in the run game," Kalil said. "I think we're going to do a better job of coming out earlier. We're definitely a finishing team. We're a lot more confident offense than last year, a lot more experienced offense."


Kalil is one of four returning starters in the offensive line from last year. Right tackle Winston Justice was a first-stringer in 2002-03 before sitting out last season because of a student conduct violation.

"I think I'm a lot better as a player," Justice said. "The whole offensive line has improved as a unit. I agree with the center — the offense might be better. I think the sky is the limit."


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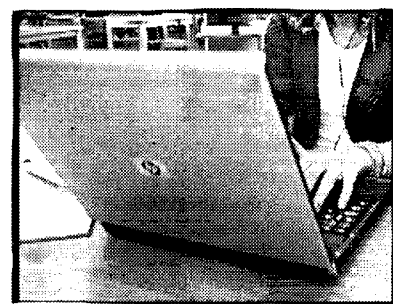
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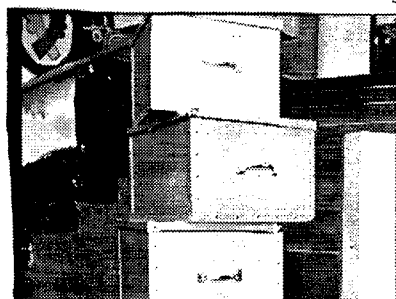
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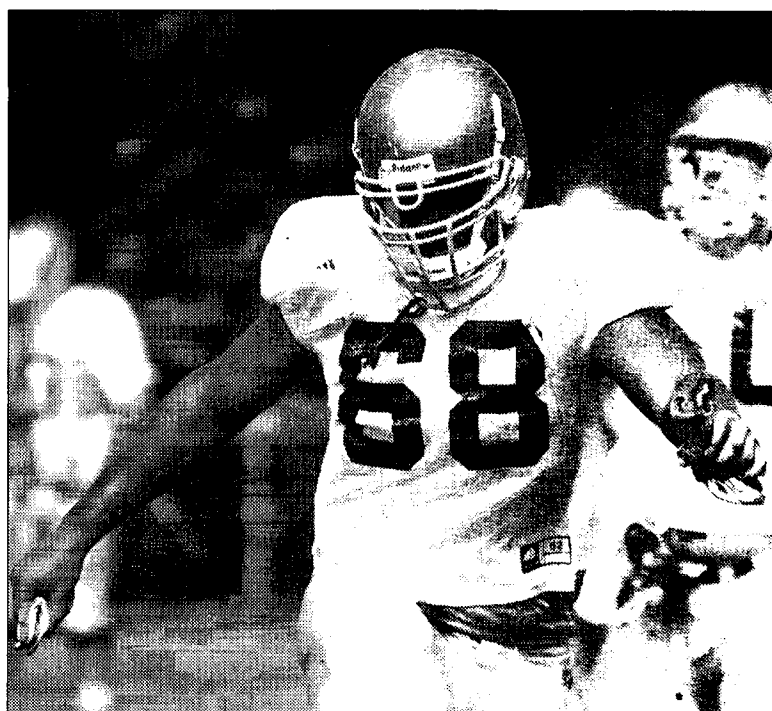
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Ryan Harris warms up during practice Aug. 17 at Cartier Field. Harris will anchor the left tackle position this season.

Line

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"[The new coaching staff has] only been here a certain amount of time," Latina said. They're really all equal in terms of experience for us."

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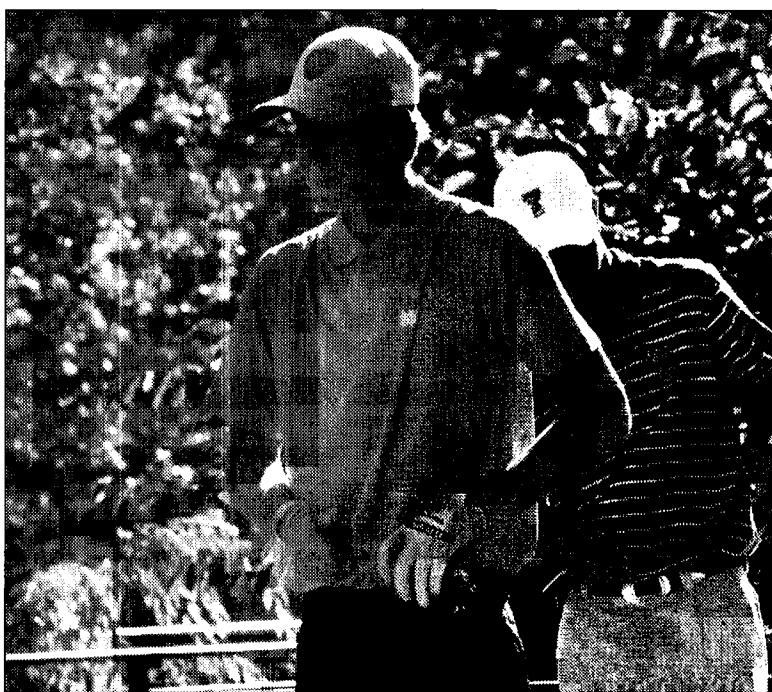
♦ Notre Dame will hold two more days of practice this week. The Irish will work out tonight from 5-7 p.m. indoors at the Loftus Center, using noise to simulate conditions Saturday at Heinz Field. They will practice Thursday from

7-9 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium then take the day off Friday for travel to Pittsburgh.

♦ Offensive line coach John Latina's son is a senior at the University of Mississippi, located in a state that has been hit hard by Hurricane Katrina. Latina was relieved after making sure his son was safe and expressed concern for those affected by the disaster.

"You always feel bad for those affected by a tragedy like that," he said.

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Cole Isban takes a break during the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 19 of last year.

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event, but he was not pleased with his performance due to the problems he encountered with the rainy weather.

Either way, he was not anxious going into the event.

"Not too nervous," Isban said. "Playing last year was a good experience."

"In general, I kind of drew a bad draw with the weather last year. I didn't play as well as I [would have] liked to. Things can kinda click or they don't."

Unfortunately, things did not click this year for the three Irish golfers, either. Isban, Deutsch and Peckels did not advance far.

Regardless, it was a major

test for the Irish golfers, and it provided a formidable warm-up for the college season.

"It's a thrill," Isban said. "[The event is] probably the best stage you can compete on. It keeps us sharp going into the season."

For Deutsch and Peckels, it was their first time in the event. Deutsch is a two-time All Big East selection and has finished in the top-5 in the previous two Minnesota State Amateur Championships.

The three amateur golfers will lead an Irish team this year in what should be a busy fall season.

Notre Dame plays a strong schedule that opens up at the Gopher Invitational on Sept. 17.

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Twins

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son, finishing the season ranked No. 5.

The twins put together a 28-7 record in dual and open meets for 2004-05, placing them at 50-24 over their two-year career. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association awarded the sisters the prestigious All-American label for finishing in the top ten of the ITA final doubles rankings and gaining a berth in the NCAA doubles championship.

"It was exciting," Christian said. "We had a great year and played really well before struggling at the end. When we found out, we called our parents, our coach from back home, our friends. It was shocking at first."

The Thompsons were not born with a racket in hand. Neither parent played the game, so the twins didn't get their first experience until they attended a free clinic down the road from their home in Las Vegas. The coach of the clinic recognized the talent inside of the pair and began to work with them.

They started playing competitively around the age of eight in local tournaments before moving on to circuit and sectional tournaments in the Nevada region. Their mixed style dominated all opponents, and by the time they were 12, it was on to the national level.

"We qualified for the Challenge Cup at 12, it was the nationals for our age," Christian said. "Every age group after that, under-14's, under-16's, under-18's we went to the nationals. We won seven national doubles titles."

Irish coach Jay Louderback watched their reputation and records grow. He observed all the national titles and was impressed with their natural ability.

"A big thing with them was their athletic ability — even at 16 it was amazing to see what good athletes they were," Louderback said.

When the time came to move to the collegiate level, the sisters were more than ready — as was Louderback — to make sure they would don the blue and gold. He made a house visit and caught their interest. An older cousin that previously attended Notre Dame influenced their decision, along with a visit where they fell in love with campus and the team.

The rest is history, but a lot more will be made in the next two years as the twins now have the experience needed to excel at the collegiate level, in addition to the natural connection the two share when it comes to playing on the same court.

"They have played together for so long, they know exactly what each other will do," Louderback said.

That innate ability, which many doubles pairings do not possess, is clearly a step up on the competition, and Catrina and Christian have put in the effort to make sure that strength is utilized.

"We have been practicing hard," Christian said. "We came back to school for the summer and did a lot of work with our trainer. So far, we have been trying to hit twice a day, and it's really working out."

Although there have been brief spells where the twins have been forced to play with a different partner — Christian missed several matches in '04 with knee problems — they wish to continue their dominance together.

"When Catrina hits the ball, I know what she is going to do, so I can position myself and be in the right spot for the ball," Christian said.

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Madia

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"She had the potential, we knew that, but [success] was not going to be instantaneous," Connelly said.

Madia had to grow into the college running scene. Throughout four years of hard work and determination, Madia now finds herself as a nationally recognized long distance talent. She credits her development to her teammates and coaches.

"When I got here, I was surrounded by better people like Lauren [King] and Molly [Huddle]," Madia said. "Teammates are so motivating. They just pulled me along to perform at a higher level. Coach Connelly has always believed in me, as well."

Though Madia is quick to credit others for her achievements, distance running requires internal motivation. Madia has proven capable of setting lofty goals for herself and then putting in the necessary time to make dreams become reality. She takes great pride in her work ethic and the results it produces.

"Running is so rewarding, most people don't realize that," Madia said. "It's something where if you put in the time and dedication, results will come."

It's that philosophy that has drawn Madia to running and has caught the attention of teammates who try to emulate her desire to win.

"She has been a leader since she got here," Connelly said. "When

[seven-time all-American] Molly [Huddle] went down [with a foot injury] last year, Stephanie was the one to take the responsibility and step up and get it done."

It was Madia who trained with then-freshman Sunni Olding last year and was critical in her development into a long distance force. Olding finished 32nd at the NCAA's last fall. Madia downplayed her leadership role, choosing instead to focus on the team.

"[Leading] is a way to give back to the team," Madia said. "But everyone has a responsibility to be a leader. There's no competition among teammates, just striving to make the team the best it can be."

With Madia and a healthy Molly Huddle, expectations are for the team to at least match their performance from last year. Both Connelly and Madia cited the importance of staying healthy throughout the season so that they can be confident entering the NCAA's.

"No one has higher expectations than the team itself," he said.

Madia reflected the coach's words when she offered her opinion on the team's potential.

"We want to be the best in the Big East and one of the best in the country," Madia said. "Everyone's looking good right now. It's infectious."

Are these expectations realistic when the Irish lost two of their top seven runners to graduation?

"No goal is out of reach," Madia said.

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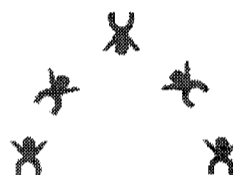
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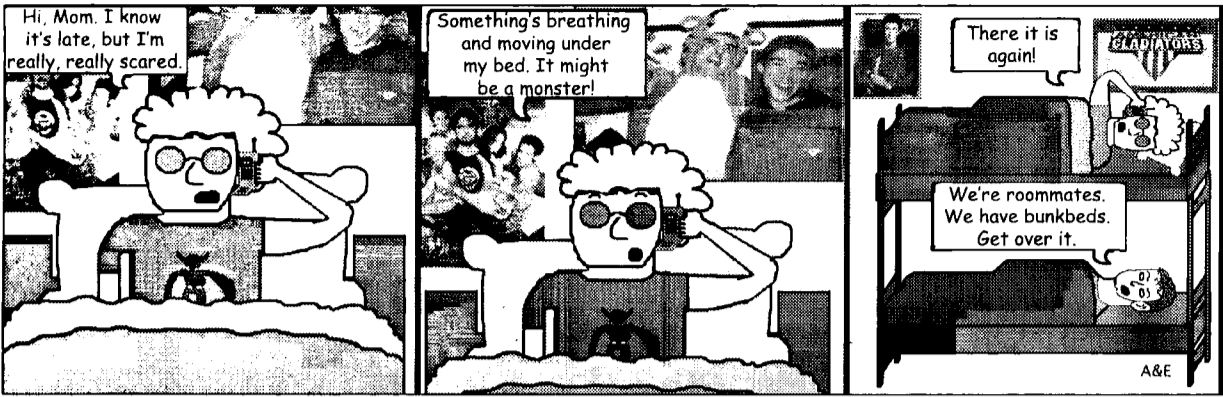
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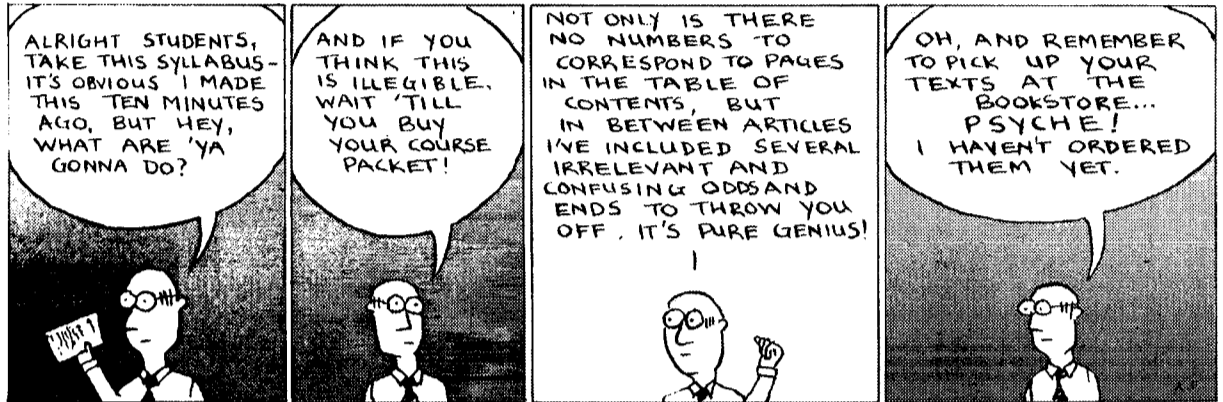
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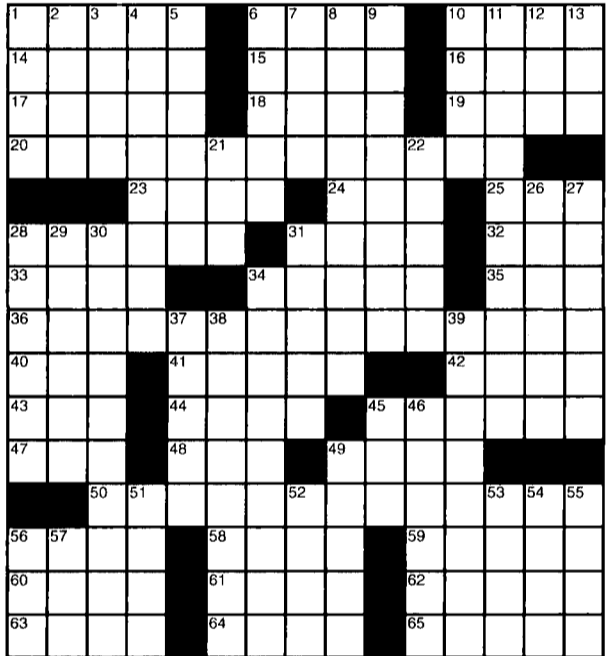
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't push others too hard. Patience will be required, and a better understanding of the way other people work will be necessary. Guard against frustration and crankiness. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a leadership position if it will help get you what you want. You can win today but only by taking action. Set your sights high — you will be admired for your ability to see matters through to the end. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on whatever needs to be done to excel. Not everyone will be on your side, but don't let that bother you. Clear up unfinished business and prepare to adapt to any changes that come your way. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be close to the surface, so keeping busy will help you avoid letting little personal problems escalate. Listen to someone with experience who can help you move forward. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finances may be an issue today. You may have to find a way to cut your overhead to secure your financial future. Being overly generous will not buy friendship or help your current situation. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try something new and you may surprise yourself by the outcome. You have many talents, but lately you've been having trouble honing any one skill. Focus on the thing you enjoy doing the most. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the little things frustrate you today. Set reasonable goals and don't worry about accomplishing anything beyond. Stay on track and avoid any emotional turmoil. **

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FOOTBALL

Line dance

Rotating offensive linemen provide Irish with depth

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

There isn't much Bob Morton wouldn't do for Dan Stevenson. After three years together as teammates on the Notre Dame offensive line, they've formed quite a bond.

"I told him the other day, 'You know, Dan, I think I may only like you about 50 percent of the time and 50 percent of that time is when we're on the football field together,'" said the Irish center. "But I also told him that if we're ever in a life or death situation, I'd be there for him. And if he was hanging off a cliff, I'd do everything in my power to make sure he didn't fall."

Having all five starters from last season returning forges relationships like the one between Morton and Stevenson. The unity also gives the Irish a solid base around which coach Charlie Weiss hopes to create a potent offensive attack.

Left tackle Ryan Harris believes the line is ready for the task of making sure the offense runs smoothly beginning Saturday at Pittsburgh.

"I think offensive linemen kind of want that burden to kind of get things going," Harris said. "We want that opportunity, and we'd love

that responsibility."

John Sullivan is the fourth man in a four-man group rotating between center and the two guard slots. Morton, Stevenson and Dan Santucci are the other members of the foursome, and Sullivan is confident they will start the season in a positive way.

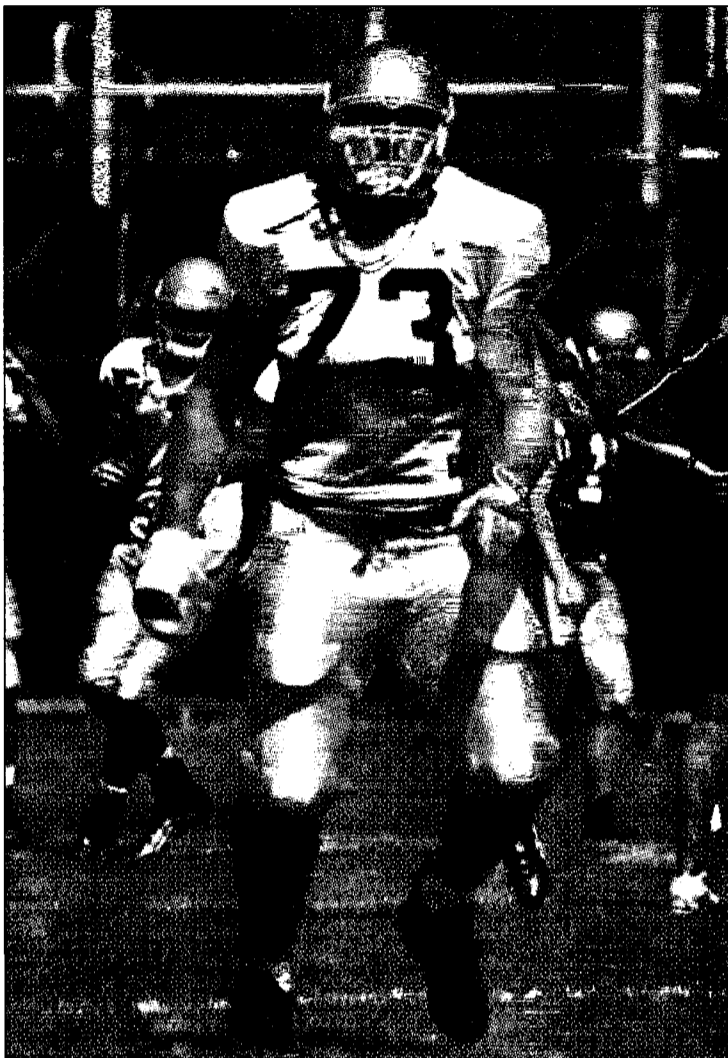
"I feel like we're going to have a really, really good unit," Sullivan said. "I just think there are a lot of smart players on the O-line, a lot of older guys now. I think that makes a huge difference."

Though the starting unit is one of the more experienced groups on the Irish squad, offensive line coach John Latina's focus is to make sure his players keep improving every day.

"The biggest thing to me is I think we're better today than we were two days ago, three days ago," Latina said. "The bottom line is until you go out and play a game, you really don't know where you are in terms of how well you're playing. The big test is coming Saturday."

He also stressed that though the lineman have been starting together for at least a full season, everyone from the freshmen to the seniors are all equal in the new offense.

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Right tackle Mark LeVoor goes through drills during practice Aug. 19 at Cartier Field.

ND WOMEN'S XC

Madia will never say never

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

No goal is ever out of reach. Such a mantra is often spoken, but rarely followed.

Stephanie Madia has taken these words to heart and made them her motivation for running.

Has the tactic worked? Results speak for themselves.

The senior led the Irish by finishing 23rd at last season's NCAA championship meet. Madia was the first runner to cross the line for a Notre Dame team that earned a fourth-place finish at the meet. She also had a break-through track season where she finished fifth in the 5,000-meter run at the NCAA championships, earning her All-America honors.

The Wexford, Penn. native entered Notre Dame with many high school accolades, including a state cross country championship her senior season. Coach Tim Connelly recognized Madia's talent early in her career.

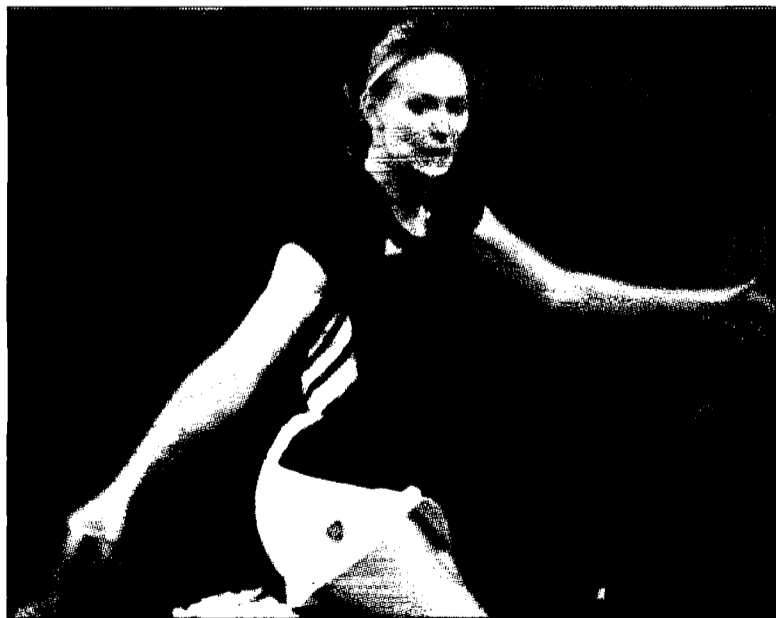


Madia

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompson twins dominate



DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Christian Thompson follows through on a backhand in a 4-3 loss to North Carolina Feb. 20 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

One delivers the ball with a tremendous forehand and devastating serve. The other sets the pace with consistent shot selection and a cool-under-pressure attitude. Separate they are strong, but when put together, they create one of the most formidable women's collegiate doubles pairs in the nation.

Catrina Thompson carries the killer instinct, while Christian Thompson forces her opponent to make the mistake. The two Irish women's tennis players used both styles of play to earn All-American honors last year as sophomores and garner a No. 1 doubles ranking mid-sea-

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish trio competes at tough tournament

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Three members of the Notre Dame golf team had the opportunity to play on the biggest stage for college golf when they were invited to the U.S. Amateur Championship on Aug. 22 and 23 in Ardmore, Penn. at the Merion Golf Club.

Eric Deutsch, Eddie Peckels and Cole Isban all represented the Irish when they competed against the top amateur players in the country, something that was not only good for their confidence going into the season, but also for the Notre Dame program as a whole.

"It's beneficial for the program," Isban said before the event, referring to the exposure that having three golfers in such an event gives to a university. "[Playing the U.S. Amateur] is a step in the right direction."

For a school that has been known for football, and recently, the women's soccer national champions, anything that brings attention to the golf program is good.

This was not the first year that Isban, who is a two-time All-Big East selection and a 2005 Ping All-Midwest region selection, had been invited to play in this tournament.

Isban competed in the 2004

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Saint Mary's edges Chicago 3-2 in exhibition match.

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