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Participation lags among young voters

Turnout on decline since 1970

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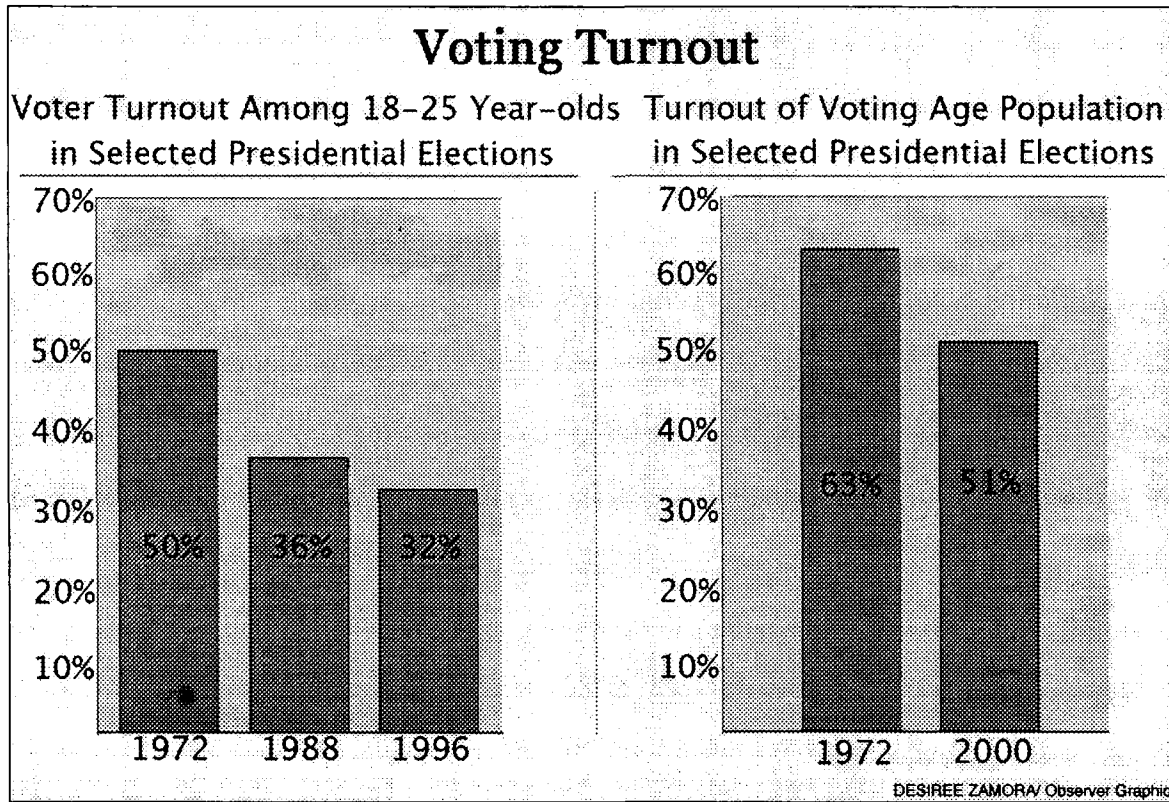
As the nation and its media gear up for a closely fought presidential campaign, another group — young people — will largely tune out this fall's election drama.

Since reaching a peak in 1960s and 70s, political participation, and specifically voter turnout, has declined steadily among young people as well as the nation at large.

For the most part, Notre Dame students tend to mirror the national trend of low political involvement, according to political science professor Peri Arnold, whose research focuses on the American presidency.

"Even among relatively sophis-

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Students may stray from apathy in 2004

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

Touted as a national epidemic, young voter apathy may be slowly eroding at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

As most undergraduates find themselves voting in their first presidential election this November, the level of interest varies, but is rarely at zero.

Alicia Heimann, a Saint Mary's junior and declared Republican, isn't directly involved in campaigning for the candidate of her preference, but emphasized the impact young voters can make.

"[Many] don't realize how many of us are in our age group, and that their vote can help to make the decision," Heimann

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SENATE

Renaming debate postponed for SUB



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell look on during Wednesday's Senate meeting.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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A communication error limited discussion to committee project agendas at the first Student Senate meeting of the year, held Wednesday night at LaFortune.

At the opening of the session, student body vice president Karla Bell told senators that because an email with information about the proposed new business was never sent, debate and voting would have to be pushed back to next week's meeting.

The issue in question was an amendment to change

the name of the Campus Programming Council back to the Student Union Board in the Student Union Constitution. Bell reported that representatives from SUB were prepared to present their argument and suggested that senators should take the extra time to thoroughly review the proposal.

In their reports, student body president Adam Istvan and chief executive assistant Dave Baron spoke with optimism on student government's prospects and potential.

Istvan emphasized the successful efforts to imple-

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ROTC graduates fight in Iraq



Photo courtesy of Major Gary Masapollo

Patrick Murphy, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, is now stationed in Iraq.

Students from ND, SMC serve in war

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

For ROTC members of the class of 2004, graduating meant more than just bursting the Notre Dame bubble. Several of last year's grads — who enrolled in the ROTC programs prior to the September 11 attacks — are now stationed in Iraq, serving their nation in a time of global war.

"When I got out [of college] it was peace time in the Reagan years," said Major Gary Masapollo, who just returned from serving a year in Iraq.

Times have changed.

"It is very difficult for these students. They are 22, and their first job is in the military," said Masapollo. "When they started in the fall of 2000 there was no war. Now, they have graduated, and their country is in a global war on terrorism."

Although the attacks of Sept. 11 created a very different national mentality, many ROTC students and grads don't feel as though the war has changed their sentiments about joining one of the services.

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Laundry, vending prices hiked

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Not until most students are waist deep in dirty laundry do they realize just how precious quarters are, but with this year's increase in vending prices, spare change has become even more valuable at Notre Dame.

Washing a load of clothes is now \$1.50 and drying is \$1.00. Each price is increased 25 cents from last year. Some vending machine beverages have also gone up by a dime.

Price increases on campus are ultimately decided by



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Sophomore Annie Pugel does a load of laundry in Pasquerilla West Wednesday. Laundry prices increased by 25 cents this semester.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Lighting
up

It was everything a first time is supposed to be — exhilarating, spur of the moment, a bit hypocritical. Clumsily ignoring the skeptical glances of silent, more experienced onlookers, defiantly squeezing my eyelids shut, I took a deep breath and lit the match.

My eyes opened to a tiny spark and a rapid prayer I'd done it right. I still felt sorely out of place.



Claire Heininger

News Editor

Any moment now, I'd be found out as the abortion rights advocate, the "why not" voice on gay marriage, the Christmas-and-Easter churchgoer. My disdain for dogma is only equaled by my fervor for a married priesthood. Lighting up at the Grotto isn't for people like me.

Is it?

Notre Dame wears its Catholicism on the walls of its classrooms, the necks of its administrators, the rising tide of its library. Seeping from the University's roots and pulsing to its core, that much faith can be as intoxicating as it is inspiring.

It can also be intimidating. Non-Catholics here — not to mention those who check the box but are less than convinced — are, deliberately or not, an afterthought.

True, students and professors of other faiths make their presence felt on campus. True, the University is taking steps towards diversity. But for now, homogeneity still reigns. For now, the name "Notre Dame" still implies "Catholic."

And there's nothing wrong with that — until "Catholic" starts to imply other connotations. Like Catholic bishops who refuse communion to John Kerry, condemning the Democratic candidate and his pro-choice political peers as killers unworthy of the body of Christ. Like Catholic bishops who cover for abusive priests, shuffling them from parish to parish while shushing victims as a crisis of public relations, not irreversible pain.

In their crusading, they have lost the Church's essence.

But at the Grotto, the essence refuses to fade. Because at the Grotto, the essence is the whole point. Even for first-timers — especially for first-timers — its welcome is universal.

Setting down my candle and backing away, I watched as my flame flickered next to hundreds of others.

Just as brightly as the most vehement pro-lifer's.

Eyeing the wax trickling down the sides, I smiled as it created ridges and ripples.

Just as smooth as the holiest priest's.

I still felt hypocritical, or cynical at the very least. But what mattered was that I felt included. A far cry from bishops' politicized agendas and priests' muffled regrets, the Grotto's simple serenity packs a powerful message.

Candles don't judge.
Neither should Catholics.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Heininger at cheining@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE?

Andrew Sheenan
Junior
O'Neill

"Yeah, because it's important to exercise your right to vote."

Christina Pelka
Freshman
Lyons

"Yeah, because I want to make sure Bush wins."

Jamie Blanke
Sophomore
Keough

"Only if my absentee ballot comes."

Joey Carucci
Junior
O'Neill

"Yes. I like complaining about politics, and if I want to complain I better vote."

Marlana Montes
Freshman
Lyons

"Yes. I just turned 18 so why wouldn't I?"

Sarah Waller
Freshman
PW

"I don't really want to but I think I am."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Katie Crossin, president of The Shirt project, puts the finishing touches on a display Tuesday. A brighter version of Kelly green than the past two years, 29,300 shirts have been sold since this year's design was unveiled in April.

OFFBEAT

Theft runs away with hundreds of bridal gowns

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Call it the case of the runaway bridal gowns.

Hundreds of wedding dresses worth more than \$230,000 were stolen from a store in the city's upscale South Granville neighborhood, police said.

Investigators were seeking clues at consignment shops, wedding stores and other businesses after the heist was discovered Monday at Lisange Wedding World.

Police Inspector Tim Laidler said he had never heard of so many dresses being stolen at once.

"What are you going to do with 300 wedding dresses?" Laidler said. "They're going to have a lot of problems selling them. It's not something you can sell at a flea market ... It's not the sort of thing you buy off the back of a truck."

Sexually frustrated chimp takes up smoking

BEIJING, China — Sexual frustration has turned a Chinese chimpanzee from a mild-mannered simian into a problem primate who smokes cigarettes and spits at visitors, the Xinhua news agency says.

Feili, a female chimp in the city of Zhengzhou in the cen-

tral province of Henan, picked up her nasty habits by imitating visitors who behaved "improperly" around her, Xinhua quoted zoo director Liu Bing as saying on Sunday.

But, Liu said, the root cause of Feili's transformation from a "gentle girl" into a "shrew" lay with the inability to find her a satisfactory mate.

A male chimpanzee at the zoo has failed to live up to Feili's sexual demands, and she has snubbed other potential suitors.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The much-talked about Michael Moore documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The No. 2 ranked Irish women's soccer team takes on Stanford University Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in the Adidas Classic.

An open house for the European Studies Program will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. in 211 Bronson Hall.

Krispy Kreme Donuts will be sold from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday on DeBartolo Quad for 50 cents each. All proceeds will go to Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids.

David Pearce Snyder of The Futurist Magazine will lecture on "Extra-Preneurship: Managing to Prosper in Revolutionary Times" from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

The women's golf team will host the Notre Dame Invitational all day Saturday and Sunday on the Warren Golf Course.

Notre Dame will host exhibits of large scale prints by Richard Serra, in the Snite Museum of Art and the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West, and of photographs by Ansel Adams from the collection of the John and Barbara Glynn family, in the Snite Museum. Both exhibits begin Sunday.

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

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Facebook.com comes to ND

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

"Someone has requested you as a friend."

This coveted phrase is music to the ears of users of thefacebook.com. It is a new means of communication and is quickly sweeping across the nation.

Thefacebook.com is an online directory that connects college students through social networks. Founded in February 2004 by Harvard junior Mark Zuckerberg, thefacebook has now expanded to 58 colleges and universities, the latest of which — added Aug. 22 — is Notre Dame.

Call it the dogbook on steroids. After registering, users can upload their pictures, create profiles and begin adding friends — from Notre Dame or from any other participating university. From there, they can message friends, "poke" another user if he is also logged in, or visualize their social networks (friends, friends' friends, and so on).

Users' profiles can share everything from their political views to their relationship statuses to their current class schedules. For those interested in meeting single conservatives who enjoy watching "The Shawshank Redemption" or those who are desperate for help in Accounting 231, a list of people who vote the same way, play the same sports, enjoy the same activities or take the same classes is just a click away.

"It has never been easier to find people that are like you," said sophomore Simona Fernandes. "I've found female math majors that I never knew existed. It's just so great,

because you can get help with work from classmates that you wouldn't have known before thefacebook."

Thefacebook also offers a link to all registered graduates of the same high school.

"I love thefacebook because it is a great way to connect with people from your high school," said sophomore Katie Baron. "For example, I have gotten in touch with about 10 people from my high school who go to other colleges on thefacebook network. I'm not interested in using it as a way to meet guys, just as a way to catch up with old friends."

Facebook's connections can be even further reaching.

"Thefacebook helped me find an old buddy from England who is at [the University of Southern California]," said England native Mike Burkes.

Revealing relationship status on a profile can also be a bit personal. Users can post whether they're interested in meeting others for friendship, dating, a relationship, "random play" or even "whatever [they] can get."

Not everyone, however, loves thefacebook. Anne Dalebroux, a Boston College student who has been using thefacebook since May, expressed her growing dislike for the craze.

"It is really stupid," she said. "I think it stretches even the lowest of lows in wasting time."

Whether a curse or a blessing, thefacebook is rapidly spreading. There are over 220,000 network-wide users, and after little more than a week, Notre Dame already has over 1,000.

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College opens revamped service center on campus

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

Saint Mary's community service headquarters received a little aid of its own in its recent renovation from the former Spes Unica Resource and Volunteer center to the Office for Civic and Social Engagement.

And with the new name comes a new attitude.

According to new director Carrie Call, the program's modernized feel will emphasize other aspects of involvement besides individual aid.

"Volunteer work is great, but we wanted to expand the activity and focus of the office," Call said.

This means a greater concentration on community engagement and service learning programs within Saint Mary's courses. Inclusion of service learning means faculty will expect students to get involved in volunteer work to complement and expand the standard learning process.

Business department faculty member Jack Ruhe requires 10 service learning hours in his Personal Ethics and Corporate Culture course. He said this experience plays a vital role in the understanding of both his course material and in each student's life.

"Service learning's purpose is to expose us to people outside of our comfort zone," Ruhe said. "It helps us develop compassion for those less fortunate than we are. For some students it's a real awakening."

The OCSE will assist professors in organizing this requirement.

"We help connect faculty to resources in case they want to do service learning,"

Call said.

The office keeps contact with several in-town agencies, including the Advocacy Center in South Bend, the Center for the Homeless and Saint Margaret's House, a favorite among students.

A psychology professor herself, Call has taught at Saint Mary's for two years and served as a Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership fellow before taking on her directorial position at the OCSE. In her current Social Psychology course, Call offers students the option of participating in the CWIL-sponsored Catalyst Trip over fall break, a 15-student journey to Loveland, Ohio to interact with area women leaders through dialogue and workshops.

The OCSE will soon find a home in the progressing Saint Mary's student center, due to open in March 2005. For now, Call and her crew remain in 20 Le Mans Basement — what was once the college beauty parlor.

The Office now faces a demand for on-campus tutors to assist both Clay High School students and reading tutors to support the "Indiana Reads" program. There are additional South Bend agencies seeking volunteers, and commitment time is not necessarily important, Call said.

"Agencies appreciate one hour per month as well as weekly volunteers," she said. "We want to help fit your schedule."

As with SURV, student transportation is still provided. OCSE volunteers can schedule to "check out" a designated vehicle, given they have a valid driver's license and complete the appropriate paperwork.

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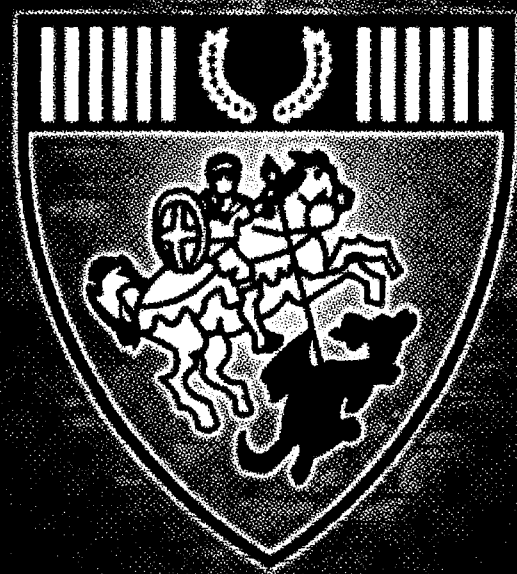
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5:45pm	6:00pm	6:15pm
6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm

Load:	Depart:	Arrive:
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7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm
8:15pm	8:30pm	8:45pm

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Voting

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ticated kids, there isn't a lot of impetus to vote," he said.

Both Arnold and fellow American government professor Leon Roos said they would suspect Notre Dame students participate and vote at levels relatively comparable to other young people. No specific data about student voter turnout over the decades at Notre Dame were available.

Roos has taught at Notre Dame since 1970 and was a student at Notre Dame in the 1960s.

"I think the high point [of student participation] was the election of 1970," he said.

In making this assessment, Roos cited the Kent State shootings in May 1970 as an event that resonated with college students in particular, and at Notre Dame.

"That was a really galvanizing event on campus," he said.

As a result, Roos said a large number of students became involved in the 1970 midterm election, especially, and to some extent in the 1972 presidential election.

Shortly after the shootings, Roos became involved with the Committee for a New Congress at Notre Dame. The committee, based at Princeton University, was part of a national effort to involve college students in 1970 congressional campaigns.

"There were literally hundreds of [Notre Dame] students involved in local elections," Roos

said. "That extended to 1972."

Exactly why young people, and the American nation, fail to go to the polls or pay attention to campaign politics in the way they did 40 years ago remains the subject of much debate.

Some commentators claim this trend results from the lack of major, divisive issues — such as the Cold War, Vietnam and civil rights — that galvanized Americans, and young people especially, in the 1960s and 70s.

"When people begin to feel they have more of a

stake, ... they begin to vote. Young people don't feel they have much of a stake," said Arnold.

Some students said they feel the same way about this year's election.

"I feel like it's pretty important," senior Sean Weller said. "I don't like the way the country has been run."

However, Weller, who is from Kentucky, said he didn't think he was registered to vote and did not vote in the 2002 midterm election.

Like Weller, Notre Dame senior Jennifer Manahan said she did not vote in 2002 but hoped to this year.

"I was too late [in 2002]," she said. "I couldn't get my absentee ballot."

In addition to large national issues, Arnold cited the 1971 debate over the 26th amendment, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18, as an impor-

tant issue that caught young people's attention at the time.

However, Arnold said the newly enfranchised 18-21 year-olds tend to vote in very low numbers. Their inclusion in the "young people" category, generally 18-25 year-olds, may have depressed turnout numbers.

"The most regular voters in the electorate are the old — over 50," Arnold said.

Arnold said parents' political participation is key in determining whether a person is likely to vote or pay attention to politics.

"To a certain extent, we learn [to] begin to learn politics from our families," he said. "It would seem apparent that an awful lot of young people are growing up without a lot of political participation."

Basically, people who grow up watching the political conventions on TV are likely to watch the conventions when they are older — and to vote, irrespective of how partisan their parents were, according to Arnold.

Some analysts predict that voter turnout among young people will continue drop, but Arnold said that might not

happen. He also pointed to increased political involvement among music artists, suggesting this trend might serve to draw more young people to politics.

"[Election 2000] was not an election of burning issues," Arnold said. "[This year], there's Iraq and issues of the war on terror."

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ROTC

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"Those who want to serve their country and the greater good will continue to do so despite our situation overseas," said Second Lieutenant Jessica Millanes, a 2004 Saint Mary's graduate. "There may be more to consider. And I certainly had more family pressure not to join because of the war, but I had to follow what was in my heart and decided to serve."

First Lieutenant Patrick Murphy, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, said despite mixed media portrayals, his experience in Iraq has been rewarding.

"The media sensationalizes many things that happen here, and tend not to focus on the progress that is happening," he said. "Americans have to realize this is not an immediate thing, and it takes time to rebuild a country. Granted, the resistance that has occurred was not expected, but that doesn't mean it's time to turn and run away."

Notre Dame's ROTC programs have actually had some of their highest recruiting numbers over the past few years, Masapollo said. However, he attributed this increase to more positive training programs and did not necessarily correlate it with the war. Still, the possibility of being sent overseas hangs closely over cadets' heads.

"There was not a day that went by [at Officer Candidates School] that we weren't reminded of the fact that we could end up in Iraq or

Afghanistan in a very short amount of time," Millanes said. "It only encouraged me to work harder and it confirmed my decision to join the Marine Corps and serve my country."

Masapollo encountered two of his former students while serving in Iraq, and expressed his satisfaction with the work of these two graduates. He also commented on the fluid warfare that troops are experiencing in Iraq, and how it differs from "black and white" wars in the past.

"They are in situations where there's not a definition," Masapollo said. "It is great that we made our students thinkers at Notre Dame and it shows now in the army. This is a reflection on ROTC and Notre Dame, specifically the academics at Notre Dame."

Though American involvement in Iraq has drawn much heated national debate, several members of the service said they remain unaffected by any negative sentiments.

"Marines work hard to accomplish the mission regardless of what the public opinion of the war is," said Millanes.

Hool said he welcomed varying opinions.

"I feel very supported. People speaking their mind is a good thing," he said.

For cadets still on campus, the war remains a motivating

factor. "It's in your mind, you think about it because it would affect us more than the typical Notre Dame student," said sophomore Emily Ledet. "But most of are in it because we feel we have a duty to serve."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Head scarves ban gets first test

PARIS — School doors open for 12 million French children today, but there is far more at stake this year than back-to-school jitters.

An already contentious ban on Muslim head scarves and other religious signs faced its first test in France's public schools — under the cloud of Islamic radicals holding two French hostages in Iraq to press their demand that the law be scrapped.

"In the circumstances we are facing, I hope this return to school will take place under the sign of fraternity," Education Minister Francois Fillon said Wednesday.

The law forbids all conspicuous religious signs or apparel in public schools, including Jewish skull caps and large Christian crosses. But it is aimed at Islamic head scarves and means to counter what many people fear is a rise in Muslim fundamentalism in schools.

Several Muslim organizations set up hot lines to counsel girls in a quandary over the law.

The law, passed in March, brought heated arguments over religious freedom, free expression and France's much cherished principle of secularism, which is seen by authorities as under threat.

President Fox urges democracy

MEXICO CITY — Acknowledging the frustration of thousands of protesters, President Vicente Fox spent much of his fourth state-of-the-nation speech Wednesday urging Mexicans to not give up on democracy, saying its "inherent problems are not cause for discouragement."

For the second year in a row, Fox acknowledged his government had fallen short of its goals. He promised to create jobs and clean up government, especially rampant crime and kidnappings.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pentagon censors videotape

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon censored some footage in public versions of a Humphrey Bogart-themed videotape that cost \$70,500 to produce and was intended to teach government employees to respond to citizens' requests for information.

Parts of the training video, "The People's Right to Know" were blacked out and replaced with the message, "copyrighted material removed for public viewing." Defense Department officials said they did so because they worried the government did not have legal rights to some historical footage that was included.

Marine says he never hit Iraqi

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine reservist at the center of an Iraq prisoner-abuse case took the stand Wednesday and denied landing a powerful karate-kick in the chest of a 52-year-old Iraqi who later died.

Asked repeatedly at his court-martial whether he had hit, kicked or kneed any prisoners last year at a Marine detention facility, Sgt. Gary Pittman had a consistent reply: "Negative, sir."

Speaking calmly and wearing a uniform loaded with military ribbons, Pittman described a prison camp run in a professional manner — not the "terrordome" jailhouse where prisoners were beaten without provocation, as other Marines have testified.

LOCAL NEWS

Bush grants aid for Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — President Bush on Wednesday declared a disaster in several Indiana counties hard hit by severe storms and flooding in July, clearing the way for federal aid to assist recovery efforts in the region.

The declaration includes 20 counties that were hit by thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding from July 3-18, the White House said in a news release.

Severe storms in southern and western Indiana that began in early July.

RUSSIA

Attackers bomb Russian school

Suicide bombers kill 2 at school, take hundreds hostage in southern Russia

Associated Press

BESLAN — Armed militants with explosives strapped to their bodies stormed a Russian school in a region bordering Chechnya on Wednesday, corralling hundreds of hostages — many of them children — into a gymnasium and threatening to blow up the building if surrounding Russian troops attacked. At least two people were killed, including a school parent.

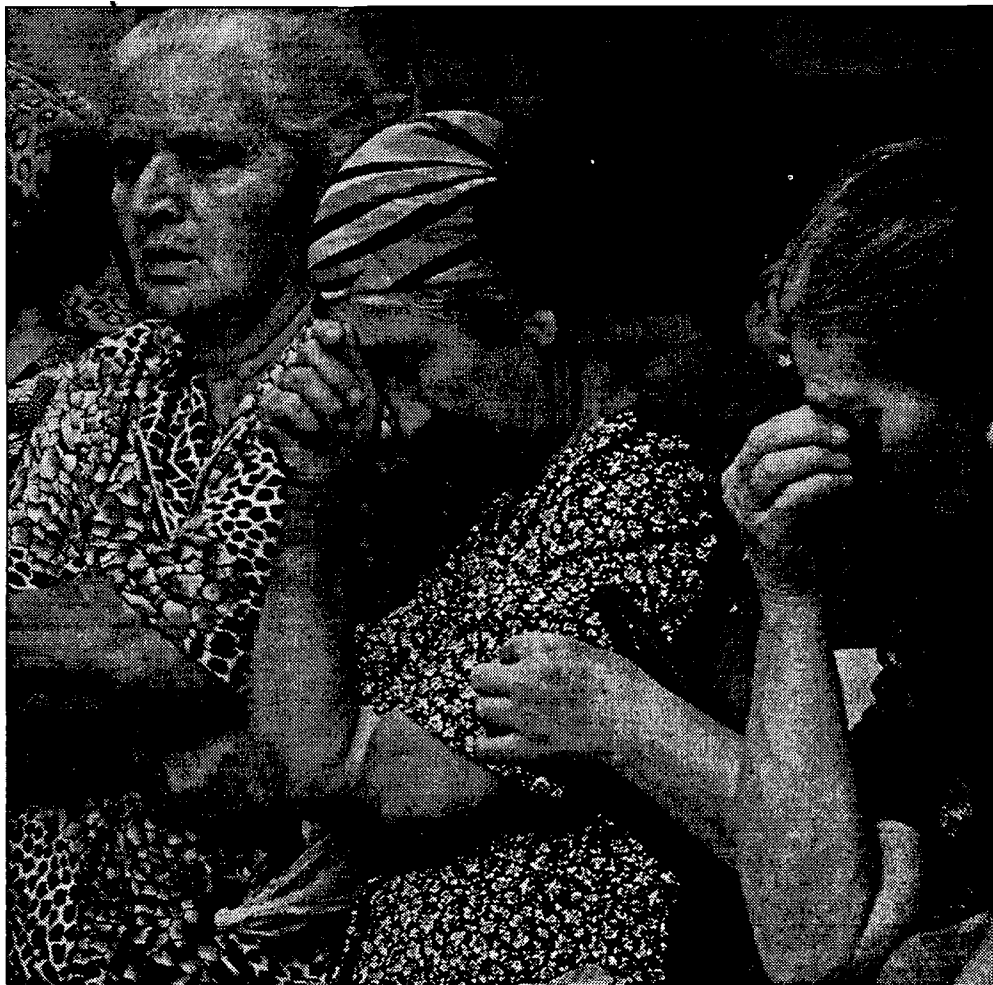
Camouflage-clad special forces carrying assault rifles encircled Middle School No. 1 in the North Ossetian town of Beslan. Earlier, a little girl in a flowered dress fled the school holding a soldier's hand; officials said about a dozen other people managed to escape by hiding in a boiler room.

A militant sniper took position on a top floor of the three-story school, and hours into the standoff Russian security officials used a phone number they were given and began negotiations with the hostage-takers — widely believed linked to Chechen rebels suspected in a string of deadly attacks that appeared connected with last Sunday's presidential election in the war-ravaged republic.

More than 1,000 people, including many distraught parents, crowded outside police cordons demanding information and accusing the government of failing to protect their children.

"I've been here all day, waiting for anything," said Svetlana Tskayeva, whose grown daughter and three grandchildren aged 10, 6 and six months were among the captives. "They're not telling us anything. ... It's awful, it's frightening."

The hostage-taking came less than 24 hours after a suicide bombing outside a Moscow subway



Ossetian women sit waiting for news not far from the Russian school seized by attackers in Beslan, North Ossetia Wednesday.

station that killed at least nine people, and just over a week after near-simultaneous explosions blamed on terrorism caused two Russian planes to crash, killing all 90 people on board.

The recent bloodshed is a blow to President Vladimir Putin, who pledged five years ago to crush Chechnya's rebels but instead has seen the insurgents increasingly strike civilian targets beyond the republic's borders.

"In essence, war has been declared on us, where the enemy is unseen and there is no front," Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov told reporters before the hostage-taking.

Putin for the second time in a week interrupted his working holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi and returned to Moscow to deal with the unfolding crisis.

President Bush called Putin and "condemned the taking of hostages and the other terrorists attacks in Russia," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said. Bush offered "assistance" to Russia in dealing with the crisis if requested, but that no request had been made so far, the White House said.

At the United Nations, Russia called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council, which scheduled consultations for later Wednesday on the school seizure and

other issues.

From inside the school, the militants sent out a list of demands and threatened that if police intervened, they would kill 50 children for every hostage-taker killed and 20 children for every hostage-taker injured. Kazbek Dzantiyev, head of the North Ossetia region's Interior Ministry, was quoted as telling the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Sporadic gunfire and explosions could be heard throughout the standoff. One girl lay wounded on the school grounds, but emergency workers could not approach because the area was coming under fire, said regional Emergency Situations Minister Boris Dzugoyev.

Hurricane causes evacuation in Fla.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Nearly a half-million people were ordered to evacuate as Hurricane Frances swirled toward Florida on Wednesday just weeks after Charley's devastating visit, threatening to deliver the most powerful one-two punch to hit a state in at least a century.

Those planning to ride out the storm snapped up canned food, water and generators, while military helicopters and planes were flown out of the area and Cape Canaveral's Kennedy Space Center said it would close on Thursday.

Forecasters said the still-strengthen-

ing Category 4 storm could hit on Labor Day weekend as early as Friday night, less than three weeks after Charley raked Florida's western coast with 145 mph wind, causing billions of dollars in damage and killing 27 people.

"I can't emphasize enough how powerful this is. If there's something out there that's going to weaken it, we haven't seen it," National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield said.

Gov. Jeb Bush and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue declared states of emergency, activating the National Guard. Bush also warned more evacuations may be ordered.

Many homes in southwest Florida

still have blue tarps patching holes in their roofs after Charley, and some streets remain full of storm debris that could become wind-blown projectiles.

"We've just gone through 2 1/2 weeks of torture trying to get our lives back to some sense of order," said Punta Gorda retiree Tom Hamilton.

Evacuation orders were posted for 300,000 residents in coastal areas of Palm Beach County, and nearly 200,000 were told to leave mobile homes and low-lying areas of Brevard, Martin and Indian River counties, which could be hit by tremendous ocean waves. The evacuation orders were set to take effect Thursday afternoon.

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ment the DVD rental in LaFortune, which he predicted will soon be self-sufficient, and offer the option of Fair Trade coffee on campus.

Baron reported the strong interest that the student government booth at Tuesday's Activities Night garnered.

"We had over 200 people sign up to receive e-mails. At this rate, we'll have to make up ad hoc committees to keep them busy," joked Baron.

He also mentioned the Student Government 101 night on Sept. 8 that he will hold in conjunction with Class of 2007 secretary Megan Spokes and judicial council president Brin Anderson. Its purpose is to introduce the role of student government and the issues it faces for those interested in becoming a part of it, said Baron.

Committee chairs also presented their current agendas and projected goal for the next few weeks.

Academic affairs chairman Vijay Ramanan outlined three goals he wants his committee to achieve by the end of October.

"We want to organize a Majors night, like the Activities Night, with all the department heads and some upperclassmen in the major passing out information, and we would like the dorms to do a similar event," he said. "It would also be great to create a booklet with information on all the different majors, because right now all of that is in 50 different places."

The opening of the Gender Resources Center on Sept. 13 will be the main focus of the Gender Issues committee, said chair Lizzi Shappell. She added they are currently posting sexual assault awareness posters in dorm bathrooms, and hope to expand the effort to academic buildings.

The committee for Residence Life — one of the largest under the Senate — will be taking on a wide vari-

ety of projects, according to chair Sarah Bates. She listed a number of the issues the committee will be looking at, including creating a "Flex 10" meal option, securing a student discount at the Bookstore, looking at the way football tickets are distributed, installing cable and satellites in dorm rooms and increasing the availability of technology in residence halls.

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"At this rate, we'll have to make up ad hoc committees to keep them busy."

Dave Baron
chief executive
assistant

Laundry

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Food Services, said director David Prentkowski.

"We work with the manufacturers, who recommend prices, but we establish [them]," he said.

There are 988 vending machines on campus and about 300 sell food and beverages with the rest used laundry and change machines.

"After paying for expenses, machines are quite expensive," said Prentkowski, pointing to the costs of purchasing the machines, products, labor and machine replacement as

high expenses. Extra revenue from sales goes to the University's general education fund.

"Adjustments [in pricing] coincide with the costs we receive," he said.

A price increase can occur after higher manufacturer's suggested prices, increased cost of labor and even increases in employee benefits, such as health insurance.

"It just keeps going up," said Prentkowski. "But we

keep pace with the manufacturer. We try not to do it too often."

Junior Elizabeth Goers, who does her laundry in Welsh Hall, said she was "quite surprised" by the price increase.

"I just learned about it when I came down here," Goers said. "It doesn't look like a lot, but I think it will add up."

Prentkowski said it has been several years since there have been price hikes for any vending machines on campus.

"It doesn't look like a lot, but I think it will add up."

Elizabeth Goers
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NASDAQ	1,377.96	+9.28	
NYSE	6,469.86	+15.64	
S&P 500	1,105.91	+1.67	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,120.10	-7.25	
FTSE 100(London)	4,502.00	+42.70	
Commodities			
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SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	0.00	0.00	3.87
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.76	+0.33	19.09
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+1.01	+0.16	16.05
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.08	-0.04	49.34
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.22	-0.09	41.23
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.54	-0.18	33.06
3-MONTH BILL	-1.34	-0.21	15.47
Exchange Rates			
YEN			109.4300
EURO			0.8201
POUND			0.5574

IN BRIEF

Rise in manufacturing activity

NEW YORK — Manufacturing activity rose in August for the 15th consecutive month, but at a slower rate than in July, according to a monthly report released Wednesday by the Institute for Supply Management, a research group.

The ISM's index for manufacturing activity stood at 59 in August, 3 points below the 62 recorded in July and just below the level analysts were expecting.

Contractors help small business

NEW YORK — Many business owners find there are great benefits in using independent contractors, especially when their work tends to be on a project-by-project basis. They can hire people with different specialties according to the demands of each job. Using contractors also allows small businesses to save on overhead, because unlike employees, contractors aren't paid benefits.

But there are also some drawbacks — independent contractors are free agents, and, some business owners find, not always reliable. And owners need to be careful that in using contractors, they don't treat them in a fashion that could land the company in trouble with federal and state tax authorities.

Owning a pet can add up quickly

NEW YORK — Kittens and puppies at the pet store or local pound may tug at your heartstrings, but new pet owners soon find that animal companions can also tug at their purses-strings.

Caring for a pet can be expensive even if the animal has no serious illnesses or special medical needs, which can add considerably to the cost. It's something many families overlook when they're adopting or buying a pet.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which is based in New York, says the cost of maintaining a large dog can run about \$660 a year. That would cover food, routine veterinary visits and miscellaneous expenses, such as leashes, bedding, toys and treats. A medium-sized dog can cost about \$450, while a small one will run about \$300.

Overtime pay creates frustration

Employers take unexpected heat from workers unhappy about overtime policies

Associated Press

The complaints began even before University of Missouri administrators e-mailed more than 400 employees to confirm what might seem a harmless change soon, the memo said, they'd be eligible for overtime pay.

It was not what Mary Porter wanted to hear. It had taken Porter 35 years to climb the university's ladder, from the copy machine operator's job she started just out of high school, to a position with the salary, benefits and responsibility certifying her as a professional. Now the grandmother of three saw the university, armed with new government rules on overtime pay, pulling the ladder's top rungs out from under her.

"It just feels like, in a sense, I've had something taken away from me," said Porter, an administrative associate who half-jokes that she's "trained" the last four chairmen of the university's anthropology department. "I had that (salaried) status because I worked my way up. ... It made me feel personally like I had accomplished something."

The Bush administration's new rules on overtime pay have been at the center of a furious, and still unresolved, debate over charges they will cost millions of workers the right to overtime pay. But some employers are catching flak of a variety few expected not from workers angry about losing overtime pay, but from some irritated about a change that gives them the right to receive it.

Overtime pay is the quintessential

pocketbook issue, but the workers' objections are largely rooted in the immeasurable. For many, the change amounts to a difficult-to-define feeling that their work and status is cheapened.

"Not every company saw this coming, and I certainly don't think the regulators had a sense that this was going to happen," said Jonathan Sulds, an attorney with corporate law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in New York.

Employers, anxious to turn the tide on a swelling wave of expensive lawsuits by workers claiming they've been unfairly denied overtime pay, largely favored the administration's overhaul of wage laws. The changes, which took effect Aug. 23 despite

vehement criticism by labor unions, are focused mainly on skilled and white-collar jobs, exempting many such positions from eligibility for overtime pay.

Some of the changes are straightforward. Workers earning less than \$23,660 a year must be paid for overtime under the new rules, almost triple the old salary requirement. Workers earning more than \$100,000 and whose jobs regularly include at least one administrative or professional responsibility will now be excluded from overtime eligibility.

But the new rules, part of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, are

complex and leave much to interpretation. Nobody really knows how many workers will be affected, or how they will be impacted.

The debate has included estimates that anywhere from 107,000 to as many as 6 million workers will lose overtime eligibility. Estimates of how many will gain eligibility vary from almost none to 1.3 million. It could be some time before the reality becomes clear.

Employers, though, say strong reactions from some workers whose jobs have been reclassified from salaried to hourly — giving them access to overtime pay — has already created awkward situations.

At Missouri, administrators are shifting between 400 and 500 salaried workers to hourly status, eligible for overtime pay. Not one of the school's 19,000 employees is losing the right to overtime, said Ken Hutchinson, vice president of human resources.

The change has generated complaints from many of the affected employees, including administrative associates — the office managers for many academic departments — executive assistants, and computer workers. A series of meetings held on the Columbia, Mo., campus in recent months drew up to 100 workers and professors who back them, criticizing the administration's plans.

"Many have come up through the ranks and finally reached a point where they were considered to be an executive, administrative or professional employee," Hutchinson said.

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corporate attorney

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Stock prices mixed as oil prices climb

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks staggered to a mixed finish Wednesday as lower-than-expected manufacturing activity and rising oil prices chilled an early spate of bargain hunting, but technology shares posted a modest advance.

Adding an element of gloom to a market already made sluggish by lackluster trading, oil prices settled higher for the first time in seven sessions. Government data showed a steep drop in U.S. oil inventories last week as imports fell and refiners continued to operate at unusually high rates, sending light crude for October delivery soaring \$1.88 to \$44 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Underscoring how exaggerated market moves can be when volume is light, the major indexes sank at midday on reports of a possible terror attack in Washington, D.C. The market stabilized after it became clear the incident stemmed from the accidental release of pepper spray in a restaurant near the World Bank and

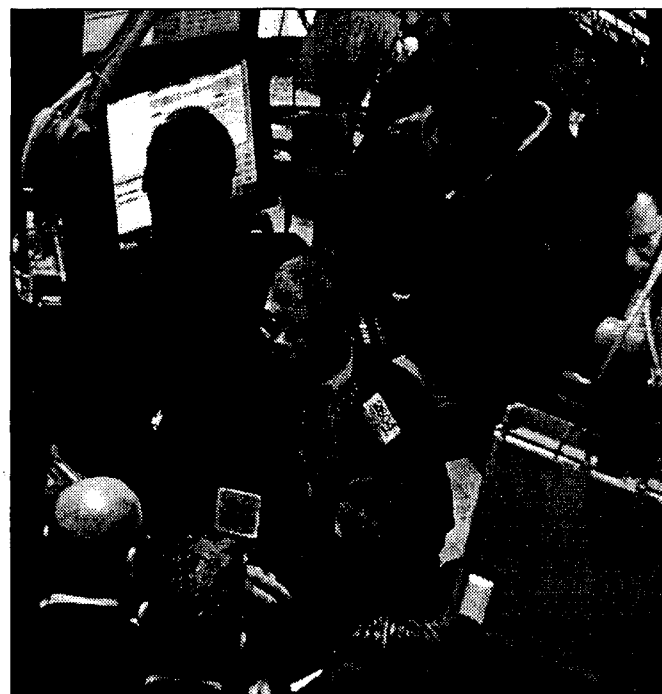
International Monetary Fund, which are under heightened alert. Still, Wall Street never fully regained its earlier momentum.

"When you combine the rise in oil prices with the false-alarm bioterrorist alert, both of those events really took the steam out of the market," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC.

According to final results, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.46, essentially flat, at 10,168.46.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.67, or 0.2 percent, to 1,105.91. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index gained 12.31, or 0.7 percent, to finish at 1,850.41.

With trading light, as it has been all week due to the Republican National Convention and the upcoming Labor Day holiday, the markets were slow to react to the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index for August. Manufacturing activity rose for the 15th consecutive



Stocks closed lower Wednesday due in part to low manufacturing reports and rising oil prices.

month, suggesting healthy activity in the sector, but the reading of 59 was three points lower than the one recorded for July, and fell short of economists' expectations.

Many market partici-

pants were looking ahead to Friday, when the Labor Department was to release its data for August. After two months of anemic employment growth, Wall Street is hoping for a surge in new jobs.

MALAYSIA

High court overturns sodomy conviction

Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA — Malaysia's highest court overturned the sodomy conviction of former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim on Thursday and freed him from prison, exactly six years after his firing ignited the country's worst political crisis.

A panel of the Federal Court ruled 2-1 to reverse the conviction against Anwar. He was expected to travel to Germany for surgery to treat a back injury stemming from a police beating in 1998.

Anwar was once considered the heir apparent of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, but Mahathir fired him and touched off widespread political turmoil.

Prime Minister Ahmad Abdullah Badawi, who succeeded Anwar as Mahathir's hand-picked heir, had been expected to take a softer line toward Anwar and put the divisive issue behind Malaysia after he took office last year.

Judge Abdul Hamid Mohamad read out the verdict over 1 1/2 hours. As it became apparent that

Anwar, 57, would be freed, the former deputy prime minister — wearing a neck brace and confined to a wheelchair — exchanged excited glances with family members and gave a thumbs-up sign.

"We are not prepared to uphold the conviction," Abdul Hamid said. "We therefore allow this appeal and set aside the conviction and the sentence."

Abdul Hamid said that conviction was flawed because the chief prosecution witness, Azizan Abubakar, had repeatedly changed the dates of that he claimed Anwar had committed homosexual acts with him.

Azizan had been the driver for Anwar's wife.

Hundreds of Anwar supporters cheered outside the court building after the verdict was announced.

The verdict closed the final chapter in Anwar's struggle against convictions for sodomy and corruption. He claimed the charges were rigged and meant to prevent him from challenging Mahathir — who retired last year — for power in this Southeast Asian country.

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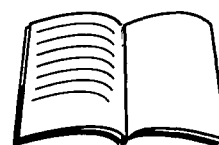
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Volunteer Opportunities

After-school Program and Tutoring

Volunteers are needed to tutor kids in an after school program sponsored by the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. The program, called Kids Youth Ministry, runs on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30. You must be able to provide your own transportation. If interested, contact Beverly Beck at 299-7142.

Volunteer with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities needs your help. They offer an emergency food pantry and assist low-income residents with basic necessities, such as rent and utilities. If you would like to donate food, organize a food drive or make a financial gift, please call Rob Ercoline at 234-3111.

Hospice Training

The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care will hold a training course in September for persons who wish to volunteer for the center's programs. The course includes seven three-hour sessions covering the hospice philosophy, communication skills, spirituality, family dynamics, patient care and bereavement. Contact Jackie at 243-3100, ext 3127, if interested.

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policies and procedures document must be reviewed (available at the CSC website). A quiz, available at the CSC, must be completed and attached to the first request form.

Urban Plunge Task Force Meeting

Interested in being part of this year's task force for the Urban Plunge? Positions on the task force require weekly commitment.

If you are interested, email Peter Kralovec (pkralovec@nd.edu.)

Join the Vote Campaign

Interested in being part of an exciting movement on campus to increase voter participation and engagement? This semester, the Center for Social Concerns, along with a number of student

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Rock the Vote Event

When: September 2, 7:00 pm, South Dome Joyce Center

Academic Convocation "Election 2004: A Watershed?" (nd.edu/~fyconvo) featuring Thomas Patterson author of "The Vanishing Voter" (<http://www.vanishingvoter.org>).

"Reflections of a Studebaker Champion"

Lecture by Dr. John Brademas, former Indiana Congressman, on the legacy of South Bend's Studebaker car company. Presented by the Avanti Project.

When: Tuesday, September 7 at 5:00 pm

Where: Decio Theatre in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

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Online registration is now open for the Social Concerns Seminars. These are one-credit experiential and service-learning opportunities that are held over Fall Break Oct. 16-22.

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Appalachia Seminar (THEO 361) Explore social, political, religious and environmental issues of Appalachia and serve in a variety of contexts.

Building a Civilization of Love (THEO 342/CSC 342) Students will engage their hearts, heads, and hands as they participate in an interreligious Habitat for Humanity project at Camp Brotherhood, located in the Seattle area. Participants will serve and learn alongside members of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths.

Cultural Diversity Seminar (THEO 362/Soc 362) Explore the strengths of our diversity as a people and a nation. Participants experience culturally diverse communities, food, and art, and engage in dialogue with leaders about social change.

Global Health Initiative Seminar--Rosebud (THEO 368) An introduction to the culture, health, and social issues of the Sioux tribe on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Students will join a team of volunteer health practitioners to shadow and assist as needed.

Gospel of Life in Washington Seminar (THEO 368F) Meet with Church leaders, elected officials, and agency representatives who focus on life issues and consider the Catholic Bishops call to political responsibility.

Gullah Seminar (AFAM 355/CSC 355) Examine the rich history and culture of the Gullah people, many of whom are descendants of slaves brought over from West Africa. Travel to the Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina, and learn through service and cultural interaction.

Annan says Sudan hasn't stopped attacks in Darfur

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday that Sudan's government has not stopped attacks on "terrorized and traumatized" civilians in its Darfur region and urged the speedy deployment of an expanded international peacekeeping force.

Annan did not say how large a force he wanted, but U.N. diplomats said a U.N. plan presented to the African Union called for about 3,000 peacekeepers. The 53-nation African organization now has about 80 military observers in Darfur, protected by just over 300 soldiers, monitoring a rarely observed cease-fire signed in April.

Annan's report was called for in a Security Council resolution that was adopted July 30 giving Sudan 30 days to demonstrate it was curbing nomadic Arab tribes accused of killing thousands in attacks on African farm villages and also improving access for aid groups. The resolution threatened punitive economic and diplomatic measures if Sudan didn't move quickly.

The secretary-general didn't mention or recommend sanctions, which many council members oppose at this point. His call for an expanded international force, by contrast, was likely to get strong support, especially from the United States.

The 15 Security Council members are to be briefed Thursday

by Annan's top envoy to Sudan, Jan Pronk, whose observations form the basis of the report's conclusions and recommendations.

The report criticized the Sudanese government for failing to meet its key obligations under agreements with the United Nations to rein in the Arab militias, which are accused of killing up to 30,000 people and forcing 1.5 million to flee their homes in the vast and arid Darfur region.

Stemming from long-standing disputes over scarce water and arable land, the conflict erupted when two African groups rebelled last year accusing Sudan's Arab-dominated government of siding with the Arab herders. Aid groups have accused the government of

encouraging and supporting the militia attacks, a charge Sudanese leaders deny.

"The most critical commitment that has yet to be implemented relates to the armed militias which continue to pose a serious threat to the civilian population," Annan's report said. "Attacks against civilians are continuing and the vast majority of armed militias has not been disarmed."

On the positive side, Annan cited "some progress" by the government in improving security in newly designated havens for refugees, the deployment of additional police, the beginning of disarmament, and the lifting of restrictions to aid shipments. He also noted the government kept its promise to resume peace talks with the rebels.

But his report made clear much more needed to be done.

"The displaced have been terrorized and traumatized, and have lost confidence in the authorities," Annan said. They don't trust the police and the situation is exacerbated by an "increasing level of animosity between different communities and tribes in Darfur" and "a breakdown of traditional mechanisms to resolve differences."

To help provide security, he told the council "a substantially increased international presence in Darfur is required as quickly as possible." He said an expanded force could decrease the level of violence and enhance the protection of civilians, particularly refugees, providing a respite that would allow the people of Darfur to start reconciliation.

Last month, the African Union proposed sending nearly 2,000 peacekeepers to Darfur, a move strongly backed by the United States but rejected by the Sudanese government. The organization is expected to make its recommendation on an expanded international presence in the coming days, the U.N. diplomats said.

In an interview last week, U.S. Ambassador John Danforth warned that if Sudan resisted an expanded international presence, "then in my view the United States will have been given no choice but to support sanctions."

While the report appeared more negative than positive, Sudan's U.N. Ambassador Elfatih Mohamed Erwa said "If it's read objectively I think it's balanced."

Erwa told reporters Sudan has no objection to increasing the cease-fire monitoring force — "whether it is 300 or 3,000, if it helps, that's fine." But Sudan would oppose an international force with another mandate, for example to disarm militias or other groups because that could lead to military confrontations, he said.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who visited Darfur last week, said Wednesday that the U.N. report confirmed "the modest improvements" he saw, which he said were the result of international pressure.

"But we need to do much more," Straw said. "A culture of impunity continues, with no evidence that the perpetrators of these appalling attacks are being brought to justice."

The Sudanese foreign minister, Mustafa Osman Ismail, sent a letter to Security Council members outlining what Sudan has done to comply with the resolution. It also reiterated his government's "readiness and dedication" to abide by the U.N. resolution and to reach a political settlement.

But, he added, "practical difficulties are encountering the implementation."

He appealed for humanitarian aid, support for the 10,000 police officers deployed to Darfur, and rehabilitation of Sudan's railway, including spare parts for its U.S.-built locomotives.

Ismail said the government had stopped "all military offensive acts," was setting up safe areas for refugees, and had instructed militia leaders to abide by U.N. agreements.

"The disarmament process will gain full swing in tandem with the collection of arms from the rebels and other irregular armed ground," he said.

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Apathy

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said.

Even with voting power, some students are wary of publicizing their politics.

"It seems whenever I try to bring up something political in class, people squirm," Saint Mary's senior Mercera Payne said.

This squirming could reflect the apathy that has wrapped itself around collegiate youth.

Notre Dame junior Peter Quaranto is the student coordinator for the Rock the Vote campaign at Notre Dame believes there is a "tremendous amount of apathy" among college-aged voters.

The Rock the Vote campaign focuses on all collegiate youth and tries to create a climate in which students can talk about issues.

"One important thing is to get people to look at the whole spectrum of issues," Quaranto said.

Peter Kralovec, a member of the planning committee for the Rock the Vote campaign, works specifically with mobilizing voters.

Kralovec said he too believes it is important to focus on all aspects of politics, not only a few.

"Catholic voters tend to emphasize the notion of a seamless fabric of life that only deals with life, choice and abortion," Kralovec said. "Catholics have to start voting on international peace and economic justice."

But many disagree. There are some students who care so passionately about only one issue, it becomes their entire basis for voting.

Junior Angie Schuemann falls into this category. For her, one issue overshadows the rest. "The biggest thing for me is abortion," Schuemann said. "That automatically makes me Republican."

As the election draws closer, many people are realizing this election affects not only America, but the world as a whole.

Saint Mary's senior Kelly Hradsky believes this election could have implications worldwide.

"For now, other countries believe that the government is dictating foreign policy that they don't necessarily agree with, and people are waiting to see if [Americans] re-elect Bush in order to gauge if the voters in the United States really believe and support the policies Bush is representing," Hradsky said. "Our votes count. Just look at the last election."

But students cannot affect the vote unless an effort is made — which can be increasingly difficult when they attend schools away from home.

"Students will have to go the extra trouble of getting an absentee ballot, which I think many will simply not do," Notre Dame senior Bryce Cooper said.

Quaranto implored all students to take the time to get informed and make the effort to vote.

"If history tells us one thing, it is that the students' votes won't count because students don't vote," Quaranto said. "When we stop participating, we begin to go down an ugly cycle that tears away at our democracy."

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Virginia flood death toll reaches seven

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Police and fire officials escorted Richmond residents and business owners into their flood-ravaged homes and shops Wednesday, but only to allow them to retrieve pets and essentials such as prescription drugs.

Flooding touched off by the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston on Tuesday left at least seven people dead in Virginia and devastated a historic Richmond district that was the heart of the Confederate capital during the Civil War.

Cleanup and restoration in the Shockoe Bottom neighborhood of restaurants, shops and loft apartments will have to wait a day or so until the buildings are deemed safe, said City Manager Calvin Jamison. He said 19 of 230 buildings inspected by midday were condemned.

The damage was estimated at a preliminary \$15 million and is likely to go higher.

Shops and restaurants were a watery, mud-caked mess Wednesday, and cars that had crashed into each other as they washed down streets were mired in mud or overturned.

A small group of employees of Bowen Building Systems came out of the closed area

carrying armloads of hand tools from a company van parked in a condemned garage.

"We're trying to salvage anything we possibly can," said Regina Bowen, company vice president. "It's horrible in there - a lot of mud."

The sixth and seventh confirmed victims were found Wednesday, more than a day after the heavy rains ended and floodwaters receded.

Authorities in Dinwiddie County, south of Richmond, found the body of a person who they said was swept away in rushing water while trying to rescue others. No other details were immediately available.

Earlier in the day, a woman's body was found in a wooded area east of the city, after she apparently was swept away while driving. The other victims included two people who may have been part of a human chain trying to reach people stuck inside a van.

The state reported 120 roads remained closed. Many were still under water. At least six bridges were washed out.

"There may be a few more, but until the water recedes, we're not going to know," said Linda South, a Transportation Department spokeswoman. "That's how bad it is out there."

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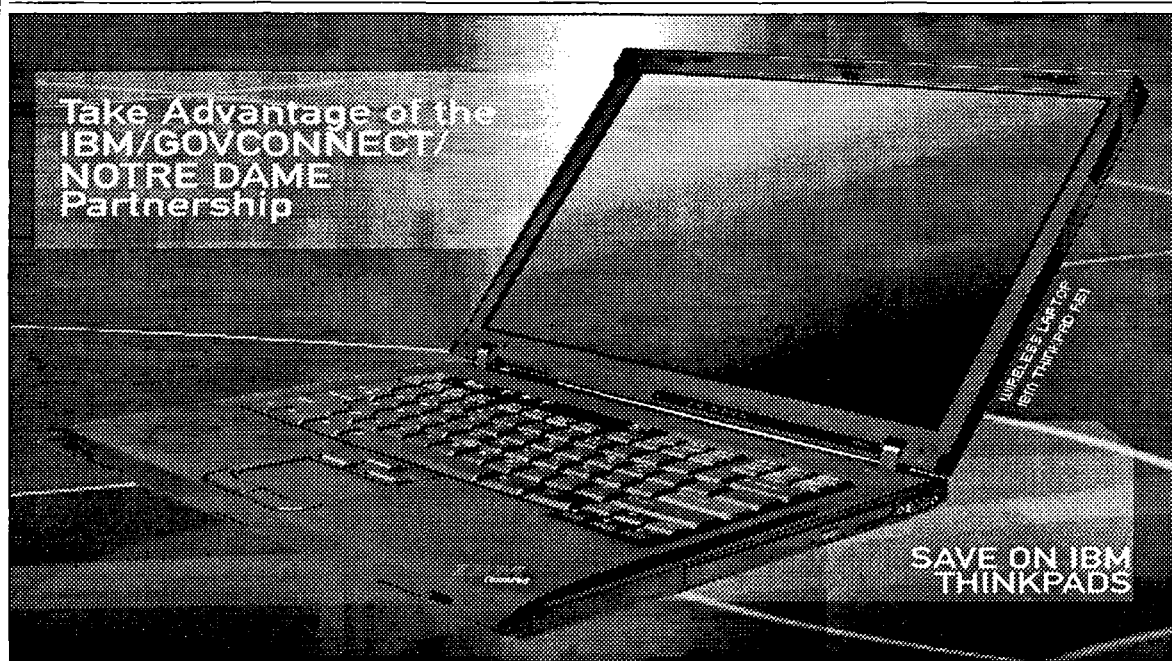
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Vets polite to Kerry after hearing Bush

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John Kerry's speech to the 5,000 members at the American Legion national convention Wednesday was received politely but less enthusiastically than President Bush's the day before.

Kerry focused his speech on what he would have done differently to respond to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and tailored many of his remarks to the veterans, stressing the country's debt to them does not end when the fighting ends.

"You know our duty does not end on the battlefield, it begins there," he said.

Kerry focused on the need for better health care for veterans, which many said was a topic close to their hearts.

"He embodied a lot of concepts that are fundamental," said Ed Lowery, a veteran from Powder Springs, Ga., outside Atlanta.

Lowery said he thought Bush's speech on Tuesday was good, but that Kerry "did a better job [Wednesday] as far as getting his points across. His stage presence was outstanding. He had a whole range of topics I think are all important to us."

Lou Dimmerman, a veteran from Cincinnati, said he thought Kerry's speech was excellent, and added, "but I'm one of the few Democrats here."

"His points were absolutely

germane to the Legion, but they all make so many promises to us we don't know if they're really going to come through with it," he said.

Whether Kerry could make good on his promises also was on the mind of Kenneth Dowden of Indianapolis, an Army World War II veteran. The Legion's national headquarters are in Indianapolis.

"I don't see how he's going to do all he said, economically, unless you get back to socialism like the other countries do," Dowden said. "His ideas are wonderful, but I don't think we can do it from an economic standpoint."

Others were less impressed, even on a theoretical level.

"All people have to do is look in the Congressional Record. Everything he promised (Wednesday) he voted against," asserted Ray White, an Air Force veteran from Huntsville, Ala.

James Robinson of Stockbridge, Ga., a retired Air Force veteran, said he liked the speech and intended to support Kerry. He said the war records of the two candidates were irrelevant.

"That's not a factor for me," he said. "I believe more in the issues he [Kerry] presents. The war record, even though I'm a retired veteran, is not a factor. What they're saying and doing for Americans, for my family, are the things that concern me."

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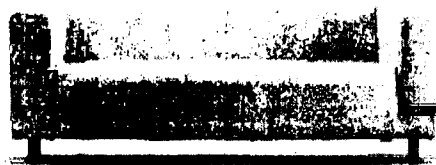

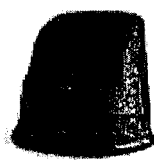


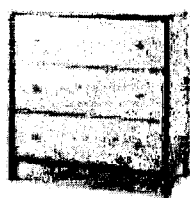
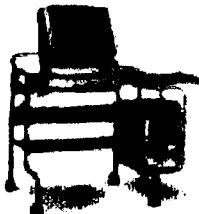



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Dog that picked up Peterson's scent failed training

Search and rescue handler admits Labrador had failed a videotaped practice exercise

Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A search dog handler who provided key evidence against Scott Peterson acknowledged Wednesday that her canine had failed a videotaped training exercise.

Jurors looked on as the defense in Peterson's murder trial played the video of the dog's test, made before the dog was involved in the Peterson investigation.

Dog handler Eloise Anderson, of the Contra Costa County Search and Rescue team, had

testified that the dog, a Labrador named Trimble, had picked up Laci Peterson's scent at the Berkeley Marina four days after she was reported missing in December 2002.

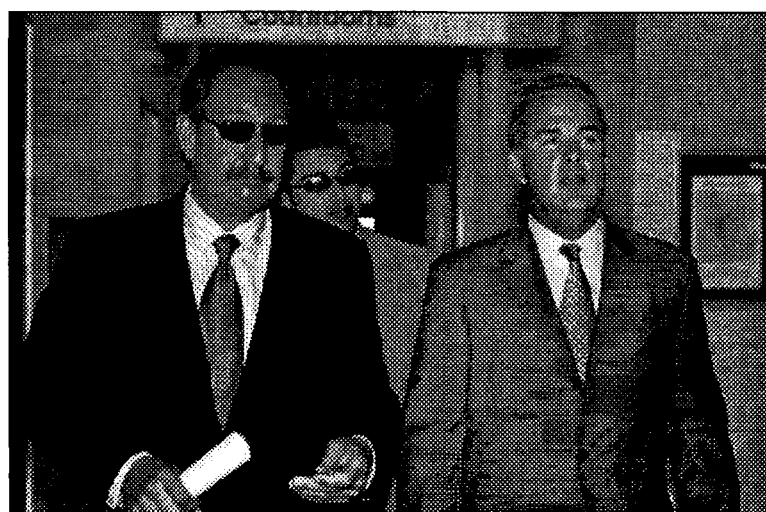
The defense is trying to show that scent-sniffing techniques are unreliable and not based on science.

On the video shown by defense attorney Mark Geragos, Trimble, trying to track a subject, is seen wandering in and out of bushes along the road, sniffing the sidewalk and turning in the opposite direction before stopping and barking. The dog later circles back in the opposite direction and the test was stopped. Anderson acknowledged the dog failed the test.

Geragos pointed out for jurors that during a pretrial hearing, Anderson testified she could not recall her dog performing the unsuccessful test. However, prosecutors noted on redirect that the dog did eventually pick up the search subject's scent at the command center where the exercise began.

Geragos also brought out that at the marina, Anderson did not perform a procedure intended to help rule out the possibility that the dog was smelling Scott Peterson and not his wife. Anderson insisted that the step was not necessary.

Geragos implied that only after he issued a subpoena to Contra Costa County authorities



Mark Geragos, left, Scott Peterson's lead attorney, leaves the courthouse after hearing new testimony Wednesday.

on Aug. 3 did the tape surface.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then drove to the marina and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay. Her remains and those of the couple's fetus washed ashore in April 2003, not far from where Peterson launched his fishing trip.

Defense lawyers contend someone else abducted and killed Laci, then framed their client after learning his widely publicized alibi.

In her testimony Tuesday, Anderson said the dog followed the scent from the marina's parking area, along a tree line and down a pier, where the dog

stopped at a pylon at the water's edge, she said.

The dog then "stopped, checked out over the water, the wind was coming into her face ... turned around and gave me end-of-trail indication," Anderson said.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi ruled during pretrial hearings that jurors would hear some, but not all, details gathered by the scent-sniffing police dogs.

Calling the details "iffy, at best," Delucchi in March tossed out claims that other dogs had detected a broken trail of Laci Peterson's scent leading from the Petersons' home to the warehouse where Scott Peterson kept his boat.

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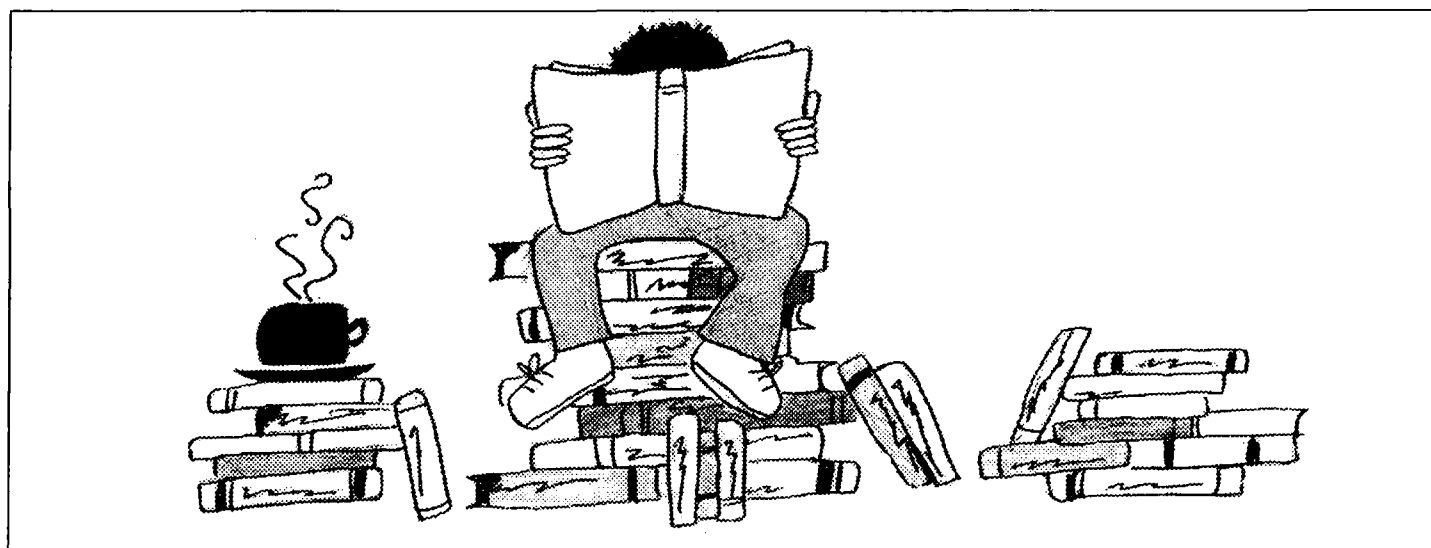
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How Buffy became literature

When Oxford introduced English as a degree-subject in the late 19th Century, Edward Freeman, the Regius Professor of Modern History, objected that while literature may cultivate taste and enlarge our sympathies, it was not appropriate to award degrees in the subject because "we cannot examine in tastes and sympathies." In the absence of objective criteria of assessment, Freeman warned, the academic study of English literature would amount to "mere chatter about Shelley." If only it had.

During the infancy of the discipline the focus was largely historical and philological — and hence examinable. That type of criticism never completely disappeared, but it was overshadowed by a series of new critical approaches to literature. This is not the place to list the order of succession, which would resemble the sort of genealogical table found in Genesis — "and Structuralism begat Poststructuralism" — which even the pious reader may be forgiven for skipping over.

For understanding the malaise in literary studies, knowing the family tree of critical schools is less important than understanding the economy of prestige in academia. Within higher education, and especially at the most eminent universities, hiring and tenure decisions depend much more on published work than on teaching abilities. Those hoping to ascend the ivory tower must publish or perish.

But whereas in the sciences there are always new experiments to be done and it is relatively easy to contribute to original research in one's twenties, in literary studies it is hard for a PhD student or young professor to find something original to say about John Milton, which has not already been said by a professor who has devoted a lifetime to reading Milton's work.

The two most influential innovations in the scholarship conducted in English departments, Critical Theory and Cultural Studies, are best under-

stood as solutions to this problem.

Critical Theory originally named a philosophically informed sociology practiced by a small group of Marxist thinkers associated with the Institute of Social Research in Frankfurt, Germany. Since the late '70s, in English departments across the country their work was combined with ideas drawn from Marx, Freud and a number of French philosophers.

It was a heady cocktail, and under its influence literary criticism became a diagnostic exercise in which the psychological and ideological deficiencies of the great authors of the past were exposed or "unmasked" [from the Latin, literally this means "I've read Nietzsche"]. Literary criticism degenerated into complaints that authors failed to meet the exacting ideological standards of enlightened late 20th Century professors of literatures mixed with praise if they appeared to anticipate whatever bro-mide was currently in fashion at the Modern Language Association. That is to say, literary judgment ceased to be literary at all.

I do not subscribe to the view that English departments are full of tenured radicals indoctrinating students with their ideological prejudices. When a professor argues that the war against Saddam Hussein could have been avoided if everyone involved had read Wallace Stevens, even freshmen know enough to smile politely while silently marveling at the inanity of the view that there are no enemies, just book circle members we haven't met yet. The real problem with the professors who preach their politics is not that they are indoctrinating students, but that they are wasting time that could be spent teaching them to appreciate literature.

Cultural Studies provided the other opportunity for young scholars to produce original work, by expanding the scope of literary scholarship to include film, television, airport fiction and contemporary music. And so in 1990 it was possible for Henry Louis Gates, Jr., professor of English at Duke, to testify in the 2Live Crew obscenity trial as an "expert wit-

ness."

In his testimony Gates compared the rap group's lyrics to Shakespeare's "My love is like a red, red rose" — a comparison that would have been only marginally less absurd if it actually had been Shakespeare who wrote the line, and not the Scottish poet Robbie Burns.

The following year, Harvard offered Gates a professorship.

This semester at Notre Dame students can take a course in which they will use feminist theory to analyze Buffy the Vampire Slayer or another with a syllabus that includes Basic Instinct.

What those who read classic literature as food for political and philosophical rumination have in common with those who have given up reading it at all in favor of the works of Joe Eszterhas is that neither betrays any sense of the pleasure of literature, any hint of why anyone who isn't trying to make a career writing about literature would ever read it.

Literature is for amateurs, in the original and best sense of the word, which is "lovers." It is still possible to love literature and be an English professor, but as a result of the trends I have mentioned it is becoming harder for those who love literature not to hate the profession.

We should not be surprised if some who in their youth take pleasure in books find, that in their middle age, they are more engaged by politics or television. But those who teach politics and television under the guise of literature are like those priests who have ceased to believe the creeds of the Church and who instead of renouncing their priesthood convince themselves that their doubt is true faith.

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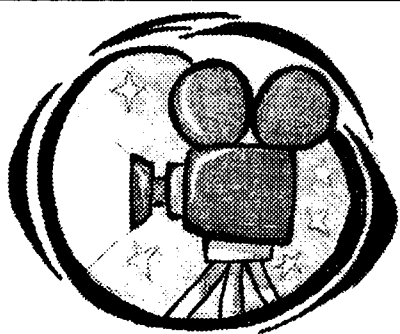
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you go into court, you are putting your fate into the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty."

Norm Crosby
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Screening wisely



On Aug. 30 in New York City, Senator John McCain of Ariz. and former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, addressed the American people in heartfelt, moving speeches that unfortunately went unnoticed by most Americans. Appearing only on public television and the cable news networks, both McCain and Giuliani jointly and eloquently spoke of the concept of freedom, what McCain called the, "one big idea that freedom is our birthright and its defense is always our first responsibility," and what Giuliani hailed as "what the Republican Party does best when we [Republicans] are at our best."

Reading The Observer Monday afternoon, I noticed an advertisement for upcoming events at the brand-new Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. On Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m., and again at 10 p.m., Michael Moore's controversial film "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown as a part of an ND Cinema series, which began last week. Coincidentally, the Moore film will screen simultaneously with President George W. Bush's primetime address to the delegates in New York and the American people at large.

Let me be clear. I do not object to ND Cinema's choice and right to screen Michael Moore's documentary. In fact, I believe that it is worthy of academic discussion; clearly "Fahrenheit 9/11" has indelibly influenced the genre of documentary filmmaking and the larger political debate in which America is currently engaged. Moreover, on the basis of the Michael Moore film that I have previously seen, "Bowling for Columbine," I would venture to suggest that it is probably an interesting and captivating film, although most certainly worthy of critical analysis — and careful fact-checking.

To use tonight's words of Senator John McCain, "Let us argue our differences." But let us give the President a chance to make his case to the American people and not let a "disingenuous filmmaker" upstage the President of the United States.

It is blantly irresponsible to show Michael Moore's film on Thursday evening.

Please show the President's speech on Thursday night live in the Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Please show the Presidential debates in September live in the Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

And please show Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11" in the Marie P. DeBartolo, just not on Thursday night, Sept. 2, 2004.

I can think of no better venue (and if someone will buy me a ticket for Friday's screening I will go).

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Aug. 30

Don't pitch the good stuff



How welcoming the fall colors and cool breezes were during my return to campus this fall. How welcoming also the promise of a pitcher or two of satisfying Legends import brew with my long-lost friends. Or so I thought ...

Perhaps the reader's thoughts echo those of my friends, "No pitchers at Legends? What?" What indeed. What, pray tell, were they thinking?

On Monday, Aug. 30, in his article entitled, "Legends Revamps Restaurant and Club," Tom Tiberio failed to mention the biggest revamp of all: the abolishment of pitcher sales of import and domestic beers. While Tiberio highlights numerous sound improvements in the culinary experience and social scene provided at Legends, he neglects to address how the social atmosphere will be drastically impacted by the absence of shareable pitchers.

After all, that's what makes pitchers so great. For many of us, Legends is about sitting down with some good friends, spending a few uncounted hours in meaningful conversation and probing the intellects and personalities which bring meaning to this university. It is precisely this capacity to facilitate the union of groups to partake in lively banter that defines pitchers as a vital ingredient in the recipe for a successful campus bar.

To outline the atrocities: included in so-called "improvements" at Legends are a 21.43 percent increase in the cost of import pints (from last year's \$3.50 to the current \$4.25) as well as the abolishment of \$8.50 pitchers of the same imports.

I had a pint with a friend recently and the bill reached \$10 with tip. Students complained about prices before, now the beer becomes downright unaffordable. When pressed for motivations behind the changes to our on-campus haven, Legends personnel mentioned only financial consultation in the summer months after a review of the previous year's business.

But if cost is truly the issue for Legends, then why not cut down on some of the options?

Many people I talk to wouldn't mind dropping the Dreadnaught IPA among other offer-

ings in order to keep the pitcher option open. As a friend pointed out, "You don't need 100 different beers. Sacrifice a few, keep the pitchers." If prices must be raised on the pitchers, so be it. I see no circumstance to validate their complete removal. Perhaps a survey of the most popular imports could be undergone in order to maintain both student satisfaction and sales while still guaranteeing pitcher servings.

Legends management, including the quoted Jim Quirk, should realize the bar's primary role as a student hangout and not as some upscale restaurant powered by an executive chef with "28 years of experience." There's nothing wrong with striving for culinary excellence, but remember that Legends is a student place and their prices should reflect a student budget. One way to keep the drinks affordable and maintain a student social scene is to reinstate pitchers.

In my fifth year at Notre Dame — now as a grad student — I certainly know of no place where one can sample such a plethora of specialty, quality brews in South Bend, much less within walking distance of every dorm on campus. However, I know of few students who are willing and able to pay \$10 for two beers. Legends has the potential to be an integral part of campus, and as it did my senior year, Legends can make a wholesome contribution to student life.

According to Tiberio's account, Legends is still in the process of implementing its new "improvements." The changes are scheduled for completion at the end of the month.

So now is the time to act. Ask your server or bartender for a pitcher of London Porter or Robert the Bruce next time you stop south of the stadium. Let Legends management hear our battle cry: bring back the good times with good friends, bring back the camaraderie that every domer has come to expect, bring back Legends pitchers.

Travis Douville
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U-WIRE

Apathy fosters apathy

There is a stereotype mumbled about campus that generates a quick response from students saying they do not care about what happens around them.

Stereotypes have a funny way of becoming self-fulfilling prophecies.

College embodies a certain culture of experiences that range from sleep, homework and class to parties, alcohol and drugs. Students can participate in either end of the spectrum, but at what level do students care about others when it comes to illegal substances like drugs?

Marijuana and opium are considered "soft" drugs and "hard" drugs are in the same category as crack cocaine and heroine.

Students are pretty clear about their personal choice involving both areas. But at what point does another's choice to partake in such activities become an inhibiting factor to those who choose not to?

For example, let's say a student goes to a party that has marijuana and is offered it. He says no. Does he leave the party because there is marijuana, even if there is alcohol? Or does he stay and not care about what the other person chooses to do with their life?

Because ultimately, when someone says they do not care about another's choice, they are letting that person take whatever road they will take, and if they go downhill with their life, that is their fault.

Regardless, the student would probably stay.

He would also prefer that the marijuana wasn't there to begin with and if they are going to smoke, that they do it at another location. But that choice is theirs and it's OK if it takes them downhill — he sure isn't going with them.

The drugs are going to be around. Even harder drugs tend to receive public interest in curbing their trafficking but there is a general apathy towards softer drugs like marijuana. Students simply don't care about what other students are doing unless it begins to invade per-

sonal space — only if the other individual is not their roommate, best friend or brother.

Not like the other isn't any of those things to somebody already.

There is a ridiculous amount of time and energy (and probably money) wasted policing drug use, which is in alignment with the law. Maybe students don't care for that reason, so they don't get caught. That's OK but someone else is.

Students who have any sense of morality and humanity would not let another person waste their life if they felt like it was being wasted. This is not just with drugs, but with homework, driving and alcohol as well.

Otherwise, stereotypes become truth.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Pied Piper has lost his touch

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Music Critic

For more than a decade R. Kelly has been the King of R&B.

The Pied Piper, the moniker which Kelly currently uses, has more No. 1 hits than any comparable artist of his genre and has won numerous Grammys and Soul Train Awards along the way. Much like his literary counterpart, Kelly has enchanted the public with his music. By exploring such topics as sex, lust, love, gang violence and Christianity, he has gained a diverse following including devout R&B fans and teeny-boppers. The same man who created the raunchy sex-anthems, "Bump and Grind," "You Remind of Something" and "Feelin' on Yo Booty" also generated such inspirational hits as "I Believe I Can Fly" and "The World's Greatest." Still, with so much success, Kelly has had his fair share of problems. The much-publicized R. Kelly Sex Tape of 2002 accompanied his recent indictment for sexual misconduct with a minor. Such transgressions have done much to damage the singers' reputation and ultimately jeopardize his career.

R. Kelly's new work, "Happy People/ U Saved Me," represents an emphatic

appeal to the public for a second chance. The double CD, unlike his previous efforts, attempts to reconcile Kelly with his fans by avoiding all sexual overtones and ramping up the "I am a sinner and God is good" mantra. The balladeer tries his best to let the listener know he is sorry for his mistakes and grateful for the opportunity to redeem himself. Nevertheless, since the CD is so unlike Kelly's other works, one is never really sure if it's a public relations move or an actual movement towards Christ by the Pied Piper.

At any length, the first album, "Happy People," displays why Kelly has clearly lost his way. The album is a collection of 11 songs whose main purpose, as stated by Kelly too many times in the introduction of each song, is to make the listener dance. Nearly every song employs what has become known as the Chicago step beat: a slow relaxed groove reminiscent of some of Frankie Beverly's work. With his songs titled "Love Street," "Love Signals" and "Steppin' into Heaven," Kelly makes it obvious that by loving and "stepping" everyone can be happy. Despite the subject matter, every track ends up sounding like a remix of the remix of "Step in the Name of Love" from Kelly's last release, "Chocolate



Photo courtesy of MTV.com

R. Kelly's latest album shows that he is no longer the artist he once was.

Factory".

The lone standout on "Happy People" is Kelly's tribute to Marvin Gaye, "If I Could Make the World Dance." With its relaxed mellow beat and smooth melody, the song sounds a lot like Gaye's "Mercy Mercy Me." Even the lyrics are reminiscent of Gaye's call to peace: "Picture us in a land / where there is no more war / shakings hands with my brother / respecting my sister / I'm offering a dance that heals / a melody that you can feel / love is the key all it takes is you me / If I could make the world dance." If only Kelly would realize how to make more songs like this song, he might actually get the listener to dance without having to ask or tell him or her to.

"U Saved Me," the second disc, is what one might consider Kelly's heartfelt apology. Each and every song is a gospel testimony for 2004. They use the lyrical styling often found on Kelly's urban hits while surrounding them with lush contemporary R&B beats and melodies. Many of the songs focus entirely on the power of prayer. For example, "Prayer Changes" tells the story of a family suffering from numerous issues such as alcoholism, domestic violence, marital troubles and difficulties performing in school.

The refrain of prayer changes lets the listener know prayer can make all things possible — even Kelly shedding the old role he embraced as a smooth-talking sex addict.

Overall, "Happy People / U Saved Me" reveals two significant things about Kelly. First, even though he is not quite the artist the world knew before the sex scandals, he is still capable of stringing together not one, but two albums that are below his old standards but not bad to listen to. Although the songs on both albums are somewhat repetitive in terms of both sound and message, the message itself will appeal to Kelly's core listeners and will even get a few people to dance.

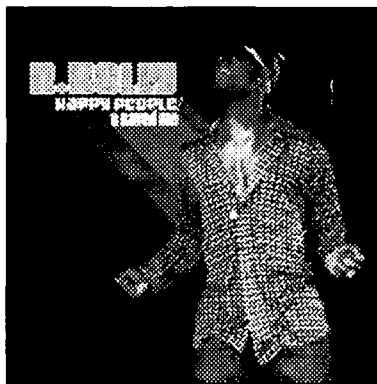
Nonetheless, these albums demonstrate Kelly's difficulty in reconciling his past transgressions and his Christian faith with his pop icon status. No longer is he willing to explore sex in a manner few have ever attempted before or even move R&B in a slightly different direction. Thus Happy People/ U Saved Me begs the question: Will the Pied Piper ever be able to redeem himself after leading the children so far astray?

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OutKast not allowed in Kansas libraries

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — The Kansas attorney general has withheld more than 1,600 compact discs from distribution to state libraries because officials determined the albums promote violence or illegal activity, records show.

The albums removed by Attorney General Phill Kline's office were part of 51,000 discs given to Kansas as part of a nationwide settlement to resolve allegations of price fixing.

The CDs included recordings by 25 musicians, including rap artists such as OutKast and Notorious B.I.G., rock bands Rage Against the Machine and Stone Temple Pilots, and even older acts such as Lou Reed and the 1980s experimental group Devo.

The list of albums was obtained by The Associated Press last week through an open-records request.

The American Civil Liberties Union said the decision amounted to censorship.

"What he's doing is enforcing his concept of decency on libraries around the state of Kansas, and that's not his business," said Dick Kurtenbach, executive director of the ACLU in Kansas and western

Missouri.

Whitney Watson, a spokesman for Kline, said the attorney general would not discuss the screening of the CDs but said the decision to remove some albums was made to ensure state officials were not disseminating objectionable material.

Watson said the office's consumer-protection and antitrust division vetted the list. In some cases, they were familiar enough with the albums to determine if they had questionable content. In others, they looked at Internet databases of lyrics.

"We don't have the manpower to look at every album and every song lyric, but we feel we removed most of the albums that did not mesh with the values of a majority of Kansans," he said.

Kansas is one of 40 states receiving the free CDs for public libraries as part of a 2002 court settlement with the music industry over claims of CD price-fixing.

Attorneys general in several other states also have screened their CDs, often removing controversial artists or albums including explicit lyrics. Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter removed 5,300 discs, or 5 percent of the 107,000 his state was scheduled



Photo courtesy of MTV.com

Kline deemed OutKast's albums too indecent to be put in Kansas' state libraries. Other popular musicians like Notorious B.I.G., Rage Against the Machine and Lou Reed were also banned.

to receive.

The Kansas Library Association, which advocates for public libraries, said it had no objection to the attorney general's actions.

"This was very similar to what libraries do all the time," said

Rosanne Siemens, the group's executive director. "It wasn't so much an issue of taking things out but determining what would be best. They did libraries a big favor by selecting these CDs because there's no way libraries could have said what they wanted."

ALBUM REVIEW

The Hives keep rocking in latest effort

By MIKE TENNANT

Scene Music Critic

From the depths of Sweden come five men with names like Dr. Matt Destruction, Chris Dangerous and Vigilante Carlstroem. They are led by the energetic Howlin' Pelle Alqvist and they all adhere to a strict dress code of matching black and white dress suits or jogging outfits.

No, these are not new comic book characters. These are the Hives.

"Tyrannosaurus Hives," released this summer, is their first album since 2000 and their third full length since the band formed in 1993. It stays with their formula of mixing garage rock and punk that helped them gain popularity during the garage-rock revival that brought bands like the Strokes and the White Stripes into the public eye. While their

2000 release, "Veni Vidi Vicious," was more a show of garage rock than anything, this new release showcases more of the punk side of this Swedish band. Containing highly-compacted and very aggressive songs, it is easy to see the influence that both the Stooges and the Clash have had on the Hives.

"Tyrannosaurus" features twelve intense songs revolving around the theme of rebelling against the hollow and robot-like dealings of everyday life. As Alqvist fills the album with brash and aggressive wails, he makes himself a candidate for the new voice against normalcy.

The band wastes no time as the album leads off with the strong "Abra Cadaver" in which the guitars of both Carlstroem and Nicholas Arson work with Alqvist's voice to shatter the mold of corporate America. "They wanted to stick a dead body inside of me," he yells,



Photo courtesy of MTV.com

"Tyrannosaurus Hives" may be short, but it still packs a stronger punch than other rock albums twice its size.

"... I tell no lies, wanted to stick an office worker inside of me." This thought continues through "Walk Idiot Walk," the first single released from the album. This is another aggressive and borderline angry song about the "idiots" who believe whatever anyone tells them and cannot think for themselves. Held together by the drumming of Dangerous, "Walk" is the catchiest song on the album, and thus a likely candidate for radio play.

One of the more interesting songs rounding out the end of the album is "Dead Quote Olympics" in which Alqvist and company urge others to think for themselves, instead of relying on what others have written. "You had enough of their thoughts, have your own," he scolds. "Yes they were smart but they are dead," Alqvist says over more hos-

tile guitar work.

On the whole, the album is violent and abrasive. Sometimes it feels like a band member is going to leap through the stereo and kick you in the head. The rough-around-the-edges style of the Hives fits well with the rebellious themes though, and creates an album that leaves one sweating by the end. Although only about 30 minutes in length, "Tyrannosaurus Hives" packs more punch than some seventy-two minute productions. The Hives go in hard, and then get out, making their point and usually breaking something along the way.

Maybe this is the way rock music is supposed to be.

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Tyrannasaurus Hives

The Hives
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ALBUM REVIEW

Sweden's Concretes craft lovelorn, urban pop

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI

Scene Music Critic

Let's face it: love receives bushels (and pecks) more than its share of consideration on the vast pop music landscape. If your senior prom DJ tried to play every love song ever written in succession without stopping, it would double as your diamond anniversary gala and then some.

Heck, South Bend boasts an entire radio station devoted to such music. So it comes as a most-welcome breath of fresh air when a band like Sweden's The Concretes quietly introduces such a stellar self-titled debut.

The Concretes, presently eight-members strong and naming itself after the most ubiquitous building material in its native Stockholm, concoct love songs of a different sort. Album-opener "Say Something New" sets the tone,

as chanteuse Victoria Bergsman laments, "And all the things / I had in mind / for you and me ..." The narrator's moribund romance is accentuated perfectly by the introduction of a woozy horn section. This and the songs that follow provide the yang to love's yin, documenting the subtleties of the no-man's land between romances, all to the tune of gorgeous, sophisticated pop arrangements.

Bergsman addresses each of the stages of non-love in turn on "The Concretes". In "Chico," she coos about seeking companionship in the title pet cat, while on "Diana Ross" she sings of the solace she finds in the diva's songs, proclaiming, "I didn't know what I feel / but you know what I feel."

"You Can't Hurry Love," an energetic two-minute romp and one of the album's standout tracks, deals with the frustration and desire to hastily

reclaim love once one has lost it. Other tracks explore contradictory impulses: the singer despairs over her ex-lover's new flame in "New Friend," while hinting at a fling of her own on the piano-and-vocal ditty "Foreign Country." The album's centerpiece and another of its finest moments is the waltz "Warm Night," which finds Bergsman hopeful, yet cautious as she waxes romantic once again. These stages culminate in the tellingly-titled penultimate track "Lonely As Can Be" before at last drifting into calm uncertainty with the enigmatic closing lines, "Here comes the dark / He knows the dark." Perhaps Bergsman is invoking the image of her lover-to-someday-be, one who has shared her experience in the bleak realm of non-love?

Musically, The Concretes' jungle of orchestration is lush yet navigable. Guitars, horns, strings, a xylophone and an electric organ swirl into a rich pop mosaic, punctuating the moods and cadences captured in Bergsman's lyrics. At the same time, The Concretes exercise a restraint seldom seen in bands half their size — several songs here barely cross the two-minute threshold, and never do the arrangements stray far from each song's emotional and thematic core.



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The Concretes draw comparisons to other Swedish bands like The Cardigans and Ivy.

The result is something imminently memorable, a series of impressions that remain with the listener long after harp and strings dance to a finale on the album's closer, "This One's For You." As far as characterizing the band's sound, musical points of reference include fellow Swedes The Cardigans and chic popsters Ivy, as well as simple-yet-sophisticated sixties acts like The Mamas and the Papas and The Beach Boys.

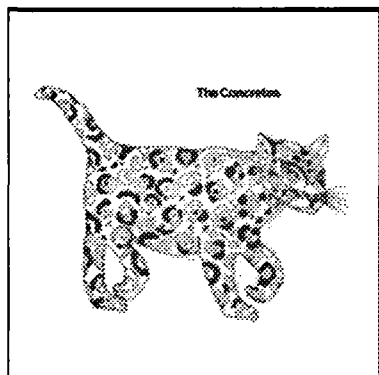
If Diana Ross proved panacean to the lovesick generation that spawned The Concretes, these Swedes may indeed have created the cure for romantic maladies of the post-modern age.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Wolverines' Jackson to start at cornerback

Defensive back hopes to start off on the right foot after a shaky offseason

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Like he's a freshman getting ready for his first start, Marlin Jackson can't wait to play Saturday.

After the year he went through at Michigan, it's understandable.

"Last year I had a lot of off-the-field issues going on," he said. "This year there is a lot of clarity — just school and football."

Jackson was suspended for the 2003 opener after pleading guilty to an assault charge, missed three more games due to injury and failed to shine at a new position.

Despite the rough season, he had a chance to skip his senior year with the Wolverines to enter the NFL draft, but came back to redeem himself as a person — and a player.

Jackson is off to a good start.

His teammates voted him captain, he's healthy and after one lackluster year at free safety, he's back at cornerback. Jackson is also slated to return kickoffs, for the first time since his freshman year, next to Steve Breaston.

"Comparing this year to last year is like night and day," Jackson said. "I've matured so much on and off the field. I knew I needed to come back to do both."

Jackson and the eighth-ranked Wolverines open their season at home against Miami of Ohio. The RedHawks (1-0) have

the nation's longest winning streak at 14 games.

"It's easy to respect them because you know what a great team they had last year," Jackson said.

Miami lost its star quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, to the NFL draft, but Josh Betts threw for three touchdowns and ran for a score in a 49-0 win over Division I-AA Indiana State last week.

"He has a nice arm and looks off the defensive backs well," Jackson said. "He's a first-year guy, but he has a little bit of experience, so he'll be a great quarterback to go up against. He moves the pocket nicely."

Jackson tarnished his nice-guy image a year ago.

He was sentenced to a year of probation and ordered to spend 10 days in a jail work program after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge. He was accused of hitting another student in the face with a bottle, but said he only threw a punch.

After escaping trouble while growing up in a rough neighborhood in Sharon, Pa., Jackson said he made a late-night mistake.

"I put myself in a bad situation, but in the long run, it's going to help me a lot," he said. "Everything means so much more to me now after going through what I did last year."

The Wolverines had more talent at cornerback than safety

last year, so Jackson agreed to switch positions after being second-team All-American as a sophomore.

After standing out for two seasons at corner, the preseason Big Ten defensive player of the year merely blended in as a solid free safety for the conference champions last year.

"That's a fair assessment," he acknowledged.

The 6-foot-1, 199-pounder made 50 tackles, two interceptions and broke up four passes. In his first two years, he had six interceptions and broke up 25 passes.

"All season, I wanted to be back at corner, but I fought through it and bit my tongue," Jackson said.

Well, Jackson did hide his true feelings until the season was over.

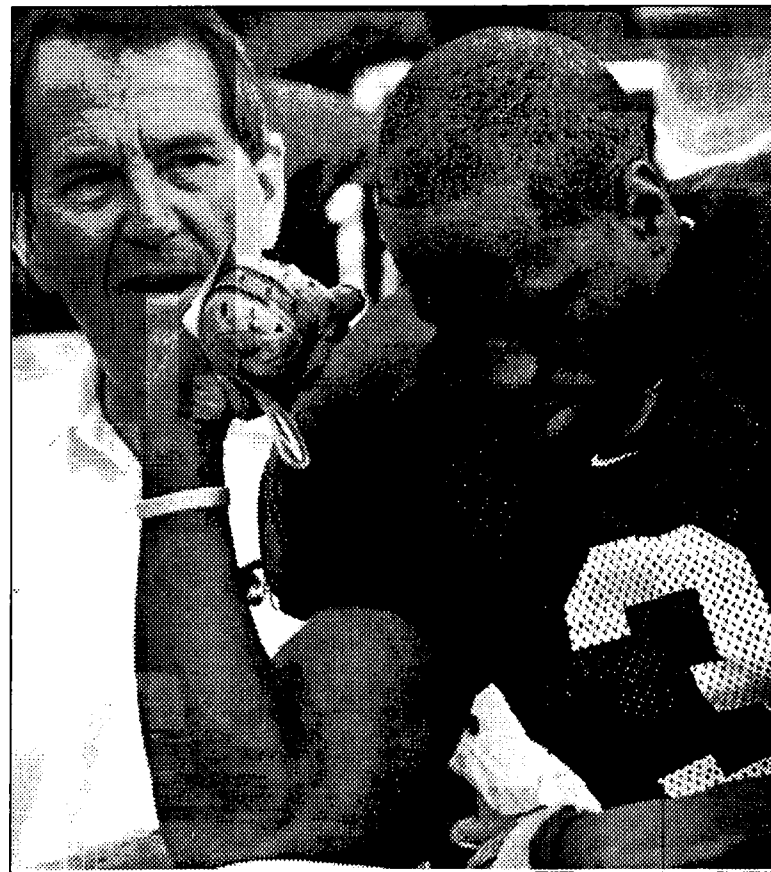
"If I'm back here, I'll be at corner," Jackson said after USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

He now calls that an irrational moment.

"That was all my frustration built up from the whole season," Jackson said. "I didn't tell anybody how upset I was about playing safety — until then."

One look at the ever-present smile on Jackson's face shows how happy he is to be playing cornerback again. Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is glad, too.

"He has got great quickness. He's tough. He's smart," Carr said. "He's not a cover-corner."



Marlin Jackson, right, listens to coach Lloyd Carr during a game last season.

He's a cornerback. He's going to tackle you."

Michigan strong safety Ernest Shazor said Michigan's defense got better the moment Jackson moved back to his natural posi-

tion. "He can lock down a whole side," Shazor said. "He just had to get his swagger back, and he's got it. It didn't take him that long."

Air Force cadet found innocent on charges of steroid use

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force linebacker Overton Spence was found innocent of drug charges Wednesday after telling a court-martial he thought the steroids he had taken were legal.

Spence wept and hugged teammate Jon Wilson when the verdict was read. He declined to speak to reporters, but his civilian attorney, Serge Herscovici, said Spence hopes to return to the academy football team.

Barring any other issues, he likely will be allowed to play, said athletic director Hans Mueh.

Prosecutor Capt. Garrett Condon had accused Spence of engaging in "a locker room drug deal" that went bad.

Spence had signed a statement admitting he bought and used the steroid methandrostenolone but testified that he did not know he had broken the law.

"I never intended to possess or had knowledge of possession of illegal steroids. I only intended to possess legal steroids that you could buy" in any health specialty store, Spence said.

His defense lawyers accused investigators of jumping to conclusions and interrogating Spence before lab tests showed

the steroid was illegal.

Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry testified that when Spence told him he was being investigated, the cadet said he thought the supplements were legal.

"He maintained his total innocence as to his not knowing what he was taking," DeBerry said.

Spence, 20, was a backup who played mostly on special teams last season. He was suspended from the team after the charges were filed. Jeff Howard of the NCAA said it would be up to the academy whether Spence could rejoin the team.

Spence, a junior, faced up to 10

years' imprisonment if he had been convicted.

Three other cadets, including running back Matthew Ward, still face steroid charges. Ward's court-martial is scheduled next month.

Also, Air Force said Wednesday its athletics director will report directly to the school's top officer instead of the second-in-command, reversing a reform imposed after a sexual assault

scandal last year.

The reversal was recommended by a panel that reviewed the athletics department, the academy said in a statement. Academy spokeswoman Pam Ancker said she did not know the reason for the recommendation.

The change, one of 15 suggested by the panel after a five-month study, was effective immediately.

"I never intended to possess or had knowledge of possession of illegal steroids"

Overton Spence
Air Force linebacker

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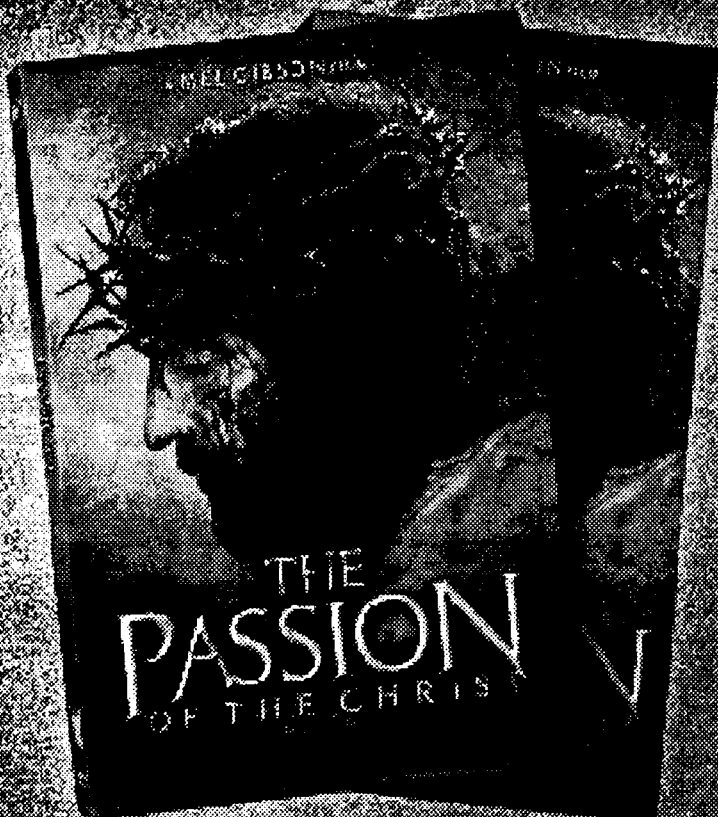
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NFL

Sanders back in NFL with Ravens

At age 37, Sanders seeks Super Bowl ring with Baltimore

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Deion Sanders insists he didn't come out of retirement for money, accolades or to prove he's still got a wealth of talent at age 37.

He wasn't bored, either. The man known as "Prime Time" ended his voluntary three-year hiatus simply because he wanted to win a third Super Bowl ring — this time with a couple of friends who pleaded with him to help the Baltimore Ravens win another championship.

Wearing a purple jersey with the No. 2 (his customary No. 21 belongs to Pro Bowl cornerback Chris McAlister), Sanders practiced Wednesday with the Ravens for the first time. He then moved to a side field and worked an extra 15 minutes with secondary coach Johnnie Lynn and safety Corey Fuller, who, along with linebacker Ray Lewis, convinced Sanders to return to the NFL.

After the brief workout, Sanders was ushered into a packed media trailer. Wearing a Ravens hat, a black Ravens T-shirt and a bulky gold chain, Sanders promptly answered this pressing question: Why come back?

"I wanted the opportunity to win it all, and that's it," he said. "That's the only reason I'm here."

Sanders didn't believe the 2001 Washington Redskins had a chance to reach the Super Bowl, which is why he chose to retire before the beginning of training camp that season.

Sanders will begin his career with the Ravens as a nickel back. If he shows that his body can stand the rigors of the NFL, he could spend some time at his familiar cornerback position and, as he hinted Wednesday, might even play a little offense.

"I'm willing to do what I can to help this team win, whatever that entails," he said.

A month ago, as he began to work out at his Dallas home in preparation for a possible return, Sanders never doubted he was coming back.

"I just felt the adrenaline, I felt the fire, I felt that passion," he said. "I felt that dog in me,

and I knew right then I had to do what I needed to do to help this team win."

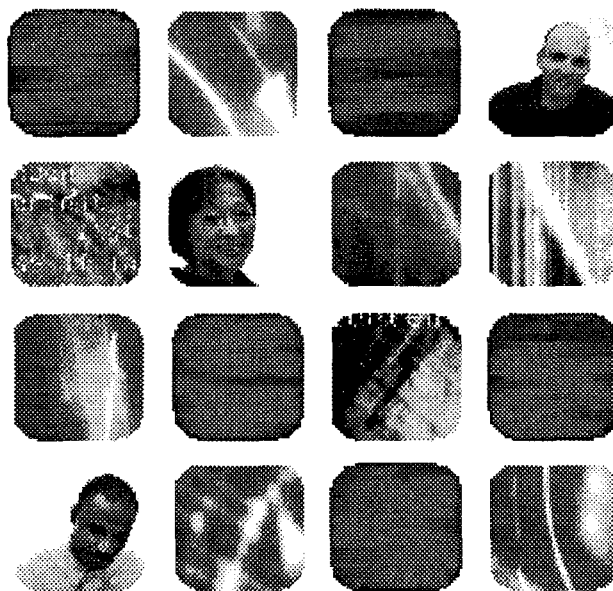
The Ravens needed a nickel back after another veteran, Dale Carter, developed a blood clot in his lung just before the start of training camp. At that point, Lewis and Fuller got on the phone and dialed Sanders.

"I said, 'I want to run something by you. I want you to come play with me,'" Lewis recalled.

"From there, we just ran with it," Lewis said. "He's just coming to have fun with his brothers."

The potential to earn \$2 million probably didn't hurt. Sanders was released from his job on the CBS pregame show after he asked for more money than the network was willing to shell out, but he pointed out Wednesday that he had no shortage of lucrative opportunities, including a couple of television shows. He also intended to coach his son's sixth-grade football team.

"Even at 37 years old this guy can come back and do things that have never been done, even when he was younger, because now his mentality is different," Lewis insisted.



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MLB

Yankees players still embarrassed by Monday's 22-0 rout

Division leaders say the record loss to Cleveland was a fluke

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Derek Jeter got home after the historic 22-0 loss to Cleveland, he had no desire to tune in to replays of the latest installment of the Slide of the Yankees.

"I've got cable problems in my apartment right now," New York's captain said Wednesday, a day after the most one-sided defeat in the 101-year history of baseball's winningest team.

Much of New York was shocked by Tuesday night's loss, which matched the biggest post-1900 shutout margin in the major leagues. The Yankees' AL East lead, 10 1/2 games on the morning of Aug. 16, was cut to 3 1/2 games over second-place Boston.

"STINKES" blared the back page of the Daily News.

"WORST LOSS EVER!" read the sports page headline of the New York Post.

On the sign boards outside Yankee Stadium and on some of the scoreboards inside, fans were greeted before the game by various messages, including: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner chimed in with another of his statements, part

of which appeared on some of the boards.

"Sure, we got punished badly last night, but winners never quit and quitters never win," Steinbrenner said. "New Yorkers never quit, and we reflect the spirit of New York."

Combined with the Mets' 5-0 loss to Florida across town at Shea Stadium, it marked the first time both New York teams were blanked on the same day since Sept. 17, 1989, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Yankees (81-50) have never failed to finish in first place after leading by at least 6 1/2 games.

"I'm not sure if I woke up this morning or I didn't go to sleep," Yankees manager Joe Torre joked before saying he went to bed about 2 a.m., as usual.

At Yankee Stadium, where even minor matters are magnified, Steinbrenner took the loss calmly, according to Torre. No blood was visible on the clubhouse carpet, and vultures were not circling above the ballpark. Torre said Steinbrenner spoke with him by phone and offered "support, keep-your-chin-up-type stuff."

They all know pitching problems are the cause of their ills.

Their starters have won once in 16 games since Aug. 13 and their 5.41 team ERA in August was 24th among the 30 major league teams. It's starting to look like a reverse of 1978, when the Yankees trailed the Red Sox by 14 games after play on July 19, then rebounded to win the AL East in a one-game playoff.

Boston has won 19 of its last 23 games, and the swift turnaround made Red Sox fans giddy with hope that this will be the year their team reverses the curse.

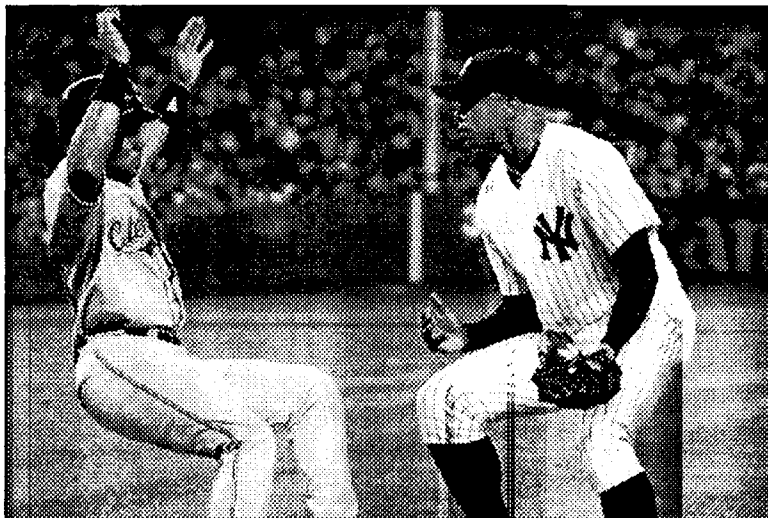
"Contrary to the opinion of a lot of people in this region, the Yankees don't suck," Boston pitcher Curt Schilling said. "Their shortstop's got four rings, they have probably one of the best managers in sports. I don't expect them to fall down on the job."

Cleveland's victory is unlikely to wind up as an instant classic on the Yankees' YES Network, where pinstriped players are treated like gods and opponents are expected to bow to the juggernaut.

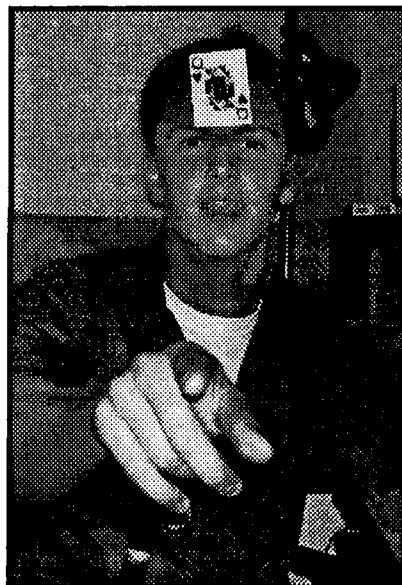
"We didn't win too much in high school, but I don't remember getting beat like that before," Jeter said.

"We didn't win too much in high school, but I don't remember getting beat like that before."

Derek Jeter
Yankees shortstop



Cleveland Indians centerfielder Coco Crisp, left, stops running as New York Yankees pitcher Orlando Hernandez waits to tag him.



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	team	'03 record	'03 rank
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2	St. John's	17-6-3	2
3	Maryland	20-3-1	3
4	Saint Louis	15-4-3	6
5	Santa Clara	16-4-4	4
6	North Carolina	12-4-4	18
7	UCLA	18-2-1	5
8	Wake Forest	15-4-0	15
9	NOTRE DAME	15-3-3	T8
10	Connecticut	9-8-4	RV
11	Southern Methodist	13-6-3	T23
12	Rutgers	11-6-4	T23
13	Virginia Comm.	16-4-0	11
14	Florida International	14-4-2	13
15	UC Santa Barbara	15-5-1	12
16	Michigan	14-7-0	7
17	Fairleigh Dickinson	14-5-1	T23
18	Old Dominion	15-3-1	T20
19	Tulsa	13-6-2	RV
20	Virginia	10-9-2	17
21	Brown	10-4-3	RV
22	Binghamton	12-3-7	RV
23	Coastal Carolina	20-2-0	10
24	Creighton	12-6-1	T8
25	Alabama-Birmingham	10-4-5	NR

Women's Soccer Preseason

	team	'03 record	'03 rank
1	North Carolina	27-0-0	1
2	Santa Clara	14-4-6	5
3	NOTRE DAME	20-3-1	9
4	Penn State	19-4-2	6
5	Texas A&M	13-6-3	11
6	Portland	18-3-2	7
7	Florida State	17-8-1	4
8	Connecticut	15-6-3	2
9	UCLA	20-2-3	3
10	Virginia	12-5-4	17
11	Tennessee	17-5-2	12
12	Florida	19-4-2	8
13	Texas	12-9-0	NR
14	Illinois	16-4-2	10
15	West Virginia	17-4-2	10
16	Arizona State	13-5-3	22
17	Kansas	10-6-1	13
18	Duke	14-7-1	19
19	Boston College	15-3-3	25
20	Michigan	11-8-6	16
21	Pepperdine	14-6-1	20
22	Villanova	15-5-5	NR
23	Colorado	15-4-1	21
24	Utah	16-2-2	24
25	Ohio State	13-5-3	RV

Volleyball Preseason Top 15

	team	'03 record	points
1	USC	35-0	1,596
2	Nebraska	28-5	1,417
3	UCLA	24-9	1,386
4	Florida	36-2	1,360
5	Minnesota	26-11	1,318
6	Stanford	25-7	1,230
7	Washington	23-9	1,170
8	Penn State	31-5	1,160
9	Pepperdine	27-3	1,091
10	California	25-7	1,082
11	Colorado State	30-5	997
12	Georgia Tech	34-4	931
13	Hawaii	36-2	718
14	Kansas State	30-5	658
15	Texas A&M	23-10	552

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MLB

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NBA



Kobe Bryant, above, reports for an August court appearance. The sexual assault charges against the NBA all-star were dropped Wednesday because the alleged victim refused to testify.

Prosecutors drop Bryant's sex charges

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The Kobe Bryant case collapsed Wednesday as prosecutors said they had no choice but to drop the sexual assault charge against the NBA star because the alleged victim did not want to testify.

With the parents of the 20-year-old accuser looking on, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case under a deal that means no charges will be refilled.

"The people have filed a motion to dismiss this case based on the fact the sole victim at this time is unable to go forward," District Attorney Mark Hurlbert told the judge. He said the

alleged victim did not want to participate in the trial, including taking the stand.

The woman's attorney, John Clune, said his client has been through an extremely difficult time over the past 14 months and was disturbed by a series of courthouse mistakes that included the release of her name and medical history.

"It is in her sincere belief that when this case ends she does not want to be brought back into the criminal process," Clune told the judge. "The difficulties that this case has imposed on this woman the past year are unimaginable."

Ruckriegle admitted mistakes had been made and took full responsibility.

The prosecution dropped the case as jury selection was beginning to wrap up. Opening statements had been expected next Tuesday.

Bryant, 26, has said he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee of a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. Had he been convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star would have faced four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

Bryant still faces a federal civil lawsuit filed by the accuser that seeks unspecified damages.

Defense attorneys this week asked the judge to dismiss the assault charge,

saying prosecutors had refused to turn over details that could suggest Bryant is innocent. Court rules require prosecutors and defense attorneys to exchange evidence and witness opinions before trial, a process called discovery.

In a motion made public Wednesday, defense attorneys said a forensics expert whom prosecutors had planned to call as a witness had information that "undermined the accuser's allegations and the prosecution's case, and corroborated Mr. Bryant's defense on a central issue — the cause and significance of the accuser's alleged injuries."

IN BRIEF

Pennington signs seven-year extension with Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Chad Pennington agreed to a \$64 million, seven-year contract extension with the New York Jets on Wednesday that includes \$23 million in guaranteed money.

A source familiar with the negotiations, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that Pennington will average \$9.172 million a year. The quarterback, entering his fifth season, also receives the second-largest amount of up-front money, behind only Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, who got a \$34.5 million signing bonus earlier this year. The total value of Pennington's deal is \$64.197 million.

Both of those contracts were negotiated by Tom Condon, who was not available for comment Wednesday. The Jets do not release contract terms.

Pennington had set a deadline of

the end of the preseason, which is after Friday night's game against Philadelphia, for a new deal to be finalized. He did not want negotiations to stretch into the season, nor did the Jets, who didn't want to chance losing him as a free agent.

Mourning to attempt NBA comeback this season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Seven-time All-Star Alonzo Mourning will attempt a comeback with the New Jersey Nets this season, less than a year after a kidney transplant.

"I am feeling great and am excited about attending training camp and possibly resuming my career," the 34-year-old Mourning said in a statement released by the Nets on Wednesday.

"We look forward to Alonzo joining the Nets in training camp," Nets president Rod Thorn said. "Hopefully, he will be able to resume his career and

play at the high level he has in the past."

The center, who had signed with the Nets before last season, played only 12 games before retiring Nov. 24 because of complications from a kidney disease, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. He was diagnosed before the 2000-01 season, when he was with the Miami Heat.

Jail sentence upheld for Dodgers' Bradley

AKRON, Ohio — An appeals court has upheld a three-day jail sentence Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley was ordered to serve for driving away while being issued a speeding ticket.

The Ninth District Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that the trial judge did not unfairly sentence Bradley after he pleaded guilty earlier this year to a charge of obstructing official business, a second degree misdemeanor.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Hurricane Frances may postpone FSU-Miami game

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami may have to wait a few days before playing their season opener.

School officials were strongly considering postponing the game five days from Monday to Sept. 11 because of Hurricane Frances. They were expected to announce a decision Thursday.

"We'd like to play it, but I'm



ANDY KENNA/The Observer
Hurricane Frances may postpone Lorenzo Booker and the Seminoles from playing Miami.

not sure it's in the cards," Florida State president T.K. Wetherell said Wednesday.

Wetherell said evacuations along Florida's east coast would cause travel problems for fans, band members and others heading south to the Orange Bowl. The hurricane also could be moving through Tallahassee on Sunday or Monday.

"I'm not sure we want to be gone with all that going on," Wetherell said.

ABC executives and officials from both schools were discussing proposals Wednesday for rescheduling the game. A likely scenario would move it to Saturday, Sept. 11.

Miami has had two other games postponed because of hurricanes in the last seven years.

The Hurricanes had a game against UCLA postponed more than two months in 1998 because of Hurricane Georges, and had one against Temple delayed nearly three months in 1999 because of Hurricane Irene.

The game between No. 5 Florida State and No. 6 Miami was scheduled to be the only prime-time game on Labor Day.

"I hope it still works, but it sure doesn't look good," Wetherell said.

Frances, a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph top sustained winds, was due near Florida's Atlantic coast late Friday or early Saturday.

The threat of the hurricane forced Hampton and Jackson State to move their season opener Saturday from Orlando's Citrus Bowl to Virginia.

Other Florida schools were waiting to see Frances' progress before deciding what

to do about their season openers. No. 11 Florida hosts Middle Tennessee State on Saturday night, while Savannah State and Bethune-Cookman play in Jacksonville.

Florida International also plays against Jacksonville on Thursday in Miami.

In baseball, the Florida Marlins had not decided whether to postpone any of this weekend's three-game series against the Chicago Cubs. A possible solution could be a Friday doubleheader, with the third game played when the Marlins travel to Chicago for a scheduled three-game series Sept. 10-12.

"I hope it still works, but it sure doesn't look good."

T.K. Wetherell
Florida State
president

The Florida State League canceled its final three days of games in the East Division, starting Friday, but play in the West will continue. Daytona Beach-Vero Beach playoffs were to start Tuesday, but league president Chuck

Murphy said that could change if Frances damages stadiums.

Also Wednesday, the University of Florida men's basketball team postponed a weekend trip to the Bahamas. The trip will be rescheduled after this year.



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MLB

Cards' Ankiel may be ready for postseason play

Lefty hopes to join team soon after stint in minor leagues

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Next spring, the St. Louis Cardinals expect Rick Ankiel to compete for a spot in the rotation. Next month, he could show up on the postseason roster.

For now, just being in the major leagues is enough for the left-hander whose once-promising career was derailed for more than three years by wild pitches and reconstructive elbow surgery. September serves as bonus time for the former bonus baby, and for the team with the best record in baseball.

"Coming up here, it would be good to get back in a rhythm, get back in the game," Ankiel said Wednesday after being activated from the 15-day disabled list. "I think looking back on it I'll be more proud of myself when I look back 10 years from now and say, 'Wow,' you know."

There's already a definite wow feeling around the Cardinals — witness manager Tony La Russa's extremely rare presence in the bullpen for Ankiel's throwing session about 3 1/2 hours before St. Louis played the Padres.

"It was an impressive throw, by the way," La Russa said.

Even though 25-man rosters were frozen Tuesday, Ankiel, 25, is eligible for the playoffs because he was on the disabled list. When he takes the mound, it will be his first action in the majors since May 2001.

Much has happened since the second-round draft pick arrived with the Cardinals in 2000 as a 19-year-old phenom with 11 wins and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings to help St. Louis win the NL Central.

"The fact is, we don't win without him," La Russa said.

From the 2000 playoffs, when he threw nine wild pitches and walked 11 in four innings, it's been almost all bad news. He was 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA and 25 walks in 24 innings when he was demoted to the minors in May 2001, and he missed the entire 2002 season with a sprained elbow.

In July 2003, he was 2-6 with a 6.29 ERA at Double-A Tennessee when he found out he needed reconstructive elbow surgery.

Some of Ankiel's teammates are on the lookout for reporters who won't let the past go.

"I think, speaking for myself, if that happens it's going to be ugly in here," center fielder Jim Edmonds said. "I don't think our guys are going to stand for it, and hopefully he won't have to

go through it."

Ankiel said, simply: "You know what, let's talk about now."

Last month, the comeback began. In seven starts at three minor league levels he showed he was ready for another shot, going 2-1 with an 0.79 ERA, no wild pitches and only two walks in 22 2-3 innings.

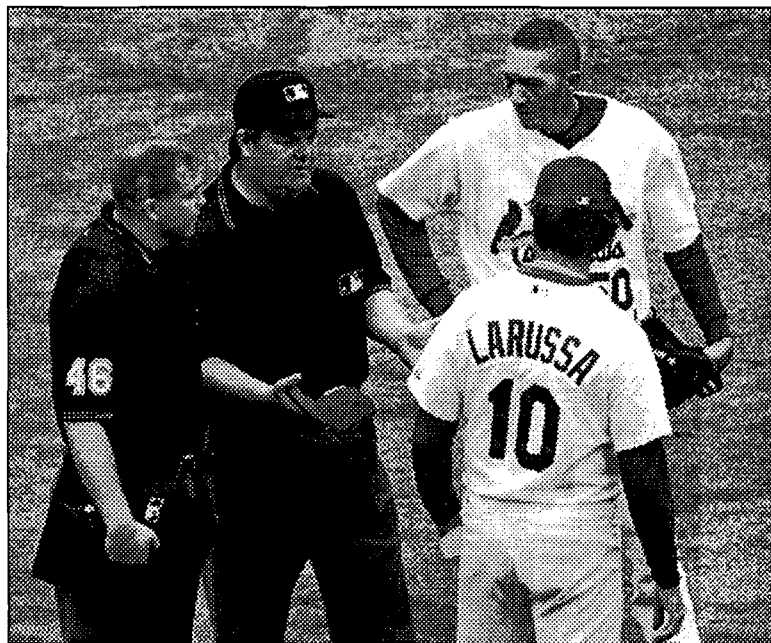
"It's been good and I think the main thing is to make sure I can go out there and throw pain-free," Ankiel said. "It's been going that way and I just want to continue."

The Cardinals will treat Ankiel just as they did Matt Morris in 2000 following his reconstructive elbow surgery, pitching him every few days. Just like Morris then, whatever happens now with Ankiel, 2005 is more important.

"Remember that Matt's future was as a starter, so we didn't want to do anything during that period of relieving that would take away from him getting into the winter with a full program and being able to come to spring training ready to go," La Russa said. "So that means we're going to watch him closely here and use him hopefully with good sense."

"It's for now and for later."

After his ordeal, the present is plenty for Ankiel. He can't daydream about completing his climb with a successful postsea-



AP
Tony La Russa argues with umpires Aug. 20 as Julian Tavaréz looks on. La Russa is excited for pitcher Rick Ankiel to return.

son that could help erase his 2000 misadventures.

"I'm not really going to look that far down the road, I'm just going to try to look at now," Ankiel said. "I can't control the past and I can't control the future, so I'll just try to worry about today."

It helps that he's not really needed. The Cardinals had a 15 1/2-game lead and a magic number of 16 in the NL Central going into Wednesday night, so

there shouldn't be any pressure.

"It's like a dream, the things these guys are doing day in and day out," Ankiel said. "It's like they haven't slowed down one bit. It's unbelievable for my eyes."

All the better scenario for Ankiel to clean the slate and begin his second career.

"I was always impressed his rookie season," La Russa said. "He was special then and he's special now."

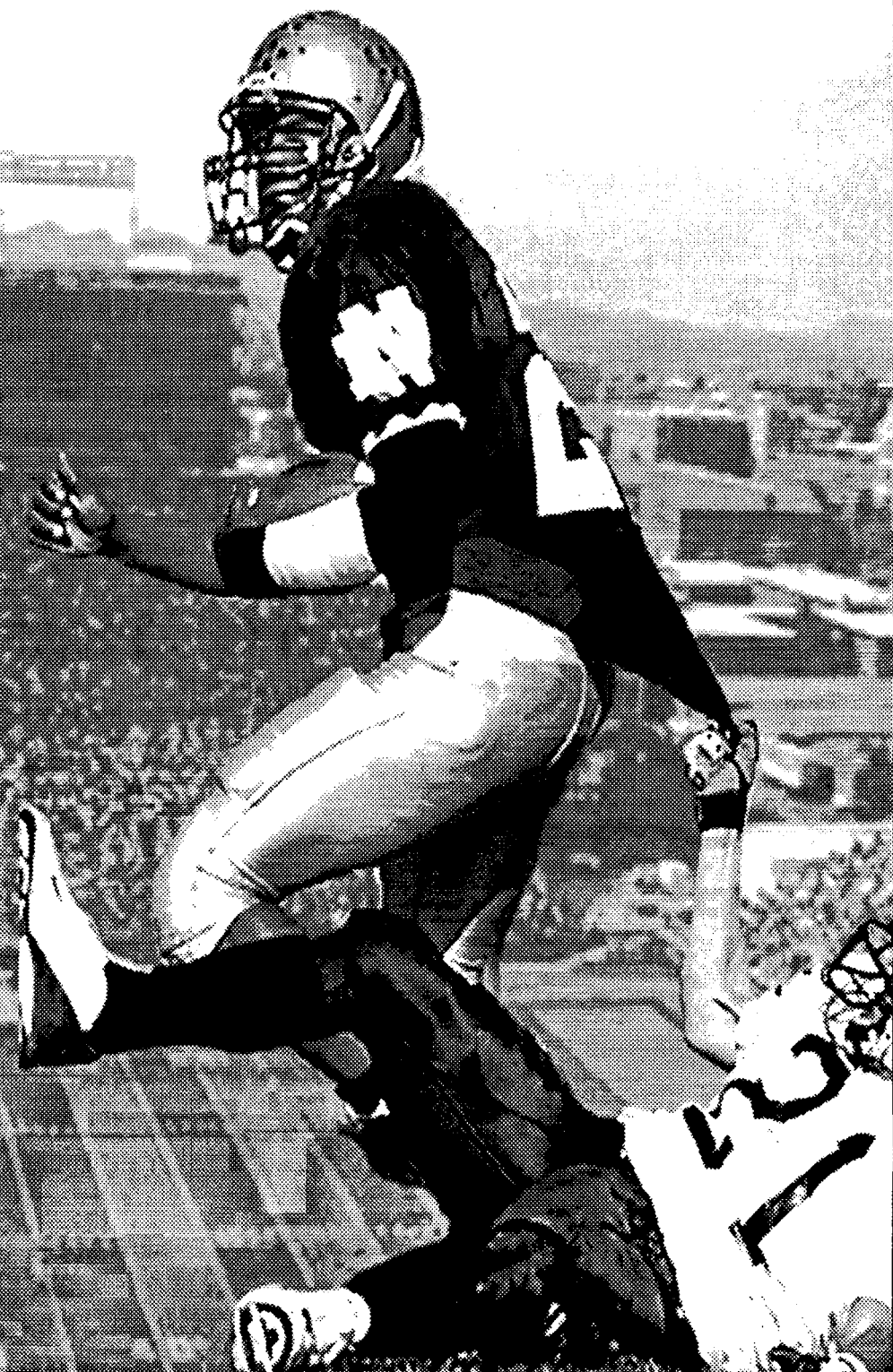
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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Indiana expected to name new AD

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University President Adam Herbert is expected to name a new athletics director at a news conference Thursday on the Bloomington campus.

Media reports indicated the finalists included Army's Rick Greenspan and Wisconsin's Jamie Pollard.

IU officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday night. Earlier this week, search committee chairman Ken Beckley said Herbert was waiting to make his decision until several references returned from the Athens Olympics. Beckley did not identify any of the candidates.

Both Greenspan and Pollard would bring strong fund-raising skills to Bloomington, where the athletics department faces a \$2 million deficit.

Greenspan has led Army's athletics department for six years. During his tenure, Army has upgraded its facilities, adding a multimillion-dollar football press box and lights at Michie Stadium. He also signed a radio deal that expanded Army's reach into the New York market.

He served as Illinois State's athletics director from 1993 to 1999. He also spent one year as associate athletic director at the University of Miami, eight years at California-Berkeley, three years at Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a year at the University of New Hampshire.

Pollard has served as the senior associate athletics director at Wisconsin and is credited with devising a strategy that helped increase revenue by more than \$6 million.

The search for Indiana's fourth athletics director in five years began in May, when Herbert announced that Terry Clapacs would return to his primary job — vice president for administration.

Clapacs was named interim athletics director in November 2002 when Michael McNeely resigned after 16 months on the job. Clapacs continued to do double duty after interim President Gerald Bepko gave him the job for an additional year in April 2003.

McNeely had replaced Clarence Doninger, who retired at the end of the 2000-01 school year.

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MLB

Ichiro's total only most since '38

Associated Press

TORONTO — Ichiro Suzuki's 56 hits in August are still impressive — only they're not the most in a month by a major leaguer in 68 years as originally reported.

According to ongoing research by the Elias Sports Bureau, Suzuki's total is the highest in a month since Jeff Heath got 58 for Cleveland in August 1938.

When Suzuki got his third hit of the game Tuesday night for Seattle against Toronto, it was announced at SkyDome that he had matched the most since Cleveland's Roy Weatherly also got 56 in July 1936.

The Mariners based their information on work by independent researcher David Stephan. Elias, baseball's statistician, found Heath's mark on Wednesday.

"Either way it's phenomenal," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said. "Fifty-six hits in a month just doesn't happen."

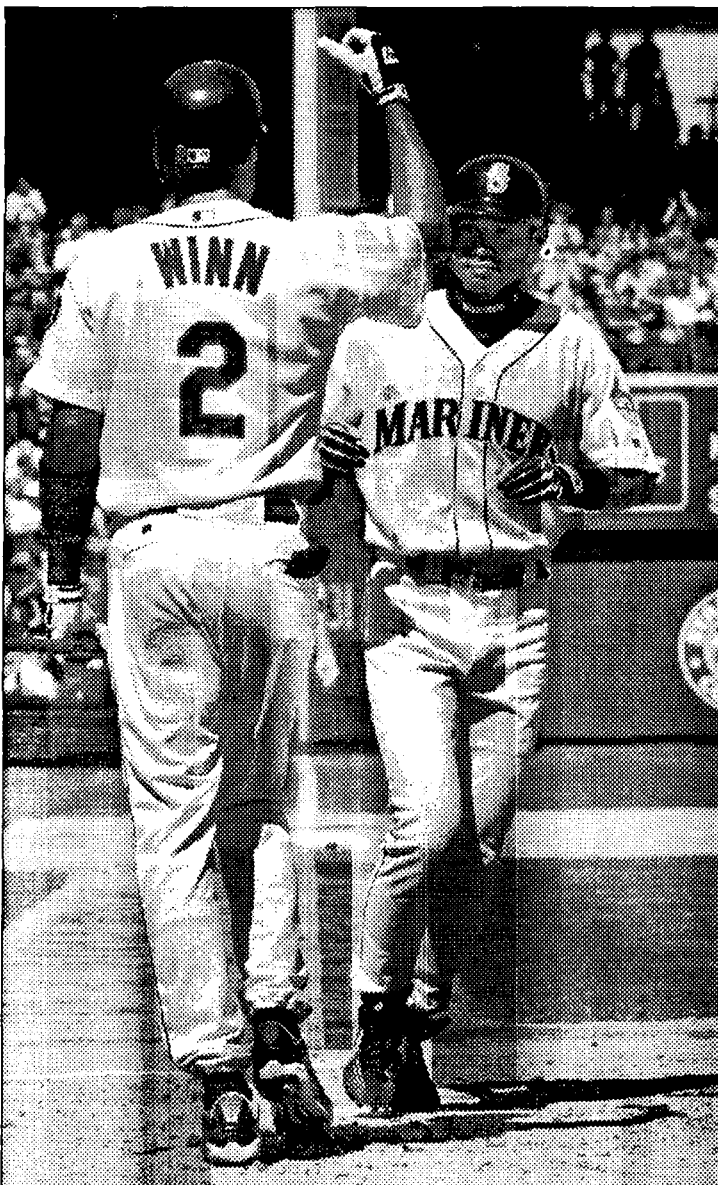
The major league record for hits in a month is unknown, Elias said.

Coincidentally, Heath and Weatherly were longtime teammates in the Indians' outfield. They both made their big league debuts in 1936 for Cleveland at age 21.

Weatherly got off a great start after joining the Indians in late June 1936. The next month, he got those 56 hits on his way to batting .335 that season.

Heath was a two-time All-Star with Cleveland. Boosted by his big month, he hit .343 in 1938 with 112 RBIs, and led the AL with 18 triples.

Heath and Weatherly



Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki, right, is congratulated at home plate by Randy Winn after hitting a solo home run on Sunday.

played together in the Indians' outfield through the 1942 season.

With 212 hits through Tuesday night, Suzuki is pursuing George Sisler's major

league record of 257 hits in a season, accomplished in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns. The Mariners had 31 games left going into Wednesday night's game at Toronto.

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Canada wins second in 2 days

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Ryan Smyth scored two goals to lead Canada to a 5-1 victory over Slovakia on Wednesday night in the World Cup of Hockey.

Canada, which beat the United States 2-1 on Tuesday night, improved to 2-0 in the tournament and is now guaranteed a home game for the quarterfinals next Wednesday in Toronto.

Martin St. Louis of the Tampa Bay Lightning had a goal and an assist while Boston Bruins center Joe Thornton and Philadelphia Flyers forward Simon Gagne also scored for Canada.

Martin Cibak scored in the third period for injury-riddled Slovakia, playing its first World Cup.

Canada played without defenseman Ed Jovanovski, who will miss the rest of the tournament with a strained right knee. Defenseman Wade Redden also left the game early in the third period with an undisclosed injury.

The Slovaks, already missing Zigmund Palffy, Michal Handzus, Peter Bondra and

Ivan Majesky to injuries, got another setback on Wednesday when Montreal Canadiens forward Richard Zednik was hospitalized with food poisoning.

Slovakia made a surprise decision to start Rastislav Stana in goal instead of usual No. 1 Jan Lasak and saw him beaten twice in the first five minutes.

Thornton stripped defenseman Zdeno Chara in front of the Slovak net and scored 3:02 into the game. Smyth added his first goal when he beat Stana at 4:43, and the route was on.

Canada closes out round robin play on Saturday against Russia in Toronto. Slovakia plays the United States Friday night in St. Paul, Minn.

Sweden 4, Czech Republic 3

Peter Forsberg, Mattias Ohlund and Henrik Zetterberg each scored on the power play for Sweden, which nearly blew a four-goal, third-period lead before holding on for a win over the Czech Republic in the World

Cup of Hockey on Wednesday.

The victory clinched home-ice advantage for Sweden in the quarterfinals. Sweden is 2-0 in the four-team European pool going into Saturday's round-robin finale against archrival Finland, which shut out the Czechs 4-0 Monday.

Finland plays Germany away in Cologne on Thursday. The Czechs close out the round-robin portion Friday at home in Prague against Germany.

All four teams advance to the quarterfinals after round-robin play.

The Czechs had a chance to tie the game when, already with a man advantage, they pulled goalie Tomas Vokoun for an extra attacker with 1:48 left.

But the Czechs failed to capitalize on the two-man advantage. Mikael Tellqvist made two superb saves as the Czechs pressed in the Swedish zone.

The Czechs, now 0-2 in the tournament, outshot Sweden 18-2 in the last period and 40-20 overall.

MLB

Colangelo resigns ahead of schedule

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Jerry Colangelo resigned as chief executive officer of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday, four months ahead of schedule.

Colangelo, who agreed last month to leave on Dec. 31, will remain as chairman through the 2005 season and then serve as emeritus team executive, the club said. He also will have duties as a liaison between the team and major league baseball.

Colangelo was forced out on Aug. 6 by four businessmen who became majority owners two years ago. In the same power move, player agent Jeff Moorad was hired as Colangelo's replacement.

Moorad, who wasn't scheduled to become the CEO until Jan. 1, will now take over on Oct. 15.

"After spending time with Jeff and upon further conversation with the team's general partners, I am confident that Jeff is up for the task and am comfortable with him taking the reins of the organization," Colangelo said in a statement.

Colangelo brought a major league baseball franchise to Arizona in 1998, and the Diamondbacks won the World Series three years later. But he plunged the team into debt to sign the veteran players who beat the New York Yankees in the 2001 World Series.

That opened the way for partners from outside his personal circle to sign on, and eventually to his ouster.

Utilityman Greg Colbrunn, acquired from Seattle last winter for his second stint with the Diamondbacks, said Colangelo deserves to be remembered for his winning touch.

"He not only brought big-league baseball to Phoenix, he brought three division titles and one world championship, and it was while he was in charge," Colbrunn said. "The respect that he commands was well-earned."

Injured left fielder Luis Gonzalez, a former client of Moorad, had mixed feelings about the development.

"I'm excited for Jeff, and I'm going to miss Jerry at the same time," Gonzalez said.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs defeat Expos 2-1 in 11 innings to lead wild card

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Nomar Garciaparra scored the go-ahead run on Claudio Vargas' wild pitch in the 11th inning and Mark Grudzielanek added an RBI single to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 2-1 win over the Montreal Expos on Wednesday night.

Garciaparra hit a one-out single off Vargas (5-5) in the 11th. Sammy Sosa singled one out later and Ramon Martinez walked to load the bases.

Vargas bounced his next pitch in the dirt and past catcher Brian Schneider, allowing Garciaparra to come home with the game's first run.

Grudzielanek singled to center to make it 2-0, but center fielder Endy Chavez threw Martinez out at the plate to end the inning.

LaTroy Hawkins (4-4) allowed Chavez's RBI grounder in the bottom half of the inning, but held on for the win in two innings of relief.

Chicago, which won two of three in Montreal, holds a slim lead in the NL wild-card race.

Both starters contributed stellar efforts to keep the game scoreless.

Kerry Wood rebounded from his worst outing of the season, striking out 11 while scattering five hits in eight innings. It was the fourth time this season he has reached double digits in strikeouts, and the 41st time in

159 career starts.

Wood allowed eight runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings in a 15-7 loss to Houston on Saturday.

Marlins 5, Mets 4

Paul Lo Duca hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning, Mike Lowell homered and the Florida Marlins won their sixth straight with a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

Florida, which began the day three games behind Chicago and San Francisco in the NL wild-card race, won for the ninth time in 11 games to move seven games over .500 for the first time since June 23.

Ismael Valdez (12-7) won his third game in five starts since the Marlins acquired him from San Diego at the trade deadline. He allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings for his 100th major league victory.

Guillermo Mota got five outs, and Armando Benitez entered to boos from the crowd at Shea Stadium before pitching a perfect ninth for his NL-leading 40th save in 43 opportunities. The former Mets closer has 10 saves against New York this season.

Benitez has not allowed a hit to the 30 batters he's faced since returning from the disabled list on Aug. 13, and he has pitched 12 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings.

Wilson Delgado tied a career

high with three hits — including his first homer in almost two years — and drove in a career-high four runs for the Mets, who have lost five straight and 10 of 11.

With the Marlins trailing 4-3 with two outs in the sixth, Lo Duca gave them the lead against Tom Glavine (9-11).

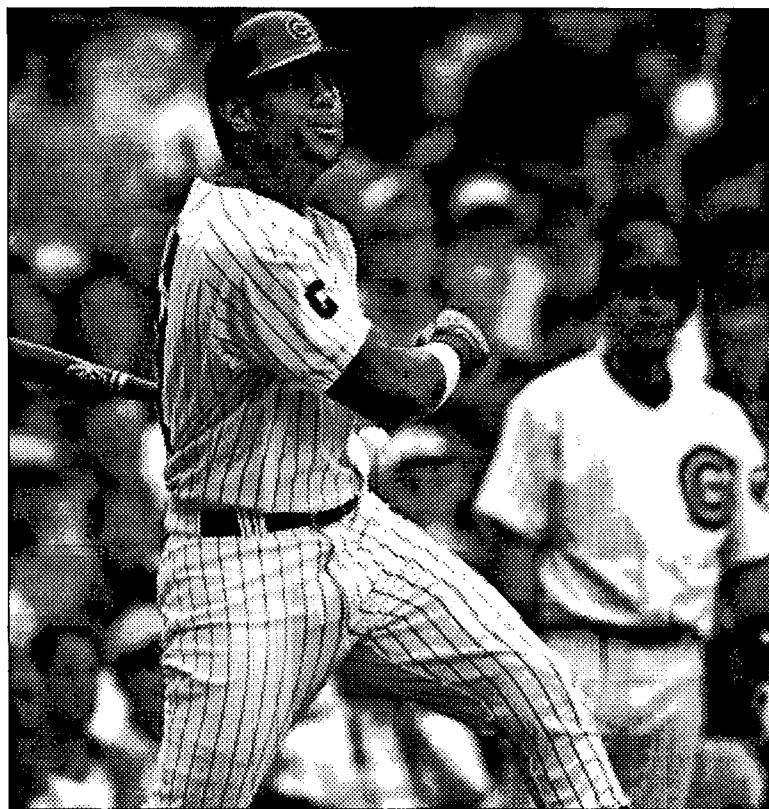
Juan Encarnacion hit a lead-off single, but was erased on Alex Gonzalez's groundout. Mike Mordecai, pinch-hitting for Valdez, sent a liner down the right-field line and into the corner for a double to put runners on second and third. After getting Juan Pierre on a grounder back to the mound, Glavine walked Damion Easley to load the bases.

Braves 7, Phillies 2

Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones each hit a solo homer, and Jaret Wright pitched six strong innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 7-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

The Braves swept the two-game series and hold a 13 1/2-game lead over the third-place Phillies in the NL East. It seems hard to believe now that the Phillies and Braves were tied for first in the division after splitting a two-game series July 19-20.

With a brand new ballpark and a \$93 million payroll that included a new All-Star closer, a revamped bullpen and a prom-



Sammy Sosa watches a home run hit during an Aug. 27 game. Chicago defeated Montreal 2-1 in extra innings on Wednesday.

ising starting rotation, the Phillies were favorites to finally overtake Atlanta in the NL East.

Instead, for the 13th straight year, the Phillies and everyone else are looking up at the Braves.

Most of the fans filed out after that, with some screaming for

top prospect Gavin Floyd, who makes his big league debut Friday. The novelty of the new park has worn off — there were several large patches of blue seats throughout the stadium in what was expected back in April to be a standing-room only crowd.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees recover and defeat Indians 5-3

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The scoreboard was reset to zero, all the runs and hits from the previous day wiped away. Orlando Hernandez and Jorge Posada then went out and restored some order at Yankee Stadium.

A night after Cleveland's offense set records, El Duque

limited the Indians to three hits in seven innings and Posada hit a go-ahead, two-run homer that led the New York Yankees over the Indians 5-3 Wednesday.

When Travis Hafner hit an RBI single in the first inning, the Yankees left the bases loaded in the bottom half and Boston spurted to a four-run

lead against Anaheim at Fenway Park, New York's AL East lead over the Red Sox looked to be in danger of shrinking to 2 1/2 games, down from 10 1/2 on the morning of Aug. 16.

But the Yankees, sent to their most lopsided loss ever in a 22-0 rout Tuesday night, rallied when Posada homered off C.C. Sabathia (10-9) in the fourth. John Olerud added a solo homer later in the inning, and Miguel Cairo hit another in the seventh off David Riske for a 4-1 lead.

Hernandez (6-0), becoming the Yankees' ace at age 38, was just the second New York starter to win in 17 games since Aug. 13. Pitching against the team he beat in the key fourth game of the 1998 AL championship series, he struck out seven and didn't allow a runner past second base after the first inning.

Following Tuesday's shocker, fans were greeted by inspirational messages on Yankee Stadium sign boards and scoreboards, including: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Yankees owner George Steinbrenner released a statement, part of which appeared on some of the boards.

"Sure, we got punished badly last night, but winners never quit and quitters never win," Steinbrenner said. "New Yorkers never quit, and we reflect the spirit of New York."

New York got off to a fast start at the plate, with Bernie

Williams singling and Jeter doubling him to third. But Blake threw out Williams at the plate on Gary Sheffield's grounder to third, and Alex Rodriguez struck out on a 3-2 pitch in the dirt. After Posada's walk loaded the bases, Hideki Matsui grounded out.

Sabathia, 1-6 against the Yankees in his career, allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 4, Mariners 2

Frank Menechino hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning, and David Bush pitched seven strong innings to help the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2 Wednesday night.

Ichiro Suzuki, chasing George Sisler's major league record for hits in a season, went 2-for-3 and has 214 hits. He has 30 games left to break Sisler's mark of 257 hits set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Bret Boone hit a two-run homer for the Mariners, who had their season-high five-game winning streak snapped.

Menechino homered off Ron Villone (5-5) to lead off the seventh. After Vernon Wells walked and advanced to third on Villone's errant pickoff attempt, Carlos Delgado hit an RBI single to give Toronto a 4-2 lead.

Bush (3-3) allowed two runs on five hits, while striking out six and walking three. The rookie right-hander has allowed three earned runs or fewer in each of his last six starts, and in nine of 11 outings overall.

Justin Speier pitched the ninth inning for his second save in five chances.

Bush pitched five scoreless innings before Suzuki led off the sixth with a single. One batter later, Boone homered off the facing of the second deck in right field to give Seattle a 2-0 lead.

Delgado singled in the bottom half before Alex Rios chased Seattle starter Gil Meche with an RBI triple. Eric Hinske followed with a sacrifice fly off Villone to tie it a 2.

Orioles 8, Devil Rays 0

Javy Lopez drove in four runs, Daniel Cabrera became the first rookie to win 10 games this season, and the Baltimore Orioles held the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to two hits in an 8-0 victory Wednesday night.

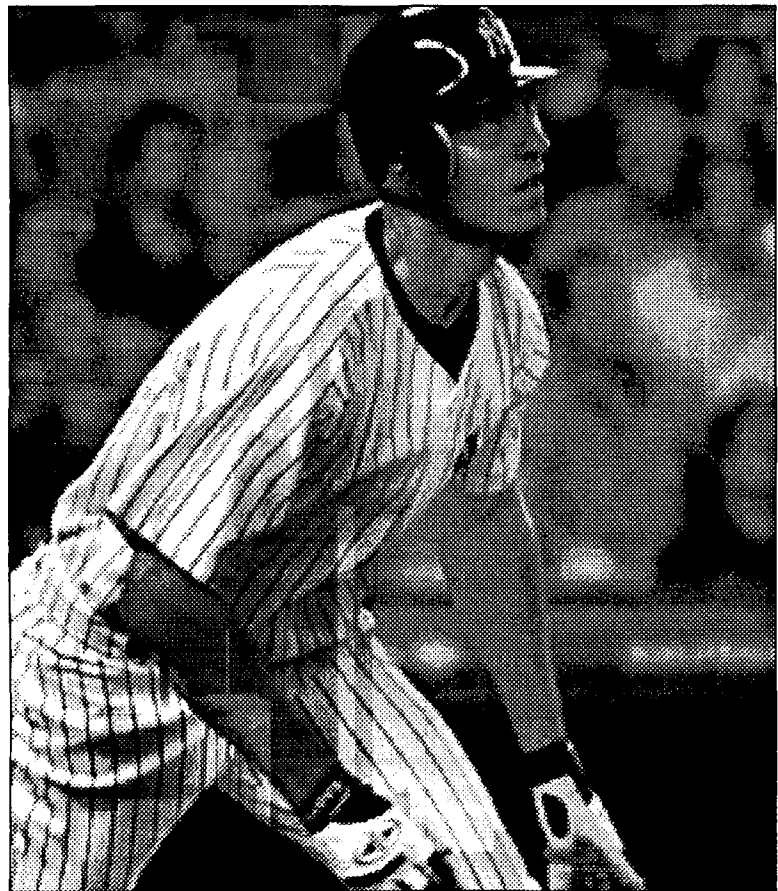
Cabrera (10-7) sent Tampa Bay to its fifth straight loss. He allowed two hits, six walks and struck out three in 6 1-3 scoreless innings, an improvement over his last three starts. He had allowed 20 runs and 20 hits over his past 8 2-3 innings.

Val Majewski and Jose Leon each had RBIs in the ninth.

Cabrera departed after loading the bases with one out in the seventh on three walks. Williams entered and induced an inning-ending double play from Julio Lugo.

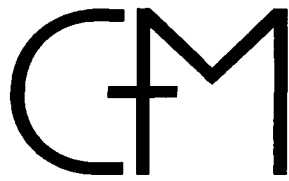
The Devil Rays also loaded the bases in the third with two outs, but failed to score when Jose Cruz Jr. struck out.

Tampa Bay was 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.



John Olerud of the New York Yankees watches his home run against the Cleveland Indians. The Yankees won the game 5-3.

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what's happening

friday 09.03

Latino Freshman Retreat
Friday - Saturday
Oakwood

saturday 09.04

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Retreat
Saturday-Sunday
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Mass

5:15pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

sunday 09.05

Mass

10:00am & 11:45am
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA Info Session

1:00-2:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

sunday 09.05 (cont)

Protestant Student
Information Session
2:00-4:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

tuesday 09.07

Lector Workshop
8:30pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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10:00pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

wednesday 09.08

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10:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

considerations...

Fulfillment, Completeness & Trips to Meijer...

by Brett J. Perkins

Director, Protestant Student Resources & Peer Ministry

Along with those important decisions about just how to arrange your furniture and when to make yet another run to Meijer, another thought might have crossed your mind. Maybe it came to you last Sunday, as you heard the Basilica bells out your open window at the seemingly ungodly hour of 10:00 am. Perhaps it came to you when you were daydreaming in one of your classes, and found your gaze unexplainably transfixed on the Man hanging upon the cross. Or maybe you heard the stomp of men and women heading downstairs toward your hall chapel last Sunday night. Regardless of when it hit you, the question is the same:

"How is God going to fit into my new life now that I'm away at college?"

For many students, given the newfound freedom you have at college, you are no longer under the watchful gaze of your parents. No longer are they close by so as to assure your spiritual nourishment each week. But now what? What will you do now that nobody is "taking attendance"? I propose three responses to the above questions:

Option #1. **Do nothing.** Now that your family is out of the picture, cease and desist all faith-based activities, whether out of rebellion, protest against some Church teaching you find particularly unsettling, or simple indifference to organized religion.

Option #2. **Continue with the bare minimum.** Make it to Sunday services, barely squeaking in before the Gospel reading. Whatever you do, don't sing. Daydream through the homily. Receive Communion, but then leave immediately following. From the time you leave the church or chapel, do nothing to deepen your faith until the next Sunday, at which time you *might* decide to venture back to chapel.

Option #3. **Embrace the Decision to GET INVOLVED.** You realize that now is the time for you to take on the yoke of faith for yourself. You realize that at an institution so steeped in faith, surrounded by so many resources devoted to supporting the choice you've made to follow Jesus, you are more poised than ever to take on the responsibility for your faith. You understand the loss that it would be to graduate from the world's foremost Catholic-Christian university, with a degree that shows your developed aptitude in your area of study, while still possessing the same level of faith development that you had when you first arrived.

Over the course of this year, take the time to commit yourself to exploring all that Notre Dame Campus Ministry has to offer you. Challenge yourself to experience new forms of prayer and praise, perhaps by attending /Four:7/ on Wednesday nights (10:00pm, CoMo Lounge). Search out traditional forms of prayer that might be new to you...the rosary, Bible study, Eucharistic Adoration, singing in a choir. Learn more about your faith and why you hold to the beliefs you do. And if you're not Catholic, don't fall into the trap of thinking that there's nothing for you at Campus Ministry. Learn about the many programs we offer for prayer and fellowship with other Christians. Attend our **"What if I'm Not Catholic?"** session this Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm in the CoMo Lounge. And if you want to find a church off-campus, we can help with that too.

As a Notre Dame graduate, I know well the stress that accompanies the rigorous academic programs offered at our university. I know the added burden of trying to maintain a social and extracurricular life. I know the headaches that can sometimes be caused by family and friends, roommates, and residential life in general. But despite all these stresses, a greater question emerges: **how will I find fulfillment and completeness during my years at Notre Dame?** All the elements you need are here; knowledge, faith, understanding, and a deeper sense of self-identity and self-worth are all within your grasp, surrounding you in this place.

As you finalize the floor plan that is just right for that closet-sized room, as you make that last big trip to Meijer, I challenge you to open your eyes to the many opportunities available for you to embrace all that Christ Jesus has in store for your life. As you continue to seek fulfillment and completeness in life, keep in mind one insightful prayer by St. Augustine, written in 397:

"Our lives are restless, Lord, until they rest in You."

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.

Rev. Patrick H. Maloney, csc

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Rev. Patrick H. Maloney, csc

11:45 p.m.

Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

Around Campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.

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St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.

Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.

MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

10:00 p.m.

Rejoice! Mass
Coleman-Morse
Chapel

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Wisdom 9: 13-18b

2nd: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:15-33

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attacks to go along with 164 kills and 126 digs.

"Everyone had strengths and weaknesses during the game," Gary said. "Michelle Turley played very strong up front, while Shelly Bender played well all-around, both in the front and the back."

Today Saint Mary's begins the regular season as it takes on the Scots of Alma College at 7:00 p.m. The home opener will be the Belles' first game in conference play. League play is one area the team struggled with last year, finishing 2003 with a 5-10 record.

A win is extremely important for the Belles who hope to take their first step towards a title.

In 2003, Alma College finished the season on top of the MIAA. They compiled a 13-1 record in the conference and finished with an overall record of 31-6. The Scots beat the Belles in four games during the season.

"[Today] versus Alma we will go in very enthusiastic and excited," Gary said. "It's our first game, and it begins MIAA competition, and we will take the positives from the scrimmage and focus on our strengths."

On Saturday, Saint Mary's will travel to the University of Saint Francis where it will play at 2:00 p.m.

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TENNIS

Williams' outfit catches attention

Associated Press

NEW YORK— Wearing what she described as her "micro-mini" outfit, third-seeded Serena Williams advanced to the third round of the U.S. Open on



AP
Serena Williams hits a shot yesterday at the U.S. Open.

Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Lindsay Lee-Waters.

It was not easy, the former Open champion said.

"It was a great test," Williams said. "She hits the living daylights out of the ball. She was killing everything."

Williams said she felt at ease in the first two rounds of the open, relaxed and calm with nothing to lose.

And as for her outfit — a black, studded tank top that revealed her midriff and matching tight shorts — she simply smiled.

"I have another surprise for the next match," she said.

Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo almost got surprised, dropping the first set to Julia Vakulenko. But Mauresmo recovered to win the match 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Mauresmo overcame 34 unforced errors and 10 double faults and finished the match with her fourth ace.

"I started very slow in the first set," said Mauresmo, who won the silver medal at Athens. "I'm looking forward to improve my game because I am not satisfied now."

Gustavo Kuerten, the former French Open champion who was seeded No. 20, was a first-round loser, beaten by Kristian Pless 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4). Kuerten was done in by 40 unforced errors.

Earlier, fourth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt began his Open with an efficient 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Wayne Ferreira in the 57th and final Grand Slam tournament for the veteran South African.

Hewitt prevailed comfortably and when it was over, Ferreira, 32, confirmed that he's done with tournament tennis.

"I've been doing this a long time," he said. "It's difficult to get up and train as hard as I'd like to. It's time for me to move on and do something else."

Ferreira made 43 unforced errors and never had a break-point opportunity against Hewitt, the 2001 champion who arrived at the Open coming off two straight championships and has won four events this year.

Just as Hewitt was finishing off Ferreira, Mark Philippoussis was forced to retire in the fifth set against Nikolay Davydenko when his body betrayed him again.

Philippoussis, a finalist at the Open in 1998, has battled a litany of knee injuries. There have been three oper-

ations on his left knee and he has synthetic cartilage in the knee. Tendinitis in the knee led to a first-round defeat at the Olympics against Oliver Rochus, but this time the trouble was in his left hip.

After winning the first set 6-1, Philippoussis split the next two. At 4-4 in the fourth, he called for the trainer. Laying face down on the court, he grimaced as the

hip was massaged. He lost the set and it just seemed a matter of time before he would be forced to retire.

Once dismissed as a serious player when he lost 21 straight

matches, No. 23 Vince Spadea posted his first win at the Open since 2002 by defeating Luis Horna 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. He has lost in the first or second round of this Grand Slam event seven times, including his last three appearances. His ranking dipped to 229 in 2000, in the midst of his losing streak.

But Spadea stayed with his game, battling his way back. He won his first career title at Scottsdale earlier this year and even though he made 50 unforced errors, he won the match and that was something he wasn't always able to say.

Earlier, Daniela Hantuchova took another step back up the tennis rankings ladder, defeating No. 17 Alicia Molik 6-4, 6-3.

Ranked as high as No. 5 in the world last year, Hantuchova had tumbled to No. 32 and was facing a formidable opponent in Molik, who came into the Open with the bronze medal from the Athens Olympics.

But Hantuchova, a runner-up at Eastbourne and a quarterfinalist at the Open warmup in New Haven, used effective drop shots and played confident, aggressive tennis to pull off the upset. She was almost flawless on her approaches to the net, winning 17 of 20 points.

Beaten by Patty Schnyder at Athens, Hantuchova looked steadier than she had in her first-round match, when she dropped the first set and then came from behind to defeat Camille Pin, winning the last two sets in tiebreakers.

There was no need for those kind of dramatics against Molik.

Hantuchova next plays No. 15 Schnyder, who defeated Iveta Benesova 6-4, 6-1. In other early matches, No. 31 Maria Vento-Kabchi defeated Julia Schruoff 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 and No. 12 Ai Sugiyama defeated Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-4. Dulko beat Martina Navratilova at both the French Open and Wimbledon this year.

No. 14 Fernando Gonzalez, a double medalist at the Olympics, made a quick exit, losing to Robin Soderling 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (4), 6-1. Gonzalez won the doubles gold with Nicolas Massu and the singles bronze at Athens.

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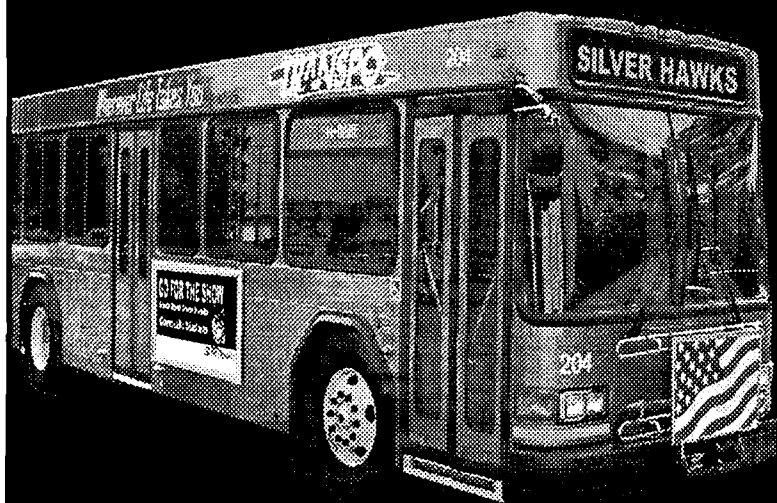
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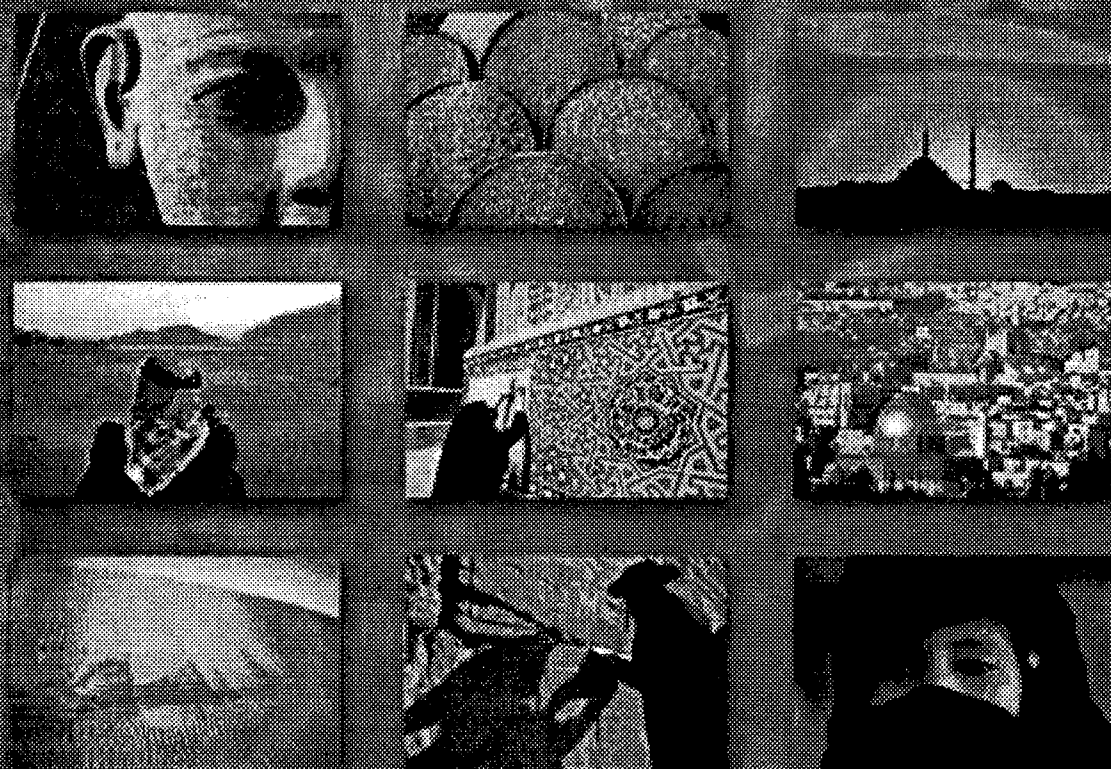


The United States and the Middle East:

Do We Face a “Clash of Civilizations”?

the inaugural first year of studies academic convocation

September 23, 2003
Joyce Center Arena — 7:30 p.m.



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Welcome
Eileen Kolman
Dean, First Year of Studies
Introduction
Scott Appleby
Professor of History and
Director of the Kroc Institute for
International Peace Studies

7:40 p.m.

**Panel 1: What is the Heart
of Islam?**
Gabriel Reynolds, Theology
Cynthia Mahmood, Anthropology
Sarah Wheaton, First Year Student
Questions

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**Panel 2: Do We Face a “Clash of
Civilizations”?**
Kathleen Collins, Political Science
Terence Fitzgibbons, Senior,
Arts and Letters
Michael Francis, Political Science
Questions

8:40 p.m.

Panel 3: The Gift of Dialogue
Joseph Amar, Middle East Studies
and Theology
Paul Franks, Philosophy
Amad Judeh, Senior, Arts and Letters
Questions

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Eileen Kolman

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caught a 59-yard touchdown in which he amassed several yards after the initial reception.

"I'm ready to play," he said. "I'm trying to do it all now. They have me in there in all kinds of situations, but I just want to go out there and make plays."

Schmidt, a former walk-on who got his start playing inter-hall football for Zahm Hall, emerged last year as a receiving threat — making 13 receptions for 125 yards — while also showing his skills as an aggressive blocker. He figures to battle Powers-Neal and junior Nate Schiccatano for playing time at fullback this season.

"It's definitely friendly competition [between Rashon and I]," Schmidt said.

"That's not to say we don't try hard and get after each other everyday, but we go out there and our mindset is to go out and play hard and let the coaches decide who plays."

Schmidt, whose Briar Crest High School (Tenn.)

team went to the state finals three years in a row, was not recruited by Notre Dame, but elected to attend the school anyway for its academic reputation.

"Honestly, when I came here, I wasn't planning on playing football," Schmidt said. "When I walked on I didn't think I'd make the team, when I made the team I didn't think I'd ever get to play, so I'm very happy

with where I am.

"The coaches here are great. They tell you when you first get here, they don't care who you are, the best player is going to play. So being a walk-on, it's encouraging for you, because you know if you go out there and work hard, and if things fall into the right places that they're going to give you a shot."

Schmidt maintained his scholarly aptitude even after joining the team in 2001, and was awarded the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award in 2003.

For this season, though,

Schmidt would like to focus more on brawn than brains.

"I just want to improve as a blocker, because I know that's something I need to improve on coming out of last year," he said. "I want to improve as a lead blocker and also get a little bit better

at catching the ball out of the backfield."

Notes

♦ D.J. Fitzpatrick, who kicked two 50-yard-plus field goals in Friday's scrimmage, is expected to be the starting kicker and punter when Notre Dame kicks off its season against BYU Saturday.

"We are still analyzing our position and looking at each of the candidates day-to-day, but I

believe that right now our punter in this ballgame would probably be D.J. Fitzpatrick," Willingham said.

Fitzpatrick, who started eight games in 2003 as the kicker and punter, was expected to compete for the starting position with sophomore Geoffrey Price.

♦ Notre Dame is tentatively looking at a plan that might increase the number of home games from six to seven, beginning in 2009.

Teams such as Nebraska and Ohio State have recently scheduled as many as eight home games in a season, while Notre

Dame has maintained its policy of playing a roughly equivalent number of home and away games, but that policy might be in the process of changing.

"I would think it's a great advantage to have another home game," Willingham said Tuesday.

♦ It was still undecided as to whether linebacker Brandon Hoyte, who injured his arm in a recent practice, would start the BYU game as of Willingham's conference Tuesday.

Corey Mays is expected to replace Hoyte if he is unable to perform Saturday.

"Corey has been a real delight in our program," Willingham said. "He's willingly [improved his knowledge of the defensive scheme] and put himself in position, where now if you looked at our linebacking corps, we would have a rotation of four and not just three starters."

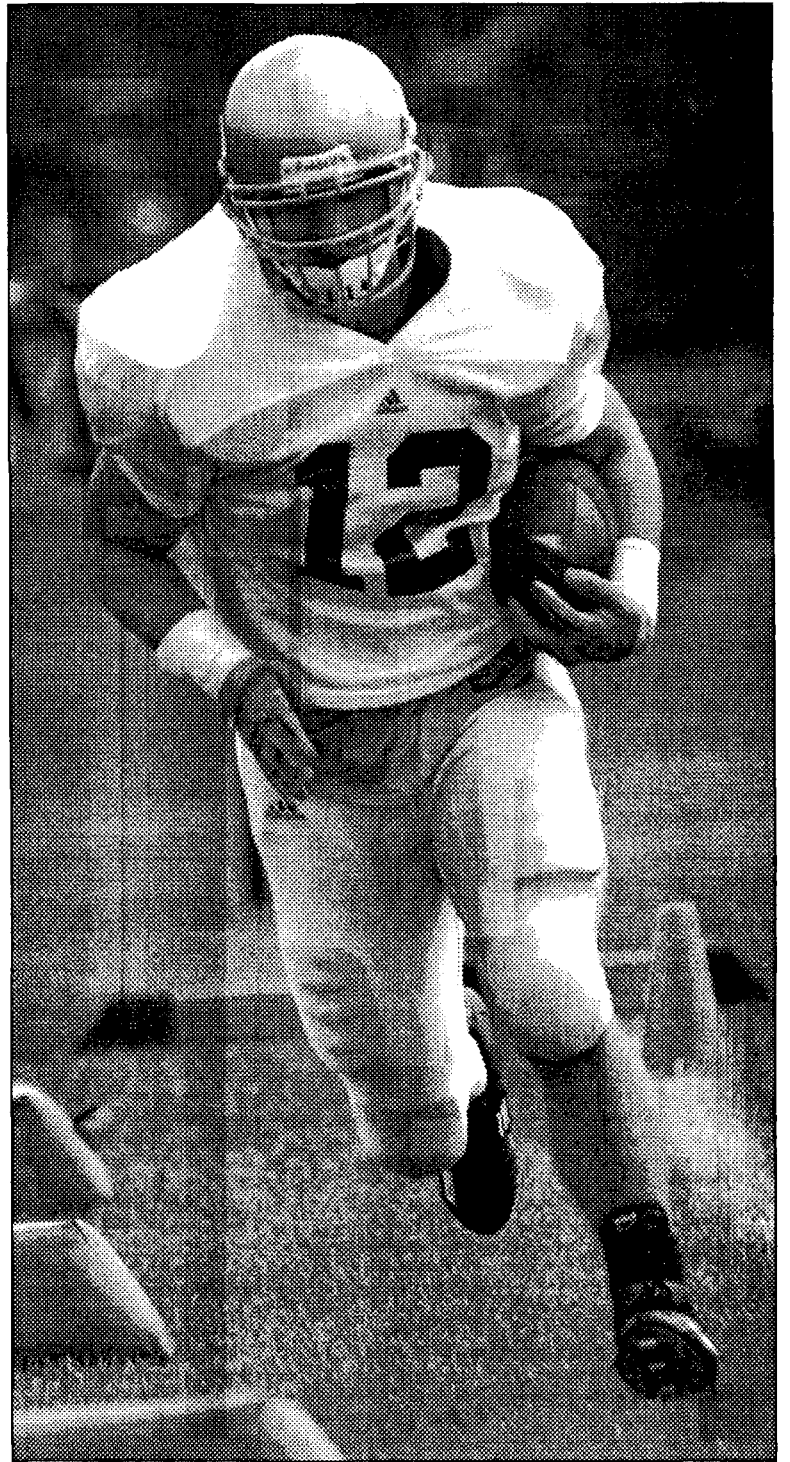
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Rashon Powers-Neal
Irish fullback



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Fullback Josh Schmidt runs through a drill during fall practice. Schmidt was recently awarded a scholarship.

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Freshman

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contributing four kills and 14 digs.

Brown said her combined efforts spurred the Irish on to victory.

"She plays defense as well as anyone in the program," Brown said of the freshman who was a four time All-American in high school.



Stasiuk

"We really struggled in game three because she felt a little sick and had to sit out. She does a lot of little things that make a difference. We really noticed the difference when she was out."

Despite such a poised demeanor on the court, Stasiuk admitted that inside, she was full of pregame jitters.

"I was really, really nervous and anxious because it was my first collegiate game," the Park Ridge, Ill. native said. "When I was sitting in class at the end of the day, I kept thinking about the match."

On Brown's wish list for Stasiuk this season is minimizing this sense of anxiety.

"I want her to be more comfortable with her role on the team so she can do what we need her to do on the team," she said. "It's really important for our freshmen to realize that it's still volleyball. While the balls are hit faster at this level, it's just a game at the end of the day."

The freshman's next test will come in this weekend's match against No. 2 Nebraska. It's no secret that defeating the Cornhuskers will be a daunting task.

But Stasiuk anticipates the challenge.

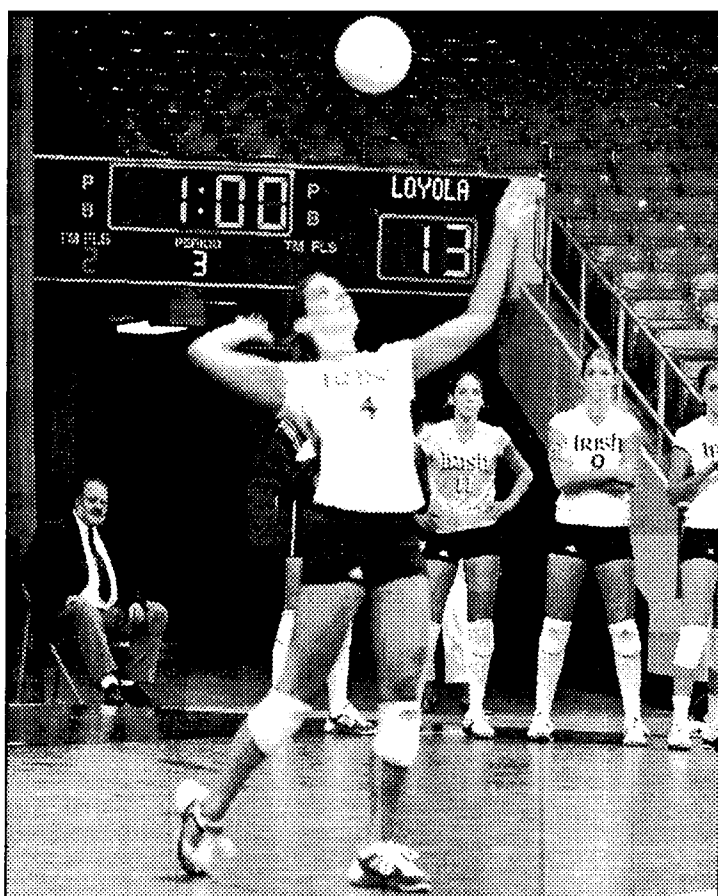
"We're really excited for the Nebraska match," she said. "I'm not as nervous anymore because we're the underdogs in that match, so we don't have anything to lose."

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DAVE ROONEY/The Observer

Adrianna Stasiuk passes the ball against Loyola. The freshman played well in the opener.



DAVE ROONEY/The Observer

Meg Henican serves Wednesday night in a match against Loyola. The Irish won their season opener at home.

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"We were just out of rhythm," she said.

Loyola continued its strong play and exploited Notre Dame's lack of cohesiveness to post a 30-17 game three victory.

Game four was by far the most hotly contested of the night as the Irish won a squeaker, 30-28. Kills by Loomis and Henican helped the Irish stay just ahead of the Ramblers as Notre Dame clung on to leads of 7-6 and 11-9 early on in the game.

An ace by Lauren Kelbley gave the Irish a solid 24-19 lead late. However, Loyola forced Notre Dame to work for the win as the Ramblers made it close. Fortunately for the Irish, Emily Loomis scored the final point to give Notre Dame the third game and the match.

Afterwards Brown said that she wasn't surprised by the good showing from Loyola.

"I anticipated that [Loyola] would play well," she said. "They are a good team."

The middle combination of Loomis and Brewster gave the Ramblers fits all night long and Brown was impressed with their play.

"It's hard when you're a hitter on the other team to go up against them," she said.

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Debbie Brown
Irish coach

Another aspect of the game Brown was happy with was the fan support, especially that shown by the vocal Irish men's swim team. The swimmers cheered wildly for the Irish all night long and celebrated the win by singing the Victory March in their Speedos.

"It was a good atmosphere here tonight," said Brown. "The swimmers especially had a lot of enthusiasm."

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An Irish Athletic Packed Weekend!

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7:30 pm: Notre Dame vs. Stanford (Alumni Field)

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#25 Volleyball Gold Game

7 pm vs. Nebraska (Joyce Center)

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#2 Women's Soccer

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Tom Mendoza and colleague Mike Riley are the kick off speakers. Tom Mendoza (ND '73) is President of Network Appliance, a leader in the growing network-attached storage market. To support higher education and the University of Notre Dame, Tom Mendoza and his wife Kathy endowed the College in March 2000. Mike Riley, a top systems engineer at Network Appliance, and a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame, will join him.

To facilitate maximum dialog, the event will be limited to 40 students. We will accept reservations on a first come, first serve basis by email to jcalder2@nd.edu.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Striking first

No. 25 Irish prevail in season opener against Loyola at home

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

It's a start. That's one way Irish coach Debbie Brown might describe Wednesday night's opening victory over Loyola Chicago.

"We were a little inconsistent tonight but I also saw a lot of good things," Brown said after watching her team win the first two games, then lose the third before finally finishing off the Ramblers in a four-game victory at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame appeared ready to steamroll its way to an easy match win as aces from Adrianna Stasiuk and Meg Henican helped them to take game one, 30-24.

Outside hitter Emily Loomis had two key spikes to put the Irish ahead 14-8 midway through game two as her teammate Lauren Brewster aided the Irish attack with an impres-

sive kill. She extended her whole body backwards to make solid contact with the ball and send it flying over the net giving Notre Dame a 22-11 lead. The Irish cruised from there to win game two 30-19.

"I thought in game two we came out really, really strong," Brown said. "Emily Loomis was hitting the ball really well, and I thought she showed good promise."

Game three was a totally different story for the Irish as Loyola played with much more intensity than they had in the first two games. Though smaller and less athletic than Notre Dame, the Ramblers used hustle and strong serving from outside hitter Courtney Ashley to take an early 20-10 lead. Brown took a couple of time-outs to try and rally the Irish, but they didn't work.

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DAVE ROONEY/The Observer
Freshman setter Ashley Tarutis calls a play Wednesday night in an Irish win over Loyola in the season opener.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Chicago defeats Belles in 3

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles got their first taste of competition Wednesday night as they took on the University of Chicago.

The game was a good way for the team to see where it stands going into the 2004 season. A year ago, Saint Mary's started its preseason against the Maroons and faced them again during the regular season — winning in three straight games.

"Tonight, the score really didn't show what the team was trying to accomplish," defensive specialist Michelle Gary said after the match in which the Belles were swept in three games. "We we're just trying to mix up the offense and find out our strengths."

A few bright spots were especially seen in the play of a couple of much improved juniors. Outside attacker Michelle Turley, who did not see much action last year, had a very good game. Middle hitter Bender also did a great job, picking up right where she left off at the end of last season. Bender ended the 2003 campaign with 510 total

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Freshman hitter Stasiuk steps up in first college game

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Adrianna Stasiuk doesn't look like a freshman.

Judging by her performance against Loyola Chicago Wednesday night, Stasiuk could

have easily been mistaken for a seasoned veteran. The freshman starter played fearlessly, diving and pivoting for each loose ball as if it were a fragile commodity.

"She has great instincts for the game and she's very, very quick," Irish coach Debbie

Brown said of her 5-foot-10 freshman. "It's her agility and quickness that make the plays. She sets a lot of balls and her serving, passing and defense are all very strong. She's a really steady player all-around."

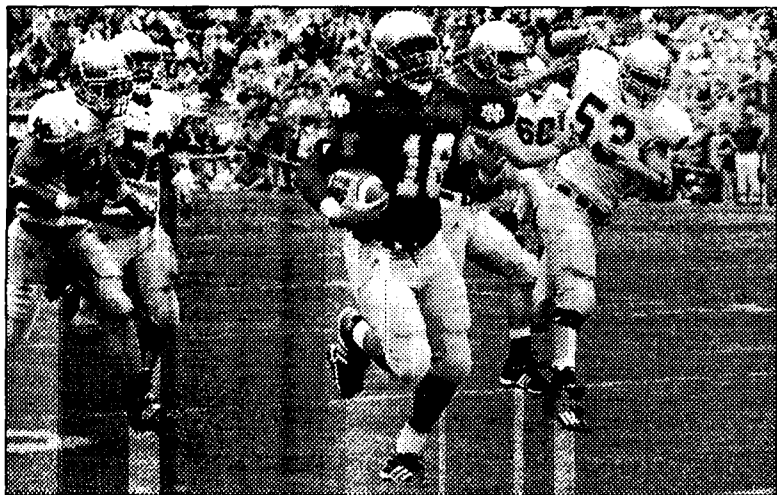
Stasiuk made an impact in all corners of the court Wednesday

night. In addition to serving five aces — the most made by an Irish player since Kristen Kinder had five against Kentucky in 2001 — Stasiuk frustrated the Rambler offense with her presence at the net,

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FOOTBALL

Fullbacks must be multi-faceted for Irish



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Rashon Powers-Neal breaks away in the spring game in April. He hopes to lead the fullbacks for the Irish.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Fullback is one of those positions that sounds easier than it is. An accomplished fullback has to be multi-talented, able to do much more than just act as a lead blocker.

This is especially true in Notre Dame's pro-style offense, which involves the fullback in a variety of running and receiving plays. The fullback is seen as a safety-valve receiver, or a way to

change up the running game — and proficiency in all aspects of the position is key in the Irish offense this year.

"Everyday, I try to get something to work on," said Rashon Powers-Neal, who along with Josh Schmidt was one of the two starting fullbacks in the 2003 season. "There's always some aspect of my game to improve, whether it's blocking, catching or running with the ball."

Powers-Neal, who rushed for 15 yards on four rushes last

year and made seven receptions for 50 yards, is a former tailback who ranked second on the team in rushing in 2002 behind Ryan Grant. Powers-Neal changed positions last season and could perhaps see spot duty as a reserve tailback this year.

Whatever the position, Powers-Neal is ready to contribute to the offensive side of the ball and has done much preparation in getting ready for the season.

Widely considered to have been one of the standouts of 2004 spring practice, Powers-Neal showed his versatility in the Blue-Gold Game, where he

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