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Off-campus thefts target student vehicles

Residential areas, apartment complexes hit by rash of break-ins

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Senior Matt Houser woke up Thursday morning to the news that a window on his car— sitting in the driveway of his Warrick Street house — had been smashed.

"I had a CD player, amplifier and subwoofer, totaling about a grand, stolen," Houser said. "The window was broken, which cost \$235 to replace."

The break-in to Houser's car was not the only one off-campus residents have seen in recent weeks. Numerous incidences of

vehicle break-ins and theft have left many off-campus residents feeling frustrated and unsafe.

Senior Thomas McCall awoke this weekend to find his car window smashed and his golf clubs stolen from the trunk of his car, which was sitting in the driveway of his house on a quiet area of Juniper Road.

"They didn't take any of the electronic equipment," said McCall, who lives on Juniper Road near Welworth Street and Whitefield Road. "They only took my golf clubs."

McCall said he lives in a residential area, and his neighbors said such break-ins "do not usu-

ally happen" on their street. The South Bend Police Department told McCall a similar break-in — where only golf clubs were taken — happened the same night.

And police say it will probably happen again.

When Houser reported his incident to the South Bend Police Department, officers told him that "they would hit again during home football games, before Christmas, after Christmas and then again at the end of the year."

"[The police officer] recom-

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Two cars at Stadium Club Apartments on Bulla Road were broken into last week.

Summer training benefits University ROTC participants



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Junior Patrick Grainey, right, instructs freshmen in a ROTC drill during freshman orientation week.

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

As senior Ryan Larson landed in Fort Lewis, Wash. for an Army leadership assessment camp, he felt prepared for the challenges that lay ahead.

"I felt ... confident that the training program at Notre Dame prepared me for success and knew I'd face few surprises."

Now back on campus for the academic year, course work and busy schedules pale to compare to the rigors of the challenges Larson and his fellow Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) faced during the summer.

Students enrolled in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at Notre Dame balance a full course load with

physical and classroom military training, as well as extracurricular involvement — and the work continues when school is out of session.

While most students digress from such a demanding schedule during the summer months, ROTC cadets and midshipmen dive into various required and voluntary training and leadership programs in preparation for futures in their respective branches.

Each branch participates in competitive programs that allow students from colleges across the country to gather to demonstrate their abilities. Often summer results are factored into a formula that contributes to placement upon commissioning.

Major Gary Masapollo likened Army summer commitment to the "bowl game" of Army

ROTC. The most crucial step for any AROTC student is the completion of Warrior Forge Leadership Development Assessment Course (LDAC), he said.

Notre Dame AROTC focuses heavily on cadet readiness for camp because camp scores can amount to half of their entire four-year grade, Masapollo said.

In addition, scores influence a cadet's selection opportunities upon commissioning. Strong Scholar Athlete Leader profiles include a high academic record — including military studies — and involvement in athletics, community service and other activities.

To ensure solid performances from Notre Dame participants, current juniors prepare

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Service seminars attract hundreds

ND community to give back over break

By MEGAN SENNETT
News Writer

For many Notre Dame students, fall break is their first chance to escape the rigors of college life but for others, the class-free week is the perfect time to give back to their community.

This year, the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) received about 320 applications for its fall break seminars, said Angela Miller-McGraw, director of Educational Immersion and the Appalachia Seminar.

The turnout impressed Miller-McGraw, who hopes for even more applicants for the winter



Photo courtesy of Matthew Hughes

Senior Matthew Hughes, center, and his Appalachia Seminar group work at the David School in David, Ky. during fall break 2004.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members establish task forces, set goals

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Concerns ranging from student safety to gambling and alcohol abuse were raised at the first Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting of the year Monday.

To manage and address these pressing issues the CLC created three task forces — Conduct Awareness, Student Concerns and Student Voice and Input — and one ad-hoc committee regarding student safety matters to organize its approach to this year's student affairs agenda.

Student body president and CLC chair Lizzy Shappell started the meeting with introductions and explained the council's job and how it operates to new members.

"This body's purpose is to advise [Vice President for Student Affairs] Father [Mark] Poorman," Shappell said. "In bringing rectors, administrators, and faculty to the table, I personally believe that it encompasses student life, but from different perspectives."

Most of the work of the CLC gets done on the task force, Shappell said. Last year, she

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INSIDE COLUMN

Not just crab cakes







Quick!
Name one thing about Maryland.
Let me guess. You either said crab cakes or football, right?
Because that's what we do.
Hey, it was in a movie, and movies don't lie, do they?
Well, as a Marylander, I can tell you right now that was way off the mark.
We don't "do" football. We do lacrosse. Or jousting, if you want our official state sport. But it's okay if you didn't know that, because not many people do.
They don't care about Maryland. It's just that goofy looking state shoved between Pennsylvania and Virginia.
Oh, we're near D.C., but as a Baltimorean, I hate D.C.
But if you go back far enough, to the colonial age, you may remember that we Marylanders were the first to allow Catholics to live freely, so about 85 percent of you reading this owe us a big thank you. Or at least a little wave on your way passing through.
Move forward in time to 1787 and the Constitution. This is the beginning of Maryland's obscurity as even Delaware passed us. Of course you're going to be the "First State" — you're right next to Philly, and you only have three counties.
Let it go.
Now we go to 1814, the Battle of Baltimore. If you didn't know, this is when the Star Spangled Banner was written, so every time you sing that song, you are praising the bravery of Marylanders. But most of the time, that gets left out of the story too. I still blame Delaware.
Have you ever wondered why our football team is the Ravens?
That's right, kiddies, it's because a corrupt political machine bought Edgar Allan Poe's vote multiple times in exchange for alcohol — so much so that it left him dead in a gutter. And since we're good people, we buried him in one of our church graveyards and named a team after one of his poems 140 years later. And what was Poe doing there in the first place? He was passing through on his way from Richmond to Philadelphia.
In the 20th century, Maryland was blessed with two of the greatest teams in sports history — Johnny Unitas' Baltimore Colts and the Orioles of 1966-83.
Unfortunately, the Colts snuck out to Indianapolis in the dead of night, and the Orioles are now one of the worst franchises in sports.
Oh well.
At least our crab cakes are good.

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Zahm Hall's stuffed moose head mascot, Ignats, hangs in the basement lounge, keeping close watch over residents and guests.

OFFBEAT

Woman crashes while teaching dog to drive
BEIJING — A woman in Hohhot, the capital of north China's Inner Mongolia region, crashed her car while giving her dog a driving lesson, the official Xinhua News Agency said Monday.
No injuries were reported although both vehicles were slightly damaged, it said.
The woman, identified only by her surname, Li, said her dog "was fond of crouching on the steering wheel and often watched her drive," according to Xinhua.
"She thought she would let the dog 'have a try' while she operated the accelerator and brake," the report said. "They did not make it far before crashing into an oncoming car."
Xinhua did not say what kind of dog or vehicles were involved but Li paid for repairs.
Man sends pornographic pictures to ex's family
APE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — A southeast Missouri man will go to jail for breaking into his ex-wife's e-mail and sending pornographic pictures of her to her relatives.
Alfred Seals, 47, of Cape Girardeau, pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor tampering with computer data, and was sentenced to 20 days in jail.
Seals gained access to his wife's e-mail account without her consent, then e-mailed the woman's family a Web site link and message stating, "something nice to see," according to a probable-cause statement.
The link took users to a Web site that contained several pornographic pictures Seals took of the woman when they were married.
Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student Activities will host its annual **Activities Night** tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 in the Joyce Center.

"Goodie and The Feel Alrights" will perform at **Legends** at 10 p.m. Thursday. The show is free for students.

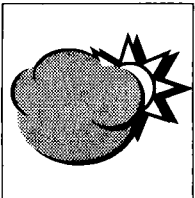
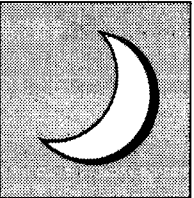
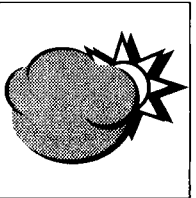
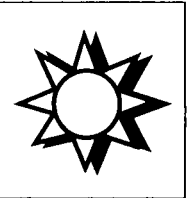
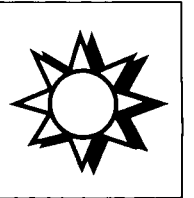
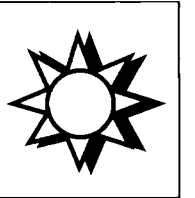
Chicago's "Howl at the Moon" dueling pianos will perform at **Legends** at 10 p.m. Friday. ND, SMC or HCC student ID required for admission.

"An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$6 for general public, \$5 for faculty, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students.

The Snite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican migration to the United States through a **multimedia exhibit** that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum's O'Shaughnessy Galleries, Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance atrium.

The sixth annual **Saturday Scholar Series** will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, "More Than a Movie? Assessing 'The Da Vinci Code'" will be held, as always, three and a half hours before kickoff on Sept. 9 in DeBartolo 101.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group welcomes new SMC faculty

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance lauded the success of its opening events Monday during its first meeting of the semester and welcomed new faculty members.

Student body president Susan McIlduff thanked committee members for their attendance at the all-school Mass held at the Church of Loretto Sunday and welcomed them back to campus.

"The all-school Mass was a huge success and [we had] a great turnout," she said.

Student Activities Board president Claudia Toth cited the high turnout of the Jamaica Shaka as another example of the success of the events.

Many Holy Cross and Notre Dame students commented on the large turnout this year, Toth said.

The revised Saint Mary's readership program — which

kicked off Wednesday — is off to a good start, McIlduff said.

McIlduff asked the board to welcome professor Jill Vihtelic to the position of interim vice president and dean of faculty and two new associate deans, Dr. Joseph Incandela of the religious studies department and Deb McCarthy of the science department.

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Susan McIlduff
student body president

She also asked the board to welcome Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson to campus. Johnson comes from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

In other BOG News:

♦ Saint Mary's activities night is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8.

♦ Residence Hall Association president Amy Dardinger said that Regina, McCandless and Holy Cross Halls are still in need of a president and vice president.

♦ The Twilight Tailgate is Thursday, Sept. 7 from 2 p.m. to 9 and will be hosted by the Student Activities Board.

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Grant funds biologist's research

Lodge helps assess invasive species in Great Lakes region

Special to The Observer

The eight Great Lakes states have an estimated 3.7 million registered recreational boats, which is one-third of the nation's total number. An estimated \$16 billion industry, recreational boating in the Great Lakes region is two-and-one-half times larger than commercial navigation on the Great Lakes.

Few, if any, of these recreational boaters realize that they are key actors in the drama of invasive species in the United States.

Now, Notre Dame biologist David Lodge, The Nature Conservancy's Great Lakes Program, University of Georgia researchers, and other private and public partners are combining their scientific and management expertise to assess the risk of future invasive species invasions. Funded by a \$1.1 million grant from the Great Lakes Protection Fund, the researchers hope to improve ecosystem-wide management of these species in the lakes and adjacent inland water bodies.

"Our goal is to develop tools and then to apply these tools to the forecasting of invasive species in the Great Lakes," Lodge said. "This project scales

from the species distributed by global patterns of shipping, through the Great Lakes as a regional epicenter for invasions of North America, to local management of species spreading from the Great Lakes to inland aquatic ecosystems."

The Great Lakes are a key beachhead for invasions of invasive species into the United States. Ships arrive at Great Lakes destinations from ports throughout the world, often bearing non-native species in their ballast water. The water is then discharged into the lakes.

Recreational boaters subsequently use the Great Lakes, unaware that in the process invasive species are now residing on their boats and trailers. The boaters later introduce the species into other inland waterways they use for recreation.

Lodge notes that researchers will first rank the major ports of the world in order of the threat they pose as a source of invasive species to the Great Lakes.

"This risk assessment will be based on environmental similarity, such as salinity and temperature, and on the identification of potentially harmful species that inhabit ports that are linked by shipping to the Great Lakes," Lodge said. "We will analyze the past and existing ship traffic among high risk ports and the lakes."

The researchers also will

develop novel genetic technologies to conduct real-time monitoring of selected, high-concern harmful organisms in ballast water of ships entering the Great Lakes. Working in conjunction with Hsueh-Chia Chang of the Notre Dame Center for Microfluidics, Lodge and fellow Notre Dame biologist Jeff Feder hope to develop a hand-held "lab on a chip" that could rapidly and accurately detect invasive species in ballast water samples.

"We can then derive a risk assessment for individual ships entering the Great Lakes, based on the past ports of call of each ship, the species known to occur in those ports and the presence of any species detected by this hand-held genetic probe," Lodge said.

In the final phase of the project, researchers will use network modeling to select several pilot locations that will most cost-effectively slow the spread of targeted invasive species. The project team will test the effectiveness of a series of intervention strategies, including educational activities, inspections and boat washing stations to help slow the spread of invasive species already established, but still spreading, among inland lakes and rivers.

Lodge points out that the forecasting and prevention effort involves a diverse team consisting of researchers, private stakeholders, relevant industries and state and federal agency partners.

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throughout the year. At the start of the school year, seniors — who have already completed camp — serve as mentors to those getting ready.

Masapollo said Notre Dame consistently produces cadets that score high above the national average.

Field training in Michigan, one of the many training steps, allows leaders to create camp-type situations to teach and test the students. Masapollo said these leaders are like a “coaching staff” that prepares the team by incorporating “game-like scenarios.”

Battalion executive officer Ryan Larson recently completed LDAC and attained the coveted Recondo Badge — an honor awarded to a small number of camp graduates who exceed standards in all areas.

“Our curriculum focuses on all the right things, most notably those aspects most pertinent to LDAC success,” he said.

Back on campus, Larson and returning cadets are able to make small changes to everyday practices to strengthen the battalion’s success. Air Force ROTC must successfully complete field training after sophomore year. This program combines basic training with leadership development where detailed evaluations affect future placement.

The rigors of field training include strict schedules, intense diet and exercise regimes and high standards of military decorum. The demands often lead to a large number of students failing to complete the camp.

Notre Dame AFROTC prepares cadets with labs that range from training and camp life to physical demands — and even drills on how to properly make a bed. Such training is a stepping stone to leadership positions for juniors returning to campus.

“Notre Dame has a good reputation not only as a school, but also as a unit that is looked up to,” said Captain Amy

Bellenbaum, commandant of cadets.

Senior John Paul Adrian, cadet wing commander, is one such example. Upon completion of field training, Adrian qualified to return as a training assistant and earned first place in the process.

“It was an absolutely great experience,” he said. “I wish I could go back.”

Bellenbaum said cadets like Adrian who return to assist are “treated with respect on the officer level.”

For those in Naval ROTC, structured summer programs evolve from year to year, beginning with a four-week indoctrination into naval life after freshman year.

Midshipmen spend a week in each of the various outlets of the Navy, including one week with the Marine Corps.

Sophomore and junior summers are spent on a cruise anywhere in the world on a variety of Navy vessels with responsibilities growing with experience. Midshipmen learn rank, military lifestyle, and, as junior officers, hone seamanship skills.

Foreign exchange summers are also an option. Senior Erin Smith, naval battalion commanding officer, worked with the French Navy.

“We get to learn how our allies run things, learn what they have to offer and share our perspective,” she said. “Despite the language barrier, I observed differing relationships among officers and enlisted men compared to the U.S. Navy.”

Captain Mike Neller said summer training is important because it is hard to replicate life in the fleet at Notre Dame.

“Midshipmen go out and experience it for themselves,” he said. “It puts everything in perspective.”

Service selection relies on a performance formula comprised heavily of GPA followed by extracurricular involvement. Notre Dame students succeed as officers, as the University is known for producing technical advanced midshipmen, Neller said.

The University’s close relationship with the Navy goes back to World War II when — at its peak — 1,100 officers were commissioned every 90 days. At the time this number was second only to the United States Naval Academy.

Neller praised the caliber of Notre Dame students and said

half of NROTC students study abroad — something the program encourages.

Junior computer engineering major Chris Babcock successfully combined Naval duties with international study as he spent almost four weeks on USS Mustin and traveled to London for the engineering study abroad program.

“Summer cruises, which are our internships for the

military, are invaluable because you are in the actual fleet and get first hand experience that a textbook or PowerPoint cannot convey,” he said.

Unique experiences to the Marine Corps include Mountain Warfare training in Bridgeport, Calif. and Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia. OCS is a commissioning requirement.

“Midshipmen mature a great deal because of interaction with active duty Marines, shared pride in what they are doing and [in] garnering experience,” Major Tyrone Theriot said.

Theriot said program strengths are a testament of the “high caliber students that Notre Dame admits, as well as the individuals who are committed to serve their country.”

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Chris Babcock
Junior

Thefts

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mended I not keep anything of value in my car and just leave the doors unlocked,” Houser said, adding that his roommates’ unlocked car was next to his and was untouched.

In an e-mail to Oakhill Condominiums residents Monday, property manager Sherry Scott warned that “the ND school season is upon us and the local ND perimeter is overcome with a rash of vehicle break-ins.”

Two cars were broken into at the South Bend Avenue complex Thursday, and one car was broken into Sunday morning.

Two cars at Stadium Club Condominiums on Bulla Road were broken into last week, compelling site manager Susan Miller to warn residents about leaving anything of value in their cars.

“If you see anyone that looks like they do not belong here, please call 911 and ask for the Sheriff’s Department,” Miller said in an Aug. 24 e-mail to residents.

The St. Joseph County Sheriff is handling the case, and there are currently no suspects, said Rodney Ludwig, director of residential property management for Real Estate Management Corporation, which manages Stadium Club Condominiums.

Many property managers have told residents these types of break-ins happen around campus at the beginning of every school year.

“The students return and don’t completely unpack their cars, making it very tempting for the criminal element,” Ludwig said.

Some students have been

in talks with landlords to find ways to keep cars safer at off-campus residences.

“The most important thing we do is to advise our students to remove all valuables from their cars and be aware of any suspicious activity,” Ludwig said. “Of course, we advise them to contact the Sheriff if they notice any suspicious activity. If all the students look out for each other, there should be very few problems.”

Ludwig said he is in the process now of trying to assign more security to the Stadium Club property.

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Rodney Ludwig
director of
residential property
management
Real Estate
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Senior Caitlin Mahoney sent out an e-mail to fellow Stadium Club residents asking them if they would like to participate in a neighborhood watch program after she was approached by a St. Joseph County Police Officer last week following

the break-ins.

“He asked me if there was some way to get the residents together to discuss safety and learn to recognize suspicious acts in order to prevent future break-ins,” Mahoney wrote in an Aug. 28 e-mail.

The officer said he was willing to put together a program for residents if they were interested, Mahoney said.

Oakhill residents were also approached with the idea of continuing with a neighborhood watch program.

“The last meeting we had only had a handful of residents attend. We need more interest in keeping our neighborhood safe from intruders,” Scott wrote in her e-mail. “The Board of Directors and I will be viewing a working surveillance system to see if it is a feasible investment for Oakhill at around \$20,000.”

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led the Task Force on Student Voice and Input — a committee which CLC members reinstated this year.

The Task Force on Student Voice and Input looked at student activity within the University and explored the possibility of an online application system for students who want to be involved in committees.

Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis reintroduced a concern mentioned at the final CLC meeting last spring regarding student alcohol abuse, gambling habits and pornography in male residence halls. The other members

agreed to address these problems through the Conduct Awareness task force.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson also restated the concerns she brought up at last year’s final meeting and suggested the creation of a task force dealing with residence hall-related programming activities. She wants to work with the University to facilitate catering events and develop contacts with University-approved vendors for things like dorm T-shirts.

The council considered naming the new committee the Student Goods and Services Task Force, but changed it to Student Concerns to encompass a wider range of issues.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss

suggested the creation of a student safety task force in light of the recent assaults committed against Notre Dame students on Notre Dame Avenue and in a Turtle Creek apartment. Shappell ended the meeting with a discussion of these events, which she called “appalling.”

“I want to discuss how we better arm our students with the knowledge of how to keep [themselves] safe off-campus,” Shappell said.

Off-campus senator Mark Healy suggested approaching the problem on two fronts.

He said the CLC can communicate safety advice to students in print or through e-mail and coordinate with Notre Dame Security/Police and the South Bend Police Department to pre-

vent future dangerous situations.

The problem of student safety is just as great on campus as it is off, Carson said. She said the location of her dorm makes her residents even more vulnerable.

“Everyone thinks Welsh Family is a public facility,” Carson said. “I can’t tell you how many times I’ve escorted people out of my hall.”

The Task Force on Student Safety will remain an ad-hoc committee until members agree about its usefulness.

Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle asked committee members to think about using the task forces to “capture the energy” that pervades the Notre Dame campus this year in light of the promising football season and a second

upcoming academic forum.

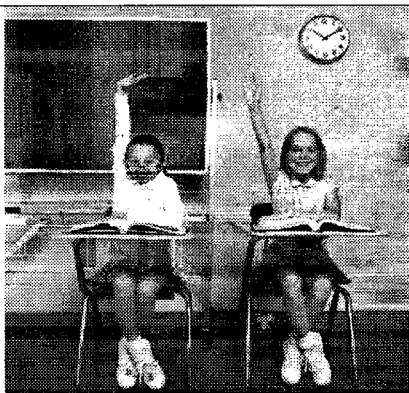
Faculty Senate representative and professor Kelly Jordan agreed with Doyle. Notre Dame is going to receive a lot of attention this year, he said, and now is a good time to “generate synergy” and look outwardly to address global health issues.

With the rest of the country watching, Notre Dame students should show they are interested in events beyond campus, Alumni senator Danny Smith said.

“We should open ourselves up and really show that we are concerned about what’s going on, not just here, but everywhere else,” Smith said.

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e-Irish: write articles about your experience at Notre Dame for prospective students; contact mcawley@nd.edu

Phone Center: welcome admitted students and answer questions; contact morourk1@nd.edu

Student Hospitality Program: host admitted students overnight or during the day; contact hosting@nd.edu

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shiite, Iraqi forces clash; 40 dead

DIWANIYAH, Iraq — Shiite militiamen battled Iraqi forces for 12 hours Monday, leaving at least 40 people dead and underlining the government's struggle to rein in an anti-U.S. cleric. The U.S. announced nine soldiers killed over the weekend in separate fighting.

The fighting in this southern city dominated a day that saw at least 19 people die in two suicide car bombings in Baghdad — one outside the Interior Ministry and one on a line of cars waiting for fuel at a gas station.

Diwaniyah, 80 miles south of Baghdad, is a Shiite-dominated city where the influence of firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army has been gradually increasing. The militia already runs a virtual parallel government in Sadr City, a slum in eastern Baghdad.

Britain seeks suspect's extradition

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan is considering a British request for the extradition of Rashid Rauf, who was arrested earlier this month in connection with the alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound jetliners, the Foreign Ministry said Monday.

Rauf — earlier identified by Pakistan as a "key person" in the plot — was being investigated for alleged links with al-Qaida, in connection with terrorist threats in Britain and in Pakistan, said ministry spokeswoman Tasnim Aslam.

Aiden Liddle, a spokesman for the British Embassy, confirmed it had submitted the extradition request, but said it was in connection with a British investigation into a 2002 murder. Rauf moved to Pakistan shortly after his maternal uncle was stabbed to death that year.

NATIONAL NEWS

Florida residents stock up for storm

MIAMI — Florida residents rushed to fill their prescriptions and stood in long lines for gasoline, food and other supplies Monday as officials warned people not to wait for Tropical Storm Ernesto to become a hurricane again before taking precautions.

Forecasters said Ernesto could grow back into a hurricane in the warm waters off Cuba and come ashore in South Florida as early as Tuesday night, exactly one year after Hurricane Katrina pummeled the Gulf Coast.

"Make sure you have the supplies for the 72 hours after the storm," Gov. Jeb Bush warned people in Tallahassee, a day after declaring a state of emergency for all Florida. "A hurricane's a hurricane, and it has a devastation we've already seen. All you have to do is rewind to last year and see."

Court acquits mother of son's suicide

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Connecticut Supreme Court on Monday overturned a mother's conviction on charges that she contributed to her 12-year-old son's suicide by keeping a filthy house.

In ordering the trial court to acquit Judith Scruggs of Meriden, the court said the law used to convict her was unconstitutionally vague.

Scruggs was convicted of risk of injury to a minor in 2003, a year and a half after her son, J. Daniel, hanged himself with a necktie in his closet. Legal experts said it was thought to be the first time a parent had been convicted over a child's suicide.

LOCAL NEWS

Plane crashes into pond; pilot dead

INDIANAPOLIS — A small plane narrowly missed homes as it crashed in a subdivision's retention pond Monday, killing the pilot, but residents rescued the three passengers as the aircraft filled with water.

The residents pulled out all four people in the single-engine plane, but the pilot, Indianapolis oral surgeon Robert Edesess, died at a hospital. He and two family members aboard were survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

LEBANON

Kofi Annan calls for cease-fire

U.N. chief urges Hezbollah to free captured soldiers, Israel to lift blockades

Associated Press

BEIRUT — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan faulted both Israel and Hezbollah on Monday for not living up to key sections of the cease-fire resolution, while two more countries took steps to provide troops for an expanded peacekeeping force to secure the truce.

Germany, meanwhile, hinted it was negotiating a prisoner swap.

Sitting beside Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora, Annan demanded Hezbollah return two captured Israeli soldiers, whose July 12 abduction touched off the 34-day war, and said Israel must lift its air and sea blockade of Lebanon.

Although Annan was critical of both sides, he also said the agreement provided a chance for a long-term peace. As the cease-fire held for the 15th day, neither side looked like it wanted to resume large-scale hostilities.

But the U.N. chief cautioned the road ahead would be long, and pledged the international community's support. As part of that support, Italy and Turkey moved to join the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

Annan also said the U.N. force, which is to grow to 15,000 soldiers, will not try to disarm Hezbollah guerrillas.

"Down the line ... there will have to be disarmament, but it's up to the Lebanese government and people to resolve themselves," Annan said. "The [peacekeepers] are not going to go house to house searching for weapons. This is not their responsibility."

Annan was booed by residents as he toured the devastated Dahiyeh neighborhood in the Hezbollah stronghold of south



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, background center, steps out of his car next to an anti-U.S. banner as he tours Beirut, Lebanon, Monday.

Beirut. He was greeted by giant posters with photographs of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and one that had a caricature of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice with vampire's teeth and blood dripping from the mouth.

The U.N. chief, accompanied by Saniora and a Hezbollah legislator, walked for about 50 yards before the protest became noisy and unfriendly. Annan got back into a car, which drove slowly through the assembled residents with security men running alongside.

Geir Pedersen, Annan's personal representative, was pushed into another car in the motorcade by a

bodyguard after some in the crowd mistook him for Jeffrey Feltman, the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon.

Earlier, Annan issued an unexpectedly blunt assessment of the cease-fire and its implementation by Israel and Hezbollah.

"It's a fixed menu. ... It's not an a la carte menu where you choose and pick," he said at the end of the first day of his 11-day Mideast swing that will include stops in Iran and Syria, the main backers of Hezbollah.

It was not known what Annan would discuss with the leaders of Syria and Iran, but it would be extremely difficult for

Lebanon to disarm the Shiite guerrillas of Hezbollah without the agreement and participation of those two governments.

Israel responded quickly and negatively to Annan's call for an end to the blockade, which is intended to keep arms from being shipped to Hezbollah.

An official in the office of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert reiterated that the blockade will remain until the international force takes up positions along Lebanon's borders and entry points. He said Hezbollah continues to try to smuggle weapons into the country.

Prosecutor: Karr's DNA not a match

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Prosecutors abruptly dropped their case Monday against John Mark Karr in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, saying DNA tests failed to put him at the crime scene despite his insistence he sexually assaulted and strangled the 6-year-old beauty queen.

Just a week and a half after Karr's arrest in Thailand was seen as a remarkable break in the sensational, decade-old case, prosecutors suggested in court papers that he was just a man with a twisted fascination with JonBenet who confessed to a crime he

didn't commit.

"The people would not be able to establish that Mr. Karr committed this crime despite his repeated insistence that he did," District Attorney Mary Lacy said in court papers.

The 41-year-old schoolteacher will be kept in jail in Boulder until he can be sent to Sonoma County, Calif., to face child pornography charges from 2001.

The district attorney vowed to keep pursuing leads in JonBenet's death: "This case is not closed."

Karr was never formally charged in the slaying. In court papers, Lacy defended the decision to arrest him and bring him back to the United States for

further investigation, saying he might have otherwise fled and may have been targeting children in Thailand as well.

Lacy said Karr emerged as a suspect in April after he spent several years exchanging e-mails and later telephone calls with a University of Colorado journalism professor who had produced documentaries on the Ramsey case.

According to court papers, Karr told the professor he accidentally killed JonBenet during sex and that he tasted her blood after he injured her vaginally. The Denver crime lab conducted DNA tests last Friday on a cheek swab taken from Karr but were unable to connect him to the crime.

Break

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winter and spring break seminars. During fall break, students will participate in the Appalachia Seminar, the Gospel of Life Seminar, the Cultural Diversity Seminar, the Lives in the Balance: Youth, Violence, and Society Seminar or the Washington D.C. Seminar.

Senior Matthew Hughes, who participated twice in the fall break Appalachia Seminar, now works with the seminar's task force.

Hughes said he has made a few changes to this year's seminar, incorporating the CSC's yearlong theme "Economic Justice for All" while remaining focused on Catholic Social Teaching — an essential element of all CSC seminars. This year's participants also will take a closer look at some of the economic issues within Appalachia.

Due to the academic nature of the seminars, the deadline for submitting an application

for a fall break service trip was last Thursday. Participants must complete classes, reading assignments, reflective papers and a final research paper.

"In the fall the participants tend to be upperclassmen because of their familiarity with the CSC's seminars," Hughes said. "We'll have more freshmen in the spring as they become more aware of all the CSC offers."

Junior Caroline Honsa volunteered at the Catholic Workers' Home in Cleveland over winter break and observed the struggles of poverty firsthand, a touching experience that she said inspired her to apply for the Appalachia seminar over fall break.

"During one evening, a woman drove up in a car to let the volunteers know that a refrigerator had broken in a nearby store and free meat was available," Honsa said. "I was touched that she bothered to tell them. I learned more fully that there are small opportunities to serve all around us and we just need to keep our ears, eyes, and

hearts open in order to hear the call."

CSC seminar students are not only volunteering to help others but also tackling social and political issues.

"With the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina upon us, these seminars give students the opportunities to ask questions we need to be asking, especially at a Catholic university," said Father Bill Lies, director of the CSC. "We take the chance to ask questions about social responsibility, and all seminars ask these questions in different ways."

Students participating in the Washington D.C. Seminar will observe advocacy groups and elected officials to promote international peace and stability.

"Too often, we are aware of only what's going on under the Dome," Hughes said. "It's important for us to step outside of our comfort zone and recognize the humanity of the folks we come into contact with."

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Ivy Tech president to leave after 23 years

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The president of Ivy Tech Community College said Monday he plans to step down, the third Indiana public college president this year to announce his departure.

Gerald I. Lamkin, 70, became president of Ivy Tech in 1983. He helped transform it from a vocational school to the state's community college, which enrolled more than 69,000 students on 23 campuses this fall, up 7 percent from a year ago. He plans to step down on June 30, 2007.

"My time at Ivy Tech has been the most rewarding times of my life," Lamkin said in a news release. "We have made tremendous strides in establishing an effective and enriching community college system for the state of Indiana."

Ivy Tech took over the state's

community college system last year. State leaders hope the school will help a higher education system that traditionally has pushed most students toward more expensive four-year campuses at Purdue and Indiana universities.

"In order for the state to reach its economic and work force development goals, Ivy Tech must be in a position to provide the training and education that is needed to prepare thousands of Hoosiers for the jobs of the future," Lamkin said.

Lamkin is the third Indiana public college president to announce he would step down.

Martin Jischke said earlier this month that he would retire from Purdue University next summer. Indiana University President Adam Herbert told trustees in January that he would not return when his contract expires in 2008.

Bush marks Katrina anniversary in speech

President visits Miss., says recovery effort is still in early stages

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — President Bush said Monday the huge job of rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina was just beginning a year after the massive storm but expressed hope that the \$110 billion of help sent from Washington would be enough.

Trying to erase the black mark left on his presidency by the administration's sluggish response to Katrina, Bush returned to the first scene he saw a year ago of the storm's devastation.

Standing on a vacant lot in a working class neighborhood where trailers and gutted buildings stand next to newly built homes, Bush pledged the federal government would stand with the region as it rebuilds. It's a promise viewed with skepticism by victims still reeling from the storm.

"A year ago, I committed our federal government to help you," Bush said. "I said, 'We have a duty to help the local people recover and rebuild,' and I meant what I said."

Of the \$110 billion in hurricane aid approved by Congress, just \$44 billion has been spent. Overall, the administration has released \$77 billion to the states, reserving the rest for future needs.

"Hopefully that'll work. Hopefully that's enough," Bush said after visiting a company that has restarted its business of building and repairing boats. "It's certainly enough to get us through the next period of time."

Bush focused on the positive, but acknowledged that much remains to be done.

"It's an anniversary, but it's not an end," Bush said. "Frankly it's just the beginning."

Asked how long the rebuilding would take, Bush said: "I would say years, not months. On the

other hand, the progress in one year's time has been remarkable."

The welcome Bush received in Biloxi was warmer than the one he is expected to get in Louisiana, where recovery efforts have moved much more slowly. The president ended the day in New Orleans, dining at Mother's Restaurant, a local institution known for its po'boys and red beans and rice, with Mayor Ray Nagin, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and other local leaders.

Bush and his guests weren't the restaurant's only famous patrons. Actor Rob Lowe was eating there with his family, and expounded on the city's great need. He took a cut in pay for his latest TV movie, "A Perfect Day," so it could be filmed in New Orleans and bring business to the area.

"It's devastating," Lowe said of the conditions in the worst-hit, poorest parts of the city, which he toured the day before. "It's so sad."

On Tuesday, the actual anniversary of Katrina, Bush has a half-day of events in New Orleans.

"There is a division over there," Thomas "Lynn" Patterson, who gave Bush a tour of his new home in Biloxi, said about New Orleans. "There's not the same division over here."

When Bush visited Patterson's neighborhood right after the storm, the 61-year-old was digging cars out of the muck. Patterson said Bush told him then that he wanted to make sure that people got the aid they needed.

"He hasn't forgotten it," said Patterson. "We don't expect him to pull out his wallet and write a check for us. He personally would do it if he could because he's a passionate guy."

When Katrina struck Biloxi, 100-mph-plus winds and a wall of water obliterated a bridge and splintered houses like matchsticks. Water topped rooftops. Entire neighborhoods were washed away.

Confusion led to Ky. crash

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Investigators in the Comair jet crash that killed 49 people are looking into whether changes made to a taxiway during a repaving project a week ago confused the pilot and caused him to turn onto the wrong runway.

Federal aviation officials said Monday they were also looking at such things as runway lights, markings and signs for clues to what could have misled the pilots, as well as anything else that changed the configuration or appearance of the airport.

Both the old and new taxiway routes cross over the short runway where Flight 5191 tried to take off before crashing into a grassy field and bursting into flame, Airport Executive Director Michael Gobb told The Associated Press.

"It's slightly different than

it used to be," said Charlie Monette, president of Aero-Tech flight school at the airport. "Could there have been some confusion associated with that? That's certainly a possibility."

It was unclear whether the Comair pilots had been to the airport since the changes to the taxi route.

Lowell Wiley, a flight instructor who flies almost every day out Lexington, said in an interview that he was confused by the redirected taxi route when he was with a student Friday taking off from the main runway.

"When we taxied out, we did not expect to see a barrier strung across the old taxiway," Wiley said. "It was a total surprise."

Investigators planned to use a high truck to simulate the pilots' view of the runways and taxiways in their efforts to determine why the jet turned onto a shorter

runway before dawn Sunday. The lone survivor was a critically injured co-pilot who was pulled from the cracked cockpit.

Authorities also planned to prepare a full report on the pilots, including what they did on and off duty for several days before the crash, which was the worst U.S. plane disaster since 2001.

All discussions between the plane and the control tower were about a takeoff from the main strip, Runway 22, which is 7,000 feet long, National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman.

Somehow, the commuter jet ended up on Runway 26 instead — a cracked surface about 3,500 feet long that forms an X with the main runway and is meant only for small planes. Aviation experts say the CRJ-100 would have needed 5,000 feet to get airborne.

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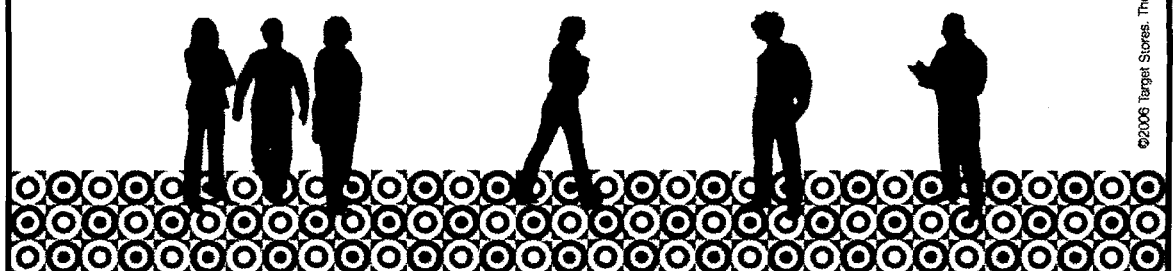
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IN BRIEF

Rates decline at Treasury Bill auction

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills fell in Monday's auction, with the six-month bill dropping to the lowest level since mid-June.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$17 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.960 percent, down from 4.975 percent last week. Another \$16 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 4.970 percent, down from 4.975 percent last week.

The three-month rate was the lowest since these bills were at 4.925 percent on July 10. The six-month rate was the lowest since 4.925 percent on June 12.

The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value. For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,874.62 while a six-month bill sold for \$9,748.74.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, fell to 5.07 percent last week, down from 5.10 percent the previous week.

Detroit teachers reject contract, strike

DETROIT — Teachers overwhelmingly rejected a two-year contract proposal by the city public school district on Sunday and decided to strike.

The Detroit Federation of Teachers, which represents 9,500 employees, said teachers plan to demonstrate at their schools Monday, the day they were scheduled to return to work to prepare for the beginning of the school year.

Classes are scheduled to start Sept. 5. Negotiations were expected to resume Monday.

"If I have to hold all the hearings personally and do nothing else for the next two months, I'll do that," Detroit Public Schools Superintendent William Coleman III told reporters Sunday.

Union president Janna Garrison said some of the district's proposals included a 5 1/2 percent wage reduction and copays for health care benefits of up to 20 percent. Only two teachers out of nearly 6,000 voted to accept the district's proposal, the union said.

"The vote of the membership confirms the position of the leadership," Garrison said in a statement. "Teachers are not willing to continue absorbing the cost of the district's mismanagement any longer."

Google, eBay to advertise jointly

New calling service facilitates online shopping; Internet giants hope to expand market

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a deal between two of the Internet's most prominent properties, Google will begin selling advertising for Web auctioneer eBay outside the United States and help buyers quickly ring an online merchant to do business.

The arrangement announced Monday promises to introduce "click-to-call" Web site technology to a broader audience and potentially speed its adoption as a means of more quickly connecting online consumers with advertisers. It will allow potential buyers to call eBay merchants or Google advertisers by clicking a link on a Web page.

"We have a chance to create a whole new way for buyers and sellers to connect online and to create what we hope will be a significant revenue stream for both eBay and Google," eBay Inc. Chief Executive Meg Whitman said in an interview Sunday night.

Google Inc. CEO Eric Schmidt said the agreement with eBay is "likely to go on for many years," but he would not disclose the terms of the deal or what it might mean for the Mountain View-based search engine's bottom line. Whitman said eBay does not expect the partnership to affect its financial performance this year or next.

Under the partnership, Google will become the exclusive provider of text advertising on eBay outside the United States. In May, eBay announced a deal with the No. 2 Internet search engine, Yahoo Inc., to serve all its domestic advertising.

Whitman said eBay decided to give Google's advertisers access to its international auction sites after choosing Yahoo for its domestic advertising because of the competing Internet search engines' respective strengths and how they mesh with eBay's assets.



An employee walks outside the eBay headquarters in San Jose, Calif. Google Inc. announced Monday it will sell advertising for eBay outside the United States.

The deal represents the latest advertising win for Google. Earlier this month, News Corp. agreed to make Google the exclusive search partner for most of its sites, including the popular online hangout MySpace.com. Late last year, Time Warner Inc.'s AOL agreed to sell a 5 percent stake to Google in a \$1 billion deal that extends and deepens the ties between the two.

The click-to-call component of the new alliance calls for the two Silicon Valley companies to work together on developing a service that lets Web surfers place telephone calls through their computers or handheld devices when they click on a link in

an Internet ad.

Its advocates, including some merchants who have tried it, say customers who call are ready to buy and aren't just browsing the Internet; thus, search engines can charge more — \$2 to \$10 or even more per call, compared with less than \$1 per click with traditional search ads. Google already has been testing a program in which users click on a phone icon and type their number into a box. Google then dials the user, who hears ringing until the merchant answers.

Schmidt and Whitman said they would begin testing some of their joint services early next year.

Last year, eBay bought the Internet phone service

Skype. Google has its own messaging and Internet-based telephone service, Google Talk. Both services will be used in the partnership, though details were not disclosed. eBay does plan to rely on Google's international presence to build a worldwide market for Skype.

Promoting "click-to-call" advertising was also part of the deal eBay announced with Yahoo in May. Yahoo also has been testing the concept.

San Jose-based eBay also owns PayPal, an online payment service, and when the company joined advertising forces with Yahoo, PayPal became the preferred payment provider for purchases made on Yahoo.

Oil prices decrease; stocks rebound

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded Monday as energy prices fell on signs that Tropical Storm Ernesto won't hit the Gulf of Mexico and as investors grew optimistic about a series of major economic reports on tap this week.

Retail and transportation stocks rose as investors believed lower oil prices would help consumer spending. The drop in energy prices also massaged concerns that this week's data on consumer confidence, job growth, and manufacturing might show the economy is slowing faster than expected.

The market's advance came amid light summer volume, which is expected to remain thin until after Labor Day.

Investors did get a handful of company announcements Monday, including Google Inc. and auction Web site eBay Inc. forming an advertising alliance.

Meanwhile, Kinder Morgan Inc.'s board agreed to take the natural-gas pipeline operator private, and Western Refining Inc. said it was acquiring Giant Industries Inc.

"The message of this week is 'if a tree falls in the forest, and there's nobody there, will it make noise?'" said Larry Peruzzi, a trader with Mellon Financial's The Boston Co. Asset management. "The market is just looking to head up, not get taken down, and sets up the table for September."

The Standard & Poor's 500 added 6.69, or 0.52 percent, to 1,301.78 —

near a three-month high. Powering the index were components Altria Group Inc. and PepsiCo Inc., which touched on historic highs, and Coca-Cola Co. coming within pennies of a 52-week high.

Other major stock indicators also advanced. The Dow jumped 67.96, or 0.60 percent, to 11,352.01, recovering somewhat from last week's loss of 0.86 percent. The Nasdaq composite index, also near a three-month high, picked up 20.41, or 0.95 percent, to 2,160.70.

Bonds were mostly flat, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note at 4.80 percent from Friday's five-month low of 4.79 percent. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

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Student loan troubles

The student loan problem has gotten so bad that several major universities, not including Notre Dame, are finally doing something dramatic about it.

According to the National Student Loan Survey, average undergraduate loan debt in 2002 was \$18,900, up 66 percent since 1997. Graduate students incurred an added \$31,700 in average debt, an increase of 51 percent since 1997. Graduates of law or medical schools carried an average of \$91,000 in total debt.

In response to the problem, several schools are using university funds to reduce or eliminate that loan burden for students with demonstrated need. Harvard does not ask parents earning less than \$60,000 a year to contribute to their child's education. At Yale and Stanford, the figure is \$45,000. The University of Pennsylvania replaces loans with grants for students from families with incomes under \$50,000. Virginia, Brown and other institutions are taking similar steps.

The most creative is Princeton University. In 2001, Princeton became the first university to replace loans with grants and a campus job for all students qualifying for aid. Six hundred seventy-four members (or 55 percent) of the entering class of 2009 received such aid. The average scholarship was \$28,100, with \$18,900,000 in total scholarship aid. The average family income of aid recipients was \$93,950, with 225 below

\$40,000 and 124 more below \$60,000.

Princeton is smaller than Notre Dame and has a much bigger endowment. Notre Dame's excellent Financial Aid Office tries to help students, including an effort to reduce the loan portion of need-based aid by replacing loans with scholarships. But a major element continues to be the student loan. It is fair to suggest that Notre Dame should emulate the no-loan concept openly and aggressively. Notre Dame's undergraduate tuition rate for 2006-07 rose 5.8 percent over last year for a new total of tuition and average room and board (TRB) of \$42,137. The rate of increase is lower than in the previous three years, but it is higher than the 4.2 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2005 to 2006. While some belittle the use of the CPI to evaluate the rise of college tuition, the CPI does measure what it costs the students and their families to live. In 1978-79, before Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Prestige, TRB was \$5,180. Adjusted for inflation by the CPI, the TRB now would be \$16,255 instead of \$42,137.

The federal student loan program began modestly in the 1970s as a supplement to means-tested federal grants. It expanded as Congress succumbed to pressure from the universities to finance its research programs on the backs of the borrowing students. Notre Dame's TRB began to skyrocket after it began to describe itself in 1978 as a "National Catholic Research University." Notre Dame followed the lead of the major universities in using the expanding federal loan programs to finance its research enterprise. As the loan limits went up, so did tuition. The universities lobbied for higher loan limits, raised tuition again in response and so on. The process contin-

ues in varied forms today.

Recent studies, including one from last December by Allan Carlson of the Howard Center, document the obvious impact of student debt on marriage and childbearing. A national Creighton University study of young married couples, published in 2000, asked respondents to state 42 issues that "might be problematic during the early years of marriage." For all respondents, "debt brought into marriage" ranked third. Among respondents under age 30 and among those married one year or less, it ranked first.

For very Catholic reasons, Notre Dame should be in the forefront in the war on student-loan debt. Heavy loans narrow a graduate's career, marriage and family options. Examples abound of young lawyers compelled by debt to forego, or leave, lower-paying positions as public defenders, disability advocates and prosecutors. Alumni in other occupations could tell similar stories.

Our leaders' pursuit of a Research Reputation has unjustly inflicted this loan burden on non-wealthy alumni of Notre Dame. Our leaders have a duty to relieve that burden at least for present and future Notre Dame students. Notre Dame should be a leader, not a follower, in affording its grads the freedom to choose to contribute to the common good in their career and family choices.

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*Right or
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is only one success — to be able to spend your life in your own way."

Christopher Morley
American writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An invalid assumption

William McAuliffe's points on the lack of planning in regard to Iraq ("The War on Errorism," Aug. 25) are occasionally well made, if a bit rhetorically overstated. And though I appreciate the fact that a more benevolent attitude toward the Middle East problem is attractive, I would suggest that he fails to take into account two major issues and involves an assumption that is invalid.

First, McAuliffe seems to suggest that the fact that the Muslim world hates us is our fault. This is historically incorrect. The Muslim world first invaded Christendom as early as the ninth century. The Muslim world has been opposed to the West as long as it has existed. Though U.S. foreign policy may exacerbate this animosity, it in no way causes it.

Second, McAuliffe suggests in essence, that the liberalization of the Middle East will bring about changes necessary to end the above conflict. Assuming that the Muslim world even wants this, which is highly doubtful, I would offer both Iraq and Palestine as evidence that when given the opportunity to dem-

ocratically choose a government, they tend to choose reactionary and backward-looking governments.

The assumption made is that the Muslim world is, at root, a sane, rational civilization that should be dealt with in the same way that, say, Canada, Britain, or Germany should. Any time spent reading the statements of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad should cast serious doubt on that assumption.

Though I too believe that our current solution for dealing with Islamofascism is sub-optimal, I also believe that this is a conflict in which diplomacy and other "soft power" projections are of less value than they would be if dealing with more civilized nation-states. We cannot "gain the trust" of a region that views us as infidels who need to be converted or killed. Any serious foreign policy suggestion for the region must take that into account.

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graduate student
off campus
Aug. 27

A little sign goes a long way

One and a half million Americans suffer from peanut allergies, many of which are severe and can induce poignant reactions resulting in extreme difficulty in breathing. Such reactions necessitate immediate Emergency Medical care.

This weekend, a lack of labeling in North Dining Hall, a bite of a peanut butter cookie and a freshman with a tongue beginning to swell and throat beginning to close led to my first trip to the ER this semester as a resident assistant. Spooning multiple tablespoons of Benadryl and giving pats on the back don't always do the trick.

Regular chocolate chip cookies (without peanut butter) had sat on an identical tray in the identical spot only the day prior to the incident. Yet on Saturday, the seemingly identical chocolate chip cookie facade belied the deadly (and not very pleasing to my palate) peanut butter flavoring.

Signs are not difficult to make. I have them all over my section: Flush the toilet. Turn off the radio. PW is the best dorm on campus. I could help you out NDH, I have some extra construction paper. I'll send a piece over tomorrow — it will say: Peanut Butter Cookies. And in front of the brownies with nuts: Contains Nuts.

OK, I'm not trying to bash the dining hall — we obviously are very lucky to have

such a hardworking, friendly, warm staff that serves us daily with a vast array of healthy and enjoyable choices — but that doesn't excuse carelessness. I saw the cookie display again today — bereft of a sign. Let's fix that. Let's help out our vegans and vegetarians and lactose-intolerant patrons. Let's make sure peanut-intolerant people aren't closing up their lungs and calling NDSP to drive them to St. Joe's when all they really wanted to do on Saturday afternoon was play section soccer.

As food connoisseurs, preparation artists and friendly card swipers to whom the Notre Dame community entrusts our eating welfare, we have certain basic expectations of the dining halls to ensure a par level (or maybe above par) of health and safety for members of the Notre Dame family in their daily eating endeavors. This weekend, that expectation was not met, but I have confidence that in order to best serve our allergy-burdened fellow students, NDH will strive to meet this prevalent, now vocalized, unmet need.

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U-WIRE

I'm sorry, but I don't know who you are...

Well, thank God the school year's starting. It's a clean slate. You get a chance to meet new friends, try new things, and this is the year we decide to study. Seriously, Mom and Dad, we were just finding our place the past four semesters.

But in the midst of all the excitement, there is a terror that is more real than Avian bird flu and more horrifying than seeing Rosie O'Donnell naked. We're talking, of course, about the "heymans."

Let us give you an example of when one would show symptoms of the "heymans." You're walking down the Quad, undoubtedly sweating worse than Michael Jackson at an elementary school playground, when you make eye contact with a "stranger" who looks at you as if he knows you.

But do you know him? Hell no. He walks closer, you turn to run, but it's too late. "Hey, Jake!" Ah, crap. You keep walking as if you didn't hear him, and then ... the shoulder tap. You turn around, and then the disease sets its deadly course. "Oh. Hey ... man."

We're only talking about the most awkward situation ever. Everybody's been in it; nobody likes it. It's worse than someone telling you there's food on your face when you ate three hours ago. It's the feeling Paris Hilton has with every guy she "runs" into. Celibate for a year, Paris? You're not fooling anybody.

Anyway, this "stranger" comes up and tries to have a conversation with you, and you could swear you've

never seen him before. It was awkward to begin with, but it'll get worse.

The hardest thing about it is trying to figure out his name. Having a friend helps, but you rarely have one with you when this happens. It always works out that way.

However, in case you do have one with you, there are a few loopholes in the "heyman" bylaws in which the "friend" can be of some assistance.

First, the easiest way out is to simply introduce your friend so that he can get his name.

Two, your friend really has to be somewhere, and you are responsible for it. "Oh, hey. Good to see you ... you know, I hate to just say hello and run like this, but Steve's mother was just plowed by a bus, and I have to get him to the hospital to see her. Take care!" Works every time.

Now, if unaccompanied, here's where things can go horribly wrong, because you have to be really creative. We like to start a completely generic conversation like, "Man, I was just thinking the other day about that one time that we just couldn't quit laughing. When what's-his-name was being so stupid. You remember? (insert sigh) Good times ..."

After that awkward moment, see if he has an article of clothing with a name on it, or ask to see pictures of someone and hope you catch a glimpse of his license.

Finally, when you figure out his name, you'll start using it in every sentence to try to make up for the fact that you forgot. "So, how's the family, Will? Been a long time, hasn't it, Will? Are you serious, Will? Get outta town, Will." Another thing, if

you see someone you haven't seen in a while, it'll either be a quick, point-less conversation or the longest one you've ever had. It's been so long that you ask stupid general questions like, "So, how are ... things?"

Two things can happen here. You get either, "Ah, pretty good," or the floodgates open. These people have been waiting for five weeks for someone to ask them that, and they should actually be in therapy.

"Yeah, it's been so-so. Grandma just passed away, and Janet got in a high-speed pursuit, and then Mom and Dad got in a huge fight and separated for a while. Uncle Frank was thrown in jail for armed robbery. Yeah, he took a shotgun into the Kwik-Mart after the factory let him go, and his wife took the kids and left him after that. But he only got 20 years with parole because he didn't really mean to shoot the guy behind the counter, so it wasn't that bad. We get to see him on Fridays. How about you?"

You don't want to make him feel bad, so you say something like, "I did have a really good smoothie the other day. It was the 10th one, so the next one's free. So I guess things are looking up for me ... good talk ..."

So, best of luck avoiding the "heymans." We can't promise it won't happen to you, but if you ask us, they must not have been that important if you can't remember them, right?

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It takes a village...

Ten years ago, a school shooting would have caused widespread panic and disbelief. Today, for many people it is a sad reminder of what kind of society we live in. It seems with each passing day we become immune and unattached to the news of violence in our schools.

Does this decrease the severity of the problem? The answer is not at all.

School security in itself is a problem. Many believe putting thousands of dollars worth of security equipment, a list that includes metal detectors, security cameras and other such things, in a school will help. Does this help the problem, or does it just seem to help? When these security measures fail, what should be done about the problem?

Students themselves should be aware of their surroundings. They should be keenly alert to what is going on around them, who they are with, who they are surrounded by and many other details. Preventative medicine is the best medicine. We all know children are more observant when it comes to their surroundings than adults. Students should harness this attribute and use it.

After school shootings occur, there is always a search for someone to blame, whether it is teachers, parents or members of the local community. The old African proverb reminds of that we all have a stake in a child's success and failures.

"It takes a village to raise a child." All of these people are instrumental in the upbringing of today's youth. We learn our values from our parents, friends, religious beliefs and environment. Why shouldn't all these factors have a stake in what goes right, and wrong, with a child?

Each of these groups has a responsibility to provide the populace with the best care they are able to muster. Removing any of these groups from the equation is like pulling the base from a house of cards; it has no choice but to collapse.

We should strive to work together to keep kids safe. If we say, "It's not my problem," one day it just might be. Why wait until it is one's problem to search for a solution? An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

We live in a society that progressively gets worse with each passing day. While we cannot fix every problem, we can try to protect those who sometimes cannot protect themselves.

In the view of this board, prevention begins with awareness from all ends of the spectrum, from the parents to the school administrators, and all people have a stake in ensuring the safety of the students in schools.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Comedic Shakespeare performance no 'Error'

Summer presentation brings wit, pizzazz to ND



The goldsmith Angelo (Matthew Brumlow), right, and the merchant Balthasar (La Shawn Banks), left, question Antipholus of Ephesus (Joe Garlock).



Antipholus of Syracuse (Kevin Asselin) explains the complicated situation that he has become involved in since he came to Ephesus in search of his brother.

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

Summer Shakespeare's interpretation of "The Comedy of Errors" was a splendid look at the humor in life.

One of Shakespeare's fastest and most farcical plays, "Errors" is a wonderful respite from the humdrums of reality and the rollicking pace and slight irreverence of Summer Shakespeare — the professional theatre in residence at Notre Dame — complement its century bridging humor.

One of Shakespeare's earliest works, "Errors" takes the premise of mistaken identity between twins from the works of ancient Roman playwright Plautus. The Bard builds on Plautus' original work and turns it into a boisterous play that lets love, jealousy, slapstick and a strong helping of coincidence wreak havoc in the day of several citizens and visitors to the city of Ephesus.

The play opens as Egeon, an aged merchant of Syracuse, is led to his execution for trespassing on the city of Ephesus and after being unable to pay the 1,000 mark fine for such an offense. The Duke of Ephesus asks him to explain why he allowed himself to fall into this dire, but avoidable, position. Egeon explains that he was a young merchant happily married and blessed with two identical twin sons whom he both named Antipholus.

For his sons he bought a pair of identical twin boys, whom he named Dromio, so that they could grow up and serve as menservants to his sons. Unfortunately, when returning to Syracuse on a sea voyage, a violent storm sprang up and flung all of his family into the sea. Egeon managed to save one pair of boys, but his wife, his second son and the second Dromio were lost. Egeon raised his remaining son, but lost him years later when he went looking for his brother. Now in search of his family he ends up in Syracuse, sentenced to death. Moved by the tale, the Duke allows Egeon one day to raise the money to buy his life.

Meanwhile, Antipholus of Syracuse has unknowingly arrived in the same city as his father along with his man Dromio. He sends Dromio away to deposit some money only to have Dromio return claiming he needs to go home to dine with his wife, of which Antipholus has none. Little does he know, this is not his Dromio, but that of his brother, a prosperous man of the city, who is married. Chaos ensues as the brothers and their menservants are repeatedly mixed and paired with the

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wrong people, to the point where they think only witchcraft or insanity could explain their situation.

By the end of the day, man has mistaken master, wife mistaken husband, and nothing but merry chaos has orchestrated their interactions, but the love of both family and sweetheart set all to rights.

Like most of Shakespeare's plays, "Errors" spans the ages well because it appeals to common human elements — no matter how exaggerated and impossible they may first appear on stage.

Ironically, "Errors" opens not with a laugh or even a smile, but with an imminent execution and story of tragedy. The play is the epitome of using comedy to battle the pitfalls of life.

This basic concept coupled with the simple appeal of the character's antics allows it to be as entertaining to a 16th century audience as the 21st century audience that sat in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this August.

The cast did not hesitate to fall full force into the buffoonery of Shakespeare's play. Led by director William Brown, it blended modern comedic elements to make Shakespeare's humor resound while refraining from diluting the potency of

his dialogue with too many gags.

Still, such touches as having Luciana read Paul's "Letter to the Ephesians" or having the executioner hug Egeon because he feels sorry for him, make this performance a little bit more their own.

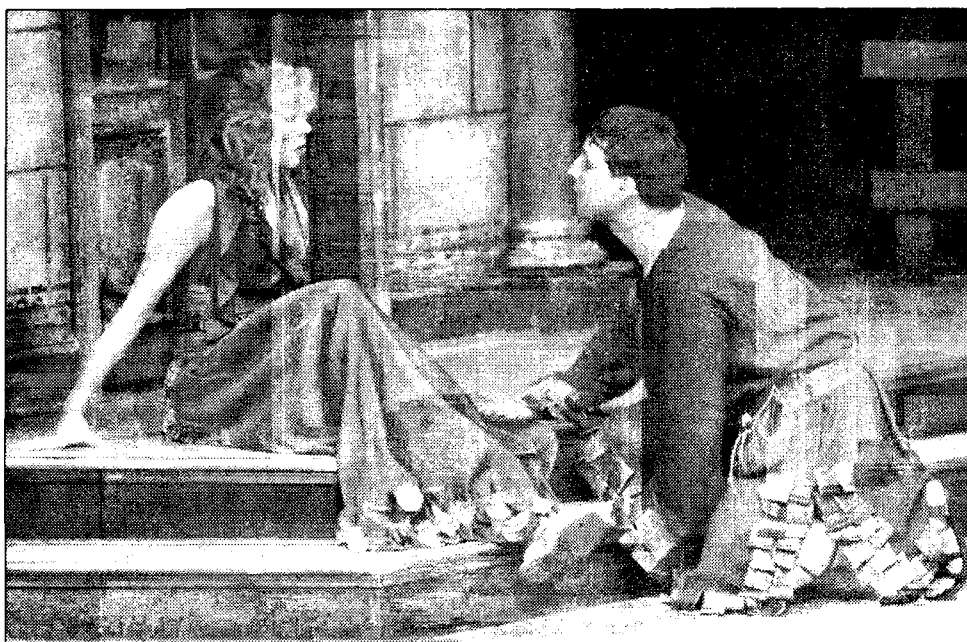
The cast's performance was complemented by the work of scenic designer Todd Rosenthal and costume designer Richard E. Donnelly. Both implemented strong colors and mostly simplistic geometric patterns that reflected the light-hearted and energetic tone of the play.

"Errors" was the only one of Shakespeare's plays to follow the three classical unities of Aristotle's "Poetics," and the simple, operational, and bold set maintained a strong "unity of place." As an added bonus, the crew constructed a working fountain in the center of the stage with which the actors could make use of to look into, splash and even walk through.

"Errors" is a wonderfully energizing play and Notre Dame's Summer Shakespeare did it full justice. The audience walked out smiling, thoroughly enjoying a night of Shakespeare.

While "Errors" finished its run in the DPAC, make sure to catch next year's performances by Summer Shakespeare, which runs from mid-July to late-August.

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Antipholus of Syracuse (Kevin Asselin), right, pleads with Luciana (Angela Sauer) out of love for her. However, she believes that he is someone else.



Adriana (Elizabeth Ledo), center left, and Luciana (Angela Sauer) mistake Antipholus (Kevin Asselin) and Dromio (Steve Haggard) of Syracuse for others.

EMMY WRAP-UP

Affable O'Brien lights up predictable Emmys

'24,' 'The Office' take top honors at 58th television award show

By CASSIE BELEK
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It's official. Conan O'Brien is the Billy Crystal of the Emmys.

In only his second time hosting the awards show, the late-night personality opened with a comedic montage that put him in the television shows "House," "Lost" and "The Office," did a song and dance number about the sorry state of NBC and kept Bob Newhart in an airtight glass container that would run out of oxygen if the awards ceremony ran over three hours.

The last shtick was a running joke throughout the telecast, with Newhart pounding on the walls in "panic" during commercial breaks. Fortunately, the show ran on time and Newhart was released in order to present the award for Outstanding Comedy Series.

After last year's somber ceremony in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, this year's show was filled with light heartedness, laughter and Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise jokes.

Still, the 58th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards Sunday night were also controversial after a revised nomination procedure failed to produce the results many expected. The new rules added a step to the nomination process in which a panel of top judges selected the five nominees in each category after voting members had whittled the categories down to 10 or 15 nominees.

Dubbed "The Lauren Graham Rule" and meant to recognize those who usually go unnoticed, Lauren Graham from "Gilmore Girls" was not even nominated. The new process did work for first-time nominees Charlie Sheen ("Two and a Half Men"), Kevin James ("King of Queens") and Christopher Meloni ("Law & Order: SVU"). Unfortunately, expected nominees such as Edie Falco and James Gandolfini (both from "The Sopranos") were shunned.

Last year's best series winners "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives" similarly garnered few nominations and were practically shut out. Even more perplexing was the fact that "House," "Arrested Development" and "Scrubs" were all nominated for best series, but their lead actors — Hugh Laurie, Jason Bateman and Zach Braff, respectively — were not.

That's not to say last night's nominees were not deserving, an issue that presenters and nominees Julia-Louis Dreyfus and Sean Hayes jokingly confronted.

Another phenomenon among this



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Conan O'Brien triumphed as host of the 58th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards Sunday evening, perfectly balancing humor and hosting duties.

year's nominations was the multitude of nominees and winners from cancelled series. Winners who will no longer be seen in their roles included Alan Alda ("The West Wing") for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series, Blythe Danner ("Huff") for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, and Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace") for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series.

While accepting her award, Danner quipped, "I guess I have to thank Showtime, even though they have canceled us."

Jeremy Piven, a bona fide character actor, won his own statuette for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his portrayal of crazed agent Ari Gold in HBO's "Entourage." In a heartfelt speech, Piven thanked his mother and then kissed his award, raising it to the sky in a tribute to his father. In a post-show interview, Piven reflected on his new Emmy-winning status.

"No one will look me in the eyes," he joked. "I will have rules. I will live in a celebrity space shuttle and hover around the universe."

After only one season in her show "The New Adventures of Old Christine," Julia-Louis Dreyfus won the Emmy for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series, beating fellow former NBC leading ladies Lisa Kudrow ("The Comeback") and Debra Messing ("Will & Grace"), and

breaking the infamous "Seinfeld" curse.

"Curse this, baby!" Dreyfus exclaimed while accepting her award.

After three consecutive nominations, Mariska Hargitay finally won Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for her character Olivia Benson in "Law & Order: SVU." Nominated for an episode in which she talks entirely to a voice on a speakerphone, the new mother accepted her award with gratitude and joyful tears.

"When I named my son August I had no idea the month would end like this," she said.

In perhaps the most shocking upset of the evening, Tony Shalhoub ("Monk") beat favorite Steve Carell ("The Office") for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. Shalhoub, who now has four nominations and three wins to his name, expressed disbelief at his victory and his conviction that another actor, no doubt Carell, was going to win.

"I would like to feel good, but I feel too numb," he said in a post-ceremony interview. "I was convinced it was going in another direction. That other show is so hot right now and he is so on fire — not just in television but in the feature world."

Other awards went to "My Name is Earl" for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series and Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series, "The Sopranos" for Outstanding Writing in a Drama Series

and "24" for Outstanding Directing in a Drama Series.

The broadcast featured two touching tributes to entertainment extraordinaire Dick Clark and the late producer Aaron Spelling. Clark appeared to express his thanks after a montage of "American Bandstand" clips.

"Everybody should be so lucky to have their dreams come true," Clark said, the effects of his stroke still apparent.

Singer Barry Manilow then appeared on stage — the night before hip surgery — to perform his song "American Bandstand" in a fitting tribute. Shortly after the performance, Manilow won the Emmy for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program, beating Stephen Colbert, Craig Ferguson, David Letterman and Hugh Jackman. His coup shocked not only himself, but presenter Stephen Colbert, who later exclaimed, "I lost to Barry Manilow! Barry Manilow!"

Aaron Spelling's tribute included clips from the opening montages of the television shows he produced and touching words from Heather Locklear ("Dynasty," "Melrose Place"), Joan Collins ("Dynasty"), Stephen Collins ("7th Heaven") and the original "Charlie's Angels" — Kate Jackson, Farrah Fawcett and Jaclyn Smith.

"Aaron made TV that simply tasted good," Collins said.

In the last awards of the evening, "24" took home the trophy for Outstanding Drama Series after finishing its most critically acclaimed season.

"24" star Kiefer Sutherland also won Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for portraying federal agent Jack Bauer.

Steve Carell may not have won in his own category, but any disappointment soon disappeared when "The Office" won Outstanding Comedy Series, capping off an exceptional second season after a rocky start in the show's first year.

Despite the controversy surrounding this year's awards, the Emmys remained an entertaining and rewarding three hours. O'Brien kept the show flowing with gags no doubt pulled from his own comedic genius.

Old favorites were honored along with some newer talent as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar revealed himself to be an Ernst & Young accountant, Bob Newhart lived to see another day and one television season ended to prepare for the new one to begin.

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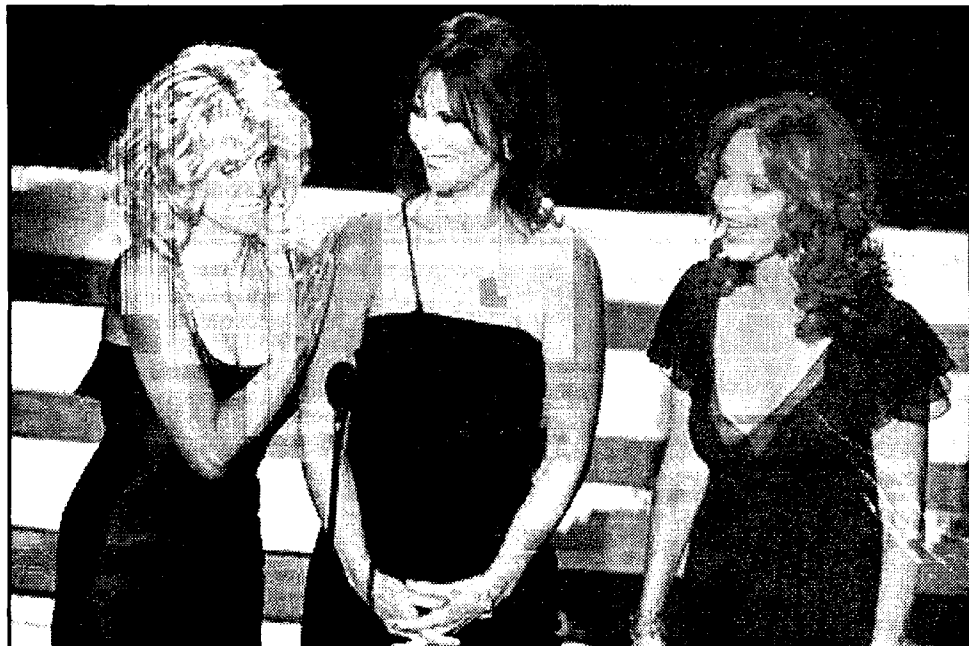


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The original cast of "Charlie's Angels" — from left, Farrah Fawcett, Kate Jackson and Jaclyn Smith — reunited onstage during an Aaron Spelling tribute.



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"24" star Kiefer Sutherland, right, poses with his father Donald after winning "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series" at this year's Emmy Awards.

MLB

Mets use little ball to dismantle Phillies, 8-3

Sanchez leads Pittsburgh over Chicago with three hits; Cleveland beats Toronto behind Sizemore's hot bat

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets have won a lot of games this season with their power. They showed once again Monday that they don't need to go long to win, parlaying a disputed single into a big inning.

Carlos Delgado, David Wright and Paul Lo Duca drove in two runs apiece and the Mets pushed across six runs in the third inning of an 8-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

New York, which had homered in nine straight games before Monday, has won nine of 10 to increase its NL East lead to a season-high 15 1/2 games over the second-place Phillies.

"It's nice to know that you can manufacture runs and also hit the home run out of the ballpark," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "It's always nice to see a different twist every once in a while, and when we attack teams that way we're real tough."

Ryan Howard hit his NL-lead-

ing 47th homer and Pat Burrell had a two-run drive for Philadelphia. Howard homered in all three games of the series and has seven homers in his last 15 games against the Mets.

"We made a couple of little mistakes, but little mistakes have been hurting us and they did today," manager Charlie Manuel said.

Manuel was ejected in the third inning after an unusual sequence led to a reversed call that hurt the Phillies. Wright came up with runners on first and third and one out, and bounced a pitch from Jamie Moyer (1-1) up the line. Third-base umpire Randy Marsh said it was foul and Randolph came out to argue.

The umpires huddled briefly in the infield and changed the call, giving Wright an RBI single and putting runners on first and second.

"It's something I've never seen before and might not see again," said Wright, who also hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Manuel was ejected by Marsh after he came out to argue. He stayed in the infield to argue a little more before retreating to the dugout.

"I just looked at it 10,000 times in there," Manuel said afterward. "It didn't hit the bag. You can see space between it and the bag. We got three or four different angles on it."

Pirates 11, Cubs 6

PITTSBURGH — Freddy Sanchez had three hits to raise his NL-leading batting average to .349, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs Monday night in a matchup of the teams with the poorest records in the National League.

Chris Duffy had three hits, three runs, two RBIs and a stolen base, and Ronny Paulino had three hits and two RBIs for Pittsburgh, which got 15 hits in the first five innings, took a 9-1 lead and stopped a three-game losing streak. The Pirates finished with 19 hits.

Ian Snell (12-8) won despite allowing five runs, five hits and three walks in 5 2-3 innings.

Derrek Lee, who had been on the disabled list since July 24 because of an inflamed right wrist, had a two-run single for the Cubs, and Juan Pierre went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

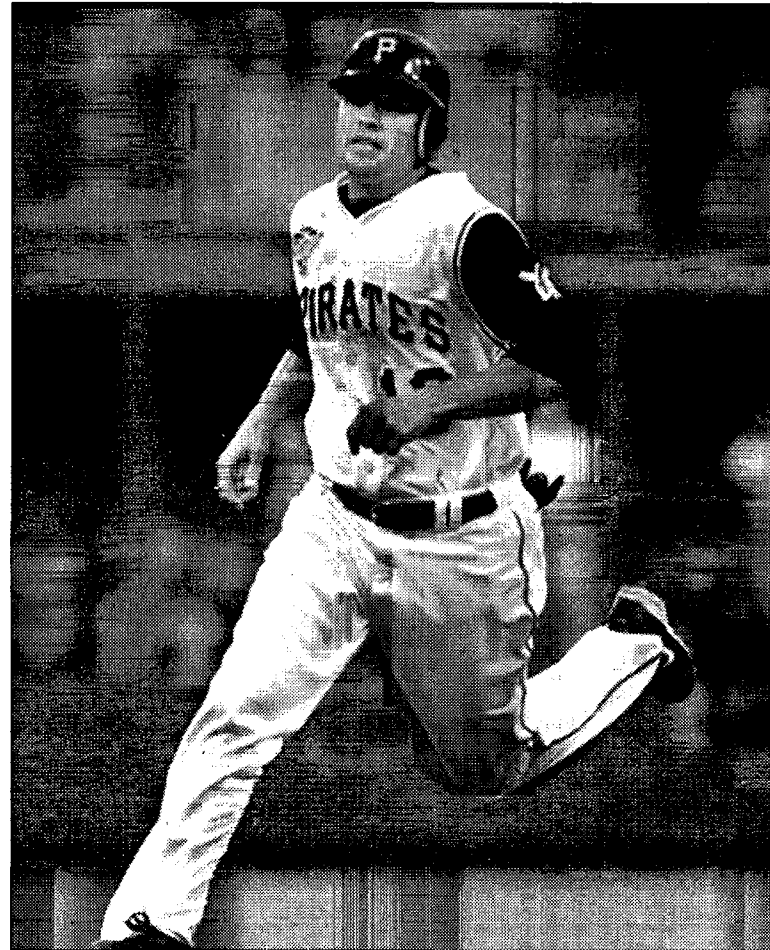
Angel Guzman (0-4) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in three-plus innings. He lost to the Pirates 8-0 on May 2 in Chicago.

The Cubs (54-87) went ahead when Pierre hit the third pitch of the game for his second home run, but Pittsburgh (51-81) took the lead for good on Jason Bay's two-run homer in the bottom half.

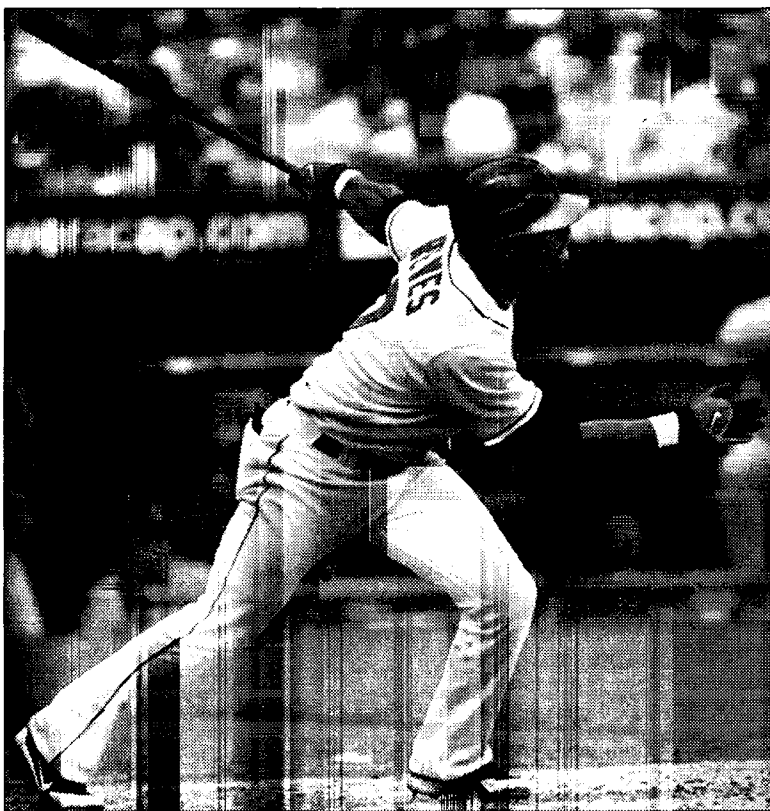
Duffy, Jose Bautista and Sanchez hit RBI singles in the third.

After Guzman walked Bay with the bases loaded and no outs in the fourth, Paulino hit a two-run single off Glendon Rusch. Bautista's RBI single made it 9-1 in the fifth.

Chicago closed in the sixth on Lee's two-run single and Michael Barrett's two-run double, which chased Snell.



Pirates shortstop Freddy Sanchez rounds second base during Pittsburgh's 11-6 win over Chicago Monday.



New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes follows through after hitting a triple during New York's 8-3 win over Philadelphia Tuesday.

Indians 6, Blue Jays 4

CLEVELAND — Grady Sizemore homered, doubled twice and scored three runs to help Paul Byrd bounce back from a brutal outing, lifting the Cleveland Indians over the Toronto Blue Jays Monday night.

The perpetually hustling Sizemore, who in his second full season has emerged as the club's best position player, leads the league with 75 extra-base hits, two more than Boston's David Ortiz.

Ryan Garko added a pair of RBI doubles off A.J. Burnett (6-6) as the Indians improved to a major league-best 14-5 since Aug. 9.

Reed Johnson had three hits for the Blue Jays.

Byrd (9-6) didn't make it out of the first inning of his previous start, getting banded around for nine runs — three earned — and eight hits at Kansas City on Wednesday. He escaped with a no-decision when the Indians, trailing 10-1 after the first inning, rallied to win 15-13.

This time, the right-hander stayed around just long enough to get a cheap win, allowing three earned runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

Fernando Cabrera worked two scoreless innings. Rafael Betancourt pitched the eighth and Tom Mastny hit a batter in the ninth, before getting his fourth save in four tries.

Sizemore's 20th homer put the Indians ahead 6-4 in the sixth.

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USA Today Football Top 25

| | team | points | previous |
|----|---------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Ohio State | 1487 | 4 |
| 2 | Texas | 1378 | 1 |
| 3 | NOTRE DAME | 1348 | 11 |
| 4 | USC | 1348 | 2 |
| 5 | Oklahoma | 1320 | 22 |
| 6 | Auburn | 1206 | 14 |
| 7 | West Virginia | 1202 | 6 |
| 8 | Florida | 1054 | 16 |
| 9 | LSU | 1037 | 5 |
| 10 | Florida State | 874 | 23 |
| 11 | Miami (Fla.) | 839 | 18 |
| 12 | California | 798 | 25 |
| 13 | Louisville | 785 | 20 |
| 14 | Georgia | 784 | 10 |
| 15 | Michigan | 778 | NR |
| 16 | Virginia Tech | 591 | 7 |
| 17 | Iowa | 519 | NR |
| 18 | Clemson | 493 | 21 |
| 19 | Penn State | 406 | 3 |
| 20 | Oregon | 373 | 12 |
| 21 | TCU | 270 | 9 |
| 22 | Nebraska | 261 | 24 |
| 23 | Tennessee | 216 | NR |
| 24 | Alabama | 210 | 8 |
| 25 | Texas Tech | 198 | 19 |

CSTV/AVCA Volleyball Top 25

| | team | 2005 record | previous |
|----|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Nebraska | 33-2 | 2 |
| 2 | Penn State | 31-3 | 5 |
| 3 | Washington | 32-1 | 1 |
| 4 | Stanford | 26-6 | 13 |
| 5 | Florida | 33-3 | 3 |
| 6 | Santa Clara | 27-5 | 4 |
| 7 | Hawaii | 27-7 | 9 |
| 8 | Texas | 24-5 | 16 |
| 9 | Wisconsin | 26-7 | 10 |
| 10 | UCLA | 20-11 | 15 |
| 11 | Tennessee | 25-9 | 6 |
| 12 | Louisville | 31-3 | 11 |
| 13 | Missouri | 25-5 | 8 |
| 14 | USC | 17-11 | 19 |
| 15 | Ohio | 33-3 | 14 |
| 16 | Purdue | 25-9 | 17 |
| 17 | California | 19-11 | 20 |
| 18 | Arizona | 25-6 | 7 |
| 19 | Pepperdine | 19-12 | 18 |
| 20 | San Diego | 23-6 | 22 |
| 21 | NOTRE DAME | 30-4 | 12 |
| 22 | Minnesota | 25-8 | 21 |
| 23 | Ohio State | 22-9 | 23 |
| 24 | Utah | 23-9 | T-25 |
| 25 | Kansas State | 21-11 | 24 |

2005 Big East Volleyball Final Standings

| | Team | conf. | overall |
|----|---------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Louisille | 13-1 | 27-2 |
| 2 | NOTRE DAME | 13-1 | 27-2 |
| 3 | Syracuse | 4-2 | 10-6 |
| 4 | St. John's | 3-3 | 8-5 |
| 5 | Marquette | 3-3 | 5-6 |
| 6 | Cincinnati | 3-4 | 8-10 |
| 7 | Pittsburg | 2-3 | 6-7 |
| 8 | Seton Hall | 1-3 | 4-5 |
| 9 | UConn | 1-3 | 3-5 |
| 10 | Georgetown | 1-3 | 3-5 |
| 11 | Rutgers | 1-4 | 2-6 |
| 12 | West Virginia | 1-4 | 2-6 |
| 13 | Villanova | 1-4 | 2-7 |
| 14 | USF | 0-5 | 1-8 |
| 15 | DePaul | 0-3 | 0-8 |

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL



Columbus, Ga., pitcher Kyle Carter, left, celebrates with second baseman Josh Lester just after winning the Little League World Series Championship 2-1 over Kawaguchi City, Japan Monday.

Georgia takes LLWS Championship

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Cody Walker hit a two-run homer off ace Go Matsumoto, Ryan Carter struck out 11, and Columbus, Ga., beat Kawaguchi City, Japan, 2-1 to win the Little League World Series championship game on Monday.

It was the second straight American victory in the Series, coming on the heels of Ewa Beach, Hawaii's win over a team from Willemstad, Curacao last year. The United States hadn't captured back-to-back Little League titles with different teams since 1982-83 when Kirkland,

Wash., and Marietta, Ga., celebrated in Williamsport.

Long Beach, Calif., was a repeat champion in 1992-93 — the first victory awarded after a Philippines squad was stripped of the title for using over-age players.

Matsumoto had devastated hitters in this tournament with his powerful fastball. It was potent again for him on Monday, except for Walker's shot in the third inning that followed a baserunning blunder.

Carter overcame a bout of wildness in the sixth and final inning. With two runners on, he got Ryoya Satō to hit a weak bouncer to Josh Lester at second for

the last out of the game.

That prompted the Georgia-leaning crowd to erupt in cheers, chant "USA! USA!" and wave American flags. Columbus players rushed toward Lester, skipping up and down in celebration and tossing their gloves to the sky.

Then they posed on the mound for a group picture with a banner that proclaimed them "World Series Champions" as their gloves were strewn across the infield.

Columbus' rally was nearly thwarted by Carter's mistake on the bases.

Carter took off from first on Lester's single to center

but didn't heed the stop sign thrown by manager Randy Morris at third. He was nailed at home for the second out, sliding into the catcher's shin guards well short of the plate.

It didn't matter, because Walker then hit his opposite-field shot over the right field fence. Lester pumped his fist as he rounded third, and Morris got so excited as Walker circled the bases that his hat fell off. Jubilant teammates greeted Walker at the plate.

A sign in the Columbus cheering section read, "Georgia, Not Just Peaches." Now, it's also home to the best team in Little League baseball.

IN BRIEF

Bonds' trainer faces further jail time

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' personal trainer was on his way back to jail Monday after being held in contempt of court for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the Giants slugger.

Greg Anderson could remain behind bars for more than a year while the grand jury investigates Bonds for perjury and tax evasion, regarding income from sales of his sports memorabilia.

Anderson, who has appeared five times before two federal grand juries without answering pertinent questions, was held in contempt of court for two weeks last month but was released when that grand jury's term expired.

"Sometimes sitting in the cooler for a long time may have a therapeutic affect and may change his mind," U.S. District Judge William Alsup said during the rancorous, hourlong hearing,

after which authorities whisked Anderson into custody.

Roddick opens strong at U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Andy Roddick gave a fist pump toward coach Jimmy Connors, and walked off the court with his arms and head held high. This time, he still has more tennis to play at the U.S. Open.

Roddick bounced back from last year's stunning first-round upset, overpowering Florent Serra 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 Monday and drawing encouraging claps from Connors.

"It's a lot better than last year, a lot better start," the ninth-seeded Roddick said. "I'm really confident right now."

After a 90-minute rain delay, opening day at Flushing Meadows featured an attractive lineup, on and off the blue courts.

Andre Agassi, sure to be the crowd favorite in his final event, was to play Andrei Pavel at night. Before the

match, the National Tennis Center was to be renamed in honor of former star and pioneer Billie Jean King.

Bourdais wins Montreal Grand Prix

MONTREAL — A victory by Sebastien Bourdais on a track at which he has struggled might have been the biggest step yet toward the Frenchman's third straight Champ Car title.

"It was a hell of a day for the championship," the jubilant Bourdais said Monday after winning the Montreal Grand Prix while his closest pursuers in the points failed to finish.

The race started Sunday in a steady rain, but was halted after six laps because of a downpour at the 2.704-mile Circuit Gilles Villeneuve track. A.J. Allmendinger took the lead from pole-winner Bourdais on the second turn when the Frenchman nearly spun off the slippery circuit.

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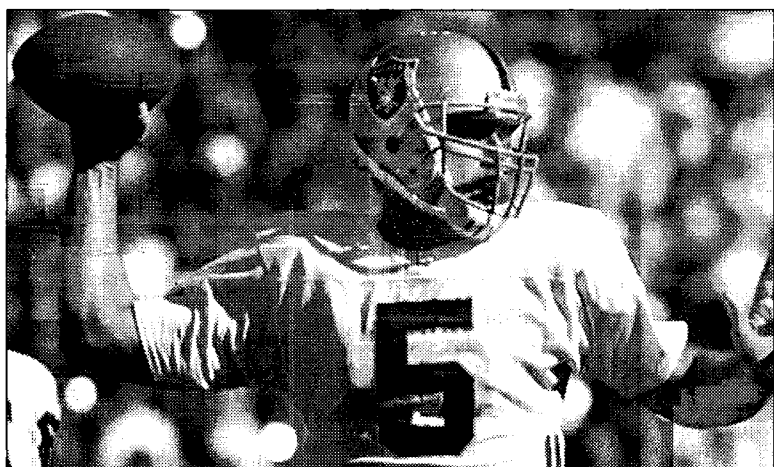
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MLB

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NFL

Quarterbacks sign with new squads



Tennessee Titans quarterback Kerry Collins throws a pass for the Oakland Raiders Oct. 30, 2005.

Associated Press

Kerry Collins and Jeff George are back in the NFL.

Collins, who spent the last two seasons with Oakland, signed with Tennessee, which decided it needed more experience after trading away Steve McNair.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Collins met with offensive coordinator Norm Chow for about an hour and would be at practice Tuesday. Fisher said Billy Volek remains the starter for now, with rookie Vince Young backing him up while Collins learns the offense.

"Billy's got some competition," Fisher said. "I've spoken with Billy. Billy's not too awfully pleased with it. But that's life in the National Football League."

George, meanwhile, signed with the Raiders, although he hasn't thrown a regular-season pass in the NFL since 2001.

Both are former first-round draft picks. George was the first overall pick by the Colts in 1990 and Collins was Carolina's first-ever pick, fifth overall, in 1995.

Collins went 7-21 as the

starter in Oakland the past two years, but became a salary cap casualty saving the Raiders \$9.2 million. He completed 302 passes for 3,759 yards in 2005 and 20 touchdowns, but was sacked 39 times and threw 12 interceptions.

The 11-year veteran Collins has started 145 of 152 games and played for Carolina, New Orleans, the New York Giants and Raiders. He has thrown for 33,637 yards, 173 touchdowns and 166 interceptions in a career that includes leading Carolina to an NFC championship game and the Giants to a Super Bowl that they lost to Baltimore.

"This is a team that I feel I can contribute to and make an impact in," Collins said. "I've had opportunities to go different places. This was the one that I've really been targeting. I'm just glad it worked out."

George played for the Raiders in 1997-98, starting 23 games. George played with the Colts from 1990-93. He was in Atlanta from 1994-96, then spent two seasons with Oakland and one with Minnesota before joining the Redskins in 2000.

Chiefs' Holmes out for squad's first six contests

Head injury could end Kansas City running back's career

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes, who hasn't practiced at all in training camp, now will miss at least the first six weeks of the regular season and his career is in doubt.

Kansas City put the three-time Pro Bowl running back on the physically unable to perform list Monday. He will be out for a minimum of six weeks, then the Chiefs will have 21 days to activate him.

Holmes, who turns 33 in October, missed the last nine games of the 2005 season after taking a hit from San

Diego's Shawne Merriman that caused trauma to the head and neck, and doctors still haven't given him medical clearance to practice or play.

"Obviously, he's not prepared to play at this point," said coach Herm Edwards. "You never know where his career's at right now. Only he knows that. That's between he and the doctor."

While Holmes was gone, Larry Johnson took his job with a spectacular nine-game spurt that ended in a team-record 1,750-yard rushing season.

Under league rules, Holmes will be on the PUP list a minimum of six weeks, and then the Chiefs will have 21 days to activate or release him.

Edwards declined to speculate whether Holmes is at the end of his career.

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NFL

Owens discusses \$9,500 fine

Receiver claims he 'overslept' Friday's team meeting

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens overslept. That's it.

He insists he wasn't late for work Friday to send a message to his bosses, test his boundaries or anything else his critics might think.

And, get this: He says it'll probably happen again, even if he was fined \$9,500.

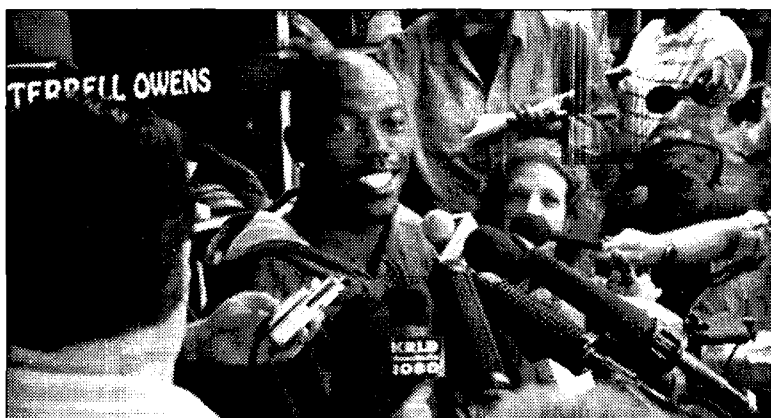
"I think everybody has overslept, you know, once or twice in their life," Owens said Monday, more amused than angry that a fuss is being made over something that's happened to him before, though not since he's joined the Cowboys.

"It's not a big deal," he said. "It was not something I purposely tried to do. It's something that I will try to make more of an effort, a better effort, to get here on time. Other than that, it's really not a big issue."

Jerry Jones agrees, pointing out that some of the most upstanding citizens in team history were fined for similar transgressions.

He also insisted it's a mistake to read more into Owens' tardiness, the fine and his lingering hamstring issue simply because of T.O.'s past.

"From my standpoint, it's all good," Jones said. "Apart from him not being on the field and getting repetitions, has it in any way affected relationships on this team, teammates on this team, relationships between me and Bill, me and the coaching



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens addresses the media Monday about a meeting he missed last Friday.

staff, Terrell and Bill, Terrell and the coaching staff? Zero impact there."

Owens called his tardiness "very unfortunate" and apologized to his teammates. But, he added, "I've got to move on. I can't let this get me down."

His tender hamstring is taking care of that.

Owens missed his 20th workout of the preseason Monday and is unlikely to play Thursday night at home against Minnesota. The bigger question is whether he'll play the season opener in Jacksonville.

"I feel like I'm doing above and beyond things to get back on the field, whether a lot of people know that or not," he said. "I'm doing everything. Sometimes I come in here late at night just doing extra treatment, getting in the hot tub, cold tub. ... I think it's sometimes unfair that I'm getting all this criticism because I'm hurt."

Whether Owens plays in the opener will depend on when he starts practicing. If he never

practices, he definitely won't play the opener — even if Jones has mentioned that Deion Sanders used to get away with it.

Parcells said he has to see what Owens can do. And he's not talking about watching highlights from the last 10 years, as Owens suggested last week.

"What if he got hurt or didn't perform, what would happen then?" Parcells said. "How would I know he is healthy if he didn't practice? How would I know?"

Jones said he lets Parcells decide who to play.

"That's an area I probably could influence, but, no, I have never influenced in my 17 years with the Cowboys as far as who goes in the game and who doesn't and what time they go into the game," Jones said.

Jones and Parcells declined to comment specifically about the fine, saying it's an internal matter.

Jones went so far as to say he'd fire whoever leaked the news, "I don't care who it is."

MLB

Marlins victorious over Milwaukee, 4-2



Dan Uggla, right, is greeted at home plate by teammate Josh Willingham after hitting a home run Monday.

Florida rolls behind strong outing by rookie Johnson

Associated Press

MIAMI — Josh Johnson is helping the Florida Marlins fight their way back into the NL wild-card race.

Johnson lowered his major league-leading ERA to 2.87, and the Marlins extended their winning streak to eight with a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Johnson is trying to become the first rookie to lead the major leagues in ERA since Detroit's Mark Fidrych in 1976.

"If it's there at the end of the year, I'll take pride in that," Johnson said. "For now, I just have to keep going."

Dan Uggla hit his 20th homer and added a sacrifice fly for the Marlins (64-66), who had not been within two games of .500 since they were 1-3 before losing on April 9.

Florida began Monday three games behind Cincinnati, the NL wild-card leader, and is one game shy of its longest winning streak of the season. The Marlins start a six-game trip Tuesday at St. Louis.

"Right now we're having fun, and we're just going to keep rolling with it as long as it will go," Uggla said. "This is the time you need to make a run at it."

Johnson (12-6) won his third straight decision, striking out seven in a season-high 7 2-3 innings. He allowed two runs and eight hits. Joe Borowski struck out the side in the ninth

for his 31st save in 35 chances.

Milwaukee was swept in a four-game series for the second time this season, following a wipeout in Pittsburgh from May 29 to June 1. Ben Sheets (4-6) gave up three runs — one earned — and six hits in seven innings with six strikeouts.

"We faced some good pitching, and we didn't do much with it," Brewers manager Ned Yost said.

Josh Willingham hit a two-out double RBI double in the first, and Florida made it 3-0 with two unearned runs in the fifth.

Cody Ross was on second when he tried to score on Alfredo Amezaga's single, and left fielder Gabe Gross threw a one-bounce strike to the plate. Catcher Mike Rivera failed to hold onto the ball before Ross ran into him, and Uggla followed with a sacrifice fly that scored Amezaga.

"It kind of caught me off guard — the grass here is thinner and faster than at home," Rivera said. "I thought I'd have time to get that hop."

Ross was charged with an error.

"That play cost us two runs," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "He just dropped it. The throw was there in plenty of time."

Bill Hall hit his 30th homer leading off the seventh, and Tony Graffanino's RBI single in the eighth pulled Milwaukee to 3-2 and chased Johnson. Uggla homered off Jose Capellan leading off the bottom half.

"We got some bats on the ball but we couldn't muster up a rally," Hall said. "Johnson threw the ball great."

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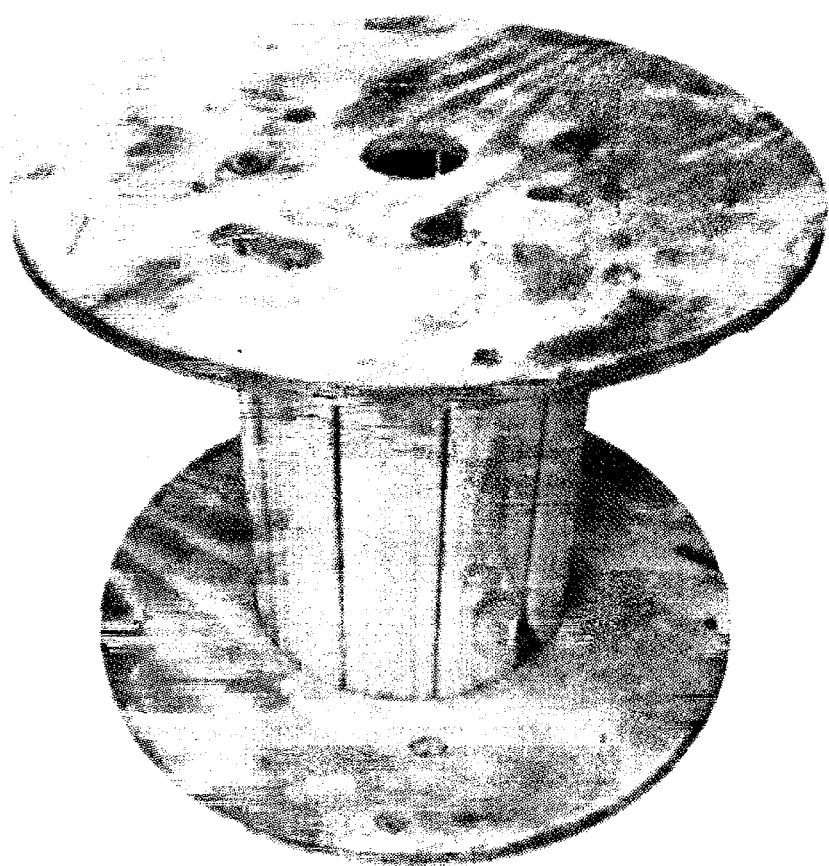


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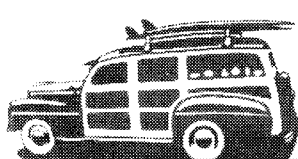


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Veltri has stayed positive since the team first found out two weeks ago that King would not remain as coach.

"[Veltri] has never stopped supporting us and we can count on her for pretty much anything," Maunu said.

The team will meet today to discuss goals for the upcoming season.

"In the past, Coach King set our goals, but this year Coach Veltri wants us to set our goals," she said.

Maunu said the team expects to make a deep run in the NCAAAs this year.

"I think team expectations for this year are very high in that we would like to make it to [an

NCAA regional]," she said. "We will have to work hard and stay composed all year in that we have a very small and young team. But I think freshmen are going to step up and help us complete our goal."

Under King, Notre Dame achieved steady improvement in scoring each year, culminating last fall with the team posting its lowest scoring average in school history, a 306.88

average. This year's squad — despite the loss of King — hopes to improve that record.

"We are ready and can't wait for the season to start," Diaz-Calderon said. "We're very happy and excited and ready to start winning."

The Cougar Classic begins Sept. 11 in Charleston, S.C.

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CLUB SPORTS

Field hockey shuts out Wittenberg

Men's water polo wins two games at Hillbilly Classic in Knoxville

Special to the Observer

Field Hockey

Notre Dame opened its fall season Sunday with a 1-0 victory over Wittenberg in Springfield, Ohio. Although the squad did not have much time to prepare, they came out strong against the Division III varsity Tigers. The Irish controlled the field for most of the first half with the only goal coming seven minutes into the game off a penalty corner. Senior Meghan Bennett put a hard shot past the Tigers' goalie with assists coming from Mary Davis and Lauren Petrozziello.

One goal turned out to be enough as the strong defense led by sophomore goalie Catherine Duffy achieved a shutout. Duffy racked up 15 saves, one coming at the end of the game to shut down a Tigers' breakaway. Cat Pinnaro, Jessica Cortez, and Ryan Reynolds led a stellar

defensive effort. However, the key play of the game came with two minutes left when freshman Claire Kenney made a spectacular save on a ball behind Duffy to clinch the Irish victory.

The Irish also tied the Tigers 3-3 in stroke competition following regulation with goals by Meredith Gluck, Lauren Petrozziello and Lauren Brinkman. The Irish will continue their season at home on Sept. 10 with a game against the Cincinnati Centurions.

Men's Water Polo

This past weekend, Notre Dame traveled to Tennessee to compete in the 2006 Hillbilly Classic. The Irish were seeded in a bracket with regional foe Miami of Ohio and the host Volunteers. Notre Dame began Saturday with an easy victory over the latter, putting down the Vols 19-5.

Freshman goalie Dave Mazur put in quite a performance in his Irish debut, and continued to do so all weekend. Almost every player on the Irish roster ended up on the scoresheet, as they used their speed and depth to blow

away the Volunteers.

In its second game, Notre Dame found itself in a hole early on against Miami of Ohio, down 4-0 at the start of the second quarter. However the Irish went on to outscore the Red Hawks 8-3 in the remaining quarters, as co-captain Patrick Connors, the leading scorer on the weekend, slammed home the decisive goal with 11 seconds remaining in the game. Great defense by fellow co-captain Jon Kelly on Miami's leading scorer, Ross Pilkin, was the real catalyst for the team, as Miami was constantly frustrated on offense.

That win sent the Irish into the semifinals to face Purdue. The Irish came out firing, as sophomore Tom Fletcher and freshman Craig Bentzen both had great games, scoring goals and drawing kickouts on the Boilermaker defenders. Purdue, however, did not go down quietly, as it fought back to tie the game at 10 apiece. Despite several chances for both teams to score the final goal, the end of regulation found the teams still deadlocked. Due to goal differen-

tial, the Irish were given the right to go to the final on Sunday afternoon to face their archrival Grand Valley State.

In the final, the Irish came out flat, and the Lakers took full advantage. Notre Dame fell into a 6-2 hole by the end of the first quarter, and was never able to put itself back into the game, falling by a final of 14-8 to the defending national champions. Senior co-captain Stephen Shepard put away four goals against the Lakers, while Bentzen continued to impress in his debut appearance.

Sophomore Avery Ambrose scored perhaps the goal of the tournament in this game, faking out three Grand Valley defenders and their goalkeeper, and deftly lobbing the ball into the net from a very tight angle.

Sophomore Pete Devine, making his first couple starts for the Irish, also played very well, defending with tenacity and causing problems for Notre Dame's opponents. The Irish travel to Dayton next month for a rematch with Grand Valley and their other conference foes.

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fellow senior captain Colleen Courtney.

The scoring kicked off in the second period when freshman Michelle Hedinger buried one of the nine shots the team peppered the Anderson goal with in the second period.

In total, the Belles registered 27 shots in the game while holding the Ravens to only five.

"I think we are headed in the right direction but still have work to do,"

senior goalkeeper Nicole Leach said. "We should have plenty of time to get ready and perform well in our conference."

Saint Mary's opens its season Sept. 6 against

Albion, but has almost a full month remaining before beginning conference play at home against Alma College on Sept. 26.

After finishing third in the MIAA standings last season, the team intends to challenge league powerhouses Hope and Calvin for the championship in 2006.

"I think our biggest asset this year is our team versatility," Leach said. "We picked up a good number of freshmen who are able to play in multiple positions."

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Nicole Leach
Belles goalkeeper

The Belles welcome nine freshmen this season, nearly half of their 20-player roster. Hedinger and several others have already played, and head coach Caryn MacKenzie said the newcomers are sure to make a serious contribution in 2006.

With six seniors, Saint Mary's is also strong on leadership. Leach credits MacKenzie, now in her third season, with keeping the senior class together.

"Coach Mackenzie has really focused the team on becoming one unit on and off the field,"

Leach said. "She also provides a consistency in the program that the soccer team has never had."

MacKenzie's consistency also extends to her coaching staff.

She and assistant coach Ramzi

Bualuan, who is also a Notre Dame computer science and engineering professor, have coached together at various jobs since the early 90s.

The MIAA recognized the coach's accomplishments last year by naming her conference co-coach of the year. The Belles have steadily improved since her arrival in 2004, going 9-6-1 in the MIAA her first year and 10-5-1 in conference last season.

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish junior forward Amanda Cinalli dribbles around a defender in Notre Dame's 9-0 win over Iowa State at Alumni Field Saturday.

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the Chinese or not, the Irish will be without the two starters for this weekend's games against Southern California and Santa Clara. Bock and Dew are expected to return to the Irish lineup Sept. 8 against TCU.

"When they come [back] its going to be amazing because they have so much to give to the team," Weissenhofer said.

While playing without two starters has forced changes to the Irish lineup, senior captain Kim Lorenzen said the extra opportunities for other players will help later in the season.

"Right now we're just trying to figure out who we have healthy right now and where they're going to play,

and we'll have to figure it out when [Bock and Dew] get back," Lorenzen said. "It's exciting knowing we have so many options."

Lorenzen said Bock and Dew will have to make an adjustment transitioning from their U.S. coaches and teammates to coach Randy Waldrum and the Irish, but it shouldn't be a major problem.

"I think coming back to any team should be an adjustment especially not playing with any of the freshmen," Lorenzen said. "It will be exciting to have them coming back to our team and figuring out where people will move position-wise because we have a lot of talent."

The Trojans, Notre Dame's opponent Friday, will also be missing a player from the U.S. team. Forward Amy Rodriguez, who scored a goal against the Germans,

will not return to the USC lineup until Sept. 8, when the Trojans face Drake.

While Bock and Dew have kept online diaries, their teammates have had little other contact with them.

"I don't know if anyone's talked to them," Weissenhofer said. "They're kind of hard to get a hold of because they're ... in Russia."

Bock and Dew both started the game against Germany. Dew played the whole contest, and Bock subbed early in the second half.

The Southern California game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Alumni Field. The Irish and Broncos will kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Workouts

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Mazur, Jackie Carter, Julie Opet and Amy Kohlmeier are all going to go out and take their shot."

In addition to these returning players, Connelly will look to his incoming freshman class, including Lindsay Ferguson and Molly Sullivan, to help carry the Irish.

One problem with relying so heavily on the freshmen's ability to compete early in the season is the jump from high school to college competition. In order to ease the shift to college, Connelly devised a summer training schedule.

"We found out what they were doing in high school and made sure to make what we're doing not a total departure from that and kind of just gradually work up to what we're doing," Connelly said.

But the gradual increase in training difficulty did not end with the summer as Connelly continued a steady training schedule in the first week of fall practice last week. This year's practice schedule will be consistently difficult, Connelly said, increasing each runner's ability as the season continues.

The main reason Connelly does not want to push his team too hard at any single point is to keep Notre Dame competitive for a tough conference and a tough NCAA

regional. In addition to the high level of talent in the Great Lakes region — which boasted seven teams in the top 30 at last season's NCAA meet — Notre Dame has lost part of the core group of runners that has helped it win three of the last four Big East conference championships, including four top-10 finishers in last year's conference championship in The Bronx, N.Y.

Still, Connelly said if the team can focus on the season-ending races and work toward them, the Irish should succeed.

"The idea is each race gets a little better and you kind of build," Connelly said. "And obviously our main focus in years past has been the conference championship and region-

als to qualify for the NCAA tournament."

Overall, Connelly said he feels this year's team can turn some heads, especially in the Big East.

After being consistently ranked among the top teams in the NCAA for the past few years, the Irish are now considered average — in part because of the graduation a talented bunch of seniors.

"This year we're a team that nobody's counting on a whole lot to happen," Connelly said. "We're just going to go out and take our shots."

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Tim Connelly
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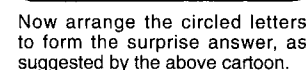
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Country calls for Bock, Dew

Team USA advances to semis of U-20 World Championships with help from ND sophs

By TIM DOUGHERTY and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

While Notre Dame was winning its first two games last weekend, two of its players were 8,000 miles away, playing for their country.

And, thanks to Team USA's 4-1 win over Germany Sunday, sophomores Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew will stay in Russia to compete in the Under-20 World Championships until next week.

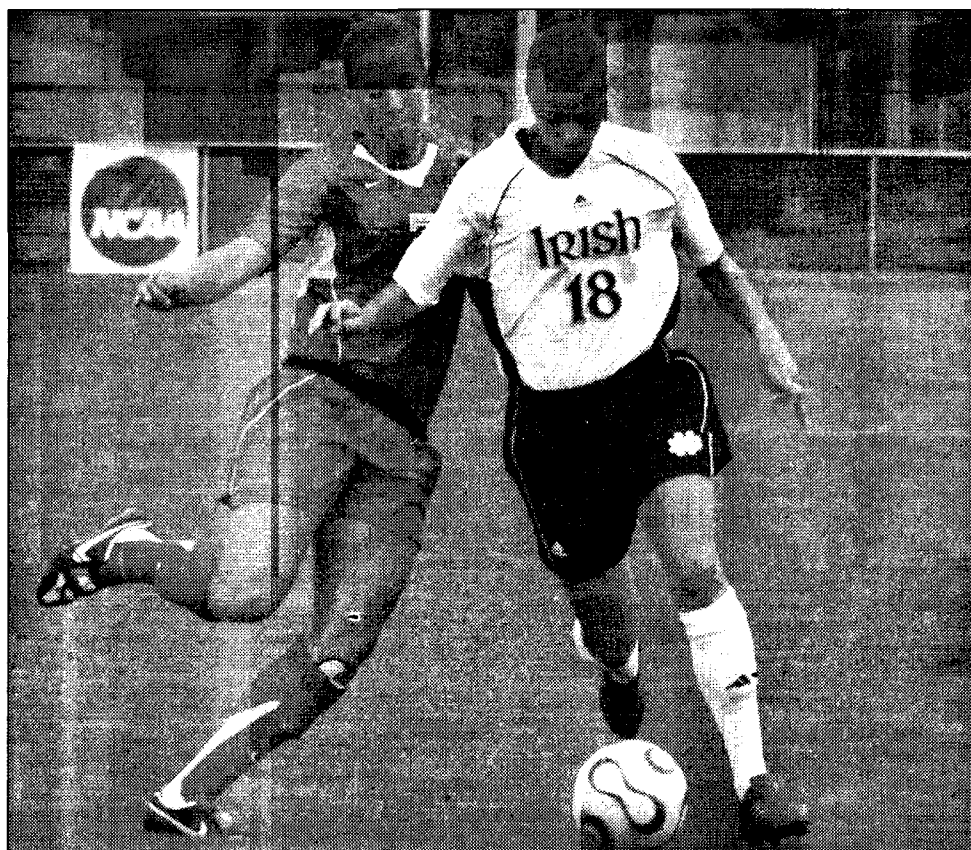
With the victory over the Germans, the U.S. team advanced to the semifinals, where it will face China Thursday. Brazil will play North Korea in the other semifinal, also on Thursday.

Back in South Bend, the sophomores' teammates are rooting for them.

"Germany was supposed to be a really hard match," freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer said. "Everyone is happy for [Bock and Dew] because they've worked really hard. [Our] team is so close we're not going to make it weird or anything [when they return]. We're going to welcome them with open arms."

The semifinal winners will square off Sunday night for the title while the losers will play Sunday afternoon for third place, which means whether the U.S. squad beats

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer
Notre Dame defender Christie Shaner moves upfield Saturday. Shaner and others have stepped up in the absence of sophomores Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew.

SMC SOCCER

Hintons lead Belles to victory

Team wins preseason scrimmage 4-0, looks ahead to fall season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Belles showed midseason form in a preseason match Sunday, dominating Anderson 4-0 in a scrimmage at Saint Mary's.

Sisters Ashley and Lauren Hinton hooked up twice for scores in the final of three 30-minute periods played in the exhibition match.

Ashley Hinton, a senior captain and midfielder, snuck two long passes through the Raven defense that gave sophomore forward Lauren Hinton a chance to finish. Ashley Hinton had another assist on the team's fourth goal scored by

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Team begins practices without head coach

Assistant coach Veltri will lead team during search for replacement

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Practice opens today as the Irish prepare for next month's Cougar Classic in Charleston, S.C. Just one thing is missing — a coach.

The University announced Monday that Irish coach Debby King resigned after five years, and The Observer reported last Thursday that she would not be retained.

"All they have told us is that she's not going to be our coach this year," junior golfer Alejandra Diaz-Calderon said. "They told us we would have a new coach soon, and we would like to get some closure in this."

A search for a new coach is underway, but Notre Dame is in no hurry to find a replacement.

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"They said they don't want to rush the procedure because they want to find the right person for the job," senior Noriko Nakazaki said.

Sophomore Lisa Maunu said the team is anxious to hear about its new leader.

"The overall mood of the team is very positive, yet on edge waiting for a new coach," Maunu said. "It's been stressful not knowing when or who will be arriving to take over the team."

In the meantime, assistant coach Kyle Veltri has been in charge.

"Coach Veltri has been amazing. ... She has been the backbone of the team," Diaz-Calderon said. "You can tell she cares about us and about Notre Dame. We would love to have her as our head coach and to stay on no matter what."

Maunu echoed Diaz-Calderon's sentiments, saying

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Workouts build to climax

Connelly says team's focus is already on Big East, NAAs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

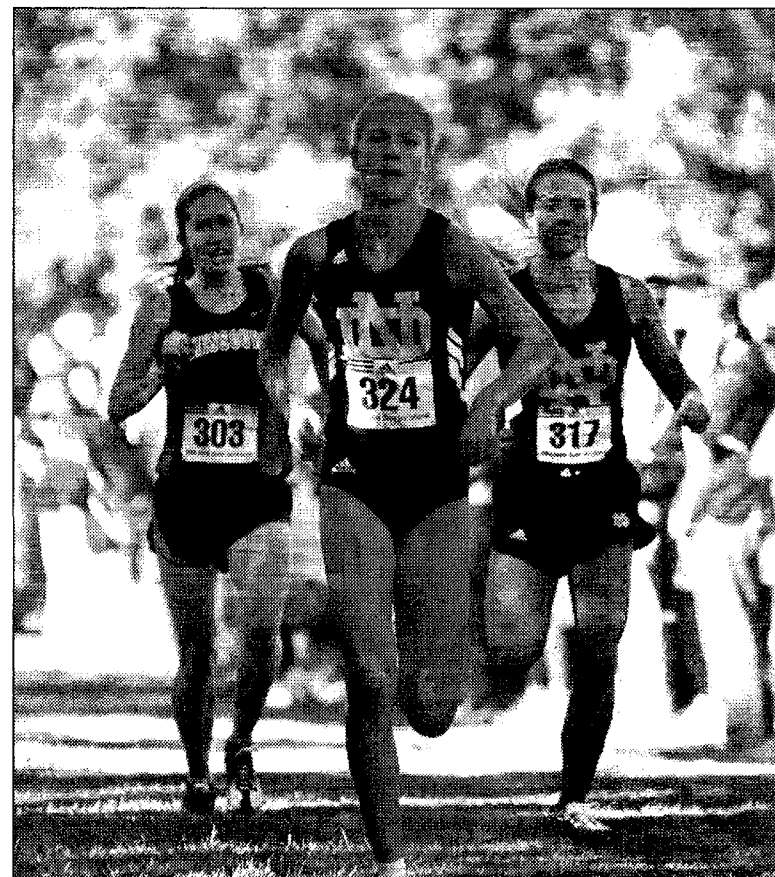
Heading into the 2006 season, Notre Dame coach Tim Connelly has one thing on his mind — consistency.

The Irish finished strong last season, including a Big East title and a second-place finish in the Great Lakes regional en route to a seventh-place finish in the NCAA Championship meet.

But in order to reach those milestones again this year, Notre Dame needs some new runners to fill the void left after the graduation of five starting runners from last season.

"Last year was a good senior class," Connelly said. "We've got a bunch of kids here that have been waiting for their chance — Ann

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Junior Sunni Olding, center, and sophomore Ramsey Kavan, right, run in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30, 2005.

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Notre Dame 1 Wittenberg 0

Sophomore goalie Catherine Duffy made 15 saves in the Irish victory.

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The Irish beat Tennessee and Miami of Ohio but lost to Grand Valley at the Hillbilly Classic in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Once-retired quarterback Kerry Collins and Jeff George sign with new teams.

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