



Movie madness

Scene reviews this summer's big studio blockbusters, including "Gone in 60 Seconds" and "What Lies Beneath."

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A friend's tribute

Saint Mary's senior Sara Williams, passenger in the accident that killed Kristi Morris last year, reflects on the tragedy.

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Father Malloy creates Student Life Committee

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

At the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academics and Student Life, University president Father Edward Malloy has established the Academic and Student Life Advisory Committee to give students a new way to voice their opinions.

"I am ecstatic," said student body president Brian O'Donoghue. "This is a great

opportunity students have to voice their opinions and take part in the present and future of Notre Dame and what it will be."

The new advisory body will be composed of 11 elected and appointed members of the student body, faculty and staff, and co-chaired by the provost and vice president for Student Affairs. It will meet quarterly to discuss student experiences in and out of the classroom and will address ways to integrate these two aspects of campus

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Dennis Brown
associate director of Public Relations and Information

life. Despite last year's talk about the new advisory body taking

the place of the Campus Life Council (CLC), Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information, said the committees have different functions.

"There was some talk about the [Student Life Committee] making the CLC redundant, but it hasn't taken the place of the CLC," said Brown. "It doesn't replace the CLC at all. They have different missions and different purposes and will coexist."

O'Donoghue hopes both orga-

nizations will allow more students to be involved and voice their thoughts on campus and academic life.

"While this new body has fewer student representatives than the CLC, it has more access to larger issues," O'Donoghue said. "It will help in the student involvement of governance at Notre Dame. I am excited about the prospects of this body and I am also excited about the prospects of the CLC."

ND continues expansion tradition

By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

In the tradition of Notre Dame's recent growth, students returned to campus this fall to various construction projects. Some are ongoing projects that were begun last spring; some are freshly started sites.

"[Notre Dame] is fortunate enough to be in a position to continue to expand academic facilities, which are much needed," said Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information.

Preliminary construction has begun on the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts at the south end of the DeBartolo quad. Scheduled to move into the construction phase in the spring, the Center is the final component of the DeBartolo project and will complete the DeBartolo quad.

"It was first announced in 1989, when Edward J. DeBartolo made a \$33 million gift to the University," said Brown. The building has faced several delays since its proposal more than 10 years ago, including the death of its benefactor.

The 125,000 square foot project has a \$50 million budget and will house the Department of Film, Television and Theatre. In addition, the building includes a 900-seat concert hall, a 350-seat main stage, a 200-seat movie theater, a 100-seat organ and choral hall and a 100-seat studio theater.

"This is a facility that will enhance the quality of cultural life both on campus and in the community to a significant degree," Brown



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Construction crews should complete work on the new theology and philosophy building between O'Shaughnessy and Decio by the summer of 2001. The project was funded by a gift from an anonymous donor.

said. The DeBartolo Center is slated for completion in the summer of 2003.

On the site of the former campus bookstore, construction is underway on the Coleman/Morse Center. This facility is the future location of Campus Ministry and Academic Services offices.

The combined gifts of the late Thomas Coleman and Jim Morse made the project possible. The project was proposed several years ago

and was begun last spring following the opening of the new Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The preliminary budget is \$14 million.

A new theology and philosophy building and Decio should be completed in the summer of 2001. The building will relocate the departmental and faculty offices from both O'Shaughnessy and Decio.

"Those two departments will move completely into that building to free some

much needed space for Arts and Letters faculty," said Brown.

The 67,000 square foot building is the result of a gift from an anonymous benefactor.

The building will be connected to Decio via an enclosed two-story walkway.

Finally, the renovation of the Hayes-Healy Center and Hurley Hall is well underway. The buildings initially

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Outlaw: new name builds alliances

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) is no more.

The organization, which coordinates programs for minority students, changed its name to Multicultural Student Services and Programs (MSPS) over the summer.

The change was made to make the office more definitive and inclusive. Students sometimes confused it with the Office of Student Affairs, or thought it served the same purpose as that office, but for minority students. The change symbolizes an effort to include more of the Notre Dame population, according to director Iris Outlaw.

"We are making a concerted effort right now to reach the majority students," she said. MSPS is doing that through increased networking and diversity education programs, including a new one which has student counselors talk to freshmen in the dorms about race and diversity issues.

They are also holding workshops on multiculturalism with assistant rectors, resident assistants and student-athletes for the first time this year.

"These are some coups that have not happened before," Outlaw said.

MSPS also sponsors cultural events, helps in recruiting and retention and provides guidance for minority students. Recently, the office has stepped up career counseling and mentoring opportunities, as well as joining with the Office of International Student Affairs to form the Intercultural Center.

But whether it's OMSA or MSPS, the mission, and the people, of the office is the same, according to its director.

"I want to see students feel comfortable in building alliances," Outlaw said. "They can become more open."



Outlaw

INSIDE COLUMN

Arrogant & Fashionable

What-I-did-over-summer-vacation essays used to be some of my favorite assignments. One week this summer changed all that. It was the tumultuous week I worked at Abercrombie & Fitch.

During my week-long employment I was subjected to numerous meetings our managers used as retail pep talks. It was then that we dissected the "Look Book," a sort of inner-store bible full of proper hairstyles and words of encouragement on how to be a "representative of the A&F style."



Christine Kraly

Assistant Managing Editor

It was during these speeches that I learned pearls of wisdom such as ways of cheering up when you realize that you can't properly fold denim and how to keep the tissue paper inside the perfectly crafted T-shirt displays.

The most vital of all of these mottos, however, struck a chord and a funny bone. I bit my lip as hard as I could when I actually heard my manager say, "We work hard, we play hard, we wear cool clothes."

It was at this point that I looked around at my fellow employees and realized that there were no black faces in the store. There were few minorities, and many, many fluffy fleece vests. There were starry-eyed girls staring at oversized photos of naked skiing men on the walls of the store. I knew right then that I needed to get out.

These are clothes. They are nice clothes, yes — well-made and comfortable. But they're clothes.

They're sweaters, socks and egotistical T-shirts. They are not a way of life or a representation of what the "in-crowd" is wearing. At least they shouldn't be. They should merely be what God (or your respective entity here) intended them to be — covering for the body.

Adam and Eve never went crazy over button-fly carpenter jeans — leaves worked just fine.

Every human being is capable of greed and idolatry. In general, everyone wants to belong, be a part of something sometime in his or her life. But what human beings should not want to be is conformed.

I admit to owning three pieces of this store's clothing — the required two tops and a bottom outlined when you first enroll as "Brand Representative." What I do not own is a respect for the store or the ideology it promotes. It's this sort of mentality that strips the human spirit of originality and the beauty of being different.

It's easy to walk into a store, see everyone wearing the "cool" clothes and race to the nearest dressing room to become "cool," too. It's not easy to walk into a store and recognize that the people wearing the clothes are trying to sell the *lifestyle*, not the cotton.

In a nice world, people would be judged by whom they are, how they've contributed to society and if they bless a friend after he sneezes. In a perfect world, people wouldn't be judged at all, especially not for the shirts on their backs.

Only in an insane world would the ideal hair accessory be a mandatory one-inch tortoise-shell headband.

So live in a sane world. Walk into your nearest store-o'-conformity and take a stand. Go crazy. Move the sweaters out of place. Wave your long, long hair and two-inch (oh my!) hot pink headband in their faces. Even if it means — eek! — buying the clothes, be yourself. Just know that you're buying clothes, not you.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Event: Football Ticket Distribution; 7 a.m.; Freshman class; Gate B, Notre Dame Stadium	◆ Event: Pilgrimage to Eucharistic Congress; 1 p.m.; Noble Family Dining Hall, Saint Mary's	◆ Event: "Jubilee Year 2000 Celebration/Eucharistic Congress," 9 a.m., Notre Dame and Saint Mary's	◆ Exhibit: "Five Centuries of Master Prints," Mestrovic Studio Gallery, Snite Museum of Art

Compiled from U-Wire reports

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Indiana professor, Knight critic extends leave

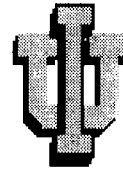
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Indiana University English professor Murray Sperber, a vocal critic of basketball coach Bob Knight, doesn't want to teach when the team takes to the court.

He said this to College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kumble Subbaswamy, who has extended Sperber's leave of absence up through the spring semester.

"IU faculty take their teaching obligations very seriously and do not casually request to be excused from their classroom teaching duties," Subbaswamy said. "I believe this action signals strongly both IU's commitment to freedom of speech and Professor Sperber's dedication to teaching and his students."

Sperber, who has written extensively on college sports, was granted an unpaid leave of absence for the fall semester in June after he received threats from ardent Knight supporters. He told police he had received many angry phone mes-



sages, such as "if you don't shut up, you will be shut up."

A seven-week investigation by the board of trustees resulted in the suspension and fining of Knight, who has also been placed under a zero-tolerance policy. The trustees found a "29-year pattern of inappropriate conduct" that included physical and verbal aggression against players and university employees.

CNN/SI interviewed Sperber for its hour-long May exposé, which featured a tape of Knight striking former player Neil Reed. After the program aired, Sperber was thrust into the national spotlight. The media frequently quoted him, and he

appeared as a source in articles in the New York Times and Sports Illustrated.

Sperber argued that Knight, who teaches a course about coaching basketball, violated his professional obligations as a faculty member. The university has long had a code of conduct for faculty, and Sperber formerly served on the Bloomington faculty council.

After the university granted him a leave of absence, Sperber temporarily took up residence in Montreal.

"We offered to do everything in our power to help protect Professor Sperber's freedom to teach his classes," Subbaswamy said. "But he chose to be away from the Bloomington campus for the fall semester. We readily accommodated his request."

Sperber will be paid half his salary for the spring semester, during which he will stay in Bloomington. Sperber said he wants to devote time to work on his fourth

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Student reporter rejects plea deal

BOULDER, Colo.

"Stick it." That's what former Colorado Daily Staff Writer Brian Hansen said on Monday after turning down an offer from the U.S. Attorney's office that would have ended the case pending against him in a federal court. "I turned down their deal in large part because of the new federal policy that's been issued regarding the arrest and prosecution of members of the news media," Hansen said. "For me the deal offered was a desperate face-saving measure for the prosecutor — [assistant U.S. attorney] Craig Wallace — who may very well have run afoul of the law in prosecuting me." Hansen was arrested while covering a civil disobedience protest by environmentalists at a federal forest near Vail's Category III commercial development on July 6, 1999. Police were in the process of arresting protesters when Hansen, just feet away from officers, was told to get "off the mountain" by agents of the United States Forest Service.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

School sends coke-smuggler home

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

A University of Illinois student was sentenced to six months "home confinement" and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service Tuesday for attempting to smuggle drugs into the country, according to The Associated Press. Dominique Bryant, a junior, admitted to swallowing 30 capsules that contained a total of 125 grams of cocaine while in Montego Bay, Jamaica in August 1998. The capsules were wrapped in plastic, and Bryant said she swallowed them by eating crackers and tea. When Bryant returned to the country, she took laxatives in Chicago to help get the capsules out of her system. U.S. District Judge James Holderman, who sentenced Bryant, told her she is allowed to leave her Urbana residence only to go to classes, the grocery store and church. Any other reasons Bryant would have to leave her residence would have to be approved by probation officials.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Thursday	80	58
Friday	82	65
Saturday	80	63
Sunday	81	62
Monday	84	65

NATIONAL WEATHER

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Atlanta	90 70	Las Vegas	99 77	Portland	89 59
Baltimore	82 64	Memphis	95 73	Sacramento	90 62
Boston	76 62	Milwaukee	77 62	St. Louis	96 72
Chicago	80 59	New York	78 66	Tampa	92 74
Houston	96 72	Philadelphia	84 64	Wash DC	82 65

Faculty athletic chair seeks balance

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

His nickname evokes the idea of a new sheriff riding into town to keep order, and law professor Fernand "Tex" Dutile, the newly named chair of the Faculty Board on Athletics, will be trying to do just that in the delicate balance of athletics and academics at Notre Dame.



Dutile

University president Father Edward Malloy appointed Dutile to chair the board in July. Dutile replaces former executive vice president Father William Beauchamp in another step in the restructuring that has reshaped the Athletic Department since December, when the NCAA handed Notre Dame its first-ever major violation.

Before he was removed by the Board of Trustees in May, Beauchamp, who oversaw the Athletic Department, also chaired the Faculty Board and was Notre Dame's NCAA faculty representative.

Now, new athletic director Kevin White reports directly to Malloy, and a law professor, Dutile, has taken on Beauchamp's role as a faculty leader in athletics.

He looks forward to the job. "I have a deep interest in both academics and athletics and I want to maintain a critical balance between the two," Dutile said. "I hope that the board will be very active in building upon the work done by the previous chairs. Father Beauchamp and [former executive vice president] Father [Ed] Joyce did excellent work."

The board works, often behind the scenes, as an advisory committee to Malloy on educational issues related to athletics. Its 15 members approve game and practice schedules and determine athletic eligibility, as well as try to improve academic services for student-athletes. Its chair is one of the four people on campus who works with the NCAA.

Notre Dame joins most other schools in having an NCAA representative from the teaching faculty outside the athletic or administrative hierarchy. Dutile said he thinks this is a good idea.

"You have more confidence and influence with the faculty," he said. "It's more balanced."

Striking a balance between academic integrity and athletic success at Notre Dame can be a challenge. High admissions standards eliminate many potential

recruits, especially in the high-profile sports of football and men's basketball. After the football team's recent struggles, some alumni have called for the University to lower those standards, but Dutile said he does not believe in that.

"I think that Notre Dame can maintain its academic standards and be competitive and I think we should strive to do that," he said. "There's a line below which at least I don't want to go in order to win."

Dutile has long been active on University committees. He has served on the Academic Council for 25 years, sat on search committees for Notre Dame's last two provosts and was acting dean of the Law School from 1991-1993. He was also a member of the Faculty Board on Athletics from 1991-98.

In announcing the appointment, Malloy emphasized Dutile's experience and said he is the right man for the job.

"Tex Dutile has earned a richly deserved reputation for his intelligence, judgment, independence and integrity," he said. "I have great confidence in Tex and I know that the University will be well served with him in these two critically important positions."

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**Fernand "Tex" Dutile
chair, Faculty Board on Athletics**

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC officers support study days proposal

Observer Staff Report

After a year of work by the previous Board of Governance, the Saint Mary's 2000-01 Board of Governance is prepared to forward a proposal for the implementation of study days at Saint Mary's to the Academic Standards committee.

The proposal, authored by former student body president Nancy Midden and vice president Angie Little, was presented to Jeff Bresse, chair of the Faculty Assembly, by current student body president Chrissie Renner and vice president Michelle Nagle. Bresse then forwarded the proposal to Susan Vanek, chairwoman of Academic Standards.

Renner is proud to see Midden and Little's hard work finally coming to a conclusion.

"Nancy and Angie are just across the street now at Notre Dame Law School to watch their goal go forward," Renner said.

Renner hopes that the close relationship between students and administrators at Saint Mary's will lead to the proposal's adoption. The Academic Standards committee includes faculty, staff and students. Nagle and Kelly

Dugan serve as the student representatives on the committee.

"Shared governance is very unique to Saint Mary's College," Renner said.

In Other BOG News:

◆ The Board discussed opening up class elections to students studying abroad. Notre Dame already allows studying away from campus to vote in campus elections. Concerns with abroad voting procedures in the event of a tie prevented the BOG from adopting a resolution.

"Our biggest concern right now is in the event of a runoff we aren't sure what to do," Renner said. "We want [voting] to be as private and accurate as possible."

◆ Student Activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush introduced the new assistant director of Student Activities. Theresa Schaffer will supervise the freshman and sophomore class boards as well as Dalloway's Coffee House.

◆ The Eucharistic Congress will be held Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. with a brunch in Noble Family Dining Hall. A procession from Holy Cross Circle to the Joyce Center will begin at 2:45 p.m. The event is for all religions.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

Sign Up August 24 - September 1 Outside Room #108, LaFortune

Who: Class of 2001

When: Pictures Taken

Aug. 28 thru Sept. 15

Where: LaFortune, 108

Why: To Be In 2001 Dome



Government grants Hawaiians new status

Associated Press

HONOLULU
Acknowledging "less than honorable" actions by the United States against Native Hawaiians more than a century ago, the federal government recommended Wednesday that indigenous islanders be given the same sovereign status as most American Indians.

The plan, similar to legislation proposed by Sen. Daniel Akaka aims to give Native Hawaiians greater control over their lands and cultural resources and to protect more than 180 U.S. government-funded programs — including housing and health care — primarily benefiting them.

Many Hawaiian leaders say those programs were threatened by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in February that some believe cast doubt on the notion that Native Hawaiians are entitled to special privileges by reason of their ethnicity.

In that ruling, the nation's highest court threw out a Hawaii law barring non-Hawaiians from voting for trustees of the state Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

The report is a product of hearings held throughout the state in December by Interior and Justice Department officials. Those talks were called

for in a 1993 congressional resolution, signed by President Clinton, apologizing for America's role in the 1893 overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani. Five years after the overthrow, the United States annexed Hawaii.

The 100th anniversaries of those events added momentum to the fragmented Hawaiian sovereignty movement, whose goals range from restoring the monarchy and declaring independence from the United States to creating a state-within-a-state government for Hawaii's 200,000 indigenous residents.

"The past history of United States-Native Hawaiian relations affirms instances in which U.S. actions were less than honorable," said Jacqueline Agtuca, acting director of the Justice Department's Office of Tribal Justice. "For justice to be served, the federal government should honor the unique relationship that exists with Native Hawaiians and respond to their desire for more local control."

Assistant Interior Secretary John Berry said the draft report seeks to give Hawaiians limited sovereignty.

The report recommends that Congress approve legislation clarifying Native Hawaiians' political status and create a framework for recognizing a "government-to-government"

relationship with a representative Native Hawaiian governing body.

The federal government recognizes 556 tribal entities in the United States.

"Of equal importance is the federal government's clear reaffirmation of the United States' special responsibility for the welfare of Native Hawaiians as a native people in the United States," Akaka said.

Clarification of Hawaiians' political status is needed to preserve state and federal funding of programs that benefit Native Hawaiians, who have some of the highest rates of poverty, illness and lack of access to education in the state, Akaka and others have said.

"The fact that this represents the position of the United States of America is significant beyond words," OHA board chairman Clayton Hee said. "We're really on the cutting edge of a new form of gaining federal recognition for native peoples."

The report suggests using surplus military land as a base for Native Hawaiians and Hee believes military golf courses should be included.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Resources Committee are scheduled to hold statewide hearings on Akaka's bill next

week.

The report also recommends the establishment of an office within the Interior Department to address Native Hawaiian issues. Akaka's bill makes a similar recommendation.

"The sensitivity that they showed regarding the Hawaiian people was heart-warming," OHA trustee Rowena Akana said. "As a native, it almost brings tears to my eyes 110 years after the taking of

our lands."

The Interior and Justice departments will receive public comment on the report in the next 30 days before it becomes final.

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director, Office of Tribal Justice

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Clayton Hee
OHA board chairman

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housed the Mendoza College of Business, but served as the temporary location for most administrative offices while Main Building was being renovated.

Upon completion in the spring of 2001, the buildings will house the Departments of Mathematics and International Studies.

The Coleman/Morse Center and the theology and philosophy building are results of the Generations Campaign. The campaign's goal of \$767 million is well past \$900 million and will continue until December 31. With such a successful fundraising campaign, more construction projects are possible.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

China arrests Christians: Police in central China arrested 130 members of an underground Christian evangelical group on Wednesday, including three American citizens, a human rights group reported. The church members were seized in an afternoon raid in Henan province's Xihua county and have been detained at the county jail, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy reported.

Turkey quake injures nine: A strong quake shook western Turkey yesterday, hitting an area devastated by a massive quake last year. Nine people were injured, apparently when they jumped out of buildings in panic, private NTV television reported. The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 5.8, was centered near the town of Hendek, said Ahmet Mete Isikara, head of Istanbul's Kandilli Observatory.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mom abandons children: The relatives of a woman charged with abandoning her three children in a library said they were stunned by her actions and intended to fight to keep the children in their family. Rosina Mack, 20, who was charged with felony child neglect, told police she wanted a break from her children and thought the library was a safe place to leave them, Virginia Beach police spokesman Mike Carey said Wednesday. "She just dropped them off and walked away," Carey said.

Keys evacuate visitors: Visitors were ordered to leave the Florida Keys on Wednesday as officials prepared for the possibility that Tropical Storm Debby could hit Florida as a hurricane. Monroe County, which encompasses the island chain, declared a state of emergency with Debby still hundreds of miles away. "It could be powerfully close by Friday," said Michael Tichacek, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Cleanup costs triple: The cost of decontaminating and demolishing the Continental Steel Superfund site has more than tripled, jumping from \$8.7 million to \$31 million. Final remedial action at the site is expected to cost \$85 million. The rising cost of the project led Rep. Steve Buyer and Ohio Congressman Mike Oxley to Kokomo Tuesday to tour the site and discuss the need to reform the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Program. Buyer and Oxley discussed the importance of decentralizing the system of administering Superfund operations from Washington.

BAHRAIN



AFP Photo

Bahraini firemen recover bodies of Gulf Air jet passengers and crew members north of Manama late yesterday. The A320 plane crashed into the sea while trying to land at Bahrain Manama airport. All aboard are feared dead.

Gulf Air jet crashes in Persian Gulf

Associated Press

MANAMA
A Gulf Air Airbus A320 on a flight from Cairo with 143 people on board, more than 30 of them children, crashed Wednesday night in the waters of the Persian Gulf after circling and trying to land in Bahrain.

U.S. Navy helicopters, destroyers and an ocean-going tug with a 10-ton crane joined the nighttime search and rescue effort, three or four miles off the northern coast of Bahrain, which is headquarters of the U.S. 5th

Fleet.

Seventy bodies were recovered within the first hours after the crash and no survivors were found, said Bahraini Civil Defense Commander Brigadier Abdul-Rahman Bin Rashed Al Khalifa. He told state-run television that divers will begin a search for the flight's voice cockpit and data recorders at first light.

An air traffic controller at the Bahrain airport, reached by telephone, described watching the plane circle the runway twice in an attempt to land, then on the third attempt plunge into the

sea and explode into flames.

The controller, who spoke on condition his name not be used, saw no flames or sign of trouble before the crash and could not immediately explain why the plane circled before landing. He said the plane's crew did not report anything out of the ordinary. He gave the time of the crash as 7:20 p.m. (12:20 p.m. EDT.)

"I could not believe my eyes," said Sobehi, 27, a resident of the nearby neighborhood of Al-Fodha who saw the plane go down. "When I saw it heading toward the sea

nose down, I screamed 'Oh my God, this thing is going down.'"

Sobhi and Riyadh, 24, another Al-Fodha resident, said the plane flew unusually low over their heads heading to the runway, but took a sharp turn toward the sea.

Both men, who would not give their full names, said the plane returned minutes later flying even lower but headed straight to the sea where it crashed. They said unusual noises came from the plane's engines, but they saw no flames.

"I was in a state of shock," said Riyadh.

Typhoon Bilis pounds coastal China

Associated Press

BEIJING
Typhoon Bilis churned into coastal China Wednesday, bringing heavy rain and gale-force winds but little of the destruction it left across Taiwan, where it wrecked homes and killed 11 people.

There were no reports of injuries or serious damage in China's Fujian province, where Bilis made landfall Wednesday afternoon before dying out further inland, said a government spokesman in the port city of Xiamen, who gave only his surname, Xie.

Municipal workers were keeping

watch through the night for flooding and other damage from the torrential rains expected to follow the typhoon, the spokesman said.

Xiamen had prepared for a major storm, giving city workers the day off as Bilis moved in. The Xiamen ferry service and a local airline shut down operations, television stations and the state-run Chinese news agency Xinhua reported.

Boats were ordered into port along the Fujian coast, and airports in Xiamen and the provincial capital, Fuzhou, closed for part of the day, television reports said. TV footage showed signboards blown down and

city residents negotiating streets in the wind and rain.

A government statement, read on Chinese television, expressed "deepest condolences" to victims of the typhoon in Taiwan, where 11 people were killed, 80 injured and thousands stranded in makeshift shelters. The statement, issued by the government's Central Office for Taiwan Affairs, was markedly different in tone from the usual blustery Chinese pronouncements on Taiwan, which Beijing considers a breakaway province.

Among the dead in Taiwan were seven farmers and a 6-year-old girl buried in a mudslide.

Market Watch 8/23

DOW JONES	11144.65	+5.50
Up:	1,287	
Same:	545	
Down:	1,496	
Composite Volume:	866,453,312	
AMEX:	924.10	+1.35
Nasdaq:	4011.01	+52.80
NYSE:	671.62	+0.46
S&P 500:	1505.97	+7.84

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+3.67	+2.3775	67.19
DSL.NET INC. (DSLN)	+40.38	+2.5112	8.73
INTEL CORP. (INTC)	+3.46	+2.4950	74.62
DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	+3.35	+1.2525	38.69
WORLDCOM INC. (WCOM)	+0.72	+0.2475	34.56

"I Am With You Always"

(Matt 28: 19-20)

Eucharistic Congress

Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service: Sacred Heart Basilica
- 11:00 a.m. Keynote Address in the Joyce Center
- 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Musical stage performances DeBartolo Quad
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Family and Teen Presentations in the Stepan Center
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Workshops Session I
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Guidelines grant stem cell funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

New federal guidelines to allow federal funding of human embryo cell research may prompt a revolution in medical science, leading to dramatic new ways to treat virtually every human disorder. But anti-abortion groups are vigorously opposed, saying the research means "you have to kill a human embryo."

The National Institutes of Health guidelines, announced Wednesday, allow federal funding for research with stem cells that have been removed from human embryos. The rules forbid research on the embryo itself, which is prohibited by federal law.

Experts say the effect will be

that privately funded researchers will remove stem cells from embryos — which already has been done at two universities — and that these stem cells then could be used in federally funded studies.

Opponents quickly denounced federal research with embryo cells.

"You have to kill a human embryo to get them," said Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee. He vowed: "There will be a legal challenge."

Stem cells form very early in the gestation of a human being. They are the predecessors of all the tissues in the body — the heart, brain, skin and bone. Scientists have found that the embryonic stem cells can be

prompted to evolve into the individual types of cells found in each of the organs of the body.

President Clinton said the stem cells offer "potentially staggering benefits" for a wide variety of medical conditions.

Last week Great Britain's government said it would introduce legislation to allow similar research in that nation.

Dr. John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said research with lab mice had shown that stem cells can restore nerve tissue and some function following stroke or spinal cord injury. The cells can also regrow bone marrow lost to disease or radiation, he said.

"We believe that stem cell research will enable us to treat many diseases in a whole new way," said Dr. Paul Berg, a Nobel laureate from Stanford University.

Some researchers believe it may eventually be possible to nurture stem cells into whole new organs. They talk of growing new hearts and lungs and livers to restore health to ailing humans.

Research into such possibilities, said Gearhart, "will move forward more rapidly" under the new guidelines.

The new guidelines "will enable research to advance without violating the ethical sensibilities of the American people," said Berg. "It would be immoral not to pursue this research within the bounds of these guidelines."

Johnson, however, said: "It is research that must start with the death of a human embryo." He said that even though the actual death of the embryo is not funded by the government, the stem cell research prompts the death.

Germ exposure may prevent asthma

Associated Press

Early exposure to other youngsters and their germs appears to protect children from developing asthma later on, according to a study that could reassure parents feeling guilty about putting their infants in day care.

The study found that children who attended day care in their first six months or had two or more older siblings were about half as likely to have asthma at age 13 as youngsters who had one or no older siblings and did not attend day care until they were older.

This echoes the hot new "hygiene theory" that says children who do not get outside and get dirty every now and then are not being

exposed to enough germs to stimulate proper development of their immune systems.

"This paper reflects the growing belief that the more sterile the early environment, the more problems later in life," said Dr. Leonard Bielory, director of the Asthma and Allergy Research Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

The findings come amid an unexplained explosion of asthma among children and worries that smaller families and households scrubbed with antibacterial cleansers may be weakening our immune systems.

Asthma cases jumped 158 percent from 1980 through 1998, with many of the new

cases among children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The new study, funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers at the University of Arizona College of Medicine have been following about 1,000 children for 15 years, studying their respiratory health and allergens in their environment. After previously showing that children in day care get more respiratory

infections than others, the researchers examined more closely the role of day care and family size.

They found that protection against asthma came from

frequent exposure to other youngsters, but only if the contact took place in the first six months, a key period for a new immune system.

The theory is that if the immune system isn't stimulated early in life by germs, it overreacts later to allergy-inducing substances, said Anne Wright, a pediatrics research professor who led the study.

The children most exposed to other youngsters were about 40 percent more likely than the group with less contact to suffer from frequent wheezing in their first few years. But doctors believe that in toddlers, wheezing usually is due to their small airways or respiratory infections.

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Lost WWII pilots retrieved from ice

Associated Press

REYKJAVIK

The bodies of four World War II airmen from Britain's air force, trapped in an Icelandic glacier for nearly 60 years, will at last be buried at a cemetery in Reykjavik.

A Royal Air Force search team was working Wednesday to retrieve the bodies for a funeral Sunday at the Fossvogur Commonwealth war cemetery in the capital Reykjavik.

The bodies, revealed last year by melting ice, are those of Flying Officer Arthur Round, a New Zealander, Flight Sgt.

Reginald Hopkins of Southampton, England; Pilot Officer Henry Talbot of Bedford, England, and Flight Sgt. Keith Garret of Worksop, England.

Pilot Round, who was 26, and navigator Hopkins, 21, had flown their Fairey Battle bomber to pick up Talbot, 24, and Garret, 22, who had been receiving treatment on a hospital ship docked at the town of Akureyri.

The plane carrying the four men took off from the Akureyri airfield in fog on the morning of May 26, 1941, and crashed into a mountainside about 30 miles away.

Wreckage was found two days later, and a week after the crash a small burial party, including the squadron chaplain, held a service and placed a small cross on the spot.

The RAF pulled out of Iceland two months later, and the precise location of the crash site was lost as it became entombed in ice.

It was found last year by Hardur Geirsson, curator of

Akureyri Museum, after a 20-year search.

"The breakthrough came last summer when a friend of mine went to the British Public Record Office and found the original accident investigation report, which had a precise grid reference," said Geirsson, 40.

Last summer in Iceland was the warmest for many years and the ice melted, revealing the crash site. Geirsson had

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Hardur Geirsson
curator, Akureyri Museum

walked over it in previous attempts to find the plane.

"We were shocked to find wreckage — small, human remains and personal possessions — all perfectly preserved by the ice," said Geirsson. There was a toothbrush, a collar with the name of one of the airmen inside, and a wallet, he said. "Everything was scattered around and although I had been looking for it for so long, I didn't feel happy when I finally found the aircraft."

Major John Sim, a member of the original search party, was quoted by London's Sunday Times newspaper as saying he had always been haunted by his superiors' decision to leave the bodies.

"We had no body bags, no way of bringing the bodies down," he said. "We returned with a padre and a makeshift wooden cross and conducted a service on the glacier. I always had the gut feeling that they should not have been left up there."

The RAF has invited relatives of the four men to the memorial service.

Icelandic coast guard planes will fly past, and the British ambassador to Iceland will lay a wreath.

RUSSIA

Putin, defense ministers take blame

Associated Press

MOSCOW

As Russians mourned in churches, on Web sites and at home, a humble President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday he felt responsible and guilty for a submarine disaster that killed 118 sailors and outraged the nation.

Russia's Defense Minister Igor Sergeev and navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov submitted their resignations over the loss of the Kursk, one of Russia's most advanced submarines before an explosion crumpled it Aug. 12, but Putin said he would not accept them. Seeking scapegoats, he said, would be "the most mistaken response."

"I take a full sense of responsibility and sense of blame for this tragedy," he said in an interview with state-run RTR television.

In a country where a history of authoritarianism runs deep, Putin's comments demonstrated a sensitivity to public opinion and eagerness to regain the nation's confidence unprecedented for a Russian leader.

Russians assailed Putin and the government for their slow, contradictory reaction to the disaster and the botched rescue operation, and many observers

expected Putin to respond by firing top brass — as his predecessor Boris Yeltsin had often done.

Putin's interview came as Russia held a day of mourning for the victims, and after he sat through a harrowing three-hour meeting with the sailors' families late Tuesday night at the submarine's home base of Vidyayevo.

"The conversation was very heartfelt. He admitted his guilt and inactivity, and he said the main thing is a lack of funds," said Oksana Dudko, whose husband Sergei was the ship's deputy commander.

Speaking firmly and somberly in the television interview, Putin defended his initial silence and the slow response to foreign rescue help, saying the navy acted as quickly as they could given how little they knew about the submarine's condition.

He also promised to restore the honor of the beleaguered military and the nation.

"It grieves me, the theory lately that together with the Kursk the honor of the navy also drowned, the honor of Russia," Putin said. "Our country has survived a lot."

"We will overcome it all and restore it all, the military and the navy and the state," he said.

The nation lowered flags to half staff and prayed in Orthodox churches Wednesday. Television interrupted some programming, and Russia's most popular web site, anekdot.ru, displayed an empty

black screen throughout the day.

Stunned, heartbroken relatives refused to join in the mourning, demanding that their sons and husbands be retrieved from the sea floor first.

Putin promised that the bodies would be recovered, and said the divers might cut a hole in the ship or lift it to shallower waters. He said talks were under way with Norwegian and Dutch divers.

But Mikhail Kuznetsov, commander of the Vidyayevo submarine garrison, said the work couldn't begin until after next spring's thaw.

The Kremlin promised compensation to the families, who had relied on the sailors' meager salaries for subsistence. The federal government promised a one-time payment averaging \$7,000 per family — equal to 10 years of pay for a submarine officer, said Deputy Prime Minister Valentina Matviyenko.

Putin attacked interest groups that he said were trying to cash in on the tragedy, an apparent shot at tycoon Boris Berezovsky, who is backing the main fund collecting donations for the families. Berezovsky accused Putin of unjustified finger-pointing.

The Norwegian divers who reached the wrecked ship said Wednesday their work at the site was technically simple but emotionally demanding. They took over from Russian teams that had struggled for a week without success.



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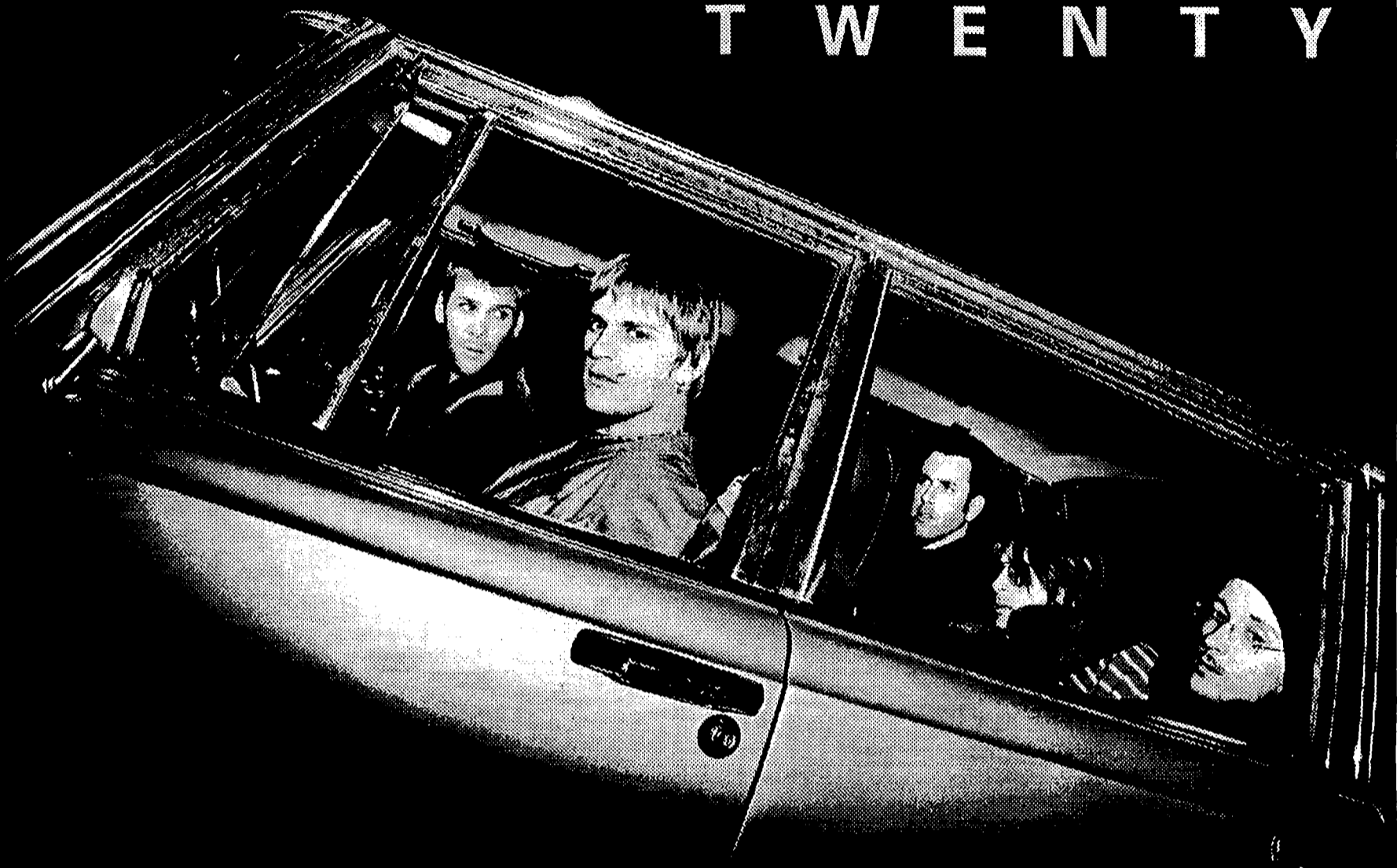
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Welcoming the stranger to campus

The beginning of each school year is a period of welcome. Welcome to incoming first year students. Welcome back to returning students. Such greetings are found virtually everywhere on campus from ads in The Observer to the speeches of Deans. The message of this welcome is, "You should treat this place as your home." References to the "Notre Dame family" are both frequent and genuine.

Christian and other religious literatures often discuss the idea and practice of welcoming someone into one's home under the "hospitality is the word for hospitality is 'philoxenia.' It means, 'love of strangers,' as opposed to 'xenophobia,' which translates, 'fear of strangers.'"

William Placher, in his book, "Narratives of a Vulnerable God," makes the implications of the terms quite clear. "New Testament texts find a variety of ways to challenge a model of a community of insiders who exclude... A Christian church cannot define itself as a community of privilege... A community that faithfully attends to the narratives of the crucified Jesus cannot be a community that excludes. Christians are a people who have seen that scapegoats are innocent. When we try to get into the in-crowd by joining in their ridicule or persecution of those they exclude, we find, as Peter did in that courtyard so long ago, that Jesus stands among those we have just excluded, and we have separated ourselves from him."

Catholic teaching focuses on hospitality in a number of places. Paul VI, for instance, writes in "Populorum Progressio," that there is a "duty of welcoming others — a duty springing from human solidarity and Christian charity." John Paul II, in "Familiaris Consortio," emphasizes the "ever greater importance in our society of hospitality in all its forms... In a special way the Christian family is called upon to listen to the apostle's recommendation: 'Practice hospitality,' and therefore, imitating Christ's example and sharing in his love, welcome the brother or sister in need."

I join with others in extending to you — new and returning students — a welcome to our community. Notre Dame truly is a national, and increasingly international, university, with students coming from a wide range of geographical locations. While campus ministry and the residential system do much to make our welcome clear, some of you, particularly first year students and students returning from abroad, may at first feel like strangers. Please take our welcome to heart.

I also invite you and the whole of the Notre Dame community to draw upon

this period of welcome to ask how it might be extended even further. What prompts this invitation is a comment by a participant in a project I am directing which develops programs in Catholic social teaching at Catholic colleges and universities in the United States. This participant, who teaches at Loyola University of Baltimore, commented that it is sometimes said at his school, "There is a lot of Loyola in Baltimore, but not much Baltimore in Loyola."

What he meant was that students and others at Loyola did a significant amount of service type volunteering in the wider community — a lot of going into Baltimore's "home" and helping out — but that there was no real reciprocity, no invitation to the community of Baltimore to come to Loyola and witness the university. There were, therefore, no real lessons learned beyond the general ones that poverty is a harsh reality and that many who are poor struggle mightily to change their circumstances. These are indeed important lessons, but if they are the only ones and if volunteer service in the city is the only way that the university relates to the city, then, another project participant added, we are left with a kind of paternalism that is inadequate as a model for hospitality.

I have sometimes wondered whether Notre Dame follows a similar pattern in its interactions with South Bend. There is a genuine role for service to the community. When I started with Big Brothers/Big Sisters nine years ago, I was told that the majority of volunteers were Notre Dame students and that the organization could

not flourish in the same way without them.

In addition, I have been told that the University leases the Center for the Homeless building to the Center for a dollar a month, providing a real financial service that few people know about. But I also often hear Notre Dame described as "safe" against the "dangerous" South Bend.

Under this rubric, South Bend is a place for Notre Dame students to serve, to be served (beer), and in both to risk possible bodily harm from city residents. To the degree that we give in to this as our predominant rubric, we succumb to xenophobia, and therefore, in Placher's words, "have separated ourselves" from Christ.

To move towards a greater sense of philoxenia, the University needs to join with the city government of South Bend and community leaders from business and a host of other types of associations to create spaces — stores, coffee shops, libraries, greasy spoons, community centers — where both University members and community residents can mingle and even join together in activity that is more reciprocal than unidirectional service, as important as it is, allows. In short, the University needs to play a leading — though not dominant — role in helping to establish places where both its members and those of the city can be at home. The appointment of Lou Nanni as assistant to President Malloy bodes well in this regard. Nanni knows both Notre Dame and South Bend quite well. He has been central to the Center for the Homeless. He and the rest of us can help bring South Bend into Notre Dame and in this way say "Welcome" to the city.

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The Common Good



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an opportunity to develop our talent."

John F. Kennedy
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reflecting on a life-changing experience

Spring break '00 is one I will never forget. It was the day so many lives changed and the day I lost my best friend. Kristi Morris and I were driving to Myrtle Beach to visit a good friend of ours from high school who was going to school there. I remember the day of our departure so clearly. It seemed nothing would go our way. Kristi got two flat tires on two different occasions, and it seemed I would never run out of errands to run. When we finally left at 10:30 p.m. that night the only care we had was getting there early enough to nap before we went out that night. The feeling of, "Is this really happening?" had us so full of excitement.

We had always gone on small trips together to Purdue and Cedar Point, but this was to be our senior spring break and a trip to always remember. We stayed awake talking to each other for a couple of hours until Kristi fell asleep and the switching off began. It was Kristi's second time driving when we crashed. It's crazy to think of how fast our lives can change, and then to actually have it happen.

I was asleep and woke up to Kristi screaming and then it was over as fast as it started. The truckers had me out of the car before I had a chance to comprehend what had just happened, or to even have a chance to say "good-bye." I heard them yelling at each other to get the fire extinguishers, and others trying to help get Kristi out of the car. So many people stopped to help us; it's heart wrenching to know I will never know who any of them are. The ambulance arrived and had me on the way to the hospital when they told me. I could hear the EMT and the driver talking back and forth to each other and the radio keeping them updated. The EMT then told me the driver had passed him a note telling him Kristi didn't make it. The feeling of hopelessness is so overwhelming the only thing you can do is cry.

It's amazing how your view of life changes when you experience something so traumatic. Priorities change, friends change and everything you thought you knew is challenged. When I was in the ER, the doctors asked what Kristi's last words were. Everything had happened so fast that I hadn't thought about it until that moment. I visualized the accident and remembered a split second of complete peace when Kristi told me, "I love you and I'm sorry." The doctors told me it wasn't possible because she was unconscious in 30 seconds and dead in three minutes and she was so disoriented she wouldn't have been able to talk in those 30 seconds. Even though it was painful to hear, that has been my driving force to this day because I know it was her spirit that told me. All it did was make me feel stronger about knowing where she is. I know she is an angel and is with me all of the time. It's comforting when you have lost someone physically, to know they're still with you spiritually. I know I can't feel or touch her, but I feel her presence when I talk or pray to her. It's special in so many ways because you know she's gone but not really.

Kristi and I were a part of each other's lives for eight wonderful years, and her love for God and life taught me so much. She touched so many of our lives, and every life she touched she made better. I am who I am today because of her.

Even in death, Kristi makes her love for us all present. Ironically, the most powerful supportive words I have received to deal with this incident are from Kristi. When we left for Spring Break, Kristi had sent a card to her cousin a couple of days before for some moral support. Ironically, the message she wrote is what so many of us have used to keep us going, "Sometimes when we pray — we pray for bad times to go quickly and good times to last longer; but it is when we pray for the Lord's grace that he carries us peacefully through all times."

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GUEST COLUMN

Valuing integrity and character among politicians

OXFORD, Miss.

The crew of Kursk, a Russian submarine, which sank to the floor of the Barents Sea, is dead. Confirmation of the deaths of 118 men serving aboard the vessel came Monday due to the complete flooding of the internal chambers. How long did it take for this submarine to flood? Were there any survivors past the initial explosions? Those questions remain to be answered.

Steve Martini

Daily
Mississippian

As students spent the previous week scurrying for textbooks and searching for lecture halls, 118 sailors sank to their deaths off the shores of Norway. The world scarcely batted an eyelash. Political candidates forged on in their pursuit of the throne within the Oval Office. President Clinton continued with his pursuit of the national spotlight while campaigning for his wife in her bid to represent New York in the U.S. Senate. Russia's own president, Vladimir Putin, refused to cut short his holiday on the Black Sea coast to address the national tragedy.

Friends and family members of the crew were outraged at Putin's light dismissal of the situation concerning his own countrymen. In true political fashion, Putin responded to allegations of his own negligence by saying, "I am absolutely convinced that today we should not be searching for who is to blame." I have not heard such empty, self-centered political jargon since Bill Clinton struggled with a proper definition of "it" while on the witness stand only a few years ago.

Those men at the bottom of the Barents Sea may have died due to negligence on the part of the Russian government reaching as high as the President himself. Kursk was disabled on Saturday, Aug. 12. Russian officials declined offers of assistance from other countries for another five days following the incident.

Military officials released statements to Russian news media stating the submarine had collided with another object of some sort, although they would not elaborate. Furthermore, officials reported banging from within the sub's hull in the familiar beat of the S.O.S., a telegraphic system indicating a need for immediate assistance in times of peril.

However, U.S. submarines in the area reported no such encounters of banging from within the

ship's mainframe. In fact, one naval officer, Chad Miltenberger, stationed in South Carolina told me, "I've heard a few things from my instructors. The second explosion, which went off shortly after the first one did, measured a 3.7 on the Richter scale. If a torpedo went off in the front-most, lower section of the sub (the location of the torpedo room) there would be no one left alive inside." Based on that professional opinion, reports of crew members banging for help from within would appear to be bold-faced lies.

Further evidence of lies surfaced when the Russian government later denied the possibility of a collision with another sea-vessel, after they had earlier claimed to have discovered debris from the other object.

So why have Russian government officials deemed it necessary to lie to the public and drag out the gruesome deaths of 118 military servicemen for more than a week if it seemed to be apparent all died upon the initial impact? That is something I have yet to understand.

President Putin responded to U.S. aid by curtly requesting we follow guidelines established by NATO for providing assistance. The political red tape that goes along with such offers made the U.S. virtually useless in the rescue operations, although U.S. submarines were the closest to the scene at the time of the accident. Putin effectively protected whatever secrets the military possessed aboard Kursk.

However, I doubt many naval operations in any part of the world will be rushing to discover how to sink a military submarine that has only been on the water for less than four months. One Russian woman, Natash Furs, said, "Look at the history of our country: it is always better for someone to die than a secret to get out."

Sadly, I think she is correct. The value that Russian political officials put on human life is much less than the importance of Russian military secrets to them. Bring this issue closer to home, readers. I beg you. This is an election year and we have two candidates racing for the top spot in Washington D.C. Listen to the arguments, read the papers and watch the news. Decide which candidate would demand assistance from another nation when American lives are on the line. It would appear moral integrity and character is much more important than believed.

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Beware the mo

Every summer, Hollywood releases the biggest, loudest, most expensive pieces of filmic garbage of the year. Audiences literally flock to their local megaplexes in record numbers to see such artistic triumphs as "Batman & Robin," "Godzilla" and — of course — the now infamous "Wild Wild West." Every once in a while, though, a few diamonds are found in the rough. For every four or five "Independence Days," there's a "Saving Private Ryan" or an "Eyes Wide Shut." The summer of 2000 was no different. The major studios released more than 40 movies between the months of May and August (the typical summer movie season) and, as always, audiences were hard-pressed to find anything worth their 8 bucks. Here, then, is Scene's look at several of these summer releases — some more worth your money than others.

Mission: Impossible 2

Like its 1996 predecessor, "Mission: Impossible 2" is an incredibly entertaining film. The plot is simple. A killer virus has been stolen and is being sold on the international market for millions. Special Agent Ethan Hunt's (Tom Cruise) task is to steal the virus back along with the anti-serum.

There's a girl, too (there's always a girl). Nyah (Thandie Newton) is a world-class thief. Hunt recruits her to help find Sean Ambrose (Dougray Scott), who has stolen the virus. But it's not her Catwoman-esque skills that Ethan's team needs. It just so happens that she dumped Ambrose a while back and broke his evil little heart, and Hunt is ordered to use her to mole into Ambrose's organization.

John Woo is such a fantastic director that, in every sequence, all is forgiven for the thin plot. Woo truly comes out to play during the final half-hour, which is filled with essentially non-stop thrills and spills. After a laboratory shoot-out, the momentum shifts to an absolutely incredible motorcycle chase sequence, which rightfully belongs among the best action sequences of all time. After watching "Gladiator" offer action sequences that barely make sense, Woo's work is like a blast of fresh air.

"Mission: Impossible 2" delivers everything it wants to deliver: glossy stylized action sequences, entertaining and engaging acting from its star and, above all else, a great movie-going experience. "M: 12" is a fun Tom Cruise/John Woo team-up, and therefore a perfect sum-

mer movie. Summer 2000 releases were hard-pressed to duplicate its sheer entertainment value.

Gone in 60 Seconds

This summer's "Gone in 60 Seconds" was a remake of an old B movie that was simply about stealing cars. Director Dominic Sena decided to remake the movie but wanted to spend more time with characters and relationships.

Nicolas Cage stars as Memphis Raines, a renowned car thief who "went straight" after his mother warned him his younger brother was close to following in his footsteps. Memphis left his family behind, but is soon called back when his younger brother, Kip, played by Giovanni Ribisi, ("Boiler Room") gets in over his head. Kip owes the most dangerous car broker in the city sixty vintage cars in four days. If Kip cannot deliver the cars, he will pay with his life. Memphis gets back in the game of car heists to save his brother's life. To do so, he must reunite his old gang, which includes Angelina Jolie ("Girl, Interrupted") and Robert Duvall ("The Godfather").

Although Sena's attempt was to develop the relationships of the characters, he failed this ultimate goal. He explored the relationship between Kip and Memphis further than it was in the original movie but it did not go as deep as it needed to. Despite the brilliant casting of Ribisi and Cage, little is done with either of their characters.

The true stars of the movie would have been the vintage cars that were the quest of the Raines brothers, but there were too many to appreciate any of them. The one great success of this movie was the car chase scenes that may have been the best since "Ronin" and "Bullit."

Me, Myself & Irene

Every one of us have had times when we've had to suppress that urge to tell someone off. It comes as no surprise that the Farrelly brothers fearlessly turn the alter ego in all of us into a comedic prop. This is when Jim Carrey goes to work. Although the directors, the Farrelly brothers, started with a good idea, that's about as far as they got. The plot gradually declines into a bunch of exaggerated scenes and clunky one-liners.

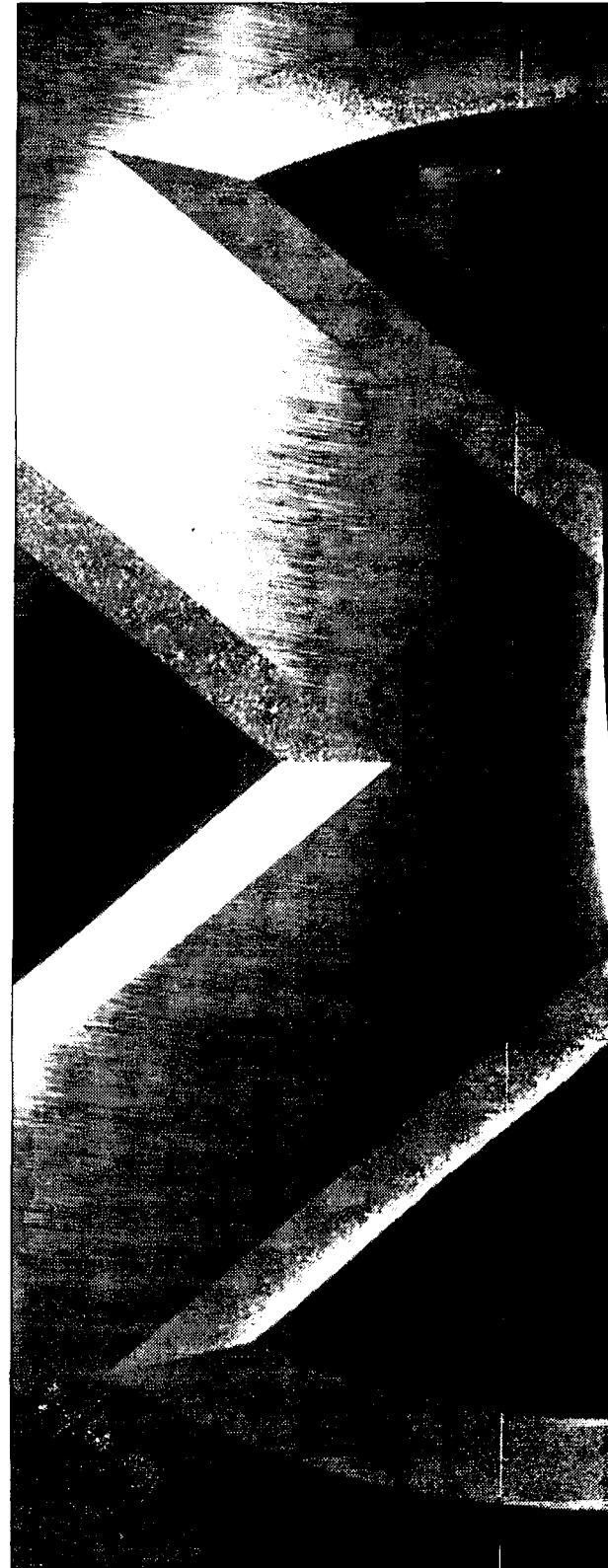
Jim Carrey stars as Charlie Baileygates, a member of the Rhode Island police force. He is a hard working, kind, mild-tempered and model citizen raising three illegitimate sons after his wife left him on their wedding day for the midget limo driver. Charlie has spent his entire life as a pushover, pretending everything is wonderful and everybody respects him. After years of bottling up all that anger and resentment, he finally snaps, and out comes Hank.

Hank is a stereotypical jerk. He drinks way too much, he's got a dirty mouth and mind, is destructive and cares only about sex. The only thing he has in common with Charlie is a crush on Irene Waters (Renee Zellweger from "Jerry Maguire").

Jim Carrey shines through once again with his amazing acting ability and talented facial and body expressions that never fail to make you laugh. Being his first "R"-rated movie, "Me, Myself, and Irene" does display some demented, daring new ideas such as breast feeding alternatives and a cow that will not die.

Summer Box Office

1. Mission: Impossible 2	215.3 million
2. Gladiator	180.6 million
3. The Perfect Storm	174.1 million
4. X-Men	149.3 million
5. Scary Movie	147.6 million
6. Dinosaur	135.9 million
7. What Lies Beneath	128.1 million
8. Big Momma's House	115.4 million
9. The Patriot	110.2 million
10. Nutty Professor 2	105.4 million
11. Gone in 60 Seconds	100.2 million
12. Me, Myself & Irene	94.5 million
13. Shaft	73.8 million



Despite the fact that the photography was far from superior and the filmmaking could have been done better by a bunch of amateurs with a video camera, "Irene" is nipping at the heels of the Farrelly brothers' other films, "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary." If you're a Jim Carrey fan and are looking for a quick laugh, "Me, Myself and Irene" is a good pick.

Shaft

It has been said that imitation is the greatest form of flattery, but sometimes things just shouldn't be imitated. Recently, the entertainment industry has been attempting to flatter their role models incessantly, trying to capitalize on their popularity. Classic films like "Psycho" and other old television shows like "Lost in Space," "The Brady Bunch," and even cartoons like "The Flintstones" and "Inspector Gadget" have continued to appear and leave the viewer with an empty sense that some of their favorite movies and shows have been exploited and, in some cases, ruined.

Director John Singleton's new version of the '70s classic blaxploitation film "Shaft" is nothing new. It is a rehash of the "black private dick who's a sex machine for all the chicks" set-up, but unlike other recent imitations, Singleton's updated "Shaft" actually works.

Firstly, Samuel L. Jackson is the perfect actor to play John Shaft. His performance is probably better than Richard Roundtree's, who portrayed Shaft in the original. Secondly, Singleton's '90s version allows Shaft to shoot more guys, swear more and be even more bad than he was in the '70s. Also, the '90s allow "Shaft" to



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lar classics: it takes the original idea and improves upon it, instead of ruining it.

The Perfect Storm

The most brilliant filmmaking occurs when a director can take what most people consider mundane and low-class and make poetry out of it. This is exactly what Wolfgang Petersen does with "The Perfect Storm."

The film is an adaptation of Sebastian Junger's book and is the story of the Andrea Gail, a Gloucester, Mass. fishing boat. Although the film focuses on one boat, it is about a lifestyle foreign to people living outside of fishing towns. To these fishermen, fishing is much more than a job — it is a way of life.

George Clooney plays Billy Tyne, captain of the Andrea Gail. He is one of the greatest fishing boat captains Gloucester has ever seen. When people begin to question his ability as a captain, Tyne loads his crew up for one more trip. He takes his crew out farther than most of them have ever gone and promises that they are going to bring home massive amounts of fish. What they don't realize is that while they are catching all this fish, three huge storms are colliding together to form one of the rarest weather phenomena ever—the perfect storm.

The most amazing scenes in the movie take place in the midst of the storm. This monster is brought to life by spectacular special effects and plays one of the greatest villains to ever hit the big screen.

Wolfgang Petersen was perfect in his casting of the crew of the Andrea Gail. This is shown in how each actor is able to take an ordinary man and make him into a hero. They are able to take a job that many people look down upon and make it into a noble profession.

What Lies Beneath

It has been quite a while since an adult thriller has come along and really made an audience scream out loud and be frightened. "What Lies Beneath" did just that for its audience.

Michelle Pfeiffer stars as Claire Spencer, the wife of a college professor, played by Harrison Ford. Claire and her husband, Norman, have just moved into a new house that used to be his father's. They are trying to settle in when Claire begins to see and hear things around the house.

Director Robert Zemeckis does a great job keeping the audience guessing. There are a number of clues given, but the audience just doesn't know what they are clues to and if they even matter to what is going on. This makes the film anything but predictable. Pfeiffer does a great job playing a mentally frail woman, not sure if she is going crazy or not. It is her performance that makes this film a success. Ford is okay as a driven science profes-

sor, but he has been better.

The one problem with the film is that the end is drawn out considerably. Zemeckis does a good job keeping the audience screaming the whole time, but the film becomes a bit too long when it keeps going on and on and the right people just don't die.

X-Men

It's understandable that anticipation was at a fever pitch for "X-Men." After all, it's based on the highest-selling comic book series of all time. For the film, characters have been excised and story-lines have been streamlined — a necessary movie evil, whether one is adapting a book, a comic book or even a TV series. What's important, though, is conjuring on celluloid the spirit of the source, its essence. And in this respect fans should be pleased with the serious approach director Bryan Singer brought to the material.

In the "not too distant future," humanity is faced with an escalating crisis of genetic mutation. U.S. Senator Kelly (Bruce Davison) is pushing for a law that will make mutant identification and registration mandatory, calling it a public safety issue.

Unfortunately, some of Kelly's fear-mongering rhetoric has merit, as there is a growing anti-human movement among mutants that is being spearheaded by Magneto (Ian McKellen), a powerful mutant who has the ability to generate magnetic fields and control metallic objects.

However, Magneto's aspirations are countered by his old friend Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart), a powerful telepath who believes that peaceful co-existence between humans and mutants is possible. In addition to running a school for "gifted children," Xavier has assembled a team of mutants to oppose Magneto's goals: the optic-blast shooting Cyclops (James Marsden); the telekinetic scientist babe Jean Grey (Famke Janssen); metal-clawed Wolverine; and Storm (Halle Berry), who can control the weather.

The plot doesn't care to reach a high level of intensity, but it serves its purpose by making this movie a worthy introduction into what hopefully will become a successful franchise. If you're a long-standing fan of the comic book, "X-Men" will not disappoint. Even if you know nothing or only have a passing curiosity to the whole X-Men phenomenon, the film's tight, clever script and exciting visuals will keep you more than interested.

Who would've thought that a movie about superpowered mutants with retractable adamantium claws, red visors and super-long tongues would succeed where other 2000 summer movies have failed? "X-Men," a comic book movie for heaven's sake, is smarter, better acted, better scripted and better crafted than any other movie this summer. Sure, with "Shaft" "M:12" and "Gone in 60 Seconds" to compete with, that's not saying much. Still, for a good solid piece of entertainment, "X-Men" is above par. For a comic book movie, "X-Men" rules.

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be a real action movie, chock-full of car chases, guns and immensely better special effects than the low budget, '70s film had. The popularity of the original also allows for a better supporting cast featuring Vanessa Williams ("Dance With Me"), Christian Bale ("American Psycho"), Toni Collette ("The Sixth Sense") and a cameo by football's incomparable Lawrence Taylor.

Some critics panned "Shaft" as unbelievable and lacking in plot-development. What these critics are missing with the new version is that it is an attempt to simulate the type of plot that '70s blaxploitation films had. Characters like John Shaft and Dolemite were about as close to cartoons as they could be without wearing polka-dotted overalls and having blue skin. The movies refer to serious topics (i.e. racial oppression and poverty), but the plots themselves revolve around a streetwise Superman, who also happens to be an incredibly smooth guy. Singleton stays true to the genre of the original, which makes the holes in the plot successful attempts at staying true to the original. That's what separates the updated "Shaft" from the other revamps of popu-

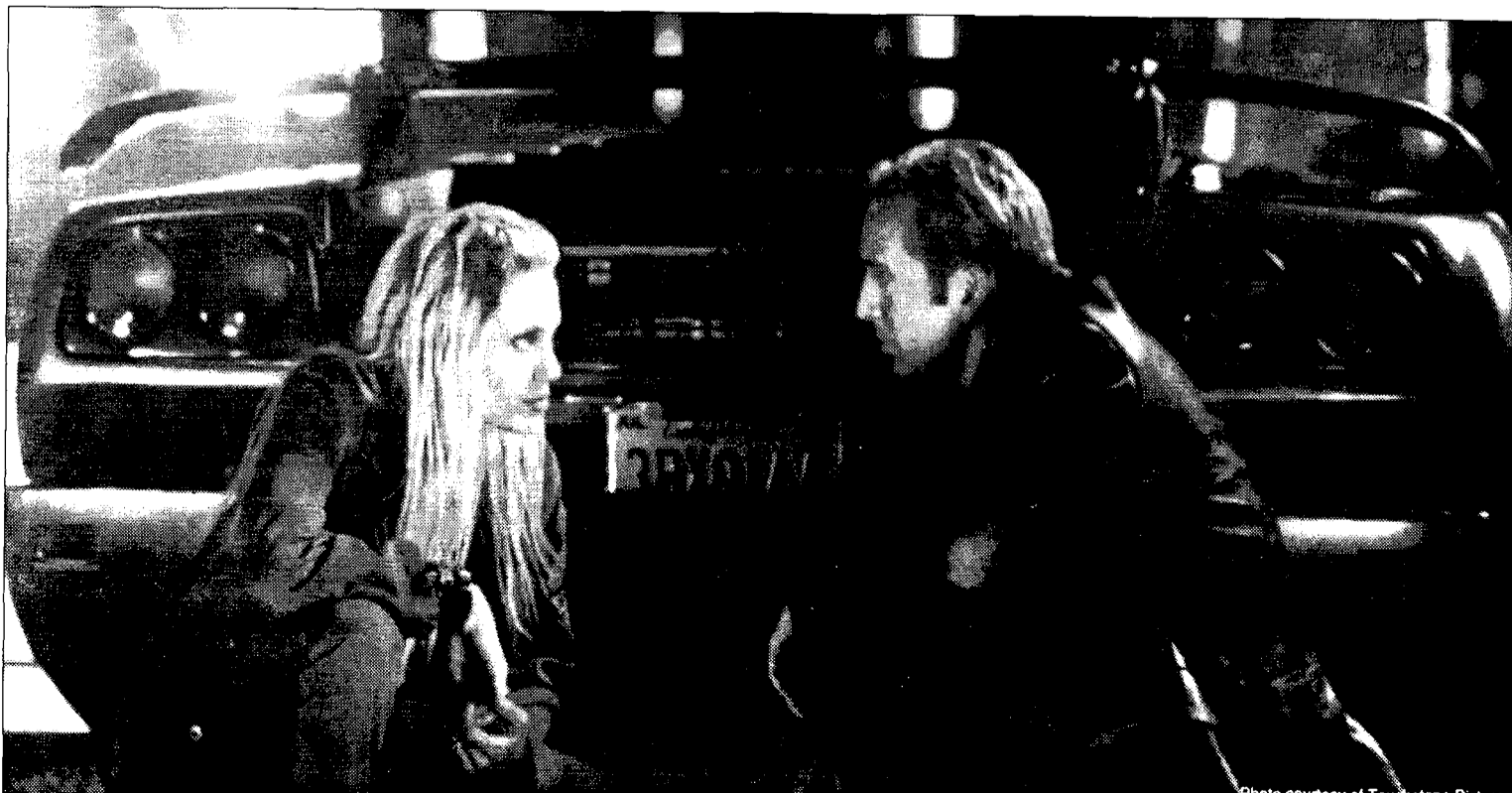


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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brown loses bid for perfect game on Bergeron single

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Kevin Brown lost his bid for a perfect game when Montreal's Peter Bergeron singled leading off the seventh inning, and the Los Angeles ace beat the Expos 5-1.

Winning for the first time in six starts since July 24 at Colorado, Brown (11-5) wound up allowing four hits in seven-plus innings. He struck out four, walked none and hit a batter.

Retiring his first 18 batters, Brown allowed only two balls out of the infield.

Bergeron's single was a liner to the left of third baseman Adrian Beltre, who lunged and tipped the ball with his glove, with the ball trickling into left field.

When "hit" was flashed on the scoreboard, many in the Dodger Stadium crowd of 31,337 booed. But it clearly was a hit, and became a moot point when Jose Vidro and Lee Stevens hit consecutive doubles later in the inning after Milton Bradley lined into a double play.

Brown almost didn't last beyond the fifth inning this time — but not because of his pitching.

Brown, who spent more than two weeks on the disabled list in April after he broke the pinkie on his right hand trying to bunt, was struck on the right

index finger as he tried to bunt against Mike Thurman (3-4).

Thurman's first pitch in the fifth was up at the letters, and the pitch struck Brown's hand as he squared.

While Dodgers trainer Stan Johnston spent a few anxious moments checking out Brown, Montreal manager Felipe Alou argued with umpire Tim McClelland that it should have been ruled a foul strike. The decision stood after McClelland conferred with first-base ump Scott Higgins.

Brown was safe at second on a throwing error by Thurman, who grabbed Tom Goodwin's comebacker and made a low throw that shortstop Orlando Cabrera couldn't handle. Brown took third as Mark Grudzielanek flied out and scored on Shawn Green's single.

Eric Karros followed with a sacrifice fly that made it 5-0.

Thurman matched Brown for the first 3 1-3 innings, retiring 10 consecutive batters before Grudzielanek doubled.

Shawn Green walked and Todd Hundley singled with two outs to score Grudzielanek. Devon White walked and Beltre followed with a two-run single.

Thurman gave up five runs — three earned — and four hits in five innings.

Left fielder Gary Sheffield, who leads the Dodgers in batting average, home runs, RBIs and on-base percentage, began serving the five-game suspen-

sion he received in the aftermath of the Dodgers' brawl with Wrigley Field fans on May 16.

The Dodgers' weekend series at Chicago will include a doubleheader on Friday, so Sheffield — who dropped his appeal — will be eligible to play on Sunday and continue his race with Sammy Sosa for the major league home run lead.

Cubs 15 Houston 5

Ruben Quevedo took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning before Julio Lugo's three-run homer, and Chicago routed Houston.

Quevedo (2-5), making his eighth major league start, wound up allowing five runs — three earned — and four hits in eight innings. The 21-year-old right-hander struck out five and walked four.

Wade Miller (2-5) was pounded for 12 runs, tying the Astros record set by Jose Lima against the Cubs on April 26. Miller lasted 4 2-3 innings, allowing 12 hits and eight earned runs.

Joe Girardi had four hits, Gary Matthews Jr. had three and Mark Grace hit a three-run double as Chicago stopped a season-high, seven-game losing streak.

Rondell White had two hits and drove in a run, making him 8-for-14 with five RBIs in the series.

Sammy Sosa put the Cubs ahead with an RBI single in the first, then robbed Lugo of a home run in the bottom half with a leaping catch against the right-field wall.

Houston, which tied its season high by making four errors, helped Chicago with a pair of errors as the Cubs took a 6-0

lead: Jeff Bagwell dropped a throw to first by shortstop Tim Bogar, and catcher Mitch Meluskey made a throwing error.

White and Girardi hit RBI singles, Willie Greene had a run-scoring double catch against the right field wall.

Matthews hit an RBI single and scored on Jeff Huson's two-run double for a 9-0 lead in the fifth and Grace fouled off Joe Slusarski.

Lugo's homer came with two outs and followed walks to Bogar and Roger Cedeno.

Girardi hit an RBI single in the eighth off Jason Green for his fourth hit. Glen Barker added a two-run single in the bottom half.

Phillies 4 Reds 3

Mike Lieberthal's eighth-inning homer started a three-run rally that swept Philadelphia over Cincinnati.

The Phillies got consecutive wins for the first time since Aug. 8-9 by overcoming a 3-1 deficit against Scott Sullivan and All-Star closer Danny Graves (10-4).

Benito Santiago's pinch bases-loaded single in the seventh off Robert Person put the Reds up 3-1, but Lieberthal's 15th homer, a drive off Sullivan, started the Phillies' comeback.

After Travis Lee singled and Rob Ducey walked, Marlon Anderson grounded a single up the middle that barely eluded Graves and diving shortstop Barry Larkin, tying the game at 3. Tomas Perez hit into a force-out at second that allowed Ducey to score the go-ahead run and gave Graves his fourth

blown save in 25 chances.

Chris Brock (7-6) retired the only batter he faced to close out the seventh and get in line for the win. Vicente Padilla got two outs for his first career save.

Cincinnati lost for the seventh time in nine games, extending a month-long slump at home that has squashed its comeback in the NL Central. e Reds are 4-11 at home since July 24.

Before the game, Ken Griffey Jr. stopped Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman and took issue with his criticism. Brennaman criticized Griffey on the air Sunday for jogging to first base on a hit that could have been stretched to a double.

During their heated conversation, Brennaman said he'll continue to point out when Griffey fails to hustle. Griffey went 0-for-4, ending his eight-game hitting streak and dropping his average to .257.

The Reds wasted a highly efficient start by Scott Williamson, who threw 70 strikes out of 107 pitches in seven innings. He matched his career high with eight strikeouts and gave up only four hits on a night when it appeared he wouldn't last long.

Williamson hurt himself when he lost his balance and stumbled off the side of the mound as he threw a pitch to Doug Glanville in the third inning. After the trainer talked to him, Williamson took a few warmup throws and stayed in the game, though he moved slowly between innings.

Person gave up three runs — two earned — and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He lost his control in the seventh, letting a 1-all tie slip away. The Reds loaded the bases with two outs on Dmitri Young's double and a pair of walks, and Person went to a 3-1 count on Santiago before giving up a two-run single.

Cardinals 5 Pirates 2

Rick Ankiel won for the second time in 11 starts and Jim Edmonds homered for the second time in three games, leading St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

Ankiel (8-7) had been 1-4 since June 20, mostly due to control problems that forced him out of games early. However, the Cardinals have won in his last four starts.

Ankiel, at 20 the youngest pitcher in the major leagues, allowed six hits with six strikeouts and four walks in seven innings, which matched his season high. He gave up home runs to Keith Osik and Enrique Wilson in his final inning.

Dave Veres got four outs for his 22nd save in 27 chances, stranding Aramis Ramirez, who had tripled in the eighth, when Osik popped out to shortstop.

Edmonds hit his 34th homer in the first off Todd Ritchie (6-7). Edmonds' three-run shot Monday was his first in 57 at-bats.

Consecutive doubles by Will Clark and Fernando Tatis followed by a triple by Will Clark made it 3-0 in the fourth.

Osik hit his third homer leading off the seventh and Wilson hit his fifth with two outs.

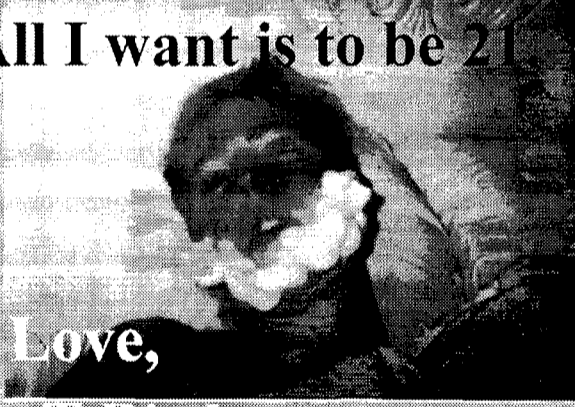
Clark, who had three hits, hit his fifth homer to the opposite field off Scott Sauerbeck in the eighth. It was his first homer since he connected in his first four starts for the Cardinals from Aug. 2 to 6.

Edgar Renteria added an RBI single off Rich Loiselle later in the inning.

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Thursday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fischer Graduate Residence Parking Lot
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Latino Freshmen Open House
Thursday, August 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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Africentric Spirituality Freshman Intro Retreat
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Fatima Retreat Center

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Friday-Saturday, August 25-26
Oakwood Inn

Freshmen Retreat #30 Sign-up
Targeted Dorms: Badin, Keenan, Lewis, O'Neill,
Pasquerilla East,
St. Edward's, Morrissey, Walsh, and Zahm
August 28-September 18
103 Hesburgh Library

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #62 Sign-up
Monday-Friday, August 28-September 1
103 Hesburgh Library

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, August 27 Mass
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Rev. David J. Scheidler, c.s.c.

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Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Jos 24; 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading Eph 5: 21-32 or 5: 2a, 25-32

Gospel Jn 6: 60-69

"So, um, like... How was your summer?"

By Frank Santoni

"So, how was your summer?"

Ahhh...that over-asked question that marks the beginning of every new school year. It's as much a part of moving back in as hand-me-down couches or missing parts to your loft. Usually asked innocently, without much thought, "So, how was your summer?" is a convenient conversation starter. It can serve as a nice filler, while you rack your brain for a first name, or for how you know the person you find yourself standing in front of asking, "So, how was your summer?"

"So, how was your summer?"

The poor question's misuse and abuse will stretch well into September as you continue to run into people for the first time. Mercifully, it gets a break in early October, only to resurface again as "So, how was your break?" immediately following Fall Break.

It's too bad, really, if you think about it. "So, how was your summer?" is a good question with some potentially meaningful replies. After all, each one of us did just spend three months away from here, doing God only knows what with all of the extra time and energy summer brings. It's no surprise our friends and random acquaintances might actually be interested in the answer to "So, how was your summer?"

The question may not be original, but maybe our answers can be

So much can happen in one summer: play, rest, work, travel. On the learning front, summer can be a CSC summer service project, a corporate internship, a music fellowship, or international study. On the personal side, summer often brings the promise of a new relationship or the end to an old one. It can mean death or new life. It can mean climbing to new summits or travelling through old valleys. Undoubtedly, though, our summers provide rich soil for personal growth. And each of us, in our own way, comes to know ourselves and our God more deeply.

To each of us, it may look a bit different, but summer almost always means radical, earth-shaking, paradigm-shifting experiences. The self-discovery summer offers is what summer is all about. It's what we longed for in the long, cold months of winter. But, now that summer has come to another speedy conclusion, how prepared are we to share the person we've become with the people around us? How ready are we to integrate what we've learned about ourselves into our lives at ND?

Often, the beginning of the year can feel like a crisis of colliding worlds. We approach the new school year with reluctance because we're almost sure it will mean giving up the things we came to know and enjoy about ourselves and our relationships.

A good friend shared with me that a few nights after returning to campus she sat on her dorm room floor and sobbed as she struggled to integrate what she had experienced on an international summer service project into her "real" life back here at Notre Dame. The ideas and thoughts that seemed so clear to her this summer living a simple lifestyle in a small Central American village were already beginning to get clouded by the clutter of her possessions and the busyness of her life.

It would be easy for her to return to the normal routine of the academic year and leave the summer's lessons behind. It would make sense to pick up where she left off and play along with the familiar cues of her daily rhythms. That would be easy for any of us to do. But that would leave the summer's promise only half-fulfilled. Thanks to the summer, we each have something new and exciting to offer those around us. It's our responsibility to share it.

But how do we keep the summer experience fresh? Answering the "So, how was your summer?" question honestly and thoughtfully may be a good start. But how do we continually renew that bright-eyed giddiness that only comes with a mid-summer revelation?

Here's a possible answer: I've discovered that it's that same brand of newness, the kind we enjoy on those long, lazy summer afternoons, that we discover time and time again in our faith in Jesus Christ. A merciful and loving God promises that we can be made new again, not just once, not just every summer, but every day. If each day we look closely enough to recognize the grace of God in everything and everyone around us, we can be renewed and refreshed. And a summer's worth of adventure – physical, emotional, and spiritual – can be recaptured.

So, how *was* your summer, anyway?



FOOTBALL

Running back Fisher named for accolade

Special to The Observer

Junior tailback Tony Fisher is one of 35 candidates for the 2000 Doak Walker Award presented by Vectrix. The award is given annually to the nation's top college running back by the Southwestern Bell-SMU Athletic Forum in Dallas.

The 6-2, 225 lb. player finished the 1999 season as Notre Dame's leading rusher, running up 783 yards on 156 carries, an average of 5.0 yards a carry. Fisher also was fourth on the team in receiving, averaging 16.4 yards a reception. Fisher was a member of Football News' all-Independent team in '99 and was named NBC Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame MVP for his efforts against Kansas.

The Southwestern Bell Athletic Forum Board of Directors will select eight semifinalists on November 8, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee

will vote on the winner in late November. The National Selection Committee consists of former All-Pro and All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The winner will be announced live on ESPN's College Football Awards Show Thursday, Dec. 7. The presentation banquet will be January 31, 2001, at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

Last season, former Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne won the award after becoming the NCAA's career rushing leader with 6,397 yards.

Fisher joins an impressive list of candidates from around the country including Maryland senior LaMont Jordan, the nation's leading returning rusher with 3,227 career yards, TCU senior LaDainian Tomlinson, who was tops among Division I-A runners in 1999 with 1,850 yards and Texas senior Hodges Mitchell, a 1999 Doak Walker Award finalist.

NFL

Lane's widow appears in court

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

The wife of Fred Lane was ordered held without bond Wednesday as prosecutors said she could be charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of the NFL running back.

Deidra Lane, 25, appeared close to tears as she appeared before Mecklenburg County District Court Judge Philip Howerton.

Wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and shackles on her legs, she answered "yes" when Howerton asked if she knew she had been charged with murder.

Under North Carolina law, she was charged with one count that covers both first- and second-degree murder. Prosecutors did not indicate which level they would pursue.

First-degree murder is punishable by execution, while second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

At the request of prosecutors, Howerton declined to set bond.

She had surrendered to police earlier Wednesday morning, accompanied by her lawyer.

Deidra Lane's parents and pastor sat in the courtroom with her. Her mother held the baby girl born to the Lanes just a week before the football player was shot at close range in their home.

Deidra Lane also has a young son from an earlier relationship.

"This is a major, major, traumatic event for this family," defense attorney Henderson Hill said. "She's a mother of two very young children. She is frightened to death. She misses her children. She's scared — what any young mother would be going through."

Fred Lane, 24, was shot in the chest and head July 6 as he walked in the front door of the couple's home after flying home from Nashville, Tenn. He had been staying with relatives in Tennessee after training with the Indianapolis Colts, which acquired him from the Carolina Panthers in April.

Investigators have offered no details on the circumstances of the shooting or a motive for it. Hill refused Wednesday to discuss Deidra Lane's motive or version of the shooting.

The charges came nearly seven weeks after

Fred Lane's death.

"It's about time," said Carolina Panthers running back Tshimanga Biakabutuka, as the team prepared for this week's final NFL preseason game. "I just wonder what took so long for them to press the charges."

Police spokesman Keith Bridges acknowledged a long time had passed between Lane's death and the arrest.

"There were only two parties in the house (at the time of the shooting), and we needed to talk to as many folks as possible," he said.

Some of Lane's former Panthers teammates said they had hoped Deidra Lane would eventually be charged.

"This is probably a sad day because of remembering Fred and remembering the memories and stuff," receiver Muhsin Muhammad said.

After the shooting, Biakabutuka, Muhammad and Panthers fullback William Floyd went to police to tell them about incidents they witnessed between Lane and his wife. They refused to discuss those conversations Wednesday, but Floyd has said they had insisted Lane never abused his wife.

"I was hoping (she would be charged) because the way things happened," Biakabutuka said. "Fred got shot twice, and in the head, and you don't get shot twice in self-defense."

The Lanes were married in 1998. In March, Deidra Lane filed a complaint against her husband, saying he snatched a necklace from her neck during an argument, causing her to fall. She did not press charges and later said she called police only because she was locked out of the house.

Three days before his death, a grand jury in Jackson, Tenn., indicted Lane on misdemeanor drug charges after a Feb. 3 arrest. Prosecutors dropped weapons charges, citing a lack of evidence.

Deidra Lane also has had run-ins with police. In 1995, she was charged with attempted robbery of a South Carolina credit union. She completed a diversion program and was not convicted.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Belles look to swing up in MIAA rankings

By KATIE McVOY Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles golf team is looking to swing into action this fall with a strong returning team.

Saint Mary's finished last season with a third place ranking in the MIAA, only six strokes out of second place in the MIAA tournament. They plan on improving that record this year.

"It is very realistic for us to finish in the top two," head coach Theresa Pekarek said. "We have the players to do that."

After graduating only one senior last year, the Belles have the players for another successful season. Senior Natalie Cook returns after being named Junior Most Valuable Player and second-team all MIAA last season.

"I'm going to be looking to [Cook] to really lead the team this season," Pekarek said.

Joining Cook as leaders are senior captain and junior Mary Claire Hathaway. Returning sophomore Molly Lee, will also play an important role after being named to second-team all MIAA with teammate Cook.

Three freshman players will also be joining the team this fall and Pekarek is looking for them to be important members of the team.

"I think they have the potential to have an impact on this team," she said. "They have good experience and a lot of tournament play, and after they adjust to the longer distances of college, they have the potential to play very good golf."

Pekarek is looking for improvement in the women's short game before competition begins this season.

"The short game can really save you," she said. "We're going to work on putting, chipping, and hitting out of the sand. We will be focusing a lot on the short game."

The players have been working hard this summer to lower their handicaps and get more tournament experience. They hope this will help them take on tough league competition.

Saint Mary's is gearing up to defeat Albion and Hope in league rankings this year. Albion was the league leader last year while Hope won the MIAA two seasons ago.

"Albion and Hope have strong players and a lot of

depth," Pekarek said. "But we're going to play against the course and not the team."

The Belles are looking forward to their home meet at Brookwood Golf Course on September 14.

"It's nice for the team to have a break from traveling and have support in the middle of the season," Pekarek said.

This year promises a lot of support at that home meet because the Saint

Mary's athletic department is sponsoring a bus to transport

students, family, and faculty to the Brookwood Golf Course to support the team.

Official practice begins when classes resume on Tuesday. The Belles will open their season at Ferris State University in a two-day tournament on September 2nd and 3rd.

"It's nice for the team to have a break from traveling and have support in the middle of the season."

Theresa Pekarek head golf coach

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Home course provides advantage

By MOLLY McVOY Saint Mary's Editor

For the first time in its short history, the Belles' cross country team will have the benefit of running on its home course.

Saint Mary's will host its first home meet this season when the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Jamboree comes to campus Sept. 23.

"This is a really exciting season. It is the first time Saint Mary's is going to host a meet, and it will bring a lot of pride to our school," senior captain Genevieve Yavello said. "It brings a lot of pride because we are hosting not only a meet, but an important conference meet, at home."

The Belles finished a somewhat disappointing eighth in the league last season. They are hoping that the addition of the home meet will help move them up in the conference standings.

"This year's goal is to finish in the top five of the conference and continue to build a program that will eventually compete on the national level," said head coach Dave Barstis.

The Belles lost a number of

seniors and will consequently be looking to the freshmen and transfer students to fill in the gaps. Three of their top seven runners from the 1999 season will be absent from this year's squad.

"Sophomores, incoming freshmen and transfer students will be called upon to fill the void and help present Saint Mary's College as a real conference contender," Barstis said.

As training starts this fall, pack running will continue to be the focus of the Belles running strategy.

"We're going to try to keep the pack together this season and, simply, move it up in the race," Yavello said.

The team will focus its attention on getting ready for their first meet against Aquinas College on Sept. 8 while also solidifying where the new runners fit in the team.

"The weeks that we have before our first meet are critical," Yavello said. "That's the time we have to build our base."

This time is also an important opportunity to get back to running as a team and competing as a unit.

"What has been happening is that we have been working hard alone over the summer," Yavello said. "It's always really exciting to come back together as a team after running alone."

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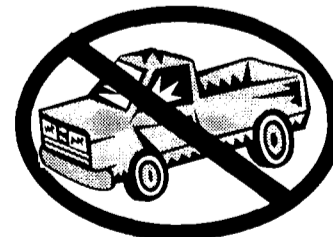
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Brey

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no stretch for Brey adjusting to the selective admissions requirements at Notre Dame. The first-year Domer is looking forward to getting Notre Dame back onto the East Coast recruiting circuit he's familiar with from his time at Duke. And he knows Notre Dame isn't right for just anybody.

"Not every young man is going to be the right fit here," Brey said. "You've got to work a little harder to find a good prospect who's going to be the right fit and who's really going to understand what this place is all about and believe in it. It's not just a factory athletically."

Eight years beneath the renowned coach Mike Kryzewski at Duke and five years as head coach at Delaware have prepped Brey for the pressure of leading a top-notch Division I program.

"We have somebody in Mike Brey who is a wonderful institutional fit," athletic director Kevin White said. "I can't begin to tell you how excited I am about Coach Brey and this coaching staff."

When Brey took over in July as the third Notre Dame bas-

ketball coach in three seasons, he knew it would take some effort to win the trust of both his players and the Notre Dame community.

Just over two months later, Brey is well on his way to doing just that. Former coach Doherty is all but forgotten, his name leaving a bad taste in the mouths of many fans.

"Now it's Coach Brey's team," junior power forward Ryan Humphrey said. "He's going to leave a stamp on Notre Dame where people forget about Coach Doherty. I think we have the right coach for the job."

From his first days on the job, Brey made an effort to get to know the men on the team, trying to earn their trust and convince them of his sincerity.

After accepting the job on a Friday, Brey flew back to his home state of Delaware. By Saturday night, he was meeting with senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and freshman recruit Torrian Jones, both from near-by Philadelphia.

"Initially I was a little upset that the guy that recruited me and the guy I was comfortable with was leaving," Jones said. "But Coach Brey called me up the day after getting the job and drove right up to watch when he heard I had a game, without any prior notice or

anything." Ingelsby, the lone senior on the team, took the transition in stride.

"Coach Brey made the transition really easy for all of us," Ingelsby said. "He was really honest with us. He's a great coach and he comes from a great background at Duke. He's a player's coach."

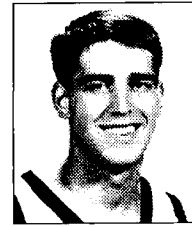
Brey's definitely the new guiding force behind Notre Dame basketball, but like Ingelsby said, he's a player's coach. He plans to allow the team some freedom to lead themselves.

"Martin and Troy [Murphy], it's their team," Brey said of his two captains. "It's important to get teams to take ownership of themselves. This team has already kind of done that. They've run themselves when there's nobody at the helm."

In steering the Irish to a successful season, the No. 1 goal is a berth in the NCAA Tournament, hopefully followed by a deep run in the tourney.

"Our goal has to be to be high-fiving on Selection Sunday," Brey said. "I think I can help with that. After last season, there are expectations, and we've got to back that up. I think this group's ready to do that."

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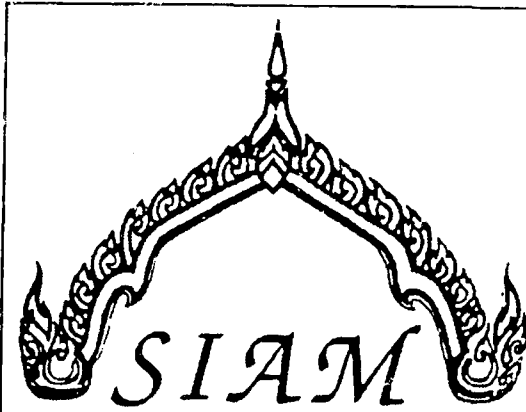
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"I'm excited to play for him. He brings out positive energy in everybody."

"We've been through it before [coaching change] and hopefully we won't have to go through it again."



Murphy

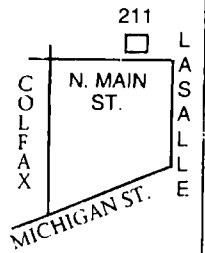


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said about his venture to North. But Brey will learn. Just like every freshman, he will one day be confronted with "Toad in the Hole" and change his opinion of ND Food Services.

While he never has to deal with D.A.R.T., he has already faced scheduling problems of his own. When he took over in July, the Athletic Department told him in addition to shoring up recruiting commitments, hiring a staff and meeting his new team, he also had to schedule one more non-conference game. After a few D.A.R.T.-like rejections, he landed a game with Vermont to complete the schedule.

While Brey's first test of his Irish career won't come until November 25, he is already receiving high marks from his "professors."

"I think we actually helped ourselves," Athletic Director Dr. Kevin White said. "It's a hard thing to say at Matt's [Doherty's] expense but I think we helped ourselves. We have somebody in Mike Brey that represents the institution well and at the same time brings seasoning and maturity to the sidelines."

Just like any freshman dorm room, Brey's office is decorated with posters that reflect his own goals and tastes. So while super-model posters and alcohol

advertisements were absent from his walls, he did have one important piece of art waiting to be hung. A blank tournament bracket for the 2001 NCAA Championship sat on his coffee table just to remind him of his goals.

"We just need to keep these around. I am probably going to put this up on the wall," he said about the bracket. "That's just something we need to look at daily. The bottom line is this program hasn't been in it since 1990 and that's incredible to me."

The freshman is also learning a little bit about the magic of this campus as well.

"You're driving down there on an evening on a summer night and the lights coming off the Dome," he said. "And I tell you, that can get to you. That tugs on the heart, big time."

Cynical upperclassmen may dismiss those words with a shrug. A year ago, they saw a basketball coach cry at a press conference in the Joyce Center only to see him cry at a press conference in the Dean Dome this summer. But Brey plans on being more than just a one-year wonder like his predecessor. He doesn't want to go through another freshman orientation next year at Duke.

"Absolutely not," he said. "That's never been one that would be interesting for me."

Looks like the freshman might be a grizzled old veteran before long.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy among Preseason Top 50

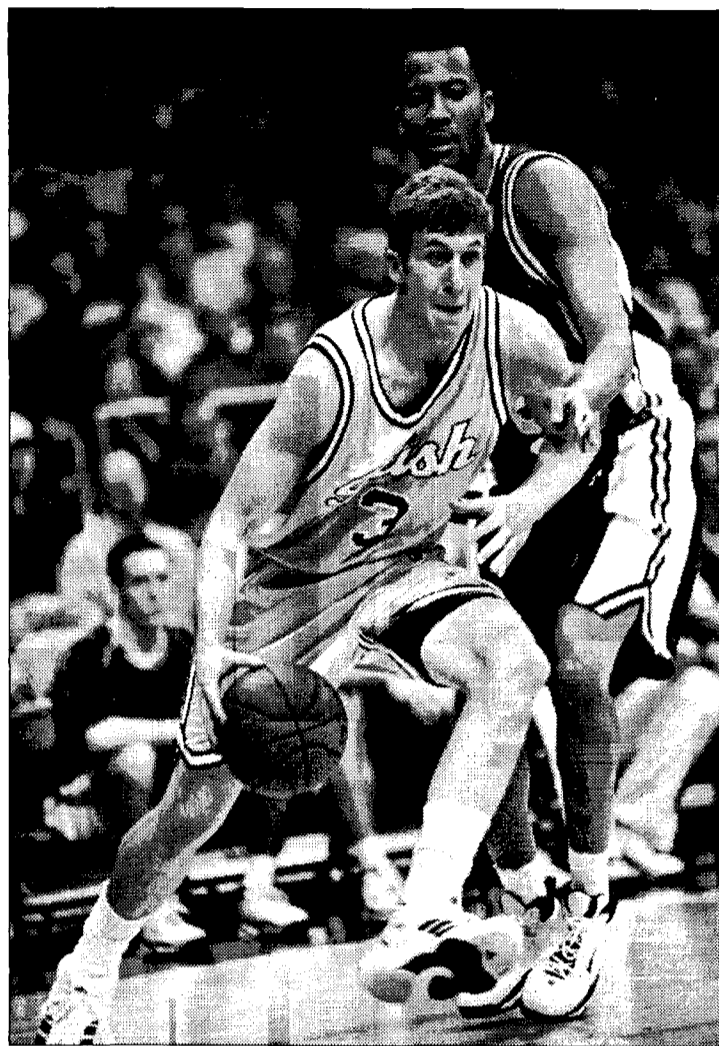
Special to The Observer

Junior men's basketball consensus Troy Murphy, a year ago, is one of the Preseason Top 50 candidates for the 2000-2001 John R. Wooden All-America team. Murphy, a member of the 10-member All-America squad last season, also has been designated as one of the top 25 vote-getters.

Murphy, along with senior Shane Battier of Duke, are the only two previous candidates on the current list.

In late December, the Award Committee will release a Midseason Top 30 list. The 10-member Wooden Award All-America team will be announced on March 27, 2001 with one member from that squad selected on April 6, 2001 as the recipient of the Wooden Award Trophy as the nation's "Most Outstanding Collegiate Basketball Player." That announcement will be shown on a one-hour telecast on FOX Sports Net.

Murphy, the 2000 BIG EAST Player of the Year, averaged 22.7 points and 10.3 rebounds as a sophomore and was Notre Dame's first first-team consensus All-American since Adrian Dantley in 1976.



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Success at graduation begins before the athletes even set foot on campus.

Notre Dame makes an effort to recruit student-athletes who will thrive in Notre Dame's challenging academic program.

"When coaches go out and recruit, they all — regardless of the sport — make a genuine effort to bring people here who can be successful," Halischak said. "They go out and recruit students who want to be here."

Halischak noted that statistics don't completely illustrate the success of Notre Dame student-athletes, since the NCAA statistics only reflect scholar-

ship athletes. For example, the men's lacrosse program, which doesn't offer scholarships, isn't included in the figures.

Halischak's research suggests that when non-scholarship athletes are also included, the athletes' academic profile is similar to the student body in general.

"When you look at all of our student-athletes we are very similar [in graduation rate] to the University average," Halischak said.

Notre Dame has consistently been a national leader in athlete graduation rates.

"This isn't something that just started," Heisler said.

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8. Michigan State	64%
9. Southern California	60%
(tie) Wisconsin	60%

VOLLEYBALL

Irish 'set' for season opener

◆ Preseason poll slates team No. 1 once again

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team prepares to start the 2000 season with the Big East preseason poll slating the Irish to finish No. 1 yet again in regular-season league action.

The Irish picked up 119 points, including nine first-place votes while their closest competitor, Georgetown, the defending postseason champion, earned the second-place slot with 111 points and three first-place votes.

Notre Dame finished last season with a 20-9 overall record, including 11-0 in the conference play. The Irish return five starters as they aim for yet another title.

"I hope that we've made a lot of strides since last season," senior Denise Boylan said. "I think we have. Our preseason went really well."

After earning a spot on the all-Big East 1999 first team, Boylan, Notre Dame's senior captain setter, was named this year's preseason Big East player of the year. Boylan led the Irish in 1999 with 1,132 assists and 35 aces while also currently ranking second in Irish histo-

ry with 3,291 assists and an 11.84 assist average.

Also receiving preseason all-Big East honors was outside senior player Christi Girton, who earned second team all-Big East in 1998 and 1999.

Girton topped the Irish last year with 333 kills and 201 digs, while ranking 10 in career hitting with a .254 average.

Kristy Kreher, a junior opposite, returns from last season as a second team all-Big East choice. Kreher stands at second in Notre Dame history with a .294 career hitting average while finishing at .377 in league play for the 1999 season.

Another returning player, junior Marcie Bomhack, started 27 of 29 matches last season while maintaining an average of 2.91 kills and 2.31 digs per game for her career.

Senior blocker Jo Jameyson recovers from an injury that kept her out of the majority of 1999 play. Jameyson, who has career averages of 1.87 kills, 1.75 digs and .81 blocks per game, will be joined by Malinda Goralski in the middle.

Sophomore Keara Coughlin, a defensive special-

ist, returns after starting all 29 matches of the 1999 season. Coughlin will join sophomore Janie Alderete and senior Adrienne Shimmel in the back row.

With the loss of 1999 Big East player of the year Mary Leffers as well as Emily Schiebout and Lauren Stettin, the Irish have picked up four freshmen.

With four Big East titles, the Irish hope to top the conference tournament this year, as they lost for the first time in their five-year conference participation in the 1999 season.

"Last year it was disappointing that we only made it to the first round of the NCAA tournament," Boylan said. "This year our goal is to make it to the Sweet 16. I definitely think we are going to be the most prepared team in the Big East."

Notre Dame will kickoff the 2000 season against Fairfield in game two of the Shamrock Invitational on Friday, Sept. 1. The Irish begin Big East play against Villanova on Sept. 29.

"This year our goal is to make it to the Sweet 16. I definitely think we are going to be the most prepared team in the Big East."

Denise Boylan
senior volleyball player

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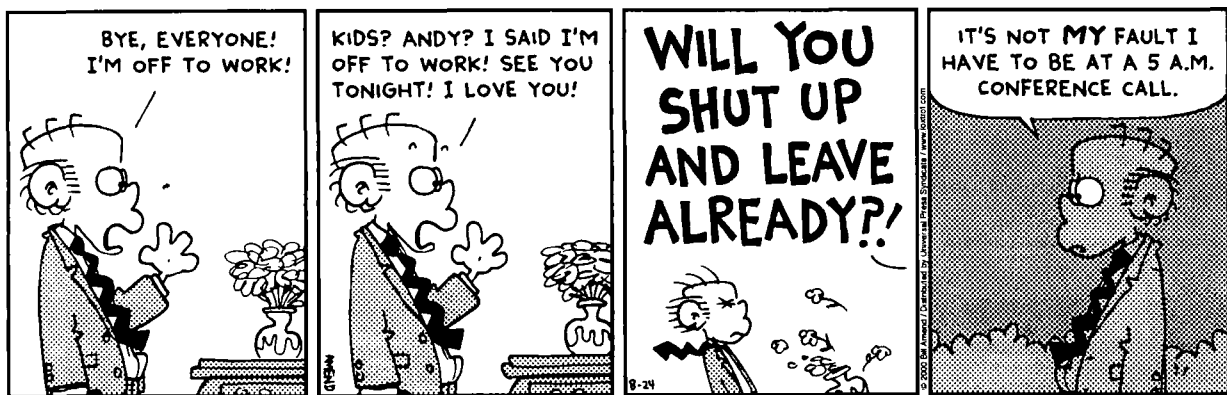
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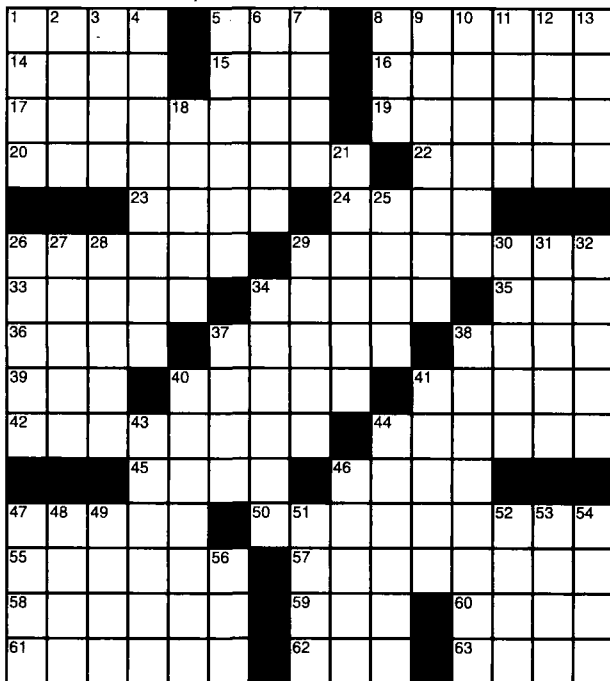
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "I Spy" co-star
 - 5 Opening device
 - 8 "Lycidas" poet
 - 14 Kind of account
 - 15 From ___ Z
 - 16 Melodic
 - 17 Wuss
 - 19 Change the agenda
 - 20 Clear-cut
 - 22 Above reproach
 - 23 De Valera's land
 - 24 Raised
 - 26 Improvised, in a way
 - 29 Standard advice for a bride
 - 33 Square dance group
 - 34 Kicks
 - 35 Brooks or Allen
 - 36 Average, e.g.
 - 37 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer George
 - 38 Austin of "Knots Landing"
 - 39 One in the service?
 - 40 Solved
 - 41 Long for
 - 42 Cottonwood relatives
 - 44 "Macbeth" figures
 - 45 Indelicate
 - 46 Warm-up
 - 47 1949 Cagney film
 - 50 Many a yard sale item
 - 55 Forgives, as an offense
 - 57 Advance
 - 58 Popped up
- DOWN**
- 1 Scour
 - 2 Orenburg's river
 - 3 Priest of the East
 - 4 Diner souvenir
 - 5 Sleeveless tunic worn over a knight's armor
 - 6 Expiate
 - 7 Singer Bill known as the Cowboy Rambler
 - 8 Impair
 - 9 Not at all resentful
 - 10 Fat stuff
 - 11 Kind of call
 - 12 Anthem opening
 - 13 Asian, e.g.
 - 18 Did half a biathlon
 - 21 Conventional
 - 25 Officiates
 - 26 "Ballad of John Henry" folk singer
 - 27 Malfunction
 - 28 Highest peak in the Philippines
 - 29 Orders to go?
 - 30 "In other words ..."
 - 59 Have
 - 60 Erupter of 1992
 - 61 Dangerous job
 - 62 Fed. hush-hush group
 - 63 Settle



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- 31 Brass
- 32 They usually do no harm
- 34 Singer who formed the Love Unlimited Orchestra
- 37 Old antisubversive group
- 38 Den decorations
- 40 Din
- 41 Barely moved
- 43 Buildup
- 44 "The Real McCoys" co-star of 50's-60's TV
- 46 Team followers
- 47 Lab subject
- 48 "My ___!"
- 49 Dubai V.I.P.
- 51 Study of G.D.P. and such
- 52 Not supporting
- 53 "Cats" director Trevor
- 54 Durable wood
- 56 ___-cone

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Happy Birthday: You'll do best if you work by yourself this year. Others are not likely to have the same vision as you and therefore are likely to put a negative spin on your ideas. You will have a good eye and will find it easy to fix any problem that arises along the way. The more time you spend preparing, the better your projects will turn out. Your numbers: 10, 14, 16, 22, 29, 37

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your creative energy into your work. You'll attract controversial attention, which could result in a unique and exciting love connection. Don't keep your free-spirited thoughts to yourself. ○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be misled if you think everyone is telling you the truth. Find out for yourself if you have any doubts whatsoever about any of the information that you're being fed. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't even consider getting involved in joint ventures. Dead-end projects are apparent. You can look at contracts, but hold off signing anything until you get the go-ahead from your legal adviser. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social activity will lead to romance. You can win the hearts of the children in your life if you show an interest in the things they enjoy doing. Your emotional partner may have second thoughts. ○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be frustrated if you can't accomplish your goals because of a co-worker's incompetence. Problems with your boss will surface if he or she thinks

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to do something a little drastic if you want to change your image. Take a long, hard look at yourself and set a goal that is sure to lift your spirits and attract other people's interest. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Domestic issues will be perplexing. You'll have trouble getting a straight answer out of the party you're involved with. Be understanding, but don't put up with abuse or anyone who is an escapist. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Partnerships may not be as they appear. Find out exactly where you stand. You may be misreading the interest someone has in you. He or she may be concerned only with your talent. ○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make those career moves you've been thinking about for so long. If you need to make a move, start packing. You've never liked to stay in one place for too long, so quit procrastinating. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone you love will not listen to or believe what you have to say. Actions speak louder than words in this case. I suggest you give whatever is desired in order to make amends. ○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can be progressive if you direct your efforts into financial ventures or professional accomplishments. Don't sit back waiting for others to do things for you. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in a cause. You have a special way of helping others. Don't let your abilities be wasted. Find something you believe in and make a difference. ○○○

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Spiking Success
The Irish volleyball squad is ranked No. 1 in the Big East entering regular season play. The team was 11-0 in conference play last season.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

New hoops coach settles into role as leader

◆ **Brey begins to find niche with players**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Sitting in his new office in the Joyce Center, first-year head basketball coach Mike Brey whipped out a National Championship ring from his days at Duke University.

Uh-oh. Would Notre Dame find itself in the same situation as it had in July when former coach Matt Doherty left Notre Dame after just one year for his alma mater North Carolina? Would Brey fly the coop if Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski decides he's had enough?

Brey claims that's not an option. He's interested in creating his own traditions at Notre Dame.

"They've done it there at Duke," Brey said. "I'd like to do some Duke stuff here. Between trying to follow Coach Krzyzewski and the fact that they've done it all there before, can't we do it here?"

Brey plans to stay at Notre Dame for the long haul, turning the Joyce Center into a place where Final Four teams become commonplace.

"It would be something to try to get it where opposing coaches say, 'We hate playing at the Joyce Center,'" Brey said. "To be a team that challenges for the Big East Championship."

Molded at prestigious academic institutions such as Duke, the University of Delaware and DeMatha Catholic High School, it was

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Mike Brey, the third Irish basketball coach in three seasons, skims a growing stack of papers on his desk. Brey is still adjusting to campus life after taking over in July.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

◆ **Newcomer adjusts to life on, off campus**

Amid the sea of 18-year-old faces wandering the quads, looking lost during freshman orientation, you could find another 41-year-old face looking just as lost.

"I took part in all the freshman orientation programs," new men's basketball coach Mike Brey said. "I went to all the meetings because let's face it, I am a freshman. I brought my family over to the mass because I need to hear that stuff too."



Mike Connolly

Outside Looking In

The married Brey was not looking for phone numbers at Domer Fest but finding campus landmarks is still a problem. When Brey got his acceptance letter in July — a bit later than most of the Class of 2004 — he arrived in South Bend without a friend or a clue about how to have a good time in South Bend. While the freshmen that arrived on campus last week had plenty of other freshmen to hang around with, Brey was all alone. So he quickly latched on to a group of upperclassmen — upperclassmen like Troy Murphy, David Graves and other basketball players who stayed on campus for summer school.

"I don't have any friends and I don't know anybody in this town," Brey said to his team before they went out for pizza to get acquainted. "I said let's go get some pizza on Grape Street — because that was the only place I knew how to get to at the end of July."

Murphy still gives Brey some grief for calling Grape Road "Grape Street" but slowly Brey is learning his way around campus. Brey's freshman ignorance was apparent during one recruiting visit this past summer.

"I could get to Reckers so we went there and we got a sandwich," he said. "So then the mother turns to me and says 'Coach, before we head home, we'd like to go to the bookstore and get some stuff. Could you show us how to get there?' I looked at her and said 'Absolutely not.' She started laughing and almost fell out of her chair. Now whenever she talks to me she asks if I found the bookstore yet."

While his knowledge of campus landmarks has improved, he still has an air of freshman innocence about him. After just one trip to the dining hall, he gives the food good ratings.

"That's pretty good food," he

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Sears ranks student athletes second

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Sports Writer

Although fall sports teams are just beginning to amass victories, Notre Dame's student-athletes have already earned academic honors. Among the top 25 athletic programs according to the Sears Directors Cup which ranks overall success of athletic programs based on a point system for all sports, Notre Dame's 88 percent student-athlete graduation rate is the second highest. Duke leads the rankings with a 91 percent

graduation rate, according to NCAA data.

Since the early 60s, Academic Services for Student-Athletes has taken responsibility for guiding athletes to graduation in four years.

"We monitor very carefully all student-athletes," said Kate Halischak, director of Academic Services for Student-Athletes.

Notre Dame's system is different than that at other major institutions, said assistant athletic director John Heisler.

"Is a unique entity because it isn't part of the athletic department. Actually they

report to the provost's office," said Heisler.

Although student-athletes receive separate advising and tutoring services, they still have to meet the same academic standards as non-athletes.

"Expectations of the student-athlete at Notre Dame aren't going to be any different than for any other student," Heisler said.

Additionally, the general atmosphere at Notre Dame is focused on progress towards graduation — unlike many schools where students often take five

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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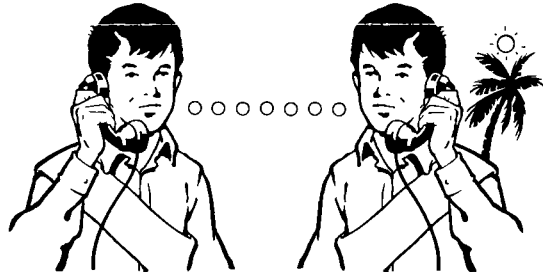


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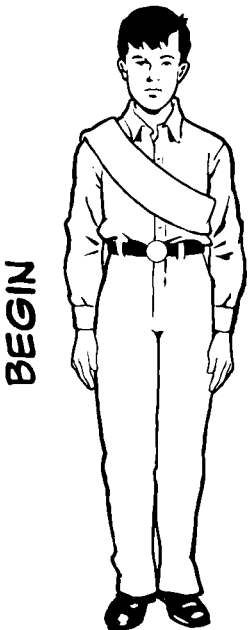
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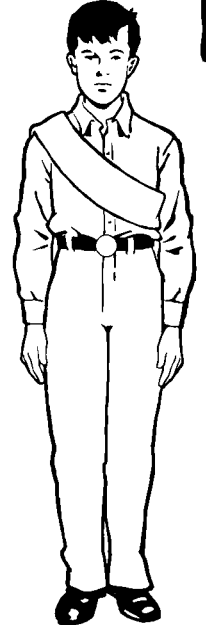
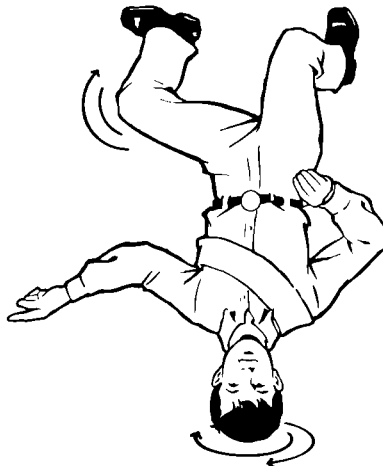
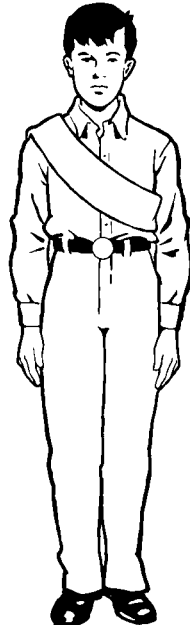
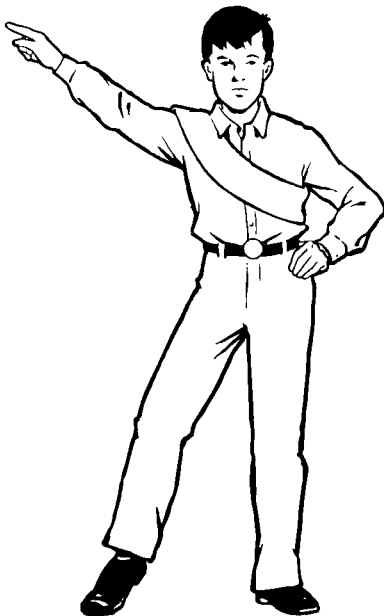
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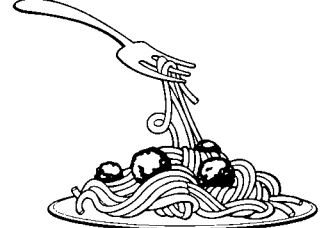
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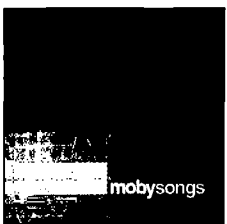
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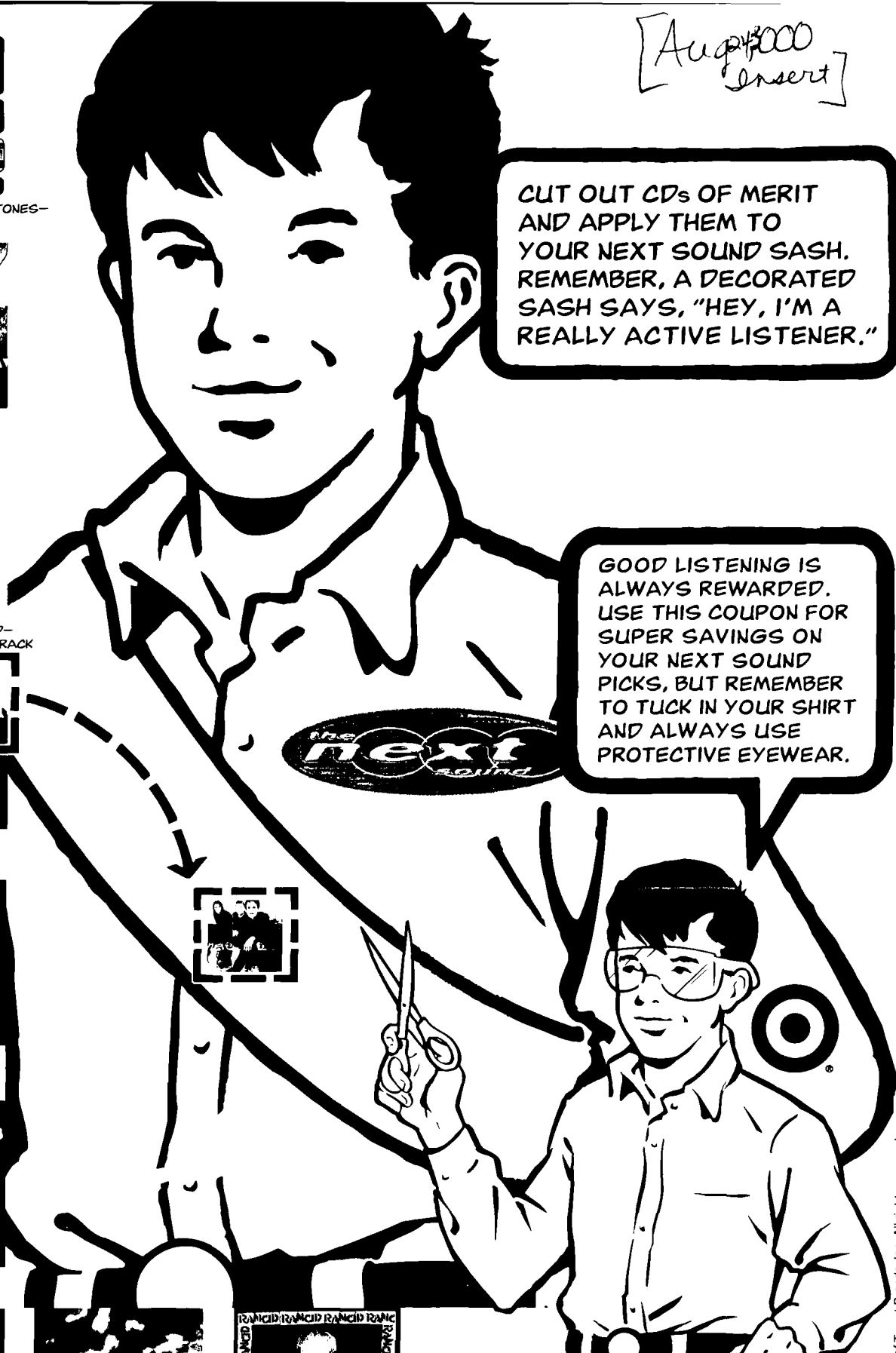
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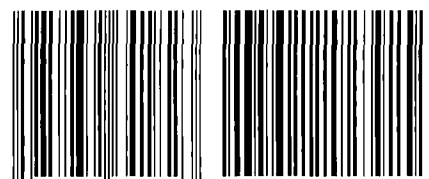
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