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ND legal experts stand behind Roberts

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Supreme Court chief justice nominee John Roberts, who was elevated following the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist Saturday, has not been told when his official confirmation hearings will begin.

But Notre Dame legal experts gave the potential justice their seal of approval and said the process is



Roberts

unlikely to create controversy.

Notre Dame law professor Richard Garnett, who clerked for Rehnquist in 1996 and 1997 and has met Roberts, said he saw the nominee argue before the Supreme Court several times.

"He was fabulous," Garnett said. "It was kind of like, when the word got out that Roberts was arguing, people would drop what they were doing and go watch because it was going to watch a real craftsman."

Similarly, law professor A.J. Bellia, who clerked for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in 1997 and 1998, called Roberts "phenomenal."

"He's the best Supreme Court advocate I had ever seen in

action," Bellia said. "I think he's an excellent choice. He strikes me as somebody being concerned about the law of the case as opposed to the politics of the case."

Garnett said Roberts' confirmation was a "sure thing," although he predicted around 25 or 30 no-votes.

"The Democrats won't have the votes to sustain a filibuster even if they wanted to," Garnett said. "I think people will vote against him, even though they know he's going to be con-

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A.J. Bellia
Notre Dame law professor

firmed, because the polarization's gotten worse. But that's unfortunate, because whatever one's ideological views, based on his merits he is one of the best qualified nominees in 50 years."

Political science professor David Campbell said he thought Roberts would most likely be approved quickly, noting that he is "not a hard-core ideologue."

Both Campbell and fellow political science professor Peri

Arnold reflected on the lack of controversy in Roberts' background. Roberts' stint in private practice reveals little about his beliefs, Arnold said.

"Even though he has a large paper trail, it is a paper trail reflecting the views of his clients," he said.

But Garnett said what is known about Roberts – and the paper trail mentioned by Arnold – is relatively standard for Supreme Court nominees.

"I probably disagree with those who are saying the paper trail doesn't tell us much," he said. "It's certainly more than we knew about, say, David Souter. It

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Hurricane drives fundraising, frustration

University collects donations, supplies

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The nation may be in discord regarding the federal government's response in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, but Notre Dame student leaders focused on harmony Monday, unifying their efforts to provide aid to victims of the disaster.

Student government members and representatives from vari-

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Residents wait with containers for a gas station to open in Poplarville, Miss. Monday. Gas shortages have affected local students, as well.

Students affected by higher gas prices

By LAUREN LAVELLE
News Writer

Eleven days after Hurricane Katrina barreled into the southern United States, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are experiencing its debilitating aftermath in the form of high gas prices. Katrina severely damaged several oil refineries

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Sandusky art show in Snite

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

As a young artist living and working in Florence, Italy in the 1970s, Saint Mary's art department chair Bill Sandusky liked to frequent the Brancacci Chapel of Santa Maria del Carmine and study its famed frescos.

"It was a great place," Sandusky said. "You could go and sit tranquilly and look at it. I just liked to commune with [painter] Massaccio."

So inspired by the biblical depictions covering the chapel walls, Sandusky thought he might like to recreate the work himself one day.

Sandusky was also in Italy when he became a part-time Saint Mary's professor, commuting regularly to the capital city to teach art classes to students studying abroad with the College's Rome program.

Finding Saint Mary's students intelligent and engaging, Sandusky applied for a full time position at the College in 1980 and moved to the United States for what he thought would be nothing more than a brief stay.

"My wife and I thought it would be cool to spend a year in South Bend ... and 26 years later, we are still here," Sandusky said.

Busy teaching painting and lithography and raising a family, Sandusky never seriously considered undertaking the massive project of re-interpreting the Chapel's work. However, during a 2002 trip to Italy, Sandusky revisited the Brancacci Chapel, which had undergone major renovations.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Baron provides updates, emphasizes unity

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

As students, rectors and professors took their seats at Monday's Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting, student body president Dave Baron noticed a clear division.

"As you can see, there is already a conglomeration of rectors on one side and students on the other, and that is not in the best interest of this group," Baron said. "We need to be one united group committed to building a unified campus."

Baron plans on using the Council to identify and improve areas where voices aren't being heard – whether they are those of rectors, faculty, students or

minorities.

After a quick seat rearrangement, students were sitting in between rectors and professors.

Baron first updated members on the progress of projects that were not yet completed at the end of the school year last spring.

Judicial Council President James Leito, charged with improving vending and laundry machine prices on campus, shared with members a letter from vice president of student affairs Father Mark Poorman. The note outlined the changes that have been made in response to Leito's requests for lower laundry and vending prices.

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Student body president Dave Baron, center, spoke to Campus Life Council about unity at their meeting Monday.

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

To Notre Dame, v.

"He's probably with that cutie freshman he's been macking on. She's got a boyfriend, though — it's one of those-guy-back-home things. But you know she's going to be at a party, and some guy's going to Notre Dame her..."

Maddie Hanna

"Wait, what?" I quickly jumped in to the dinner conversation unfolding between five of my guy friends. "He's going to do what?"

Associate News Editor

The table erupted in laughter, and I realized how out of place I was in this strange world of guy talk. I demanded an explanation. The following comes straight from my sources that wish to remain nameless. They say this is "the up-and-coming thing." Decide for yourself.

To Notre Dame, v.: A method of conducting oneself around a member of the opposite sex, which has five separate — but equal — components.

1. Judgment must be impaired.
2. It has to take place in a crowded area. Especially good places are alleys and basements of really sketchy houses.
3. You have to make out with her for a decent amount of time — at least 10-15 minutes.
4. She can NOT spend the night. She MUST go home with her girlfriends.
5. When you see her again, later on, it must be as awkward as possible. Like you don't want to talk about it. And maybe you don't. But if you do, it is really, really uncomfortable.

At first glance, I would say the concept is ridiculous. Yes, it's embarrassing. Yes, it's chauvinistic ... right?

Wrong. It works both ways. As the guys pointed out, "Girls can Notre Dame guys too, and they definitely do." One even said girls like it more than guys do — although that is certainly subject to debate. But the real question is their usage of the term.

To Notre Dame. Our holier-than-most school has been reduced to a verb that references a seamy Saturday night encounter between two young, buzzed Domers. But, as the guys are trying to say, a relatively innocent encounter — because girls here won't let it go further. Notre Daming repeats itself over and over again, but almost never with the same participants. And it's taken for granted on this campus, just like quarter dogs at midnight and swarming crowds on football weekends.

It's safe to say that Notre Daming someone is taken for granted at college campuses across the nation. But at other schools, it's not always so contrived, not always so forced. More notably, it's not always so innocent.

The time-worn complaint from guys here is that Notre Dame girls "don't put out." This column won't use statistics, just the assumption there is less sexual activity here than at many other colleges. That's nothing new. But what many students overlook is the nature of the University, the seniors it attracts and the students it molds. The campus is socially conservative. Whether that draws like-minded girls or influences them upon arrival is a tough question. But one thing's for sure — nothing's going to change.

Because, come on, it's Notre Dame.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP THE HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS?



Davin Costa
senior
Knott

"I'm donating money."



Garrett Hohimer
graduate student
off campus

"I'm helping to collect money at LaFortune and organizing a Habitat for Humanity relief trip for December break."



Jason Laws
junior
Fisher

"I'm volunteering through student government collections at the Michigan State game."



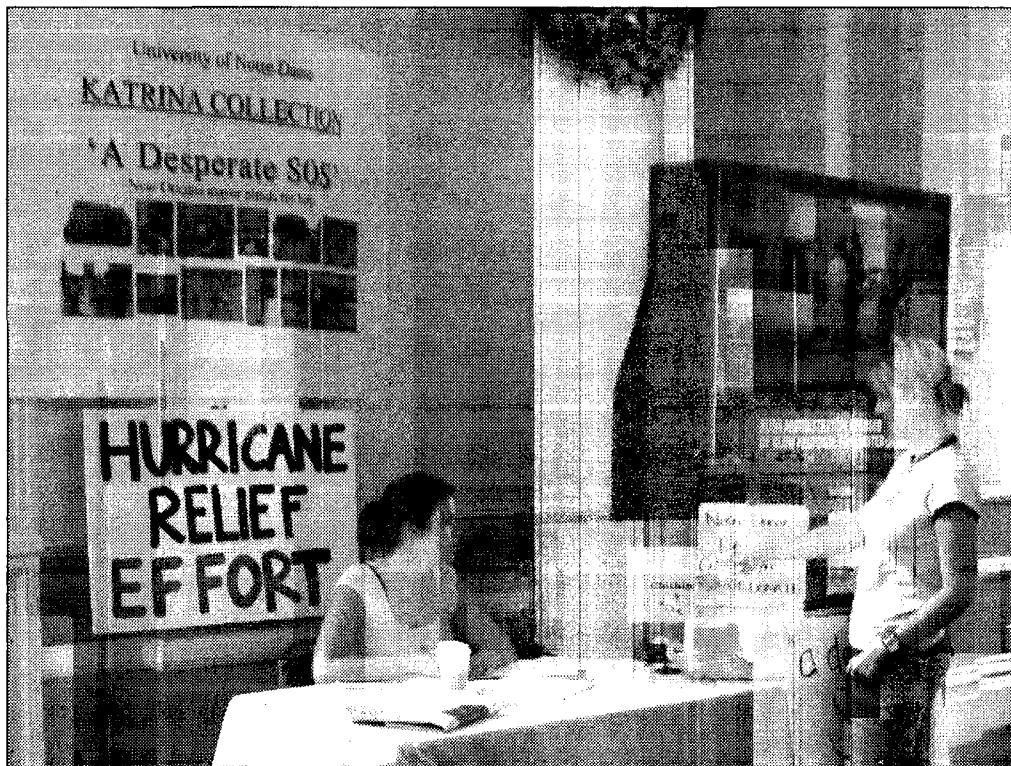
Lindsey Hays
senior
Pasquerilla West

"I'm giving money."



Meagan Conway
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"I donated money."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Student government set up a table in LaFortune Monday to collect donations for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The table will be open for donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 15.

OFFBEAT

German saboteurs design exploding chocolate bar

LONDON — German saboteurs designed an exploding chocolate bar for a campaign of sabotage against Britain in World War II, according to documents released Monday by the British National Archives. There was no evidence, however, that such lethal treats were ever deployed.

The chocolate bomb was illustrated in documents which also explained that it was intended to blow up seven seconds after someone tried to break off a piece. The sketch of the

device, labeled in English, was apparently made by British agents.

"The bomb is made of steel with a thin covering of real chocolate," the note said. "When the piece of chocolate at the end is broken off the canvas shown is pulled, and after a delay of seven seconds the bomb explodes."

Gas prices drive man to commute by horse

MINOT, N.D. — Jim Jundt was so determined to rein in his spending on gasoline that he got out of bed early and rode his 14-year-old quarterhorse mare to

work.

Jundt lives 15 miles south of Minot and works as a mechanic at Goodyear Tire & Auto Service in the city.

He said he and his co-workers had been talking about rising fuel prices, and he joked that he would ride his horse to work if gasoline ever hit \$3 a gallon.

His co-workers laughed, but when the price at the pump soared to \$3.20 last week, Jundt headed for the barn.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The hockey team and Notre Dame Athletics will sponsor the inaugural "Drop the Puck" dinner today. Events include an open skate from 5:30 p.m. to 6 on the Joyce Center Ice Rink, autographs with the team at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and guest speaker Hockey Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman, the former Detroit Red Wings head coach and winningest coach in NHL history — including Nine Stanley Cups.

A conference titled "Capture Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy and Related Topics" will take place all day through Friday in the McKenna Hall auditorium. The themes of the conference include Nuclear Structure, Nuclear Symmetries, Nuclear Astrophysics and Instrumentation, Facilities and Applications of Nuclear Science.

The tri-military branches of ROTC will sponsor a Patriot's Day ceremony Friday at 7 a.m. next to the Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool. The event will feature speaker retired Lieutenant Colonel Douglass R. Hemphill, a former Notre Dame professor of Military Science and current academic advisor in the Mendoza College of Business. The public is invited to attend.

An exhibit entitled Two Italian Hardbodies: Sports Cars Clad by Scaglietti and Frua will be on display in the Snite Museum of Art Entrance Atrium Gallery until Sept. 18. The exhibit features a 1958 Ferrari and a 1955 Maserati. Admission is free.

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Nine days of prayer held for storm victims

By KATIE MCANANY
News Writer

Nine consecutive days of prayer dedicated to the victims of Hurricane Katrina will commence at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight at 6:30 p.m., lasting 15 minutes each night.

These nine days of readings, reflections, songs, intercession and prayer, called a Novena, are typically a way to prepare for a major feast day of the Catholic Church.

Director of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner came up with the idea to commemorate this Novena to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Novena had already been scheduled in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, which is the patronal feast of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Basilica rector Father Peter Rocca said.

"It's a coincidence that our need for prayer falls now because this particular prayer focuses on the Sorrows of Mary," Rocca said.

Because of the Novena's sor-

rowful nature, Rocca said he thought those praying would feel particularly connected with the hurricane's victims.

"Prayer is another powerful way people can reach out to victims of Katrina," Rocca said.

Breen-Phillips rector Rachel Kellogg said she received an e-mail about the Novena and "thought it was a good idea."

"People get frustrated because they see it on TV day after day and want to be able to help people, but feel as if they can't do anything about

it," Kellogg said. "I think the prayer services will help not only as added prayer for the people who need it, but also as support for people here who will pray here together."

Cavanaugh freshman Michelle Byrne said she was glad the University had organized the Novena services, which she plans to attend.

"It's a great way for people to pray together for something that is affecting students on our own campus," she said.

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"Prayer is another powerful way people can reach out to victims of Katrina."

Father Peter Rocca
Basilica rector

Student goes to pageant in Ireland

Notre Dame junior participates in summer Rose of Tralee Festival

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame's Molly Kealy grew up listening to her grandfather sing the lyrics to "Rose of Tralee," an Irish love song. This August, she was given the chance to step into the song when she traveled to Ireland to take part in the Rose of Tralee Festival.

The Festival — an annual town event based on the song — celebrates people of Irish descent worldwide and their heritage.

Kealy, a junior from Dallas, Texas, is a Film, Television and Theater major and an Irish Studies minor. In June, she became the Texas Rose of Tralee.

Kealy said she had watched friends participate in the popular Texas Rose of Tralee Ball during previous years and decided to compete to become the rose of whom her grandfather sang. The second time Kealy participated in the Texas Ball, she won, earning the honor of representing Texas in Tralee, Ireland this summer.

Kealy joined 29 other women of varying degrees of Irish heritage Aug. 19-23 to compete to win the title of the 47th Rose of Tralee.

Kealy said she and the other girls in the festival were treat-

ed like celebrities — she toured Ireland as television cameras followed her around, and judges watched her around the clock to see how she interacted with her fellow Rose candidates, as well as with the Irish people.

Kealy said the festival is "about personality and poise — it's not a beauty pageant." The Festival was sponsored by New Bridge Silverwear, which Kealy said "poured jewelry on [the Roses]."

In Ireland — particularly Tralee — the Festival is a very popular event.

The town of Tralee depends on the festival for much of its income. Coverage of the event dominated RTE, an Irish television and radio broadcasting station. Kealy was interviewed on the station, which approximately 920,000 viewers watched. She compared the television segments of the festival to the Miss America Pageant.

Kealy and the other contestants spent much of the festival making public appearances and touring the country. During the last four days, each girl was given an escort to ward off the frenzied crowds of followers.

"It was fun being a celebrity for a week," Kealy said. "It was like 'The Bachelorette.' All the escorts had been okayed, and they doted on their 'Rose' the entire week."

As a representative of Dallas, Kealy showed her Texan pride by wearing a cowboy hat through much of the

festivities. At one point during the festival, she placed her hat on Dublin pop singer Samantha Mumba's head. The photo of Kealy and Mumba was in nearly every newspaper in

Ireland the next day. Kealy says the photographer contacted her with thanks for the career boost.

While Kealy was not the ultimate winner of the Festival — that title was taken by the Mayo Rose — she said she treasures the experience for the friends she made and the privilege to be a representative of one of Ireland's most cherished love songs — and a chance to become the fabled "Rose of Tralee."

"It was fun being a celebrity for a week."

Molly Kealy
Junior

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members focus on Katrina fundraising

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Monday's Council of Representatives meeting focused on coordinating the University's reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

"This is our response to the events in the southeastern United States," student body president Dave Baron said. "We have divided Student Union responses, but this is a coordinated effort through the University."

Student Union secretary Aly Baumgartner will serve as the Stadium Collection Coordinator for the fundraising effort to take place at the home football game against Michigan State University on Sept. 17.

Baumgartner called for more student volunteers, as only one third of the 300 student collector spots are filled. She emphasized that volunteering during the two-minute donation collection process will not detract from any student's game experience.

Volunteers must attend an informational meeting in the week before the game and a dress rehearsal immediately beforehand.

"Please talk to your councils and get everyone to volunteer on the stadium collection night," Baron said.

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell was named the Student Groups Coordinator for hurricane relief donations.

"We want to get everyone on the same page so groups are not soliciting the same people for dona-

tions," Shappell said. "We are trying to make sure that all monetary responses go to the greater Katrina fund, so we have one University total."

The Council continued Peter Van Loon's approval as Judicial Council vice president of elections from last week. He was approved without opposition.

Jim Grace was also approved without opposition to his post as the College of Science non-voting representative to the Academic Council.

Grace, the current Carroll Hall senator, spent the summer on campus doing scientific research, Baron said. While here, he helped prepare the "From Football to Finals" presentation that educates freshmen about rape. He also helped create a student government alumni database.

"Jim is always the last one to leave a meeting, and I like that about him," Baron said.

Grace cited his experience switching from engineering to biological science after his freshman year as enriching his perspective on "how the system works." His experiences as a summer research assistant also helped, he said.

"I got a better picture of what [the system] is like, as student who was here over summer and then again normal year," Grace said. "Once you've worked in a lab for 40 hours a week doing nothing but squishing mosquitoes, you have a better perspective."

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group celebrates SMC events

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting began Monday with much excitement due to several recent campus event successes — one of the biggest being last Wednesday's Student Activities Fair held in the Student Center. "Everyone who was there did a great job," student body president Kellye Mitros. "I got nothing but positive feedback." Seconding Mitros' congratulations, Student Activities Board (SAB) president Megan Cahill noted the fair's high turnout.

But SAB is moving on to the larger issue of Hurricane Katrina, Cahill said, and working on a list of tentative events to benefit hurricane victims. Details will be con-

firmed and released in the near future.

Student athletics commissioner Bridget Grall introduced an upcoming event organized by Saint Mary's and Notre Dame — the Relay for Life.

"It's a big deal and should be really fun," Grall said.

The walk, which benefits cancer patients and survivors, will take place on Oct. 7 and 8 from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. The Relay coordinators will be selling \$5 luminary bags that can be decorated and will line the track.

Event organizers are also looking for cancer survivors from the campus community to lead the first lap. Students are encouraged to form teams of any size.

The main goal is "just to get bodies over there [to the Relay]," Grall said. "We're not too worried about fundraisers."

In other BOG news:

◆ Senior class president Lauren Condon said the Senior Dad's weekend will take place Oct. 30 through Nov. 2. Tickets are currently on sale.

◆ A BOG-sponsored Chicago bus trip will take place Saturday. The bus will leave LeMans circle by 8 a.m., leaving Chicago at 7 p.m. to return to campus. Tickets will be available in the Student Center today.

◆ Sophomore class president Colleen Ferreira said the 2005 "Incredibelles" T-shirt fundraiser was a great success.

"It did very well — we almost sold out," said Ferreira, who mentioned that remaining shirts can be purchased in the bookstore.

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Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance discuss the success of the recent SMC Activities Fair. The Board also created a tentative list of events to benefit victims of Katrina.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egyptian theater in flames, 29 dead

CAIRO — Fire broke out in an Egyptian theater during a crowded performance late Monday, causing hundreds of audience members to flee the burning building in panic, a police official said. At least 29 people were killed, some from the flames and some in the ensuing stampede.

About 1,000 people were crowded into the theater in Beni Suef, a city on the Nile river about 60 miles south of Cairo, when the fire broke out at about 11:45 p.m., a police official said. It was brought under control by fire crews, but destroyed the building.

The official, who declined to be identified because he was unauthorized to speak to the media, said initial investigations indicated the fire started after lit candles being held by girls taking part in the play came into contact with theater curtains.

Indonesian jet crash kills 147

MEIDAN — An Indonesian jetliner slammed into a crowded neighborhood moments after a shaky takeoff Monday and burst into flames, killing 147 people, including dozens on the ground. At least 15 passengers survived, among them an 18-month-old boy, officials said.

The Mandala Airlines Boeing 737-200 was heading to Jakarta in overcast weather when it plowed into a row of houses 500 yards from the airport and skidded onto a busy road in this city on northeast Sumatra island. Witnesses said some people were on fire as they fled the wreckage.

Firefighters struggled to put out the blaze, which engulfed dozens of houses and at least 10 cars, in a midmorning rainstorm. It was the sixth major jet crash worldwide since Aug. 1.

NATIONAL NEWS

Military deaths escalate in Iraq

As of Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at least 1,889 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,464 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The British military has reported 93 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Saturn's rings change over time

LOS ANGELES — New observations by the international Cassini spacecraft reveal that Saturn's trademark shimmering rings, which have dazzled astronomers since Galileo's time, have dramatically changed over just the past 25 years.

Among the most surprising findings is that parts of Saturn's innermost ring — the D ring — have grown since the Voyager spacecraft flew by the planet in 1981, and a piece of the D ring has moved 125 miles inward toward Saturn.

While scientists puzzle over what caused the changes, their observations could reveal something about the age and lifetime of the rings.

LOCAL NEWS

Roseland residents file suit

ROSELAND, Ind. — More than 200 residents of this small northern Indiana town are suing a town council member, claiming he has oppressed them and should be removed from office.

The lawsuit against David Snyder filed Wednesday in St. Joseph Superior Court is the second by town residents who contend he has violated their constitutional rights.

"He's abusing his power," said Peter Agostino, one of the attorneys who filed the case. "There's a strong factual case for removing him."

Residents try to salvage possessions

New Orleans mayor sets early death count at 10,000; Bush makes second visit

Associated Press

METairie, La. — One week after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region, miles-long lines of vehicles crawled into Jefferson Parish on Monday as residents were allowed to return to salvage what was left of their homes. New Orleans' mayor warned that 10,000 people may have died.

President Bush began his second trip to the region since the storm hit, landing in Baton Rouge late in the morning to start another inspection tour and consultations with federal and local officials.

"All levels of the government are doing the best they can," Bush said in Baton Rouge. "So long as any life is in danger, we've got work to do."

Traffic began moving into the parish west of New Orleans at about 6 a.m. A curfew was set for 6 p.m., and residents were told they could stay until Wednesday.

Among those returning was Diane Dempsey, a 59-year-old retired Army lieutenant colonel who stopped at the water's edge less than a mile from the house where she grew up and where her aunt lives.

"I'm going to pay someone to get me back there, anything I have to do," she said, sobbing while standing amid boats beached on Veterans Highway. "A lot of these people built these houses anticipating some flood water but nobody imagined this."

Most of the single-story bungalow homes in her neighborhood had water nearly to the roofline. Homes in the most exclusive neighborhood of the parish, Old Metairie, had little structural damage but some of the worst flooding. Along rows of palatial, six-bedroom homes, a few windows were broken and the live oaks survived but the water rippled up to front-door knobs.

The suburban parish, which has 460,000 residents, has been closed since a mandatory evacuation just



Rich Hammel, 35, helps his mother as she returns to her home in the Metairie suburb of New Orleans, a week after Hurricane Katrina passed through the area.

before Katrina hit. Wide portions of Metairie and Kenner suffered heavy flooding, and authorities said thousands of homes were damaged.

Some 400 to 500 police officers from New Orleans' 1,600 member force were unaccounted for, Deputy Police Chief W.J. Riley said.

A week after the storm, a definitive death toll remained elusive. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin warned on NBC's "Today" that "it wouldn't be unreasonable to have 10,000" dead.

Despite the grim estimate, he was more upbeat than in previous days, when he railed against the federal government and broke down sobbing during a radio interview.

"We're making great progress now, the momen-

tum has picked up. I'm starting to see some critical tasks being completed," he told NBC.

"The 17th Street canal is about or was about 84 percent closed in yesterday afternoon. We have more troops arriving, so we're starting to make the kind of progress that I kind of expected earlier."

Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore told ABC's "Good Morning America" that fewer than 10,000 people remained in the city, based on aerial reconnaissance.

"This is not a city under siege," he added on NBC. "This city needs help from the big people in America and its technology to get back on its feet. We are focused on the future. We have to finish the search-

and-rescue and provide food and water from an area from Mobile (Ala.) to the east side of New Orleans, up to 1-20 in Mississippi. This is a pig-big piece of terrain. There are people there that need help. We will do the best we can to get it to them."

On Sunday, as authorities struggled to keep order, gunmen opened fire on a group of contractors on a bridge, rescues of stranded residents continued and the flood waters began to recede, leaving the grisly task of collecting bodies.

The Times-Picayune, Louisiana's largest newspaper, published an open letter to Bush, called for the firing of every official at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Bush nominates Roberts to replace Rehnquist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seizing a historic opportunity to reshape the Supreme Court, President Bush swiftly chose conservative John Roberts as chief justice Monday and weighed how to fill another vacancy that could push the nation's highest court to the right on issues from abortion to affirmative action.

Polished and plainspoken, Roberts had been on a likely track to be confirmed as an associate justice and it appeared Bush turned to him for the top job to avoid an acrimonious fight at a volatile moment. Bush was on the defensive about

the administration's sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina and his poll ratings had fallen to their lowest point of his presidency.

"For the past two months members of the United States Senate and the American people have learned about the career and character of Judge Roberts," Bush said. "They like what they see."

Roberts' nomination, just two days after the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, raised fears among Democrats about a rightward shift as Bush fills two openings on the nine-member court. Democrats have been frustrated by Roberts' popularity and said the

Senate must take a closer look at his new nomination.

"The stakes are higher and the Senate's advice and consent responsibility is even more important," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., expressed concerns about the court's balance.

"Replacing two justices at the same time will have an enormous impact on the court and on the lives and liberties of all Americans for decades," said Ralph Neas, president of the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way, which opposes Roberts' nomination.

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| Up | Same: | Down: | Composite Volume |
| 1,449 | 180 | 1,757 | 1,641,759,350 |
| AMEX | 1,680.04 | -1.31 | |
| NASDAQ | 2,141.07 | -6.83 | |
| NYSE | 7,531.13 | -12.72 | |
| S&P 500 | 1,218.02 | -3.57 | |
| NIKKEI(Tokyo) | 12,634.88 | +0.00 | |
| FTSE 100(London) | 5,337.80 | +11.00 | |
| Treasuries | | | |
| 30-YEAR BOND | +0.00 | +0.00 | 42.92 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | +0.00 | +0.00 | 40.29 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | +0.00 | +0.00 | 38.39 |
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Corporations donate to Katrina victims

Wal-Mart, pharmaceutical industry give millions of dollars in cash and goods

Associated Press

Corporate America continued giving millions in supplies and money Thursday to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, with donations ranging from diapers to 10,000 oven-fresh pizzas.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy reported that Americans have given more than \$93 million in aid to Katrina victims, including more than \$27 million from corporations.

The American Red Cross had received more than \$72 million from corporations and individuals through Wednesday, and officials said donations were still pouring in.

"It has been a steady stream today, both at headquarters, at the help-now number (1 800 HELP-NOW) and our chapter sites around the country," Red Cross spokesman Ryland Dodge said Thursday.

Chronicle editor Stacy Palmer predicted the giving would continue.

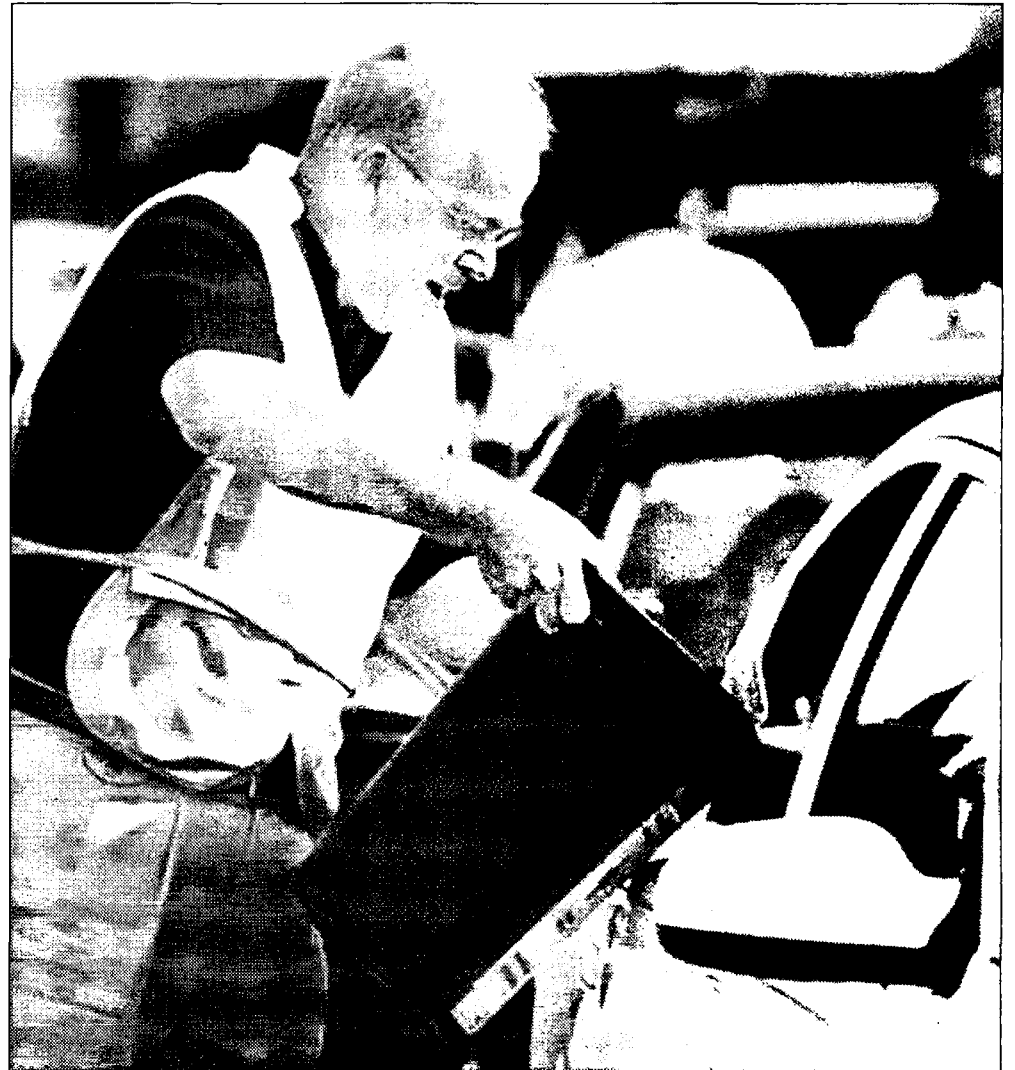
"I think it got off to a somewhat slower start because it wasn't clear what the scope of the disaster was," she said. "Now that people are seeing what's going on, they're trying to mobilize as fast as they can."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said initial corporate donations would likely surpass \$100 million.

In Houston, volunteers used 30 jumbo ovens to cook 10,000 personal-sized Papa John's pizzas for arriving Louisiana refugees.

"Everybody deserves a hot meal," Keith Sullins, president of Houston Pizza Venture, the city's largest Papa John's franchise, said in a statement.

Mortgage company Freddie Mac and its foundation announced they were donating \$10 million to aid organizations. Coca-Cola Co. is donating \$5 million.



Van Downing, an American Red Cross employee, collects donations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina at State Fair Park, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Kimberly-Clark Corp. of Dallas donated \$250,000 and nearly \$350,000 in products, including diapers, baby wipes and bathroom tissue.

United Health Foundation of Minneapolis dedicated \$10 million to disaster relief efforts. The not-for-profit foundation is funded by UnitedHealth Group.

UnitedHealth spokesman Mark Lindsay said his company hoped the announcement would encourage other businesses to donate resources.

"We just want to make sure that it was well-funded and there's a pool of money there," he said.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart has contributed

\$17 million to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army and said its stores were collecting more. The world's largest retailer also created online message boards where customers could post notes to family members from in-store kiosks.

The service, launched Thursday morning, had 600 messages and 50,000 viewers by mid-afternoon.

"We're trying to link people to find their loved ones and know they're OK," said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Melissa O'Brien.

Many of the contributions so far have been from the pharmaceutical industry. Billy Tauzin, a former Louisiana congressman who now heads the trade

group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said member companies had committed nearly \$25 million in medicines, medical supplies and cash to the relief effort.

Thursday afternoon, a team of officials at Eli Lilly & Co. loaded a private jet with antibiotics, tetanus shots and insulin and took off for the devastated Gulf Coast.

"These are acute, lifesaving products," said Dr. Greg Larkin, director of corporate health services for the Indianapolis-based pharmaceutical company.

Some donors have operations in the affected states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

IN BRIEF

Dollar falls to rival currencies

TOKYO — The dollar fell against the yen and the euro in Asian trading Thursday morning, compared to previous day levels, continuing to be weighed down by fears about the U.S. economy, higher oil prices and the devastation from Hurricane Katrina.

The dollar was trading at 110.74 yen in Tokyo late morning, down 0.68 yen from late Wednesday and slightly higher than the 110.70 yen it bought in New York later that day. The euro rose to \$1.2335 from \$1.2206 late Wednesday.

The British pound traded at \$1.8021, up from \$1.7842 late Tuesday. The dollar also fell to 1.2542 Swiss francs, down from 1.2706, and 1.1898 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1924.

Traders say the dollar is likely to remain weak ahead of additional U.S. economic data being released this week that may confirm worries about the American economy. The recent drop in U.S. Treasury yields is also negative for the dollar, they say.

Company ups pollution spending

DES MOINES, Iowa — Cargill Inc. will spend about \$130 million to upgrade pollution control devices at 27 corn and oilseed plants in the Midwest to settle a clean air lawsuit, federal officials said Thursday.

Under the settlement, the food and agricultural products company has also agreed to pay \$1.6 million in civil penalties and spend another \$3.5 million on other environmental projects around the country.

"Today's settlement is positive proof of the continued progress we are achieving in the grain industry, through the cooperative enforcement efforts of federal, state and local agencies," said Kelly Johnson, an acting assistant attorney general with the Justice Department.

Cargill spokesman Bill Brady said the company had been negotiating the settlement for years after voluntarily disclosing the environmental problems.

The agreement announced Thursday will result in a reduction of about 30,000 tons of pollution a year, officials said.

Economic impact of Katrina worries investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished a difficult week lower Friday as investors, restrained by uncertainty about the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina, had little reaction to a sharp decline in oil prices and less unemployment. Despite the week's fluctuations, the major indexes ended with moderate gains.

The market seesawed in Friday's session on news that unemployment reached a four-year low, and as energy prices retreated on signs that allied nations will help cushion a U.S. oil shortage. The numbers, however, were shadowed by fears that Katrina's devastation of the Gulf coast could trigger a sharp economic downturn.

"I consider this event as critical, if not more economically damaging, as Sept.

11, 2001," said Paul McManus, senior vice president at Independence Investment LLC. "We have no idea what the extent of the damage is down there, and we may not know until next week."

Wall Street felt some relief from a drop in oil prices, which fell after the government and members of the Paris-based International Energy Agency said they would tap reserves to counter disruptions to 90 percent of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico. Gasoline futures also eased for the first time this week.

A barrel of light crude sank \$1.90 to settle at \$67.57 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, where gasoline futures dropped 22.5 cents to \$2.18 per gallon.

At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 12.26, or 0.12 percent, to 10,447.37.

The broader stock indicators also were lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 3.57, or 0.29 percent, to 1,218.02; and the Nasdaq composite index closed down 6.83, or 0.32 percent, at 2,141.07.

Bonds edged higher, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipping to 4.02 percent from 4.03 percent on Thursday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading, while gold prices pulled back slightly.

Investors largely ignored a report from the Labor Department showing that the 169,000 jobs created in August were fewer than the 190,000 predicted by economists, even as the job growth pushed unemployment down to a low of 4.9 percent from 5 percent the month before.

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is true that most of what he's done has been in his capacity as a lawyer with a client, so you can say that doesn't tell us necessarily what he really thinks. But you know, I think we know as much about what he really thinks as we're entitled to know."

Although Roberts does not have an extensive history as a judge, Garnett said the nominee's background as a Rehnquist clerk in the early 1980s as well as positions within the Reagan and first Bush administrations were telling.

"I think, actually, if you want to know where Roberts is on a lot of stuff, Rehnquist is a good place to start," said Garnett, who disagrees with the public's demand to know Roberts' position on controversial issues.

That hasn't always been part of American philosophy, he said.

"It's actually kind of a recent idea that in order to judge a nominee, you had to have tons and tons of paper," Garnett said. "For most of history it was, you know, someone's nominated, probably a friend of the president ... You had hearings, and in the hearings you asked some questions, and the questions gave you the answers, and that was it. No one asked about how you were going to rule in *Roe v. Wade*, how you were going to rule in *Miranda*, whatever."

Campbell characterized the upcoming Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings as "a bizarre little game they'll play when the Senate will ask Roberts to speak ... a Kabuki dance."

"The general feeling is a potential justice will simply say, 'No, I can't discuss this situation unless I have the facts of the

case in front of me,'" Campbell said.

Since the situations presented to Roberts will be hypothetical, Campbell said he could sidestep the questions with the above response.

Garnett did not predict a dramatic shift in the Court's decisions with Roberts' confirmation, explaining that while Roberts and the recently retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor have different methodologies, they would probably come to the same decision on most cases.

"He'll be much more likely to use crisp, technical, very careful legal analysis," Garnett said. "Whereas Justice O'Connor was often very much, 'We have a lot of factors, let's balance them,' that kind of approach."

"There have been some cases in recent years where I think they would have voted differently, but even if those cases came up again, I don't think Roberts would vote to overrule them," he said.

Garnett said the belief that *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case protecting the right to abortion, could be overturned under Roberts was an idea generated largely by Senate Democrats, since Roberts has declined to comment.

Instead, Garnett believes the change will come in the dynamics of the Court.

"It's been awhile since the Supreme Court had any new members," Garnett said. "And one thing we've seen is that when the Court gets a new mem-

ber, no matter what that member's views are, it sometimes tends to change the dynamics. When Justice Thomas came on to the Court, Justice Souter started voting differently."

He also noted Roberts' religion — Catholic. If Rehnquist was still alive, the addition of Roberts would have raised the Court's composition to two-thirds Catholics and Jews.

"Through most of our history a lot of Americans would have been freaked out by the idea of more than one," Garnett said. "For a long time there was the one Catholic seat and one Jewish seat."

But he emphasized that a nominee's religion cannot predict a voting pattern.

"A lot of the work these judges do, religion doesn't dictate the answer to it. Faith doesn't tell us what this antitrust statute means. It doesn't tell us how judges should go about interpreting antitrust action," Garnett said.

Whatever their opinion of Roberts, the professors said the confirmation process would play an important role in their classes.

"I personally think [watching the process] makes all the difference," Campbell said. "We will definitely discuss it. I do what I can to bring in current events, and that's a big one."

Arnold seconded the importance of being a politically aware student.

"It's crucial to an education that college students be very attentive to public affairs, including reading a good newspaper on a regular basis," Arnold said. "The make-up of the Supreme Court affects all of us."

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Richard Garnett
Notre Dame
law professor

"Even though he [Roberts] has a large paper trail, it is a paper trail reflecting the views of his clients."

Peri Arnold
Notre Dame political
science professor

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"We had mixed emotions about Father Poorman's response," Leito said. "Given the fact that we were initially met with a lot of resistance, it's great that we got something."

In his letter, Poorman promised to maintain current soft drink and snack pricing for the next two years, lower laundry prices through the use of Domer Dollars and begin a rolling price adjustment plan for vending prices.

"The main problem with [using Domer Dollars to save laundry money] is that the card system isn't always in place for that to be used," Leito said.

Baron also updated members on the creation of a diversity course requirement for Notre Dame students. The Senate's minority affairs committee has been exploring the possibility of making a diversity class a graduation requirement.

"We did a lot of research about it. Father Jenkins came to the minority affairs meeting last week, which is a good sign that he thinks diversity needs to be made a priority," Baron said.

The class would likely be a double requirement — meaning it could be taken to fulfill a fine arts or literature requirement as well.

Baron concluded the meet-

ing by outlining three CLC committees that will each focus on a specific campus issue — social concerns, campus grounds and structures and student voice and input.

The social concerns committee will continue last year's work on the diversity course requirement as well as tackle the issue of sexism in male dorms. Baron cited last spring's Morrissey Manor SYR unofficially titled "Beach Bros and Bikini Hos" as an example of sexism.

The campus grounds and structures committee will focus on improving campus aesthetics — from flowers to trash cans to drinking fountains. The committee stems from Leito's suggestion last April that campus appearance be made a greater priority for the council.

The student voice and input committee will seek to have the student perspective represented on a more wide-spread level.

"Let's look throughout the University and see where student voices can be better represented and be a bigger part of the administrative process," Baron said.

Baron told each committee to select its chairperson by the next meeting.

The council also approved its bylaws, which is a listing of its rules and responsibilities.

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Judicial Council
president

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Dave Baron
student body president

Gas

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in the Gulf Coast, causing gas prices throughout the country to skyrocket, reaching \$6 per gallon in some states. South Bend residents are suffering the high gas prices, paying as much as \$3.29 in gas stations in the city and in surrounding areas.

The high gas prices affect the normality in students' lives.

Jessica Binhack, a junior at Saint Mary's, lives on campus but keeps her 1999 Mercury Mountaineer at Saint Mary's for social purposes. Having to pay almost \$60 to fill her tank, Binhack admits that gas prices have "definitely affected" how much she drives.

"If prices weren't so high, I would go off-campus more," said Binhack.

Binhack is not the only student frustrated with the gas prices. Also feeling the strain are off-campus students or students who need their cars to commute to off-campus

employment.

Brian Stein, a senior at Notre Dame, resides on Washington St. and commutes to campus six or seven times every week. Even after severely restricting his car use, Stein pays approximately \$8 each week commuting to campus.

"I have hit my limit on how much I will pay for gas," Stein said.

Saint Mary's senior Mary Buehl lives on campus but needs her car to travel to her off-campus work study job at the Robinson Center, approximately three miles from campus. She also drives the seven miles to Prairie Vista, a local elementary school, to complete her required student teaching coursework. Buehl uses her 1999 Ford Escort at least five times per week, using it three days to travel to work and twice to teach. Though frustrated with using almost one half gallon of gas every day completing her required coursework, Buehl has not been able to organize a successful carpool.

Some students, however, have not allowed the prices to

impede their lives. Dozens of enthusiastic students headed east over the weekend to support the Irish football team in their opening game against the University of Pittsburgh.

For some students, the more than six-hour drive meant spending nearly \$100 on gasoline, though many students were not deterred by the high cost.

Senior Kevin Sommers and three friends split the \$50 it took to fuel the tank of his Ford Grand Marquis to and from Pittsburgh.

Like Sommers, Bridget Green, a junior at Saint Mary's, spent nearly \$75 on gas over the weekend, paying an average of \$3.56 per gallon, she said.

While Sommers and Green represent the dozens of eager Irish fans willing to trail the team out of state, both agree that they would definitely reconsider attending another out-of-state game due to the cost of gas.

Many people in South Bend are frustrated with the high prices, as they cannot afford to continue their daily routines. For some, the frustration lies in the less frequent trips to the mall or to their favorite bar and more trips to the ATM.

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Supplies

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ous student organizations convened in a forum to organize and combine independent hurricane relief efforts into a single, University-wide strategy.

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said the main goal of the meeting was to unify student efforts.

"We don't want to compete against each other for donations," she said.

Shappell said students are welcome to conduct individual relief efforts until Thursday, Sept. 15. After this date, however, all personal and organizational initiatives should be redirected toward the University-sponsored stadium collection slated for the Michigan State home football game on Sept. 17.

Student Union secretary Aly Baumgartner said the University was seeking a substantial number of student volunteers to assist in the collection of money during the football home opener.

"We are looking for 300 to 450 students to help out during the Michigan State game," she said. "We have 100 right now."

Baumgartner said volunteers will have a "dress rehearsal" the morning of the game to go over logistics for the mass collection. Money will be collected from spectators in between the first and second quarters.

"They did this [type of collaborative effort] right after Sept. 11, and they raised about \$280,000 - we're hoping this will be as successful," Baumgartner said.

Money donated to Notre Dame's Hurricane Katrina collection account will be dispersed into three main organizations. Shappell said Catholic Charities USA will receive 50 percent of

the funds, while the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Louisiana and members of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) in devastated areas will each receive 25 percent of all money raised through the University.

There are 25 ACE instructors in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. ACE director John Staud told The Observer Tuesday.

In addition to money donated through the stadium collection, individual organizations and

groups on campus are fervently fundraising to aid hurricane victims.

Masses held this week at both the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and in each of the residence halls will serve as opportunities for students to donate money to the University's main collection fund.

A representative from the Center for Social Concerns unveiled additional relief plans at Monday's forum, including a solidarity luncheon fundraiser for Gulf Coast victims and an educational conference to discuss future implications of the hurricane.

Shappell said the student government opened a collection table on the first floor of La Fortune Monday to ensure students a constant opportunity to donate money to the University's main fund through Sept. 15. The table will be available for donations from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

Student government will not be collecting clothing and other

supplies, Shappell said. However, student groups are encouraged to organize these drives independently and send those efforts to the appropriate charities.

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Aly Baumgartner
student union secretary

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"It was fantastic," Sandusky said. "It blew me away."

The professor let his long-kept secret slip to his son, who throughout the rest of the trip and in the following months back in the United States pestered and encouraged him to make it a reality.

Once he resolved to pursue the project, Sandusky did not stray far from the original frescos produced over a 60-year span by three major artists, Masaccio, Masolino and Filippino Lippi. He asked then senior Jennifer

Trachy Hakes and 1998 alumna Jill Feller to work with him. Titling it "The Brancacci Project Phase One," the trio applied for a SSTAR grant for funding.

"I thought it would be good to have three people because three people did the original," Sandusky said.

He also applied for a faculty research grant from Saint Mary's and arranged for Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art to display the paintings after their completion.

Once their proposal was accepted, Sandusky, Hakes and Feller started to copy one cycle, or the upper register, of the two-tiered work. They built large canvases - 12 in all - to scale and then projected the original paintings onto them in order to mirror the figures' size and positioning.

"It was fantastic. It blew me away ... It's an American depiction of an Italian depiction of biblical stories."

Bill Sandusky
SMC art department

Sandusky then began searching for models to use in the re-interpretation of the work, which would feature modern American locals and modern American dress.

"It is an American depiction of an Italian depiction of biblical stories," he said. "I was looking for a lot of bearded people because a lot of these people are bearded."

Several neighbors and friends allowed Sandusky to photograph and depict them in the paintings. Most of the faces seen in the work, however, are those of recognizable Saint Mary's and Notre Dame administrators and faculty. These include College President Carol M o o n e y , University President emeritus

Father Theodore Hesburgh and Saint Mary's dean of faculty Pat White. Sandusky, his wife, his two sons, Hakes and Feller also appear in the paintings.

While the three artists worked on the painting at different times over a two-year period, they sometimes found themselves bumping elbows. Hakes, who spent eight weeks in the summer of 2003 on the project, recalled Sandusky coming into the studio in the evenings and repainting some of her work. The following day, she said,

she would retouch some of his.

"It was kind of difficult, but it worked out in the end really well," Hakes said.

Once, Hakes recalled, a heavy Midwestern storm hit South Bend when the studio windows had been left open. Winds punched a canvas straight through an easel, forcing them to repaint it.

Sandusky said he worked on the project up until the very day staff from the Snite came to pick it up this summer.

"I have done a number of large paintings, but nothing this large and nothing this time consuming," Sandusky said.

Turnout and reaction at the exhibit opening on June 26 was outstanding, Sandusky said.

"Reaction has been incredible," he said. "The opening was a great success. There were over 270 people in attendance. I've gotten no negative comment."

The paintings will remain at the Snite until Sept. 16,

Sandusky said, after which he hopes to find other venues to display them.

"I do want it to travel around nationally," he said. "I am looking for some shows."

Eventually he would like to sell the paintings, possibly to Notre Dame. But first

he wants to paint the lower register, or what would be Phase Two, of the original Chapel.

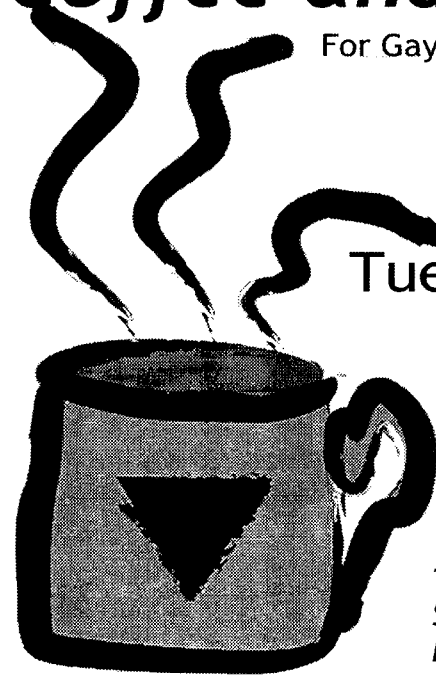
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Gas prices slow holiday travel

Stations post 30 percent higher price per gallon over Labor Day weekend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Labor Day traffic slowed around the country as drivers lucky to find gas stations open paid over 30 percent more than before Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast refinery and pipeline operations a week ago.

Pump prices are starting to level off, but analysts say the dramatic rise in gasoline costs has forced consumers to begin rethinking everything from vacation travel plans to how much they can afford to spend for food, clothing and restaurant meals.

Drivers paid an average of about \$3.20 a gallon for unleaded regular on Monday, up \$1.35 from a year ago, and 75 cents more than they did before the hurricane, according to Randy Bly, director of community relations for AAA Auto Club South.

The federation of motor clubs had originally forecast that 34.5 million Americans would travel 50 miles or more this Labor Day weekend. But Bly thinks that estimate was too high as drivers were spooked by the spike in gas prices and reports of shortages at gas stations in midwestern, southern and northeast states.

"We feel very certain Hurricane Katrina will bring this [original estimate] lower," Bly said.

In Georgia, a moratorium on gas taxes and a slight dip in wholesale prices helped level

fuel prices to an average of \$3.05. On Friday, Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered a month-long moratorium on state gas taxes and called legislators into a special session Tuesday to ratify the decision. The governor's order suspends Georgia's 7.5 cents-a-gallon excise tax and 4 percent sales tax on gasoline until the end of September.

Robert and Claire Smith of Rockford, Ill., had planned to take their four children to an amusement park, but the high price of gas kept them from making the drive of over one hour. Instead, they visited both sets of grandparents nearby.

"The kids just don't understand. Their day is not set by what gas prices are," Robert Smith said, adding that, on Labor Day morning, his eight-year-old had "this long face" of disappointment.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Sgt. Michael Forshe in Zanesville said traffic was definitely down on central Ohio's interstate, I-70, this weekend. "I don't see it as the end-of-summer blowout like it used to be," he said.

Higher gas prices may have also slowed sales in shopping malls this Labor Day weekend.

Michael Solomon, who owns and operates Great American Cookie stores in malls in Kentucky, Nevada, Indiana and West Virginia, said his weekend sales were "well below expectations."

"It started Friday when all the

gas prices jumped up," said Solomon. Store managers in West Virginia and Kentucky also told him local gas stations were out of gas, which he assumes caused some consumers to stay at home rather than venture to malls.

"It was slower than usual. People spent the same amount of money. It just felt like there were less people," said Solomon, who fears that he may have to raise his prices if high energy costs boost what he pays for freight and other services.

Much of the rise in gas prices stems from major disruption in how oil and gas are produced and delivered in the U.S. Gulf coast states.

These facilities were responsible for producing 1.4 million barrels of oil each day, equal to what is imported from Saudi Arabia each day, and 80 percent of that, or some 1.2 million barrels, was halted because of Hurricane Katrina, according to John Felmy, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute.

At one point, nearly 95 percent of the production from these Gulf Coast facilities was disrupted last week.

The magnitude of the damage to the Gulf Coast facilities and the time it takes to repair them may have an impact on the overall U.S. economy, warned Chris Low, chief economist at FTN Financial.

Low recalled that two years ago, energy related costs like gas at the pump or heating oil for homes made up about 4 percent of household budget. That had risen to 5.5 percent prior to Hurricane Katrina and is likely to rise further, he said.

Bush, Louisiana Gov. clash on Katrina aid

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — Like estranged in-laws at a holiday gathering, President Bush and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco kept their distance as both toured a relief center for storm victims Monday. At their next stop, the Republican president kissed the Democratic governor on the cheek, but it wasn't clear whether they had made up.

State and federal officials are all facing public criticism for a slow response to the crisis. Behind the scenes, each suggests the other is to blame.

In front of the cameras during Bush's visit to the Gulf Coast states on Monday, the president and Blanco said little to each other, focusing instead on thanking relief workers.

"I know I don't need to make any other introduction other than 'Mr. President,'" Blanco said tersely, turning the microphone over to Bush after praising emergency management officials during a stop with Bush at an emergency operations center.

"This is one of these disasters that will test our soul and test our spirit, but we're going to show the world once again that not only can we survive but we will be stronger and better for it," Bush said after taking the microphone.

Blanco late Monday sought to tone down suggestions of a rift.

"We'd like to stop the voices out there trying to create a divide," she said. "There is no divide. We're all in this together. Every leader in this nation wants to see this problem

solved."

Bush echoed Blanco's praise for rescue workers. "I hope that makes you feel good to know you have saved lives," Bush said, promising state, local and federal officials that he would fix anything that isn't going right. "This is just the beginning of a huge effort," he said.

The president, looking choked up as he finished his brief remarks, nodded at Blanco and kissed her on the cheek. She nodded back and both left the podium, headed for separate spots in the crowd.

Blanco has refused to sign over control of the National Guard to the federal government and has turned to a Clinton administration official, former Federal Emergency Management Agency chief James Lee Witt, to help run relief efforts.

Blanco was not told when Bush would visit the state, nor was she immediately invited to meet him or travel with him. Blanco's office didn't know Bush was coming until told by reporters. Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House reached out to Blanco's office on Sunday, but didn't hear back. White House staff in Louisiana spoke with Blanco early Monday, he said.

Making his third visit to the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged states, Bush stopped first at the Bethany World Prayer Center, a huge hall half covered with pallets and half filled with dining tables. Blanco visited at the same time, but she and Bush kept apart as they walked around talking to people.

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Where have all our taxes gone?

As the Web site of Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.) proudly proclaims: "Senator Evan Bayh today announced Senate passage of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, which includes \$3 million that he fought for to bring Purdue's Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CFAM) one step closer to becoming a reality."

What a true American hero! Sen. Bayh has fought long and hard to get money for the CFAM, and finally succeeded when he cornered off \$3 million ... of a defense bill?

2005 has been a great year for Congress. For the fiscal year, there have been over 13,900 pork barrel projects crammed into 13 appropriations bills. According to the organization Citizens Against Government Waste, this is an increase of 31 percent over last year's total. For the uninformed, pork barrel projects are projects funded by federal money that are intended to benefit the constituents of a particular politician, in return for votes or campaign contributions.

The 2005 Homeland Security Appropriations Act alone contained 64 major pork projects, totaling \$1.7 billion. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (H.R. 1268) passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with \$55 million for wastewater treatment in Desoto County, Miss., and \$25 million for the Fort Peck Fish Hatchery in Montana.

Maybe I'm just cynical, but how do either of these very expensive projects even remotely relate to "Emergency," "Defense," "War on Terror" or "Tsunami Relief"?

2005 saw a Republican president and a Republican-controlled

Congress, which means that none of these pork projects could have passed without the seal of approval of both. This is a very disturbing fact.

My father always assured me that the Republican Party was the party of smaller government. However, after a record-breaking \$427 billion deficit in 2005, it is impossible for me to understand how anyone can believe this lie any longer. In fact, nowhere in the Grand Old Party's 2004 platform is there any mention of limiting the growth of government. It is quite the opposite.

By the year 2004, actual yearly growth in non-military spending (which means we're ignoring the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) had risen 6.2 percent. Adjusting for inflation, George W. Bush's government has increased spending at twice the rate of Bill Clinton's.

Yes. Bill Clinton.

The Republican Party is no longer the party of limited or small government and will never be that party again. It is now the executive arm of the Project for the New American Century (founded by Donald Rumsfeld), which believes that American military dominance of the world will eventually lead to an ill-defined global Pax Americana. The neoconservatives that now control the GOP are proponents of the welfare-warfare state at its worst.

To be clear, I am not a fan of "paleoconservatism," nor am I extolling the non-virtues of the Left. I simply recognize that there is an overwhelming "conservative" presence on this campus, and I believe it is ill-informed.

The neoconservative movement began within the ranks of pro-war socialists in the 1940s. Strongly influenced by the New Deal (as well as anti-Stalinism), many became disillusioned with the "New Left" of the 1960s because of its anti-Vietnam War, seemingly unpatriotic positions. Toss in some admiration for mili-

tarism and the "big stick" foreign policy of Theodore Roosevelt, and you have the recipe for such individuals as Paul Wolfowitz, Dick Cheney, Richard Perle, William Bennett (all members of the PNAC) and, of course, President George W. Bush. All of these individuals are prominent members of either the GOP or the Bush administration.

Now I'm going to ask every Republican reading this article to put his/her money where his/her mouth is. Are you in favor of constitutionalism, free trade, limited government and liberty? If so, then you are in the wrong party.

At the time of the writing of this column, the national debt clock reads \$7,939,664,349,738.56, which is an almost inconceivable amount of money. By the time this article is printed, however, it will have risen by millions of dollars. American taxpayers can ill-afford the hefty bills of Republican and Democratic politicians, who continually overstep the boundaries that are set forth in the US Constitution. There is absolutely no reason that Federal money should be spent on the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame. Federal money should not be thrown at Pennsylvania's Inner Harmony Foundation and Wellness Center, nor should it be wasted on a Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program at Lady B. Ranch in Apple Valley, Calif.

None of these programs is necessary, and the cost of these projects is steep. Someone must stand up to the bureaucrats in Washington, who obviously have complete disregard for the proper role of government.

The Republicans will not do it. The Democrats will not do it. Who will?

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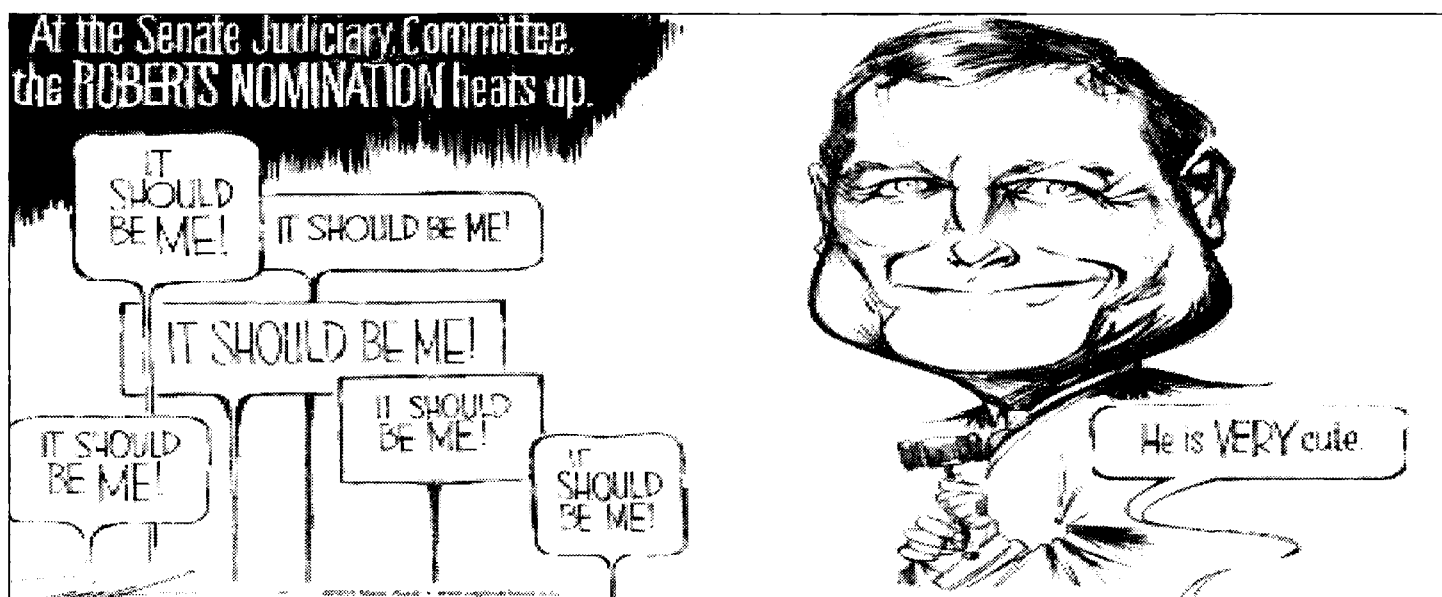
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"People only see what they are prepared to see."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
American poet, philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race on the levee

"I'm not sure I'm going to get out of here alive," said Canadian tourist Larry Mitel. "I'm scared of riots. I'm scared of the locals." These words, from the coverage of the New Orleans disaster in Friday's The Observer ("Chaos plagues city in storm aftermath") could have been uttered by a British colonist who strayed too far away from his outpost and found himself among the natives at sundown. This is not simply an understandable fear of violence; it is the racist's irrational fear of the "black mob." It is the fear that outfits the National Guard with human hunting licenses in the form of "shoot-to-kill orders" against the "thugs" and "looters." You better bet that if Notre Dame was hit by a tornado, there would no shoot-to-kill orders against the Irish.

The media this week is saturated with images of black people, dispossessed and angry, shouting at those armed soldiers. Kanye West summed it up well at a benefit concert for victims of Hurricane Katrina: "I hate the way they portray us in the media. You see a black family, it says, 'They're looting.' You see a white family, it says, 'They're looking for food.'" NBC execs openly admitted they would have censored West's insight if they had gotten a chance. So much for democracy in the U.S.A.

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is rapidly becoming a flash point on the issue of race. It is bringing to the fore the tension that exists just below the skin of "civil public discourse," that stoic code of manners and false peace covering up the legacy of 500 years of institutionalized racism and white supremacy in this country. We do well to remember that the possibility of race riots hung over New Orleans before the hurricane hit.

So now, how could this racial tension not surface when it becomes evident to the rest of the world that hundreds of thousands of black people in New Orleans have been living in segregated neighborhoods with lousy housing, lousy infrastructure, easily prone to dispossession when the levees finally break? How could it not

surface when it becomes clear that the state left them to die there in the rotting ruins of submerged ghettos?

Around Notre Dame's sheltered campus there has been a sort of quiet disgust with the supposedly "uncivilized" behavior of the black survivors of Katrina. People have come up to me saying, "There are thugs firing at the rescue workers! It looks like a Third World country." Again, the colonial gaze ... armed black men: "the horror, the horror." For a campus oriented towards benevolent service work in far away Africa — helping those poor, helpless beings "over there," it is a revelation and perhaps an embarrassment to see that Third World conditions exist right here in the American City on the Hill.

As for the "thugs" and their "looting," of course I believe that it is evil, fool behavior to fire at rescue workers. Or to rape people in the Superdome. Tinisha Green, one of the refugees, put it well: "It was like demons were here last night." This behavior must be stopped, and I am sure there are sane people among the crowd who have tried

to step in and do so. Any community, regardless of race, class or ethnicity, will have its share of heroism and its share of savage individualism when it comes to a time of crisis. It's not like white people have never been violent or savage, to say the least. What the media has failed to emphasize so far are the stories of everyday black people helping each other, risking their own lives to save others.

As for the "looters," I have to ask, what exactly is wrong with looting in the first place? St. Thomas Aquinas, centerpiece of traditional Catholic moral theology, points out that it is absolutely justified for hungry and naked people to take food and clothing from the rich in times of crisis (and of course, one could argue that for many working class people in New Orleans, the times of crisis began long before Katrina). The goods of the world, created by God, are meant to serve the common human community.

Private property is not inviolable and can be seized so that others may live. But all too often under capitalism, private property and corporate privilege become sacrosanct, far more valuable than the lives of poor people, especially poor black people. When I see black families taking food from a grocery store in order to survive, I see a measure of human dignity, self-government and the will to live triumphing in the face of adversity.

The machinery of racism is at play here in another way as well: because the leaders of U.S. official society believe Arab people are also unfit for self-government, Louisiana National Guardsmen and women are functioning now as traffic cops in downtown Baghdad while their own homes are destroyed and their own families are washed away in the toxic floodwaters. Such are the avoidable tragedies of

Empire.

I'm taking a class now on the Hebrew Bible, and as I read the news I have the uncanny feeling that I am watching Old Testament events unfold in real-time. Citizens of Babylon, subjects of the Pharaoh that is U.S. Empire, we ought to pause and pray for the future. Then we must act — not only to help the victims of Katrina, but also to fight against the system of white supremacy that left them to die. This system is as mortal as the Gulf Coast oil rigs that once fed it. Every Biblical empire that failed to pursue social justice fell to a mix of ecological disaster and military chaos. The situation at the Superdome in New Orleans is undoubtedly reverberating in Detroit, Harlem, Watts, Nairobi, Capetown, Achek. It's adding one more layer to the sedimented anger of centuries. Institutionalized racism has held strong for 500 years, but there may come a time when the levees finally break.

Matthew Hamilton
Graduate student
Sept. 4

*"As for the
'looters,' I have to
ask what exactly
is wrong with
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place?"*

Learning from Katrina

The day the city of New Orleans and much of the Gulf Coast was demolished by a category four hurricane, I was in class. As water engulfed the birthplace of jazz, I was reading City of God and the epic of Gilgamesh. The news in The Observer that Monday and most of the following week was all football tickets and Frosh-O. As my fellow citizens in Mississippi and Louisiana were suffering, were dying, were going without food and water, I was checking my e-mail and lazily drinking a cup of coffee.

Catastrophes such as Hurricane Katrina must make us wonder what on earth we are doing with our very privileged lives. Why does any of this matter? What is the purpose of a liberal education? Why, finally, are we here?

If these four years are just about going to football games and finding a better paying job after graduation, then, in the face of this disaster, we ought to feel indicted.

Katie Perry wrote in her Inside Column (a few days after the storm) that Notre Dame students have reason to be cocky. Going to Notre Dame is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Go ahead and swagger, she writes. As if just attending Notre Dame as an undergraduate is enough of an accomplishment to build a whole life upon. You've joined the club. You've paid your dues. You're smart enough and good enough. You bought the sweatshirt. You're okay.

Think again. Going to Notre Dame cannot be an end in and of itself. So you jumped through a lot of hoops to get here. What now? What is the purpose of your studies? What is the purpose of your life? Why not more practical pursuits? Thousands

of people are feared dead in Louisiana. How are you spending your days?

It's useless for us to feel guilty about our educations. It may, however, prove useful for us to questions their ends. Is your education directed towards a good? Is it forming you morally, intellectually or artistically? Is it habituating you in critical thinking and ethical action? Does it alter how it is that you think and live?

Are we in the business of the transformation of self and the service of others, or is this just camp ND? How can we share what we have been privileged to learn with others and with the world? How can we be sufficiently grateful or generous good?

In the wake of this unparalleled natural disaster our nation is imploding along racial and class lines. People are furious that state and federal governments have not done more to evacuate and also to aid the poor and predominantly African American citizens of New Orleans.

Here in South Bend, we live an extremely divided community in terms of race and class. We do service projects all over the world, but only a minority of students venture into the neighborhoods and streets just blocks south of campus.

Terrible things happen. Hurricanes take out towns. Innocent people languish and die. We cannot explain suffering, but perhaps, we can learn from it and let it change our hearts and minds.

Anna Nassbaum
senior
Off-Campus
Sept. 4

U.S. tests European relations

I have followed from my perch in France, with slight bemusement and not a little disappointment, the exchange of views of foreign support for the tragic hurricane and its aftermath in the Gulf.

Not only have European countries replied very quickly to the disaster with offers of help, but they, and their public opinion, were rather offended at being publicly rebuffed by the Bush Administration. President Bush stated in a press conference late last week that America can take care of this crisis on its own, that it has the resources and the wherewithal to take care of its own.

Luckily the European Union and individual countries nevertheless organized discreetly and held their preparations in reserve — most notably the French with military and humanitarian capacities, which it has already in the Caribbean

(Martinique). I say luckily, because this morning driving into work and listening to the French news radio, I learned that late last night Washington phoned up the European capitals (ahem, instead of just Brussels which is supposed to co-ordinate EU actions) and said that they would accept their offers of support after all. The news reports indicated that the first planes were already on their way with tents, food, water and vehicles.

The Bush Administration has been a severe test to U.S.-European relations, but the deep and emotional bonds between Europeans and Americans can and will outlast this Administration.

Mary Ann Hennessey-Gopaul
Strasbourg, France
Class of 1990
Sept. 5

EDITORIAL CARTOON



RECIPE TIPS

Late summer burger feast

By MAUREEN MALLOY
Scene Writer

Labor Day may remind us that summer is coming to an end, but that's no reason you can't enjoy one more burger before you unpack the sweaters. If you didn't have time to barbeque yesterday (since our school sometimes forgets that good burgers and cold beers are a better way to celebrate our country than going to class), grill up some of these all-American dishes to enjoy for dinner. The bacon-and-cheese filled burgers have plenty of flavor but would definitely benefit from a generous topping of grilled onions. Sweet potato fries are a nice change from traditional French fries and can be popped in the oven while the burgers are grilling. Any chilled drink goes well with the burgers and fries, but my favorites are icy cold margaritas which you can make with a mix. Round off the meal with a simple dessert to cool off your taste buds, such as vanilla ice cream topped with fresh berries and drizzled with caramel sauce.

Glazed Bacon-and-Cheese-Filled Burgers

If you don't have access to a grill, this recipe can be easily made on a stove-top grill pan.

3 tablespoons dark brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon chipotle powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground pepper
1 pound ground beef
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
4 rolls

Heat grill to medium. Combine the sugar, spices, salt and pepper in a small bowl and set aside. Form the beef into eight equal patties. Toss the cheese and crumbled bacon together and place an equal amount on four of the patties. Place the remaining patties over the cheese and bacon and pinch the edges to seal. Generously pat each burger with the reserved spice mixture. Grill to desired doneness — about five minutes per side for medi-

um.
Recipe courtesy of ivillage.com.

Sweet Potato Fries

Extra-virgin olive oil, for light coating
6 large sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced like steak fries
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/4 packet taco seasoning mix

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large mixing bowl, drizzle oil over the potatoes and toss to coat. Add salt and taco seasoning mix and toss. Place sweet potato fries in one even layer onto a baking sheet. Keep space between them so they get crispy on all sides. Bake in batches. Place into the oven for ten minutes, then flip them over. Place back in for ten more minutes. They should be soft on the inside and browned on the outside. Let them cool for five minutes before serving. You may substitute baking potatoes for sweet potatoes. However, when placing back into the oven, change cooking time to five minutes instead of ten.

Recipe courtesy of ivillage.com.

Peach Iced Tea

3 orange pekoe tea bags
4 cups cold water
5 (5-ounce) cans peach nectar (about 3 1/3 cups), chilled
1/4 cup chilled simple syrup
Simple syrup:
1 1/3 cups sugar
1 1/4 cups water
Peach slices for garnish

Place tea bags in a quart-size glass measure or heatproof bowl.

In a saucepan, bring water just to a boil and pour over tea bags. Steep tea for five minutes and strain through a sieve into a heatproof pitcher. Cool tea and chill, covered, until cold, about one hour. Stir in nectar and syrup. Serve tea over ice in tall glasses and garnish with peach slices and basil sprigs. To make simple syrup: In a saucepan bring sugar and water to a boil, stirring and boil until sugar is completely dissolved. Let syrup cool and chill, covered. Syrup may be made two weeks ahead, chilled and covered.

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A peach iced tea is the perfect way to top off a satisfying Labor Day burger feast, complete with a bacon-and-cheese burger and sweet potato fries.

FOOD COLUMN

Italian restaurant offers authentic taste



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Cosimo and Susie's A Bit of Italy, an Italian restaurant near McKinley Avenue, is a little-known locale for a great meal. It also features a great atmosphere.

Have you been craving that home-cooked Italian flavor that is lacking in these parts? If so, look no further than the South Bend yellow pages — that's what we did! After flipping through amusement devices, attorneys at law, bar supplies and baton twirling instructions, we came upon the restaurant section.

Megan McFadden and Jessica Stoller

WTF: We Taste Food

Jessica's heart began to pitter-patter and Megan gasped. There were many choices. However, one ad in particular boasted "Homemade cooking just like Mamma used to make," and we could search no longer. Cosimo and Susie's A Bit of Italy, just off of McKinley, was in our dining destiny.

Since this first encounter, we have frequented Cosimo and Susie's for many occasions, including birthday celebrations, romantic rendezvous and family get-togethers. Each time was a unique experience, far better than the last. From specialty lasagna Fridays to tortellini Tuesdays, Cosimo and Susie's provides the perfect atmosphere for your dining delight.

One cannot remark on the atmosphere at Cosimo and Susie's without first mentioning the area surrounding the tiny restaurant. Town and Country shopping center is an experience in and of itself — neon palm trees, Gwen Stefani blaring on a loudspeaker installed in the parking lot, the world's largest piano warehouse and a karate dojo are among the few pleasures you'll encounter on your visit. Once you enter the restaurant itself, however, the mood changes completely. For reasons unknown to everyone but Cosimo, the motif of the small, hometown restaurant has an Italian/film/religious flare. The restaurant is also very dark, but not in a scary way. Usually some sort of Italian music is playing in the background, but Cosimo and Susie showed their versatility by playing NPR for our entire first visit. In the end, the atmosphere receives three sporks.

The food at Cosimo and Susie's is by far the best thing about the restaurant and Mishawaka, for that matter.

Jessica generally orders the cheese ravioli, or the mostaccoli al forno, while Megan usually feasts on the meat ravioli. If you decide to visit on a Friday or Saturday night, you are in for a saliva-inducing surprise! Cosimo and Susie only serve their amazing meat lasagna on Friday and Saturday nights, but it's worth the wait. Little Cosimo in his cute chef's hat makes the best marinara sauce this side of the Po River. It has an outstanding texture and seasoning to tickle even the most critical of tastebuds.

Not only is their pasta a divine experience, but all entrees come with a yummy house salad and toasted garlic bread, deeming them worthy of a record-setting six-spork rating. Can we rate higher than five sporks? Heck yes we can!

The service at Cosimo and Susie's is generally pretty friendly, but sometimes a little slow. Chit-chatty regular customers and the wait staff sometimes cause short delays. Even Susie herself is a waitress at this fine establishment. With frequent visits, the restaurant becomes more homey and appealing. Occasion-

ally, even Cosimo himself will grace your table with his presence. On our last visit, Cosimo was scolded for "talking with the ladies" after a visit to our table. The service receives four sporks.

Overall, Cosimo and Susie's A Bit of Italy deserves a rating of four and one-third sporks. It's the perfect restaurant for any occasion, and a great way to avoid the humdrum of the dining hall.

So load up your friends and save yourself a voyage through the yellow pages by dropping by Cosimo and Susie's. And who knows, you might see South Bends finest food critics there ... or us.

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DPAC REVIEW

French classic offers timeless vision

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

Director Jean-Luc Godard once said that "film is the truth at 24 frames per second, and every cut is a lie." Taken on those terms, his 1960 debut "A Bout De Souffle" ("Breathless") has much truth and as many lies in its brief, busy ninety minutes.

"Breathless," along with Francois Truffaut's equally incendiary "Les quatre cents coups" ("The 400 Blows"), was the picture that launched the French New Wave, a revolutionary movement that changed the face of cinema.

"Breathless" follows Michel (Jean-Paul Belmondo), a fugitive carjacker, who is running from the law after having killed a police officer. Michel is in love with Patricia (Jean Seberg), an American student and aspiring journalist. As the Paris police close in, the two lovers struggle with their inability to connect with each other.

A mere plot synopsis does little justice to the film's dialogue and style. Godard is an acknowledged influence on Quentin Tarantino, and that influence is evident throughout, as the director maintains a sense of detached cool that resonates in every frame.

The direct translation of "A Bout De

Souffle" is "Out of Breath," which is perhaps a more fitting title, as Michel spends most of the film simultaneously on the run from the police and trying to win over the heart of Patricia.

"I'm tired," he says as the film reaches its conclusion, and Godard imparts the sense that Michel is not only tired, but exhausted. At the film's brilliantly abrupt conclusion, he is both literally and figuratively out of breath.

Much has been made of Godard's stylistic tendencies, a jarring juxtaposition of rapid edits and long-takes. Its technical innovations are part of what made it so influential, as everyone from Scorsese to Tarantino owes a debt to its confidently strident style. Godard popularized the "jump cut," an edit in

which, according to noted film professor David Bordwell, "two shots of the same subject are cut together but are not sufficiently different in camera distance and angle." This creates a dizzying effect as backgrounds change,

but the composition of characters remains largely the same.

Adjacent to these elliptical edits are languid long-takes, in which the camera follows characters for nearly minutes before cutting to the next shot. The juxtaposition of these two vastly different shot-types is what gives "Breathless" its vertiginous stop-and-go style, which is alternately leisurely



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Michel (Jean-Paul Belmondo), a wanted fugitive, meets up with his girlfriend Patricia (Jean Seberg), an aspiring American journalist, in "Breathless."

and frantic.

Sometimes a film that is technically groundbreaking fails to resonate in later years. This is true of 1927's "The Jazz Singer," the film that helped popularize talking pictures, and it is true of 1915's "Birth of a Nation," which has a mixed reputation due to its glorification of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is decidedly not true of "Breathless," which is still as entertaining and fast-paced today as it was in 1960. Godard would go on to have an interesting, often-brilliant (and just as often maddeningly frustrating)

career. His latest film, "Notre Musique," was released last year to positive reviews.

"Breathless" is a cinematic experience and a fantastic film. While many of Godard's cinematic techniques have entered the standard lexicon, his style and the singularity of influence remain. "Breathless" is more than just the work of one of the cinema's most notorious mavericks, it is one of the finest pictures of all-time.

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DVD REVIEW

'The Ring Two' lowers bar for sequels

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

For instructions on how to ruin a potential movie franchise, look to the horror genre.

Recent years have shown audiences that other genres can pump out good sequels, such as the "X-Men," "Spider Man" and "Shrek" franchises. Horror movies have not had a decent offering since the gore-fest "Freddy vs. Jason."

When "The Ring" was released, it was touted as being scary for its originality. Expectations were high for the sequel, as the director picked to helm "The Ring Two" was Hideo Nakata, who directed the original version released in Asia. This explains why fans of "The Ring" found the sequel so bitterly disappointing.

The first way to ruin a sequel is to ignore the rules of the precedent. While bending the rules can prove effective for shocking the viewer, ignoring them outright simply confuses fans and ruins continuity. "The Ring Two" does exactly

that, trashing the successes of its predecessor.

An equally effective method for burying a sequel is ignoring the stylistic themes of the forerunner. "The Ring" was effective because it was so mysterious and foreboding. The viewer was never really certain of what was going on. The malevolent forces within the movie kept themselves hidden, dropping mere hints here and there until the shocking climax.

"The Ring Two" moves away from this trend, keeping the vengeful ghost Samara within the viewers' mind at all times. It is principle within horror films that what the audience does not know gives the evil entity its power. Freddy was originally scary because no one really knew who he was or what he was scheming. "The Exorcist" was frightening for the same reason, which was that the viewer was largely kept in the dark.

A third way to ruin a successful movie is to add horrible computer-generated images. The original "Ring" was effective because it appeared to keep computer tampering to a minimum. The second shamelessly incorporates computer-generated visuals, having an entire scene in the film revolve around the inclusion of a poorly rendered herd of deer. It's both distracting and damaging to the overall viewing experience.

The studio chose to only release the unrated version of the film on DVD,



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Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) tries to protect her son, Aidan (David Dorfman) from the vengeful Samara, a malevolent spirit, in "The Ring Two."

which was probably more of a desperate ploy than any treat to fans. The added scenes are mostly unnecessary character development scenes. They were edited out of the theatrical version, and tacking them into the DVD only prolongs the pain for the viewer.

Placing the word "unrated" on the cover seems to be a frantic stab at misleading viewers into thinking that it's more shocking than the theatrical release, which is obviously not the case.

The DVD itself is presented quite nicely. It has a nice shiny slipcover that goes over the standard DVD case and this unrated version comes with all the standard special features. These include some featurettes and additional deleted

scenes that were not placed in the unrated DVD cut.

The most interesting feature included was the short video simply titled "Rings," a 16-minute feature that chronicles the events that lead up to "The Ring Two." However, it was packaged with the original "Ring" when the sequel was released in theaters, making it an unnecessary addition for some buyers.

"The Ring Two" is a perfect lesson on how not to do a sequel. As such, it may be of interest to potential filmmakers and masochists. Everyone else should look elsewhere for real thrills.

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The Ring Two

Unrated Edition

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MLB- NATIONAL LEAGUE

Jones burns Mets in eighth as Braves win 4-2

Hernandez shuts down Marlins in 5-2 Washington win; Astros jump out to lead, hold off Philadelphia for 4-3 win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones can't really explain his success against the New York Mets. He just hopes the hits keep coming.

"I respect that organization and the players over there," Jones said after his tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning and led the Atlanta Braves over the New York Mets 4-2 Monday.

"It just so happens that when we play each other a lot late in the season over the last few years, I've had some pretty meaningful hits," said Jones, who had three RBIs.

Andruw Jones hit his major league-leading 45th homer for the Braves, who improved to 49-20 against the Mets at Turner Field, including 5-1 this year. Atlanta estimated his home run went 452 feet, the sixth-longest at Turner Field and the longest by a Brave.

Chipper Jones thinks his teammate should win the NL MVP award.

"I think he's a landslide winner," Chipper Jones said. "You're talking about a guy who plays Gold Glove defense,

the best center fielder in the game, bar none. Everybody's just been waiting for him to turn the corner offensively, and now he's done that."

Chipper Jones hit an RBI double that tied the score in the first and homered against Steve Trachsel (1-1). Jones has 34 homers against the Mets, second among active players to Barry Bonds' 35, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He also has a .337 career average in 531 at-bats against New York with 102 RBIs.

Washington 5, Florida 2

Livan Hernandez was as good at the plate as he was on the mound.

Hernandez didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning, took a shutout into the ninth, and drove in a key run with one of his two singles to lead the Washington Nationals past the Florida Marlins Monday.

"I like the big games," said Hernandez, the World Series MVP for Florida in 1997. "I'm not the kind of guy that is nervous."

Washington has won three straight games for only the sec-

ond time in two months, and this streak was built against Philadelphia and Florida, clubs ahead of it in the tight NL wild-card race.

"What I think they've done the last three days is play the way they're capable of playing," said manager Frank Robinson, who banned loud music, card playing and cell phone conversations from the clubhouse after Washington's last loss. "Their attention is now on baseball itself and not a lot of outside stuff, and it's starting to show up on the field."

The other thing that returned the last three days: terrific starting pitching. John Patterson, Esteban Loaiza and Hernandez allowed four earned runs over 23 2-3 innings.

"They understand the importance of each start now, and each one of them's going out there and raising their game a level or two," Robinson said. "If these three pitch that way the rest of their starts, we have a very good chance of winning this wild card."

Hernandez (15-6) was far more effective than during recent struggles attributed mainly to a bothersome right knee that's been drained during the season.

"He doesn't give you many mistakes to hit. It was just command. He was not throwing 95 mph at you. It was just pinpoint control," Florida outfielder Jeff Conine said.

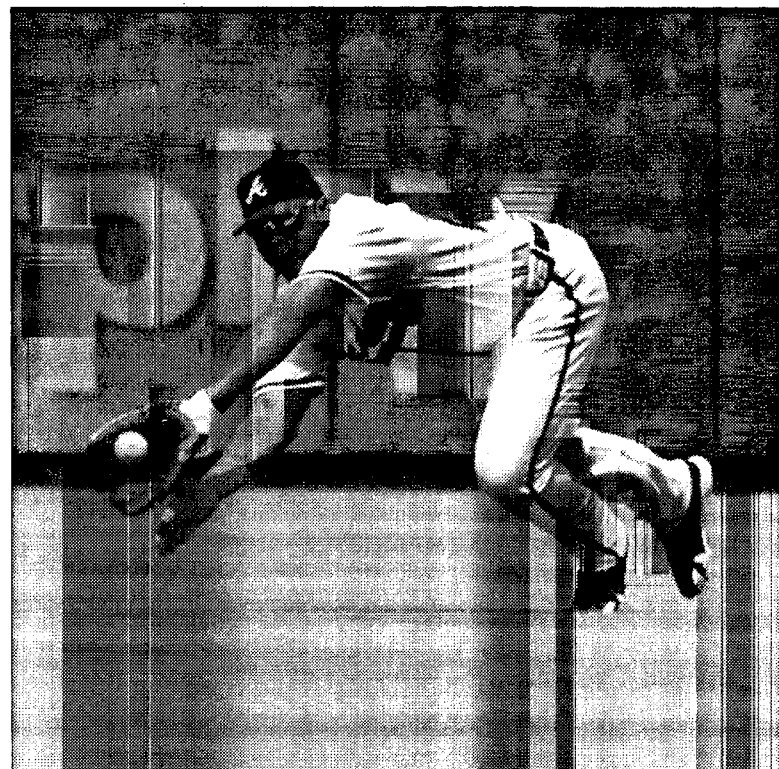
Marlins manager Jack McKeon said Hernandez "did a great job," but added: "We were swinging at a lot of first pitches and helping him out."

As always, Hernandez was deliberate throughout: slow walks to and from the mound at the start and finish of each inning; a slow, reliable change-up; a jog to first when he hit into a bases-loaded double play to end the sixth.

"I'm not 100 percent," Hernandez reminded everyone.

But there were exceptions: The burly right-hander ran to the dugout after striking out Juan Pierre on an 86 mph fastball to end the top half of the eighth.

And in the bottom half, with Washington clinging to a 1-0 lead and June draft pick Ryan



Atlanta Braves center fielder Andruw Jones makes a diving catch during Monday's game against the New York Mets. The Braves won 4-2.

Zimmerman on after a leadoff single, Robinson went to his bench for consecutive pinch-hitters. Brian Schneider was intentionally walked, and Carlos Baerga flied out, bringing up Hernandez with two on and two outs.

Houston 4, Philadelphia 3

Andy Pettitte pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings, Lance Berkman hit a three-run homer and the Houston Astros moved into first place in the NL wild-card standings with a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

The Astros moved a half-game ahead of Philadelphia and one game ahead of Florida with their 10th consecutive win over the Phillies. Washington is 1 1/2 games behind Houston, while the New York Mets trail by three games.

Pettitte (14-9) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked none. Dan Wheeler escaped a jam with the bases loaded in the seventh, and Brad Lidge pitched the ninth for his 33rd save, although he gave up one run and had the tying run at third and the winning run at

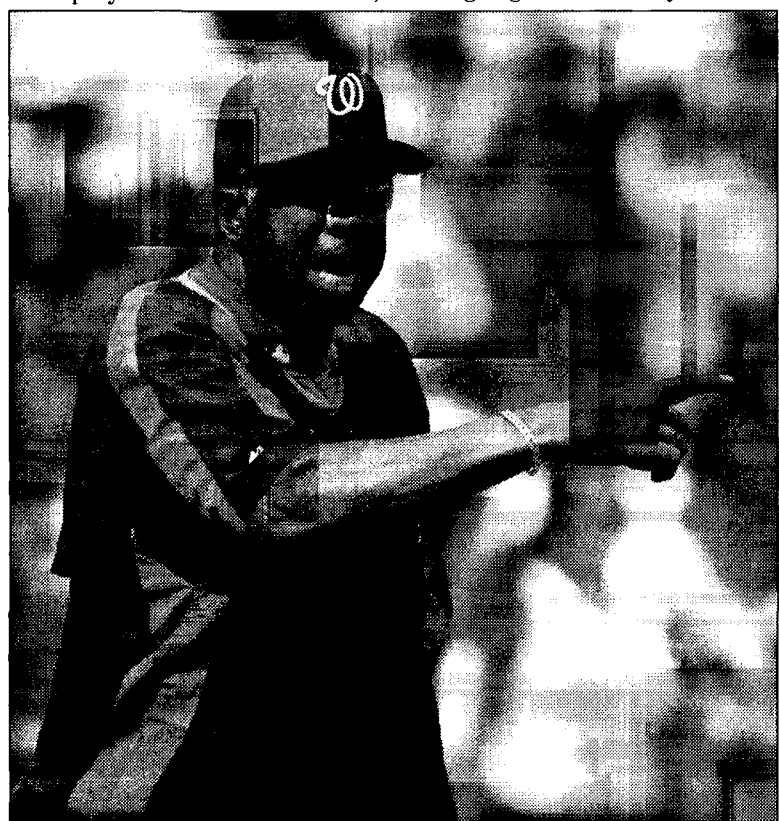
second before getting the final out.

Kenny Lofton, who led off the ninth with an infield single, scored on a wild pitch to make it 4-3 with two outs. Lidge then walked Ryan Howard, and Jimmy Rollins doubled into the right-field corner to put runners on second and third. Lidge struck out pinch-hitter Endy Chavez to end the game.

Berkman's drive in the first off Brett Myers (12-7) gave Pettitte all the runs he needed. Pettitte lowered his ERA to 2.42 and has allowed three earned runs or less in 15 straight starts. He has given up one run or less in 11 of those outings.

Pettitte left after Jason Michaels doubled in the sixth, but Chad Qualls retired Bobby Abreu on a slow grounder on his first pitch to end the inning.

The Phillies cut it to 4-1 on an RBI single by Mike Lieberthal off Qualls in the seventh. Tomas Perez then singled to load the bases and chase Qualls with one out. Mike Gallo entered and struck out pinch-hitter Ryan Howard. But Gallo walked Rollins to force in the second run.



Washington Nationals manager Frank Robinson instructs his team during their game against the Florida Marlins Monday. The Nationals won 5-2.

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MLB- AMERICAN LEAGUE

19-year-old leads Mariners over Oakland 2-0

Dellucci's home run leads Rangers over Minnesota 7-0; Uribe comes triple short of cycle as ChiSox down BoSox 5-3

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — On the mound, Felix Hernandez exhibits all the poise and confidence of a veteran. It's afterward when he shows signs of his true age, giggling and fidgeting with his towel as he discusses his day.

The teen phenom dazzled again, and Adrian Beltre and Greg Dobbs each had an RBI to provide the necessary run support in the Seattle Mariners' 2-0 win over the struggling Oakland Athletics on Monday.

"My age doesn't matter," Hernandez said. "I'm a good pitcher. ... Once I'm on my game, I can't fail."

Yuniesky Betancourt had a triple for Seattle, which handed the A's their fifth loss in six games — their third shutout defeat in five games and AL-high 12th this year.

The 19-year-old Hernandez (3-2) pitched seven shutout innings to beat A's rookie Joe Blanton, efficiently getting groundout after groundout and giving up just one fly ball that reached the outfield.

"He stuck it to us," A's manager Ken Macha said.

The A's dropped 1 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West race and also 1 1/2 games back of the New York Yankees in the wild-card standings. Oakland lost two of three to New York in a weekend series, then dropped the opener of an important series against last-place Seattle that the A's would like to win to keep pace.

The A's quickly understood the hype around Hernandez in the

club's first glimpse of the dominant right-hander, who made his seventh major league start.

Hernandez's first three pitches were fastballs clocked at 96 mph, 98 and 97, then he struck out leadoff hitter Mark Ellis with an 83 mph curveball.

Hernandez hasn't allowed more than three runs in any of his outings, though he lost 2-0 to Randy Johnson and the Yankees in his previous start last Wednesday despite pitching eight strong innings.

Mariners manager Mike Hargrove planned to let Hernandez finish the game before he ran into trouble in the seventh. There were no complaints from the pitcher when he got pulled.

Texas 7, Minnesota 0

MINNEAPOLIS — With the Minnesota Twins fading in the AL wild-card race, some players are frustrated by the lack of a playoff push.

David Dellucci hit a three-run double to back a strong start by Kameron Loe, and the Texas Rangers beat the Twins 7-0 Monday.

Minnesota made two errors that led to five unearned runs and dropped 5 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees, the AL wild-card leader. The Twins are 12-47 when scoring three runs or fewer.

"I hate to see losses like that," said Minnesota starter Carlos Silva (9-7), who allowed six runs — one earned — and eight hits in seven innings. "I want to see the team play like the one we had last year, that was always playing hard and diving for



Texas Rangers catcher Gerald Laird tags out Lew Ford of the Minnesota Twins Monday. The Rangers won 7-0.

balls.

"I don't want to mention names, but I know we can play better."

Twins right fielder Jacques Jones was sitting near Silva when he made his comments.

"That's fine," Jones said. "Everybody's entitled to do what they want to do. But I'm not going to point fingers. That's not what good teams do."

Minnesota, which has scored the second-fewest runs in the

AL to Kansas City, was shut out for the ninth time this season. That's the most since the Twins were blanked 10 times in 1999.

Loe (8-4) allowed five hits in eight innings, the longest of his three starts this season. C.J. Wilson pitched a perfect ninth as Texas won for the 11th time in 15 games.

Loe, a 23-year-old right-hander, was used out of the bullpen for most of the year.

"I really feel comfortable out there," he said. "It's what I've wanted to do for a long time. I'm just happy the manager keeps giving me the ball and sending me out there."

It was Loe's second consecutive strong start against the Twins. On Aug. 26, he pitched five innings in a 6-0 win over Minnesota at Texas. He has won all of his starts this season.

Chicago 5, Boston 3

Brandon McCarthy pitched seven innings of shutout ball and Paul Konerko homered off Curt Schilling on Monday as the Chicago White Sox beat the Boston Red Sox 5-3 to extend their winning streak to five games.

Juan Uribe had a single, a double and a homer as Chicago's magic number to clinch the AL Central dropped to 17, with second-place Cleveland 10 games back pending the outcome of its game at Detroit.

Boston lost for just the third time in 24 home games to fall to three games ahead of the idle New York Yankees in the AL East.

McCarthy (2-1) allowed three hits and a walk, striking out seven. The 22-year-old right-hander, who has been up and down from Triple-A since making his major league debut on May 22, has won both starts in his latest recall to lower his ERA from 8.14 to 5.08.

Schilling (5-7) gave up four runs on nine hits, three walks and a hit batter in 6 1-3 innings, striking out four. Still, it was the first time in six starts this season the former ace, who is recovering from ankle surgery, allowed fewer five earned runs.

Former closer Keith Foulke pitched 1 2-3 hitless innings in his second scoreless outing since missing 50 games for left knee surgery.

Tony Graffanino hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Bobby Jenks, and the Red Sox avoided being shut out for just the third time this season. The game was a makeup of an Aug. 14 rainout that was called when Chicago was leading 5-2 in the fourth inning. Neither team was thrilled about giving up a home off-day on a holiday; the White Sox had to interrupt a 10-game homestand to fly East, and Boston will play on 30 consecutive days.



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|-------------|---------|------|-----|
| New England | 14-5-6 | 48 | 17 |
| Kansas City | 11-6-9 | 42 | 11 |
| Chicago | 13-10-3 | 42 | 1 |
| D.C. United | 12-9-5 | 41 | 14 |
| MetroStars | 8-7-10 | 34 | 3 |
| Columbus | 9-12-3 | 30 | -8 |

Western Conference

| team | record | pts. | +/- |
|-------------|---------|------|-----|
| San Jose | 13-4-8 | 47 | 12 |
| FC Dallas | 10-8-6 | 36 | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 10-11-5 | 35 | -1 |
| Colorado | 9-11-4 | 31 | 2 |
| Salt Lake | 5-16-4 | 19 | -27 |
| Chivas USA | 3-18-5 | 14 | -29 |

NFL Preseason Standings

AFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| NY Jets | 3-1 | .750 | 89 | 53 |
| New England | 2-2 | .500 | 80 | 80 |
| Buffalo | 2-2 | .500 | 54 | 54 |
| Miami | 1-4 | .200 | 105 | 105 |

AFC North

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|------------|--------|-------|----|----|
| Cleveland | 3-1 | .750 | 74 | 56 |
| Pittsburgh | 3-1 | .750 | 86 | 68 |
| Baltimore | 2-2 | .500 | 64 | 62 |
| Cincinnati | 2-2 | .500 | 92 | 67 |

AFC South

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|--------------|--------|-------|----|-----|
| Jacksonville | 2-2 | .500 | 74 | 84 |
| Houston | 1-3 | .250 | 56 | 96 |
| Tennessee | 1-3 | .250 | 71 | 78 |
| Indianapolis | 0-5 | .000 | 72 | 143 |

AFC West

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| Denver | 4-0 | 1.000 | 113 | 80 |
| San Diego | 2-2 | .500 | 87 | 74 |
| Oakland | 1-3 | .250 | 59 | 63 |
| Kansas City | 0-4 | .000 | 73 | 101 |

NFC East

| team | record | perc. | PF | PA |
|--------------|--------|-------|----|-----|
| Dallas | 3-1 | .750 | 77 | 52 |
| NY Giants | 3-1 | .750 | 83 | 55 |
| Philadelphia | 2-2 | .500 | 92 | 106 |
| Washington | 1-3 | .250 | 64 | 88 |

NFC North

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| Minnesota | 3-1 | .750 | 90 | 81 |
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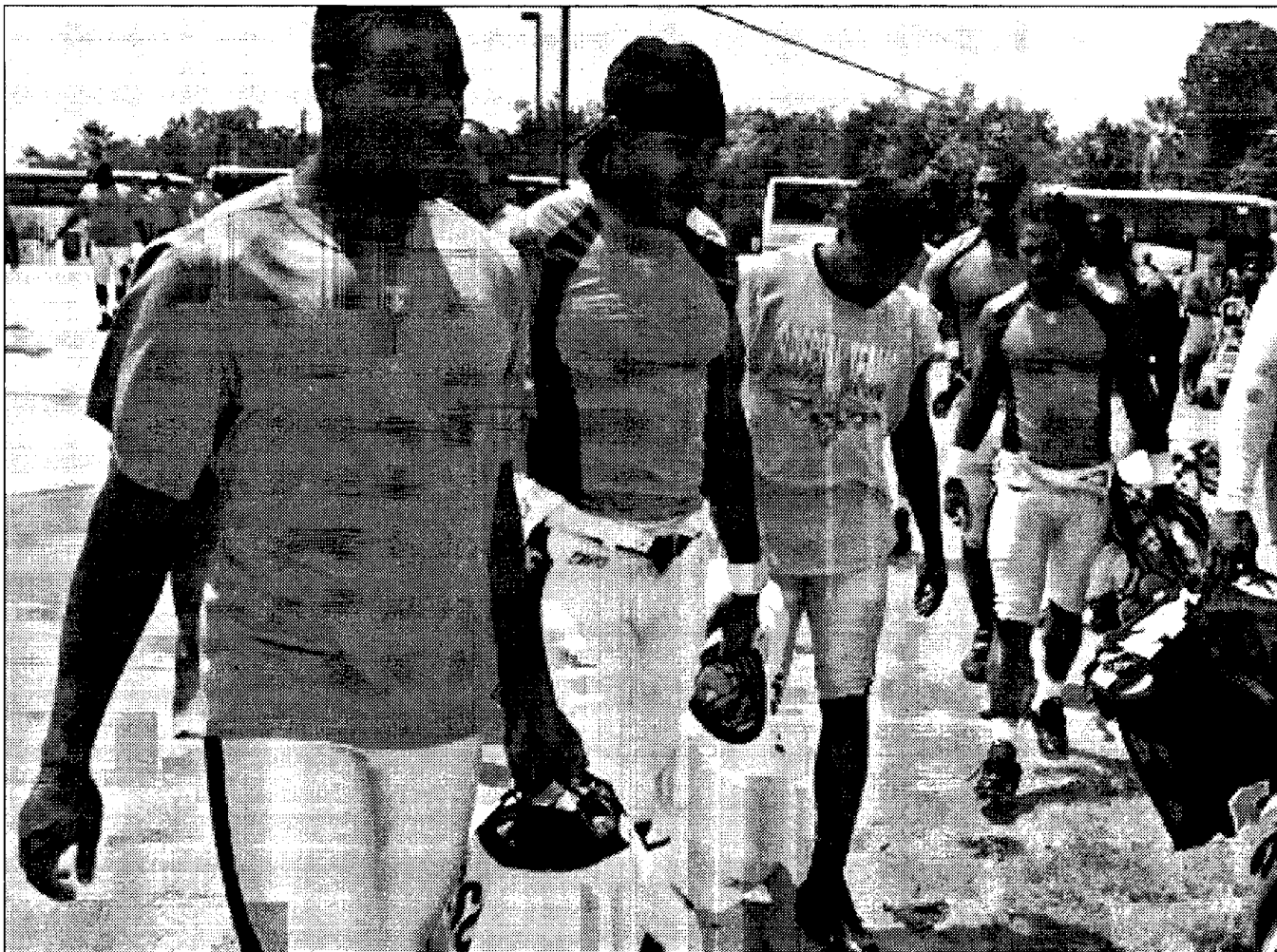
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| Tampa Bay | 2-2 | .500 | 75 | 68 |
| Carolina | 2-2 | .500 | 82 | 78 |
| New Orleans | 1-3 | .250 | 88 | 95 |

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| St. Louis | 3-1 | .750 | 102 | 85 |
| Arizona | 3-1 | .750 | 75 | 74 |
| San Francisco | 2-2 | .500 | 82 | 80 |
| Seattle | 2-2 | .500 | 88 | 73 |

NFL



The New Orleans Saints walk to practice at their new training facility in San Antonio on Monday. Their facilities in New Orleans were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina last week.

Saints resume practice in San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — For the first time in three days, the New Orleans Saints didn't spend their afternoon watching news reports of destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.

They were finally back on the practice field Monday, getting used to their new surroundings in San Antonio.

"I think being on the field and in the meetings is a time that's away from all that," coach Jim Haslett said. "It's good for your mind to get on the field and practice and be where you're with your peers."

But for one Saints player, it has been particularly tough getting his mind back on business. Return specialist and special teams player Michael Lewis was born in New Orleans and attended Grace King High School and Bonnal High School in the area.

Lewis said he has more than 30 family members living in the New Orleans area.

"We all talked about what was going on before practice," Lewis said. "Everybody in my family is OK. But now that we're here, we know what we have to do."

Though the Saints still are awaiting word where they will play the balance of their home games, the team expects to practice in San Antonio for the rest of the season.

The NFL announced Monday that their second game — which was supposed to be their home opener against the New York Giants — will be on Monday, Sept. 19, at Giants Stadium.

The game will begin at 7:30 EDT on ABC, then be switched to ESPN at 9 p.m., when ABC goes to the regularly scheduled game between Washington and Dallas in Irving,

Texas. In New York and Louisiana, as well as other parts of the Gulf Coast, ABC will continue to carry the Giants-Saints game, switching to Redskins-Cowboys when the Saints game ends.

The team left New Orleans a few days before the storm, then played their final preseason game in Oakland on Thursday night. Players had been off between then and Monday.

They gathered for meetings at the San Antonio Convention Center, then traveled 10 minutes by bus to a practice facility at the San Antonio School District Spring Sports Complex.

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IN BRIEF

Rice quits Broncos, announces retirement

DENVER — Jerry Rice finally called a halt to his glorious career.

The 42-year-old Rice, the best receiver ever and perhaps the best player at any position, quit after it became increasingly clear he was sliding down the depth chart with the Denver Broncos, with whom he spent training camp.

"This is a happy day," he said. "I think the tears that you see basically is that I have really enjoyed this ride."

If Rice sticks to his decision and doesn't try to come back with another team, he finishes his career with 38 NFL records, including those for career receptions (1,549), yards receiving (22,895) and touchdowns receiving (197).

After being released by Seattle, with whom he finished last season, Rice signed with Denver over the summer, reuniting with coach Mike Shanahan.

Agassi wins, advances to quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Three points from the end of a sunbaked five-setter, the man draped over the net like a wet noodle was 10 years younger than Andre Agassi.

Maybe to rub it in, maybe because Agassi felt rejuvenated, he hopped on his toes as Xavier Malisse, gasping and all but gone, peeled himself off the net and returned for the final moments of punishment.

Agassi shrugged off Malisse's brave last stand — a 26th ace — then crushed a forehand into the corner to set up double match point.

At 35, Agassi tries not to waste too many opportunities to stomp on an opponent he has down, though he missed a couple when he was two points from winning in straight sets.

This time he unleashed a backhand that the lunging Belgian whacked long, giving Agassi a 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 6-2 victory Monday

Bonds starts to train with Giants

LOS ANGELES — Barry Bonds worked out with the San Francisco Giants on Monday, taking batting practice and testing his throwing arm before the team opened a three-game series with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Bonds, recovering from three operations on his right knee since Jan. 31, said he didn't know when he would return to the lineup.

"It's day-by-day right now, get through today and see how I turn out," he told a horde of reporters in the Giants' dugout.

The 41-year-old slugger took 17 swings and hit five balls over the fence during his turn in the batting cage.

"I did pretty well today," he said. "When I get back on the field, I want to be playing where I left off."

Early arriving fans watched Bonds. "Come on, Barry!" one shouted.

NHL

Olympic hopefuls try out

39 NHL players vie to be named to 2006 team for Italy games

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — If the U.S. hockey team skates off with a gold medal in the Turin Olympics, no one will call it a miracle or rush to make a major motion picture.

Truth is, it might not be all that surprising.

This is not 1980 and these players aren't unknown college kids like the ones who shocked the world by beating what was thought to be an invincible Soviet team during the height of the Cold War.

Starting Tuesday, 39 Olympic hopefuls from 21 NHL teams will gather for a three-day orientation camp at the home of USA Hockey. Many of the invited players are familiar because most have spent time in the NHL and a bunch have starred.

There are former Olympians and Stanley Cup champions. There is a good blend of veteran experience and a healthy dose of fresh, young energy.

But no active American player has won an Olympic gold medal. Only the 1960 and 1980 U.S. squads that played on home ice have claimed the prize.

Some from this group won't make it to Italy in February for the 2006 games. And some who weren't asked to this camp will likely make the trek to the Olympics, the third time NHL players will be used.

Brett Hull and John LeClair, the top two scorers for the U.S.

team that won a silver medal at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, aren't in attendance. They will have plenty of time with their new NHL teams — Hull with Phoenix and LeClair in Pittsburgh — to prove they still have the offensive punch coach Peter Laviolette will want in Turin.

Because Olympic tryouts really begin the first week in October when the NHL returns from a season-long lockout, players will have a few months to show they deserve a spot on the team. Past performance for national squads will only count so much.

Carolina Hurricanes coach Laviolette and U.S. general manager Don Waddell of the Atlanta Thrashers won't just be watching their teams during the first few months of the regular season, but will be keeping watchful eyes on all Americans around the league.

"The process will begin when the season begins," Waddell said. "This is an orientation camp, it's not a tryout camp that we're having."

A list of 60 to 70 potential players will be submitted to the International Ice Hockey Federation on Oct. 1. It will be whittled down until a roster is chosen about a month before the games get under way in mid-February.

Four goalies, 21 forwards and 14 defensemen were invited to the orientation camp that will include three on-ice practice sessions, with players divided into two groups on both NHL and Olympic-sized rinks.

Experience will only go so far because the United States will

open play in Turin with six games in nine nights. Fresh legs will be a must, and that's where the youngsters become that much more important.

"I think that people who have watched me coach in the past know that I like to have an aggressive style and an up-tempo type of game," Laviolette said. "Who those players will be, I'm not really sure."

So 43-year-old defenseman Chris Chelios and 35-year-old center Jeremy Roenick aren't locks to make the team. Chelios, a three-time Olympian, and Roenick — who made two appearances — were spared this trip to Colorado Springs.

Brian Leetch, a defensive stalwart during three Olympics, also was told by Waddell he could stay home to get ready for his first season with the Boston Bruins.

"There are some names left off this list for various reasons, but certainly we feel that the depth of the players in the U.S. continues to grow and we're really pleased with the amount of players that we have available," Waddell said.

Invitations were extended to veterans Mike Modano, Bill Guerin, Doug Weight and Keith Tkachuk, who will help newcomers learn the ropes.

The youngest include 21-year-old center Ryan Kesler, who has 28 NHL games under his belt; soon-to-be 21-year-old forward Dustin Brown who has played 31 games with the Los Angeles Kings; and 21-year-old Zach Parise and 20-year-old Ryan Suter, who have yet to debut in the NHL.

MLB

Error gives Giants 3-1 victory over Dodgers

Julio Ramirez scores as Mike Edwards muffs ground ball in eighth

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Julio Ramirez scored the go-ahead run on a throwing error by third baseman Mike Edwards in the eighth inning, helping the San Francisco Giants defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 on Monday night for their sixth straight victory.

The second-place Giants trail idle San Diego by five games in the NL West.

The third-place Dodgers fell 7 1/2 games behind the Padres, losing their fourth in a row.

LaTroy Hawkins (2-5) earned the victory despite facing one batter and giving up the game-tying sacrifice fly to pinch-hitter Ricky Ledee.

Hawkins came on with the bases loaded and one out. Ledee's fly ball to center scored Jose Cruz Jr., but Jason Werth was thrown out trying to advance to third.

Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his 12th save.

Reliever Yhency Brazoban (2-8) took the loss, giving up one run and one hit.

Ramirez was running for pinch-hitter Lance Niekro, who led off the eighth with a single. Randy Winn sacrificed Ramirez to second, J.T. Snow walked with two outs and Moises Alou followed with a grounder to third. Edwards fielded the ball in the hole and threw wildly past second baseman Jeff Kent, allowing Ramirez to score.

San Francisco took a 1-0

lead on a sacrifice fly by Yamid Haad in the fifth. It was his first major league RBI.

Ray Durham led off the ninth with a double off Steve Schmolz and scored the Giants' third run on a double steal.

San Francisco starter Brad Hennessey allowed one run and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out two and walked three.

Dodgers starter Derek Lowe gave up one run and four hits in seven innings, struck out a season-high eight and walked one.

The right-hander retired his first 11 batters before giving up a single to Snow with two outs in the fourth.

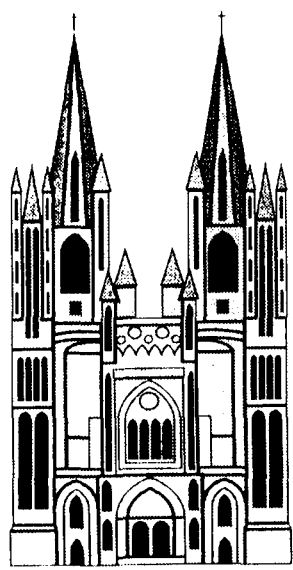
Lowe was hit near his right foot by Durham's single in the fifth. He then struck out Pedro Feliz, but left fielder Jose Valentin misplayed Todd Linden's single, allowing Durham to advance to third and Linden to second. Haad flied to center, scoring Durham.

The Giants' defense executed double plays in five of the first seven innings. The one in the sixth was preceded by left fielder Alou's diving catch of Kent's fly ball in the alley, with runners on first and second.

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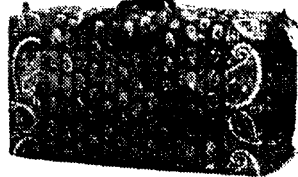
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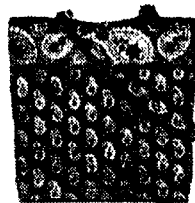
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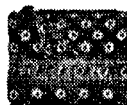
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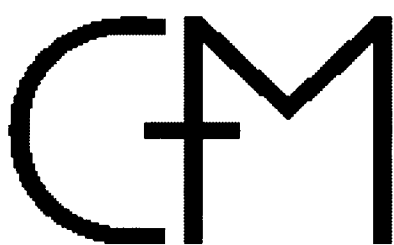
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Campus Ministry

HURRICANE KATRINA

Golf tournament raises money for hurricane relief

Solheim Cup expects to send \$120,000 to affected communities

Associated Press

CARMEL, Ind. — The Solheim Cup plans to sell 3,000 additional tickets for Sunday's final day as a fund-raiser for Hurricane Katrina.

Tickets have been sold out since February, but organizers said Monday the extra fans can be spread out during the 12 one-on-one matches in the U.S. vs. Europe women's competition at the Crooked Stick course in suburban Indianapolis.

The \$40 tickets will be sold at the course's front gate on

Sunday, with all proceeds — a possible \$120,000 — going directly to the U.S. Golf Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

"Thousands upon thousands of Americans are enduring inconceivable tragedy and loss," said Kelly Hyne, the Solheim Cup's tournament director. "We wanted to do something this week that would contribute to the relief efforts and allow the fans to take part." Play begins Friday, with collection points planned for fans who already have tickets to contribute to the relief efforts.

In other Katrina developments:

U The NFL game between the New York Giants and New Orleans Saints, driven from Louisiana by the hurricane, will be played as part of a nationally

televised doubleheader starting at 7:30 p.m. EDT on Monday, Sept. 19.

The game, already moved to the Giants' home in the New Jersey Meadowlands, will begin on ABC, then be switched to ESPN at 9 p.m., when ABC goes to the regularly scheduled game between Washington and Dallas in Irving, Texas.

The NFL said fund-raising efforts for hurricane relief will be intertwined in the telecasts of both games. U No. 5 LSU's football game against No. 20 Arizona State on Saturday will be played in Tempe, Ariz., instead of Baton Rouge because the school does not have full use of campus facilities due to the many evacuees into the area.



Paula Creamer lines up a putt in a practice round for the Solheim Cup Wednesday. The tournament will sell 3,000 extra tickets to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

NFL considers options for Saints home games

LSU, San Antonio, 16 road games all possible solutions

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The New Orleans Saints understand that the NFL wants to consider every option for the team's home field this season since Hurricane Katrina ruined the Superdome.

In turn, the Saints hope the league understands how badly they want to play at LSU's Tiger Stadium.

From general manager Mickey Loomis to coach Jim Haslett to star receiver Joe

Horn, the entire organization seems to be lobbying to play about 75 miles from New Orleans in Baton Rouge, La.

"If we can uplift anyone, obviously that's worthwhile to us," Loomis said Sunday. "We're representatives of the people of Louisiana and the people of New Orleans."

Other options are the Alamodome in San Antonio, where the team is living and practicing, or playing all 16 games on the road.

"I hope they keep the games as close as possible," Horn said. "For us to play, having to play, if someone could come and support us near where we were, it would be good."

The team has moved its day-to-day operations to San Antonio. They were to begin practicing in the area Monday, with Loomis saying that's going to be the case all season, regardless of where they end up playing their home games.

Loomis, Haslett and Horn all said using the Alamodome would be better than playing all 16 games on the road. The Saints already are down for nine road games as their home opener has been moved to Giants Stadium, home of their foe, the New York Giants.

Haslett said NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue "put us behind the eight ball" with that decision.

The Saints open Sunday at Carolina, then play at Giants Stadium on a date to be announced. Their third game is at Minnesota, so the first game still in flux is Oct. 2 against Buffalo.

Club officials and players are living in a hotel across the interstate from the Alamodome and will be practicing at the San Antonio Independent School District's Spring Sports Complex, which was upgraded several years ago when the Dallas Cowboys trained in the city. The Saints practiced there last year while taking refuge from another hurricane.

Everyone involved in the organization, and their fami-

lies, fled New Orleans a few days before Katrina hit. It was evident soon after the storm that the Superdome wouldn't be available for this season, and likely many more.

Tiger Stadium holds almost 92,000, although there might be issues of whether the turf can handle LSU games on Saturdays and Saints games on Sundays.

The Alamodome is about 540 miles from the Superdome, making it more difficult for fans to reach. However, Texas is now filled with roughly 250,000 Louisiana refugees, including about 25,000 in San Antonio at Kelly USA, a former military base.

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LSU's home opener moved to Arizona St.

No. 5 Tigers will open on the road in Tempe Saturday

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — LSU and Arizona State have moved their football game Saturday from Baton Rouge, La., to Tempe because of Hurricane Katrina, with the Sun Devils saying they will donate most of the gate receipts to the relief effort.

"We don't want to interfere with the recovery effort in any way," LSU athletic director Skip Bertman said Monday.

Because of the many evacuees in the Baton Rouge area, the school does not have full use of its facilities, and "we cannot guarantee housing for anybody," LSU chancellor Sean O'Keefe said.

Earlier, No. 5 LSU postponed its scheduled home game last Saturday against North Texas.

No. 20 Arizona State, coming off a 63-16 home victory over Temple on Thursday night, will donate all of its post-expenses gate receipts to the relief effort.

"We invite people in the southeastern area to plan to come to Tempe for Saturday evening," O'Keefe said. "It's going to be a great contest, and there's no doubt in my mind it

will produce an outcome that we're all going to be very impressed with."

The Tigers will visit Tempe on Sept. 6, 2006, under the home-and-home original agreement. The athletic departments are working to schedule a makeup game in 2006 or 2007 that will require Arizona State to play in Baton Rouge.

"That will be an additional game without a return trip," Arizona State senior associate athletic director Tom Collins said.

He estimated the game could generate \$1 million in relief funds.

Collins, school football operations director Tom Kleinlein and university police chief John L. Pickens traveled to Baton Rouge to appraise the situation over the weekend and urged LSU officials to give up the home game, one of seven in an 11-game schedule.

The Tigers will still be the home team in a national telecast. Bertman said LSU considered using the University of Mississippi's stadium in Oxford as well as a stadium in Shreveport that has hosted bowl games.

"There are reasons we decided on this trip, and they're pretty solid," he said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Fumbled field goal gives Seminoles 10-7 win over 'Canes

FSU registers nine sacks in victory over in-state rival Miami

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Miami looked ready to break Florida State's heart again, lining up for a tying 28-yard field goal in the waning minutes.

And with the history of the series and the way the Seminoles were playing offense, it was hard not to like the Miami's chances in overtime.

But Florida State finally caught a break against Miami.

After six straight years of frustrating finishes, the Seminoles found some good fortune against their rivals when the Hurricanes botched that poten-

tial tying kick to give Florida State a 10-7 victory Monday night.

"We finally stole one from them like they've been stealing them from us," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "It's about time."

In a series that has seen countless missed field goals by Florida State decide games, Miami missed two and couldn't even get off the biggest one of the game.

Jon Peattie lined up for the 28-yarder with about 2:30 left, but holder Brian Monroe dropped a low snap that bounced off his hands and rolled back into the pile, never giving Peattie a chance to try the kick.

"It was like, 'Did that really just happen. That's supposed to happen to us,'" Florida State running back Lorenzo Booker said, laughing at the irony.

With No. 9 Miami out of timeouts, No. 14 Florida State simply needed to run out the clock to secure its first victory over the Hurricanes since 1999 and maybe take some of the sting out of all those wide rights and lefts, some that might have cost Florida State national titles.

"It made up for a lot of them but not all of them," said Bowden, who improved to 12-19 against Miami with FSU.

Florida State overcame its own inept offense (170 total yards) with a defense that registered nine sacks by seven players and some solid special teams plays.

Both Florida State's Drew

Weatherford and Miami's Kyle Wright were making their first collegiate starts at quarterback and, at times, neither looked ready to lead a team to victory in one of college football's fiercest rivalries.

Weatherford was awful, going 7-for-24 for 67 yards with an interception. He was pulled early in the fourth, but fellow redshirt freshman Xavier Lee had no luck moving the 'Noles, either.

"The only thing I didn't like was that our freshman quarterbacks couldn't hit a receiver," Bowden said.

Wright wasn't much better until the final Miami drive, when he completed six passes and converted three third downs to put the Hurricanes in position to beat the Noles' for the seventh straight time.

Wright hooked up with tight end Greg Olsen four times in the 19-play drive that started on the Miami 3 and got the Hurricanes to the Florida State 3. But the Seminoles' ninth sack pushed Miami back and forced the Hurricanes to settle for the field goal attempt.

Wright finished 16-for-28 for 232 yards and a touchdown pass. Olsen caught eight passes for 137 yards.

"I don't mean to say anything bad about Florida State," Wright said. "But I don't think the better team won."

So, it came down to the defenses and special teams, and even when those units set up their offenses with prime field

position, it was no sure thing they'd capitalize. The Seminoles wasted a first-and-goal from the 1 in the third quarter.

"The defense kept giving us opportunities to win the game," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "We just couldn't get it done."

Most of the talk leading up to the 50th meeting of Miami and Florida State was about the two first-time starters at quarterback. And when it took almost 9 minutes for either team to complete a pass, it became apparent the offenses were in for a long night against two fast and furious defenses.

Wright worked through his problems, including two early interceptions and a few dropped passes, long enough to guide an 81-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter. The sophomore's first career TD pass was a 34-yarder, zipped over a defender to Ryan Moore to make it 10-7.

The Seminoles had the lead at the half, but the signs weren't good for Florida State.

Weatherford had completed just three passes for 14 yards while Wright seemed to be capable of making plays when he got help from his line and receivers.

"I mean we did enough to win and that's all that matters," Weatherford said.

It looked even more ominous for Florida State when Lawrence Timmons blocked a Miami punt that left the Seminoles with first-and-goal at the 1.



De'Cody Fagg, right, of FSU makes a third-quarter catch on Monday night as Miami's Devin Hester moves in for the tackle.

CLUB SPORTS

Field hockey squad opens fall play with split

Club team goes 2-2 in Tennessee at this weekend's tournament

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's field hockey club opened its fall season at Vanderbilt this weekend, playing to a 2-2 draw against the host Commodores. The Irish came out strong, scoring five minutes into the game as right midfielder Meredith Gluck assisted forward Rebecca Mosca for the season's first goal. The team dominated play for the next fifteen minutes as well, pressuring Vanderbilt at every opportunity.

At that point, the hosts inserted Englishman David James into their lineup, and he was able to change the pace in the Commodore's favor. The Irish were unable to match his speed as they gave up a goal just before the half. Vanderbilt scored early in the second half and held the lead until the final five minutes when Lauren Brinkman scored for the Irish off a corner play, tying the game at the end of regulation play.

In the 10-minute sudden-victory overtime, teams use a seven-player format instead of the eleven used for regulation. Vanderbilt again inserted James in the line-up, and he scored the winning goal eight minutes into the period.

The all-woman Irish squad then faced off against a club from Cincinnati that also featured male players. The Ohio

squad was shorthanded and added James from Vanderbilt to their squad, and the teams played nine per side. The Irish gave up the game's first goal

just before the half, and then surrendered two goals early in the second half.


After a timeout, co-captain Katie Butler broke away from the Irish's circle and moved up the field. A passing sequence ended with Lauren Petrozziello assisting Danielle Fedele, for

an Irish score.

Freshman Lynda Pearl of Saint Mary's was key in several of the passes on this scoring play and in other movement throughout the game. Although the Irish dropped the contest 3-1, Saint Mary's freshman Catherine Duffy

made several crucial saves in goal, including one occasion where she came out of goal and stopped David James in a one-on-one breakaway, blocking his shot.

The club will host Vanderbilt this Sunday afternoon at Riehle Field in a rematch.

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penalties, and with the exception of the one that I intentionally took in the punt situation to move them back an extra five yards and run off some more time on the clock, I thought that was an inordinate number of penalties. That will not be tolerated, and we'll have to do much better if we're playing a little closer game than we played [Saturday]."

On special teams, Weis pointed to underwhelming kicking by Carl Gioia and D.J. Fitzpatrick as a potential area of improvement.

"I thought our biggest problem physically were our kick-offs," Weis said. "I thought that both kickers could have done a better job kicking the ball."

In addition, substitution mistakes marred an otherwise solid special teams performance that included a fumble recovery on a kickoff. Quarterback Brady Quinn made the Panthers pay for the turnover, hitting a crossing Jeff Samardzija on a 19-yard touchdown strike that pushed the Irish lead to 28-13 during a 28-point Irish second quarter.

"We had three substitution

errors, two of them in the punt game," Weis said. "On the first one, we didn't get a guy off the field. We were in nickel defense, and we were trying to go to a base defense and play punt safe, but because we were going from third to fourth down from the nickel defense to a regular defense, it caused some confusion that we will practice at this week."

Weis blamed himself for the miscue.

"I'll take that hit," he said.

An excessive number of penalties on defense hurt the Irish at times, preserving Pittsburgh drives and keeping the unit on the field.

In the end, it was the unnecessary big-yardage penalties that upset Weis.

"We had too many penalties on defense," Weis said. "We had about a half dozen, but four of them were major penalties. You just can't get by with a couple pass interference penalties, personal foul and a facemask."

Forget about jumping off sides, being overly aggressive. We just can't play winning football in a close game doing that. We need to do a better job there."

On offense, Weis once again cited penalties, coupled with mental mistakes, as the primary weaknesses of Saturday's

effort.

"Once again, we had too many penalties, we had two majors and two minor penalties, which that totals double digit penalties for the team between offense and defense," Weis said. "That's not winning football. And we had more mental errors than I would like to have in a game, especially with a game where you had that much time to prepare for what they were going to do."

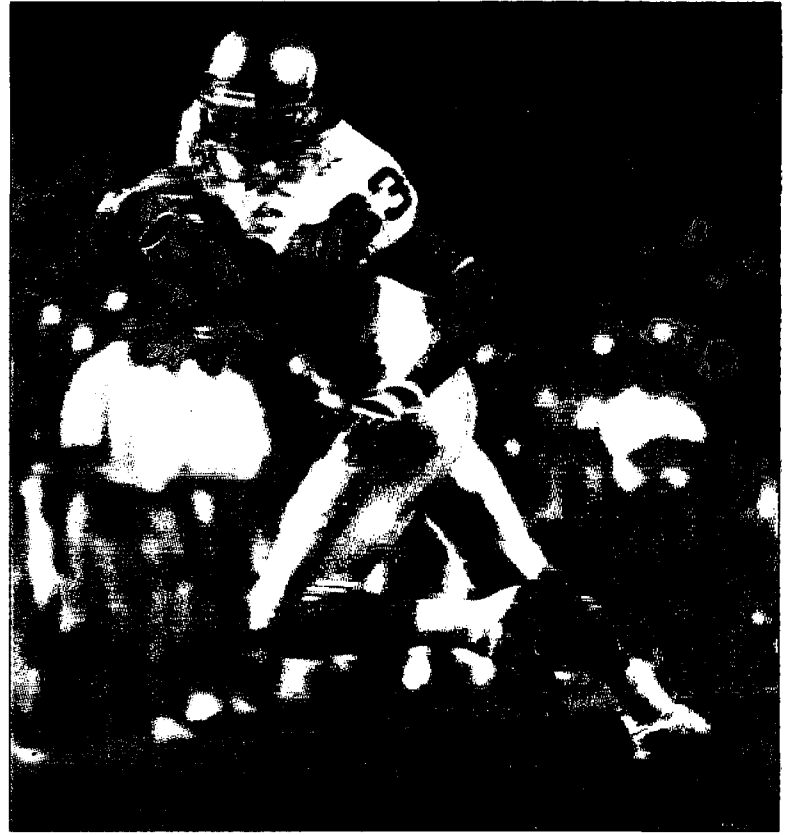
As was the case with the special teams substitution mistake, Weis shouldered the burden of the mistake.

"As I said [Saturday], [the mental error] is really a coaching error, not a player's error, but as it relates to offense, we had to take two timeouts in the third quarter, which I thought that was a bad job by me communicating to Michael [Haywood] and then on to Brady [Quinn]," Weis said. "I thought I should have done a much better job there."

Notes:

♦ A week after running back Travis Thomas earned the honor of special teams captain against Pittsburgh, Weis has already selected defensive lineman Casey Cullen as his special teams captain this weekend against Michigan.

"I told you on a weekly basis



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Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija scampers downfield during Saturday's 42-21 win over Pittsburgh.

we would single out the guy that played the best on special teams and name him as the special teams captain for Michigan, and that person will be Casey Cullen," Weis said. "He played solid on teams all

night long, played on all the teams, played really well and made a critical play that helped us win the game."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take learning experiences from weekend losses

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Defeats rarely breed confidence.

For Saint Mary's volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, however, this weekend's set-

backs provide optimism for the future.

The Belles competed Friday and Saturday at the Elmhurst College Invitational in Elmhurst, Ill. Saint Mary's fell to Wisconsin-Oshkosh and host Elmhurst on Friday and lost to the College of St. Scholastica on

Saturday.

The lone victory for the Belles came in the team's final match Saturday against Blackburn.

Despite the three defeats, though, Schroeder-Biek was pleased with her team's performance because of the quality of the opposing teams.

Elmhurst, a traditional Division II volleyball power, is ranked No. 12 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, while the poll rates Wisconsin-Oshkosh No. 28 nationally.

Schroeder-Biek feels Saint Mary's competitive play with such talented teams should translate into successes against lesser opponents when conference play begins.

"Friday night, I was so proud of the team," Schroeder-Biek said of the Belles' performances against Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Elmhurst. "We played so well, and it was incredibly high caliber volleyball. We challenged them, and that was wonderful for me to see."

Saint Mary's had some serious questions heading into the tournament. The team did not have a single experienced setter on the roster. Schroeder-Biek called on junior Amanda David and was thrilled with the results.

"She's a great athlete, and she stepped into that role," Schroeder-Biek said. "No one in that gym would have known she was a first-year setter."

Schroeder-Biek was also happy with the balance her team displayed in the tournament, with many different players chipping in.

"I can't even say that there was one standout," Schroeder-Biek said. "I just think they played so well as a team."

Wisconsin-Oshkosh downed the Belles quickly in three games — 30-22, 30-27, 30-14. Outside hitter Michelle Turley and Kristen Playko spearheaded the Saint Mary's attack with nine kills apiece in the match. David recorded 27 assists, while junior right side attacker Ann Carpenter finished with an impressive .615 hitting percentage on 8 kills.

The Belles only lasted three games against Elmhurst as well, losing 30-15, 30-25, 30-22. Playko contributed 5 kills and a

match high 14 digs. Senior Shelly Bender and freshman Catherine Kurzak both added five kills of their own, while Carpenter paced Saint Mary's with 7 kills.

Schroeder-Biek loved the way her team fought it out with a tough Elmhurst squad.

"They didn't walk all over us by any means," the coach said. "They had to fight for points just like we had to fight for points."

In Saturday's first match, Saint Mary's was disappointed to again drop three straight games — 30-28, 30-27, 32-30. The Belles played even with St. Scholastica throughout, but could not come up with the big points in the end. Playko again played well with 20 kills, while junior Anne Cusack defended nicely with 15 digs.

Schroeder-Biek wishes things had turned out differently against St. Scholastica.

"Any one of those games could have been ours — it was so tight," Schroeder-Biek said. "That was the only game I can tell you that I'm disappointed in."

Saint Mary's ended the tournament on a high note, easily edging a weak Blackburn team — 30-7, 30-12, 30-25. Playko recorded 16 kills, and Carpenter added another 14 digs.

With MIAA play set to open Wednesday against Hope College at the Angela Athletic Center, Schroeder-Biek feels that the experience of playing against two top teams this weekend will translate into significant strides within the conference.

"I just feel like how we played Friday night, if we play like that we are going to climb up the conference ladder and we are going to challenge for the top," Schroeder-Biek said.

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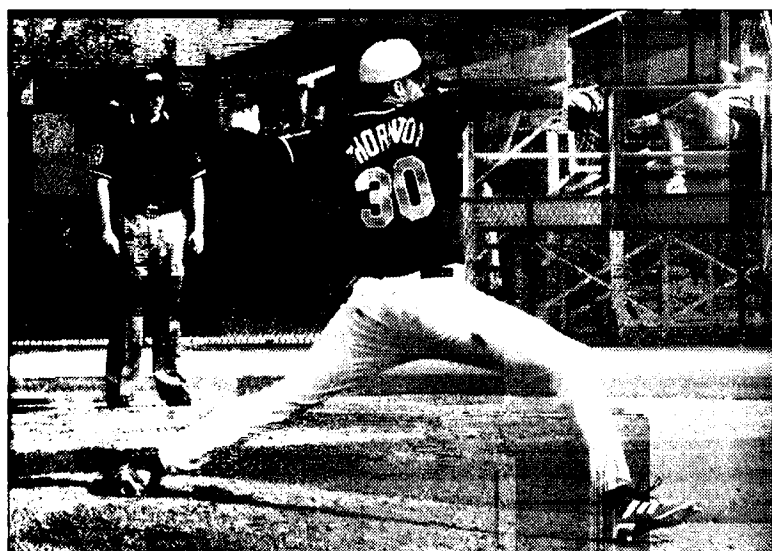
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Tom Thornton, shown here against Connecticut on April 16, turned down a pro contract to return for his senior season.

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"It's just a wonderful feeling to get out here and put on the Notre Dame uniform again and be part of this program," said Thornton, a hard-throwing lefty and the staff ace. "That's what it's all about. To me, right now, this is where I belong, and I believe we came here to get together and do something special this season."

"It [returning for his senior year] took a little of adjustment to at first, in June, but I definitely believe now that this is finally the place for me to be. I'm really excited, especially after getting back and seeing the way the first

day [went], the way the guys came on and played with some intensity."

Fall practice began yesterday for the Irish, and coach Paul Mainieri was pleased with the opening day.

"It was great, I'll tell you," he said. "We had a great practice, one of the best first days of practice I think we've ever had."

Thornton was equally optimistic.

"We've got a real strong, real young team this year," he said. "I just can't say enough about the new intensity, the new attitude we've got this fall. I think we're really ready to take our game to the next level this year."

That next level would be a pretty high level.

Last season, the Irish finished

38-24-1, swept through the Big East conference tournament, finished third in the regular season and reached the Gainesville regional final before falling to the host Florida Gators, the eventual national runner-ups. But Mainieri agrees with his veteran pitcher.

"Our standards are really high at Notre Dame, and we know that there's better for us than what we did last year," he said. "I was really proud of our team at the end of the year. There were so many times during the course of the year where we could've just packed our tent up and given up, but our guys never did."

Before the crucial last week of the 2005 season, after such a roller coaster campaign, Mainieri did something major to motivate his players.

"I had challenged our team before that last week that we needed to do something for this team to be remembered by," he said. "And I think we did, when you consider we had to win our last four games of the regular season just to make the conference tournament; we beat a top 20 team, Southern Cal and then we went to the conference tournament and swept that thing."

The Irish lost their regional opener to No. 15 North Carolina but battled their way through the loser's bracket to meet Florida in the championship.

"We ran up against a better ballclub in Florida," Mainieri said. "I think they showed that they were pretty good. There was no shame in losing to those guys. I thought we did a lot of great things at the end of the year and had a lot to be proud of."

With a 20-9 career record, 146 career strikeouts and 250.1 career innings pitched, Thornton looks to hold down a strong Irish pitching staff, which returns 11 of its top pitchers. The Irish also return 11 top position players and add nine talented freshmen. With the eclectic mix of experienced returnees and promising potential, Thornton and his teammates hope to better last year's results.

"I think there is that bitter taste in your mouth," he said. "And you really want to look to get over that hump. We've really got a bit of a new attitude this year."

"This year" for the Irish baseball team starts this week. And Mainieri likes what he sees so far.

"I thought the seniors showed great leadership in practice, and it was nice to see the young kids, the freshmen — a lot of reason for optimism."

"I feel confident that we're going to have a great fall practice."

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Kicker

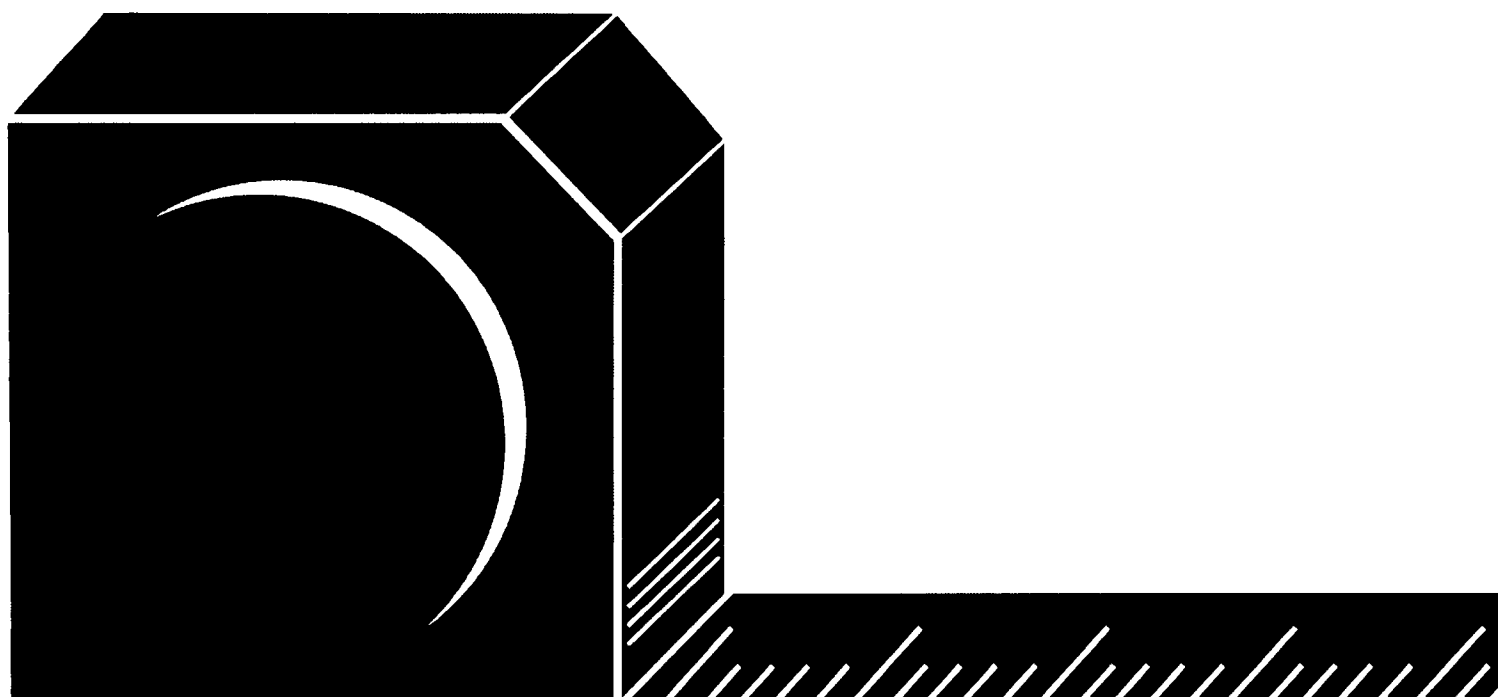
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eligibility, and both jobs will be up for grabs next season.

Frank believes Burkhart has a very good chance to assume the starting place-kicking job next season. But he thinks Notre Dame still intends to add a punter to this year's recruiting class.

"I think they'll look for a punter as well to compete with [Irish junior punter] Geoff Price," Frank said.

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save percentage and six shutouts.

All three of those statistics were tops in Irish history.

Cey also finished second in career games and minutes, 112 and 6,456:04, respectively.

During Notre Dame's miserable 2004-2005 season, Cey's focus was never questioned, either by him or the coaching staff.

Notre Dame's previous head coach Dave Poulin always complimented Cey after losses, and at the end of the season spoke about his importance to the team throughout his time at Notre Dame.

"He's carried the load for us basically through the bulk of his whole career," Poulin said last February.

"He'll have an opportunity to play, there is no question. Too many people have seen him play too well over the years. He'll have an opportunity to play professional hockey, and then what he does with that will [be up to] him."

Well, Poulin was right.

Cey will join the Lightning, whose roster lists Sean Burke as the backup goaltender to John Grahame.

Cey had many fine moments

during his career at Notre Dame.

Despite an unsuccessful 2004-05 season, Cey stopped 50 shots on Oct. 23, 2004 in the Irish victory over No. 1 ranked Boston College.

In 2003-2004, during Notre Dame's playoff run, Cey registered two consecutive shutouts on Dec. 28 and Jan. 3.

He also shutout Miami in back-to-back games of the first round of the CCHA playoffs in 2003.

Cey wasn't the only Irish player to sign a deal with an NHL team.

Yan Stastny signed a two-year contract with the Edmonton Oilers. This will be his first time playing with an NHL team after playing two years in Germany following his collegiate career. The Boston Bruins drafted Stastny in the eighth round of the 2002 NHL Draft.

Ben Simon and Mark Eaton, who were signed before the NHL lockout, signed deals with the Atlanta Thrashers and Nashville Predators, respectively. Both players had been with the teams before the lockout.

Simon played last year with the Chicago Wolves after spending the previous three with the Atlanta Thrashers.

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Duo

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dem is deadly.

"They're great [together]," he said. "They're just very different players."

"Thorlakson, we're watching Friday night against Florida, ... and we're just kind of looking at each other with a little bit of a half smile on our face," he said of her ability to control the movement of the ball.

"Hanks - she just plays with the fury and the passion of a youngster," he continued.

Though they play somewhat differently, Irish coach Randy Waldrum thinks their soccer minds are strikingly similar.

"[Hanks] is just a lot like Katie Thorlakson in that they have a great sense for the game," Waldrum said. That, he said, keeps them on the same page and helps communication on the field.

That Hanks and Thorlakson play different styles of soccer but work like clockwork together has kept the Irish's first four opponents guessing, and often guessing wrong.

That should be expected, though, because even their teammates don't like it when they have to face the dynamic duo working together.

Thorlakson said that her fellow Irish don't like it when she and Hanks are on the same team in split-squad scrimmages.

"We just have so much fun together playing soccer," she said. "So everybody gets mad when we are on the same team in practice because we put the ball away so much."

She said that the tandem began developing camaraderie in the



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Katie Thorlakson, right, outhustles a Maryland defender in Sunday's game against the Terrapins. The Irish won, 6-0.

spring when Hanks arrived on campus after completing a season with the under-19 national team.

From then onward, the two worked together routinely to prepare for the 2005 campaign.

And the work has paid off.

In the team's season-opener, Thorlakson matched a career high with eight points (2G-4A), and Hanks netted a hat trick and an assist en route to an 11-1 victory over New Hampshire.

Thorlakson said she doesn't feel as much a burden in having to carry an offense, and Hanks has enjoyed the freedom Thorlakson has been given, capitalizing on feeds and crosses from the All-American senior.

"Hanks takes a lot of pressure off of me," Thorlakson said. "It's great playing with her; it's really fun. We get to improvise on a lot of stuff."

After Hanks scored seven goals in her first two games, Waldrum credited teammates, including Thorlakson, for helping to set up scoring opportunities.

"She got put in some great posi-

tions for a couple of her goals [by] her teammates," he said.

Two of her first three goals of the season were assisted by Thorlakson, as was her first of two Sunday against Maryland.

But for both, the expectations were high coming into the season.

Thorlakson was picked as the preseason Big East Player of the Year and All-American. Hanks had high expectations from the Irish coaching staff.

"It's not something you can expect week in and week out," Waldrum said of Hanks' seven goals in two games to start the season, "but these are the things we ... expected Kerri to do for us from time to time."

Thus far, the two of them have equaled and exceeded every expectation coming into the season. Their biggest test comes this Friday against No. 5 Santa Clara in the Santa Clara Adidas Classic. But Hanks and Thorlakson have already proven they're ready.

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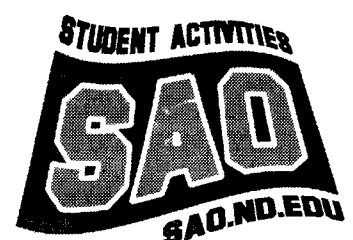
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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Irish ink kicking recruit in wake of Pittsburgh victory

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame picked up another recruit Sunday when kicker Ryan Burkhardt verbally committed to the Irish.

Burkhart, from Northwood (Ind.) High School, is the 13th verbal commitment of 2005 for

Irish coach Charlie Weis and his staff.

Recruits are not allowed to sign an official letter of intent until Feb. 1.

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior made a good impression on Notre Dame coaches when he participated in their football camp this summer, according to Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com.

"He's got a big leg, and I think [the Irish coaches] realize how important that is," Frank said. "The staff has the confidence in having seen him kick in person before, not just on tape. He's got the type of leg that can kick the ball through the end zone on a consistent basis."

According to Frank, Notre Dame had already offered a

scholarship to kicker Kai Forbath of Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Calif. But Forbath, who has offers from the likes of USC, LSU, UCLA and Cal, had not made up his mind on whether he wanted to commit to the Irish. So Weis went ahead and extended an offer to Burkhardt, who has already booted four field goals

on five attempts this season — including a 53-yarder.

"I think the coaches realized that Burkhardt is just as good as [Forbath]," Frank said.

D.J. Fitzpatrick is handling the kicking and punting duties for the Irish this season. However, this is his last year of

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FOOTBALL

Back to the grind

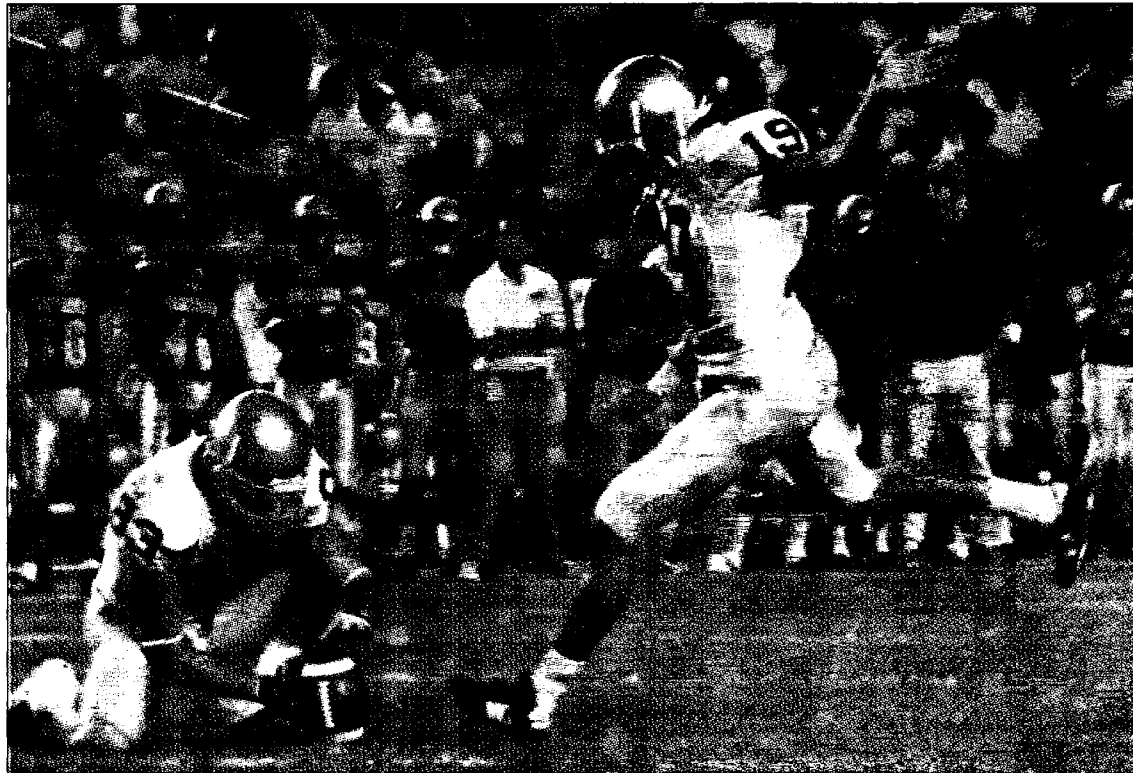
Instead of basking in Saturday's win, the team is back to work

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

Nobody's perfect.

For as well as Notre Dame played in Saturday night's 42-21 thumping of Pittsburgh at Heinz Field, Irish coach Charlie Weis realizes the Irish still have some work to do. At Sunday's press conference, Weis detailed a handful of facets on offense, defense and special teams that could use improvement, especially considering the daunting task awaiting the Irish this weekend: a date with No. 4 Michigan at the Big House.

"There were a couple of major concerns — one was the volume of penalties," Weis said. "There were 10 accepted



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D.J. Fitzpatrick kicks a successful extra point after a first-half touchdown on Saturday against Pittsburgh. The Irish now are preparing to face Michigan this Saturday.

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BASEBALL

Diamond beckons to senior ace

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Tom Thornton wears a coat of many colors.

In June, he negotiated with the Chicago White Sox on a possible contract but decided to return for his senior year at Notre Dame.

Instead of playing in the Cape Cod Summer League for the rest of the break, he knew he needed to rest his well-used arm. So, he interned with the Smithsonian in Colorado, "doing some archeology out there," he said.

Now, he's back with his Irish teammates at fall practice, wearing the coat he says fits him best — a Notre Dame jersey.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

High-powered offense features two top stars

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Irish forwards Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks have combined for 38 points in just four games.

At this pace, they will each break the Division 1-A single-season points-per-game record.

Thorlakson has five goals and seven assists (17 points) in her senior campaign, while Hanks has netted 10 goals and an assist (21 points) in her first four collegiate games.

And two of those games have come against top-25 opponents.

Hanks earned National Player of the Week honors after her first two games, in which she netted seven goals and an assist.

Thorlakson followed that up with a three-goal, three-assist performance in the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic to earn the tournament's offensive MVP award.

After Hanks managed to get off 12 shots — five of which were on goal — and Thorlakson scored twice in Notre Dame's 6-0 drubbing of Maryland Sunday, Terrapin coach Brian Pensky said that the way they work as a tan-

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HOCKEY

Cey selected in NHL draft



Observer file photo

Irish goalkeeper Morgan Cey, now headed for the NHL, slides into a save on Jan. 15 against Ohio State.

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Morgan Cey could flat out play at the college level.

There was never any dispute to his talent, and despite the fact that his team only had five wins, it was never his fault.

The Tampa Bay Lightning saw this in Cey, as well, and inked him to a multi-year contract announced Aug. 26.

Cey finished his career with the Irish as one of the finest goalies to ever come through Notre Dame, posting a 2.79 goals-against average, a .912

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Team bounces back from losses

The Belles are treating the tough Elmhurst Invitational as a chance to learn.

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