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ND responds to calls for sustainability

New office, clubs promote the University's effort to conserve energy

By AARON STEINER and JOHN TIERNEY
News Writers

Editor's Note: This is the first installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.

Sustainability — a word that's here to stay at Notre Dame.

The University launched an entire office dedicated to the matter in January, a new "green" issues student organization gained approval as an official club this summer, and today's Notre Dame Forum is devoted to sustainable energy.

University President Father John Jenkins told faculty members in his annual Faculty Address Sept. 16 that he is "eager to give special attention to this problem" through the Forum, academics and other initiatives on campus.

"We must strive, as a community, to make a practical response to the energy challenge in our lives and on our campus," Jenkins said.

Indeed, making a response to calls for sustainability is a growing theme at many universities. A variety of publications, including *The Princeton Review*, have recently begun to evaluate sustainability on college campuses, further evidence of the issue's growing importance not just in the classroom, but also on the campuses themselves.

"For better or for worse, sustainability is a mainstream thing now," said the Director of the University's new Office of Sustainability, Jim Mazurek.

Formalizing initiatives, centralizing efforts

With various groups emphasizing sustainability — both within the University community and outside — Notre Dame's recent actions reflect recognition of that

recent shift.

But the creation of the Office of Sustainability last January was also in part a response to a need that has grown over the past decade, Mazurek explained.

"Frankly, what the University lacked ... was a centralized administrative focus on sustainability. Many departments have been doing individual actions and initiatives but the University was missing the structure, focus and coordination," Mazurek said.

University Vice President for Operations Jim Lyphout added: "A number of the units throughout the University have been involved in conservation and sustainability efforts throughout the years," Lyphout said, citing recycling efforts that began almost 15 years ago.

But, he also said "the effort lacked coordination and communication."

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What is sustainability anyway?

The need for sustainable energy is an issue that "isn't going to go away," according to GreeND president Lourdes Long. But what does the term "sustainable energy" mean?

According to Forum co-chairman Frank Incropera, sustainable energy, on a global level, means "to get into a pattern of energy utilization this is sustainable for hundreds if not thousands of years."

Getting into this pattern of sustainability is important for its environmental consequences.

"If you accept the fact that climate change is real, then using fossil fuels in the way we've been using them will have consequences to the environment that don't bode well for sustainability," Incropera said.

Achieving sustainability on a universal scale isn't something

that's going to happen overnight, he said.

"The goal is to get to your grandchildren to a point that allows for them economic development opportunity with a more benign economic impact," Incropera said.

Within the Notre Dame community, sustainability is all about balancing priorities, according to Jim Mazurek, the Director of the Office of Sustainability.

"We define sustainability as considering the present and future needs of the University, balancing both environmental and economic considerations," Mazurek said. "At Notre Dame, this means weaving sustainability principles into all we do — our institutional decision-making, operational practices, and built environment."

— Aaron Steiner and John Tierney

Colorado Gov. talks to College Democrats

Ritter speaks of 'high-wire act' to reconcile Democratic Party's stance on political issues with Catholic faith

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Key issues in national politics — like abortion, gay rights and war — pose challenges to Catholics in office who must find a way to reconcile the doctrine of their religion with their party's stance.

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, a Catholic Democrat, spoke to the Notre Dame College Democrats Tuesday night about that challenge,

reflecting on his personal experience as a Catholic missionary in Africa, a district attorney in Denver and as governor.

Spencer Howard, president of the College Democrats, introduced the governor to the students gathered in the Hospitality Room in Reckers, who asked Ritter questions about the relationship between his faith and his politics.



Ritter

Selling the Democratic platform to Catholics, Ritter said, is not just about hot-button issues like abortion.

"You can't isolate it, you can't focus on one thing," he said.

However, as a pro-life Democrat, Ritter said he finds himself in a difficult position regarding his "Catholic faith

and political dilemmas."

"It's a high-wire act to navigate," he said, and Catholic politicians have struggled with "tortured logic" on some issues.

Other issues, however, are more straightforward, he said.

Catholic ideology, Ritter said, teaches stewardship of the environment.

Ritter is one of the panelists in Wednesday's Notre Dame Forum on Sustainability. As governor, he passed 20 pieces

of clean energy legislation and doubled his state's renewable energy standard.

"Our relationship to the earth and being part of a created world," he said, influenced these policies. "Climate change really is a moral dilemma."

Ritter recently took a trip to the Arctic, where he "saw the science" and the physical evidence of climate change, the effects of which will be felt

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Professors dish on economy

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Three Notre Dame professors discussed the economic crisis currently underway in America during the second session of Pizza, Pop and Politics in Reckers Hospitality room Tuesday.

David Ruccio and Jennifer Warlick, from the department of Economics and Policy studies joined Rich Williams, a professor of Sociology to cover a distinct element of the larger problem plaguing the economy.

Ruccio, the first speaker of the evening, lectured about the current economic policy.



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Notre Dame professors Rich Williams, left, Jennifer Warlick, middle, and David Ruccio, right, discuss economics at a discussion Tuesday.

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College educates about body image

By MANDI STIRONE
Assistant News Editor

This week Saint Mary's students are being taught ways to love their bodies and the environment through events centered around the release of communications professor Terri Russ' book "Bi***in' Bodies: Young Women Talk About Body Dissatisfaction."

The book, whose title uses the actual expletive, will be released nationally on Thursday.

The week, sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, Feminists United,

and the Women's Studies Program, is geared towards the main topic of the book — women finding ways to feel good about their bodies no matter what their shape, senior and "Love Your Body Week" organizer Becki Faunce said.

An important part of the week is encouraging empowerment so that women might "make our difference in the world like we're supposed to as Saint Mary's women."

It encompasses three major events, "Freedom with Friends" on Monday, "Love

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INSIDE COLUMN

On pictures and statuses

Darling Facebookers, As I said last week, our problems on Facebook are numerous and varied. I have returned this week to address a different set of problems. I hope that you have curtailed your wall malpractices since then, and that you are ready to learn about a new set of problems.

Kaitlyn Conway
Scene Writer

This week, we shall address the issues inherent in status updates and profile pictures. Oh, the status update. The epitome of letting your closest friends and the people who don't even know you in on the details of your life. But sometimes, people just take it too far. Kids, I don't want to see the details of your messy breakup on my status feed. I don't need to know what you're doing every five seconds. There are fine lines here between acceptable and unacceptable.

For example: if you must angst in your status, use song lyrics. It's acceptable if the song is stuck in your head, especially if it describes how you FEEL. What's even better is if it's obscure song lyrics that make me perhaps wonder what exactly it is you have been doing to make a moment a crime. If you truly feel the need to express your angst, keep it general — your close friends can ask about it, and the rest of us apathetic folks can just keep on going on with our days without wondering why random so-and-so is all upset.

Now, I know we discussed what to not to do on a wall when one is ... hmm ... not in one's best state of mind. It is, however, perfectly acceptable to update your status in this state. We all like seeing your random choice of grammar and your meaningless words that can be blended into awesome nicknames. It's amusing. We, the people, like to be amused.

That being said, the most acceptable of status — other than something you're actually doing that isn't updated every hour with the same thing or a slight variation — is something witty. Make me laugh, people. Say something completely ridiculous, or something clever, or something thoughtful. Keep the masses entertained.

That said, there are other factors of your profile that also need to be kept classy. Like your profile picture.

Folks, WHY, in the name of all that is good and holy, would you want a picture of you in a bikini or you, well, not in the right state of mind, on your profile? This trend baffles me. It is a bane to Facebook. Keep it to pictures of you and your friends — maybe your pet, or even your car. But at least keep it classy — and keep it real. There are all sorts of creepers out there — don't encourage them! What is the appeal of a non-classy picture, anyhow? Do you want everyone to think of you as swimsuit-clad or drunk out of your mind, and that be the only facet of you they know? I didn't think so.

So keep your statuses entertaining, and your pictures classy. Use this wisdom to create a better tomorrow... on

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO WHEN IT'S NICE OUT?



Kyle Mitchell
sophomore Stanford

"Oil my body and tan on the quad."



Nora Collins
sophomore LeMans

"Oil Kyle Mitchell and watch him tan."



Kennedy Collins
sophomore Fisher

"Wear my sunglasses."



Juliet Joly
junior Farley

"Look at the sky. It's usually so gray."



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Workers take down scaffolding from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. It underwent repair from damage caused by wind shears in May 2007.

OFFBEAT

Elderly woman fends off burglar with reacher

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Police said an elderly woman fended off a man who broke into her Annapolis-area home using a reacher device used to grasp objects.

Police say two elderly women were in their home on Cedar Lane in the Hillsmere community about 3:20 a.m. Monday when the man kicked in the door. He demanded money, but they said they had none.

Police said after the man started going through a purse, one of the women

grabbed the reacher and used it to repel him. Police said the man fled with the purse.

Thieves steal hood from ice cream delivery truck

AUGUSTA, Maine — Dave Tracy said he can understand thieves snatching ice cream from one of the Hershey's delivery trucks he manages. But stealing a hood off the truck? The branch manager at Hershey's Augusta warehouse said "nothing like this has ever happened."

Tracy said the fiberglass hood, at 7 1/2 by 6 feet and

4 feet deep, is "not exactly small." He said that even if the thieves had a pickup truck, the hood wouldn't be easy to carry off.

Tracy, who's worked for Hershey's for 23 years, discovered the theft when he got to work Monday morning. Augusta police said the thieves probably needed a hood identical to the one on the ice cream truck.

Hershey's Augusta warehouse has six trucks that deliver through Maine and northern New Hampshire.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Campus Ministry will sponsor a Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy as part of the Evenings of Prayer from Around the World Series today at St. Michael The Archangel Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church. Rides will be available at 330 Coleman-Morse at 6 p.m.

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity opens Thursday at 4 p.m. with a lecture by Oxford University economist Paul Collier, author of the award-winning book "The Bottom Billion." The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Hesburgh Center auditorium with a reception to follow.

Saint Mary's College is hosting a book release for communications professor Terri Russ' book "Bi***in' Bodies: Young Women Talk About Body Dissatisfaction" this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

The movie "Pygmalion" will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theater at Saint Mary's as part of the 2008 "Professor's Choice Film Series." Communications professor Susan Baxter, who chose the film, will introduce it then lead a discussion following the film.

Rescheduled due to rain, Cirque du Lac, hosted by Lyons Hall, will take place Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. on South Quad. The carnival will benefit Hannah & Friends.

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SMC hosts lecture on voting policies

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

This week Saint Mary's hosted Indiana University South Bend Political Science professor Elizabeth Bennion in a lecture called "What Difference Does it Make to Vote?" as a part of the College's third Super Tuesday event.

Bennion is a member of the League of Women Voters and has worked with both the Rock the Vote and Youth in the Vote campaigns intended at drawing younger voters to the polls.

Beginning the lecture she asked the audience to think about the staunch differences between John McCain and Barack Obama.

"The candidates have opposing philosophies and policy recommendations on the economy, health care, and national security," she said.

Bennion explained how Obama wants to increase taxes on people that make over \$600,000 per year while McCain wants to cut taxes for the same people.

"As women, the abortion issue obviously affects us but deeper than that there is the Equal Pay Act that gives women the opportunity to receive the same pay as men,"

Bennion said. "Obama supports it, McCain does not."

Bennion said she wanted to discourage people from thinking their vote wouldn't count because they are just one person.

"Voting is a right that many citizens throw away and take for granted without thinking of all the people who fought for their right to vote," she said.

She also stated that wearing an "I voted!" sticker is a badge of honor to be proud of and that sometimes the one vote a person doesn't think counts will work to cancel out the vote of someone else.

"As ridiculous as it sounds, if your spouse, parent, brother or sister is voting for the opposite candidate you are, the incentive to vote for your candidate is just to cancel out theirs," she said.

Bennion said voters need to be better-informed.

"Not knowing how an absentee ballot works or being too tired from the party last night are not excuses," she said. "Make your voice be heard."

Every Tuesday through Election Day, Saint Mary's will host events aimed to inform students about the issues of the election.

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"The candidates have opposing philosophies and policy recommendations on the economy, health care, and national security."

Elizabeth Bennion
I.U.S.B. political science professor

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group approves appointment

Sophomore Kate Clitheroe will serve as Freshman Class Council Liaison

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) unanimously approved the appointment of sophomore Kate Clitheroe as Freshman Class Council Liaison at its meeting Tuesday.

Clitheroe served as the Freshman Class Council President last year and is currently serving as sophomore class vice president. She also serves as the spirit commissioner of Lewis Hall and is a member of the Circle K club.

Clitheroe's new position is important because freshmen serving on class council are always in need of some guidance, according to Sophomore Class President Cynthia Weber.

"Freshman Class Council has been assembled, but people don't really know what they're doing," she said.

Weber said that in her own experiences as a member of Freshman Class Council last year, the former sophomore advisor, Jeff Lakusta, helped to keep the group focused.

"In a friendly way, he shot down some of our dumber

ideas," she said.

Clitheroe will be in a position to "inspire leadership in the freshmen," Weber said.

Clitheroe said that her position as sophomore class vice president will not distract her from being an available sophomore advisor. Instead, it will enhance her value to the Freshman Class Council team.

"We're going to be more collaborative this year, so we'll be good," she said.

As sophomore liaison, she will be required to attend Freshman Class Council meetings, assist them in making feasible goals, guide their

event planning, and encourage them to build class unity," Weber said in a letter distributed to COR members.

Following Clitheroe's confirmation, the council discussed the new "What's the Deal with...?" question series that will be conducted by the student outreach committee. The series is designed to "dispel some myths about the bigger mysteries of the University that really don't need to be bigger mysteries, but it's just that no one has ever explained them," student body president Bob Reish said.

Reish proposed topics including how the commencement speaker is chosen, what the actual rules regarding Breytopia are and how DART times are chosen for the series.

Reish said that the plan for the series is "to ask whoever's in charge of [a particular issue] and summarize it in layman's terms."

Junior class president Kim Kyroac said that she liked the question series idea, but that she didn't know how students are going to hear the answers.

Reish suggested several options to disseminate the information, including buying an advertisement in The Observer and sending weekly e-mails to students.

Reish said that he doesn't anticipate problems getting cooperation from the University on this project.

"University officials don't mind informing students about this stuff," he said. "Informing students and being transparent is what [Student Body Vice President] Grant [Schmidt] and I are all about."

Reish said that the free student movie "rental" program will begin within the next three weeks. The program is just waiting on "logistics," he said.

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Cynthia Weber
Sophomore class president

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Your Body and the Planet" on Tuesday and Thursday's book release, according to fliers posted around the College.

The fliers also asked for donations of "beauty and body products" for St. Margaret's House.

As of Tuesday night, the organizers still hadn't received any donations, but they were still hopeful, Faunce said.

"It's still early in the week," she said. "Our big event is Thursday."

"I'm happy with the way that things are coming out now," she said.

Monday's event was a group discussion led by alumna Justine Ray, founder of the College's Freedom Revolution, Faunce said.

"It was important that we brought in someone that students can relate to ... bringing Justine in really helped," she said.

About 12 students, faculty and staff joined in to discuss body image at Saint Mary's, she said.

The part of the talk Ray emphasized was her assertion that if women spent the time they typically spend worrying about their appearance on something more productive "we would have so much more power," Faunce

said.

Ray discussed eating disorders and disordered eating and answered questions about what to do in situations where they or friends may have eating disorders, she said.

"She said it's important to know that most people don't have eating disorders but they can support each other," Faunce said.

Love Your Body and the Planet was held in the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge last night. Nearly 15 people attended the talk led by Joanna Livierantos.

The main discussion was concerning "sustainable beauty" and prizes were given away, according to the fliers posed around campus.

Before the event, Faunce said she was hoping "we can get as many people that show up," but there are "a lot of benefits to a small group because we can have a really good discussion," she said.

The week culminates with Russ' book release on Thursday. The release will include a book reading and signing and an interpretive dance called "Because of Barbie's and Other Dumb Broads."

"It's not just going to be a book release," Faunce said.

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Becki Faunce
senior

Ritter

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most by the poor, he said, especially those who live in coastal areas.

Ritter used his experience in Africa to discuss how to wrestle with another Catholic teaching — social justice.

"We, as a country, have a moral imperative to help other people in the world," he said.

He said he believes people experience callings, and something that has always been important to him is "having some quiet in your life to hear the calling."

He and his wife together felt a strong pull to go to Africa as Catholic missionaries with their young son over a decade ago with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate for three years.

While working in a nutrition education program, Ritter saw first hand the devastation of the AIDS epidemic ravaging

Sub-Saharan Africa. He and his wife began teaching AIDS prevention, including the use of condoms, "even though it was against Church doctrine," he said.

"Finding out how to navigate those issues, as a Catholic, is hard," Ritter said.

There is a difference between rhetoric and "making a meaningful difference," on the social justice front, he said, when the discussion turned to immigration.

"Catholic social justice teaching should teach us to have a soft heart for the people," he said.

The importance of social justice cannot be emphasized on a purely domestic or purely international level, Ritter said. "It's not one versus the other. We must act globally as a country."

Ritter took time to speak individually with most of the students in attendance after the one-hour discussion.

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"We, as a country, have a moral imperative to help other people in the world."

Bill Ritter
Colorado Governor

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Teenage Finnish gunman kills 10

KAUHAJOKI, Finland — A chilling YouTube video with a young man firing a pistol and warning "You will die next" caught the eye of police, who questioned him but then let him go, saying they didn't have enough evidence to take away his weapon.

On Tuesday, he walked into a vocational college, the School of Hospitality, and opened fire, killing 10 people and burning their bodies with firebombs before shooting himself fatally in the head. At least two other people were wounded.

The rampage bore eerie similarities to another school massacre in Finland last year in which an 18-year-old gunman killed eight people and himself. Both gunmen posted violent clips on YouTube prior to the shootings, both were fascinated by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado, both attacked their own schools and both died after shooting themselves in the head.

China's milk supply contaminated

BEIJING — The note posted in July on the Web site of China's food safety inspection agency came from a doctor: There had been a sudden rise in infants turning up at his hospital with kidney stones after drinking the same brand of formula.

The warning, which urged an investigation, went unheeded. In the two weeks since China began piecemeal reporting about contamination of the milk supply, a picture has emerged of official indifference, greed and government dysfunction.

Among the startling details: the practice of adulterating milk was widely known in the industry, and one dairy knew since late last year that its formula was sickening children.

The revelations have dismayed a broad segment of the public — parents — who feel the government has breached their trust.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ga. inmate gets last minute reprieve

ATLANTA — The U.S. Supreme Court gave a reprieve to a Georgia inmate less than two hours before he was to be executed Tuesday for the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer.

Supporters of 39-year-old Troy Davis have called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row recanted their testimony. Protesters had arrived by the busload to protest the execution, carrying signs with slogans like "Justice for Troy Davis" and wearing blue T-shirts emblazoned with "I am Troy Davis." A crowd of about 50 erupted in cheers when the stay, granted around 5:20 p.m., was announced.

The Rev. Al Sharpton had accompanied members of Davis' family to the protest, including Davis' mother, Virginia.

Texas indicts three more polygamists

ELDORADO, Texas — A west Texas grand jury investigating allegations that members of a polygamist sect sexually abused girls indicted three more people Tuesday, raising the number of defendants in the case to nine.

Each of the sect members indicted Tuesday by the Schleicher County grand jury was charged with sexual assault of a child, and two face an additional charge of bigamy, state Attorney General Greg Abbott said in a statement.

The names of those charged were not immediately released, but none had been charged previously.

LOCAL NEWS

Man pleads not guilty to murder

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A Gary man accused of a 26-year-old shooting says he's innocent of the murder.

Sixty-five-year-old Fred Gordon pleaded not guilty to murder Tuesday in a Lake County courtroom.

Gordon was charged last week in the 1982 shooting death of Roger Hilton, the owner of a used car lot in Gary.

Police say a friend of Gordon's told officers that Gordon confessed to him months after the shooting, saying he shot someone outside a trailer in a dispute over car payments and was questioned by police.

ELECTION 2008

Palin meets her first foreign leaders

Vice presidential candidate met with Afghan and Colombian Presidents

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a tightly controlled crash course on foreign policy for the Republican vice presidential candidate, the mayor-turned-governor who has been outside North America just once.

Palin sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe. The conversations were private, the pictures public, meant to build her resume for voters concerned about her lack of experience in world affairs.

"I found her quite a capable woman," Karzai said later. "She asked the right questions on Afghanistan."

The self-described "hockey mom" also asked former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for insights on Georgia, Russia, China and Iran, and she'll see more leaders Wednesday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meetings.

It was shuttle diplomacy, New York-style. At several points, Palin's motorcade got stuck in traffic and New Yorkers, unimpressed with the flashing lights, sirens and police officers in her group, simply walked between the vehicles to get across the street. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, three hours behind Palin in seeing Karzai, found herself overshadowed for a day as she made her own rounds.

John McCain's presidential campaign has shielded the first-term Alaska governor for weeks from spontaneous questions from voters and reporters, and went to striking lengths Tuesday to maintain that distance as Palin made her diplomatic debut.

The GOP campaign, applying more restrictive rules on access than even President Bush uses in the White House, banned reporters from the start of the meetings, so as not to risk a question being asked of Palin.

McCain aides relented after news organizations objected and CNN, which



Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, shakes hands with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, Tuesday, after their meeting in New York.

was supplying TV footage to a variety of networks, decided to pull its TV crew from Palin's meeting with Karzai.

Overheard: small talk.

Palin is studying foreign policy ahead of her one debate with Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden, a senator with deep credentials on that front. More broadly, the Republican ticket is trying to counter questions exploited by Democrats about her qualifications to serve as vice president and step into the presidency at a moment's notice if necessary.

There was no chance of putting such questions to rest with photo opportunities Tuesday.

But Palin, who got a passport only last year, no longer has to own up to a blank slate when asked about heads of state she has met.

She also got her first intelligence briefing Tuesday, over two hours.

Karzai generated light laughter when he told an audience at the Asia Society that, in addition to Rice and Norway's prime minister, he had seen Palin on Tuesday. Thomas Freston, a member of the society's board, drew loud applause and laughter when he responded: "You're probably the only person in the room who's met Gov. Palin."

Randy Scheunemann, a longtime McCain aide on foreign policy, was close at

hand during her meetings. Another adviser, Stephen Biegun, also accompanied her at each meeting and briefed reporters later.

Karzai and Palin discussed security problems in Afghanistan, including cross-border insurgencies. They also talked about the need for more U.S. troops there, which both McCain and Democrat Barack Obama say is necessary, Biegun said.

With both Karzai and Uribe, Palin discussed the importance of energy security. With Uribe, the conversation also touched on the proposed U.S.-Colombian Free Trade Agreement that McCain and Palin support but Obama opposes.

More troops to be sent to Afghanistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Up to three more combat brigades could be available to go to Afghanistan beginning next spring, in answer to repeated calls from commanders for more troops, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.

Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee that more forces can't be committed now without extending combat tours or changing troop deployments. But, in response to prodding from the committee's chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.,

Gates said they probably could go in the spring and summer of 2009. Each brigade has about 3,500 troops.

Levin objected to a statement in Gates' prepared testimony that said it now may be "possible" to do militarily what must be done in Afghanistan — which has been a secondary priority to the Iraq war for years.

"It seems to me that is just simply not good enough," said Levin. "To say it's possible that we'll do what we must do in Afghanistan does not represent the kind of commitment of forces or resources that our commanders on the ground are asking us

for in Afghanistan."

In response, Gates offered the likely troop buildup next spring, but cautioned that the next president will have to weigh how large a U.S. force should be sent to Afghanistan, given that the population does not readily welcome foreign forces there.

"I think we need to think about how heavy a military footprint the United States ought to have in Afghanistan," said Gates, or "are we better off channeling resources into building and expanding the size of the Afghan national army as quickly as possible."

Forum

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The new office will serve to provide necessary structure and accountability for the University, Mazurek said.

While sustainability reports may have played some role in his Office's formation, Mazurek downplayed their importance.

"I consider those ratings more noise than anything," he said, but added that he recognizes the importance of these ratings to others, especially when the grade is a D-, the grade given to Notre Dame by the Sustainable Endowments Institute in 2007.

After the University announced the formation of the Office of Sustainability in January, Marzurek, a Notre Dame graduate, was selected as the Office's director in May and given an initial \$2 million green loan fund to help jumpstart improvements on campus.

Since his appointment in May, Mazurek assembled a team that includes two additional full-time staff members and four student interns, he said.

Engineering Professor Frank Incropera, who serves as the 2008 Notre Dame Forum co-chair, said the University was delayed in taking substantive administrative action on sustainability, but its current actions have shown progress.

"[The University] was slow to identify this as an important issue one for which an institutional commitment has to be made," Incropera said. "But it's been very quick to develop significant programs to be good citizens."

This late response to the sustainability issue is what makes the University's actions all the more important, according to GreeND president Lourdes Long.

"Notre Dame is behind on this," she said. "The Office [of Sustainability] knows that we have a lot of work to do."

But Long, a senior, said the University will do a good job in addressing sustainability.

"When Notre Dame decides to do something, it does it right," she said.

She also cited the high level of involvement of the trustees and the upper levels of administrative officers as a sign that the University is genuine about its commitment to sustainability.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) co-president Tracy Jennings, a junior, said the involvement of alumni is critical to the new enthusiasm on campus for sustainability.

"I would like to think that the University would have always liked to be sustainable and that the [D-] report card drew a lot of support from the alumni," she said. "It put this issue at the forefront more than it created the

impetus to [take action]."

Student involvement in sustainability

Student involvement in sustainability and environmental issues comes mostly through the groups GreeND and SEA, which are linked to each other.

"All these groups work together," Long said. "We're in constant communication and share leadership."

But while the groups are fighting on the same side, they approach the battle with a different perspective.

"The thing for GreeND is that we really pull together all the interests," Long said, citing issues such as energy policy, energy technology, and recycling that the group addresses.

"GreeND is the University's response to make campus a greener place," Jennings, who is also a GreeND member, said.

SEA, on the other hand, is a social action club organized out of the Center for Social Concerns. Its focus is more on the environment outside the Notre Dame campus' bubble.

"We do community outreach like tree planting, river cleanups on St. Joseph's River, and different activities outdoors," Jennings said. "We need to remember that we're part of a bigger community."

"We focus on providing services to the greater South Bend community and on fulfilling the CSC's mission for social justice," she said.

SEA also distinguishes itself by focusing on many environmental issues, not just energy, according to Jennings. "SEA has always been more concerned with the holistic view of the environment," she said.

While SEA has been active at Notre Dame for many years, GreeND is a more recent development. The group was formed in Nov. 2007 and achieved official club status in July of this year, according to the GreeND Web site.

GreeND is closely linked with the Office of Sustainability, both by its missions and its work, according to Long, who also serves as a student intern at the Office. Each group needs the other group to cause any real change.

"If you think about all these different things popping up across campus, a lot of this comes from student initiatives," she said. "The administration was right there with us, and that's what made it a success."

Thursday's installment will examine Notre Dame's overall environmental impact, ranging from energy consumption to waste disposal.

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Crisis

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He highlighted the problems that have caused the United States' economic woes.

"The four major problems of the economy are the financial meltdown, leading to a recession, increasing inequality and poverty, less secure middle and upper classes, and outrageous gas and home heating prices," he said.

Warlick said these problems Ruccio laid out have contributed

"Each candidate's proposals stay straight along their party lines."

Jennifer Warlick
Economics and policy studies professor

the growth of poverty in the United States.

"The number of people who are visiting soup kitchens and food banks are rising dramatically," she said.

She said the policies both John McCain and Barack Obama have detailed during their campaigns to help the impoverished aren't very bipartisan.

"Each candidate's proposals stay straight along their party lines," she said.

Williams ended the session by explaining the housing situation in the country.



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"If people can't get loans for homes, the prices fall even further," he said. "We have to get people lending money again."

Ruccio said he was glad the event attracted a lot of students because those students show that they are trying to understand the

issues. "You are giving evidence that you care about these issues, and I am very pleased by that," he said.

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The next ND Votes '08 event will be a Debate Watch. The first Presidential Debate will be shown on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

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MARKET RECAP

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AMEX	1,899.96	-2.59
NASDAQ	2,153.33	-25.65
NYSE	7,785.27	-133.34
S&P 500	1,188.22	-18.87
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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-2.28	-2.76	118.55
AMER INTL GROUP INC (AIG)	+5.93	+0.28	5.00
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IN BRIEF

Medicare payed billions in suspect claims

WASHINGTON — The government paid more than \$1 billion in questionable Medicare claims for medical supplies that showed little relation to a patient's condition, including blood glucose strips for sexual impotence and special diabetic shoes for leg amputees, congressional investigators say.

Billions more in taxpayer dollars may have been wasted over the last decade because the government-run health program for the elderly and disabled paid out claims with blank or invalid diagnosis codes, such as a "?" or "zzzzz." Medicare officials say even smiley-face icons could have been accepted.

The report by Republicans on the Senate Homeland Security investigations subcommittee, obtained by The Associated Press, is the latest to detail tax oversight in the \$400 billion program that has been cited by government auditors as a high-risk for fraud and waste for nearly 20 years.

The panel's review of millions of claims submitted by sellers of wheelchairs, drugs and other medical supplies on behalf of Medicare patients from 2001 to 2006 found at least \$1 billion in which the listed diagnosis code appeared to have little, if any, connection to the reimbursed medical item.

Dems to let offshore drilling ban expire

WASHINGTON — Democrats have decided to allow a quarter-century ban on drilling for oil off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to expire next week, conceding defeat in a months-long battle with the White House and Republicans set off by \$4 a gallon gasoline prices this summer.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., told reporters Tuesday that a provision continuing the moratorium will be dropped this year from a stopgap spending bill to keep the government running after Congress recesses for the election.

Republicans have made lifting the ban a key campaign issue after gasoline prices spiked this summer and public opinion turned in favor of more drilling. President Bush lifted an executive ban on offshore drilling in July.

Dire warnings fail to sway senators

Threat of recession does not convince Congress to pass \$700 billion bailout plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Refusing to be pushed, Republicans and Democrats alike rebuffed dire warnings Tuesday from the government's top economic officials of recession, layoffs and foreclosed homes if Congress doesn't quickly approve the administration's emergency \$700 billion financial bailout plan.

Congressional leaders still predicted passage — with significant changes — but Wall Street's nerves were hardly soothed. The Dow Jones industrials sank 161 points and now are off more than 500 this week after initially surging on the bailout announcement last week.

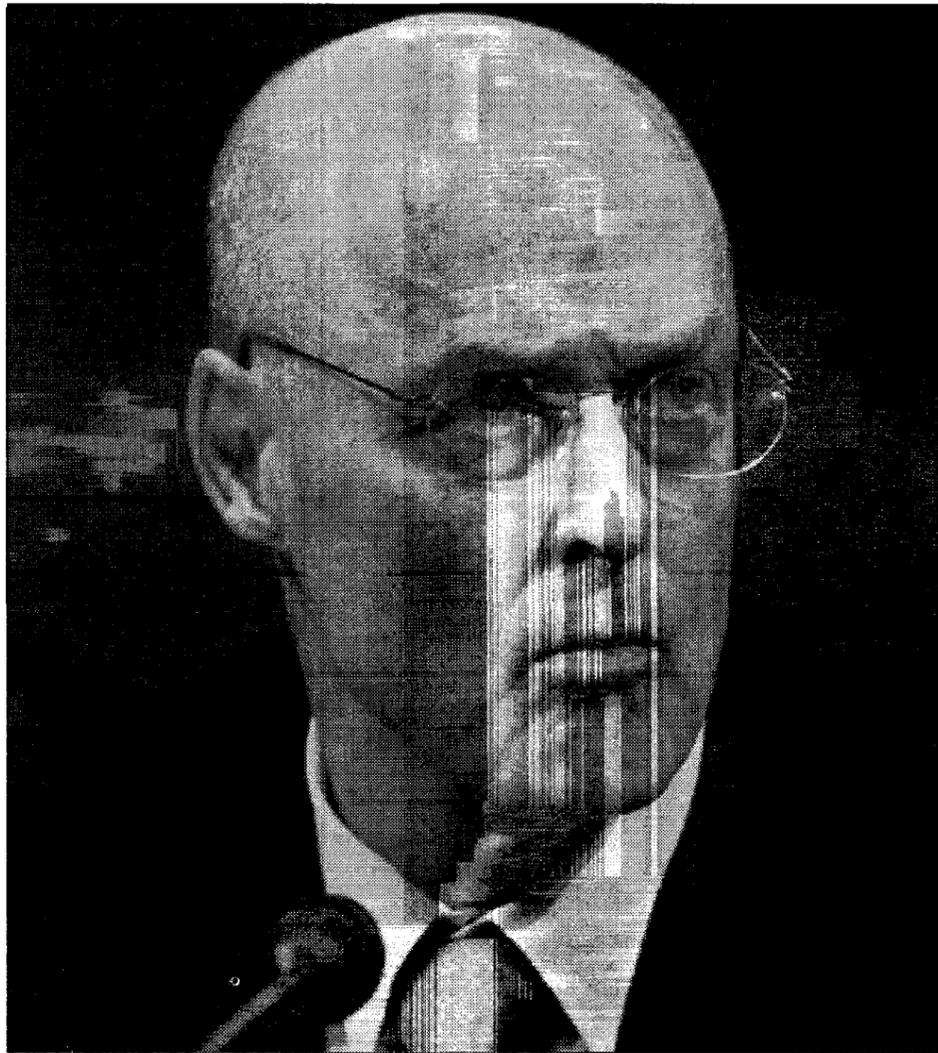
Deepening market trouble was just one piece of the economic havoc that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told senators would ensue if Congress lags in acting on the administration's proposal to rescue tottering financial institutions.

"I share the outrage that people have," Paulson said. "It's embarrassing to look at this. I think it's embarrassing to the United States of America. There is a lot of blame to go around."

But without the bailout plan, Paulson and Bernanke sketched out a dire scenario for senators at a contentious daylong hearing: Neither businesses nor consumers would be able to borrow money, and the world's largest economy would grind to a virtual halt.

In public and in private meetings, both Democrats and Republicans said big changes are needed, pre-saging a difficult road ahead for the measure.

The legislation the administration is promot-



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee.

ing would allow the government to buy bad mortgages and other rotten assets held by troubled banks and financial institutions. Getting those debts off their books should bolster those companies' balance sheets, making them more inclined to lend and easing one of the biggest choke points in the credit crisis. If the plan works, it should help lift a major weight off the national economy that is already sputtering.

Democrats were determined to wrest concessions from the adminis-

tration on domestic spending and middle-class economic aid. And they said Republicans had to share in the politically tricky task of pushing through a financial bailout six weeks before the elections at a time when millions of everyday Americans are economically strapped.

"It's their problem. It's their bill. And they're going to have to figure out if they can support it," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said of Republicans.

"Nobody wants to have to do this," agreed Rep.

John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican leader. He said he was hopeful of a quick agreement, despite withering criticism from conservative GOP lawmakers who recoiled at the prospect of federal intervention.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., said, "This massive bailout is not a solution. It is financial socialism and it's un-American."

Separately, law enforcement officials said the FBI had begun investigating four institutions whose collapse helped trigger the financial crisis.

Google phone to cost \$179, debut Oct. 22

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first phone that harnesses Google Inc.'s ambition to make the Internet easy to use on the go was revealed Tuesday, and it looks a lot like an iPhone.

T-Mobile USA showed off the G1, a phone that, like Apple Inc.'s iPhone, has a large touch screen. But it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs.

T-Mobile said it will begin selling the G1 for \$179 with a two-year contract. The device hits U.S. stores Oct. 22 and heads to Britain in November and other European countries early next year.

The phone will be sold in T-Mobile stores only in the U.S. cities where the company has rolled out its faster, third-generation wireless data net-

work. By launch, that will be 21 cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Miami.

In other areas, people will be able to buy the phone from T-Mobile's Web site. The phone does work on T-Mobile's slower data network, but it's optimized for the faster networks. It can also connect at Wi-Fi hotspots.

The data plan for the phone will cost \$25 per month on top of the calling service, at the low end of the range for data plans at U.S. wireless carriers. And at \$179, the G1 is \$20 less than the least expensive iPhone in the U.S.

Android, the free software powering the G1, is a crucial building block in Google's efforts to make its search engine and other services as accessible on cell phones as they already are on personal computers. The company believes it eventually might make

more money selling ads that get shown on mobile devices than on PCs, a channel that will generate about \$20 billion in revenue this year.

Both Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. also are investing heavily in the mobile market in hopes of preventing Google from extending the dominance it enjoys in searches initiated on PCs.

In an interview, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said Google's aims are broader than mobile advertising.

"Generally, we think if there are great (operating systems) out there that let people have great devices and great applications, people use the Internet on their phones much more," Brin said at the launch event in New York. "And whenever people use the Internet more, they end up using our services, and ultimately, that's good for our business. There's no secret plan to have ads pop up or anything."

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It's me manifesto

How do you sign people's yearbooks? Some leave a generic message: "I can't believe we made it through a whole year! It's been awesome getting to know you better. I hope you keep in touch."

Others detest the impersonality of such a message. These protesters demand a higher quality from the yearbook message as an entity and only write in the yearbooks of those for whom they can write a poignant and meaningful note. Yet though

the recipient may appreciate this type of message in the end there are costs: primarily the cost of the author having to turn people away when they ask, "Hey! Joe! Sign my yearbook!" As the "no" leaves the lips of the yearbook-idealist, Joe will immediately become the big jerk face who sucks (the lesson being that those who think they should take the message high ground are actually just big jerk faces who suck).

Finally, there are those among us who choose neither the personal nor the impersonal route to the message. The pressure to write in so many books builds and builds to feverish levels. Constant hounding and cajoling wear down the souls of these poor saps, still holding out on putting pen to paper, until finally they have no choice but to take every book they're handed and write the most superfluous and vacuous four-letter acronym in existence: hags.

So where do we go from here? Let me reformulate my initial statement. Instead of asking you how you sign people's yearbooks, let me tell you how I sign people's yearbooks. And to do so, I'll employ the best kind of evidence — anecdotal evidence.



Andrew Miller

The Road Scholar

In late May of my freshman year of high school, as the yearbooks were released, I decided I didn't want my friends to remember me as the dull guy, the sentimental guy, or the generically complacent guy. I wanted them to remember me as the funny guy — the guy whose message on which they could look back years from now and say, "Gosh darn it! That Andrew Miller sure was one funny son of a gun!"

But how to be the funny guy? How could I write such messages so that a majority of my friends (the total number of my friends at that time being no more than ten, just as a point of reference) would recognize the power of my rapier wit? I realized the only way I could bring about such a reaction would be by making a reference so clever, so hilarious, they would be hard-pressed not to remember me.

So then the issue became what is the perfect reference? It had to be something vaguely recognizable yet obscure enough to be unique. Something outlandishly funny yet with a hint of poignancy. Something ironic yet heart-warming.

I started thinking about end-of-year themed episodes of various programs and I remembered one that I always admired: the two-part Boy Meets World episode that contains the Mr. Feeney retirement flash-forward ("The War/Seven the Hard Way"). In this hour-long episode, the seven principles allow a prank war to escalate to the point where none of them wants to have anything to do with any of the others. During the flash-forward it's revealed that since the prank war, the only two who have remained in contact are the married Corey and Topanga (and they're in couples therapy). Eric shows up as his new personality, the reclusive Plays With Squirrels, and shares with everyone his life's work, a compendium of all his knowledge: Lose one friend, Lose all friends, Lose yourself.

Suddenly it hit me. There it was. Those three lines. That would be my yearbook message. And I wrote those three lines in every single yearbook I signed to friend and foe alike. Lose one friend, Lose all friends, Lose yourself.

Now many people will discount this reference as unimportant and too obscure. The nay-sayers will come at me with comments like: "Boy Meets World stopped being good after everyone started attending college. Those aren't the classic episodes. Nobody cares about those references." I fervently disagree. The show became infinitely funnier as the writers allowed the characters to be more absurd, exploring the limits of what could reasonably sustain a show once driven by Ben Savage's quickly waning cuteness factor. I had the reference and I had the justification.

The owners of some of the yearbooks I signed didn't get it; to them I explained myself. Others didn't care. But they probably wouldn't have cared even if I tried to write a personalized message because they probably had no intention of ever reading the messages they received. But there were a select few who appreciated and admired my comedic sensibility. And in the end, what is the point of a yearbook message if not to glorify and accentuate the ego of the composer.

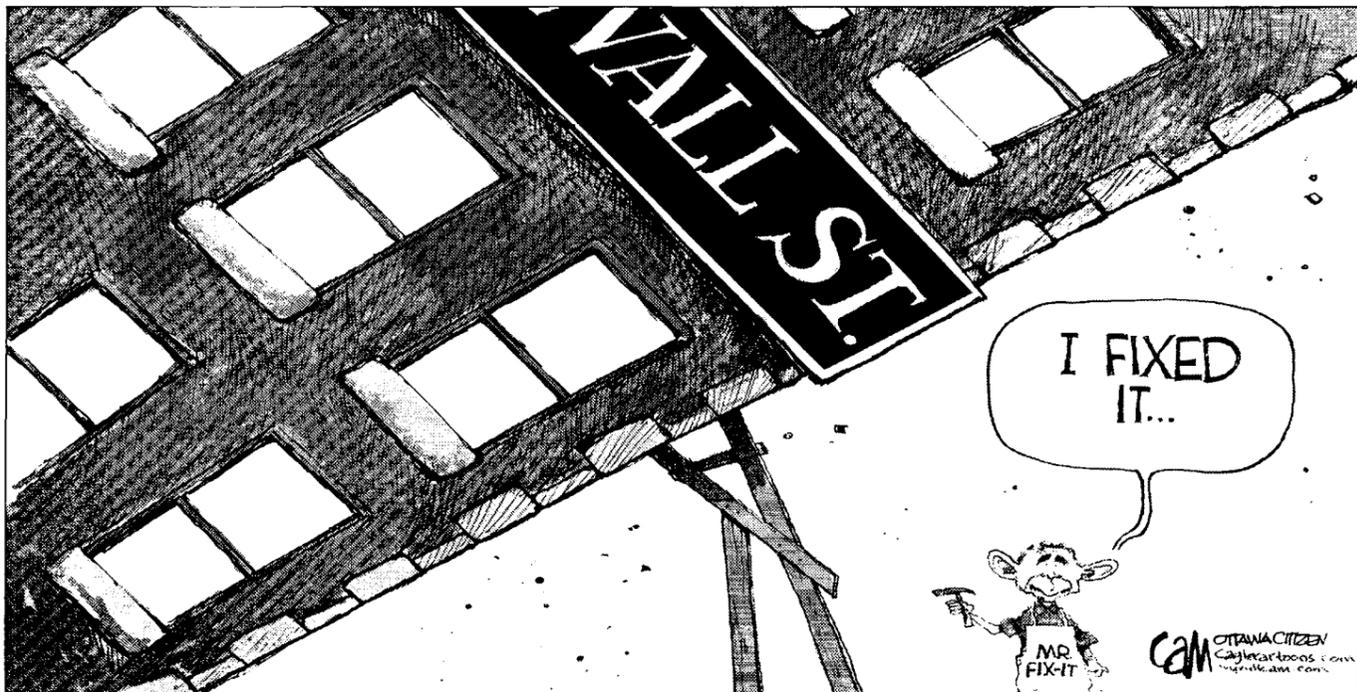
Since that year I have always tried to employ this method of yearbook signing. Find the reference and all else will fall in place. Avoid the campy, avoid the trite, avoid the real. Go straight for Plays With Squirrels and all problems will be solved.

And that's how I sign people's yearbooks.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Oh ... my ... God!"

Janice
the one on "Friends"
with the annoying voice

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Energy conservation begins with us

One of the events offered as part of energy week is a tour of the Notre Dame Power Plant.

My roommate and I decided to take the tour, hoping it would be a bit more than a way to avoid studying for our linear algebra test. I was expecting mostly undergraduate students on the tour, but was surprised to find a few professors, a priest, and several adults in business casual outfits.

The tour was much more than an overview of how energy was produced from fuel and shuttled to campus— not to say that isn't interesting, just maybe not to the average reader — but also a real idea of what effects my energy usage has on my community.

With the Forum this week, energy sources and usage is getting a lot of attention. But besides the fact that its the new hip thing to be green, it's important to realize that the effects of our energy conscience are everywhere.

For example, I learned later in the tour that the well-dressed adults were from energy usage in specific buildings. One of the students was there to learn about why our power plant uses coal rather than cleaner fuels. One of the professors was asking about the power usage of the research facilities he accessed on campus. Some people at the plant were thinking about the environment, others about money and some (me and my roommate) about if our engineering degrees would

require us to read such complicated displays.

But all joking aside, it wasn't exactly an uplifting message. The fact is, a lot of the energy that the plant is forced to produce is wasted. Some TVs use up to 60 percent of the power when they are in standby as when they are on. Our school used enough hot water to supply 20,000 homes.

So go to the Forum, read the energy policies of the presidential candidates, but whatever you do, don't forget that the biggest difference you can make is the act of moving your arm two feet to turn off a light, or stepping on the power strip that connects all of your appliances.

Our tour guide has been working at the plant for seven years, and he says his kids have always complained because he turns off the TV at night rather than keep it on standby, which causes the TV to take a minute to turn on in the morning.

Well he not only pays the bills for his energy use, he puts in the hours for ours. Even though we don't have to send a check for our energy use, someone does. Who knows, maybe that gets added onto fees as well.

So next time you are about to walk out the door with your laptop on sleep mode, think to yourself, "Well, maybe if I turn off my computer, football tickets will be cheaper next year." It could be true.

Steve Mattix
 sophomore
 Dillon Hall
 Sept. 22

Accepting consequences

In his Letter to the Editor concerning the University's supposedly inconsistent concern for student well-being ("Mixed messages," Sept. 23), Brian Strickland suggests the University should convert its present policy of cooperation and encouragement of law enforcement to one wherein the authorities are asked to divert their attention from university students.

I propose that if the University does opt for this course of action, it also ought to station nannies in University restrooms to wipe the wayward infant behind it has taken under its protection.

Strickland's use of scare quotes in describing "criminal" records for underage drinking causes one wonder whether he is as yet unaware that minor consumption is illegal not only virtually but in a very real sense.

References to institutional pride, top employers, and good academic and disciplinary standing all evoke our assumption that Notre Dame students are some of the best and the brightest, which seems to carry with it the concomitant assumption that they are intelligent enough to know precisely what risks they undertake in violating a well-known statute — especially when given express warning that said statute will be strictly enforced.

Students caught drinking are fully aware of

the illegality and consequences of their actions, and should be allowed to reap what they have sown. Rather than side track the discussion by invoking the common occurrence of underage drinking (as if we employ a crude moral calculus in which ubiquity covers a multitude of sins), Strickland ought to face up to the fact that it is not the arrests or university collusion that "tarnish the good reputations that these young adults carry as Notre Dame students" but their own conscious decisions to risk a criminal record for the sake of a buzz.

Could it not be the case that the university is indeed advancing student well-being by allowing these irresponsible individuals to learn that, without mommy and daddy there to clean up their messes, they will be held accountable for their choices?

If Strickland is not satisfied with this level of involvement, the university could escalate its efforts by requiring a class on why the Catholic tradition does not consider "all my friends are doing it" to be serious moral analysis.

Aaron Sanders
 grad student
 off-campus
 Sept. 23

Campaigns need to refocus

Christie Pesavento's recent viewpoint column ("Joe Biden: a gaffe a minute," Sept. 23) discussing Senator Biden's 'gaffes' is a perfect example of why the political system in the United States is in poor shape.

People like Pesavento would rather discuss a candidate's possible linguistic mistakes and the media's role in how much exposure each blunder receives then focus on important issues affecting millions of Americans.

It is truly a shame that our current culture rewards sensationalist reporting and that issues like "Did Obama call Palin a pig?", "Is Obama a Muslim?", and "What animals has Palin shot?" are the biggest news stories.

I would hope that the people of the University of Notre Dame would rise above such drivel. I pray that voters look at each candidate's position on the most important issues and make informed decisions that reflect their conscience.

I urge everyone as American citizens and as intelligent human beings to research and discuss candidates' past and present stances on war, the economy, respect for human life, foreign policy, etc. It is my fear that our country will be lost if we allow petty issues and moronic drivel to decide the fate of this election.

Andrew Sheehan
 alum
 Class of 2006
 Sept. 23

Rearranging priorities

I hate to hammer home the same point over and over, but I guess the Indiana State Police either

- a) don't read The Observer or
- b) have no common sense.

Sure underage drinking is a problem as it is in any college town, but the excessive vandalism and other crime found in South Bend is not.

Just a thought, but maybe they should spend taxpayers money in ways that decrease serious crimes, such as say felonies, and when that is fixed worry about underage drinking which, in case anyone forgot, is a misdemeanor.

Last I checked a few kids drinking is not as bad as someone getting robbed, shot, or killed. South Bend is worse than the national average in the following categories: overall crime, murders, rapes, robberies, burglaries, larceny/theft, vehicle theft and arson.

Lets rearrange our priorities.

Patrick McHugh
 junior
 Fisher Hall
 Sept. 23

Read to the end

In Sarah Mervosh's column, "Sex and Free Will," (Sept. 22) she asks, "After all, wasn't it Jesus who said that he who is without sin may cast the first stone?" Indeed, in John 8, with those words, Jesus stopped a crowd that was ready to stone a woman that had been caught in the act of adultery. After the crowd dropped their stones and left, without anyone to come forward to condemn the adulterous woman, Jesus told her to "go and sin no more." (John 8:11; KJV).

That last part is so often overlooked.

Benjamin Ellison
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Spurt of Blood: An experience in theater itself

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

When most people read Antonin Artaud's surrealist play "Spurt of Blood" they consider it an academic exercise. For all the influence Artaud has had on modern theater, this play is considered to be unstageable and unproduceable. But not all people work that way.

Two years ago now-senior Jackie Dineen discovered "Spurt of Blood" during Dr. Mark Pilkinton's Theater, History and Society class. She remarked in an e-mail interview that, "he had us read the play out loud in class as an academic exercise and briefly mentioned how it has always been considered unstageable due to many of the surrealist and absurd characteristics of the show. I immediately became interested in what it would take to faithfully translate Artaud's vision onto the stage." This week, under her guidance as dramaturge, her interest has come to full realization as the Film, Television, and Theater department take on one of theater's most difficult works. The show is part of her honors thesis for the department, which will focus first on the practical aspects of translating Theater of Cruelty, an overarching theme of Artaud's work, to a modern stage and audience and second on Peter Brooks, the first person to bring the play to the stage.

Taking "Spurt of Blood," which is a very short play filled with surrealist imagery, and turning it into a physical performance is not an easy task, both conceptually and physically. The audience is not given much text and no plot to react to and there are events that are difficult to express within the limits of a stage: stars collide, the hand of God reaches down, and things turn transparent. Dineen remarked, "once you

read the play you immediately realize how incredibly challenging it is to translate to a modern audience. It has so many surrealist and absurd characteristics like objects falling with a 'despairing slowness' or characters catching on fire. The brevity of the play also tends to leave the reader a little shocked and feeling like nothing was explained." In his introduction to the play, director Dr. Mark Pilkinton wrote, "'Spurt of Blood' challenges the traditional Aristotelian concept of theatre."

The cast and crew worked hard to make "Spurt of Blood" a reality, especially under a short three week production schedule. In an e-mail interview, Kathleen Hession, the assistant director and one of the actresses remarked, "being completed entirely by Theatre Majors, this production highlights the immense talent that exists on this campus. I just wish people could have seen the insane amount of work that was put into the three weeks that preceded this performance." Dineen remarked, "the first few days of rehearsal took a lot of patience just in deciding what ideas we could use and what we couldn't. Everyone helped in all areas of the show like acting, designing, and staging which really added to the mentality that this is a Company production." Of course, while the company did their best to remain true to the spirit of the play, not every one of Artaud's directions was able to be followed. Dineen explained, "it was important that we tried to stay as true to Artaud's concept as possible, but some things will always have to be changed based on the resources you have."

The question on most people's lips is, of course, what is this play about? Before audience members walk in, they need to recognize that there isn't a plot or a theme in the way we have come to expect them. Dineen said the play, "...is about the concept and the

method of production not necessarily the story," and expanded, "the play doesn't have a traditional plot line or your typical characters that audience members relate to, but it does show exactly what Artaud thought theater should be." She said, "it's important that everyone try to see what Artaud believes is broken in our typical theatre performances. The surrealism that runs throughout the show is there to tell the audience that there are more important things in theatre than just the spoken word. Theatre of Cruelty isn't about violence; it's about focusing on what makes us human, which is more than just talking."

With "Spurt of Blood" Artaud is challenging the audience to drop their preconceptions and approach theater anew. Hession remarked, "when you enter the theatre and the show begins focus more on the style of the production and less on the text. Allow yourself to be taken over by the production and just have fun with it. Not everything has to be explained ... surrender to the madness!" She explained that the show is in a way attempting to turn a passive audience into an active one, and absorb their senses so that they cannot just sit back and watch. This was not only a challenge for the audience, but the actors as well. Hession explained that the actors had to remember that, "the text is not what should be placed at the center of this production. Rather it is the style of the play that we try to highlight." She continued, "once you convince yourself that you can let go of that stress the entire process becomes much easier and you focus more on simply being constantly present."

Attendees of FTT's production of "Spurt of Blood" are certain to be exposed to a new theater experience.

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No longer a passive audience

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

"Spurt of Blood" is absolutely ridiculous in the most fantastic way. It was easily the most fun I have had in the theatre in quite a while.

Upon entrance, one expects to be handed a program and seated around the stage for a passive, albeit emotional or maybe hysterical evening of entertainment. This is what an audience member expects — to be entertained. We want to have other people get up and act out our greatest tragedies and triumphs, and to feel something in the process. We expect them to question our values and give us a glimpse of society. But we always know that no matter what, they're on the stage

and we're in the chairs. This is accepted. This is expected. It's The Theatre after all.

This is precisely what Artaud was attempting to abolish. And I'm here to tell you, if that's the intent of this production, it succeeds. I can't begin to describe the plot, which, though present, is altogether unimportant. This experience is not about telling a story, but instead about using the idea of theatre to bring emotions and thoughts to an audience without one. If theatre is about experience, then this should be its calling card.

Beyond the set (fluid costumes (bizarre) and text (nice...really) stand the actors, who are the pillar of this show. They are so committed that, as the absurdity rises, you somehow trust them to keep it all in control. This is a show

that could easily get lost, become a farce or leave the viewer stranded in a sea of confusion, but they never falter. As an audience member, I felt safe letting them guide me across the stage (at moments literally) as the show raged on.

It ran about 38 minutes, start to finish. I laughed, gasped, and I let myself be open to this archetype of "theatre of the cruelty." But I am pretty sure that through the entire show, I was smiling. Bottom line, you don't have to be a theatre aficionado to understand the show. It's not about being understood. And you should go.

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NFL

Jets' Favre expected to play this weekend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't fret, Jets fans. Brett Favre's playing streak appears safe.

The New York quarterback rolled his left ankle during the third quarter of the Jets' 48-29 loss at San Diego on Monday night, but coach Eric Mangini wasn't overly concerned about Favre's injury.

"Brett usually plays," Mangini said Tuesday, "and I would anticipate the same."

Favre was limping noticeably after the injury and in the locker room after the game, but has started an NFL-record 256 straight regular-season games. He is expected to start Sunday at home against Arizona.

"It's just understanding him and I think we have a good plan in place

whenever guys get injured, so I feel pretty comfortable with the process," Mangini said. "And I know that if there's any way that he can play, he'll definitely play."

Mangini said Favre received some treatment on the ankle when the team arrived home early Tuesday morning, and the quarterback was scheduled for more later in the evening.

The nature of the injury wasn't immediately known, but Favre said after the game that X-rays came out OK — meaning there was no break. The players had the day off from speaking with the media, and Favre is scheduled for his weekly news conference Wednesday morning.

Favre was lifted for Kellen Clemens before the Jets' final offensive possession, but it was more because the game was out of hand at that point.

Favre was inconsistent against the Chargers, going 30-of-42 for 271 yards and three touchdowns, but also threw two interceptions, including one returned 52 yards for a score by defensive back Antonio Cromartie. He and some of his receivers appeared out of sync at times, something Favre has warned would take some time to perfect after playing in Green Bay's offensive system for the past 16 seasons.

"I think there's been progress each week," Mangini said. "We threw the ball quite a bit (Monday) night and

there's going to be some times where when you put the ball up in volume, you're going to have turnovers. Brett's made a lot of great plays, sort of ad-lib type plays and the receivers are getting more and more used to that and I think he's getting more and more used to the receivers. As you go along and get the additional reps, that tends to naturally improve."

Mangini bemoaned a few other turnovers, including a fumble by running back Thomas Jones, that turned the momentum in the Chargers' favor.

"Brett usually plays, and I would anticipate the same."

Eric Mangini
Jets head coach

"I thought we were moving the ball pretty effectively throughout the first half, and then we had the turnover for a touchdown," Mangini said. "That was the

case in the first half, some positive drives punctuated by the turnovers. Whenever you have that happen, it's not going to have a good result."

After New York cut the deficit to 17-14 on Laveranues Coles' 3-yard touchdown catch early in the second quarter, the Jets tried to catch the Chargers off guard by trying an on-side kick. After a perfectly placed bounce by kicker Jay Feely, special teams standout Wallace Wright got his hands on the ball but lost it and San Diego recovered. Five plays later, the Chargers made it a 10-point game and Mangini was roundly criticized for the call after the game.

"In that situation, I would definitely do it again if it was the same situation," Mangini said. "We didn't execute as well as we should've."

The Jets also clearly missed the presence of run-stopping nose tackle Kris Jenkins, who left in the first quarter with a back injury. San Diego finished with 107 yards on the ground and were able to convert on third down numerous times late in the game.

"There were times (Monday) night where we thought Kris could come back in," Mangini said. "It just didn't get to the point where we were ready to do that. He was close, definitely, throughout the course of the game, so I'm hoping with time and treatment, that'll move along pretty well."

MLB

Twins and Sox ready to go

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Neither the Chicago White Sox nor the Minnesota Twins have been playing like contenders over the past month. They're determined to change that during the final week of the regular season.

The White Sox will bring a 2 1/2-game lead in the AL Central over the Twins to a packed-and-loud Metrodome Tuesday for the start of a three-game series that should, finally, define this slow-developing race.

"We're in first place, so we need to act like a first-place team and go play like one," said Chicago lefty Mark Buehrle, who will take the mound on Wednesday.

Minnesota is glad to be back, after playing 24 of the previous 30 games on the road and going 9-15 in that stretch. The Twins are 49-26 at the Metrodome this year, with a 3.25 staff ERA under the bubble compared to 5.14 on the road.

"We're ready for it. We're going to go home and play hard," said Twins left-hander Francisco Liriano, who won't pitch in the series after allowing one run in seven innings of a victory Sunday at Tampa Bay.

These rivals have been no further apart in the standings than the current margin since July 27. Chicago has been in front for 144 days and all but nine since May 17, but hasn't led by any more than 3 1/2 games since June 19.

"It's like you're fighting for 12 rounds and you know you're winning, but a lucky punch gets you last round and you're done and you lose the title. That's that way I feel right now," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

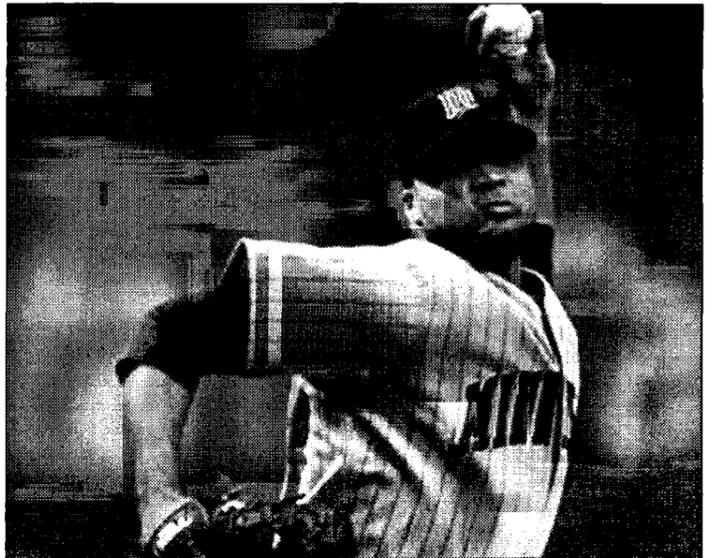
Indeed, though his team can clinch with a sweep, three wins the other way would put Minnesota in first place.

"That's what we're here for. We're close, and we have them at home," first baseman Justin Morneau said.

The magic number is down to five for the leaders, meaning any combination of White Sox wins and Twins losses adding up to that will give Chicago the title. After this series, the White Sox host Cleveland and the Twins host Kansas City.

The White Sox have an extra game to play next Monday against Detroit if the teams are within a half-game of each other on Sunday, due to a rainout earlier this month.

If they're tied after that, the



Twins pitcher Francisco Liriano pitches against the Rays during the second inning in Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Twins must travel to the South Side for a playoff on Tuesday to determine the winner of a division the Twins have won four times in the previous six years. Over 13 postseasons since the AL Central was created, the White Sox have qualified as the champion twice. Cleveland is the leader with seven.

In 2005, the White Sox won the World Series, but Guillen said this year's team should be more proud than that one. He also metaphorically predicted a collapse this week would feel like a low-budget movie with a confusing conclusion.

"The only thing we have left and the only thing that can complement that is to win," Guillen said. "If not, it will be a tough summer with a bad ending."

This has been a strange season in the Upper Midwest. The Tigers were supposed to be the favorites after their winter spending spree, but their age showed this summer and they had more holes than most analysts probably realized. The Indians were in position to contend, too, with a young core that came within one victory of advancing to the World Series last fall.

But it was the White Sox with their homer-happy heart of the order and Guillen-inspired spunk who emerged, and the Twins have stayed right on their heels — enjoying 23 days in first place, mostly in May — with a speedy lineup and better-than-expected starting pitching from an untested group of prospects.

Lately, the rotation has faltered. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday against the Rays, the starters gave Minnesota a total of only 6 1-3

innings. "They say they're not tired. They don't feel tired. It's about making pitches. We have to get innings out of these young men. It's still about giving us a chance. We can't continue going into the bullpen for six innings," manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Kansas City will have played the Twins and White Sox a total of 18 times in August and September by week's end, so the Royals have as good of a perspective on this series as any.

Two weeks ago, when Chicago's lead was one game, manager Trey Hillman was asked to rate the race. After praising the power of the White Sox and giving their starting pitching an edge for a greater ability to dominate a given outing, he spoke reverently about the Twins, their lack of walks issued, their offensive and defensive fundamentals, and their speed on the bases and in the outfield.

"It's a tough call for me. I really feel like it's tougher for us playing against these guys," Hillman said, referring to Minnesota before the game on Sept. 11. "Maybe it's because we're here right now playing against them in this dome, where they have a good record. I just feel like these guys might have the edge a little bit, even though the White Sox at times can pitch a little bit better."

At this point, though, analysis doesn't matter. The White Sox have the lead, and it's up to them to maintain it.

"We are where we are for a reason," said John Danks, who will start Thursday. "We know it's a big series, and we know there is a lot at stake. We want to have as much leeway as we can."

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Will the Mets collapse again? No.

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NCAA Football AP Poll

team	points	record
1 USC	1,621	2-0
2 Oklahoma	1,484	3-0
3 Georgia	1,475	4-0
4 Florida	1,442	3-0
5 LSU	1,363	3-0
6 Missouri	1,360	4-0
7 Texas	1,174	3-0
8 Alabama	1,132	4-0
9 Wisconsin	1,091	3-0
10 Texas Tech	962	4-0
11 BYU	919	4-0
12 Penn State	891	4-0
13 South Florida	798	4-0
14 Ohio State	790	3-1
15 Auburn	785	3-1
16 Wake Forest	711	4-0
17 Utah	574	4-0
18 Kansas	555	3-1
19 Boise State	363	3-0
20 Clemson	300	3-1
21 Vanderbilt	242	4-0
22 Illinois	224	2-1
23 East Carolina	201	3-1
24 TCU	117	4-0
25 Fresno State	105	2-1

NCAA Football USA Today Poll

team	points	record
1 USC	1,517	2-0
2 Oklahoma	1,424	3-0
3 Georgia	1,388	4-0
4 Florida	1,345	3-0
5 Missouri	1,284	4-0
6 LSU	1,247	3-0
7 Texas	1,143	3-0
8 Wisconsin	1,041	3-0
9 Texas Tech	944	4-0
10 Alabama	939	4-0
11 BYU	931	4-0
12 Penn State	818	4-0
13 Ohio State	744	3-1
13 South Florida	721	4-0
15 Wake Forest	678	3-0
16 Auburn	650	3-1
17 Utah	528	4-0
18 Kansas	506	3-1
19 Clemson	378	3-1
20 Boise State	265	3-0
21 Illinois	233	2-1
22 Oregon	174	3-1
23 TCU	151	4-0
24 Fresno State	117	2-1
25 Vanderbilt	103	4-0

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Team	Record
team	league overall
1 Hope	7-0 12-3
2 Alma	5-1 13-5
3 Calvin	4-1 10-3
4 SAINT MARY'S	3-2 10-4
5 Adrian	2-3 6-7
6 Albion	2-3 9-7
7 Kalamazoo	2-5 5-12
8 Trine	1-5 4-10
9 Olivet	0-6 3-12

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NCAA FOOTBALL

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NFL



Ohio State running back Beanie Wells cheers from the bench during the Buckeyes' 28-10 win over Troy Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. Wells will likely return to the Ohio State lineup against Minnesota this weekend.

Wells likely to suit up for Buckeyes

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells is likely to return for No. 14 Ohio State against Minnesota on Saturday.

"It adds to our arsenal," coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday, shortly after announcing that Wells was probable for Saturday's game.

Wells has been out of action since injuring his right foot early in the second half of the opening victory over Youngstown State. Dan Herron has been the tailback in victories over Ohio and Troy and a lop-

sided defeat at top-ranked Southern California.

Ohio State could use the boost. Even though freshman Terrelle Pryor threw four touchdown passes last week in his debut as a starter against Troy, the offense has been erratic since Wells left.

His teammates were happy to see him doing all the drills at Tuesday night's practice.

Asked how Wells looked, offensive lineman Alex Boone said, "Fast. Very fast. He was running all over the place. He looked physical and fast. He looked like noth-

ing had happened to him."

Against Troy, the Buckeyes led just 14-10 heading into the fourth quarter before punts downed deep inside the 20 helped Ohio State set up two short touchdown drives to pull away 28-10.

Pryor gives the Buckeyes a mobile quarterback who can avoid a collapsing pocket and transform a potential loss into a gain. He escaped from severe pressure on several occasions to frustrate Troy defenders and perpetuate drives.

The Buckeyes also

experimented up front with several other fresh faces on the offensive line. Jim Cordle, who had started the past 16 games at center, moved to left guard to fill in for the injured Steve Rehling. Another true freshman, Mike Brewster, then took Cordle's spot.

Brewster wasn't the only youngster in the rotation up front. True freshman J.B. Shugarts and sophomore Andrew Miller also saw action.

Suddenly, the huddle that Wells returns to doesn't bear much resemblance to the one he left.

IN BRIEF

Paterno hopes to return to sideline at Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno didn't list himself on the injury report, but Penn State's coach designated himself "hopeful" to be back on the sideline for the 12th-ranked Nittany Lions' game Saturday night against Illinois.

Slowed by a sore right leg, the Hall of Famer moved to the press box after halftime of last week's rout of Temple — not that the 81-year-old Paterno says he couldn't have stayed on the field the whole time.

"Yeah, I hope to be," Paterno said Tuesday when asked if he intends to pace the Beaver Stadium sideline for the Big Ten opener versus the No. 22 Illini. "I could have been out in the second half Saturday if I wanted to, but ... I figured we got a lot of football ahead of us. Let's maybe take it a little bit easier upstairs."

Green set to replace Bulger at QB for floundering Rams

ST. LOUIS — Marc Bulger is out as the St. Louis Rams starting quarterback after throwing only two touchdown passes in three games and will be replaced by 38-year-old Trent Green for Sunday's game against Buffalo.

The benching of the Rams' highest-paid player, announced by coach Scott Linehan in a terse, two-paragraph release on Tuesday, signals just how desperate times have become for the sagging franchise. Linehan is 11-24 in his third season, including 0-3 this year with none of the games competitive.

Last week, Linehan was told by new owner Chip Rosenbloom that improvements need to be made or that changes would be forthcoming. This is Linehan's first head coaching job at any level, earned off success as an offensive coordinator with the Dolphins and Vikings. He was a quarterback in college at Idaho.

Texans pitch in to help out struggling community

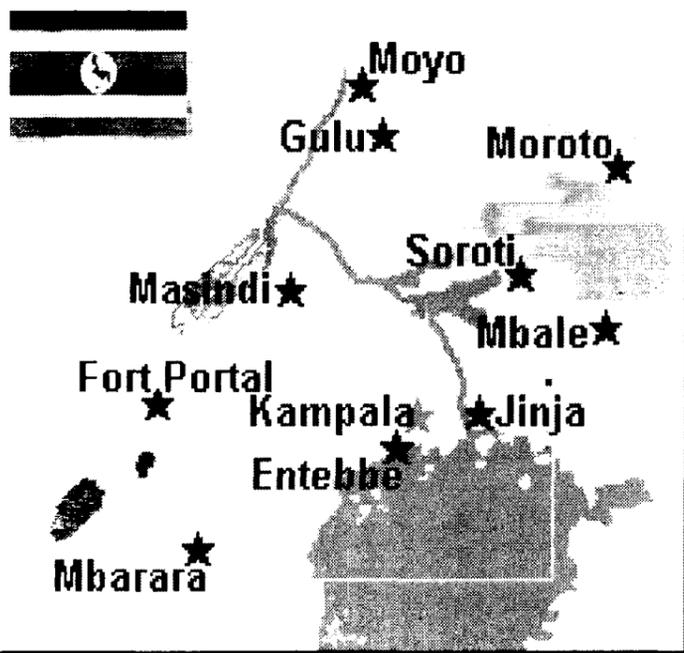
HOUSTON — Duane Brown's home still doesn't have electricity more than 10 days after Hurricane Ike plowed into southeast Texas.

That didn't stop the Houston Texans' first-round draft pick from spending his day off Tuesday at the Houston Food Bank, filling boxes with food to be distributed to families who need help in the wake of the storm.

"I was very fortunate in the sense that I didn't have any property damage or anything like that," he said. "I'm around a lot of people who are able to help me out and I know a lot of people don't have that. I just wanted to come out here and show my support and show the city of Houston that I do care a lot about what they're going through."

Brown was one of dozens of Texans players, staff and cheerleaders who braved nearly 90 degree temperatures with stifling humidity to pack boxes in a lot in front of the food bank.

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NFL

QB Quinn could start for Browns

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Maybe it was fitting that Derek Anderson spent his day off at an adoption center for cats and dogs. Cleveland's starting quarterback is on a short leash.

With his team off to a disturbing 0-3 start, Browns coach Romeo Crennel is considering personnel changes and may bench Anderson for popular backup Brady Quinn.

Anderson, who made the Pro Bowl last season while leading Cleveland to 10 wins, has thrown just two touchdown passes and five interceptions in Cleveland's losses to Dallas, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. He enters this week's game at Cincinnati with a 43.5 quarterback rating — only Kansas City's Tyler Thigpen's 38.3 is worse.

Anderson expects to start against the Bengals. However, if he struggles, he won't finish.

He has run out of time.

"I can play better. I know that," Anderson said Tuesday outside the Cleveland Animal Protective League. "It's been frustrating because I've put a lot into it and it's not gone perfect. I'm not making excuses, but it hasn't been what we've all expected it to be. You watch film and it's a few things here and there: a missed throw, a dropped pass.

"It's never going to be perfect, but we thought we would have won at least one or two games so far. I understand it, and I'm just going to continue to keep working, knowing that we're still in this and we just have to find a way to get going."

Wearing a protective sleeve wrap over a bruised right arm, Anderson didn't appear to be nervous about losing his job. He was typically laid-back and approachable as he toured the facility and mingled with volunteers and people adopting animals. At one point, he dropped down on the floor to play with a pair of adorable brown Labradors before they were taken home by delighted new owners.

On Monday, Crennel informed the Browns that he was evaluating every position and that changes could be forthcoming. Anderson didn't need to be told. Pressing to make big plays, he has made poor throws and bad decisions for an injury-riddled offense that has scored a league-low 26 points.

And if Anderson doesn't improve quickly, Crennel will have no choice but to turn things over to Quinn, who will get more repetitions in practice this week with the first-team offense.

"Regardless of the situation, I always put a lot of pressure on myself," said Anderson, who went 14-of-37 for 125 yards with three interceptions on Sunday. "I take it as he (Quinn) is trying to take my job every week. Maybe it's too much pressure I put on myself, but that's just kind of the way I've always thought about it, even in college when I knew I was going to play.

"Anytime you get comfortable, you have to remind yourself that that guy's chasing you."

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"We did what we came out here to do," Bishop said.

Bishop, who played quarterback for the Ducks (1-1), attributed her team's offensive success to a lot of short passes that helped them spread out the Pyros (0-1) defense.

"We didn't just go for the big plays, we tried to work the entire field," Bishop said.

Though Bishop threw for three touchdown passes, she was just as effective running the ball, creating multiple opportunities for the offense by throwing on the run or by tucking in the ball and taking it up the field herself.

Howard's defense was equally impressive, sacking Pyros quarterback Caitlin Robinson four times and intercepting her once. By generating a consistent pass rush, they did not allow the sophomore signal-caller to get into a good rhythm.

On the other sideline, Pasquerilla East now has a good idea of how it can improve for next week.

Though the Pyros got on the board with an early touchdown, they just couldn't keep up with

Howard. The Pyros defense stayed on the field for most of the game, as short offensive drives gave them little time to rest. Captain Tara Pillai said the team was disappointed, but that it was only their first game and the squad should be better prepared next week.

"We need more consistency on offense and with our defensive pass coverage," Pillai said.

Pillai stood out in an otherwise unimpressive Pyros offense. As Robinson's favorite target, Pillai

kept multiple Pasquerilla East drives alive on third and fourth downs.

Cavanaugh 0, Pasquerilla West 0

Neither the Purple Weasels nor the Chaos could emerge victorious from a defensive showdown as the teams battled to a tie Tuesday night.

Both offenses struggled as neither team could move the ball down the field effectively or sustain a drive.

Cavanaugh (1-0-1) came the

closest to breaking the deadlock. After a punt return deep into Purple Weasels (0-0-1) territory, Chaos captain Katie Dunn connected with freshman receiver Brittini Alexander in the corner of the end zone, but Alexander was ruled out of bounds.

Dunn disagreed with the call.

"I don't see how a ref could miss a call that badly," Dunn said. "She clearly dragged her feet in the end zone."

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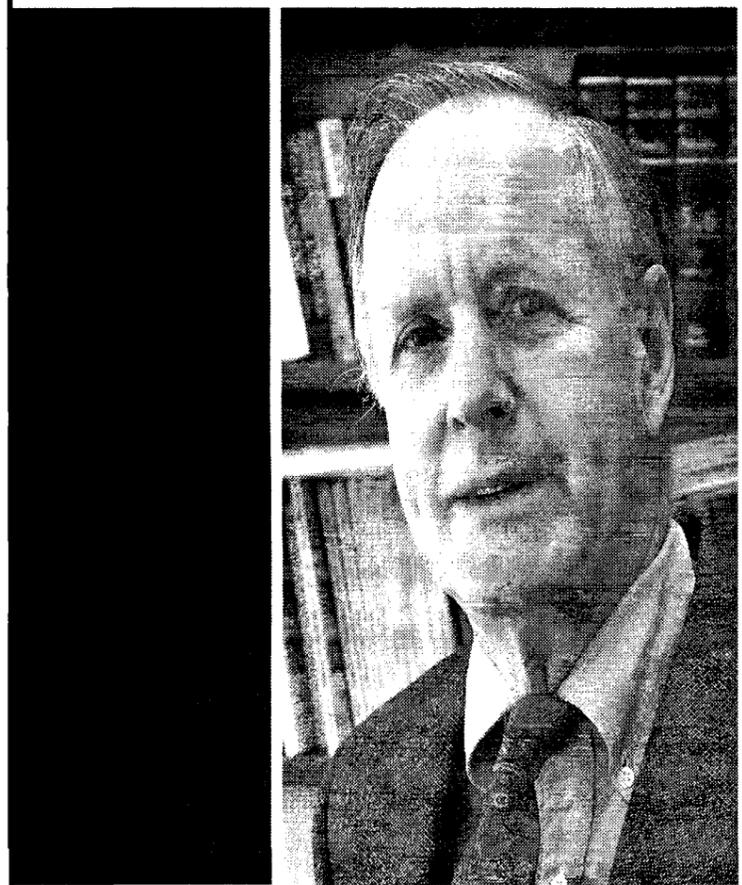
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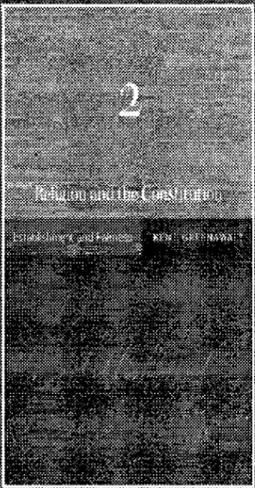
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first three games [and] we've had more success throwing the ball than running the ball," he said. "But you can't make a living — you can't make a living just being one-dimensional in football."

Given the option of continuing with that balance despite recent struggles of the running game or converting to a more pass-heavy offense, Weis said the rushing offense takes pressure off the quarterback and prevents defenses from keying on the passing game.

"I always believe that it makes things a heck of a lot easier on the quarterback if you can run the ball. It makes it a lot easier," the coach said. "When defensive linemen can just pin their ears back and know you were throwing on every down, you're usual-

ly putting yourself at risk."

When asked whether it would be easier to run the ball with one solid back rather than three, Weis drew his answer from the NFL game between the Jets and the Chargers Monday night. Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson, he said, was the best, but their change-of-pace back, Darren Sproles, posed a threat every time he got in the game.

"When they give the ball, it's not like giving it to LaDainian," he said. "LaDainian is one of the best but when that little guy gets in there you better look out because every time he touches it, he may be taking it to the house."

Note:

♦ Weis said wide receiver David Grimes will play this weekend. Grimes has missed time because of a sore back.

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That drive aside, the game was dominated by both defenses.

The Chaos defense was outstanding from start to finish, intercepting three passes and swatting down balls all night.

"We played signature Cavanaugh defense tonight," defensive linemen Jessica Mahon said.

Anchored by Mahon, the Chaos recorded two sacks and pressured Purple Weasels quarterback Cara Davies into countless rushed throws.

The Pasquerilla West defense was just as stingy, stifling the usually potent Chaos offense.

Defensive linemen Jordan Johnson put on a clinic, recording two sacks and pressuring Dunn on every play.

"The defense really saved us," Davies said. "They bailed us out of every jam, especially the defensive line."

Despite the tie, both teams were still optimistic about their season outlooks.

"This is hands down the most potential I've seen on any Cavanaugh team," Dunn said. "Once we develop our red zone offense, we'll be just fine."

Pasquerilla West coach Adam Brainard is also hopeful that his team will pull it together in time for next week's game.

"After tonight we have a better idea of how our offensive players fit into positions," Brainard said. "With our outstanding defense, I expect a shutout every game."

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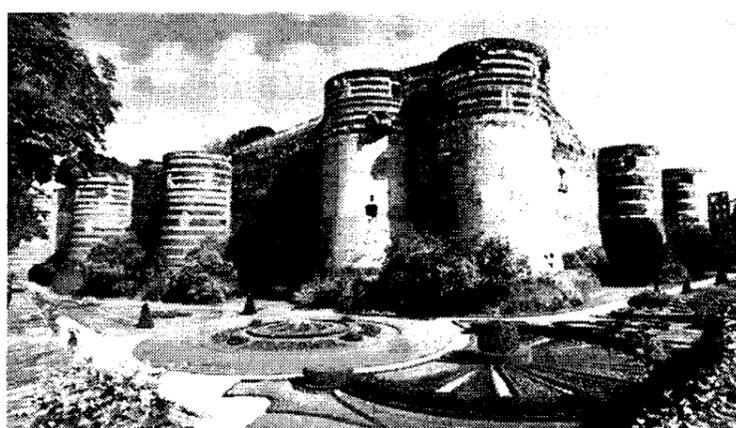
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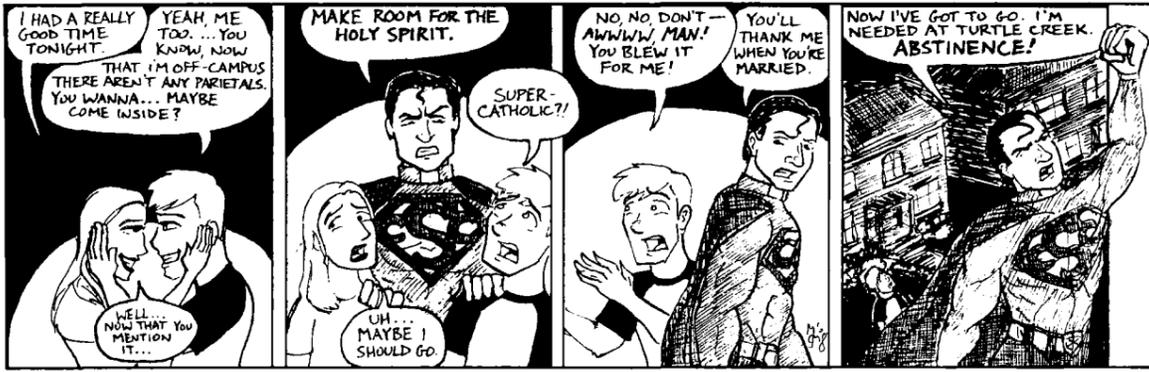
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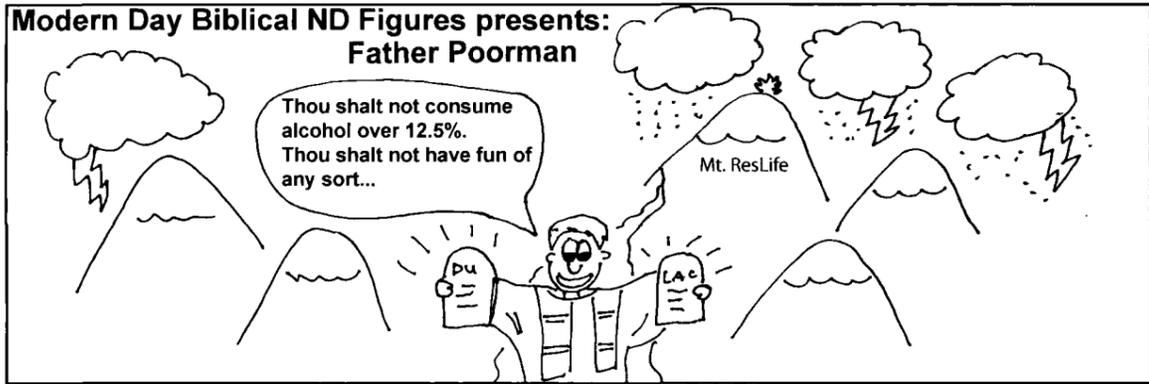
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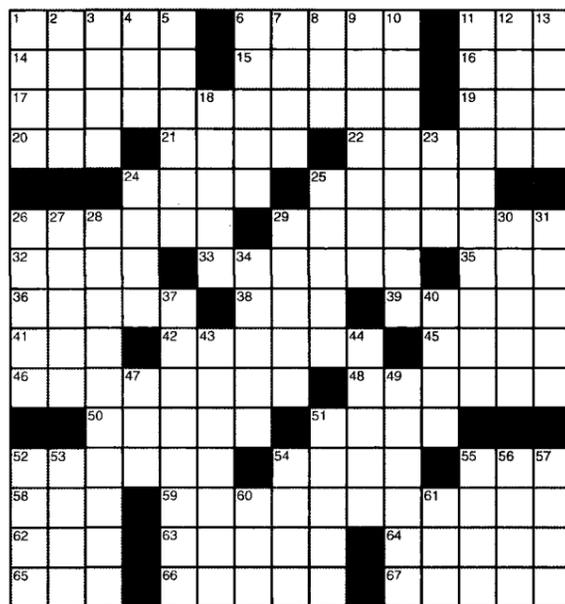
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 - 21 Badlands feature
 - 22 Deprived
 - 24 Rapper Kanye
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- DOWN**
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 - 42 Ones in matching tuxes
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 - 46 Bulwark
 - 48 Minded
 - 50 Some sculptures
 - 51 ___ Gailey of "Miracle on 34th Street"
 - 52 Talented Zero
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 - 55 Diner cupful
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make gains today if you are willing to alter your plans. A short trip will result in information you need for something that may have seemed impossible in the past. 4 stars

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone may spring something on you suddenly today. Cast your fate to the wind and enjoy the adventure. Romance is in the stars and looks most inviting. Children will play an important role in your life. Travel plans should be made. 3 stars

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

McGlinn declaws Lions; Howard extinguishes Pyros

By SHANE STEINBURG,
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Sports Writers

McGlinn 14, Lyons 6

The McGlinn Shamrocks put a disappointing loss in Week One behind them with a 14-6 victory over the Lyons Lions Tuesday night.

The Shamrocks (1-1) offensive line negated the Lyons pass rush for much of the game, giving quarterback Sarah deGroot more than

enough time to find an open receiver. DeGroot made the most of her opportunities, connecting with wide receiver Jen Fedyna for two touchdowns.

The Lyons (1-1) defense appeared out of tune and gave up too many short completions early on. On offense, miscommunication and frequent breakdowns in the pocket hindered any attempts at scoring until the closing moments of the game.

McGlinn put together three impressive drives in the first half, but only managed to score once as

a turnover and the half cut their other series short.

In the second half, it was the Shamrocks defense that stepped up, sacking Lyons quarterback Claire Connell four times.

"We forced some errant passes with our pass rush and that made everything else fall in place," McGlinn co-defensive coordinator Craig Wilborg said.

The Shamrocks used an effective passing game to maintain control of the ball for much of the game. Fedyna caught two touchdown passes, despite having no recep-

tions in McGlinn's first game, and the offensive line protected deGroot all night.

For Lyons, Tuesday's loss was extremely disappointing following a completely one-sided win in the team's opener.

"It was a team loss that started with the coaches. We didn't put them in a spot to be successful," coach Matt Gelchion said.

For McGlinn, however, the reaction couldn't have been more different.

"Our entire team came out today and executed," McGlinn head

coach Keith Creasy said. "We had great ball control and our team really improved over our first game."

Howard 20, Pasquerilla East 6

Coming into her team's game Tuesday night against Pasquerilla East, Howard captain Kayla Bishop said the Ducks were looking to prove themselves. On Tuesday night, they did just that with a 20-6 win over the Pyros.

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FOOTBALL

Yeatman will not suit up

Junior tight end will sit out until 'matter is resolved'

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Junior tight end Will Yeatman will not play this weekend against Purdue and will not suit up until his "matter is resolved," Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his weekly press conference.

Yeatman and freshman center Mike Golic Jr. were arrested this weekend at an off-campus party on Colfax Ave. Police charged Yeatman with minor consumption of alcohol, false informing and resisting arrest, and charged Golic with minor consumption of alcohol.

"Any other action as it relates to team rules, including the situation with Mike Golic, will be handled by me," Weis said.

Weis said both players will participate in practice.

The situation's delicacy, Weis said, requires him to act with some degree of compassion.

"I think I try to treat these kids similar to if I were talking to Charlie [Weis, Jr.]," Weis said. "As you go through growing pains, you know, you just try to educate and teach and let them know that you weren't perfect when you were going through the growing experience yourself."

Weis said it is not his role to judge the players' actions but rather to provide support.

"I think the most important thing is to just look out for the interest of the kids and the team and the University," Weis said.

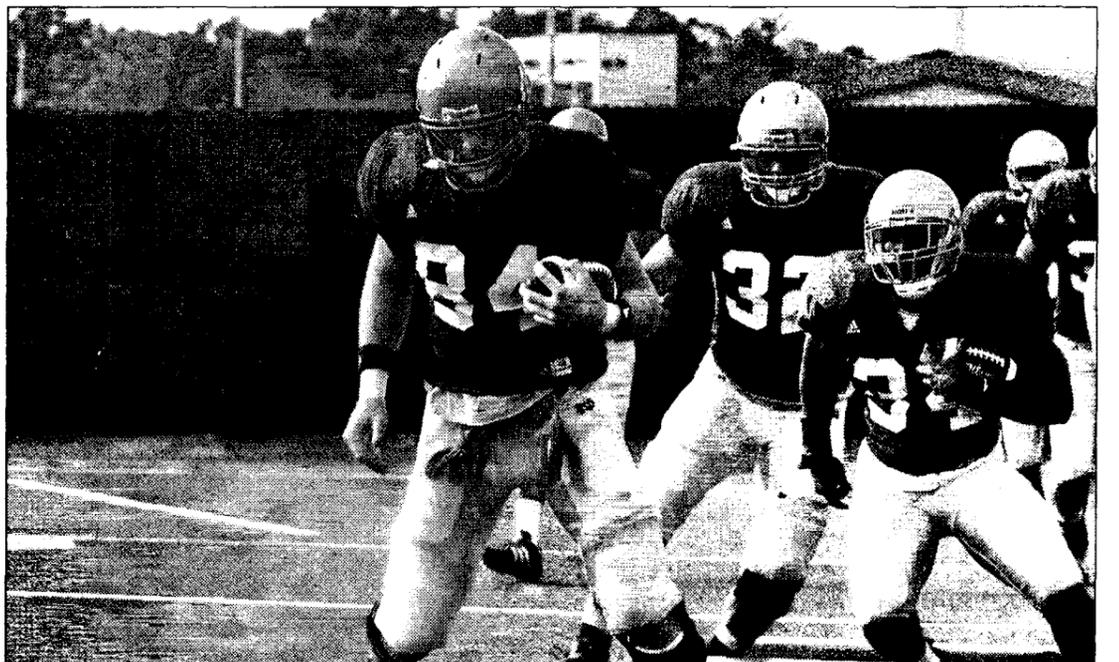
At the tight end position, Weis said Joseph Fauria's playing time will increase due to the loss of Yeatman.

"As a matter of fact, today, instead of practicing on the scout team he'll be practicing up with the big boys," Weis said.

Freshman Kyle Rudolph currently tops the depth chart at tight end.

The loss of Yeatman, who caught six passes for two yards and played primarily as a run-blocker, won't hamper the team's blocking schemes.

"We're ready to go with him or



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Notre Dame junior tight end runs through a drill during an Irish practice on Aug. 23. Coach Charlie Weis said Yeatman will not play Saturday against Purdue.

without him. So you have to have that covered on both ends," Weis said.

Weis also said the passing

game, while effective in the first three games, cannot carry the offense. He would much rather have a balanced offense instead,

he said.

"You look at the tape at the

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad picks up home win over Kalamazoo

SMC upperclassmen lead the unit in kills

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's took down Kalamazoo Tuesday to run its record to 10-4 overall and 3-2 in the MIAA. The Belles came from behind to earn the 14-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-14 victory.

Seniors Cathy Kurczak, Kaela Hellman and junior Lorna Slupczynski led Saint Mary's as each recorded double-digit kills.

Kurczak and Slupczynski combined for 10 of the Belles'

12 kills in the second set to keep the team in the match.

The Belles also took the third set to take control of the match for good. At the end of the set, Kurczak notched a kill to knot the score at 24-24. She then added another to end the set in favor of Saint Mary's, 26-24.

The Belles cruised to the victory in the final set. Hellman had five of the team's nine kills.

It was the Belles' fourth straight season with 10 or more wins.

Saint Mary's returns to action against Calvin on Saturday.

SMC GOLF

Belles head to Michigan

Team will try to gain ground in league standings at third jamboree

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to close the gap in the MIAA season standings Wednesday when the team heads to Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids, Mich., to compete in the third of four fall season jamborees.

The Belles find themselves one stroke behind second-place Ilope and 37 behind first-place Olivet.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton said he is looking for steady improvement each week from his team.

"Right now, we are really

struggling to get four good scores. Our top three are usually pretty solid, but we aren't getting consistency from our fourth and fifth spots," Hamilton said. "We are a ways behind Olivet and they are the team we are trying to beat. We just need to focus on gaining ground on the teams ahead of us."

Belles freshman Natalie Matuszak has been on a tear in her rookie season at Saint Mary's and will look to lead the team back into league contention.

"[Matuszak] is developing into a great college player," Hamilton said. "She is the best freshman I've coached in my

seven years at Saint Mary's." Hamilton has not given up on his team's chances to finish atop the conference.

"If we can get healthy, we have a shot to make up some ground," Hamilton said. "Our goal is still to win the conference this fall and have momentum heading into the spring."

The team at the top of standings after the fall season is declared the MIAA champion but the automatic NCAA tournament berth will not be determined until the spring season.

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