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The Show returns to campus today

Annual concert will feature hip-hop duo The Cool Kids, pop-punk band Good Charlotte

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The Joyce Center Arena will be filled with students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross tonight to see multi-platinum rock band Good Charlotte and the lesser-known rap duo The Cool Kids at The Show 2008.

Junior Matt Barloh, the chairman for The Show 2008, told the Observer via e-mail that: "The Show 2008 is special because, in Good Charlotte, it has a headliner with greater name recognition than any other performer in the history of The Show."

The Cool Kids, a hip-hop duo

with a 1980s style, are "the next great" hip-hop artists, Barloh said. According to The Show press release, they have collaborated with chart-topping rapper Lil' Wayne and were labeled one of Rolling Stone's Top 10 Artists to Watch in 2008.

The Show has a history of bringing up-and-coming artists to campus in recent years. Last year's lineup featured OK Go and rapper Lupe Fiasco.

The Cool Kids are "more of an obscure band," freshman Mary McAllister said. "I've never heard their music, but I've heard good things about them."

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross students cheer for the musical stylings of Lupe Fiasco, OK Go, and DJ Diplo during last year's The Show on Sept. 7, 2007.

University extends holiday

Council adds day to Thanksgiving break

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Talk of turkeys is still far off in the distance, but at Notre Dame, Thanksgiving will come early this year.

The University's Academic Council, which consists of many University officials, including University president Fr. John Jenkins, voted to add the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the Thanksgiving recess, extending Notre Dame's typical Thanksgiving holiday by one day.

"One of the driving factors is that we are a national University, and you would expect that students would want to be with family at the Thanksgiving holidays ... and we were going all the way through Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so it's hard to get out of South Bend," University Registrar Harold Pace said.

During Freshman Orientation Weekend, Anthony Travel, the travel company with an office located in the basement of LaFortune, promoted its services while informing parents of incoming students about the new recess days, said Mary Kowalski, the vice president of travel service-

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Cell companies respond to complaints

Verizon, AT&T invest in new antennas in attempt to boost service for students on campus



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Mike Kelly, left, and Ryan McCune take advantage of Verizon's and AT&T's expansion of cell phone service.

By JOHN PAUL WITT
News Writer

In response to numerous complaints from cell phone users on campus, telecommunication giants Verizon and AT&T have been placing numerous antennas on various buildings in order to help boost reception on campus.

Notre Dame has been the beneficiary of AT&T's installation of "a distributed antenna system on campus that will allow for better in-building wireless coverage and increased capacity for voice

and high-speed data services," Chris Bauer of AT&T Indiana said. This consisted of an initial 16 antennas across campus, with an additional 17th antenna installed later to increase reception in the area from McGlenn Hall to Alumni Hall.

According to Bauer, AT&T has invested \$65 million in the state of Indiana, and plans to launch a new high speed data network known as "3G" in South Bend in the coming months.

Verizon Wireless has also

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SMC puts recycling bins in dorms

Move part of new effort to increase environmental awareness

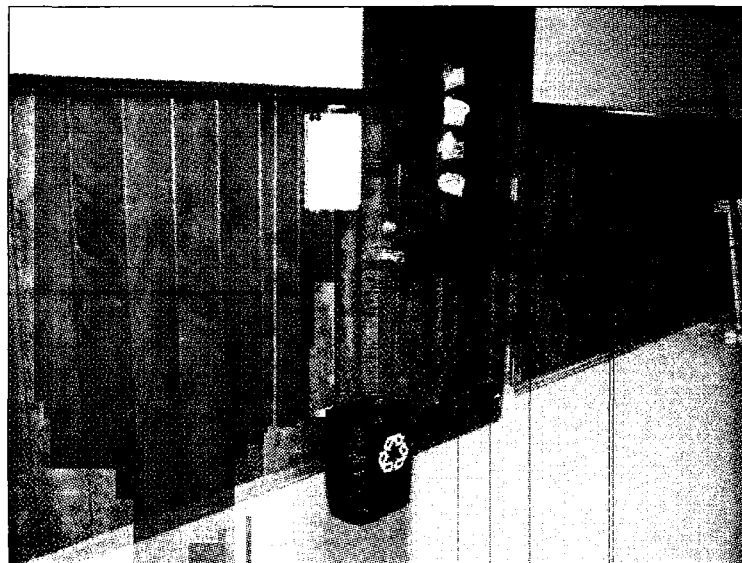
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

With the every-growing emphasis on environmental awareness, Saint Mary's is working to improve the recycling on campus by placing blue bins in every student's dorm room.

Saint Mary's administrators hope the move will encourage more students to recycle.

"In the past, the students were somewhat lax in putting the recycling where it should be. We often found trash in the recycling bins," director of Building Services Marilyn Rajski said.

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LIZ HARTER/The Observer

One of the newly issued recycle bins sits outside of a dorm room in the third annex of LeMans Hall.

Clubs recruit new members at fair

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Hoping to woo new freshmen, 98 campus clubs and outside organizations introduced themselves to Saint Mary's students at the College's annual club fair Thursday night in the Angela Athletic Facility.

The Board of Governance (BOG) campus clubs commissioner Becky Whitaker began planning the event last spring, and said she was pleased with the turnout.

"I walked around to a lot of tables and everyone had a good turnout. I love this night," she said. "I love that

everybody wants to get involved."

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski agreed that the turnout was excellent this year.

"We had t-shirts at our [student government] table," Gruscinski said. "We had a lot of people stop and pick one up."

The student government table also had sign-up sheets for first year students interested in running for class president. That election will take place on Thursday, Sept. 11, elections commissioner Francesca Johnson announced at Wednesday's

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INSIDE COLUMN

Popping the bubble

One year ago last week I became what those in the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame bubble call "townies."

With the exception of three weeks spanning the last few weeks of July and first few of August and regularly scheduled academic breaks (Fall, Christmas and Spring) I have resided in this fair city of 107,789 people (according to the 2000 census).

While my induction into townie life was unintentional — I never expected to spend 47 of the past 56 weeks here — it was unavoidable as I spent 10 weeks of my summer as a features intern with the

Liz Harter

Saint Mary's Editor

South Bend Tribune. I lived on the first floor of a house located on the edge of one of the many ghettos South Bend has to offer off of Lincoln Way West.

Spending so much time in South Bend - especially over the summer when there aren't football games and student nights at Club Fever, The Backer and Rum Runners to distract me - I learned how to successfully and quickly navigate the one-way streets of downtown and discovered many new things about the city and surrounding area which I'm going to share with you to potentially pop the lovely bubble in which we live. Pick a place and check it out sometime.

◆Thistleberry Farm: Located just outside South Bend at 61391 Mayflower Road this farm is a great place to go on non-football weekends in the fall. It doesn't cost much money to wind your way through the extensive corn mazes cut into the fields here. The main maze this year is called Lost in Space and it takes, on average, an hour and 45 minutes to go through it. If you're directionally challenged, however, like my friends and I are you could potentially visit this maze for an entire afternoon and not find your way out.

◆Battell Park: I'll admit I would never have found this one on my own. I had to cover a story at the band shell at this park for the Tribune this summer and my roommate and I ended up spending an entire evening revisiting our childhood at this Mishawaka park located at 301 North Mishawaka Ave. It has a beautiful rock garden and a playground with an excellent old-school merry-go-round that can make your stomach feel like it's in your throat. Mishawaka also has a three-mile walking trail by the river if you're looking for someplace to walk off-campus.

◆Potawatomi Zoo: While this zoo is no Lincoln Park it's pretty good for a smaller city. They have animals that I've never seen before like the Golden Lion Tamarin and the Golden Mantella. They also have a collection of tortoises that were racing each other when I visited on the Fourth of July. They move a lot faster than I thought they would...

◆Erskine Village: This collection of stores on the south side of the city (Ireland Road) provides a welcome shopping alternative during busy weekends on Grape Road and Main Street. Even though the Target here is smaller than the one on Main Street it's worth the 10 minute drive to avoid crowds.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Liz Harter at eharter01@saintmarys.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE SHOW THIS YEAR?



Caitlin Hildebrand

senior off-campus

"Matt Storey bought a ticket, so everyone should go."



Jordan Delpalacio

senior off-campus

"It's alright."



Annie Scully

sophomore PW

"All I can say is, I remember rocking out to Good Charlotte in grade school."



Matt Storey

senior off-campus

"Guaranteed to be both cool and good."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Michelle Byrne, right, recruits new volunteers by handing out fliers on South Quad for the Center for Social Concerns Thursday.

IN BRIEF

The welcome back picnic for graduate students will be today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fischer O'Hara-Grace (FOG) Graduate Residence Parking Lot. There will be free food, music, games and prizes.

Jordana Mendhelson, Associate professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at New York University, will give a lecture today on documentary and visual culture in Spain during and after the Spanish Civil War at 1:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center of International Studies.

The Show featuring multi-platinum rock band Good Charlotte and Chicago hip-hop duo The Cool Kids at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse today.

The Student Activities Office is hosting illusionist Mike Super, the winner of NBC's Phenomenon, Saturday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall for an interactive magic experience. Super will make an audience member levitate four and a half feet off the ground with absolutely no connections of any kind. He will also make it snow from his bare hands.

Activities Night will be held Tuesday, September 2, at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The event, which showcases Notre Dame's undergraduate clubs, is sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

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

OFFBEAT

Overly honest ad attracts new nanny

NEW YORK — It was an unusually honest ad for a live-in nanny, a 1,000-word tome beginning, "My kids are a pain." But it worked, attracting a brave soul who's never been a nanny before.

"If you cannot multi-task, or communicate without being passive aggressive, don't even bother replying," Rebecca Land Soodak, a mother of four on Manhattan's Upper East Side, wrote Aug. 19 in her advertisement on Craigslist.

"I can be a tad difficult

to work for. I'm loud, pushy and while I used to think we paid well, I am no longer sure."

This being the age of instant communications, the ad took on a life of its own, making the rounds of parenting blogs and e-mail inboxes and inspiring an article in Thursday's New York Times.

Falling baby saved by disposable diaper

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A disposable diaper has saved the life of an 18-month-old boy, breaking his fall from a third-floor

apartment window, officials said Thursday.

Caua Felipe Massaneiro survived a 30-foot (10-meter) fall because his diaper snagged on a security spike embedded in the concrete wall around his apartment building in the northeastern Brazilian city of Recife.

The boy dangled from the spike for a moment, then "the diaper opened and the baby fell to the ground, but at a much slower speed," a police officer said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 85 LOW 62	HIGH 65 LOW 57	HIGH 68 LOW 40	HIGH 68 LOW 40	HIGH 68 LOW 40	HIGH 68 LOW 40

Atlanta 90 / 69 Boston 73 / 60 Chicago 79 / 67 Denver 85 / 55 Houston 95 / 75 Los Angeles 87 / 67 Minneapolis 80 / 55 New York 76 / 62 Philadelphia 80 / 65 Phoenix 106 / 84 Seattle 71 / 55 St. Louis 84 / 70 Tampa 92 / 77 Washington 79 / 66

ND History Dept. No. 1 in ACLS Fellowships

Special to The Observer

If recent history repeats itself, University of Notre Dame historians will enjoy looking to the future.

Over the last three years, Notre Dame's Department of History has won more research fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) than any other university in the country and, in fact, has accumulated 20 external fellowships over that time period, more than a dozen of which are from agencies used by the National Research Council (NRC) to assess the strength of humanities departments.

A federation of 70 national scholarly organizations, the ACLS is the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the humanities and related social sciences.


Ahead of all other Top 25 research universities, Notre Dame's history department has earned six ACLS fellowships since

2005, compared with four for Brown University; three each for Harvard, Yale and Vanderbilt Universities; two each for Stanford, Princeton and Northwestern Universities; and one for Columbia University.

"I think my colleagues have been so successful because they bring an unusual combination of erudition, originality and ambition to their work," said Thomas Noble, professor and chair of history and a past recipient of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and Fulbright fellowships.

This year's ACLS honorees are planning academic leaves to immerse themselves in their research.

John Van Engen, Notre Dame's Andrew V. Tackes Professor of History, is working on a major reinterpretation of the intellectual and cultural life of 12th century Europe. He also is the recipient of a 2008 NEH research fellowship.



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Alumni Assn. to present awards

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Alumni Association will present four awards during ceremonies on campus this fall.

The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Award honoring distinguished public service will be presented Sept. 4 to Percy A. Pierre, a 1961 Notre Dame graduate, University Trustee and former Michigan State University vice president.

Pierre, who earned his master's degree from Notre Dame and doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, is recognized as the first African-American to earn a doctoral degree in electrical engineering.

In 1969, Pierre began a series of administrative posts in government and higher education. He was the principal architect of the national minority engineering effort after he co-chaired the 1973 National Academy of Engineering (NAE) Symposium. He also served as the program officer at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for minority engineering for which he developed and funded many organizations, including the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science Inc. (GEM program), which was housed for 30 years at Notre Dame.

Pierre left academia in 1977 to become an assistant secretary for research, development and acquisition in the U.S. Department of the Army. He managed some \$10 billion annually for the research, development and production of weapons systems for the Gulf War. He returned to academic service in 1983 as president of Prairie View A&M University and served as vice president of research and graduate studies at Michigan State from 1990 to 1995.

Currently a consultant and board member in the areas of management and education, Pierre also is director of CMS Energy Inc., the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, and TracLabs Inc.

Carolyn Manning, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate and founder of the Welcome to America project in Phoenix, will

receive the Family Exemplar Award recognizing distinguished community service Sept. 4.

The Welcome to America project is a response of solidarity following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which claimed the life of Manning's brother-in-law. Acknowledging the connection the U.S. felt with those suffering throughout the world, she started the project as a way to reach out through a bridge of understanding between newly arriving refugees and her volunteer corps. Since 2001, Welcome to America has delivered furniture and household items totaling some \$500,000 to 500 refugee families.

Manning earned a master's degree in public administration from Seattle University in 1992 and, since 1987, has served her community as a crisis worker, case manager and manager. Her strong belief in the goodness of humanity has aided her determination to make every individual feel welcome in society.

Bryant Young, a 1994 Notre Dame graduate and former Irish and professional football player, will receive the Harvey G. Foster Award during a halftime ceremony at the Notre Dame-San Diego State game Sept. 6. The Foster Award is given annually to a Notre Dame graduate distinguished for athletic endeavors and community service.

An All-American defensive tackle for the Irish, Young played for 13 years with the San Francisco 49ers before retiring last year with 89 career sacks. His NFL accolades include Defensive Rookie of the Year, four Pro-Bowl and All-Pro honors, selection to the 1990s All-Decade Team and Comeback Player of the Year after suffering a potentially career-ending leg injury in 1999. Last year, Young's teammates voted him the winner of the Len Eshmont Award, the team's most prestigious honor for inspirational and courageous play, for a record eighth time. No other player in 49ers history has won the award more than twice.

Young and his wife, Kristin (also a 1994 Notre Dame graduate), established the Young Dreams Foundation, which benefits youth organizations in San

Francisco and Chicago. The supports summer youth football camps and college tuition for San Francisco Bay-area students. In addition, the Youngs have established several scholarships at Notre Dame for San Francisco and Chicago students.

For his philanthropic efforts, Young was named USA Today's Most Caring Athlete in 2000 and was nominated as one of the 10 Most Influential African-Americans in the Bay area.

The Rev. William Corby, C.S.C., Award honoring distinguished military service will be presented to Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry A. "Trey" Obering, a 1973 graduate, during a halftime ceremony at the Notre Dame-Stanford game Oct. 4.

Director of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Obering serves as the acquisition executive for all ballistic missile defense systems and programs. He joined the Air Force in 1973 after graduating from Notre Dame's ROTC program.

During more than three decades of service, Obering has established himself as an effective leader in engineering operations. He worked extensively with the Space Shuttle program, participating in 15 launches as a NASA orbiter project engineer and was responsible for integrating firing room launch operations.

Prior to his position in the MDA, Obering served as the mission area director for information dominance where he planned and programmed 68 joint Air Force and international programs. He also has served in Top Gun, Air-to-Air and the F-4E Replacement Training Unit.

Obering, who plans to retire from the Air Force in January, earned his master's degree in astronautical engineering from Stanford University. His military education includes the Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal.

Ford brings European cars to America

Associated Press

MICHIGAN — It seems like an easy solution: Americans are looking for more fuel-efficient vehicles, so Ford Motor Co. is bringing over some of the small, gas-sipping cars it's been selling to Europeans for years.

But introducing the cars to the U.S. market isn't as simple as changing the speedometer from kilometers to miles. Ford has to reconcile American and European safety regulations — everything from the color of rear turn signals to the positioning of crash test dummies — that will keep the cars from hitting U.S. highways anytime soon.

Competing interests among automakers, governments and the insurance industry are hampering efforts to standardize safety requirements worldwide. That means extra engineering to make different versions of vehicles for different markets.

"Each party negotiating this has their own views about their own standards being better," said Ronald Medford, senior associate

administrator of vehicle safety at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which sets U.S. standards. "But as long as we can show we're not lowering safety and we're lowering cost, we're all interested in that."

Some differences are significant, like the U.S. rule that requires protection for passengers not wearing seat belts, which has no European equivalent. Others are small, like the U.S. requirement that vehicles have side lights, which are optional in Europe.

Ford isn't the only automaker facing this issue. The ultra-compact Smart car was sold overseas for nine years, but before Daimler AG could bring it to the U.S., it had to make the car longer to meet U.S. crash standards, spokesman Ken Kettenbeil said.

But Ford's promise to bring six small, fuel-efficient vehicles from Europe and start building them in North America in 2010 puts a new focus on the challenge of satisfying governments' varying requirements.

These global models are the cornerstone of Ford's plan to

return to profitability after losing \$8.7 billion last quarter. The Dearborn-based automaker says its small European vehicles sell well and are superior to those in the U.S. Ford also plans to save billions from designing products for global sales, boosting profits on small cars, which don't generate the revenue of trucks and SUVs.

Automakers know how to retrofit their vehicles but question the time and expense involved when the changes may not make those vehicles safer, said Jim Vondale, director of Ford's safety office.

"It may involve changes to the structure, it may involve changes to material, but they result in not so many differences in the safety levels of the vehicles," he said.

Ford recently studied 43 regulations in Europe and the U.S. and found that just 11 were equivalent, Vondale said. Fourteen had major differences that would require significant changes. Asian countries' regulations, which are closer to European requirements than their U.S. counterparts, add even more complexities.



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Concert Announcement

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At: the Hesburgh Center for International and Peace Studies Auditorium,
University of Notre Dame

Tickets available at gate.

General Admission: \$10, AICMS Members and ND/SMC faculty: \$5, Students: FREE

Please note the date of our next concert:

Esha Bandopadhyay (vocal) & Partha Bose (sitar), Sunday, November 9, 7.30 PM

General Announcement

The AICMS had its annual general-body meeting on May 6, 2008. The new members of the Executive Committee were elected at the meeting. They are: Samir Bose (President), Vidula Agte (Vice President), Amitava Dutt (Secretary), Ganesh Vaidyanathan (Treasurer) and Umesh Garg (Member-at-Large and Program Coordinator). Subsequently, Prasant Kamat and Runa Mozumder were added as co-opted members of the Committee

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Fair

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BOG meeting.

"We've had about 30 people sign-up for that [so far]," Gruscinski said with about an hour left in the fair.

There were many service organizations from the South Bend community that took part in the fair, including the Center for the Homeless, the Women's Care Center, Logan Center and Saint Margaret's House.

While the event was attended by many first year students, upperclassmen attended to see what kind of activities were offered on campus.

"I went because, as a senior, I have a little more time to do extracurricular activities," Lindsey Appelquist said. "I wanted to see if there were any new clubs on campus that I didn't know about and would want to join. There were a lot of clubs (there) that I didn't even know we had."

"I went because, as a senior, I have a little more time to do extracurricular activities."

Lindsey Appelquist
SMC senior

Appelquist also said she liked the fact that some Notre Dame clubs, like the Tae Kwon Do club and the

Irish Club, came to Saint Mary's to promote their clubs as well.

"I appreciated the effort that Notre Dame's clubs put in to bring their clubs to our campus," she said.

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Holiday

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es at Anthony Travel.

The Thanksgiving weekend is typically the busiest travel weekend of the year, Kowalski said, but giving students the option to leave Tuesday or Wednesday morning could make traveling easier for many students.

To reach family for Thanksgiving, the general population usually travels late on Wednesday, due to work, Kowalski said, and in the past, Notre Dame students had to join the masses. Providing Wednesday morning and Tuesday evening as an extra day to travel could make it easier for students to find flights, she said.

People tend to fly, rather than drive, home for Thanksgiving, said Kayleen Carr, leisure manager for Anthony Travel, since the break is only a few days long.

The Thanksgiving recess has been changed four times in Notre Dame's history, Pace said. From 1898 through to the 1950s, classes were only cancelled on Thanksgiving Day itself. It is unclear from past academic calendars whether classes were dismissed for Thanksgiving prior to 1898, he said.

The calendar was changed in 1959, with classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, to resume the following Monday. In 1987, the holiday was declared to run from Wednesday through Sunday, but in 1990, the recess was

again changed to reduce the break to Thursday through Sunday. This recess schedule remained in place up through the fall of 2007.

Starting this fall, classes will only be held Monday and Tuesday during the Thanksgiving week. This year, Thanksgiving break starts Wednesday, Nov. 26 and lasts until Sunday, Nov. 30.

Every year, Pace said, he and others at the University would hear complaints from students and faculty about the short Thanksgiving break. Research showed that students were leaving Wednesday or earlier, even though the official start of the holiday recess was Thursday.

"We would walk through DeBartolo and see very few classes."

Harold Pace
University registrar

In an August 2007 letter to Burish, Pace cited research conducted by David Prentkowski, the director of Notre Dame Food

Services, that showed approximately 11,400 dining hall meals are served on a regular Wednesday, compared with 4,700 meals on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. Prentkowski's research showed the data was consistent over the previous three years.

Students weren't just skipping classes, Pace said, but professors were also cancelling them the Wednesday before Thanksgiving so students could get home.

"We could walk through DeBartolo Hall and see very few classes," he said. "We had some evidence that classes were not meeting very regularly [that day]."

The student body was notified last semester of the Thanksgiving schedule change, and reminded again in an e-mail this week from Pace.

Since the Perpetual Academic Calendar Rules of the University stipulate that each semester should include at least 70 class days, the Academic Council also decided to eliminate one reading, or study, day in December in order to meet the 70-day minimum rule.

The spring semester will include the standard four reading days, Pace said, with classes ending on a Wednesday and exams starting the following Monday.

In the course of its deliberations, Pace said, the Academic Council was worried that students might take the entire Thanksgiving week off now that classes are only scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

The University consulted with Saint Mary's, which provides Wednesday as part of the Thanksgiving holiday, and asked the registrar to survey faculty about whether their classes had full attendance on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The majority of the responses reported no attendance problems on these two days.

Last January, Burish sent a letter to the faculty clarifying the University's absentee policy.

"Contrary to common student lore, there is no University policy permitting students 'three free cuts, i.e. three unexcused absences from class without consequences,'" the letter said. "Deans, department chairs and directors should take the necessary steps to ensure the enforcement of University policies and procedures."

Pace said he hoped the clarification of this rule would ensure that students did not skip class on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

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Phones

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installed six antennas to increase reception for their customers and the company, Chief Technology Office Dewitt Latimer said. The antennas won't be noticed around campus, as they are hidden or camouflaged by existing art on the exterior of buildings, Latimer said.

Another beneficiary of the increased cell phone coverage has been the ND Alert notification system, which was designed to notify the Notre Dame community of severe weather or other danger that may affect campus.

"Because of these infrastructure improvements, we can send the 16,000 emergency text messages generated by the Alert system in about three minutes," Latimer said.

Aside from AT&T and Verizon, carriers such as Sprint, T-Mobile and U.S. Cellular have been approached by the University, but have deferred upgrading their coverage due to the large initial investment required, Latimer said.

"Since Notre Dame draws students from around the nation, it makes sense that most of our students use AT&T and Verizon, as they comprise over 85 percent of the market nationally," Latimer said.

Despite these upgrades, certain areas of the university remain with poor reception. Latimer said he is aware of the reception problems in newly created Duncan Hall, noting that the West Quad area has historically had poor reception. "Both Verizon and AT&T are working on upgrading coverage on West Quad and inside Duncan Hall in particular, but it's going to take some time," he said.

Because of the improvements in coverage, students often change their plans to AT&T or Verizon because they "go with what's best", Latimer said.

"We're seeing that students often come in under a family plan and then by junior year start to sign up for their own plans, and they of course are attracted to carriers that have better service on campus," Latimer said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Darfur rebels hijack plane in the air

LIBYA — Two Sudanese men, armed with handguns and the threat of explosives, stormed the cockpit of the Boeing 737, taking control just minutes into the flight. Passengers said the hijackers remained calm but they still spent a night in fear.

Once on the ground at a remote Libyan airfield, the hijackers demanded maps and enough fuel to reach France. But after 22 hours, the standoff ended Wednesday with the 95 passengers and crew let go and the gunmen surrendering in a run-down VIP lounge with a plea for asylum.

Thai prime minister's office overrun

BANGKOK — Thai anti-government protesters occupying the grounds of the prime minister's office forced several hundred policemen off the compound early Friday and promised more action in their bid to oust the leader.

Police exercised restraint when the demonstrators — some armed with golf clubs, batons and bamboo sticks — pushed up to 400 officers out of the Government House grounds at about 1 a.m.

Protesters celebrated by dancing to rock music, a sharp contrast to the tensions Wednesday before when they feared a raid and threw up makeshift barricades.

"We can relax now, but please be cautious, they might return soon," protest organizer Samran Rodpetch announced from a stage.

Thousands of supporters of the conservative People's Alliance for Democracy spent a third night encamped at Government House in support of their campaign to force Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej from office.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hurricane to hit the Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS — With Gustav approaching hurricane strength and showing no signs of veering off a track to slam into the Gulf Coast, authorities across the region began laying the groundwork Thursday to get the sick, elderly and poor away from the shoreline.

The first batch of 700 buses that could ferry residents inland were being sent to a staging area near New Orleans, and officials in Mississippi were trying to decide when to move Katrina-battered residents along the coast who were still living in temporary homes, including trailers vulnerable to high wind.

3 story scaffold collapse injures 16

SAN DIEGO — A block-long covered walkway next to a construction scaffold collapsed on Thursday, trapping and injuring 16 pedestrians, three critically.

About 25 people were on the walkway when its wooden walls and roof fell in, authorities said. Some scaffolding along the 3-story building also fell.

"The walls started moving, then the bang. Everything started coming down. Everyone started screaming," said Abigail Reckermann, 50, who went to the hospital with a swollen ankle.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy doctor accused of malpractice

INDIANAPOLIS — A doctor accused of improperly writing drug prescriptions and having sex with his patients was stripped of his medical license Thursday.

The Indiana Medical Licensing Board voted 6-0 to revoke Dr. Elmer Manalo's license following a two-day hearing. He would not be able to apply for reinstatement for seven years.

Manalo's license was suspended last September after Drug Enforcement Agency agents and police officers searched the cardiologist's offices in Greensburg and Cumberland, a town in eastern Marion County.

ELECTION 2008

Obama addresses convention

Democratic presidential candidate pledges to fix the broken politics in Washington

Associated Press

DENVER — Barack Obama, launching his historic fall campaign for the White House with an outdoor Democratic National Convention extravaganza, pledged Thursday to "fix the broken politics in Washington" after he defeats Republican John McCain in the fall.

"We are better than these last eight years. We are a better country than this," Obama said in excerpts of his acceptance speech released in advance of his speech.

Seeking to weld his Republican rival to the outgoing Bush presidency, Obama declared that McCain as a senator had voted with Bush 90 percent of the time. "I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change," he said.

"We meet at one of those defining moments — a moment when our nation is at war, our economy is in turmoil and the American promise has been threatened once more," Obama said in the excerpts.

He said it's time to change leadership in Washington after two terms of the Bush administration. "On Nov. 4," he said, "we must stand up and say: 'Eight is enough.'"

Obama said that more Americans now are out of work or working harder for less, more have lost homes or are watching home values plummet, have cars they can't afford, credit card bills they can't pay and tuition that is beyond reach.

"These challenges are not all of government's making. But the failure to respond is a direct result of a broken politics in Washington and the failed presidency of George W. Bush," he said.

Obama said he was setting a goal "for the sake of our economy, our security and the future of our planet," of ending dependence on oil from the Middle East



Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, speaks after making a surprise visit to the Illinois women's delegation luncheon in Denver.

in ten years.

Playing on Bush's assertion in his 2007 State of the Union address that the nation was "addicted" to foreign oil, Obama said, "Now is the time to end this addiction."

Obama also sought to ease any concerns Americans might have that he was not prepared to be commander in chief or that Democrats were not as trustworthy as Republicans on national security.

"We are the party of Roosevelt. We are the party of Kennedy. So don't tell me that Democrats won't defend this country. Don't tell me that Democrats won't keep us safe," Obama said.

"The Bush-McCain foreign policy has squandered

the legacy that generations of Americans — Democrats and Republicans — have built, and we are to restore that legacy," he said.

"As commander in chief, I will never hesitate to defend this nation, but I will only send our troops into harm's way with a clear mission and a sacred commitment to give them the equipment they need in battle and the care and benefits they deserve when they come home," he said.

Obama's convention finale blended old-fashioned speechmaking, Hollywood-quality stagecraft and innovative, Internet age politics.

One day after becoming the first black man to win a major party presidential nomination, Obama was

delivering the most important speech of his improbable candidacy, a prime-time address to an estimated 75,000 inside Denver's NFL stadium and uncounted millions watching at home on television.

Aides pledged a direct conversation with voters about the choice between Obama, a 47-year-old Illinois senator, and his Republican rival, Sen. McCain of Arizona, who is turning 72 this week.

In an audacious move, McCain worked to steal at least a portion of the political spotlight by stoking speculation that his selection of a vice presidential running mate was imminent. An aide said McCain had made his decision, and one man on the short list,

Western leaders warn Russia to change course

Associated Press

GEORGIA — Western leaders warned the Kremlin on Wednesday to "change course," hoping to keep the conflict from growing into a new Cold War after tensions broadened to imperil a key nuclear pact and threaten U.S. meat and poultry trade with Russia.

Moscow said it was NATO expansion and Western support for Georgia that was causing the new East-West divisions, and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin lashed out at the United States for using military ships to deliver humanitarian aid to Georgia.

Meanwhile, Georgia slashed its embassy staff in Moscow to protest Russia's recognition of the two separatist enclaves that were the flashpoint for the five-day war between the two nations earlier this month.

The tensions have spread to the Black Sea, which Russia shares unhappily with three nations that belong to NATO and two others that desperately want to, Ukraine and Georgia. Some Ukrainians fear Moscow might set its sights on their nation next.

In moves evocative of Cold War cat-and-mouse games, a U.S. military ship carrying humanitarian aid docked at a southern Georgian port, and Russia

sent a missile cruiser and two other ships to a port farther north in a show of force.

The maneuvering came a day after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had said his nation was "not afraid of anything, including the prospect of a Cold War." For the two superpowers of the first Cold War, the United States and Russia, repercussions from this new conflict could be widespread.

Russia's agriculture minister said Moscow could cut poultry and pork import quotas by hundreds of thousands of tons, hitting American producers hard and thereby raising prices for American shoppers.

Show

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Freshman Anne Whitty said she was aware of The Show's reputation as the biggest concert of the year.

McAllister and Whitty said all of their friends are planning on going to The Show, which is a big draw.

"If they're going, I'm going," Whitty said.

The Show 2008 committee, which has been planning the concert for the past five months, believes the acts will appeal to the student body as a whole, Barloh said.

"Obviously, you can't please everyone," he said. "There will always be a vocal minority that abhors the headliner you choose ... But the positive reactions we've received heavily outweigh the negative reactions both in number and in enthusiasm."

On Thursday, the exact number of tickets sold so far was not calculated; however, Barloh expects a big turnout.

The committee should predict a sell-out, he said, "otherwise they're not booking the right kinds of bands."

Tickets cost \$10, a figure that is possible thanks to donations, Barloh said.

"The generous donations that Father Mark Poorman and the Office of Student Affairs make every year allow us to book top-tier talent and still offer tickets to the student body at the most-affordable price possible," he said.

The Show 2008 is going green this year, putting a greater



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Hip-hop artist Lupe Fiasco entertains students at The Show 2007, where he opened for OK Go.

emphasis on electronic marketing, reducing the amount of paper advertisements like posters and fliers, Barloh said. He does not expect this to negatively affect turnout.

"We believe the enthusiasm for Good Charlotte and The Cool Kids will allow us to organize a very popular, very successful concert even without as many posters and fliers," he said.

Other changes to make the concert more environmentally friendly include serving organic and locally grown food to the performers, production crew and The Show 2008's many volunteers.

The T-shirts for The Show 2008 were made from organic cotton and printed with soy ink, and tickets and posters were printed on recycled paper.

The most extravagant change made to the concert this year is the use of a state-of-the-art LED

lighting system, which will consume 60 percent less energy than conventional lighting rigs, according to the press release.

All of these changes equals a much more costly concert, Barloh said.

"It was more expensive to produce a 'green' concert," he said. "However, it is important for The Show to become something more than just a great concert. In the years ahead, it must serve to enrich Notre Dame's already-storied history of bettering our world."

Doors open at the Joyce Center tonight at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the Box Office in LaFortune. A valid Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross ID is required for purchase. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Bins

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The new recycling bins are part of Saint Mary's effort to increase environmental awareness and to make recycling easier for students. In years past, paper was the only material that was recycled on campus. Now, aluminum, glass and paper are being included in a single stream system, according to compliance officer Dan Woods.

Woods hopes that the new initiative will encourage Saint Mary's students to recycle properly.

"One problem that the recyclers were telling us was that trash items, including pizza boxes and Styrofoam were making their way into the recycling containers.

We need to do a better job of putting trash items into the trash and not in the recycling," Woods said in a campus-wide e-mail.

Holy Cross Hall, one of the

four residence halls on campus, issued the bins through their Resident Advisors (RA).

"Putting them in the rooms helps students to know that recycling is available on campus," Holy Cross RA Mary Beth Gizinski said.

Terrie Paul, the new Holy Cross hall director, is combining the hall's core value of Justice with the new pull for recycling on campus.

"The initiative in and of itself is wonderful and I am glad that Saint Mary's is recognizing the importance of sustainability, and treating the environment well," Paul said.

Rajski said the bins were just the first step this year in Saint Mary's push to raise environmental awareness.

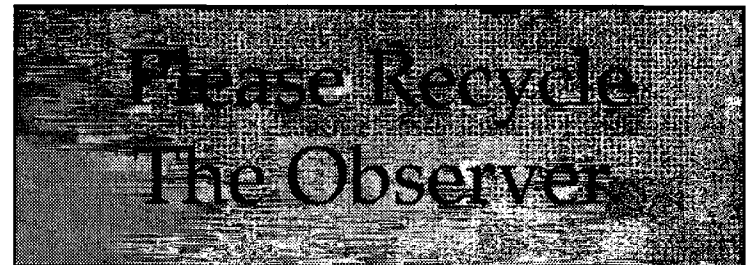
"We're just excited that we've come this far. We are also asking the faculty to become actively involved. We

are very proud of our endeavors and we are hoping to have a successful year," Rajski said.

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"Putting [the bins] in rooms helps students know that recycling is available on campus."

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IN BRIEF

Contractor accused of human trafficking

LOS ANGELES — The families of 12 Nepali men killed by Iraqi insurgents have filed a federal lawsuit accusing defense contractor KBR Inc. and a Jordanian subcontractor of human trafficking, saying the men were sent to work in Iraq against their will after being promised jobs in a posh hotel in Jordan.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court alleges the workers were being taken to work at a U.S. air base in Iraq in 2004 when insurgents intercepted their caravan and killed them days later. A Nepali worker whose car survived the attack is also a plaintiff; Buddi Prasad Gurung, now back in Nepal, claims he was forced to work at Al Asad Air Base as a warehouse loader for 15 months.

The 13 Nepali men were recruited by Daoud & Partners and other subcontractors with promises of work at an Amman hotel before their passports were taken and they were sent to Iraq, according to the lawsuit.

Heather Browne, a spokeswoman for Houston-based KBR, declined to comment, saying the company has not yet seen the lawsuit. A contact number for Daoud & Partners could not immediately be located.

Wheaties hires Olympic gold medalists

MINNEAPOLIS — First the gold, then the Wheaties. At the Olympics in Beijing this month, Nastia Liukin followed in the footsteps of Mary Lou Retton and Carly Patterson, the two other American gymnasts who have won Olympic gold in the all-around competition. Now she and American decathlete Bryan Clay follow them onto the Wheaties cereal box.

Liukin and Clay will get their own special edition Wheaties boxes, General Mills Inc. announced Thursday.

Liukin, who is from Parker, Texas, won five medals in the Beijing Olympics, including helping the U.S. win silver in the team competition.

Clay, a native of Honolulu who lives in Los Angeles, was the first American to win the decathlon since Dan O'Brien brought home the gold in 1996.

Wall Street jump reassures investors

Dow Jones rises more than 200 points, gross domestic product reading better than expected

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street barreled higher Thursday after a better-than-expected reading on the gross domestic product and a drop in jobless claims gave investors some reassurance that the economy is holding up. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 200 points.

A decline in oil prices also appeared to add force to the rally in stocks. But trading volume was again light heading toward the Labor Day weekend, a condition that can skew price moves.

The Commerce Department's report that gross domestic product rose at an annual rate of 3.3 percent for the April-June period followed several economic readings this week that have left guarded investors somewhat optimistic. The weaker dollar helped boost U.S. exports, which pushed GDP growth beyond the government's initial estimate of 1.9 percent as well as economists' forecast of 2.7 percent.

It marked the economy's best performance since the third quarter of last year, when GDP rose at a 4.8 percent pace.

Investors are watching GDP, considered the best barometer of the economy's well-being, to look for signs that growth is picking up after being pounded by housing woes and a debilitating credit crisis. The economy grew at a weak rate of 0.9 percent in the first quarter after shrinking in the last three months of 2007.

Also Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of newly laid off people seeking jobless benefits fell for the third straight week. Claims dropped to a seasonally adjusted 425,000, down 10,000 from the previous week. That was slightly better than the 427,000 expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson/IFR.

But some economists consider claims above 400,000 an indicator of a slowing economy. Companies have



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange. Wall Street is narrowly mixed after two economic reports came in much better than the market expected.

cut jobs every month this year as they grapple with high energy costs and tighter credit.

The Dow rose 212.67, or 1.85 percent, to 11,715.18, bringing its three-day advance to nearly 330 points. Still, for the week, the Dow is up only slightly after a big decline Monday on credit worries.

Broader stock indicators also rose Thursday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 19.02, or 1.48 percent, to 1,300.68, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 29.18, or 1.22 percent, to 2,411.64.

Bonds fell as investors moved into stocks. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.79 percent from 3.77 per-

cent late Wednesday. The dollar rose against most major currencies. Gold also advanced.

"This is an environment in which we're likely to get a lot of head-fakes both on the upside and the downside," said Bill Urban, principal with San Francisco-based Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough, referring to economic data. He noted that the initial reading on the fourth quarter last year had been positive before revisions revealed the economy contracted.

"This is just sort of data that trickles out that can be very positive one day and negative the next. We don't yet think it signals a trend," he said.

Beyond economic reports, investors are watching oil

prices as Tropical Storm Gustav churns toward the Gulf of Mexico on a course that could collide with oil and gas platforms. Oil rose in the early going on concerns about the storm but a strengthening dollar upended oil's climb.

Light, sweet crude fell \$2.56 to settle at \$115.59 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The decline in oil made energy stocks one of the session's few areas of weakness.

Devon Energy Corp. fell \$3.62, or 3.4 percent, to \$103.16, while Hess Corp. fell \$1.61, or 1.5 percent, to \$105.53.

Financial shares advanced after MBIA Inc. agreed to reinsure nearly \$200 billion of municipal bonds backed

Underground water plant drains taxpayers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It requires enough concrete to build a sidewalk from New York to Miami and enough pipe to reach the top of the Empire State Building 140 times over. Workers carved out enough dirt from the ground to fill more than 100,000 dump trucks.

The colossal effort is a water filtration plant being built 10 stories beneath a Bronx driving range, a one-of-a-kind project intended to become a nearly invisible part of the city's infrastructure.

But the plant has been anything but hidden so far.

The plant's completion date has been pushed back six years, and its

price tag, which early estimates put at \$660 million, is now \$2.8 billion. Costs, delays, seven-figure fines and a brush with a high-profile Mafia case have sharpened criticism of the city's handling of a project that three city watchdog agencies and a group of community leaders are monitoring.

"The bottom line is that to build this water plant, the taxpayers are getting soaked," state Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz said. "It's like government at its worst."

Despite the problems, officials say they will not be deterred from building what they see as the latest far-reaching project in a city full of grand monuments to civic imagina-

tion. Officials say they are making good progress despite a late start, and the cost increases are an unavoidable reflection of an industry-wide trend.

"The need to complete important projects like the (water) plant has not diminished," Deputy Mayor for Operations Edward Skyler said. "We can't sit back and let others worry about the future."

The federal government has ordered the city to build what will be its first drinking water filtration facility, and the project is believed to be the first subterranean water plant in the nation. Its magnitude is hard to overlook: The pit at Van Cortlandt Park is so deep that large cranes merely peek above the rim.

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My very first drink

Our lives have a lot of firsts: The first time I ever rode a bicycle without training wheels (my dad had my back and showed me the way), the first time I skied down a hill (my mom brought me up the chair lift), and the first time I ever drove a car (my dad was giving me instructions from the passenger seat). But the first time I ever drank alcohol was three years ago today in a room full of complete strangers.

Bob Kessler

House of Stix

The first time I ever drank alcohol was three years ago at my Disorientation, or Dis-O. Thrown into a room where I didn't know anybody, I chose to drink what I could because I wanted to fit in and because it seemed like it would be fun. Although I couldn't drink much at all, it was a lot of fun and I have been actively partaking in the alcohol-fueled college culture ever since.

Last month, a group of college and university presidents sought to curb this binge drinking culture across the country by forming the Amethyst Initiative. The Initiative is a project of Choose Responsibility and has the stated goal of rethinking the legal drinking age. However, these presidents are not seeking a higher legal drinking age, but rather a lower one that would give students an actual choice when it comes to their legal drinking options. While some have called this crazy, I believe that it is the only correct way to build a more responsible society.

Under our current laws, students are immediately granted full rights to alcohol purchase, transport and consumption when the clock strikes midnight at their 21st birthday. In theory, these people have no prior experience with alcohol and would have no way to actually

know how to responsibly consume it. Combine this with the college setting at which many Americans turn 21, and you have a lethal disaster for binge drinking and irresponsibility.

While my bicycle had training wheels, skiing had the bunny hill and driving had a learner's permit, the laws on drinking leave no room for education. These laws simply drop us right into the responsibility of alcohol without bothering to take the time to teach us how to actually drink responsibly.

Furthermore, while parents and teachers are greatly involved with educating us about how to safely drive a car, the only drinking education we receive is informally given to us by friends and older siblings.

In fact, the only formal education I ever received in school about alcohol was that it was bad. My high school preached alcohol abstinence much to the degree that the priests discuss sexual abstinence. I was never really taught about different types of alcohol and their practical effects on the body until I started drinking myself. And where did this leave me?

It left me in that room at Dis-O surrounded by complete strangers wondering if a bottle of Malt Liqueur was hard alcohol or not. It left my alcohol education not to parents and teachers, but to certain members of the Notre Dame Class of 2008 who took me and my peers under their wing and showed us the way. It left me to learn how to binge drink at parties and tailgates, but not how to drink at dinners and events. It was like attempting a double black diamond on your first time skiing.

We need a system that allows us to progressively learn from our elders how to responsibly enjoy alcohol. Much like the year that we have a learner's permit, I believe that we need to have a year's worth of alcohol education. This

would essentially involve granting young adults who are 18 the right to legally drink, but not the right to legally purchase alcohol and not the right to legally enter bars. During this time, 18-year-olds would be forced to drink with people who are older, and wiser, and would inevitably gain from it.

Instead we have a system in place where young adults learn about alcohol not from their parents and relatives but from their friends and siblings. Earlier this week I had to spend several hours trying to convince an acquaintance not to drive home after drinking, even though "all of his friends from home do it." While I was lucky enough to learn from a smart group of guys whose poor decisions only went as far as they could walk, our laws can not assume that every young adult will be given this informal education. Our responsibility only goes so far as our education, and the current system is failing to educate young adults about how to drink properly.

Because of these problems, I not only strongly support a lower legal drinking age, but I urge Fr. Jenkins, our University officials, and all University officials across the country to show support for this Initiative. If you don't believe in its merits, just walk around campus this afternoon, drive down Washington Street this evening and wander through Turtle Creek late tonight. It will be in these places, as opposed to DeBartolo Hall, where the real education of our freshmen will begin, and the failure of our country's system will be all too evident.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation."

Kin Hubbard
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U-WIRE

Facebook's 100 million members shows it's out of control

Facebook is out of control. This isn't a piece to ramble on and on about how it's taking over people's lives; it's to identify the dangers of the social networking site.

Yesterday Facebook announced a record membership of 100 million members.

That's 99,999,999 other people who can find you on the Internet.

That's almost 100 million people who can know your business: who you're dating, who your friends are and what you're interested in.

Facebook and MySpace would be better off being called "StalkerBook" or "StalkerSpace."

At least people will know what they are getting into.

Day after day you hear horror stories about cyber bullying and online predators. These social networking sites are no different than finding a naive somebody in a chat room.

According to ABC News, 42 percent of children have experienced online bullying.

The site has also decreased and nearly eliminated personal interaction among peers and generations.

Staff Editorial

The Daily Athenaeum

Instead of calling someone over the phone or visiting them in person, Facebook has become the quick-and-easy way to find out what's going on in friends' lives and what's going on over the weekend.

Facebook allows its users to post pictures and their interests.

It has been reported that some individuals looking for a job don't get hired because of incriminating details on their Facebook or MySpace accounts.

According to an MSNBC article, Van Allen runs a company that recruits candidates to fill positions in health clinics and hospitals all over the country. He was happy to find a qualified candidate, but the woman didn't receive the job when he found pictures of her taking her shirt off at parties on Facebook.

While this is a smart move by employers to make sure they hire quality individuals, it's not a smart move by Facebook users to exploit themselves — and sometimes others — on these sites.

With society becoming more and more technology-dependent and savvy, it's important for users of all ages to be cognizant of the repercussions of joining such a site.

If joining the Facebook and/or

MySpace community is a must, it's important to remember to responsibly use the accounts.

Many are using the site today merely for networking. Others just want to keep in touch with old friends.

It isn't a forum to see John Doe's crazy weekend, nor is it the place for account users to make their personal vendettas known by "venting" it on their statuses.

It is a site that shouldn't be abused and overused.

It is important for individuals to know to be safe and only "friend" people they know.

People need to remember the best type of communication is face to face — not Facebook.

They need to know not to embarrass themselves. Sometimes there can be consequences to posting that picture from that crazy, drunken weekend two years ago.

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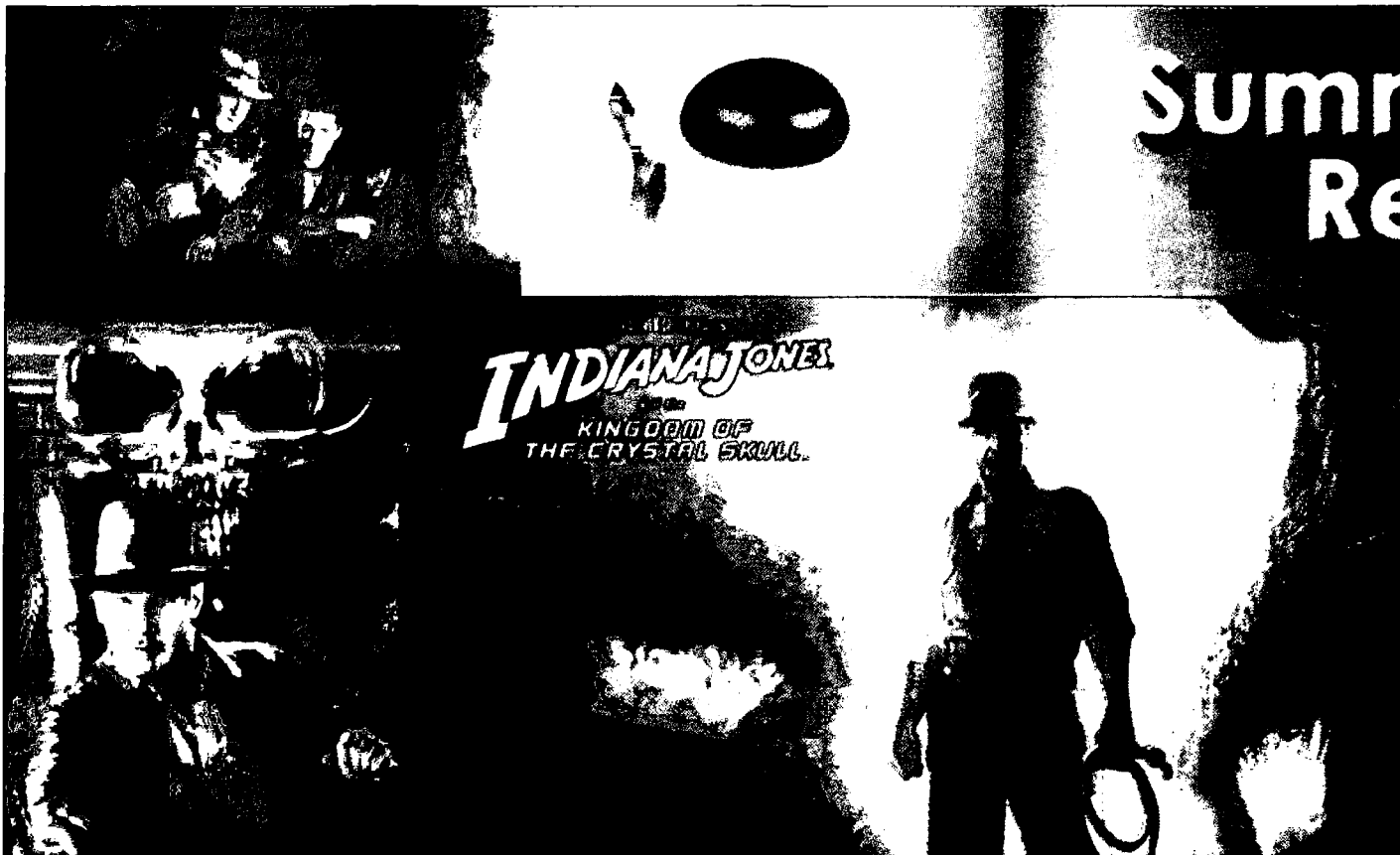
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Summer Movie Retrospective



Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystan Skull

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If not the perfection fans had hoped for, the fourth film in the Indiana Jones series, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," is a rollicking ride. The plot crosses the fine line the series has always walked between mythology and the supernatural a little too far in parts, but who can complain when the man in the hat is finally back? Suspend your disbelief and immerse yourself in the adventure. Harrison Ford reprises his iconic role with relative ease and recaptures Indiana while gracefully ageing the character. The return of Marion Ravenwood (played by Karen Allen) is a treat, even if her character has been softened from the barkeep that could drink anyone under the table. Shia LeBeouf and Cate Blanchette both take up the hard task of introducing new characters with relative success. LeBeouf's character, Mutt Williams, plays up the new 1950s setting and is a fun sidekick and Blanchette captures the cold, Soviet Col. Dr. Irina Spalko well. But at its core the movie was still about an archaeologist, his revolver, his whip and his mileage, and that's more than enough.



WALL-E

Wall-E will take the Oscar for best anim may even be the first film since Disne receive a best picture nomination. It cer most famous for his work on Star War design is astounding. The first forty-five but you couldn't even notice as the robtles. Beautiful and skilled animation brigh ters. Wall-E is lovable and more real th despite being both a robot and animater to all ages, a classic adventure love stor timely relevance to world issues. Pixar h funny, and a work of art.



Tropic Thunder

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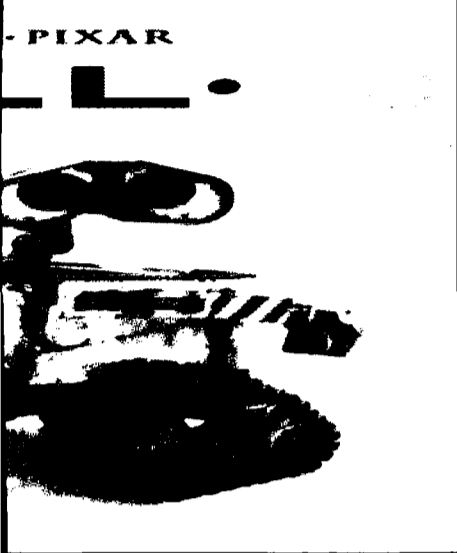
Newsweek called it the "funniest movie of the summer," The New Yorker wrote it off as "flailing and unfocused," and yet Roger Ebert gave it 3 and 1/2 stars. The truth of the matter is this: "Tropic Thunder" is dastardly obscene, politically incorrect and the funniest movie you may see in years. It's a story following the filming of a blundering Vietnam War epic which falls behind schedule, vaults into insanity with a Reality TV twist and lands well behind enemy lines. It's a story about men on their way out: a peaked action star (Ben Stiller) struggling for acknowledgement as a serious actor, a coked up fart-joke movie star (Jack Black) losing touch with reality, a five-time Oscar winning, self-indulged Australian actor (Robert Downey Jr.) whose controversial "blackening" procedure leaves him with an identity crisis and a rap-icon (Brandon T. Jackson) on his way out of the closet. Tropic Thunder is a film egregiously loaded with insults and caustic wit surely to offend and provoke laughs at the same time. But the film's best treat, hidden behind Stiller, Black and Downey's leading roles, its most profane and entertaining performance, comes from an actor whose name I won't reveal, because not knowing the actor's identity makes the discovery all the more amusing.



The Dark Knight

"The Dark Knight" was, there is no oth the effects were epic, and so was the ru role as Bruce Wayne, the billionaire play cape and saving Gotham from all levels the crime has been cleaned up, leaving seeks to fill. Cue Heath Ledger, in the re Oscar nod, if not the Oscar itself, as The character walks onto the scene, the perfe forgets he is gone. Ledger will never aga n't overshadow the film at all. It comes mull about as the credits roll. Instead, seems there could be nothing more clim all again. Go ahead and see it again, if' stub collection.





The Fall

Shot on location in over 28 countries around the world, Tarsem Singh's "The Fall" is a spectacular epic that has not been seen in a long while. A story within a story, "The Fall" begins in a 1920's Los Angeles hospital. Severely injured stuntman Roy Walker (Lee Pace) tells a story to another young patient, Alexandria (Catinca Untaru), about five mythical heroes and their quest to rid the world of the evil Odious. But Walker's story begins to blend with reality as the characters learn more about themselves and each other and soon it is Alexandria who must save the story, and her new friend, from his own destructive tailspin. In her first film, Catinca Untaru is a captivating young actress that expresses the imagination, curiosity, and innocence of her character. Like his previous work, Singh's film is so aesthetically stunning that it could be watched for just that, but it is bolstered by a moving story and endearing characters.

ated film. There are whisperings that it's "Beauty and the Beast" in 1991 to mainly deserves one. Ben Burtt, probably scores again in this film. The sound minutes of the film have no dialogue, heroes conversed in beeps and whis- g a fluid and vibrant life to the charac- n the protagonists found in many films. The storyline of "Wall-E" is appealing filled with humor, while maintaining a s succeeded again. Wall-E is charming,



Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog

What do you do when all your writers go on strike, the TV show you are develop- ing stops production, and your creative mind is still boiling as it always does? You make a straight-to-internet series of musical video shorts, of course! At least, that is what Joss Whedon does. The man behind "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Firefly" roped together a filming crew and a few actor buddies to create "Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog," a tale of one misfit criminal mastermind, Dr. Horrible (Neil Patrick Harris), as he attempts to join the Evil League of Evil. His master plans are overrun by Captain Hammer (Nathan Fillion, reprising his role as a cap- tain, though this time without the spaceship and duster). The quest gets compli- cated when the girl of his dreams, Penny from the laundramat, starts going out with Captain Hammer. Melodies reminiscent of the musical Buffy episode abound, as does classic Whedonesque humor. Though he plays straight into his niche audi- ence, the Joss Boss manages to create a 45-minute story that is sweet and laugh- out-loud funny. It can be seen on Hulu and downloaded on iTunes.

er word for it, epic. The story was epic, nning time. Christian Bale reprises his boy who spends his free time donning a of crime. When we meet him, most of a void that one man, well, creature, le that will most certainly earn him an Joker. Once his twisted, mesmerizing rmance is so enthralling that one easily in grace the screen, but that fact does- s almost an afterthought, something to he film builds and builds and just as it ctic at all, it turns around and does it you haven't already started your ticket



MLB

Giambi's heroics keep Yankees' slim hopes alive

Backe pitches 6 2/3 strong innings, Wigginton hits two homers as Astros beat Reds for 10th time in 12 games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — What started with the Bambino ended with the Giambino.

Boston's Tracy Stallard on Oct. 1, 1961, and Boston's Bill Lee separated his shoulder during a brawl on May 20, 1976.

Until Jason Giambi crushed a home run in the seventh inning Thursday, it appeared all that was left for Yankee Stadium was its funeral.

Now, after New York's 3-2 victory over the Red Sox in Boston's final trip to the ballpark, the Yankees cling to hope, perhaps deluding themselves from the inevitable conclusion that seemingly lies ahead.

"The last time we play the Red Sox in this Yankee Stadium, and the battles we've been through, this should end like this," Giambi said.

His two-run homer was Ruthian, clanging off the front of the black batter's eye in center field and tying the score. The alternately maligned and embraced slugger followed with a winning single in the ninth, preventing Boston from sweeping the three-game series and dropping New York so far back that a recovery would appear impossible, even to the most devoted of the pinstriped faithful.

New York players sprinted from their dugout, a bit more slowly than Usain Bolt's dashes at the Olympics last week, and mobbed Giambi. Perhaps there was a similar scene on April 18, 1923, when Babe Ruth opened the stadium with a three-run,

third-inning homer into the right-field bleachers.

Still, chances are there won't be any more October glory in the 85-year-old ballpark, no more of those glorious afternoons when the angled autumn sun created a shadow that crept slowly from the first-base stands and extended into the outfield.

New York is six games back of Boston in the AL wild-card race with 29 to play, and these Yankees have shown no sign of spurting to success.

"It's certainly brutal baseball right now," general manager Brian Cashman said before the game.

So much has gone wrong. Co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner summed it up after Wednesday's loss when he said, "The bottom line is, they s—," using a word more forceful than stink.

He, his family and advisers must put out a winner, especially heading into the \$1.3 billion palace the team moves into across the street next year, one with \$2,500 front-row seats, martini bars and a cash flow that has the other 29 clubs filled with envy.

"It's very hard to accept," Cashman said. "No one likes to deal with the losing, and we're losing right now, and we feel we're better than this. But at some point you are what your record is until you prove otherwise."

Cashman doesn't blame manager Joe Girardi, in his first year as Joe Torre's successor. Girardi has been perennially optimistic, sounding a bit like Charlie Brown lecturing Linus and Lucy: His daily message to players and



Reds pitcher Aaron Harang, left, hangs his head after giving up a solo home run to Astros third baseman Ty Wigginton, background. Wigginton hit two homers in the Astros 3-2 win.

the fans is that if today's game isn't a win, surely the one after will be.

Opponents shook in their spikes for much of the past 85 years at the mere mention of the mighty Yankees. Not this year, when months of monotonous mediocrity scared only the frustrated fans, not the curious tourists in the third-base dugout craning their necks for one last look at the old cathedral.

A crowd of 55,092 turned out as New York finished 484-285-4 in the regular season at Yankee Stadium against the Red Sox. (In addition, New York has beaten Boston in six of 10 postseason games in the Bronx.) The fans got a few more chances to boo Alex Rodriguez, who struck out three times and fouled out with runners at the corners in the sixth. He saved his best shots for the bat rack, whacking it about 10 times with his Louisville Slugger following the popout.

"We haven't performed. The bottom line is we're not getting what we need to from everybody, that we expected," Cashman said. "A lot of people deserve better, fans included."

Astros 3, Reds 2

Brandon Backe thinks he's figured out why he's pitched so badly at times this month.

Backe was sharp into the seventh, Ty Wigginton homered twice off Aaron Harang and the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 on Thursday.

Humberto Quintero added a solo shot to help the Astros beat the Reds for the 10th time in 12 meetings this season.

Backe (9-12) had one of his best outings of an inconsistent August, allowing six hits and striking out six in 6 2/3 innings. He was 2-2 in his previous four decisions, allowing 11 runs in each of the losses and a total of four runs in the two wins.

Backe said he felt as good on Thursday as he did in his last start, when he gave up three runs on five hits in an 8-3 win over the New York Mets.

"Things are falling in line, I guess," Backe said. "Obviously, the last two games I've thrown the ball pretty good. I've changed the pace of the ball, thrown it over the plate, kept them off-balance."

Houston manager Cecil Cooper said he and pitching coach Dewey Robinson have told Backe repeatedly to trust his fastball and throw more strikes. Cooper hopes Backe is finally executing the plan.

"I'm hoping that's the real Brandon Backe," Cooper said. "Today, he did the same thing he did the last time out, he attacked the strike zone with his fastball, he went to his off-speed stuff when he needed to. He was really good and that's the kind of guy I like to see out there."

Backe didn't allow a run until Jay Bruce hit an RBI triple with two outs in the seventh. Corey Patterson added an RBI single

before Backe was relieved by Doug Brocail, who got the final out of the inning.

Backe threw only 89 pitches and was disappointed that he couldn't keep the bullpen rested.

"As efficient as I was today, I'm looking at eight innings or possibly a complete game," Backe said. "I'm obviously frustrated that I didn't last longer."

LaTroy Hawkins pitched a scoreless eighth and Jose Valverde struck out the side in the ninth for his 35th save.

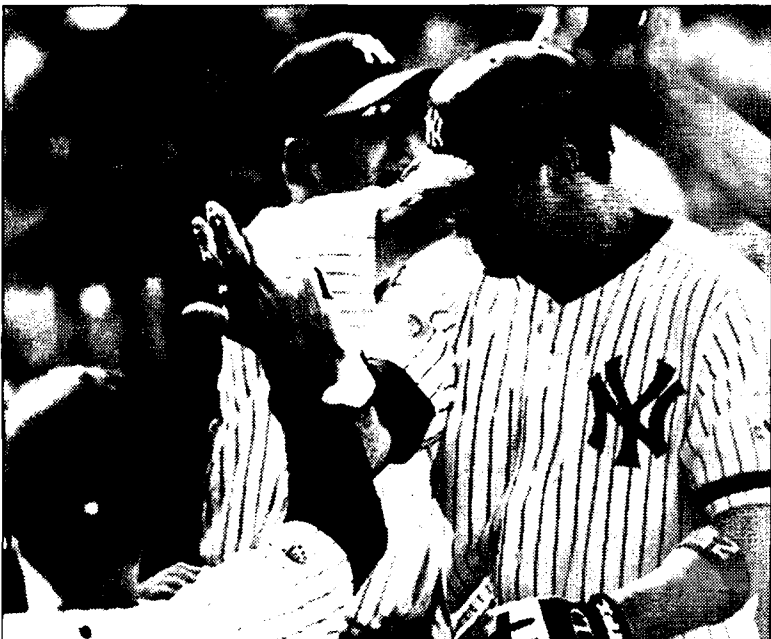
Harang (4-14) matched a season high with nine strikeouts, but lost for the fifth time in six decisions. His 29 homers allowed are the most by a Reds' pitcher this season.

"The two to Wigginton I thought were my only mistakes," Harang said. "I pretty much put the ball right where I wanted to."

Backe is 4-0 in his last six starts against the Reds. He's struggled in the first inning all season, but breezed through this one in seven pitches.

In the bottom half, Wigginton lined Harang's fifth pitch into the left-field seats, his second homer in two at-bats. Wigginton hit a two-run shot in the seventh inning of Tuesday's 4-1 win.

Quintero, Houston's catcher, hit a solo homer off the left-field foul pole in the Astros' fifth. It was only Quintero's second homer since he was called up from the minors on June 6.



Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi is congratulated by teammates after hitting a two-run homer in the seventh inning.

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Men's NSCAA Soccer Rankings

team	points	previous
1 Wake Forest	200	1
2 Connecticut	186	5
3 NOTRE DAME	166	6
4 Boston College	155	12
5 Santa Clara	151	7
6 Creighton	133	9
7 Indiana	129	14
8 Maryland	128	15
9 Ohio State	118	2
10 Virginia Tech	112	3
11 Brown	109	16
12 Akron	95	23
13 Massachusetts	83	4
14 UCLA	75	RV
15 West Virginia	73	13
16 Illinois-Chicago	71	10
17 Southern Methodist	70	18
18 South Florida	65	17
19 Saint Louis	53	22
20 Northwestern	46	21
21 Bradley	41	10
21 UC Santa Barbara	41	8
23 Tulsa	36	20
24 North Carolina	28	NR
25 Furman	20.5	RV

Women's NSCAA Soccer Rankings

team	points	previous
1 USC	794	1
2 North Carolina	738	3
3 UCLA	726	2
4 NOTRE DAME	688	5
5 Florida State	671	4
6 Portland	642	6
7 Virginia	597	6
8 Texas	562	8
9 Penn State	554	9
10 Stanford	539	10
11 West Virginia	437	12
12 Connecticut	422	11
13 Texas A&M	379	15
14 Tennessee	356	13
15 Boston College	342	14
16 Duke	335	16
17 California	303	17
18 Illinois	236	19
19 Georgia	208	18
20 Wake Forest	191	21
21 Santa Clara	175	22
22 Florida	151	20
23 Oklahoma State	147	23
24 San Diego	69	25
25 Purdue	26	24

AVCA College Volleyball Coaches' Poll

Men's		Women's	
team		team	
1 Penn State		Penn State	1
2 Pepperdine		Stanford	2
3 Long Beach		Texas	3
4 BYU		USC	4
5 Cal State Northridge		Cal	5
6 UCLA		UCLA	6
7 Ohio State		Nebraska	7
8 UC Irvine		Florida	8
9 Stanford		Washington	9
10 Ball State		Cal Poly	10

NFL



Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones smiles while warming up before a preseason game. Jones has been cleared to play this season after previously being suspended for many off-field incidents.

NFL reinstates Cowboys' Adam Jones

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Now that Adam "Pacman" Jones is really back in the NFL, he insists he will try to do everything he can to stay there.

The cornerback-kick returner was fully reinstated Thursday from his 17-month NFL suspension, which followed an accumulation of arrests and legal problems, and is clear to play for the Dallas Cowboys during the regular season.

"I am fully a Dallas Cowboy," Jones proclaimed before the last preseason game. "I don't have it lingering over my head, will he get reinstated, will he

not get reinstated. I just have to keep myself out of bad situations like I have been doing the last six or seven months."

Since being cleared almost three months ago by commissioner Roger Goodell to practice with the Cowboys, Jones had repeatedly expressed confidence that he would be reinstated for the season and said he was doing everything expected of him.

Still, there was a sense of relief when he finally received the official news — in a phone call while walking in a parking lot.

"I did scream," Jones said. "Immediately I called my mom, because I've

been beating myself up, but my mom has been through this roller-coaster with me."

Jones, acquired by Dallas from Tennessee, has been arrested six times and involved in a dozen incidents requiring police intervention since the Titans drafted him in the first round in 2005. That includes his connection to a shooting at a Las Vegas strip club. His last NFL game was Dec. 31, 2006.

Jones was suspended in April 2007 and missed all last season with the Titans. He was traded to Dallas in April, then allowed in June by Goodell to join the team in training camp and preseason games.

Goodell, however, was still waiting to decide whether to let Jones play in the regular season. That news came hours before Dallas' final preseason game.

"Adam has worked hard to get to this point, but he also knows that there is still a lot of work ahead of him," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "He is fully aware of the opportunity that he has been given, and he knows that this is an ongoing process."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail that Goodell wouldn't have a comment Thursday regarding the reinstatement.

IN BRIEF

No. 1 Ivanovic bounced in three sets at U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Top-seeded Ana Ivanovic lost in one of the biggest upsets in tennis history Thursday, stunned by 188th-ranked Julie Coin 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in the second round of the U.S. Open.

Coin screamed when Ivanovic's last shot sailed out, then hopped for joy and hit an extra ball high into the stands. Ivanovic quickly gathered her gear and left the court, her hopes of another Grand Slam championship dashed.

"If you would ask if I'm playing like a No. 1, no," Ivanovic said. "Obviously, it was very hard."

Even after Ivanovic struggled in the first round while coming back from an injured thumb, there was no way to see this coming.

Coin spent much of the year playing in minor league events and recently thought she might give up the sport.

Beckett to have shoulder examined, out of line-up

NEW YORK — Josh Beckett was scratched again from a scheduled start, and the Boston Red Sox ace plans to have his ailing right elbow examined by Dr. James Andrews.

Beckett is to see Dr. Andrews in Alabama on Friday, Red Sox manager Terry Francona said after Thursday's 3-2 loss to the New York Yankees.

A serious injury to Beckett would be a major blow to Boston, trying to repeat as World Series champions. The Red Sox lead the AL wild-card race after completing a 6-3 road trip.

A 20-game winner and postseason star for Boston last season, Beckett hasn't pitched since Aug. 17, when he reported numbness and tingling in his right arm.

He missed a turn in the rotation, but had been slated to start Friday night against the Chicago White Sox at Fenway Park.

MLB instant replay gets baptism at Wrigley

CHICAGO — A gray, rectangular box on the wall of the umpires dressing room at Wrigley Field containing a phone and a high definition TV monitor signaled a new era Thursday as instant replay arrived in major league baseball.

An umpiring crew chief can pick up the phone and ask a replay center in New York to send him all available feeds so he can review boundary calls - was a ball fair or foul, was it over the fence or not, did a fan interfere with a potential home run?

"Purists are not going to like this and not everyone is going to like it," umpiring supervisor Larry Young said Thursday, before the Cubs played the Phillies.

"We are going to do our best to do it quickly and accurately."

Determining where home runs land — or if they are homers at all — can often be the most difficult call for an umpire.

There have been 18 such plays so far this season, Young said.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Seat stays hot for Bowden

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson star tailback C.J. Spiller laughs at the question: How often did people tell you not to join the Tigers because coach Tommy Bowden would get fired?

"Oh yeah, I heard that a lot," said Spiller, a junior.

Well, only days away from Bowden's 10th season, the coach some Clemson fans love to grouse at, isn't going anywhere. He's walked the sidelines at Death Valley longer than anyone but modern program patriarch Frank Howard and national championship icon Danny Ford. He's got a deal that ties him to the school through 2014, the backing of his bosses and some of the slickest talent in college football.

The one thing Bowden doesn't own is a championship, and that, perhaps, is what has kept his coaching seat hot no matter how many blue-chippers he attracts.

"This is a tough profession to stay for 10 years," Bowden says.

He would certainly know. He watched his father, Florida State coach Bobby, hung in virgily by impatient West Virginia fans in the 1970s. He saw his brother Terry get chewed up by some Auburn supporters two decades later. He's seen another brother, Jeff, leave as the Seminoles offensive coordinator when wins didn't come as quickly as people wanted.

"Underline and put in the parentheses, a lot," when it comes to quick-trigger coaching casualties these days, Tommy Bowden says.

And this might be his most pressure-packed season of them all.

The Tigers are preseason favorites to win the Atlantic Coast Conference championship. Quarterback Cullen Harper, and runners James Davis and Spiller finished 1-2-3 for the league's preseason player of the year. They stand ninth in the national rankings, their highest starting spot since 1991, also the year of the school's last ACC crown.

The Tigers open Saturday night against No. 24 Alabama in the Georgia Dome. While Clemson might get the analysts' edge on several positions, almost every breakdown would give the coaching check mark to the Crimson Tide's Nick Saban.

"The objective in this profession is to win, win championships and win national championships and I've done neither," Tommy Bowden said. "You'll face the question of, 'He's a nice guy who comes in second.' You'll always face that until you change the facts."

Saban, who won a national crown at LSU, admires Bowden and doesn't put much stock in past successes or failures.

"This game is what it is right now, and they've done a really good job in recruiting," Saban said. "I know they haven't won a title yet but they've knocked on the door a couple of times."

ESPN analyst Lee Corso



Clemson coach Tommy Bowden fields questions during a press conference Tuesday August 26.

likes how Bowden's built his team, and the athletic department's support.

"The guys a competitor. He did an outstanding job at Tulane and now he's done a nice job at Clemson," Corso said. "If (Bowden's) senior leadership plays up to their potential, he could win it all over in the ACC."

Clemson fans have waited on that since Bowden came to Clemson in 1998 after leading Tulane to an undefeated season.

The Tigers were 8-0 and No. 5 in the country in 2000. However, they lost three of their final four games and started a stretch of mediocrity (20-18) that lasted until the middle of the 2003 season.

Bowden seemed as good as gone that year when Clemson fell 45-17 at Wake Forest, the former ACC doormat Tiger fans had reveled in pounding each season.

But Bowden's patience bore fruit. A week later, he topped No. 3 Florida State for his first Bowden Bowl victory over father Bobby, who said pointedly in postgame comments if Clemson didn't want his son as coach, there'd be plenty of schools who would.

Clemson finished with four straight wins and Tommy gained a long-term contract.

Bowden's position looked shaky two years ago after the Tigers started 7-1, reaching No. 10 in the country, and then lost four of their final five to miss out on the ACC title game.

There was another second-place finish last fall, again reviving talk if Bowden was the right coach to take the Tigers to the top.

Clemson leaders thought he was, awarding Bowden a new contract that locks him in

through 2014. It would cost Clemson \$4 million should it wish to part ways after this year.

Still, talking with reporters earlier this month, Clemson athletic director Terry Don Phillips was asked what the school would do if Bowden didn't win.

"Tommy Bowden is our football coach," Phillips answered, "and we're going to go on down the highway."

ESPN analyst Todd Blackledge says Clemson's leaders share Bowden's vision and that's kept them from knee-jerk changes.

"It's not something you see all the time these days in college football," he said. "The pressure to win makes that difficult."

Bowden's just as frustrated as Tiger fans are with Clemson's stumbles and close calls. He compared his goals to any profession that gives out a top award.

"You'd all like to have that award, and if you said you didn't, you'd probably be lying," Bowden says. "Well, I wouldn't be any different. In this profession, you eventually want to be the champion, you're disappointed when you're not and you keep working hard until you get it."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Meyer changes tune, praises running backs

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Coach Urban Meyer called his running backs pathetic, trash and inadequate during his first three seasons at Florida.

He threatened to play without a tailback two years ago and turned most of the running game over to quarterback Tim Tebow and receiver Percy Harvin last season.

He expects things to be very different this fall.

Meyer has praised the backs at every turn during two-a-days, calling Kestahn Moore, Emmanuel Moody, Chris Rainey and Jeff Demps the best group he's had on campus in four years. He'll finally get to see them in action when the fifth-ranked Gators open the season against Hawaii on Saturday.

"We have some dynamic backs," Meyer said. "I'm kind of like a fan in that I can't wait to see these guys play."

The backs might be relied on like never before, too, because Meyer is hoping to limit Tebow's carries this season and Harvin is still recovering from a nagging heel injury.

"I hope we have enough balls to go around," running backs coach Kenny Carter said. "You can put any combination of guy out there and a lot of special things can happen. You give them the ball and they can go to the house from any place on the field. That's a great thing to have."

It starts with Moore, the lone senior in the group. His first three years were plagued by inconsistency and fumble problems, but he was the best of the bunch in spring drills and summer workouts. Meyer already has named him the starter and plans to use him at fullback some just to keep him on the field as much as possible.

Moore welcomed the added load, especially after watching Tebow and Harvin get the ball so often in the most critical situations the last two years.

"It hurts you," Moore said. "You being a running back and you have other people coming in and taking the carries. It helped the team, so I can't complain too much."

Many thought Moody, a former Parade All-American who transferred from Southern California, would step in and take over the starting role.

But he took longer than expected to learn the offense. And even when he showed progress, he followed with a step in the wrong direction. He ran for 111 yards and a touchdown in the spring game, but also fumbled at the 1-yard line and drew strong criticism from Meyer.

"Coach Meyer, he's always getting in your grill to get things right," Moody said. "He's a perfectionist. It really made me jump on the horse, study the playbook more and think about football even more than I was."

The extra time Moody spent getting the offense down paid off this fall. He looks more comfortable with the ball and has moved up the depth chart.

"It took a while," Moody said. "I'm starting to play like how I play and not really thinking about what the schemes are and what steps I have to take. It comes natural to me now."

Moody left USC in hopes of becoming a featured back. But that's not likely to happen, especially with Rainey and Demps in the mix.

Rainey has been compared to Harvin since he stepped foot on campus last year, but the 5-foot-9, 185-pound speedster hasn't had quite the same success. Harvin helped the Gators win a national championship as a freshman in 2006, but Rainey committed three errors in two games last season, then injured his shoulder and missed the rest of the season.

He rebounded this spring and was the star of the team's annual Orange & Blue game. He ran for 75 yards and a touchdown and had a 65-yard scoring reception.

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Saints remember Katrina as Gustav approaches

Third anniversary of devastating hurricane evokes emotions as New Orleans players hope to avoid a repeat

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — If the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina wasn't enough to remind Saints offensive lineman Jammal Brown what he went through when New Orleans flooded, the latest storm to threaten the Gulf Coast certainly did.

As much as any Saints player, Brown could relate to the anxiety Tropical Storm Gustav was causing in south Louisiana. A first-round draft choice in 2005, Brown bought his first house in an upscale golf course development in eastern New Orleans only months before Katrina hit.

"Last time, (team officials) called me up and said, 'We're going out to Oakland for a week. Pack up a week's worth of clothes,'" Brown recalled. "So I pack up some clothes and get out to Oakland and look on

TV and every thing I own is under water."

Katrina struck Aug. 29, 2005, smashing levees and flooding 80 percent of New Orleans.

Third-year coach Sean Payton said his team, has a plan for moving to a safe location should Gustav strike the New Orleans area. The Saints were to play the Miami Dolphins in their final preseason game Thursday night at the Louisiana Superdome.

Payton said the plan encompassed the process of moving the team, but not where to go, because that wouldn't be decided until the storm's track had narrowed enough to know whether it was best to go east, west or north.

"We've all had time to put together a clear plan as to how it affects the organization, the team, the families of the team," Payton said. "I don't want to go

into detail as to what we do, because what we do is really predicated on when it's supposed to arrive."

The Saints are scheduled to open the regular season in the Superdome against Tampa Bay on Sept. 7. The storm is expected to strike the Gulf Coast — anywhere from Texas to the Florida panhandle — around Tuesday morning.

"We will be focused and ready to play the Buccaneers," Payton said. "We're planning on that game being at the Superdome, but the powers that be will have a clear plan in place if that should change any or if our preparation should have to be

somewhere else. It won't be a distraction; we won't allow it to be."

"It won't be a distraction. We won't allow it to be."

Sean Payton
Saints coach

potential of another hurricane-related disruption, players said they cherished the opportunity to play in a place that really needed them, both in terms of the morale boost they provided and the community service projects they undertook.

Cornerback Jason Craft, who's been with the Saints since 2004, said a lot of players ini-

tially did not want to return to New Orleans after their displacement to San Antonio because they didn't really understand what life in post-Katrina New Orleans would be like. As they began to appreciate the extent to which they could inspire hope, they embraced the move and were rewarded with a once-in-a-career experience during a 2006 home-opening victory over Atlanta in an emotional Monday night game.

"That first game, that right there, I'll never forget that," Craft said. "Even though we didn't make it to the Super Bowl that year, that was my Super Bowl. I never seen anything like that and I was just happy to see people out in the streets, just happy to see the Saints play that day. That's probably one thing I'll always remember about New Orleans is that day."

Drew Brees was the first major free agent to come to New Orleans after the storm and bought an old home in a historic neighborhood only six blocks from areas that flooded during Katrina.

Brees, whose foundation has raised nearly \$2 million for projects aimed at helping children around the city by rebuilding schools, playgrounds, athletic fields and the like, said witnessing the city's recovery has been both inspiring and disappointing, often depending on the neighborhood in question.

"There are some areas where it looks like it happened yesterday," Brees said. "Those are houses people used to live in and they're not (living there) any more, so where are they?"

Brown's first house is one of the empty ones. He's rebuilt it, but is trying to sell it and has moved to a largely undamaged suburb west of the city.

At the same time, Brees has been pleased to see new construction, or flooded buildings being restored, throughout town. He's also met young business owners who saw the rebuilding city as "a land of opportunity." Brees can relate, having come to New Orleans after his stint in San Diego ended with a career-threatening shoulder injury.

"I felt like we were all kind of in this thing together," Brees said. "I'm trying to rebuild my career coming off the injury and changing teams, kind of a fresh start for me, a fresh start for the organization and a fresh start for the city."

Their home stadium was a prime example. During Katrina, it became a symbol of suffering while being used as a refuge of last resort. After being rebuilt with new and better amenities, it became a symbol of rebirth, and the Saints' first season there was a memorable one, as they went to the NFC championship game for the first time.

In 2007, the NBA's Hornets returned full time to the arena next door and are thriving as well.

"The more you talk to people and the more you drive around, I think you just feel like life is back," Brees said. "When the storm happened, your mind-set had to be: we're going to make things better than they were before. We're going to try to turn this into a positive somehow, some way. I see that happening in a lot of areas. ... So just to kind of be there and just feel like you're kind of a part of the rebuilding process is rewarding."

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Lefty fails to capitalize on Tiger's knee injury

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Phil Mickelson's star presence at the Deutsche Bank Championship was evident Thursday by the company he kept at the TPC Boston.

He played the pro-am with tournament host Seth Waugh, the CEO of Deutsche Bank Americas; New York mayor Michael Bloomberg and New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft. Such is the VIP treatment typically afforded the highest-ranked player in the field.

FedEx Cup playoff standings aside, that honor still falls to Mickelson.

He is No. 2 in the world ranking, although it's easy to forget that. Because while Tiger Woods has been out of sight for two months after his season-ending knee surgery, Mickelson at times has been MIA.

Some thought he would take advantage of Woods' absence by piling up victories, perhaps another major or two, and giving himself a chance to win the money title or PGA Tour player of the year for the first time in his career.

But it hasn't worked out that way.

Mickelson has played four times with only one serious chance at winning, when he had a one-shot lead until bogeys on three of the last four holes at Firestone to tie for fourth. He had to rally to make the weekend at the British Open, was steady but not spectacular in his tie for seventh at the PGA Championship and opened the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup last week with a tie for 19th.

"I've played the same way I've played throughout the year," Mickelson said. "I just haven't been scoring the way I would like. Even though I feel like I'm playing better, the little shots around the greens have cost me. But I'm starting to get that turned around, and I expect to have a much better week."

By most standards, Mickelson has had a good year. He won at Riviera and Colonial, and he is third on the money list, a little more than \$1 million behind Woods. With three more \$7 million events, a money title is not out of reach.

This would be a good place to turn it around, even if the cast of characters has changed.

A year ago, Mickelson surged into FedEx Cup contention with perhaps the most exciting playoff event at the Deutsche Bank Championship. He played the first two rounds with Woods and Vijay Singh, then hooked up with Woods in the final round and closed with a 66 and beat Woods and two others by two shots.

Asked how he remembered last year, Mickelson broke up the room by saying only, "Very fondly."

"It was a fun tournament last year, and I loved the opportunity to have won the tournament," he said. "But I also love the way it happened, with the opportunity to play three rounds with Tiger."

Woods hasn't played since winning the U.S. Open in a playoff, and the tour has had a taste of life without the world's most famous athlete. Attendance has been noticeably down in recent events, and television ratings have plunged, as to be expected.

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happier with the result this time around.

"We've started off very well, I'm very pleased," Waldrum said. "That was much better than the 0-0 tie."

In last season's tournament, the Irish lost in overtime to Oklahoma State to surrender the tournament title to Washington State. In another reminder of last season's rocky early performance, Notre Dame will face a Santa Clara team that beat the visiting Irish 7-1 a week before the 2007 Inn at Saint Mary's Classic. But Waldrum said this weekend the Irish will look to erase the memory of that blowout.

"Every time we play [Santa Clara] it's a battle with both teams leaving everything on the field," Waldrum said. "I don't think we're going to have to get too much about last year to get our team motivated."

But before the Irish fully set their sights on the Broncos, they must contend with an unfamiliar and highly experienced Loyola Marymount team, who Notre Dame will face for the first time.

"It should be a tough game because they return nine of 11 starters from last year," Waldrum said. "I don't think we can intimidate them much just because it's our home field."

West Virginia is the fourth team in the tournament field and although Notre Dame will not face the Mountaineers, Waldrum said they will help make this year's event more competitive than last year's.

"Obviously it's great to have a Big East rival like West Virginia here for this," Waldrum said. "With all these great teams, it's really going to be a big event."

Several Notre Dame players received individual honors this week as Carrie Dew was named the Big East defensive player of the week and senior forward Kerri Hanks earned a spot on the conference's weekly honor roll. In addition, Hanks and senior co-captain Brittany Bock were among the 22 players named preseason All-Americans by Soccer America.

But Waldrum sounded more concerned about getting a good all-around performance out of his team to kick-start the season than about individual accolades.

"It's going to be a great weekend, especially for all the fans," Waldrum said. "We're just going to try to go out there and do everything we can to win it."

The tournament kicks off tonight at 5 p.m. when West Virginia faces off against Santa Clara. Notre Dame begins play against Loyola Marymount after the conclusion of that contest.

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LPGA

Ladies tour no habla español

Golfweek reports players must speak English or face suspension

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Imagine what could have happened to Angel Cabrera if he belonged to a tour that required its players to speak English.

A powerful Argentine who rose from an impoverished childhood, he won the U.S. Open last year at Oakmont by holding off Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk. In the hours after the trophy presentation, Cabrera made his way through a maze of media interviews in Spanish with an interpreter at his side.

Under a new LPGA Tour policy effective next year, Cabrera might have been suspended. Or, he might not have played at all if an official on that tour deemed he was ineffective in English.

"You don't have to speak English to play golf," Cabrera said Thursday in Spanish, joining a chorus of male players perplexed by the LPGA Tour's decision to be punish women golfers for not speaking English in pro-ams, trophy presentations and media interviews.

K.J. Choi of South Korea recalled his rookie season on the PGA Tour in 2000, when his English was so limited that he often got lost going to the golf course because he couldn't read street signs. He wasn't comfortable enough to speak English for five years, despite constant study.

Asked about the LPGA Tour's policy, he shook his head.

"It is a difficult situation," Choi said in English. "It is good

for them to help players learn English. When I learned English, I became a better player. But to suspend them? I don't think so."

And if the PGA Tour had a policy like that in 2000?

"I would have had to go home," Choi said.

Golfweek magazine first reported the LPGA Tour's new English-only policy Monday, leaving the tour scrambling to explain and defend itself over the past several days as the issue has stayed on the forefront of public discussion.

The LPGA Tour didn't get this much attention when Annika Sorenstam said she was retiring.

"We have been puzzled, if not surprised, by some of the reactions," said deputy commissioner Libba Galloway, who previously was the LPGA's top attorney. "We see this as a pro-international move."

Galloway said title sponsors offer individual endorsement deals to players — Sorenstam has a longtime deal with Kraft — and players who can't interact in pro-ams or with sponsors because of limited English are hurting themselves financially.

The LPGA Tour is still working on the policy, which will be delivered to players at the end of the year. She said its professional development group is consulting with outside experts, and the LPGA will administer the evaluation itself.

Players won't have to be fluent, rather what Galloway described as "effective."

"You have to interact effec-

tively with your pro-am partners. You need to be able to do media interviews. And you need to give a winner's acceptance speech in English," she said. "They must speak at a level that effectively accomplishes those three things."

Strangely absent during this debate is LPGA Tour commissioner Carolyn Bivens. According to Golfweek, Bivens held a meeting with only the South Koreans last week in Portland, which led some to believe they were being singled out.

Galloway said Bivens was returning from the West Coast on Monday and Tuesday, and "I drew the long straw" to handle media inquiries.

The LPGA Tour for the last three years has offered language training through a Rosetta Stone online program and has offered a cross-cultural program for its international players.

But there has never been a mandate until now.

"It's not a sign that it's not working," Galloway said. "What we're seeing is that a handful of players don't speak to the level they need to be."

But if only a few players struggle with English, why develop a policy equipped with a penalty?

"We're not just looking at the LPGA as it is now," Galloway said. "We're looking at the future of the LPGA. As you well know, we have a large international membership. All indications are it's not going to get smaller."



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Herrmann Trophy winner.

"You can ask me in December [if we replaced his production]," Clark said. "It's always a difficult one — goal-scoring. If we're going to be a good team, we need to get 40-plus goals out of 25 games. You've got to get some goals, but where they come from doesn't really matter."

As a junior, Lapira scored 22 goals to lead the nation and capture the Herrmann Trophy. Notre Dame's top returning scorer, fifth-year senior midfielder Alex Yoshinaga, scored three goals last year.

"Joe was a predator — he scored goals," Clark said. "You've just got to hope that someone's going to step up now and get it going. There's quite a

few potential scorers."

On the other side of the pitch, the Irish will look to a pair of new goalkeepers with the departure of three-year starter Chris Cahill. Senior Andrew Quinn and junior Philip Tuttle continue to compete for net time for the Irish.

"They were both very solid over the spring," Clark said. "We haven't made the decision yet, and you could go either way."

This weekend marks the ninth time the Irish have played in the event, including Notre Dame's sixth straight trip. The Irish return home to host Dartmouth and South Florida next Friday and Sunday, respectively, in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament before opening Big East play Sept. 11 with a home contest against Marquette.

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good natural leaders for sure," Brown said. "[Croal] has the ability to keep things in perspective, she knows when to get on her teammates, and she knows when they need a pat on the back."

Brown says Nicholas earned her captaincy during summer workouts.

"[Nicholas] is a terrific leader by example," she said. "She's not going to be out-worked by anybody."

The Irish begin their campaign against three squads who, while not major volleyball powers, return a fair amount of talent from last season.

"The only thing we know about them is how they finished last year," Brown said. "But we do know that they were all rela-

tively strong teams last year."

Notre Dame starts off against IPFW Friday night at 7 p.m., a team Brown has never faced during her tenure with the Irish. As a result, she said her team will be making a lot of changes as the game progresses.

Brown said her team would be slightly more prepared for Nevada on Saturday night and Valparaiso on Sunday afternoon because they would be able to watch their opponents play before those matchups.

Overall, though, Brown said she is ready for the season to start.

"I'm just looking forward to having a real match situation and having the referees here, hearing the whistle blow, and seeing the team compete," she said.

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championships won.

Critics of the Notre Dame athletic department say the University president and the Board of Trustees have the real power over the department. Swarbrick said he discussed the issue with University president Fr. John Jenkins and Dick Notebaert, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and feels he has all the power he needs to do his job.

"I wouldn't be here if I was concerned," he said.

No athletic director in the nation, he said, makes a major decision without consulting the university president. What he said he wanted — and felt he got — was the authority to lead the investigation and make a recommendation on the decision.

"I would not have hired him if I did not have confidence in him to do the work of the athletic department," Jenkins said during Swarbrick's introductory press conference on July 16.

While a partner at Baker & Daniels law firm in Indianapolis after graduating from Stanford law school, Swarbrick, who also served as the chairman of the Indiana Sports Corporation from 1992 to 2001, helped bring the NCAA offices and the 2012 Super Bowl to the city. The skills he used in those projects, he said, will help him handle his job as Notre Dame's representative to the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) with whom Notre Dame has an individual contract.

"That's very consistent with my background, that's a lot of the work that I've done," he said. "I've gotten to know a lot of those people, spent time with them over the years, and I consider many of them friends. I'm eager to listen, to learn, and to take part in the discussion."

The University has a new softball stadium, a new soccer field, and renovations to the JACC, but Swarbrick said there are still facilities that need to be updated.

"Clearly we want to address hockey quickly," he said. The Irish hockey team lost to Boston College in the national championship game last season.

The department would address other needs, he said,

on a sport-by-sport basis. A non-facility aspect of the department he would like to work on, he said, was to get his senior staffers in position to lead the changes in the world of college sports. He cited women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw as a coach who thought about the future of the game.

One change he said he doesn't think will happen soon, however, is the addition of a college football playoff. There are too few university presidents interested in changing the system, he said, so the dialogue should focus on something else.

Another status quo he would like Notre Dame to uphold is the avoidance of one-and-done basketball players, students who play their freshman year before leaving for the NBA.

"Generally speaking, I don't think programs benefit from having people who come here with an interest in leaving," he said. "Your basketball program has a real culture, and you have that culture because seniors teach freshmen, and the next class teaches the next class, and you start to have a really important culture."

Swarbrick said, however, that there are athletes for whom it makes sense, and also that no one makes a fuss when a great young tennis player — or Michael Phelps — turns pro.

Although the football team commands most of his attention, the 25 other varsity sports will not fall by the wayside, he said. Athlete-coach relationships are strong, he said, and a football player's experience is as important to him as an athlete's in any other sport.

"I believe that the course of study that is varsity athletics is one of the most effective educational models in American academia," he said. "It's an intensive four-year program."

That being said, the football team plays a special role at the University, and Swarbrick said he will naturally have to devote more time to it.

"It's essential to who we are, both from the external perception and to the way we celebrate it," he said. "I understand that, the other coaches understand that, and we're going to do everything we can to make sure the football program meets the expectations of everyone engaged in it."

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ND ATHLETICS COMMENTARY

From one AD to another

Being a sports editor at a major college publication such as The Observer is a highly respected post. That is why I was far from shocked when I was approached this summer to take over for Kevin White as Notre Dame's Director of Athletics.



Dan Murphy

Sports Editor

Fr. Jenkins and the board made a generous offer and I buckled right down to work. Unfortunately, it was quickly revealed that I studied at the George O'Leary School for Resume Writing and my work as the Appalachian State schedule guru was brought under heavy scrutiny. Jenkins also questioned my role in bringing Kevin Garnett to Boston last year, which admittedly might have been a stretch.

Needless to say, I gracefully stepped down and the athletic department moved on to another smart choice in 1976 graduate Jack Swarbrick. Swarbrick declined my help, but in case he is reading here are a few things that I had pegged as things to do while I was at the top.

Priority No. 1 is turning the

hockey program into a major revenue sport. The team has been a force to be reckoned with in college hockey since the arrival of head coach Jeff Jackson three years ago. A new arena is already in the works, but there is plenty more to be done to insure that Jackson has all the tools he deserves. The Irish are already pulling in some of the top recruits in the country, but if they are going to continue to bring in young talent they will need to be able to back up the promise of better facilities to come.

Establishing the Irish as a household name on the ice would open the doors to upgrade the women's club team to a varsity program. The new arena would have more than enough room to accommodate a women's team, and the excitement surrounding it's opening would keep the turnstiles spinning for both teams.

A women's hockey team would also allow the university to resurrect the varsity wrestling program. Notre Dame did away with wrestling in 1992 because of Title IX legislation.

But of course, the legacy of any Notre Dame AD is not going to be determined by women's ice hockey or wrestling.

An athletic director can't play quarterback, and all the support in the world can't buy you a few extra wins in a sea-

son. However, I did find a way to cement my name in Irish football history — before they ripped it out of my hands, of course.

Because of our independent status, Notre Dame is in a very unique position in college football. The Irish Athletic Director is the only AD in the country that is guaranteed a spot on the BCS Committee. That seat means that Notre Dame has a small voice in the ridiculous process of the college bowl system. That voice provides a way to campaign for a playoff system, or at the very least an improvement over the current BCS format.

Swarbrick said he was looking forward to being on the committee but too few university presidents were interested in a playoff system to put it on his immediate agenda. It is a long, hard road ahead but this one-time AD feels that it can't hurt to try.

I must say that I am a little disappointed in the University's decision to allow me to step down, but I have decided to be the bigger man. It seems Mr. Swarbrick is pretty well qualified, so the best of luck to you Jack. If you ever need a second opinion, you know where to find me.

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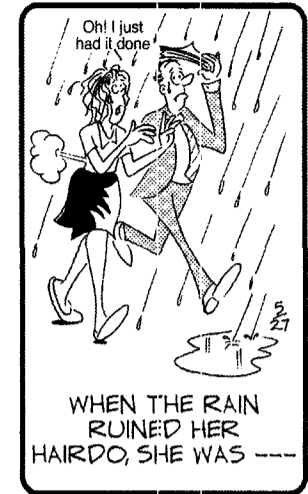
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



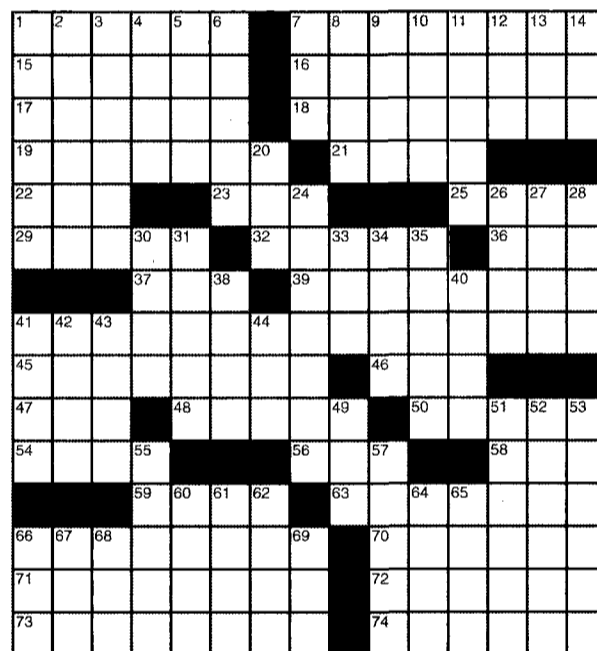
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: "O O O O - O O O O O O O O"
 (Answers tomorrow)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: SIXTY LOONY THEORY SHAKEN
 Answer: What the boxer did when his girlfriend's little brother appeared — TOOK IT ON THE SHIN

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Example of 41-Across
 - 7 Example of 41-Across
 - 15 Like "Survivor" groups
 - 16 "That's fine"
 - 17 ___ Quimby of children's books
 - 18 Most finicky
 - 19 Not fighting
 - 21 Squeezed (out)
 - 22 Ballerina's digit
 - 23 Suffix with racket or rocket
 - 25 Weakens, as support
 - 29 Line up
 - 32 Push (for)
 - 36 Needle part
 - 37 Mauna ___
 - 39 Example of 41-Across
- Down**
- 41 Theme of this puzzle
 - 45 Example of 41-Across
 - 46 90° pipe joint
 - 47 Result of getting worked up
 - 48 Call the whole thing off
 - 50 On the wagon
 - 54 Eton students, e.g.
 - 56 Symbol of sturdiness
 - 58 City map abbr.
 - 59 Tacks on
 - 63 Works of Swift and Wilde
 - 66 They're over the hill
 - 70 Dancing locale
 - 71 "Be delighted"
 - 72 Low tie
 - 73 Example of 41-Across
 - 74 Example of 41-Across



Puzzle by Tibor Derencsenyi

- 41 Not work out
- 42 Kirlian photography image
- 43 Four-footed TV star
- 44 Jar part
- 49 Thank-yous along the Thames
- 51 Black Russians may go on it
- 52 ___ Brothers
- 53 Fix, as a shoe
- 55 Buffalo hockey player
- 57 Barbecue offering
- 60 Bug juice?
- 61 Like Radio City Music Hall, informally
- 62 Hitch
- 64 Pint-size
- 65 "Mm-hmm"
- 66 Chart topper
- 67 "Do ___ do"
- 68 It may be tidy
- 69 ___-Cat

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Moss, 34; Sade, 49; John Carpenter, 60; Dr. Laura Schlessinger, 61

Happy Birthday: Think matters through before you take action. You may not have all the information you need to make a good decision. Be willing to research every aspect of what you want to see happen before you make your move. This is the year to be fully prepared so that you can make the most of the opportunities around you. Your numbers are 7, 13, 20, 25, 32, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let someone else's emotional trauma bring you down. You have plenty going your way and, if you stop to meddle in other people's problems, you will miss something special. You'll have a passionate approach to whatever you do. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't expect to get help from others when you should be doing the work yourself. Someone from your past may propose something that interests you. A new project can turn into a long-term, profitable venture. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not everything will be out in the open or made readily available for you to see. Scrutinize what others are doing. A cheerful approach will help you to decipher what everyone around you is up to. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not like change but you are overdue. A little effort will result in comfortable surroundings. A good talk with someone you love will lead to a better understanding of one another. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel more like having some fun but you should be focusing on what you can do to get ahead professionally, educationally or financially. The time you spend organizing, planning and manipulating your future will pay off. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with emotional issues quickly and you will spare yourself ongoing problems. Be precise about how you feel and what you expect and you will gain the respect of the people you are dealing with. A new challenge will inspire you. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put more effort into fixing up your place or looking for a new investment that will help you save. Getting out with friends or family and trying something new will inspire you to do more of the things that you find motivating. A love interest will develop. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your emotions will be tested today. Not everyone will be forthright regarding intentions and expectations. Instead of letting things get to you, make decisions that will set you apart and help you counteract any form of manipulation. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get serious about your future. Travel, education and picking up information that can transform your life should be considered. An older or more experienced individual will be able to shed some light on an interesting topic. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time on yourself. If you look good, you will feel good. A property deal or investment can be put into play with the expectation of making a clear profit. A move from one location to another will revitalize you. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Help others and you will help yourself. Taking action will prove that you are capable of being a leader and give you the respect of people who can influence your future. Your charm, electric personality and vision will be all that's required. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't put too much trust into what others say they will do. Unless you have something in writing, it isn't likely to manifest into anything. Offer your time and expertise but don't give cash to a cause you know little about. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, forthright and in command. You are capable of getting others to do things for you and can always come up with solutions when needed. You are a leader.

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MEN'S SOCCER

A new season unzipped

Notre Dame opens regular season on the road against Akron after a 1-0-1 preseason record

By **MATT GAMBER**
Associate Sports Editor

After posting a 1-0-1 record in exhibition play, No. 3 Notre Dame opens its season tonight in Bloomington, Ind., with a 5 p.m. match against No. 12 Akron.

The Irish will take on Duke at 2 p.m. tomorrow as part of the 26th annual Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic, a four-team event on the campus of Indiana University.

"It's certainly going to be two good games, without question," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We play a very good schedule without many gimmies, and I think the team's excited for this weekend."

The Irish boast a strong cast of returners, including seven starters from a team that fell to eventual national champion

Wake Forest 1-0 in the NCAA quarterfinals.

Senior defender Matt Besler, a two-time captain and preseason All-American this season, is one of three all-Big East honorees back for the Irish. He is joined on the back line by fellow senior and all-Big East player Jack Traynor.

Sophomore midfielder Matt Armstrong, an all-Big East honorable mention a year ago, also returns.

After combining to play in just two games a year ago, senior Bright Dike and junior Tamba Samba return to bolster an attacking unit that also includes sophomores Jeb Brovsky and Steven Perry. The major question, however, is whether the Irish can replace the production of Joseph Lapira, a two-time All-American and the 2006

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Senior midfielder Alex Yoshinaga dribbles the ball in a 1-0 win against St. John's on Nov. 11, 2007. JESS LEE/The Observer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Proffitt to transfer schools

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Editor

Sophomore guard Ty Proffitt has left the Notre Dame basketball team and will transfer schools, coach Mike Brey said in a statement Thursday.

Proffitt played in eight games last season, averaging 1.0 points and 0.4 rebounds per game.

"We fully support Ty's decision to transfer to another school," Brey said in the statement.

Note:
♦ESPN College Gameday will visit campus for the Notre Dame-Connecticut game on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

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ND ATHLETICS

Swarbrick ready to face challenges, lead change

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Editor

On the morning of Aug. 21 in the JACC, a receptionist spoke on the phone, updating magazine subscriptions. She changed the addresses, then made another switch.

"I'd like to change the name on these as well," she said. "Can you change it to Jack Swarbrick?"

In the grand scheme of the Notre Dame athletic department, that means almost nothing.

But it's representative of the shift into a new era.

Swarbrick, a '76 graduate of the University, former Irish lacrosse player and a lawyer in Indianapolis, replaced Kevin White, who took the same job at Duke University, in July. So far, he said, the reception has been positive.

"Part of that is my Notre Dame background, having gone to school here," he said. "It's just been exceptionally

welcoming."

He comes into a job laden with challenges, from football scheduling to Notre Dame's interaction with the BCS to a half-finished renovation of athletic facilities. He's started to learn the complex puzzle that is football scheduling, he said, because the schedules go far into the future. The challenges, he said, come from trying to preserve the traditional rivalries while at the same

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time following the 7-4-1 schedule White established (seven home games, four away and one at a neutral site).

"It's a real Rubik's Cube, because if you're pursuing a 7-4-1 model you've got to find three teams, arguably four, that aren't interested in a home-and-home and are willing to just be a visitor," he said.

Schools will agree to play Notre Dame at home without requiring the Irish to travel there, he said, but not many.

"I talked to a coach at a very

good program last week," Swarbrick said. "He essentially said this is the one place where he would do that because he wants his kids to experience it once. Not gonna do it twice."

Swarbrick said on-field performance is not the only factor he uses to determine a program's success. He looks at the experience of the students, how the program represents the university, the competitive results and the number of

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Loyola, Santa Clara visit ND

By **FRAN TOLAN**
Sports Writer

Judging from the 7-0 beating Notre Dame handed Michigan in its season opener last Friday, the No. 4 Irish appear determined to avoid the poor start they endured last season.

But the team will face several big early-season tests this weekend as the host of the 16th annual Inn at Saint Mary's Classic held at Alumni Field.

The Irish will take on Loyola Marymount tonight at 7:30 p.m. and wrap up the weekend with a contest against No. 21 Santa Clara on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Last season, the Irish also opened against Michigan but only managed a scoreless draw. Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said he was much



Senior forward Brittany Bock dribbles upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14, 2007. IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

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ND VOLLEYBALL

After rough season, a fresh start for the Irish

By **SAM WERNER**
Sports Writer

Irish coach Debbie Brown has never faced IPFW while at Notre Dame, but she isn't fazed. In fact, she said, it could spice things up a bit because she'll make changes mid-match.

"Sometimes that's actually pretty fun to do that," she said. "But you're also used to having a little bit more knowledge than we do."

The game against IPFW is the first of the Shamrock Invitational; Notre Dame will also face Nevada and Valparaiso this weekend in the tournament.

Notre Dame will look to get off to a fast start to help them rebound from a disappointing 2007 season.

"I don't feel like if we don't if

we don't get off to a good start it'll be a disastrous season," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "But obviously you always want to start off strong, and I think we have the opportunity to do that."

Brown also said this year's squad will use last year's frustration as motivation to improve in 2008.

"I think there's just a real strong determination to make it better for sure and there's no doubt in my mind that we will," she said. "We have reasons to be really optimistic about [this year]."

Captains Jamel Nicholas and Mallory Croal, who returns as a co-captain from last year, will lead this year's team.

"I think they're both really

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The Center for Social Concerns has partnerships with over fifty local social service and advocacy organizations. Numerous opportunities exist to contribute your time and talents.

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Student Service and Social Action Groups

Over forty student groups on campus have a service and social action focus. They offer numerous opportunities for advocacy, education, and local community involvement.

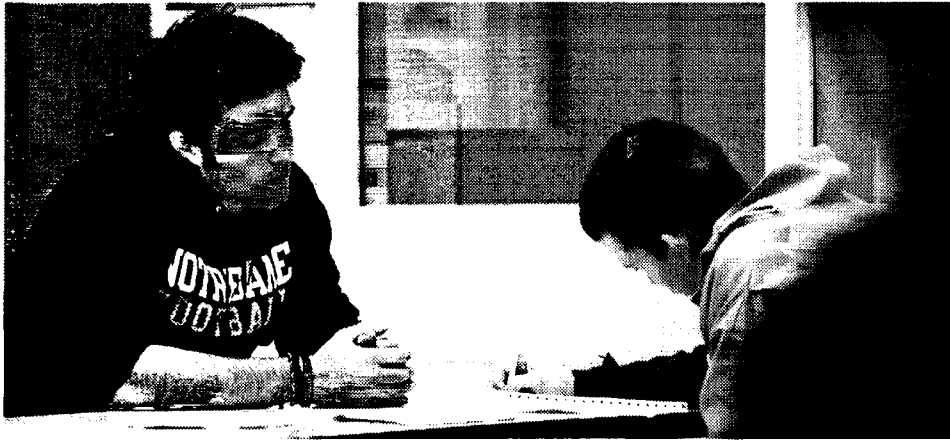
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Community-Based Learning Opportunities

The Center works with departments at Notre Dame to offer courses and research opportunities in the local community. Many of these are facilitated by Community-Based Learning Coordinators (CBLCs).



Taking education beyond the walls of the classroom



Tutoring an inmate at the South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility

The Center for Social Concerns invites you to push the boundaries of your classroom into the neighborhoods of South Bend and beyond. Come and enter the lives of those who live and study and work there. Indeed, consider the ways that you might begin to be a part of the world's transformation.

Through the years, thousands of students have taken part in the numerous opportunities offered through the Center for Social Concerns and our many partners. Each student has made an important difference.

Often this service involvement, and the learning that comes through it, transforms you. In turn, this transformation allows each of you to be impressive agents of transformation in others' lives. This is seen during and long after your time at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross College.

Jesus called love the greatest of all commandments—to love the Lord God with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12: 28-31). It is not easy but it remains no less our challenge and call. It is the foundation on which we will build the justice we seek and the peace we long for.

Be a part of the transformation to which we are called. Give yourself away. One or more of the opportunities on these pages could quite possibly change you forever.

God Bless,

Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Lies, C.S.C.
Executive Director

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Preferred method contact is **bold**.

AIDS MINISTRIES/AIDS ASSIST

FOCUS: Care coordination for persons living with HIV and community-based HIV testing.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers provide a range of supportive services to both clients and staff.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

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AMERICAN RED CROSS (ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CHAPTER)

FOCUS: To provide relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Volunteer positions include giving disaster preparedness presentations in schools and the community, working with refugee clients, instructing CPR/First Aid classes, and working on various projects throughout the chapter.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Background check, training

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

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www.stjoe-redcross.org

ARK ANGELS, INC.

FOCUS: Youth intervention and positive discovery

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Positive Peer Team creation, developmental strategies through teaching and mentoring of all ages with primary target being youth with little to no home support structure.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any (M-F), Evening (SA, SU)

REQUIREMENTS: Background check

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

CONTACT: Ron King

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: Provide youth development programs for school-aged youth in an after-school environment.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Serve as mentors, group leaders, and coaches to the kids. Specialized service projects available in development office.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check

PLACEMENTS: 30+

CONTACT: Deborah Burrow

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: Provide youth development programs for school-aged youth in an after-school environment.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Serve as mentors, group leaders, and coaches to the kids. Specialized service projects available in development office.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check

PLACEMENTS: 30+

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BROADWAY CHRISTIAN PARISH UMC

FOCUS: A Christian community committed to serving our neighbors regardless of economic and or social status.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Food pantry, distribute toiletries, computer lab, hospitality drop-in center, Sunday community dinner.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Daytime, Late afternoon (M-F)

Afternoon (SA, SU)

REQUIREMENTS: Spanish speaking

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

CONTACT: Rev. Nancy Nichols

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CASA PROGRAM OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: To recruit, screen, train, supervise, and support volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers are screened and trained by the CASA program, they are appointed by the court to advocate for children who come into the court system primarily as a result of alleged physical, sexual, emotional abuse and/or neglect. Volunteers must meet with the child regularly, interview all parties to the case, complete court reports under specified time limits, work professionally with the Department of Child Services, CASA Program and others involved in the case.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: 21+, Background check, drug screening, training

PLACEMENTS: 30+

CONTACT: Brenda Matuszkiewicz

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

FOCUS: Families

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist in food pantry, help with filing, and other office duties as they are needed.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, Spanish speaking, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: 1-5

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CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

FOCUS: To offer hospitality to people in need.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Help prepare evening meal, talk with guests, collect food from farmer's market, manual labor at drop-in center downtown, pick up furniture donations.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Late afternoon, evening (M-F), Any (SA, SU)

REQUIREMENTS: None

PLACEMENTS: Up to 30

CONTACT: Margaret Pfeil

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CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

FOCUS: To provide education, training, rehabilitation, housing placement, and job placement programs and services to in-residence guests.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Tutor adults seeking GED, improved literacy and maths, assist in job retention programs, help at front desk and exercise room, read to, play with, and mentor children.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Background check, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: 30+

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CHIARA HOME, INC.

FOCUS: To provide out-of-home respite care for individuals with special needs.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Help with meals, play games, and go for walks with residents. Redesign and update web page.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: One semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: 1-5

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CHILDREN'S DISPENSARY "A PLACE TO BE ME"

FOCUS: To enhance the learning of people with special needs.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Mentor children with social and cognitive impairments, assist the children in various social and recreation activities.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any (M-F), Daytime, late afternoon (SA, SU)

REQUIREMENTS: Background check

PLACEMENTS: 30+

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CORVILLA, INC.

FOCUS: To provide homes and care for people with developmental disabilities.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Help with social outings, bingo parties, bowling outings, zoo trips, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas parties. Help organize several unique fund raising activities that students might like to help with as a volunteer. Snowball Softball, Dodgeball Tournament, Glow in the Dark Volleyball and Notre Dame football parking.

DAYS: Weekends

TIME(S): Afternoon, evening

REQUIREMENTS: None

PLACEMENTS: 1-5

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DISMAS HOUSE OF SOUTH BEND

FOCUS: Faith-based re-entry program that provides housing and services to adults returning from incarceration so they can successfully adjust to society. The former offenders share the house with local college students and together, they create a positive living environment.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Student residency, prepare evening meal and dine with the residents, mentoring and GED tutoring, help with house repairs, assist with special events. Update website and donor database.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: 18+

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

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EL CAMPITO, INC.

FOCUS: To promote the educational, social, and economic success of culturally diverse children and their families, by providing quality programs and services to those most in need.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Provide homework assistance for the after-school program; provide Spanish translation for written materials, child care assistance for evening meetings, and assistance for fund raising activities.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, TB test, drug screening

PLACEMENTS: 1-5

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**FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY**

FOCUS: To offer options to victims of domestic and sexual violence to help them and their children break free from the cycle of violence.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Offer resources for victims of domestic violence, play with children, answer phones, and/or welcome guests.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: 1-5

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FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN INDIANA

FOCUS: To feed hungry people and advocate on their behalf.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Offer resources for victims of domestic violence, play with children, answer phones, and/or welcome guests.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

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FREEDOM 22 FOUNDATION

FOCUS: To support families, connect volunteers, and build community in Michiana.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Coach middle school students in language arts competition.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime

REQUIREMENTS: None

PLACEMENTS: 6-15

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HANNAH'S HOUSE

FOCUS: To provide shelter, programming and staff support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of pregnant young women.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Light administrative work, cleaning, yard work, light cooking, childcare.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: None

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

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HARBOR LIGHT HOSPICE

FOCUS: To promote dignity and emphasize quality of life for those during the final stages of terminal illness.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: One-to-one visits to patients in nursing homes, provide respite visits for patients living at home, office work, and help with marketing programs.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, US citizen, background check, TB test, one year commitment

PLACEMENTS: 30+

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HEALTHWIN SPECIALIZED CARE

FOCUS: Healthcare for the geriatric, head injured, dementia, and Alzheimer populations.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Entertain and share life experiences; play cards, board games and computer games with residents; help residents with scrap booking; keep bulletin boards updated; help with special events; decorate for holidays; help with special events; entertain residents with music; help with ND Tailgate parties.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Background check, TB test

PLACEMENTS: 30+

CONTACT: Karen Martindale

(574) 272-0100 ext. 288

kmartindale@healthwin.org

HOPE MINISTRIES

FOCUS: A faith-based homeless shelter for men, women, and families.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Adult education tutor, early childhood education assistant, Front desk receptionist, case manager assistant, development/PR assistant, assistance with the annual Street Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless men, women and children in the community.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: 18+

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 30

CONTACT: Meg Place

(574) 235-4150

mplace@hopesb.org

www.hopesb.org

INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (ILS)

FOCUS: Indiana Legal Services is a poverty law clinic funded to help low-income people in certain civil cases.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Conduct initial interviews with potential clients and summarize the case into written narratives for attorney review.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, Confidentiality agreement, No advice to clients

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15

CONTACT: Heather Mezosi

(574) 234-8121 ext. 3228

Heather.Mezosi@ils.net

www.indianajustice.org

LA CASA DE AMISTAD, INC.

FOCUS: La Casa is a youth and community center serving the Latino population.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: After-school program, food pantry, tutoring ESL students, preparing newsletter, website updates, data entry.

DAYS: Weekdays (M-F)

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: Car, fluent in Spanish

PLACEMENTS: Up to 30

CONTACT: Rebecca Ruvalcaba

(574) 233-2120

beccaruval@yahoo.com

LASALLE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FOCUS: A youth development agency committed to strengthening the lives of kids.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Work on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule with the Scouts from various groups around the South Bend area.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

CONTACT: Arne Landsverk

(574) 289-0337 ext. 315

alandsverk@lasallecouncilbsa.org

www.lasallecouncilbsa.org

LIFE TREATMENT CENTERS

FOCUS: To provide professional treatment services to adults addicted to alcohol and drugs.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Front desk coordinator answer phones, detoxification monitor clients, landscaping taking care of the lawn, special projects coordinator work with development office.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, US Citizen

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15

CONTACT: Julia Shapiro

(574) 233-5433 ext. 235

julas@lifetreatmentcenters.org

www.lifetreatmentcenters.org

LITERACY COUNCIL OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: To elevate the quality of life in our community by promoting and improving functional literacy.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: One-to-one tutoring of adults, success by six early childhood instruction for adults, and Spanish literacy

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, Car, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 30

CONTACT: Kaye Warren

(574) 235-6113

tutoring@stjoereads.org

www.stjoereads.org

LOGAN COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC.

FOCUS: To support people with disabilities in achieving their desired quality of life.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist with social skills classes, tutoring, and a teen social group at the Autism center; offer classes in art, nature, music, drama, or fitness with Adult Day services.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Late afternoon, evening

REQUIREMENTS: Car

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+

CONTACT: Nichole Maguire

(574) 289-4831 ext. 1043

nmaguire@hotmail.com

www.logancenter.org

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SOUTH BEND

FOCUS: Full service hospital

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Pushing patients in wheelchairs, staffing information desks, and assisting on floors.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, TB test, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 30

CONTACT: Jeanne Blad

(574) 647-6496

volunteerservices@memorialsb.org

www.qualityoflife.org

MILTON ADULT DAY SERVICES

FOCUS: A therapeutic activities-based program that serves adults who need supervision during the day. Many participants have Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist with activities and work one-on-one with clients or small groups of clients for mental or physical exercises.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon

REQUIREMENTS: 18+, TB test, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS: Up to 15

CONTACT: Norma Napoli

(574) 232-2666

norma_napoli@sbcglobal.net

www.MiltonADS.org

NEAR NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD, INC.

FOCUS: An organization of citizens dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the neighborhood.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist in research and development of programming, including creating policy and guidelines. Development of marketing materials to revitalize the neighborhood by promoting home ownership.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Daytime (M-F), Morning (SA, SU)

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 1-5

CONTACT: Karen Ainsley

(574) 232-9182

nnndirector@kconline.com

www.nearnorthwest.org

REAL SERVICES, INC.

FOCUS: Working with the elderly and disabled.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist clients with lawn care, grocery shopping, light housekeeping and friendly visiting, deliver meals at noon to homebound, advocacy for Guardianship and Ombudsman program.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one semester commitment

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15

CONTACT: Carlene Maxwell/Dee Pasternak

(574) 284-2691

Cmaxwell@realservicesinc.com

www.realservices.org

REINS OF LIFE, INC.

FOCUS: Therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Assist riders with grooming, tacking and executing skills during therapeutic riding lessons; perform as horse leaders side walkers, safety monitors, instructors' aides and cheerleaders; assist with fund raising events and special projects; feed horses.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any (M-F), Daytime, late afternoon (SA, SU)

REQUIREMENTS: Car, two hours a week

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+

CONTACT: Christine Flowers

(574) 232-0853

ourvolsrock@yahoo.com

www.reinsoflife.org

ROBINSON COMMUNITY

LEARNING CENTER (RCLC)

FOCUS: To welcome community and Notre Dame partners that strengthen the Northeast Neighborhood of South Bend through relationship-building and educational opportunities.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Tutoring, GED preparation, computer classes, art classes, exercise classes, and more.

DAYS: Weekdays

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+

CONTACT: Jay Caponigro

(574) 631-9423

caponigro.2@nd.edu

RONALD MCDONALD FAMILY ROOM

AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

FOCUS: To provide respite for families of hospitalized children.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Work shifts of three hours, one day a month, to help with mailings and special events.

DAYS: Any

TIME(S): Any

REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, TB test, one semester commitment, Spanish speaking

PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 30

CONTACT: Shelley Lesniewicz

(574) 647-3020

rmfdirector@memorialsb.org

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SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

FOCUS: Full line acute care hospital
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Volunteer advocate in emergency department (pre-med only); Read to children in waiting room of Family Clinic as part of Reach Out and Read program, other opportunities in outpatient pediatric therapy and in the pharmacy.
DAYS: Any
TIME(S): Any
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, TB test, one semester commitment, proof of Hepatitis B immunization
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Denise Kapsa
 (574) 237-7242
 kapsad@sjrhc.com

SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

FOCUS: To provide a strong network of volunteer visitation working one-on-one with sisters assisting with reading, computer e-mail, letter writing, trivia and other social programs.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Table game players, readers, musicians (especially piano players), activity cart, garden walks, group workshop leaders, decorating and helping with special events and many other fun activities too numerous to list.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Lee Ann Moore
 ((574) 284-5678
 lmoore@cscsisters.org

SJRMC OUTREACH SERVICES

FOCUS: To provide health care to the underserved population in South Bend and Mishawaka.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Supplement staff by accessing patients, preparing charts, assisting and following physicians, filing, etc.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Any
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, TB test, Spanish speaking, two hours per week, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Michelle Peters
 (574) 239-5299
 petermic@sjrhc.com
 www.sjmed.com

SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION ADULT EDUCATION

FOCUS: Help student sixteen years of age and older strengthen academic, job, and life skills.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Tutor adults who need to improve basic skills; prepare adults for the GED Exam, and/or learn English as a second language; help teach basic computer skills.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Any
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, Car, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 1-5
CONTACT: Gayle Silver
 (574) 283-7563
 gsilver@sbcsc.k12.in.us
 www.sbcsc.k12.in.us/

SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION BILINGUAL SERVICES

FOCUS: To promote and develop English proficiency, intellectual growth, self-concept and cultural sensitivity in Limited English Proficient, and Language Minority students.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Tutoring services and after school programs to elementary and middle school students. Spanish speaking is not necessary.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Late afternoon
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one semester required
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Bill Barna
 (574) 283-8150
 wbarna@sbcsc.k12.in.us
 www.sbcsc.k12.in.us

SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION PARTNER UP/READ TO A CHILD

FOCUS: Reading program
Service activities: To read for thirty minutes a week to a child from Kindergarten to grade four.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Daytime
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one-year commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Connie Moore
 (574) 283-8182
 cmoore4@sbcsc.k12.in.us
 www.sbcsc.k12.in.us

SOUTH BEND JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

FOCUS: A medium to very-high security juvenile correctional facility for males between the ages of twelve and eighteen.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Tutor and mentor boys, Offer religious services and programs.
DAYS: Any day
TIME(S): Any time
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, TB test, orientation
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Beverly Williams
 (574) 232-8808 ext. 350
 bewilliams@doc.in.gov
 www.in.gov

S-O-S OF MADISON CENTER

FOCUS: Rape crisis intervention and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as their significant others.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Provide support and crisis intervention to victims at hospitals and on the phone crisis line.
DAYS: Any
TIME(S): Any
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Annie Envall
 (574) 283-1308
 anniee@madison.org
 www.madison.org

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

FOCUS: A day-center for women and their children who live in poverty.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Help with meal preparation, front desk duties, resumé preparation, clerical help, and more.
DAYS: Weekdays (M-F)
TIME(S): Daytime
REQUIREMENTS: Female, 18+, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 1-5
CONTACT: Patricia Marvel
 (574) 234-7795
 patismh@sbcglobal.net
 www.stmargarethouse.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INC.

FOCUS: To provide food, clothing, furniture, and other basic necessities to families in need.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Work in thrift store, office, or pantry. Visit the poor in their homes.
DAYS: Weekdays (M-F)
TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon
REQUIREMENTS: Car
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Charlie Thompson
 (574) 251-4903
 confdirector@saintvincent-in.org
 www.saintvincent-in.org

TAKE TEN

FOCUS: A conflict resolution education curriculum that teaches youth to respond to conflict non-violently.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Student volunteers are trained to work in teams to go to local schools once per week and implement our curriculum. Students plan and teach the lessons to all grades of children.
DAYS: Weekdays (M-F)
TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 30+
CONTACT: Ellen Kyes
 (574) 631-9424
 kyes.1@nd.edu
 www.taketen.org

THE CENTER FOR HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE, INC.

FOCUS: To improve the quality of living for patients facing the end of their lives.
Service activities: Provide respite and companionship to patients and families on a weekly basis, or assist with light house-keeping, errands and some personal care.
DAYS: Any
TIME(S): 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, US Citizen, TB test, Physician health statement, driver's license and auto insurance, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Jackie Boynton
 (574) 243-3100
 boyntonj@centerforhospice.org
 www.centerforhospice.org

THE SALVATION ARMY

FOCUS: To meet human need in Jesus Christ's name without discrimination.
Service activities: Take applications, prepare food boxes, clerical work, distribute toys.
DAYS: Weekdays during Christmas season
TIME(S): Morning
REQUIREMENTS: Background check
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Liz Fallon
 (574) 233-9471
 liz_fallon@usc.salvationarmy.org
 www.usc.salvationarmy.org/sjc

UNITED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: To encourage religious cooperation and understanding, effect constructive changes in society, and advocate for those seeking help to meet life's basic needs.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Work to help those with basic needs issues, provide administrative assistance.
DAYS: Weekdays
TIME(S): Daytime, late afternoon
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, Spanish speaking
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: 1-5
CONTACT: Rev. William J. Wassner
 (574) 282-2397
 urc@urcsjc.org
 www.urcsjc.org

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INC.

FOCUS: To provide a strong safety net for marginalized youth, aiding them along with their families to move from surviving to thriving.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Provide tutoring and recreation assistance at the runaway shelter; grant research and fundraising tasks.
DAYS: Any
TIME(S): Any (M-F), Afternoon, evening (SA,SU)
REQUIREMENTS: 18+, background check, one semester commitment
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
Contact: Bonnie Stryker
 (574) 235-9231
 bstryker@sbcglobal.net
 www.ybsbc.org

YWCA OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

FOCUS: To provide programming and services for women and their children who seek programming for domestic violence, chemical dependency issues, sexual assault and transitional and permanent housing.
SERVICE ACTIVITIES: Monitor the Protective Order Court hearings through the Court Watch Program; gather data or attend court hearings for domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault; assist with child care for the children residing in the shelter; assist with client crisis calls, intakes and attending to the women's needs.
DAYS: Any
TIME(S): Any
REQUIREMENTS: Car, 18+, background check, one semester commitment, Spanish speaking a plus
PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE: Up to 15
CONTACT: Laura Kobek
 (574) 233-9491 ext. 303
 lkobek@ywcascj.org
 www.ywcascj.org

For the most current listing of community service and volunteer opportunities be sure to visit: socialconcerns.nd.edu.



TUTORING AT LA CASA DE AMISTAD, INC.



Student Service and Social Action Groups

AFRICA FAITH AND JUSTICE NETWORK

We are the Notre Dame Chapter of AFJN, a Washington, DC based lobby group focused on action, advocacy, and education concerning issues pertaining to justice and peace cross-nationally on the continent of Africa. We collaborate with African student groups on campus, as well as individuals *working in academia, peace building, and general awareness* to form a unified voice for change in world perception and inaction towards the people of Africa.

CONTACT: Sean Gaffney
sgaffney@nd.edu

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Relay for Life (main event)
Daffodil Days (secondary event)

CONTACT: Jonathan Alfano
jalfano@nd.edu

ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

Arnold Air Society works towards a national project each year. This year we will focus on combating poverty and homelessness. Membership is affiliated with Air Force ROTC. However, others may be involved with our civilian counterpart, Silver Wings.

CONTACT: Gary Kuhls
gkuhls@nd.edu

BANDLINK

We provide a band program for students from the Christian Homeschool Association, Christ the King, and Holy Cross schools. We offer the students individual lessons and then a full band program after school.

CONTACT: Erin Haines
ehaine01@saintmarys.edu

BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities in the community by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships with students. We hold 1-2 activities per month for buddy pairs to hang out together. Students are expected to contact their buddy weekly and enjoy their presence twice a month.

CONTACT: Ed Suski
esuski@nd.edu

BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS

This club consists of all ND/SMC students who are Big Brothers or Big Sisters. We work closely with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of St. Joseph County. Our club funds events for bigs and littles to attend together (for example: Halloween party, skating party, bowling party, picnics).

CONTACT: Charlie Cummings
ccummin2@nd.edu

CAMP KESEM

Camp Kesem is a weeklong camp for children (ages 5-13) whose parents have or have had cancer. Camp is provided free for the children, and relies solely on fundraisers and donations for its existence. CK is a student-run organization whose mission is twofold: to provide these children with a fun summer camp experience that gives them a chance to be kids, and to empower college students to channel their passion for making a difference, while developing critical leadership skills for long-term social impact.

CONTACT: Brianna Kico
bkico@nd.edu

CAMPUS GIRL SCOUTS

Campus Girl Scouts works in the community with local Girl Scout troops and holds Badge Workshops. We also have monthly service projects like making sack lunches for local charities or making cards for rectors.

CONTACT: Angela Comana
acomana@nd.edu

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND

The Children's Defense Fund, in association with the National Children's Defense Fund, is an organization that addresses issues regarding children through service and advocacy. We sponsor "Campus Community Conversations" and invite representatives from relevant professions, campus organizations, parents in the community, and victimized children to participate. Our aim is to raise awareness in students, professors, and community members and to provide them with the tools to act. We also sponsor a weekly volunteering program called Friday Night Activities at the Center for the Homeless every Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Transportation provided.

CONTACT: Melissa Janisch
mjanisch@nd.edu

CIRCLE K

Circle K is a Kiwanis-affiliated service club that provides free transportation to weekly service projects in and around the South Bend community. Every day of the week, we send members to about twenty different service projects. In addition, we offer larger-scale weekend projects. We also provide approximately fifty different leadership positions and offer a forum in which to meet many other service-minded individuals.

CONTACT: Andrew Parnell
aparnell@nd.edu

COLLEGE MENTORS FOR KIDS

College Mentors for Kids is a state-wide organization that pairs youth in the community with college student mentors to show the children the benefits of college and introduce them to resources on college campuses.

CONTACT: Katie Pierret
kpierret@nd.edu

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE TO SERVE HISPANICS (CASH)

Students participate in various service activities in South Bend and Mishawaka. Throughout the year, the club raises money for Hispanic parishes in the area and for organizations that work at the Mexico-United States border.

CONTACT: Kerry McGuire
kmcguir1@nd.edu

DOMERS MENTORING KIDS

Student club that groups the volunteers of three distinct programs: "Our Lady's Helpers" and "SAINTS" place students as tutors in underserved Catholic grade schools. "BANDLINK" places band members in local schools to teach music.

CONTACT: Tessa Plaschke
tplaschk@nd.edu

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COUNCIL

The Experiential Learning Council develops and enhances experiential and service learning opportunities for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, particularly through the student-facilitated experiential learning Seminars offered by the Center for Social Concerns. The organization brings together student leaders of each of the seminars to create a forum for ideas, to coordinate planning, and to share resources.

CONTACT: Megan Savage
msavage1@nd.edu

FEMINIST VOICE

Raise awareness of, educate the campus on, and advocate for women's issues at Notre Dame, in the United States and abroad.

CONTACT: Mandy Lewis
alewis4@nd.edu

FIRST AID SERVICES TEAM (FAST)

Our club works to provide professional emergency medical services to students, visitors, and fans of the University of Notre Dame. We work during varsity games, dorm events, and any other University events that require medical coverage. All members work strictly on a volunteer basis. We train all of our members in American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, and AED/Oxygen use.

CONTACT: Bristol Schmitz
bschmitz@nd.edu

FOODSHARE

Foodshare takes leftover food from NDH to the Hope Ministries five nights a week and helps to serve meals at the Center for the Homeless and the Broadway Christian Parish about once per semester.

CONTACT: John Miller
jmille35@nd.edu

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We completely fund and build a home as a club for a deserving family in South Bend each year. We also partner with local high schools to help the high school students fund and build their own home for another family in South Bend.

CONTACT: Jaime Amrhein
jamrhein@nd.edu

HELPFUL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (HUGS)

We engage in activities with the patients in the Pediatric ward of Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Ranging from playing in the playroom to bringing board games or stories to the kids, our activities with them are meant to help take their minds off of their medical stay while having fun.

CONTACT: Jennifer Hunt
Jhunt4@nd.edu

HUMAN RIGHTS ND (HRND)

Human Rights-ND seeks to correct human rights abuses both domestically and abroad. We utilize letter writing campaigns along with several action days a semester with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as our guiding document.

CONTACT: Catherine McKinney
cmckinn1@nd.edu

IRISH FIGHTING FOR ST. JUDE KIDS

To fundraise for St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee in order to provide care for those children whose families are unable to pay for the critical medical care they need.

CONTACT: Sara Hawley
hawley@nd.edu

LITERACY AWARENESS NOTRE DAME (LAND)

The purpose of LAND is to raise literacy awareness on campus and in the community and to promote education at all levels, adult and child. LAND works toward its goals by: forming partnerships, programming, and promoting. We will raise literacy awareness through fundraising, book drives, literacy festivals, literacy awareness week, etc.

CONTACT: Kim Churbock
kchurboc@nd.edu

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1447

As a fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to fostering a sense of unity and brotherhood within its members through service work and fun fraternal events in our building on campus.

CONTACT: Jim Redden
jredden@nd.edu

MS. WIZARD DAY PROGRAM TEAM

Ms. Wizard Day seeks to foster an interest in the sciences in nine to eleven year old local middle school girls. Our club members help in the planning and implementation of a day-long science event as student group leaders or experiment guides. All that occurs at our event related to science, math, engineering, or technology. Through this event, we foster an interest in these careers among young girls. Our end goal is to fill the absence of women in scientific and technological fields that exists today.

CONTACT: Allison Hickey
ahickey@nd.edu

BE THE CHANGE

ND FOR ANIMALS

We advocate increasing awareness of the plight of animals in factory farms. Our goal is to spread knowledge of the benefits of vegetarianism and how to be better stewards of the earth. We also volunteer our time to animal shelters and animal activism.

CONTACT: Ashley Farrington
afarrin1@nd.edu

ND-8

Our mission is to raise awareness of the 8 Millennium Development Goals and provide opportunities for the campus community to take action towards meeting those goals. We do this through films, panel discussions, and fundraising activities in collaboration with other groups on campus.

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mellerho@nd.edu

NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY HELP PROGRAM (NSHP)

We provide tutoring for 3rd and 4th graders at Lincoln Elementary School. Provide tutoring to students of all ages at the Charles Black Youth Center. Federal Work-Study students are allowed and transportation is provided.

Contact: Levi Checketts
lcheckett@nd.edu

NOTRE DAME PEACE FELLOWSHIP

ND Peace Fellowship is a prayer, study, and action group. Our weekly meetings consist of those three elements. We also plan events like speakers, discussions, and performances in collaboration with other groups on campus.

CONTACT: Kristi Haas
khaas3@nd.edu

NOTRE DAME RIGHT TO LIFE

Notre Dame Right to Life seeks to promote and uphold the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, service, and education, and to help women in crisis pregnancies find alternatives to abortion through service and support, in the spirit of the Catholic Church.

CONTACT: Mary Kate Daly
mdaly4@nd.edu

OPERATION SMILE

The goal of this club is to fundraise to fund operations of children with cleft lips living in poverty.

CONTACT: James Petrocelli
jpetroce@nd.edu

SAINT JOSEPH/CHAPIN STREET VOLUNTEERS

We volunteer at the medical clinics around South Bend associated with the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

CONTACT: Mallory Jacobs
mjacobs4@nd.edu

SLICE OF LIFE ND

Slice of Life meets three times a week to tutor and mentor children in downtown South Bend. Slice of Life ND is a tutoring and literacy program that works with South Bend students (mostly K-8) on their schoolwork and reading skills.

CONTACT: Sarah Lane
slane2@nd.edu

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AMERICAN MEDICINE (SJAM)

The goal of Social Justice in American Medicine is to raise awareness about health disparities in the United States through service, guest speakers, and awareness initiatives.

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csensaba@nd.edu

SPECIAL FRIENDS

Notre Dame Special Friends is a club designed to promote unique friendships between children with autism and Notre Dame students. Notre Dame students are paired with children with autism with the goal of getting to know the child and their family by spending time with them on a weekly basis. Homework help, Applied Behavior Analysis therapy, fun outings or field trips, and just playing with the child on a one-on-one basis are just some of the ways that Special Friends can interact with the child.

CONTACT: Lauren Schmitt
lschmit1@nd.edu

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (SEA)

SEA is a social action group made up of environmentally conscious students, those who love being outside and care about their place in the natural world. SEA organizes community outreach projects—annual projects include tree planting and river clean up—as well as activities in the local area, like canoeing and trips to outdoor festivals. SEA also coordinates Earth Week on campus, which features speakers, film festivals, and expositions on the quad.

CONTACT: Tracy Jennings
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SUPER SIBS

Super Sibs is an organization for ND-SMC students who have siblings with disabilities to be matched with children in the local community who also have siblings with disabilities. We have "Sib Chats" once a month and also attend fun events (i.e. Pep Rallies, Hockey Games, Bowling, Halloween Party, etc.) monthly. Super Sibs provides College Sibs with a great opportunity to mentor kids in the South Bend area who are struggling to grow up with a sibling who has special needs.

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SUSTAINED DIALOGUE

In Sustained Dialogue we gather in small groups to discuss various social issues within the Notre Dame community and to think about how they can be addressed.

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TEAMWORK FOR TOMORROW

Teamwork is a mentoring organization that pairs at-risk youth from South Bend with a mentor/tutor from ND/SMC. The benefit of Teamwork is that it allows kids and tutors to form bonds that can become rather strong. Teamwork meets twice a week at two off-campus sites from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.

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TRIDENT NAVAL SOCIETY

Trident Naval Society is primarily a fundraising club benefitting the St. Joe County Special Olympics and Wounded Warrior Project. We also get the members of NROTC together to perform service activities in a fun way on a regular basis.

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WORLD HUNGER COALITION

World Hunger Coalition is dedicated to relieving hunger of those who are starving both here in South Bend and throughout the world. WHC recruits students for the weekly dining hall Wednesday Lunch Fast to raise funds and organize hunger relief activities such as holiday food baskets and the Annual Canned Food Drive.

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Take a Course in the Local Community

The Community-Based Learning Coordinators (CBLCs) who work with the Center for Social Concerns are a valuable resource to students and faculty. The CBLCs are available to help students find placements in their agencies that meet both the needs of the community-based organization and the student. They are aware of the importance of finding ways to connect the students' lived experiences with their academic work. In addition, they are committed to making reflection and analysis a part of the students' experience in their organizations.

For a complete list of community-based course opportunities, in all colleges and schools, visit socialconcerns.nd.edu.



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