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Peene serves as GOP delegate

Grad student is youngest member of New Jersey contingent

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Ryan Peene has always been interested in politics, saying he was "a little politico" from a young age.

So when Republicans congregated in St. Paul, Minn., this week for the 2008 Republican National Convention, Peene, a Notre Dame graduate student, was right in the mix.

The New Jersey resident, the youngest member of his state's delegation, is currently in Notre Dame's Master of Nonprofit Administration program. He arrived in St. Paul on Sunday.

"It's been a whirlwind of a convention [so far]," Peene told The Observer

Wednesday.

"Expect the unexpected — that's been my motto this week," he added.

"We went from not having a [real] convention to being very obviously happy that the hurricane was downgraded to a tropical storm," said Peene, as the threat of Hurricane Gustav changed convention plans.

But the focus Monday night remained on the storm damage. Peene said he had spent time Wednesday at the Xcel Energy Center making relief packages for those affected by the storm.

He was in the convention center when former Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman spoke.

Peene said the convention was "very

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Photo courtesy of Ryan Peene
Ryan Peene with Rep. VP nominee Gov. Sarah Palin at the RNC in St. Paul, Minn.

OIT e-mail migration complete

Google Apps replaces old Webmail service

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) said they have migrated all student e-mail accounts from Webmail to Google Apps as of Wednesday.

The Google Apps accounts for all incoming students have been functioning since the beginning of the semester, but the process of migrating the existing student accounts has taken longer to complete.

Nonetheless, OIT project director Katie Rose said the migration process has been a success.

"Migration of student e-mail to the Google Apps service has gone extremely well," Rose said Wednesday.

Rose said most students have not encountered problems in making the switch.

"A handful of students experienced some problems switching to Gmail, but overall the move has gone very smoothly, and the feedback from students has been very positive," Rose said.

Many students have been calling the OIT Help Desk to ask questions about the migration to Google, Rose said.

All student Webmail accounts were automatically switched to Gmail accounts on Wednesday morning, Rose said.

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SMC hosts Twilight Tailgate

Outdoor event will feature dinner, movie

By JENNIFER HOFFMAN
News Writer

A picnic dinner on a summer evening. An outdoor movie under the stars. An exciting date night in South Bend? Not quite.

But Saint Mary's will host its annual Twilight Tailgate tonight on Saint Mary's Library Green. A picnic dinner will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Made of Honor, starring Patrick Dempsey, will begin at 9 p.m. While the dinner is only for Saint Mary's students, the movie is open to all Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students. Both dinner and the movie are free (the Saint Mary's dining hall will be closed).

The Student Activities Board (SAB) has been planning this event since students returned to campus. SAB President junior Michele Peterson worked with the Traditional Committee to discuss ideas for this year's tailgate. Peterson has attended past tailgates and promises an evening of camaraderie and fun.

"Due to the popularity of last year's dinner and a movie on the [Library] Green, we decided to bring it back," Peterson said.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski has always cherished events like this at Saint Mary's.

"When else can you get together with your friends and peers on a quad at your school and see a movie outside for

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CSC building construction continues



JESSICA LEE/The Observer
Construction on Geddes Hall, site of the Center for Social Concerns and the Institute for Church Life, will continue until Aug. 2009.

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

Construction on a new building for the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Institute for Church Life continued throughout the summer, progressing toward an August 2009 completion date.

Geddes Hall, the new building west of Hesburgh Library, will occupy 65,583 square feet when finished, said Associate Vice President and University Architect Doug Marsh in an e-mail to The Observer.

The former CSC building, which was demolished when construction began in January on the new building at the same site, occupied about 8,400 square feet, Marsh said.

The building's structural steel frame is complete and

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate dismisses dorm event rumors

Vice president Schmidt dispels speculation that other halls would suffer same fate as Dillon

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate squashed rumors Wednesday that the abrupt cancellation of Dillon Hall's annual pep rally would lead to the abolishment of signature events in other dorms.

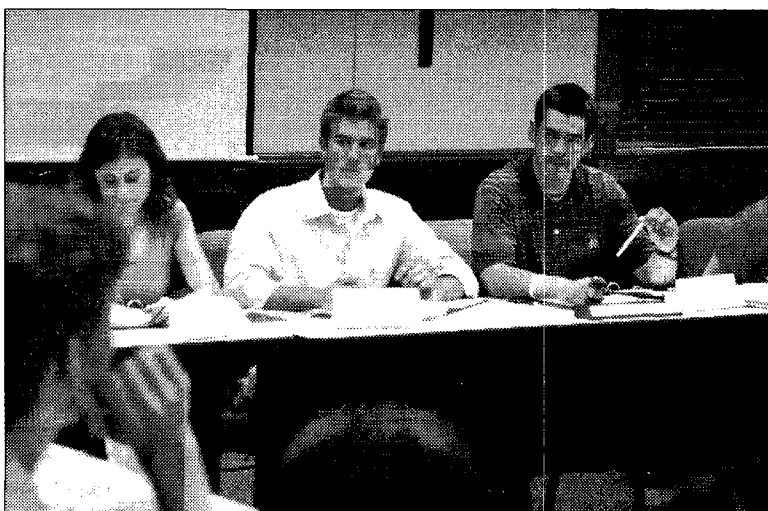
Alumni Hall senator Zach Reuvers asked about the reason for the cancellation, saying he feared other dorms' signature events could be terminated in the future.

"There is a lot of concern in Alumni about other events getting cancelled," Reuvers said.

"The cancellation of the Dillon pep rally was an internal decision as far as we know," Assistant Vice President for Student Activities Brian Coughlin said.

And student body vice president Grant Schmidt said no other dorm's event was in danger, and called the speculation over SAO's involvement "rumors."

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer
Student body president Bob Reish and student body vice president Grant Schmidt discuss the Dillon pep rally cancellation Wednesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Predictions gone wrong

As a senior, it's understandable that I would want — and likely get — classes that don't start early. Unfortunately, I have an 8:30 and a 9:30.

Although that isn't ideal, it does have one great

advantage: I get to listen to the best radio show on God's green Earth: Mike and Mike in the Morning.

Jay Fitzpatrick

Managing Editor

This is not because I whole-heartedly agree with everything Mike Golic — himself a former Domer — says about sports, and especially about Notre Dame. It's because the two have great banter together and act like they were lifelong friends.

It's also because of the permanent segments that define the show.

Any fan of the show knows about the Sheets of Integrity: the guys' version of a March Madness bracket. The classic arguments about one [bracket] vs. many and their wagers on the outcome are an annual event that I look forward to almost as much as the NCAA Tournament.

For those who don't watch the show, here are some examples of recent terms of the bet. One year Golic won the bracket, and Mike Greenberg (Greeny) had to dress as the Leprechaun for the pair's live broadcast from the Backer before the USC game. This past season, Greeny won and Golic had to face professional eaters in a competitive boneless wing-eating contest. (He lost that too).

But my favorite segment is one that is sure to return to prevalence soon: NFL Predictions Sure to Go Wrong. In honor of my favorite radio pair, here are my Predictions Sure to Go Wrong:

♦Brady Quinn will have the same number of touchdowns as Darius Walker. That's not to say that D-Walk finds a permanent spot in the Texans lineup, unlikely since he is back on the practice squad. Instead, Derek Anderson will continue to lead a high-flying Cleveland Browns offense and Quinn will again spend a year on the bench with no meaningful downs.

♦Houston will get the first winning season of its franchise. The Texans finally dropped the sacktastic David Carr and have a solid defense with former No. 1 pick Mario Williams. The only thing that stopped that from happening last season was injuries, to their first two running backs (Ahman Green and Ron Dayne) and star receiver Andre Johnson. Expect big things out of Houston this season.

♦Tom Brady and the high-flying Patriots return to Earth this season and have a pedestrian year: only 40 touchdown passes from the New England signal caller. Teams started to figure out the Pats at the end of last season, and yet they still won 18 games. Unless teams are able to blitz constantly and still cover Randy Moss and Wes Welker like the Giants did in the Super Bowl, the Pats will still dominate the league.

Maybe my guesses aren't as good as my radio icons, but they probably have the same good chance of being wrong.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DISNEY CHARACTER DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON? WHY?



Kaitlin Files

*junior
Cavanaugh*

"Prince Phillip because I want to be 'Sleeping Beauty.'"



Larisa Conant

*junior
Farley*

"Prince Phillip from 'Sleeping Beauty'... he's the only one that fights for her."



Rebecca Jones

*senior
off-campus*

"Hercules ... that should be pretty much self-explanatory."



Sara Farias

*senior
off-campus*

"Eric from 'The Little Mermaid' ... dark hair, dimples ... delish."



Stephanie Klem

*junior
Howard*

"Thomas from Pocahontas. HOT."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

The South Quad of Notre Dame was turned into an arcade Wednesday evening when the Student Activities Office (SAO) hosted "Rock the Quad," featuring games of Wii and Rock Band.

OFFBEAT

Police accuse woman of crashing SUV into home

PORTLAND, Maine — Portland police say the Labor Day weekend got off to a rough start for a Westbrook woman accused of deliberately crashing her SUV into a home during an angry dispute over money.

Police say the woman faces charges of aggravated assault, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and drunken driving, as well as driving with a suspended license.

Police say they were called to a home Friday night following the dispute

over money between the woman, her friends and people at a home in Portland.

Officers arrived to see the woman's sport utility vehicle back up and ram the building. She's also accused of hitting a man in the head with a rock.

Credit card thief signs own name to receipts

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa City police say they didn't have much trouble finding a man accused of using a stolen credit card — he signed his own name to the receipts.

Police said the man used

the stolen credit card to buy a latte at a coffee house and to buy cigarettes at a tobacco store. Police said the credit card was reported stolen from an unlocked apartment last month.

They said the man also tried to use it at another store, but the card was declined because it came up as stolen. He also used the card at a local deli.

He has been charged with four counts of unauthorized use of a credit card.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Inferfaith Fellowship Kickoff sponsored by Campus Ministry will take place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge.

A screening of Tom McCarthy's 2008 film "The Visitor" will take place at 9:30 p.m. tonight at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available in the box office.

The Office of Student Activities will host comedian Joel McHale, star, writer and producer of E!'s "The Soup" for an hour of comedic relief at 10 p.m. Friday on South Quad.

The Disabilities Studies Forum entitled "Disability and Obsession: Can a psychiatric impairment have a history?" will be held Friday at noon in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

The first pep rally of the season is Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will have a "Kickoff Concert" at 8 p.m. Friday at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for general admission. The event is sponsored by the Department of Music.

Michael Novak will be speaking regarding his book "Business As A Calling" on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Auditorium, room 101.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC plans Friday pep rally activities

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will sponsor the first pep rally of Notre Dame's football season, student body president Mickey Gruscinski said at a meeting of the Board of Governance (BOG) Wednesday.

The members of the BOG invited students to meet at the Student Center at 4:15 p.m. on Friday to walk over together. They also encouraged students to wear the Saint Mary's shirt that is being sold in Le Mans and outside the Student Center. The shirt is \$5.

The BOG will be changing

its meeting locations starting next week, student body vice president Sarah Falvey said.

"We want to have students come and get to know what our process is about."

Sarah Falvey
Saint Mary's student
body vice president

"We want to have students come and get to know what our process is about," she said. The Board is still in discussion about where the new meeting place will be.

In other BOG news:

Ellen Gootblatt, a relationships expert and motivational speaker, will come to Saint Mary's campus to speak about "Meeting, Dating and Mating." She is speaking Monday, Sept. 7 in Vander Vennet Theatre.

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Prof publishes synthesis of work

Father Richard McBrien's most recent paper focuses on ecclesiology

Special to The Observer

For more than 40 years, Father Richard P. McBrien, Crowley-O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, has written a weekly column in the Catholic press. For almost as many years, he has been a frequent and occasionally controversial commentator for national media on Catholic Church issues.

A priest of the archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., and a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1980, Father McBrien served as the theology department's chair from that year until 1991, teaching graduates and undergraduates, lecturing nationwide and publishing a steady stream of books on Catholic teaching, the popes, the lives of the saints, and the relationship between religion and politics.

Throughout his career, Father McBrien's principal scholarly

interest has been, as he puts it, "theological reflection on the nature, mission, ministries and structures of the Church." Ecclesiology, in other academic words.

His most recent work, "The Church: The Evolution of Catholicism," just published by Harper One, concentrates solely on Father McBrien's favorite subject.

"It's really the culmination of a career of teaching, writing, and lecturing about the Church," he said recently, adding that "ecclesiology has always

been my specialty and this book represents a synthesis of all the work that I've done in that area of theology."

An early review in Publisher's Weekly had high praise for "The Church" and its author, noting that "in good academic fashion, McBrien organizes his material thoroughly, with frequent introductions, summaries, lists and cross-references that make this an ideal textbook."

Father McBrien himself hopes

that the book will, as he writes in its preface, provide the first "comprehensive, up-to-date, one-volume, English-language ecclesiology that individuals, teachers and students can turn to for private study, reference, or formal course work at the graduate and undergraduate levels in colleges, universities, seminaries, and institutes of various kinds or in adult education programs in parochial and diocesan venues."

If any early readers thought this an outsized ambition for an amply footnoted, indexed and glossaried 496-page tome, Notre Dame's president emeritus, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., was not among them.

In a foreword to "The Church," Father Hesburgh wrote that he had "no hesitation at all in warmly recommending this book to a wide and religiously diverse audience, whether in universities, colleges and seminaries, or in parish and diocesan adult education programs, or in more advanced high-school programs and especially to high-school teachers of religion."

Father Hesburgh's praise was echoed by Lord George L. Carey, former Anglican archbishop of Canterbury, who wrote that "in this immensely deep, timely and accessible book, McBrien probes the meaning of the Church through the centuries. It is a must for all Christians."

Father Richard P. McBrien
theology professor

"It's really the culmination of a career of teaching, writing, and lecturing about the Church. Ecclesiology has always been my specialty and this book represents a synthesis of all the work that I've done in that area of theology."

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Convention

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fortunate" to have Lieberman, a former Democrat and current independent, come to endorse and fully support the nomination and election of McCain.

On Wednesday, Peene said he was anticipating witnessing vice presidential candidate Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) give what he called "the most important speech of her life." The New Jersey delegation, he said, fully supports Palin.

"There's a reason that 85 percent of the population in Alaska approves of the job she's done," he said.

In addition to his official duty to cast his ballot for McCain Wednesday, Peene said there are plenty of advantages to being a delegate.

His free time has been spent "hitting the parties."

"It's all about big hats and Miller Lite," he said.

Peene would know — this year's convention isn't his first.

"I was a spectator for the last two conventions," Peene said. "First as a senior in high school during the 2000 convention in Philadelphia, and again during the 2004

convention in New York City."

Peene studied political science as an undergraduate at Rutgers, and now works for a lobbyist firm called Capital Impact Group that works with nonprofit organizations. Recognized for being politically active in his home state, Peene was nominated and elected to represent his district, earning him a delegate spot this year.

Each state has a certain number of delegates, including politicians, elected delegates and others, determined by both Republican National Committee bylaws and each state's party rules.

Peene is not the only representative in his delegation with a Notre Dame connection. Other Notre Dame alumni are in the New Jersey delegation, and Peene said he was certain there are a number of Domers from around the country serving as delegates.

"We [alumni] are looking forward to Friday, so we can head home and watch the Irish take on San Diego on Saturday," Peene said.

But Peene said he hopes he will return to another Republican convention in four years.

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"There's a reason that 85 percent of the population in Alaska approves of the job she's done."

Ryan Peene
graduate student

Google

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"All new e-mail messages for students are now delivered to Notre Dame Gmail, so all students actually did switch over the morning of Sept. 3," Rose said. "Any students who did not change their password prior to Sept. 3 only need to change their password at password.nd.edu to gain access to their e-mail."

OIT will send additional e-mails throughout the semester to remind students to move any old messages to Google Apps that might still be on the Webmail system as soon as possible, Rose said.

Senior Adebola Giwa said he had not been paying attention to e-mails sent by OIT which informed students of the migration to Google Apps.

"I've been getting a lot of e-mails about [the migration], but I haven't been paying attention to them," he said. Giwa said that he received another e-mail Wednesday informing him that any new e-mails would be sent to his Gmail account.

Since he already had another e-mail account with Gmail, Giwa said the switch from Webmail to Google Apps is a welcome change.

"I like Gmail because I can send larger documents," he said. "With Webmail, I could only send smaller documents such as school assignments."

Senior Allison Lang said migrating to Google Apps was a smooth transition.

"It's been working really well. I made the switch to Gmail right away when OIT sent out the e-mail," Lang said. "It is easier to use and will probably be a lot better than Webmail which was crashing all the time."

Additionally, Lang also said the increased quota on Google Apps makes it easier for her to exchange pictures, e-mails and videos with her friends.

The Google Apps e-mail system has a 6.5 GB e-mail quota, which is markedly larger than 100 MG Webmail system.

Lang also said she has been using the calendar feature on Gmail to keep her appointments in order.

In addition to the calendar system, Google Apps also features an application called Google documents which allows students to create Word documents, Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations and share them with other students. Students have the option of collaborating and editing these documents online at the same time.

Sophomore Chris Ridenour said he plans to use the chat utility that Gmail offers as well. The new Gmail system is "a great improvement" from Webmail, he said.

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"It's been working really well. I made the switch to Gmail right away when OIT sent out the e-mail."

Allison Lang
senior

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan condemns raid on village

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan angrily condemned a raid on a village that killed at least 15 people Wednesday, claiming U.S.-led troops flew in from Afghanistan for the first known foreign ground assault against a suspected Taliban haven in this country's wild tribal belt.

The Foreign Ministry protested the attack, and an army spokesman warned that the apparent escalation from recent missile strikes on militant targets along the Afghan border would further anger Pakistanis and undercut cooperation in the war against terrorist groups.

The boldness of the thrust fed speculation about the intended target. But it was unclear whether any extremist leader was killed or captured in the operation, which occurred in one of the militant strongholds dotting a frontier region considered a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Congo army leaves national park

DAKAR, Senegal — More than 1,000 soldiers have left a national park that has been on the front lines of fighting in eastern Congo in a move the park director said was intended to preserve an environment that is home to endangered gorillas, hippos and active volcanoes.

However, rebels still occupy a sector of the reserve that is home to some of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas, officials said Wednesday.

The decision to move out all government troops and their families — about 6,000 people in all — came after negotiations between Virunga National Park Director Emmanuel de Merode and Gen. Vainqueur Mayala, the army's commanding officer, Merode said in a statement.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gustav evacuation successful

NEW ORLEANS — If Hurricane Katrina was one big lesson in government bungling, Gustav has been an open-book test of whether the politicians learned anything from the disaster.

And so far, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Mayor Ray Nagin are getting high marks.

In the days leading up to Gustav, Jindal and Nagin persuaded a sometimes complacent populace to get out well ahead of the storm. They didn't mince words; they didn't hedge bets. In the end, they were credited with overseeing the exodus of 2 million people in one of the biggest and smoothest evacuations in U.S. history.

That take-charge attitude in a crisis could bring political rewards, especially for Jindal, a 37-year-old Republican once mentioned as a potential running mate for John McCain.

Prosecutors expect mayor to plea

DETROIT — Prosecutors accusing Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of lying on the witness stand to cover up an extramarital affair with a top aide said Wednesday that a plea deal is expected soon in the case, though the mayor's attorneys insisted one had not been struck yet.

The surprise development came as Gov. Jennifer Granholm heard evidence in an extraordinary hearing that could result in the married mayor's removal from office. The outcome of the criminal case does not necessarily bear on the governor's hearing.

LOCAL NEWS

Agency aims to stop welfare changes

LAPORTE, Ind. — The state's human services agency is seeking to move to federal court a lawsuit that would block the state from extending changes in welfare eligibility screening to 13 northern Indiana counties.

The Family and Social Services Administration filed the motion Tuesday in U.S. District Court in South Bend, agency spokeswoman Lauren Auld said. The agency did not yet know if its motion had been granted. LaPorte attorney Shaw Friedman sued the agency last month in LaPorte Circuit Court on behalf of eight welfare clients. Friedman is a former general counsel for the Indiana Democratic Party and a former party chairman in LaPorte County.

ELECTION 2008

Palin delivers at GOP convention

Vice presidential nominee discusses family, says she will serve American people

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sarah Palin delivered.

An embattled vice presidential candidate, a novice on the national stage, the head of a family suffering its "ups and downs," the first-term Alaska governor rocked the GOP convention with a star-turning performance.

Wielding a stiletto and a smile, Palin belittled Democrat Barack Obama and praised her new boss, John McCain, jolting the crowd of GOP partisans.

"Don't you think we made the right choice for the next vice president of the United States?" McCain said, hinting the controversy surrounding his pick. "And what a beautiful family."

Indeed, the family was on display for the TV cameras — five children, including a 17-year-old unmarried daughter who is pregnant. Their mother lacked the soaring oratory skills of Obama — a man she attacked as a tax-raising, terrorist-coddling, self-indulgent liberal. But the former TV sportscaster spoke in calm, TV-friendly tones reminiscent of Ronald Reagan. Like the former GOP president, Palin warmed the crowd with quips and jokes.

"What's the difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull," she said, pausing for a beat and a smirk. "Lipstick."

She left the crowd smiling.

"For too many times, we've brought knives to gun fights," said Chuck Gast, a delegate from Maryland.

When asked if Palin brought a gun to the fight, Gast said: "Yes, I think she brings a big gun, like a moose gun."

It was the crowning moment of a roller-coaster week in which the first woman ever on a Republican presidential ticket has faced questions about how closely the McCain campaign scrutinized her. She also has heard a wide range of inquiries about family issues, her policy positions and her record of public service.

"Our family," she said, "has the same ups and downs as any other."

One speech does not a campaign make. Kept at arm's



First-term Alaska governor and Sarah Palin accepts the Republican party's nomination for vice president.

length from the media in the days leading up to the address, Palin now heads out on the campaign trail, where events are less rehearsed, crowds less friendly and the environment less controlled. Even as she spoke, airplanes in Alaska were unloading reporters and political operatives sent to pore through her personal and public life.

A big test comes at the Oct. 2 vice presidential debate with her Democratic counterpart, Joe Biden.

But tonight was hers.

Facing down her critics with smiling resolve, Palin took crowd-delighting swipes at Obama and what she called the Washington elite. "Here's a little news flash for all those reporters and commentators: I'm not going to Washington to

seek their good opinion. I'm going to Washington to serve the people of this country," she said.

A new celebrity herself, Palin cast Obama as a little more than a fancy speaker with a compelling biography.

"The American presidency is not supposed to be a journey of 'personal discovery.' This world of threats and dangers is not just a community, and it doesn't just need an organizer," Palin said, a clear reference to Obama's time as a community organizer in Chicago.

The Obama campaign had less than a warm greeting, saying Palin's speech was "written by George Bush's speechwriter and sounds exactly like the same divisive, partisan attacks we've heard from George Bush

for the last eight years." The speech was written by Matthew Scully, who met Palin for the first time last week.

Selected by McCain only last Friday, Palin addressed the convention amid questions about her qualifications and relative lack of experience.

The first-term governor had top billing at the convention on a night delegates also lined up for a noisy roll call of the states to deliver their presidential nomination to McCain.

Watching her speech were her husband Todd and their children, including daughter Bristol Palin, whom the Palins disclosed earlier in the week was five months pregnant. Bristol's 18-year-old boyfriend and apparent fiancé, Levi Johnston, was seated with them.

AFGHANISTAN

Turbine arrives for U.S.-funded dam

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — It was a weeklong journey through Afghanistan's most dangerous Taliban territory, dodging persistent attacks by insurgents and bumping over rough desert terrain riddled with mines.

But a snaking convoy of 4,000 coalition forces, guarded by dozens of attack helicopters and fighter jets, arrived successfully with its cargo: a turbine for a U.S.-funded dam project that could provide more than 6 percent of the country's electricity.

More than 200 Taliban militants were

killed by forces protecting the convoy, British officials told a reporter from the Times of London who traveled with the group. No deaths were reported among coalition forces but a British soldier had his pelvis crushed as he tried to repair a broken down vehicle, reporter Jeremy Page wrote.

Western officials had long fretted they would not be able to deliver the much-needed turbine safely through the Taliban-held land.

British, U.S. and Canadian troops escorted the hulking machine as it traveled 110 miles from Kandahar city to the site of the

Kajaki dam project — the largest American aid project in Afghanistan — in neighboring Helmand province. The province is the most violent region in the country.

The troops fended off countless attacks and disabled scores of improvised explosive devices during the weeklong journey.

"The result of the operation will be a much needed increase in capacity to generate electrical power, which will create a better quality of life for Afghan people in southern Afghanistan," NATO's International Security Assistance Force said in a statement.

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IN BRIEF

Kellogg purchases assets of plants

SEELYVILLE, Ind. — Food maker Kellogg Co. hopes to boost its production in the Midwest through the purchase of assets of plants in Indiana and Illinois.

Kellogg said Wednesday that it would integrate IndyBake Products plant at Seelyville, Ind., and Brownie Products at Gardner, Ill., a contract snack manufacturing business, into its U.S. Snacks operation. Financial terms were not disclosed.

About 150 IndyBake and Brownie employees joined Kellogg when the deal closed.

The Battle Creek, Mich.-based company expects to add about 300 new full-time and contract positions at the Seelyville facility, about 5 miles northeast of Terre Haute.

"Expanding our business is a key element of Kellogg's business strategy and commitment to driving sustainable growth," David Mackay, Kellogg's president and chief executive, said in a statement. "This acquisition will help us expand our capacity to manufacture existing and proprietary snacks products as well as enable new product innovations."

IndyBake and Brownie had combined revenue of \$50 million in 2007, according to Kellogg. The operations have worked with Kellogg for many years as a snacks contract manufacturer.

Economic struggles to persist into 2009

WASHINGTON — The nation struggled with slow economic growth and still-high prices that are weighing on consumers and businesses alike as the race for the White House kicks into high gear.

The Federal Reserve's new snapshot of business conditions, released Wednesday, underscored the toll the housing, credit and financial debacles are having on the economy and the challenges likely to be faced by the next president. Problems are expected to persist into next year.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are all but certain to leave a key interest rate alone at 2 percent when they meet next on Sept. 16 and probably through the rest of this year.

Rains, tornadoes threaten businesses

Utility company reports 674,036 outages; La. Offshore Oil Port survives storm

Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Texas — Torrential rains and the threat of tornadoes in the wake of Hurricane Gustav slowed attempts to rebuild Louisiana's broken transmission and distribution systems even as hundreds of thousands of residents who had fled the storm return to homes that may be without power for weeks.

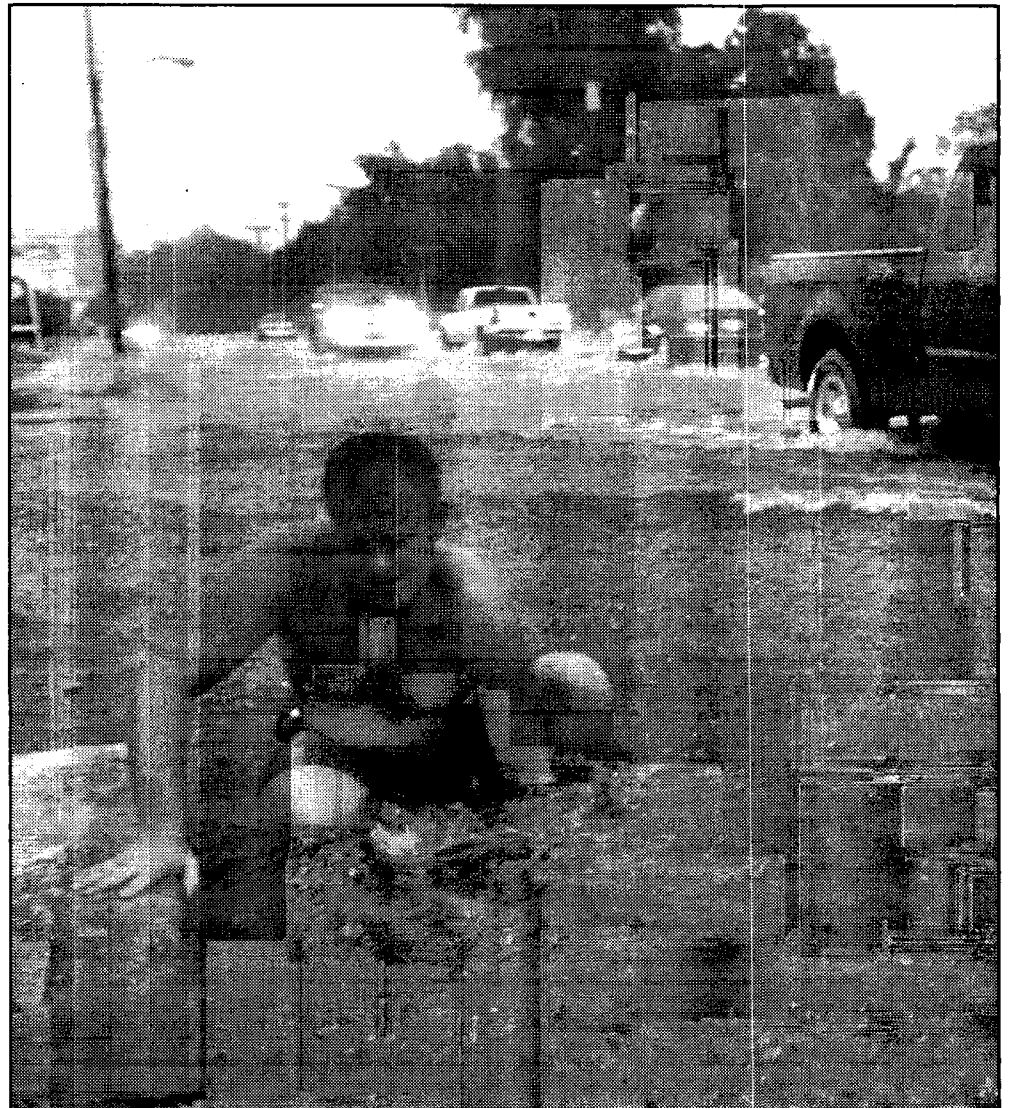
Oil and natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico that had been shut down last month before the hurricane resumed in limited volumes, U.S. Minerals Management Service said Wednesday afternoon. And the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, which handles about 12 percent of the nation's crude imports and is tied by pipeline to about half the nation's refining capacity, does not appear to have been damaged by Gustav.

Utility giant Entergy Corp., with 1.2 million customers in Louisiana, reported 674,036 outages among them Wednesday afternoon and said outages expanded into Arkansas overnight, where 86,440 customers were without power. It said about 40 percent of its transmission lines and 27 percent of its substations were out of service in the state.

"It was a direct hit across Louisiana," Renae Conley, president and chief executive of Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, told reporters.

The Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities in Louisiana, estimates that half the power will be restored in nine days, but that it will take up to four weeks before all power is restored.

Gov. Bobby Jindal said that's unacceptable.



Hal Pesson cleans out a drain on Center Street in New Iberia, La., Tuesday following the rains from Hurricane Gustav.

"Power continues to be the most critical obstacle to the recovery of our state," he said.

More than half of Entergy's 141,000 customers in New Orleans were without power and, Rod West, president and chief executive of Entergy New Orleans, said some residents returning to New Orleans may have power in a day or two. It may be much longer for others.

Entergy was able to reconnect some critical buildings in an area south of Lake Pontchartrain, such as hospitals.

The Department of Energy reported 1.2 million outages in Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

New Orleans and Baton Rouge were particularly hard hit, and in the center of the state, near Alexandria, heavy rains and flooding prevented utility crews from accessing some areas. Cleco Corp. reported 61 percent of all its customers, about 167,071 customers, were without power. Entergy said the Baton Rouge area has never suffered damage as severe as that caused by Gustav.

Co-op Dixie Electric

Membership Corp., based in Baton Rouge, said only 6 percent of its 95,000 members had power.

"It's going to be a slow, arduous task," said spokesman Brent Bradley.

At least 15,000 utility workers from as far away as Massachusetts and Utah were either in Louisiana or en route, matching the mobilizations that followed hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Arkansas utility workers who have been in Louisiana since Monday will return Thursday to restore power in their own state.

Motor clubs hope to be recession-proof

Associated Press

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — Bill McMichael braked his new Ferrari F430 Scuderia into the turn, downshifting as he went into the corner. Then he punched it on the straightaway. Pedal down, engine whining an octave higher, the sleek, black car closed in on 140 mph within seconds.

Acting like a lead-foot is OK here at the Monticello Motor Club. Actually, speeding is pretty much the reason the exclusive club opened this summer in the Catskills.

Down the road, gasoline goes for around \$3.70 a gallon and drivers think twice before making errands. But at this private club, work is going ahead full throttle to transform an old airport into a playground with pit stops for people who can pony up the \$125,000 entry fee. If Monticello's operators worry

about launching a luxury club as the economy sputters, they don't show it.

They offer what they hope is a recession-proof offer to wealthy people with a Lamborghini or Lotus in their garage: Come and drive as fast as you can whenever you want.

"It's the most exciting thing I've ever done," said McMichael, an entrepreneur who is a partner and chief executive officer at Monticello. "I've played almost every sport you can imagine. Nothing gives me the same sensation, the excitement, the thrill of driving a really fast car on a track."

The Monticello track had a "soft" opening June 29 amid the hills and lakes of the old Borscht Belt northwest of New York City. Right now, business is conducted mostly out of an elaborate two-story tent, but the club is building a spa, condominiums and a fancy restaurant.

Monticello essentially is a high-end,

for-profit country club where members tool around in performance cars instead of golf carts. The vibe here — with its helipad and storage garage loaded with European sports cars — is more Formula One than NASCAR, even though racer Jeff Gordon is a member.

The club's centerpiece, a 4.1-mile track that pretzels around the hilly landscape, is already in use. Chief operating officer and partner Ari Straus said the special surface is "grippier" than normal roads, all the better for fast turns. McMichael was like a proud father as he recently gave a high-speed tour in his \$290,000 Ferrari.

"This is one of the nicest turns on the whole course," he said, easing the steering wheel slightly. "It's an eight-degree bank, a very long, left-hand sweeper. It's one of our signature turns. It's like famous golf courses have signature holes."

Senate

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"As of right now, no other events have been cancelled," he said. "As far as we know, the decision on the pep rally was an internal decision within Dillon."

In other Senate news:

♦The Senate praised the Office of Information Technology's (OIT) recent decision to switch from Webmail to the Google-based Gmail.

"The transition from Webmail to Gmail has been deemed by OIT to be an overwhelming success," said Devin Fee, the Senate Campus Technology

Committee chair. "I am highly confident this is the best e-mail application for Notre Dame at this time."

Fee said some accounts, namely those used by clubs and dorms, still needed to be added to the Gmail system.

♦Student body president Bob Reish announced he would be sending a letter to all students before the first football game Saturday reminding them of their responsibility to be good neighbors. Reish said the letter was aimed at avoiding another ordinance such as the one almost passed by the South Bend Common Council last year, which would have required students to register for a permit with the city to hold parties at

off-campus houses.

"We are all well aware of what happened last year and we want to be cognizant to be good neighbors," Reish said.

♦Student government plans to hold a mock election sometime in early October, Reish said.

"We've been trying to figure out the best ways to increase student voice around campus," he said.

In the week leading up to the mock election, Schmidt said there will be several events on campus to raise students' political awareness, such as a panel discussion with political science professors.

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CSC

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masonry work is underway, he said.

"Looking at the drawing is exciting," said Paul Horn, the director of communications for the CSC. "But to actually see it come to life is better."

While the new building is being constructed, the CSC has temporarily relocated to the old Security Building behind the Rockne Memorial.

CSC staff operations were not adversely affected by the move to a temporary location, Horn said, but students do not visit the building as often.

"CSC is a vibrant core and meeting place for students," Horn said. "Being located in the heart of campus was great, and that will return with the new building."

Horn said the now-demolished building was so overcrowded that some staff members were working out of closets.

The staff for the Institute for Church Life remained in their main offices on the 12th floor of Hesburgh Library when construction began on the new CSC building.

John Cavadini, director of the Institute for Church Life and chair of the theology department, said the program had a severe shortage of offices. Divisions of the program, like ND Vision, operate from separate locations.

"The new facility will give us the office space so we can operate more efficiently and as a unit," Cavadini said.

The Geddes Hall design features an auditorium, chapel and common space for student gatherings and discussions, a project costing \$15,094,000, Marsh said.

The hall has additional space for future expansion of the Center for Social Concerns and Institute for Church Life programs, he said. Similar programs could also be housed in Geddes Hall.

In addition to being larger than the old building, the hall's design maximizes the building space and avoids lost green space.

"[The University planners] consider our landscaped open space on campus quite sacred," he said.

With a basement and a top floor located inside the roof line, the five-story building design appears only three stories tall.

Three large sycamore trees on the south side of the work site were preserved, Marsh said.

Geddes Hall was registered with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system, a certification of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The council does not verify LEED certification until construction is completed, Marsh said. Other current construction projects that are LEED registered include the new women's residence hall near the Hammes Bookstore and Stinson-Remick Hall, a new engineering building.

As construction continues throughout the academic year, Marsh said all attempts will be made to minimize inconveniences to students.

A sidewalk temporarily closed during the spring semester between the Geddes Hall work site and the Hesburgh Library has reopened. The construction fence, however, should remain in place until late next spring.

Geddes Hall is funded by gifts totaling \$14 million primarily from Michael and Sheila Geddes and Thomas and Mary Cabot, according to a February 2007 University press release.

A member of Notre Dame's

Board of Trustees, Geddes serves as a Trustee liaison on Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life Advisory Council. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University, and serves as the chairman and president of Geddes and Company of Phoenix, a private investment and consulting firm.

The building's chapel will be named for the Cabot family of Naples, Fla., the primary sponsors of the CSC's international summer service initiative.

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Tailgate

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free? I'm sad that this will be my last Twilight Tailgate," Gruscinski said.

Student body vice president Sarah Falvey added:

"I've gone every year I have been on campus. It's a fun picnic with delicious food and a nice change of pace, especially this year as we head into the SMC-hosted pep rally and the first game."

During dinner, there will be a raffle for students. There will also be free popcorn, candy apples, and cotton candy during the movie. Peterson and the

"Twilight Tailgate is a great Saint Mary's tradition — it's good food and a great time with your friends."

Sarah Falvey
student body vice president

members of SAB decided "Made of Honor" would be a crowd-pleaser.

"Romantic comedies almost always go over well with the students," Peterson said.

In the past, movies like "License to Wed" were shown, and concert acts like Blessid

Union of Souls performed for students.

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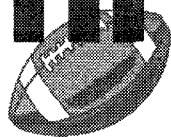
Twilight is a fun way to unwind after the first few weeks of class and kick off the weekend," Falvey said.

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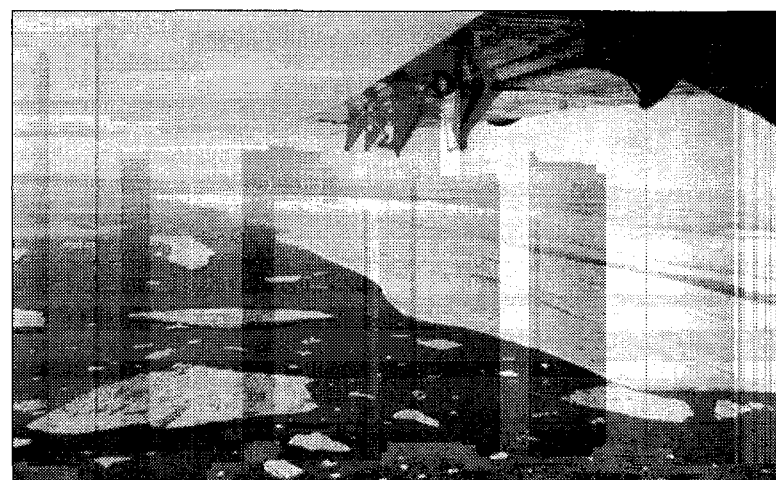


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CANADA

Huge ice shelf breaks off from Arctic island



Large pieces of ice break off from the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf in Canada, as seen in a July 29 photo. AP

Scientists say ice split indicative of warming

Associated Press

TORONTO — A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada's northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario, told The Associated Press that the 4,500-year-old Markham Ice Shelf separated in early August and the 19-square-mile shelf is now adrift in the Arctic Ocean.

"The Markham Ice Shelf was a big surprise because it suddenly disappeared. We went under cloud for a bit during our research and when the weather cleared up, all of a sudden there was no more ice shelf. It was a shocking event that underscores the rapidity of changes taking place in the Arctic," Mueller said.

Mueller also said that two large sections of ice detached from the Serson Ice Shelf, shrinking that ice feature by 47 square miles — or 60 percent — and that the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf has also continued to break up, losing an additional eight square miles.

Mueller reported last month that seven square miles of the 170-square-mile and 130-foot-thick Ward Hunt shelf had broken off.

This comes on the heels of unusual cracks in a northern Greenland glacier, rapid melting of a southern Greenland glacier, and a near record loss for Arctic sea ice this summer. And earlier this year a 160-square mile chunk of an Antarctic ice shelf disintegrated.

"Reduced sea ice conditions and unusually high air temperatures have facilitated the ice shelf losses this summer," said Luke Copland, director of the Laboratory for Cryospheric Research at the University of Ottawa. "And extensive new cracks across remaining parts of the largest remaining ice shelf, the Ward Hunt, mean that it will continue to disintegrate in the coming years."

Formed by accumulating snow and freezing meltwater, ice shelves are large platforms of thick, ancient sea ice that float on the ocean's surface but

are connected to land.

Ellesmere Island was once entirely ringed by a single enormous ice shelf that broke up in the early 1900s. All that is left today are the four much smaller shelves that together cover little more than 299 square miles.

Martin Jeffries of the U.S. National Science Foundation and University of Alaska Fairbanks said in a statement Tuesday that the summer's ice shelf loss is equivalent to over three times the area of Manhattan, totaling 82 square miles — losses that have reduced Arctic Ocean ice cover to its second-biggest retreat since satellite measurements began 30 years ago.

"These changes are irreversible under the present climate and indicate that the environmental conditions that have kept these ice shelves in balance for thousands of years are no longer present," said Mueller.

During the last century, when ice shelves would break off, thick sea ice would eventually reform in their place.

"But today, warmer temperatures and a changing climate means there's no hope for regrowth. A scary scenario," said Mueller.

The loss of these ice shelves means that rare ecosystems that depend on them are on the brink of extinction, said Warwick Vincent, director of Laval University's Centre for Northern Studies and a researcher in the program ArcticNet.

"The Markham Ice Shelf had half the biomass for the entire Canadian Arctic Ice Shelf ecosystem as a habitat for cold, tolerant microbial life; algae that sit on top of the ice shelf and photosynthesis like plants would. Now that it's disappeared, we're looking at ecosystems on the verge of extinction," said Mueller.

Along with decimating ecosystems, drifting ice shelves and warmer temperatures that will cause further melting ice pose a hazard to populated shipping routes in the Arctic region — a phenomenon that Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems to welcome.

Harper announced last week that he plans to expand exploration of the region's known oil and mineral deposits, a possibility that has become more evident as a result of melting sea ice. It is the burning of oil and other fossil fuels that scientists say is the chief cause of man-made warming and melting ice.

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Separating church and state

Just before praising a student for being a "redheaded Sasquatch for Jesus" in a June graduation speech at the Wasilla Assembly of God School of Ministry, Sarah Palin dropped this gem:

"I can do my part in doing things like working really, really hard to get a natural gas pipeline — about a 30 billion dollar project that's going to create a lot of jobs for Alaskans and we'll have a lot of energy flowing through here. And pray about that, also. I think God's will has to be done in unifying people and companies to get that gas line built, so pray for that."

That's right. The woman who could be one misplaced pretzel away from the most important job in the world said that God's will is to have citizens and gas conglomerates unite behind the most noble cause of all: piping natural gas throughout the state of Alaska.

And though I haven't yet found the Bible verse that discusses pipelines, at least this is a woman who has a vision of unity in America. Forget this post-racial, bipartisan mumbo-jumbo. She, too, has a dream: that one day, Pentecostals and Exxon Mobil can join hands as sisters and brothers. She has climbed to the glacier top, and seen the Promised Land.

Palin wasn't done.

After talking about her son, Track, being deployed to Iraq, Palin asks the commissioned to "Pray for our military men and women who are striving to do what is right. Also, for this country,

that our leaders, our national leaders, are sending them out on a task that is from God. That's what we have to make sure that we're praying for: that there is a plan and that plan is God's plan."

Praying for the troops is admirable, but that's not what Sarah Palin asked the graduates to do. She suggests — or, at least, implies — that our cause is divine. I thought They were the ones fighting a Holy War, not Us.

The worst was to come, though.

Palin's pastor followed her brief speech by asking for a prayer for, among other things, "the natural resources," as Palin had implored. He believes, "Alaska is one of the refuge states in the last days ... Hundreds of thousands of people are going to come to the state, and the church has to be ready to minister to them." Palin nods a few times; the congregation gives a tepid Amen.

Thank God. And here I was worried I'd have to dial international to reach my saved loved ones.

It's embarrassing that any person serving as the most important political figure in a given state — let alone running for national office — should express anything close to agreement with the statement, "my state is likely a refuge in the impending end times."

But Palin seemed to think that God has chosen Alaska. Maybe it's because they have a redheaded Sasquatch for Jesus.

Sarah Palin may be a fantastic politician. She may be a great vice president. If elected, she may help root out corruption on a national level. In her time in Alaska, she hasn't seemed to force her faith-informed conservatism on policy too much, which is probably why her approval ratings remain phenomenally high. So, maybe, this ... different ... worldview doesn't deserve the

scrutiny I'm paying it.

But here's the problem: Sarah Palin, like Barack Obama, is running on her judgment. And, as a general rule, I question the judgment of someone who cannot separate her political beliefs — on the war in Iraq and an oil pipeline — with God's will. Even if you agree with Palin's political views in each, you might question this judgment. I question the judgment of someone who nods when her pastor says that her home state is likely God's chosen land. And I question the judgment of someone who thinks we need to start planning for the "last days" by equipping Alaska to handle the hundreds of thousands who will inevitably come.

When Barack Obama's church made controversial statements — a serious blow to his campaign — he condemned the statements and made sure everybody knew he was not at the service the day they were made. When Sarah Palin's church made controversial statements, she was standing at the pulpit. She stood next to her pastor, bowed her head, and nodded.

If nothing changes, Sarah Palin will likely get her wish. People won't want a one-breath-away who emphasizes her judgment but believes that Iraq and an Alaska oil pipeline are God's will.

Maybe this embarrassing belief means she'll get to stay in Alaska for all eternity.

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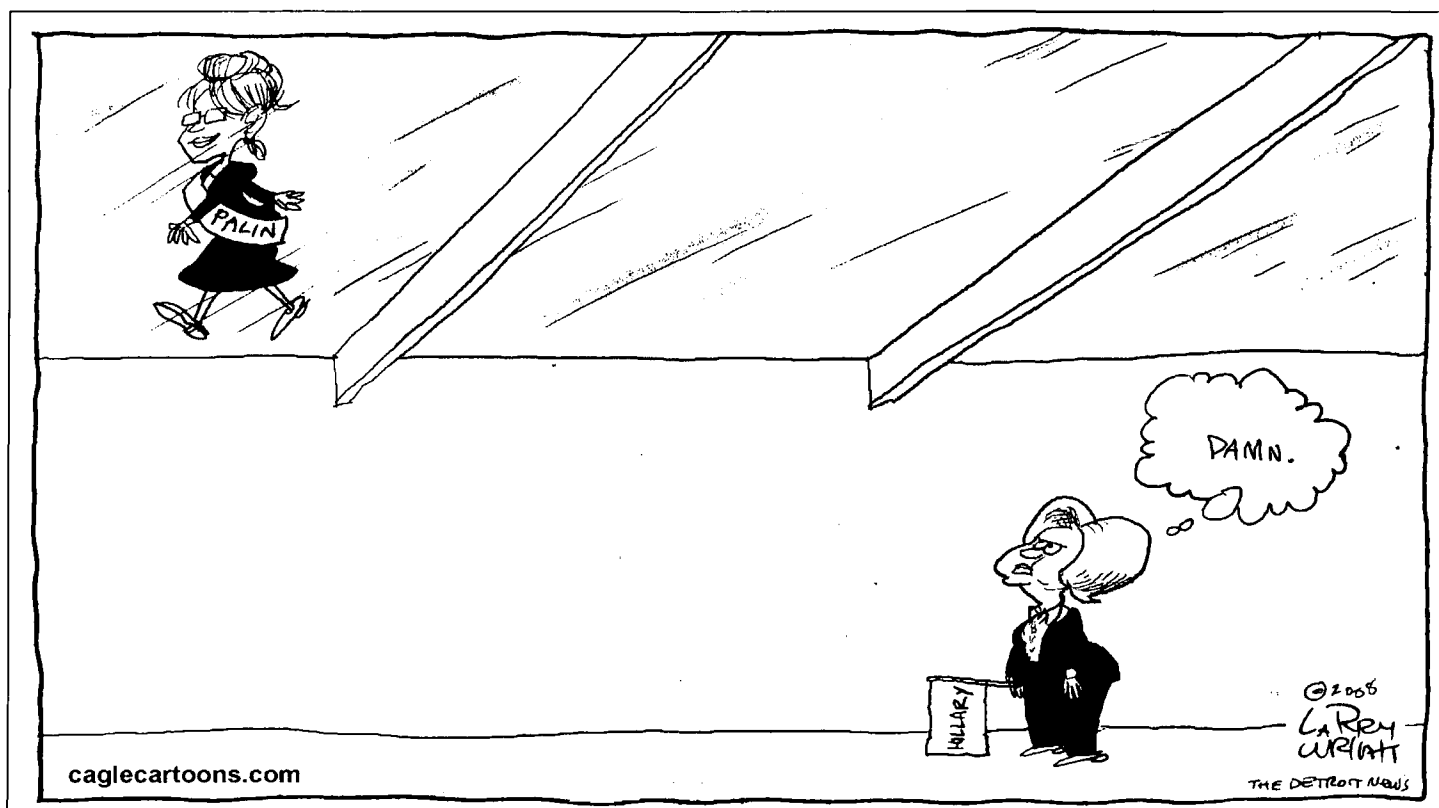
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"I am often asked to explain the mystique of Notre Dame. I reply, 'If you were there, no explanation is necessary. If you weren't, no explanation is satisfactory'"

Lou Holtz
former Notre Dame coach

Be generous: Share the road

If you lived in South Bend this past summer you could not have missed the news of three tragic accidents which have occurred locally since mid-July.

Patrick Sawyer was hit by a car while cycling on the morning of July 16, and died of his injuries on July 21. He was 40.

Keith Coros was hit by a car on July 23 while maneuvering his motorized wheelchair across an intersection at a traffic light. He was 61, and died at the scene of the accident. Peter Kaczor was hit by a car while cycling on Aug. 29, and he too died at the crash site. He was 38.

Many others have used up time and space in the blogosphere debating whether or not non-automobile vehicles should even be on city streets, and if so, what responsibilities drivers assume towards these smaller, slower, sometimes less-visible means of transport. This is not strictly a column about the rules for "sharing the road," though that is a lesson that has come home to me in particular after the death of Pat Sawyer, who was a friend of my family and mine.

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

You risk a lot when you place the importance of your time or the significance of your needs above those of others. Sometimes, just one selfish decision can lead to regret beyond what we've ever dreamed.

The 21-year-old driver who hit Pat was intoxicated, and he left the scene without even stopping; he then turned himself in to the police the next day. He may have thought he couldn't wait to sober up, or didn't have time to drive more carefully, or just couldn't stop to see who he'd hit. Unfortunately, time has now stopped in too many ways both for him and for the many who mourn for a husband, a dad and a friend.

Perhaps our own moments of selfishness won't ever kill another person. However, if we think our time is too prized or our needs too great to pause in the life of another, we may wound someone we love, or someone we don't even know, by a careless word or omission. We may lose the opportunity to bring comfort to a widow, a son or a daughter overcome by grief. We may miss out on the chance to meet a new friend who will change us or teach us to see the world with new eyes.

As Patrick's wife and their children

attempt to navigate a new life irrevocably changed by their loss, I have begun to recognize in a whole new way that very basic truth of our faith: Our lives are not ours to grasp tightly and arrange in ways that simply meet our own needs. Jesus has called us, by his own example of sacrifice, to offer our lives to each other.

Imagine if we really did put the needs of others before our own. What if we actually lived like the Good Samaritan, who delayed his own journey to attend to the needs of the wounded traveler? Two others had hurried right by their injured "neighbor," not wanting to interrupt their busy schedules. What if we lived like the shepherd who took the time to find the one lost sheep that had wandered away from his flock of 100? His concern for the lost one made the risk of leaving the others worth it.

Maybe we drive intolerantly, aggravated by the elderly woman going too slowly — surely we have more important places to get to than she does, right? Maybe we hurry along the quad, impatient with the guy we can't quite edge around to get to class faster — doesn't he realize we're running late? Maybe we even sit edgily through Mass — come on, this priest has got to know

we've got stuff to do!

Actually, Jesus teaches us — unmistakably and without equivocation — that "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." We can put ourselves first so frequently and thoughtlessly that we lose sight of the fact that the message of the gospels clearly states, in Jesus' words and in his very death, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Most of all at this time of the year, when so many opportunities and people and needs are new, whenever you can, make the generous choice. Share the road. None of us possesses time so valuable or needs so significant that we cannot offer something of ourselves to others. Jesus offered his very life for us; surely we can offer our time, full attention and generous hearts to one another.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How about a little self-control?

Wow. Brendan McPhillips ("Contraception not to blame," Sept. 3) who are you? Obviously not someone who is able to "take into account the natural rhythms [of a woman's reproductive cycle] to regulate birth without offending the moral principles" of the Catholic church and natural law.

I happen to be the pregnant wife of a Notre Dame graduate student — happily married two years, current employee of Notre Dame and excited to stay at home and raise my family (whether we are blessed with one child or fifteen). I have lived by the Catholic teachings on sexuality, contraception and moral behavior outlined in *Humane Vitae*. I can tell you that both Pope Pius VI and Professor Emeritus Rice are correct in their assessment of contraception and abortion. What it comes down to is self control and the sincere love of one's spouse by refusing to make another person the object of one's sexual passions. If you want to "be smart about" and "protect yourself" from sexual difficulties, don't have sex outside of marriage and marry someone who does the same. It's kind of impossible to get an STD from a virgin. And in marriage an "unplanned pregnancy" doesn't necessarily mean an unwanted pregnancy.

Using contraception promotes selfish behavior, which stems from the lack of self-control. It gives an excuse to satisfy one's sexual appetites at the expense of another. And it causes harm. Emotional ("he broke up with me after we had sex!"), physical (a myriad of health problems are associated with the Pill, including breast cancer), spiritual (from turning your back on the church's teachings) — need I go on?

Some contraceptives are also abortifacants — which means they also cause the murder of an unborn child. In fact, there is an undeniable connection between contraception and abortion. Brendan McPhillips, you ridicule what you know not. And you argue from a position of authority you do not possess. I am sorry that attending a Catholic university hasn't opened your eyes to the beauty and grace of God's plan for sexuality.

Natural Family Planning (that thing that takes into account a woman's natural reproductive rhythms) is an absolutely effective and moral use of common sense and self-control. I know because I have studied it and practiced it. But, moreover, I trust those sent to lead me in matters of faith.

I think the real issue for you is not even about contraception — but your desire to act out your base passions without condemnation. In case you didn't realize, that is hedonism (aka: treating people as objects for your personal use). And it is exactly what Pope Pius VI predicted.

Ashley Kreager
Holy Cross College
Sept. 3

Stop wasting my money

Recently, I had to write a substantial amount of my own money over to the University, and now feel entitled to complain about different objects that the University spends its money on.

I presently live on campus, so I am forced to have a meal plan. The way the meal plan is set up for those on campus, as everyone knows, is a single, large, lump sum payment for 14 meals a week with flex points or 21 meals a week. It may seem like a minor and inconsequential item to complain about, but I feel it is representative about how the University spends much of its money on frivolous efforts.

I am speaking about fair trade coffee being bought at the dining hall. I am not going to argue the costs and benefits of free trade versus fair trade coffee efforts, but feel free to assume that the cost of free trade is less than the cost of fair trade coffee. I do not drink coffee, but do know that the difference in product is negligible, so it is not similar to skimping on different health standards for other items.

The biggest problem I have with this policy is that an interest group is able to spend other people's money on their own ethical qualms. As stated earlier, I do not drink coffee, yet I am in essence subsidizing people's conscience. If I did drink coffee (and I am suggesting this exact alternative), two pots next to each other would be satisfactory. One would be free trade which would have the cost paid for by the meal plan. The other pot would be the fair trade coffee that would have some cost involved in it, which would equal the difference in

price to the consumer. The amount of the price difference is not significant, it could be \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05 or any amount of money. What is important is that those with ethical issues with free trade coffee would be able to buy their fair trade coffee, without impeding on the price of those without the same set of ethics.

This way people can make their own informed decisions about what coffee they choose, and that those who are more concerned with price are able to not be forced to subsidize others' conscience.

Purchasing various goods with a set of particular ethics and ethical results is a very important aspect of consumerism, but holding others hostage to your own set of values by making them supplement your conscience is entirely irresponsible and an atrocious way to show people the true consequences of their choices. Instead of having to pay the extra money to purchase goods that satisfy their own particular set of values, the money is passed off onto the greater good. Please lend this recommendation your attention and concern.

Do make sure to recognize that this is an argument about whether a particular subset of the student body's ethics should be bought with the entire student body's money, not a particular argument for or against fair trade coffee. For the latter, feel free to email me at dkamp@nd.edu

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Sept. 3

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE

Returning to their Alma Mater

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

This Friday in South Bend's own St. Patrick's Park, locally grown band Umphrey's McGee will perform their third annual first home game concert. Several of the band members have connections with Notre Dame, including guitarist and vocalist Brendan Bayliss, whose father Bobby Bayliss coaches the Notre Dame tennis team. Recently Brendan had the chance to sit down with Scene for an interview.

Scene: So Brendan, how did you first get involved with the band? How did Umphrey's McGee come about?

Brendan: I was living in Keenan hall as an undergrad in 1997. The original bass player lived in Alumni, and his band was practicing in the basement of Keenan, which is how I met him. We started a band together. There was also another band on campus that had our original drummer and keyboardist. We kind of formed Umphrey's McGee out of those two bands — we had to keep quiet initially, because it was kind of awkward at first. But I think it was the right decision. We were on campus, and there wasn't much of a music scene.

Scene: It's funny to hear about how dorm life had an impact on a band that's nationally known. Notre Dame is a small world.

Brendan: Yeah, but it's pretty far-reaching.

Scene: How did the band get started?

Brendan: We started playing at Mickey's pub, which is now Finnegan's. We played at the Oyster Bar, and all the local places. We didn't really travel much the first year we were playing — the original drummer was two years younger than I was, so when I graduated, I ended up sticking around the Bend a few more years, and waited for Mike to graduate. Once he did, we decided to move to Chicago and see if that would work.

Scene: Was it tough to get started in Chicago?

Brendan: Yeah, it was very tough. It was hard to get a start here. We played every little hole in the wall, and we were willing to lose money just to get our foot in the door. I think moving here was good. We created a

name for ourselves just by over-killing it and playing everywhere. But we come back to South Bend all the time, because it's where we started, and essentially where we did best. We stopped coming for a while, but now we've been coming for the past three years for the home opener. We'll be 2-1 after this weekend — we won the first year and lost the second.

Scene: How would you guys describe your sound?

Brendan: Well, I don't know. It's kind of ... self-indulgent orchestral rock. That's one description. We're kind of all over the map, so we're a little progressive in that way. It depends on what night you see us, really, and what environment we're in. We have musical ADD — we're never really in the same spot.

Scene: How would you describe your style as a live band?

Brendan: I'd say we're pretty interactive; the live setting is the root of the group and it's how we're most comfortable. It's easy for us to revert back to that. We interact a lot with each other — we do a lot of improvising, and use a lot of baseball-type signals to communicate. If the crowd isn't feeling something, we'll stop and move on. If they're encouraging us, we'll keep on doing what we're doing.

Scene: Any funny anecdotes from touring?

Brendan: I couldn't isolate one — I mean there are a lot of things you probably couldn't print. In terms of our best experiences? Opening for Dave Matthews Band was really cool. We've done it the last two summers, last year and the year before. The catering was the best food I've eaten in my life. A funny story about Notre Dame, though — I went in my sophomore year to the music school, and I told the department head at the time that I wanted to be music major but I had no training. The department head told me that my trying to major in music was like me trying out for the Cincinnati Reds. He was probably right, but I never really listened.

Scene: What's your favorite song

that you guys play?

Brendan: Well, we do improvise a lot, but we have a lot of structure too. I'd say it's about 50/50. To be honest, we like playing whatever's the newest song, because we perform so much. Whatever's the most recent is usually our favorite thing until we play the hell out of it.

Scene: How often are you guys touring?

Brendan: We played about 120 shows last year, I think. We're probably gone for close to two-thirds of the year, maybe less than that. This year we're trying to work for half the year ... week on, week off ... few weeks on, few weeks off, repeat the cycle.

Scene: It sounds like you're very busy.

Brendan: Yeah, when we first moved to Chicago, I moved in, I left 2 days later and I didn't come home for

six weeks. That's kinda how it was for a long time, but I'm home more often now.

Scene: Why return to South Bend each year?

Brendan: Initially, it was a ploy for us to go to the home opener, because we're on the road so much.

There was one year I didn't go to any games, and we were getting frustrated with our schedule. We figured if we could book the Friday in South Bend, we'd just tell our management that we're getting Saturday off!

Scene: Where do you see the band heading in the next five years?

Brendan: To be honest, I just want to see us still together, getting along and enjoying what we do. If we didn't grow financially and stayed where we are now, I'm totally fine with that. In five years, as long as we're still doing it, I don't care. We've been on a slow, steady incline from the beginning. If we keep doing what we're doing, I'm more than happy.

Tomorrow's Umphrey's McGee concert begins at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Park in South Bend. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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Brendan Bayliss
guitarist and vocalist

Weekend Events Calendar

THURSDAY

Thursday, September 4: Best of LaFortune 2008 Student Center Open House. 9 p.m. — 11 p.m. This annual open house event allows students to tour LaFun, learn about its offices, sample some food and enjoy entertainment. While supplies last, there will be samples of Sbarro's Pizza in the basement, Subway Cookies and Ice Cream Treats in the Ballroom and Burger King Chicken Nuggets on the third floor. Be sure to get there early, because samples will go fast. Want to play in the grand prize game show that starts at 11 p.m. in the ballroom? While you are making your way through LaFun get your card stamped at the specific locations and you can play games based on popular trivia shows to win fabulous prizes. There is even an opportunity to win tickets to the football game against Michigan State. Be sure to check out the billiards contest in the basement, and play Guitar Hero in the main lounge. You can also win great prizes if your dorm section has one of the highest attendance rates. And of course, be sure you make your way to the Ballroom to watch the Best of Acoustic Cafe from 9-11 p.m. The six best performers from last year will play and sing live at this free event.

Saturday, September 6: Roger Drawdy & the Firestarters performing at Fiddler's Hearth in South Bend. 9 p.m. What to do after the Fighting Irish (hopefully) defeat the San Diego Aztecs earlier in the day? Well long after the taste of brats has left your mouth, venture to North Main Street to enjoy a delicious meal at Fiddler's Hearth and some fabulous entertainment. The Firestarters play Irish music with an edge of American rock. The band began in 2000, and has toured numerous venues across the Midwest. The Celtic rock group has four albums already out, with their most recent, entitled "Hallowed Ground," released in 2007. Check out the band's MySpace music page for a sample of what you can see Saturday night.

FRIDAY

Friday, September 5: FTT Talks Presents Patrick Whitesell. 2 P.M., Browning Cinema. DeBartolo Performing Arts Centers and the Department of Film, Television and Theater have come together to bring Patrick Whitesell to campus to speak about his career as a Hollywood agent. He has been a partner at Endeavor since 2001 and has been involved in its recent growth and development. His long list of clients includes high-profile actors and actresses such as Ben Affleck, Jessica Alba, Christian Bale, Matt Damon, Jennifer Garner, Kate Hudson, Hugh Jackman, Jude Law, Ellen Page, Joaquin Phoenix and Charlie Sheen. Whitesell was previously the head of the talent department at United Talent Agency, but began his career at InterTalent where he soared from the agency's mailroom to a full-fledged agent after only two years. If you have any interest in a career in the entertainment industry, or just find it fascinating, this talk is for you. It is a free, but ticketed event. Call the ticket office at 574.631.2800 to reserve your seat for a chance to hear Whitesell share his wisdom.

Sunday, September 7: PAC Classic 100 Presents Federico Fellini's La strada, 3 p.m., Browning Cinema. Fellini directs his wife Giulietta Masina in a film that took the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 1956. After her destitute mother sells her to a ruthless gypsy carnival performer Zampan (Anthony Quinn), Gelsomina (Masina) adjusts to life under the cruel strongman. Struggling to maintain optimism, Gelsomina becomes the target of Zampan's violent rage and when he bumps into his enemy the Fool (Richard Basehart), fury explodes. It's a movie Roger Ebert claims functions as the "bridge between the postwar Italian neorealism which shaped Fellini, and the fanciful autobiographical extravaganzas which followed." Don't miss the film that brought Fellini and Masina to fame. The 35 mm print is in Italian with English subtitles. Tickets are \$6 for the public, \$5 for faculty/staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students.

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Dining Hall Dish

By **MICHELLE FORDICE**
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Oh, dining hall. Whether they frequent North or South, students have such a love/hate relationship with you. We can't complain too much; you do offer quick, full-course meals that are tasty (relative to most dining halls), but a few weeks into the school year we long to see something new, or to have more control over what we get to taste each meal.

Well, we here at Scene believe there is more than meets the eye to the dining hall's offerings, and have set out to see what we can create out of the ingredients that offered most every day. So stick with us, and let's see what we can cook up.

This week's recipes:

Red Wine Vinegar and Tomato Salad

1. Fill a bowl with red wine vinegar, a splash of olive oil, and a dollop of Dijon mustard. If you are in

South, add a dash of Italian seasoning or oregano, to your taste.

2. Layer a plate with sliced tomatoes or tomato wedges and sprinkle with feta cheese crumbles.

3. Pick up a lemon wedge.

4. Take your bowl and add in lemon juice, salt, and pepper, to taste. Mix into a dressing and pour over the tomatoes and cheese. Let sit while you make your sandwich.

Tuna-and-Bean Sandwich

1. Fill a bowl with black beans and a splash of olive oil. If you are in South, add some basil from the spice rack as well.

2. Fill another bowl with plain tuna, black olives, and red onion.

3. Pick up lemon wedges and some good sandwich bread.

4. Once you're seated, take the first bowl and squeeze in the juice from a good size lemon wedge. Add salt and pepper. Mix it all together, smashing the beans so that it makes a spread. Spread on one side of the bread.

5. Take the second bowl and add



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Take control of your dining hall experience and make your own dish.

lemon, salt, and pepper again, mixing. Layer on top of bean spread.

6. Close up your sandwich and enjoy! Try dipping it in the dressing from the tomato salad above for a kick (or even mixing it straight into the spread), or adding some more of your favorite vegetables or a mild cheese, such as

Provolone.

Quick Tip

In a rush? Try taking a bowl of chili or tortilla soup and adding your own red onion, cheese, sour cream, and fritos to make it a little more crisp and crunchy.

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MLB

Pedroia leads Red Sox to four-run comeback against Orioles

Church hits grand slam to complete Mets' sweep of Brewers, Dunn's RBI double in ninth lifts Diamondbacks

Associated Press

BOSTON — After sleepwalking through six innings, the Boston Red Sox woke up.

AL batting leader Dustin Pedroia homered in the seventh inning to begin Boston's comeback from a four-run deficit, and the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-4 Wednesday when pitcher Jim Miller threw away a bunt for a game-ending error.

Hitting cleanup for the fourth time in five games, Pedroia went 3-for-4 and raised his average to .333. He is 21-for-34 (.618) in his last eight games.

"We looked tired the first five, six innings, then we kind of turn it up," Pedroia said. "We finally swept somebody."

Boston swept the three-game series. The Red Sox had won the first two games in three of their last four series only to lose each finale.

"Anytime you get a sweep its nice," Boston outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury said.

Cora singled off Miller (0-1) opening the ninth, and took second on Coco Crisp's bunt single, which appeared to be heading foul before taking a weird bounce on the line.

Ellsbury, attempting to sacrifice, bunted the ball toward Miller, who threw it past third baseman Aubrey Huff and down the left-field line.

"The first bunt hits a cleat mark and kicks fair. That's just the nature of the game," Miller said. "I think if I make that throw the way it needs to be made, I've got a good chance of getting him."

Cora slid headfirst into third base and his helmet popped off. Then he jogged home with his arm raised.

"I was diving," Cora said of the play at third. "All of a sudden I looked to my right and saw the ball."

Asked whether he had ever scored a winning run without a helmet, he smiled and said, "Ah, probably not."

Boston, 48-19 at Fenway Park but 34-38 on the road, began the day four games behind Tampa Bay in the AL East and led the AL wild-card race by four games.

The Red Sox sold out 96-year old Fenway for the 455th consecutive regular-season game, tying the Cleveland Indians' major league record.

Baltimore has lost six straight and 11 of 12.

"It just wasn't a good road trip," Huff said. "We didn't even win a game on the whole road

trip. We knew it would be a tough road trip with these guys and Tampa at their place, but we've got a lot of young guys up here learning on the job and there's going to be a lot of lumps."

The Orioles took a 4-0 lead in the fourth against Daisuke Matsuzaka. Boston's comeback began when Pedroia homered off Jamie Walker into the Green Monster seats, his 17th homer of the season. Pedroia hit just eight last year and had two in 2006, when he first came up to the majors and played in 31 games.

Boston loaded the bases with a hit batter, walk and bunt single, and Rocky Cherry came in and walked Coco Crisp, forcing home a run.

Mark Kotsay hit a two-run triple in the eighth off Miller, a drive just over center fielder Adam Jones, who crashed into the wall. Miller stranded Kotsay by striking out Jason Bay and Jason Varitek.

Justin Masterson (5-4) pitched two scoreless innings. Matsuzaka gave up four runs — three earned — and four hits in six innings.

With planned starter Jeremy Guthrie sidelined by arm fatigue, the Orioles gave Lance Cormier his first start since last Sept. 15 for Atlanta. Cormier allowed two hits in three innings, throwing 32 pitches. Dennis Sarfate followed with another three shutout innings, giving up just one hit, a single.

Baltimore scored when Brian Roberts doubled on the game's second pitch and Nick Markakis flied to center, where Crisp dropped the ball for an error. Crisp, who battled the bright sunshine, wasn't wearing sunglasses.

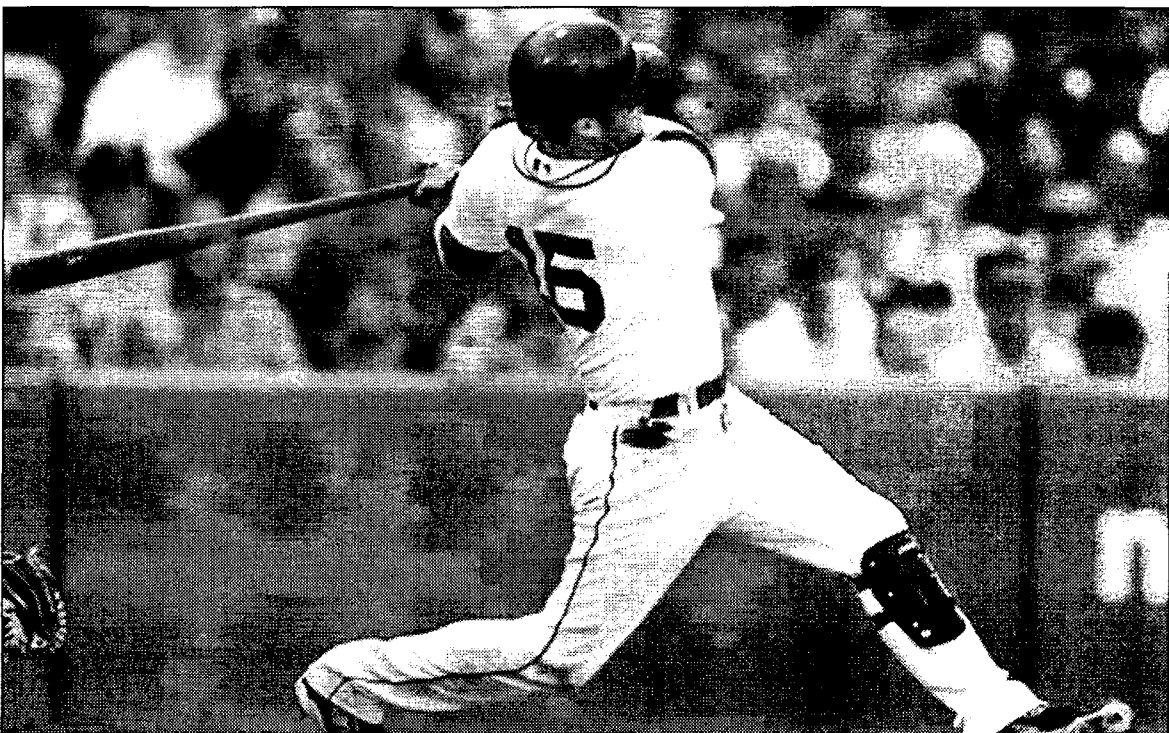
The Orioles boosted their lead in the fourth on Luke Scott's RBI double, Lou Montanez's run-scoring groundout and Guillermo Quiroz's RBI single.

Ellsbury robbed Huff of a home run with a leaping catch at the wall by the Orioles bullpen in the fifth.

Mets 9, Brewers 2

Ryan Church hit a grand slam and Brian Schneider added a homer in a six-run first inning that provided all the offense the Mets needed to beat the Milwaukee Brewers and complete a three-game sweep Wednesday.

Starter Oliver Perez (10-7) benefited from the highest-scoring first inning by the Mets in more than a year by scattering two runs off five hits and five



Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia hits a double against the Orioles in the eighth inning of Boston's 5-4 win at Fenway Park.

walks and working out of several jams until leaving in the seventh.

New York's road to redemption after last year's seven-game collapse with 17 to play returns to Shea Stadium, where the Mets open an eight-game homestand Friday beginning with Philadelphia, their closest pursuer in the NL East at 27 games back. The Phillies play Washington on Wednesday night.

But the Mets, now 3-0 in September and winners of four straight and six of the last seven, finished this road trip in style by sweeping the Brewers in a potential postseason matchup.

Milwaukee leads Philadelphia by four games in the wild card chase, but since the All-Star break the Brewers are 0-7 against the NL's divisional leaders and 8-10 against teams above .500 with 10 such games left to play.

New York, leading the majors in first-inning runs with 123, battered Brewers starter Dave Bush, who is allowing opposing hitters to go .321 with eight homers and 25 RBIs in the first inning this year.

After an out, Bush (9-10) gave up three straight singles, including an RBI hit by Carlos Delgado to make it 1-0, then walked Carlos Beltran to load the bases.

Church drove an off-speed pitch to the Mets' bullpen beyond the leaping grab of right fielder Corey Hart and pumped

his right fist twice in a modest celebration as he rounded first.

The Mets went up 6-0 with two outs when Schneider hit a solo homer to almost the same spot in right field, the first time since July 19, 2007 that New York scored six or more runs in the top of the first inning.

The Mets made it 8-2 in the eighth when pinch hitter Nick Evans singled in two runs with two outs off reliever Mitch Stetter. David Wright hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Not that New York needed all the extra runs. Milwaukee couldn't figure out a lefty for the third straight game after coming into the series with the best record against southpaws in the league.

The Brewers, who stranded 26 runners in the series, failed to score with two on and less than two outs in the first and third innings when Perez struggled to find the strike zone and didn't push a run across until Hart's RBI double in the sixth before leaving two more on base.

J.J. Hardy homered with one out in the seventh and Perez recorded the second out before walking Gabe Kapler and being relieved by Joe Smith.

Diamondbacks 4, Cardinals 3

Adam Dunn doubled home the winning run in the ninth inning, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday.

For the second time in three games, the Diamondbacks ral-

lied against the Cardinals' tattered bullpen, whose 29 losses are most in the majors.

Arizona won for only the third time in 10 games and stretched its NL West lead to three games over the Los Angeles Dodgers, who were to face San Diego on Wednesday night. Arizona opens a three-game series at Los Angeles on Friday night.

The winning rally began when streaking Stephen Drew tripled to lead off the ninth against Chris Perez (2-2). One out later, Conor Jackson singled through the drawn-in infield to tie it. It was Perez' second blown save in eight chances.

Dunn followed with a shot to the right field corner to score Jackson ahead of the throw.

Chad Qualls (4-8) pitched the ninth to earn the victory.

Arizona trailed 3-0 in the seventh when pinch-hitter Augie Ojeda led off with a double against reliever Kyle McClellan. One out and two walks later, Ojeda scored on Conor Jackson's fielder's choice grounder to cut St. Louis' lead to 3-1.

Ron Villone came on and threw a wild pitch, allowing Miguel Montero to score to slice the deficit to 3-2.

St. Louis took a 2-0 lead in the third when Cesar Izturis bunted for a single and Glaus followed by hitting an 0-1 delivery from Doug Davis into the left field seats.

In the sixth, Felipe Lopez reached on an infield single and took second on third baseman

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	points	Record
1	USC	1,539	1-0
2	Georgia	1,506	1-0
3	Ohio State	1,497	1-0
4	Oklahoma	1,432	1-0
5	Florida	1,415	1-0
6	Missouri	1,301	1-0
7	LSU	1,207	1-0
8	West Virginia	1,108	1-0
9	Auburn	1,033	1-0
10	Texas	1,028	1-0
11	Wisconsin	849	1-0
12	Texas Tech	842	1-0
13	Alabama	834	1-0
14	Kansas	748	1-0
15	Arizona State	672	1-0
15	Brigham Young	672	1-0
17	South Florida	588	1-0
18	Oregon	508	1-0
19	Penn State	467	1-0
20	Wake Forest	414	1-0
21	Fresno State	242	1-0
22	Utah	214	1-0
23	UCLA	151	1-0
24	Illinois	147	0-1
24	South Carolina	147	1-0

Women's NSCAA Soccer Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	USC	701	1
2	UCLA	678	3
3	North Carolina	677	2
4	Florida State	637	5
5	NOTRE DAME	634	4
6	Virginia	552	7
7	Stanford	526	10
8	Texas	514	8
9	Portland	499	6
10	Penn State	412	9
11	Texas A&M	407	13
12	Duke	376	16
13	West Virginia	318	11
13	Boston College	318	15
15	Illinois	313	18
16	Santa Clara	279	21
17	Wake Forest	271	20
18	Oklahoma State	194	23
19	Connecticut	154	12
20	Tennessee	140	14
21	California	118.5	17
22	Georgia	104	19
23	Florida	98	22
24	Cal State Fullerton	83	RV
25	Kansas	75	RV

AVCA Women's Volleyball Rankings

	Team	Record
1	Penn St.	3-0
2	Nebraska	2-0
3	Stanford	1-1
4	Texas	1-1
5	California	2-0
6	UCLA	2-1
7	USC	0-2
8	Florida	2-0
9	Washington	2-0
10	Wisconsin	3-0

NCAA FOOTBALL



Pictured is the damage to the west side of Tiger Stadium on the LSU campus caused by Hurricane Gustav. LSU postponed its game against Troy originally scheduled for Saturday because of the storm.

LSU postpones game in wake of hurricane

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU postponed its football game against Troy after Hurricane Gustav damaged Tiger Stadium and battered Louisiana's capital city far worse than anticipated.

The university made the decision Wednesday after having a full day to get a handle on damage to the stadium and the community, much of which is expected to be without power into next week.

"It's the right decision," LSU head coach Les Miles said. "Our guys are maybe a little more affected than the Katrina and Rita duo — more firsthand concerns, more power lines that they

saw, more trees down that they saw and power outages affected us, affecting them than the last storm we had. They were a little ragged on Tuesday."

LSU players reported to their indoor practice field on Tuesday afternoon, first so coaches could make sure everyone was OK, then so they could have position meetings and practice in the hope that Saturday's game could be played as scheduled. A day later, it was obvious to LSU officials that was not going to happen.

"We would have loved to play the game, but it's not possible and the city of Baton Rouge is in too bad shape to take resources away to play a football

game," LSU athletic director Joe Alleva said. "The welfare of the people of Baton Rouge, the uncertain power issues facing all of us and the condition of Tiger Stadium were all factors in making this decision."

The seventh-ranked Tigers' game against the Trojans will be played Nov. 15.

"We are fortunate that both schools had a common open date later in the year," Alleva said. "I am appreciative of the cooperation of the good people at Troy for their understanding of this situation."

Classes at LSU are canceled through the end of the week, with only part of campus on power generated by

the school's emergency backup power plant.

LSU players practiced again Wednesday afternoon at their indoor facility, which also has backup power. Miles said they will continue to practice until Friday and then get the weekend off so those players whose families have damaged property in Louisiana can return home to help.

The most noticeable damage at Tiger Stadium were torn awnings that, along with their metal supports, were ripped off of an upper deck facades, crashing onto club seats below. Debris littered the stands and playing field soon after the storm had passed, though much of it had been cleaned up

IN BRIEF

Injury ends season for Raven's Boller

OWINGS MILLS, MD — Kyle Boller was placed on injured reserve Wednesday by the Baltimore Ravens, ending his season and raising the question of whether the quarterback will throw another pass for the team.

Boller has been sidelined since hurting his shoulder in Baltimore's second preseason game against the Minnesota Vikings on Aug. 16.

"He has got either one of two injuries, either the torn labrum or he's got, I don't know the medical term, but there's a connection in the biceps to the shoulder that might be a problem," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "The torn labrum has not responded to the medication, and the other injury is a season ender. He's done."

Brady to be ready for Patriot season opener

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick expects Tom Brady to be ready Sunday for the season opener against Kansas City after the NFL's reigning MVP missed all four exhibition games.

"He's practicing this week and I expect he'll be ready to go," Belichick said Wednesday during a conference call with Kansas City reporters.

Asked if that meant that the quarterback, who has had an injured right foot, would play, Belichick said: "He's been practicing all week. I expect him to be out there today and I expect him to be out there the rest of the week."

Brady, who participated fully in practice Wednesday, said Monday the condition of his foot has improved and he could have played in all four exhibition games.

Boston Red Sox rally after 4-run deficit

BOSTON — After sleepwalking through six innings, the Boston Red Sox woke up.

AL batting leader Dustin Pedroia homered in the seventh inning to begin Boston's comeback from a four-run deficit, and the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-4 Wednesday when pitcher Jim Miller threw away a bunt for a game-ending error.

Hitting cleanup for the fourth time in five games, Pedroia went 3-for-4 and raised his average to .333. He is 21-for-34 (.618) in his last eight games.

"We looked tired the first five, six innings, then we kind of turn it up," Pedroia said. "We finally swept somebody."

Boston swept the three-game series. The Red Sox had won the first two games in three of their last four series only to lose each finale.

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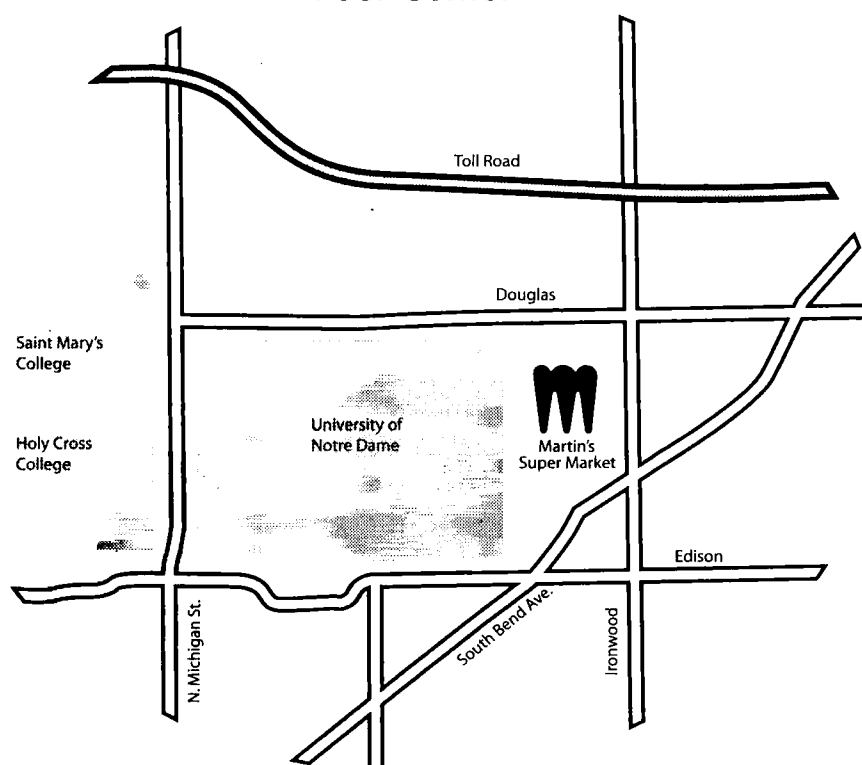
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U.S. OPEN

Safina overpowers Pennetta in two sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sixth-seeded Dinara Safina overpowered No. 16 Flavia Pennetta 6-2, 6-3 in the U.S. Open quarterfinals Wednesday, earning the right to play one of the Williams sisters next.

Safina, the sister of 2000 U.S. Open men's champion Marat Safin, reached her first semifinal at Flushing Meadows. The Russian has won 37 of her past 41 matches and made it to the finals at six of her previous seven events.

"I'm getting closer to reaching the same thing as my brother," Safina said.

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Dinara Safina
Russian tennis player

The French Open runner-up and Beijing Olympics silver medalist compiled a 25-13 edge in winners against Pennetta and only was broken once.

"She was playing unbelievable, you know," said Pennetta, from Italy. "She didn't give me a lot of chance."

Now comes a much harder assignment for Safina: trying to beat Venus or Serena Williams.

"It's going to be a big match. You know, they're both playing good," Safina said. "I just want to focus again on myself and to give my 100 percent and see who's going to be stronger."

The siblings, both two-time Open champions, were to face each other in the last women's quarterfinal Wednesday night, their 17th matchup as professionals.

Safina is 1-3 against Serena and never has faced Venus.

The Russian was asked which sister she would rather meet?

"I don't care," Safina said.

Wednesday's schedule also included the first two men's quarterfinals, with No. 6 Andy Murray and No. 17 Juan Martin del Potro meeting in the afternoon, and No. 1 Rafael Nadal taking on unseeded American Mardy Fish at night, after Williams vs. Williams.

The sisters headed into that match 8-8 in all-Williams encounters, 5-5 at Grand Slam tournaments. Seven of those came in Grand Slam finals, including at Wimbledon in July, when Venus beat Serena in straight sets for her fifth championship at the All England Club.

Back when they were ranked Nos. 1 and 2, the siblings only could meet in

tournament finals. But because of injuries, inactivity and inconsistency, they dropped in the rankings, and now it's the luck of the draw that determines at which stage they potentially meet.

At the U.S. Open, they wound up in the same section of the bracket, so what many might consider the two top players at the moment were forced to meet in the round of eight.

Serena has won eight major titles, and Venus has won seven — and none of the other quarterfinalists owns a single such prize. Before this tournament, Venus had reached the quarterfinals at 28 majors, and Serena at 23, while the six other women to reach that stage this time had made a combined total of 22 previous Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances.

For Pennetta, this was her first career major quarterfinal — and it showed, right from the start against Safina.

Pennetta came to the U.S. Open with a 21-22 career record in Grand Slam tournaments and a 1-4 mark at Flushing Meadows. She dropped her first service game Wednesday, misjudging an overhead to set up a break point, then flubbing a forehand to end a 15-stroke

"It's going to be a big match. You know they're both playing good."

Dinara Safina
Russian tennis player

That was part of Safina's run to leads of 3-0 and 4-1. When Pennetta sailed yet

another groundstroke long while serving down 5-2, the Russian earned another break and owned the first set.

Safina's one real blip came when she was broken at love to fall behind 2-0 in the second set, as Pennetta smacked a backhand return winner on an 83 mph second serve. But Safina broke right back, then broke again for a 5-2 lead.

At the start of the U.S. Open, Safina was one of six women with a chance to be ranked No. 1 at the end of the tournament.

That included current No. 1 Ana Ivanovic, who was upset in the second round. But by virtue of No. 2 Jelena Jankovic making the semifinals, Ivanovic is assured of dropping from No. 1.

Jankovic will face No. 5 Elena Dementieva in the other women's semifinal. They advanced with victories Tuesday.

NFL

Collier in critical condition

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jaguars' linebacker Clint Ingram spent about 14 hours at the hospital Tuesday, waiting with teammates, coaches and Richard Collier's family and friends.

He didn't get any of the answers he wanted.

"I just really want to know how he's feeling, you know, and go in there and maybe whisper something in his ear to let him know we're behind him," Ingram said Wednesday. "I just want to go in there and let him know that one of his close friends and part of his family is behind him and backing him up."

Collier remained in critical condition a day after getting shot in the front seat of his Cadillac Escalade. The Jaguars, meanwhile, returned to practice still thinking about their teammate who was fighting for his life less than 2 miles away.

The 26-year-old offensive tackle and former teammate Kenneth Pettway were waiting for two women outside an apartment complex early Tuesday when a gunman fired into the vehicle, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Collier was shot several times, but it was unclear where the 6-foot-7, 345-pound lineman was hit. Pettway was not injured.

Collier had surgery at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, and updates on his condition have been scarce because family members requested privacy. Coach Jack Del Rio said Wednesday that Collier was still in critical condition.

Del Rio also said the Jaguars were trying to get back into their routine in preparation for Sunday's season opener at Tennessee.

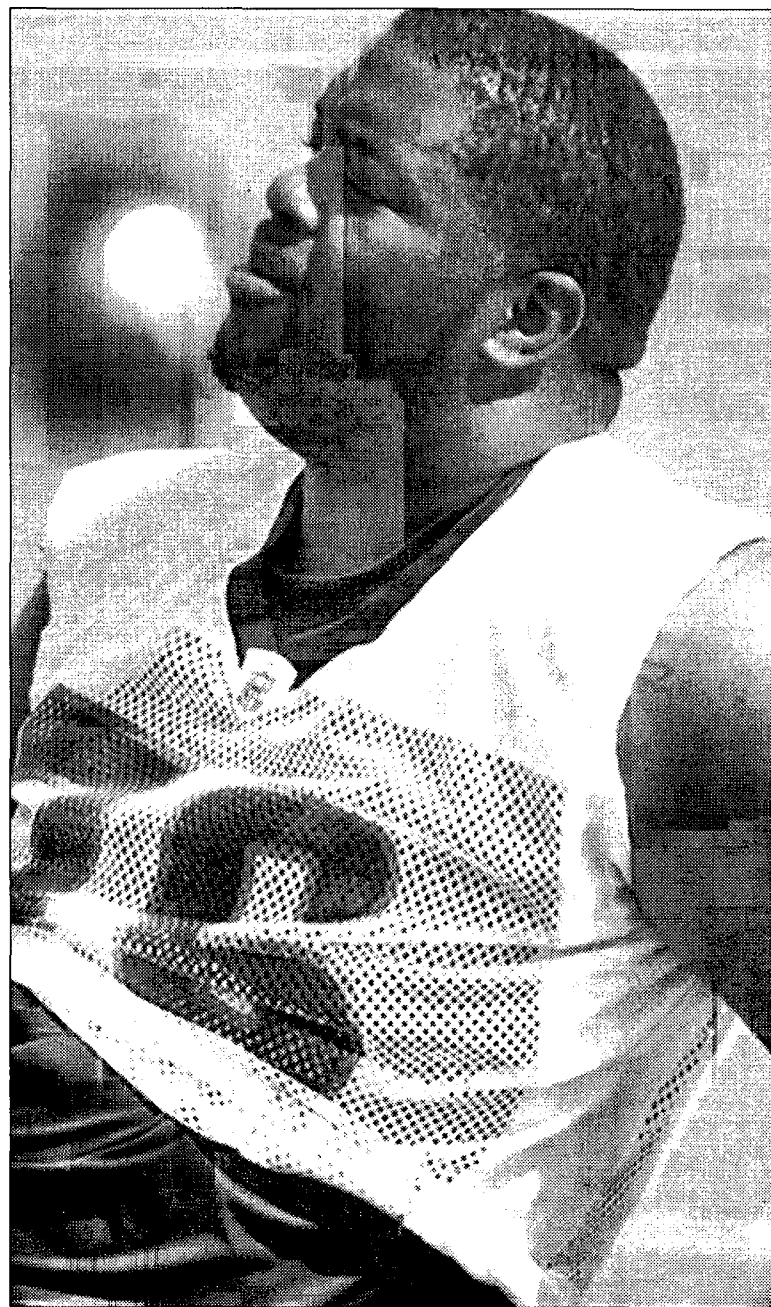
"We've got to handle it and then we've got to move on," Del Rio said. "That's what we're going to do, that's what we have to do. When you face adversity, when you deal with situations that come up, you've got to be able to handle them and you've got to be able to move through and deal with the issues that are there. And then you've got to be able to continue on as a football team, and that's what we'll do."

Ingram, Collier's closest friend on the team, was most affected by the news. He went to the hospital early Tuesday, left for a few minutes around lunchtime and then returned for the rest of the night. He planned to return Wednesday after practice.

"The only thing we really know right now is to wait on time," Ingram said. "I'm really not in a position to go into it and tell what's going on. I do know a few small details

"I just really want to know how he's feeling, you know, and go in there and maybe whisper something in his ear to let him know we're behind him."

Clint Ingram
Jacksonville linebacker



Wounded Jaguars offensive lineman Richard Collier stretches during training camp in Jacksonville, Fla., on August 7.

that I'd rather keep to myself."

Running back Fred Taylor, cornerback Rashean Mathis and several others met Tuesday night for a prayer session.

"When it hits at home, you can really feel it," Taylor said.

The thing that happened in Denver last year (Darrent Williams' shooting), the thing that hap-

pened with Sean (Taylor) and a few other things that happened in the past with traffic accidents and stuff, you hear it and say, "Damn, I feel sorry for that person and his family," and you just go on with your daily routines and life.

"But when it hits right here in your back yard, it's like, 'Damn, this is real.' We take a lot of things for granted, but this is real. Life is precious, and it's short."

Collier is the third NFL

player shot in the past 18 months. Washington Redskins star Taylor was fatally shot during what police said was a botched burglary attempt at his Miami-area home in November. Broncos cornerback Williams was killed when his rented limousine was sprayed with bullets minutes after leaving a New Year's party at a club in 2007.

The motive behind the attack on Collier was unknown, and the sheriff's office said it did not have any suspects in the case.

The shooting happened around 2:45 a.m. in a middle- to upper middle-class neighborhood near downtown Jacksonville. The players had gone to the apartment complex so the women could drop off their car, authorities said.

"You see this stuff in the news and it happens all of the time, but it really doesn't hit you hard until it hits your

home," Ingram said. "Rich is just like my brother; we're close friends. ... When you spend a lot of time with a person like that and you're real close friends, something like this gets to you real bad."

"We've got to handle it and then we've got to move on. That's what we're going to do, that's what we have to do."

Jack Del Rio
Jacksonville coach

FOOTBALL

Wells limited in practice

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State tailback Chris “Beanie” Wells is not taking contact or putting pressure on his injured right foot but still holds out hope of playing in the Buckeyes’ next game.

Team officials and doctors will huddle within the next day or two to decide if and when Wells will play next. The second-ranked Buckeyes play Ohio University on Saturday, then travel to take on No. 1 Southern California Sept. 13.

“Is he injured or does he just have some pain he can play through?” running backs coach Dick Tressel said Wednesday. “We’ve got a long way to go, we’re counting on playing a

lot of football this fall. We’re going to be smart with his rehab.”

Wells has an injury at the base of his big toe on his right foot, said Tressel, the older brother of coach Jim Tressel. Wells has difficulty putting pressure on the foot and has not participated in full practices this week, Tressel said.

“Absolutely, he wants to play Saturday, but it’s not his call,” Tressel said.

Wells was injured in the third quarter of Ohio State’s 43-0 victory over Youngstown State on Saturday. He writhed on the ground and was eventually helped off the field. He returned to watch the final few minutes, wearing a protective black boot on

his foot.

Tressel said Wednesday that he had seen Wells wearing the boot and not wearing it earlier in the day.

“I’d just as soon he wore it all the time,” he said.

Considered one of the top Heisman Trophy prospects this season, Wells will have to wait for doctors to decide whether he is available to play against Ohio University on Saturday.

If Wells is unable to play, a group of four running backs will all see playing time: Maurice Wells, Brandon Saine, Dan “Boom” Herron and Marcus Williams.

“If I could get each of them about 15 carries, I’d have a good weekend,” Tressel said.

Wells has had nagging injuries throughout his two previous years at Ohio State. Still, he rushed for more than 1,600 yards and scored 15 touchdowns a year ago, marking him as one of the top returning running backs

“If I could get each of them about 15 carries, I’d have a good weekend.”

Dick Tressel
Buckeyes running backs coach

University of Notre Dame
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
2007 Consumer Confidence Report

The amendments to the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act require each public water supply to produce a water quality report titled the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Following is the University's annual report for the 2007 calendar year.

The University's water system is a privately owned public water supply operated by the Utilities Department. The University's system provides water to the University community and the nearby C.S.C. properties. Questions regarding the system or sampling results can be directed to Paul Kempf, Director of Utilities, 102 Facilities Building, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.6594 or Erin Hafner, General Safety Specialist, Risk Management and Safety, 636 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.631.5037.

There are currently six wells serving the water system, all located on the campus proper. The water is drawn from deep aquifers surrounded by substantial clay barriers that serve to protect the groundwater supply. We do not believe that our source is vulnerable to contamination. We are also taking steps to ensure that our water source does not become contaminated through our Wellhead Protection Program. This program assists in defining where the water supply comes from and methods to protect the aquifers from potential contamination.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from animal and human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

- Contaminants that might be expected to be in source water (untreated water) include:
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil, pesticides and herbicides.
 - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production or can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
 - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or are the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly susceptible. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection from Cryptosporidium and microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. In general, if you flush your cold tap until the water gets as cold as it is going to get, you will have eliminated the potential metal contamination. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791) or at the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

We have tested for over 150 parameters regulated by the EPA and the State of Indiana. Included in these tests were metals, volatile organics, pesticides, herbicides, synthetic organic chemicals and cyanide.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists the EPA's regulated and unregulated contaminants detected in the University's drinking water. All of the contaminants are below allowable levels

Not included in the table are the more than 150 other contaminants including pesticides, herbicides, metals, synthetic organic chemicals, volatile organic chemicals and others which were tested and not detected.

Regulated at Point of Entry (Well)					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	0.10	2.0	2.0	0.061 - 0.10	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	1.0	10	10	0.13 - 1.0	Runoff from fertilizer, septic tanks, natural deposits
Nickel (ppm)	0.015	0.1	0	0.0075 - 0.015	Pipe material, natural deposits
Chromium (ppm)	0.012	0.1	0.1	0.0088 - 0.012	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	1.1	4.0	4.0	<0.1 - 1.1	Runoff from fertilizer, erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppm)	0.0034	0.01	0.0	<0.0020 - 0.0034	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha (pCi/L)	3.8	15	0	1.9 - 3.8	Naturally occurring
Gross beta (pCi/L)	21.2	50	0	3.2 - 21.2	Decay of natural and manmade deposits

Unregulated Substances					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	58	100	-	41 - 58	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated at User Tap					
Substance	Highest Level Detected	EPA's MCL	EPA's MCLG	Range	Source of Contamination
Copper (ppb) 90 th percentile	350	1300	1300	5.2 - 350	Corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead (ppb) 90 th percentile	12	15	0	<1.0 - 12	Corrosion of plumbing systems

Definitions

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG). The level of a contaminant at which there is no known or expected health risk.

ppm: parts per million.

ppb: parts per billion.

90th Percentile: 90% of the samples were below the number listed.

pCi/L: picocuries per liter.

Since 1993, the University has been granted a Standardized Monitoring Framework (SMF 1), monitoring waiver. Due to the high quality of the water, the monitoring frequencies are significantly reduced.

NBA

Oklahoma City to be 'Thunder'

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Thunder can be heard from miles away, an early warning that a storm is about to arrive. So, perhaps it's only fitting that the name of Oklahoma City's NBA team didn't sneak up on anyone.

Six weeks after the name first surfaced, team officials officially announced Wednesday that the team formerly known as the Seattle SuperSonics would be known as the Oklahoma City Thunder.

"It's hard to keep a secret," team chairman Clay Bennett said after stepping to a podium on the ground floor of the downtown office building where the team is headquartered.

The announcement had long been anticipated, but everyone knew what was coming.

The local ABC affiliate report-

ed in mid-July that Thunder had been chosen as the nickname. Then the NBA Web site listed NBA.com/thunder as a link to the Oklahoma City team's page. Then the Orlando Magic's site listed games against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Even the logo and colors leaked out over the weekend. Then, prior to the 5 p.m. announcement, Thunder merchandise started showing up on the NBA's online store.

"I thought it was great fun. Maybe I have a warped sense of things," Bennett said. "I thought it was a lot of fun. I was disappointed in the image being released."

That left Bennett somewhat surprised that hundreds of people still showed up in the atrium of Leadership Square, watched from their office windows or leaned over a second-floor walkway to hear it for sure.

"My family talked about wanting to come down, and I said, 'Well, I don't think it's that big a deal. Everybody seems to know the name already,'" Bennett said.

To unveil the logo, six children joined players Desmond Mason and Damien Wilkins to pull down a curtain as the AC/DC song "Thunderstruck" blared over the loudspeaker. What was revealed was a large blue banner with the logo in the middle, and splashes of yellow at the top and reddish-orange at the bottom.

Bennett said the light blue color coincides with the state flag to represent the inclusion of all Oklahomans, the yellow refers to the sun and the reddish-orange color to the sunset. With the University of Oklahoma featuring crimson as its primary color, and Oklahoma State using orange, Bennett said it was "not too red and not too orange."

Thunder is a fitting moniker for the Oklahoma City franchise, not only as a reference to powerful storms in the area known as Tornado Alley. The Oklahoma City-based 45th Infantry Division carries Thunderbirds as its nickname, and that's a reference to the state's American Indian heritage. Even one of Oklahoma native Garth Brooks' biggest hits was "The Thunder Rolls."

"There's just all kinds of good thunder images and thoughts, and the in-game experience of Thunder," Bennett said. "Just here was a good sense of how that evokes emotion. It's very powerful."

The team name had been the most evident — and talked about — element missing after Bennett announced July 2 that the SuperSonics would be moving to Oklahoma City through an agreement that will have him pay the city of Seattle up to \$75 million to settle a lawsuit.

Bennett said the uniforms and mascot won't be unveiled for another few weeks, but T-shirts, basketballs and other Thunder merchandise went on sale immediately after the announcement.

"The guys in the jerseys, if they play, the jerseys are going to look real good," coach P.J. Carlesimo said.

MLB

LaRoche snaps slump to edge out Cincinatti

Wolf tosses complete-game shutout in win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Adam LaRoche snapped an 0-for-16 slump with a pair of RBI singles to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-5 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

With the score tied at 4 in the eighth inning, Nate McLouth led off with a single off of Cincinnati left-hander Jeremy Affeldt (1-1). McLouth stole second and continued to third when Affeldt's throw got past first baseman Joey Votto for a throwing error. Ryan Doumit walked and moved to second on a wild pitch, and LaRoche drove in McLouth with a soft single to right.

Mike Lincoln relieved Affeldt and gave up a run-scoring single to Andy LaRoche.

Tyler Yates (5-3) got the final out of the seventh inning to earn the win. Matt Capps pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 24 opportunities.

Adam LaRoche actually gave Pittsburgh the lead twice in the span of three innings after starting the game 0-for-2. He followed Doumit's sixth-inning RBI single off of Cincinnati starter Edinson Volquez — which tied the score at 3 — with a broken-bat bloop to short right field that drove in McLouth with the go-ahead run.

Volquez had a perfect game with five strikeouts before Nyjer Morgan led off the fourth inning with a ground-rule double to center field. Freddy Sanchez and Doumit followed with doubles to give Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead.

Ross Ohlendorf, a former New York Yankees reliever making his first career start, retired the first eight batters he faced before Volquez solidly lined a single to center field. Votto got the Reds on the board with a solo homer in the fourth, his 16th homer of the season and first in 39 at bats since Aug. 21. Edwin Encarnacion followed with a walk. Encarnacion moved to third on Jay Bruce's double to right field and scored the game-tying run on a passed ball.

The Reds took a 3-2 lead in the fifth on Chris Dickerson's sixth homer of the season. After Pittsburgh regained the lead in the sixth, Encarnacion tied it with a single to left.

Ohlendorf, acquired with three other players from the Yankees on July 26 when Pittsburgh traded outfielder Xavier Nady and left-hander Damaso Marte, lasted six innings, allowing three earned runs with one walk and two strikeouts.

Volquez went seven innings, giving up six hits and four runs with one walk and 13 strikeouts, a career high and

the most by a Reds pitcher in one game this season.

Astros 4, Cubs 0

Randy Wolf pitched a six-hitter for his eighth career shutout and Ty Wigginton homered Thursday night as the Houston Astros won their eighth straight with a victory over the slumping Chicago Cubs, who've lost a season-high five in a row.

The surging Astros completed a three-game sweep at Wrigley Field behind the pitching of Wolf and some good defense. Wigginton, an infielder most of his career, also made a great throw from left field to cut down a potential Chicago run in the fifth inning.

It is Houston's second eight-game winning streak in less than a month, matching an earlier one from Aug. 7-14.

The Cubs are stuck in their first five-game skid since dropping six in a row from May 27-June 2 last season. The NL Central leaders have 22 games left this season, 16 away from Wrigley Field.

Despite another loss, the Cubs maintained their 4 1/2 game lead over Milwaukee after the Brewers were beaten 9-2 by the Mets as New York completed a three-game sweep at Miller Park.

Wolf (9-11) walked two and struck out eight, including Reed Johnson to end the fourth when they Cubs had two on. It was the 31-year-old left-hander's first shutout and complete game since April 24, 2004, when he beat the Montreal Expos 7-0 while pitching for the Phillies.

Wigginton, who homered 12 times in August, hit his 22nd of the season in the fifth, a two-run, two-out shot off Ryan Dempster (15-6) to give the Astros a 3-0 lead.

The Cubs threatened in the bottom of the inning when Ronny Cedeno walked and went to second on a sacrifice.

When Alfonso Soriano singled sharply to left, Wigginton made a strong on-target throw to catcher Humberto Quintero, who reached back and nicked the back of a sliding Cedeno's jersey for the out. Astros center fielder Michael Bourn then made a nice catch of Ryan Theriot's long drive to center to end the inning.

The Astros made it 4-0 in the ninth when David Newhan and Bourn singled to put runners at the corners with two outs. Cubs' reliever Jeff Samardzija picked Bourn off first but when he was caught in a rundown, Newhan raced home. Cubs shortstop Theriot's throw to the plate was not handled by catcher Geovany Soto. Newhan was credited with a steal of home on the play and Theriot an error when Bourn made second.

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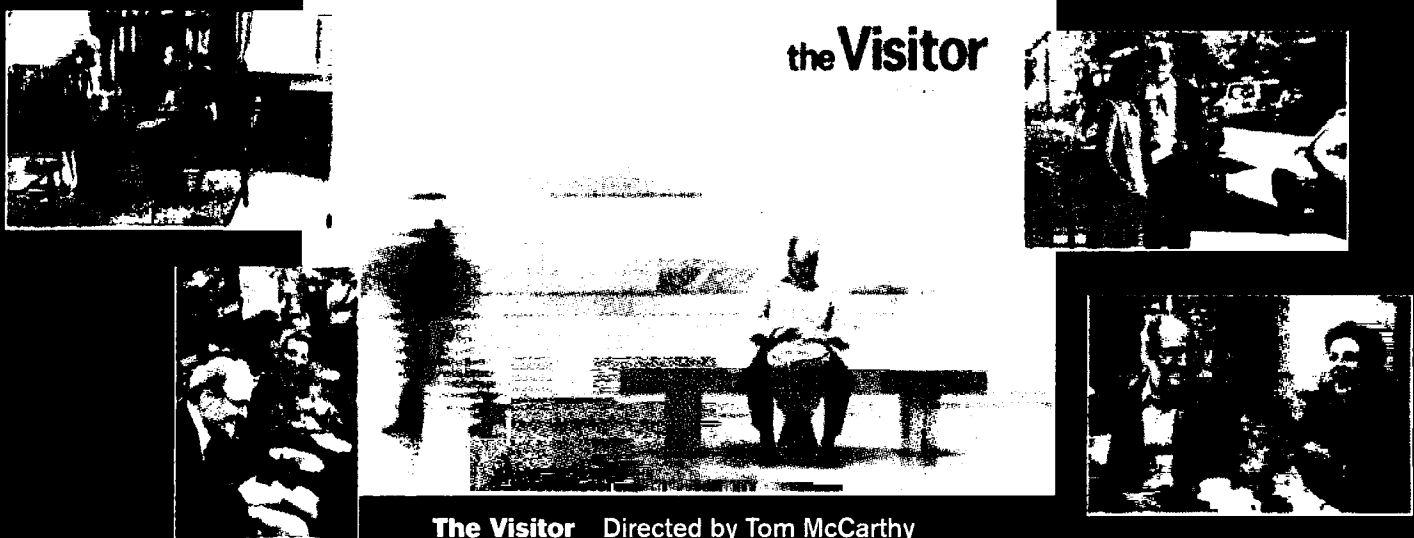
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NFL

Johnson says Bell stole his luggage

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit running back Rudi Johnson said Wednesday that the player who was waived to make room for him on the Lions' roster — Tatum Bell — took his luggage from team headquarters.

"All this happened when he got released," Johnson said. "He came in to get some stuff out of his locker and that's when he scooped up the bags."

After being cut by the Cincinnati Bengals, Johnson came to Detroit to work out for the team and meet with Lions president Matt Millen on Monday. During the meeting, which ended with Johnson agreeing to a free-agent contract, the two Gucci bags that he had received as a Pro Bowl gift were taken from inside the team's headquarters.

Johnson met with the Detroit media for the first time Tuesday, and talked about Bell in a positive manner — saying they had discussed the Lions and that Bell, also a running

back, had given him advice on the team and the city.

However, shortly after Johnson praised Bell, team security director Ricky Sandoval showed him footage from the team's surveillance system.

"Ricky showed me the tape Tuesday afternoon," Johnson said. "What makes this crazy is that I've talked to him after games, and I talked to him a couple hours prior to this — I guess it was before he found out he was going to be released."

Johnson said a woman returned the bags to the practice facility Tuesday evening, but that the contents were gone.

"I got the bags back — empty," he said. "So he's got a bunch of my underclothes. What he's going to do with that, I don't know. He's got some socks and boxers."

Johnson said he was also still missing about \$200 in cash along with his ID and credit cards, but said that he did not plan to involve the authorities.

MLB

Yankees take down first-place Tampa Bay

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez's ninth-inning homer was upheld in baseball's first use of instant replay, and the New York Yankees beat the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays 8-4 on Wednesday night.

Rodriguez, who went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs, hit a towering two-run shot off Troy Percival that third base umpire Brian Runge immediately ruled a homer when it bounced off the catwalk behind the foul pole in left field.

Rays catcher Dioner Navarro protested, bringing manager Joe Maddon out of the dugout. After convening, the umpires left the field to review the tape, a process that took 2 minutes, 15 seconds to back the onfield call.

Boston, which beat Baltimore 5-4 on Wednesday, moved within three games of Tampa Bay in the division.

Edwar Ramirez (5-1) worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam after Carl Pavano ran into trouble in the fifth. He was the winner despite facing only three batters as the Yankees extended their road winning streak to a season-high six straight.

Rodriguez, who has two homers and nine RBIs in the first three games of 10-game, four-city road trip, had a run-scoring double in the third off Edwin Jackson (11-9) and a RBI single in the fourth against Chad Bradford. The home run was his 31st of the season and 549th of his career, breaking a tie for 12th place with Mike Schmidt on the all-time list.

Robinson Cano, Ivan Rodriguez and Jason Giambi had RBI doubles off Jackson, who lasted 3 1-3 innings.

The Rays, who had one hit after the fifth inning, lost a series for

the first time since the All-Star break.

It was the third time since the break that Tampa Bay lost consecutive games.

The Rays had been 12-0-1 in series since losing a season-high seven straight games from July 7-13 to turn a five-game lead over the Red Sox into a half-game deficit.

While the Rays weren't charged with any errors Wednesday night, sloppy defense contributed to four infield singles and helped the Yankees advance baserunners at will on hits to the outfield.

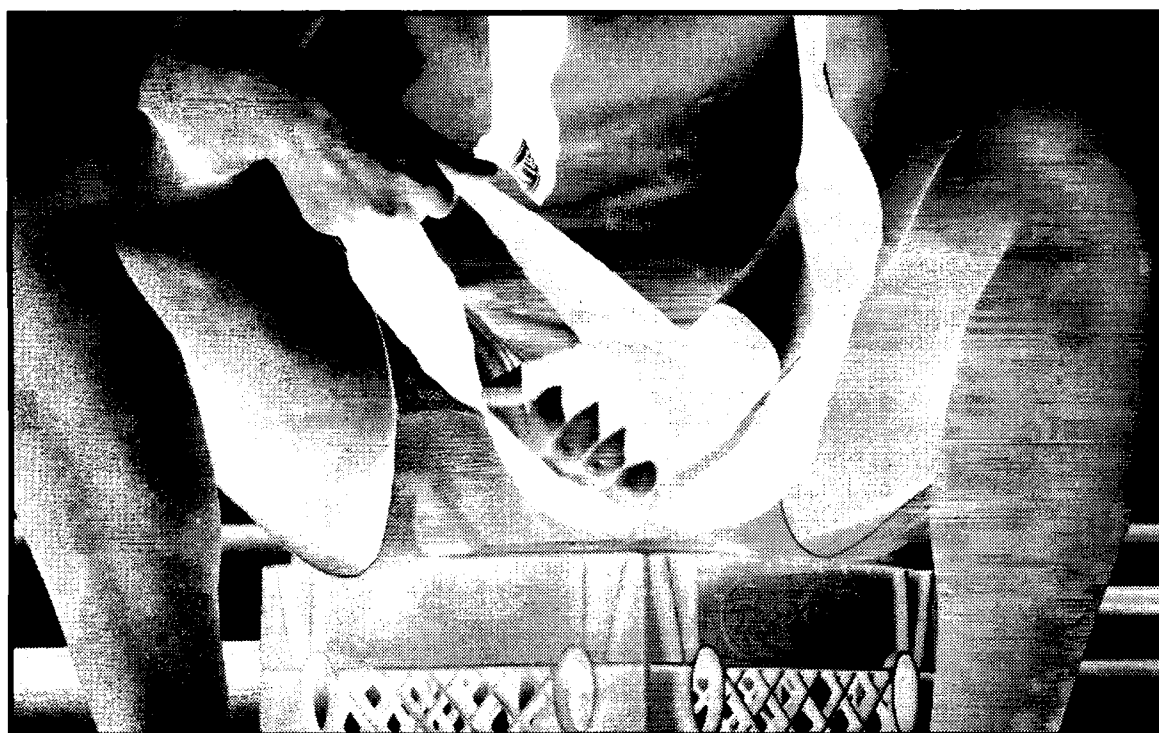
In losing the series opener 7-2 on Tuesday night, the Rays ran themselves out of a potential big inning and committed a throwing error that helped New York break the game open after Xavier Nady hit a two-run homer.

The Yankees built a 6-1 lead for Pavano. The right-hander, making his third start since returning from elbow surgery that sidelined him for more than a year, couldn't get through the five innings required to get the win.

B.J. Upton singled and Carlos Pena walked to begin the fifth against Pavano, who was replaced by Ramirez with New York leading 6-3. Cliff Floyd lined a single off second baseman Cano's glove to load the bases with no outs.

The Yankees escaped unscathed when Willy Aybar lined into a double play to Cano, who stepped on second before Pena could get back to the bag. Eric Hinske popped to Derek Jeter, ending the threat.

The Rays scored on Floyd's first-inning RBI double and Gabe Gross' two-run homer in the fourth as Pavano allowed six hits, walked two and struck out one in four-plus innings — his shortest outing since coming off the DL.



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Bethel

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points of sets, notably with the crucial second set being decided by three consecutive Belles errors late in a tied game. Schroeder-Biek focused on fundamentals this week in practice.

"What I think it comes down to is connections," Schroeder-Biek said. "We need to stay connected with our teammates. We need to celebrate our successes on the court and pick each other up when we are down. We need to connect as teammates before we can expect to

really compete as a team."

Bethel, on the other hand, heads into tonight's match coming off a first-place tournament finish at the Judson University Eagle Invitational and six straight victories overall. Just one of those wins was even pushed to five sets. The Pilots suffered their only loss of the season late last month against No. 25 Mount Vernon Nazarene in five sets at the UMD Early Bird Tournament.

The match begins tonight at 7 p.m. at Bethel's Wiekamp Athletic Center in Mishawaka, Ind.

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Hopper

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experience of seeing Phelps' achievement, he said, was amazing.

"To see that record, which will never be broken again, was phenomenal," he said. "I have the China Daily from the next day. I'm gonna frame it. Him with his big smile and eight medals."

Hopper swam on Notre Dame's team until he was a junior, but was plagued by shoulder problems throughout his career. He suffered a torn labrum that kept him out of his sophomore season. The surgery to fix it was not complicated, Hopper said, with a short expected recovery time, but doctors discovered a complication about six months later. He had another surgery to cause captular shrinkage, or the shrinking of the rotator cuff around the muscles so it doesn't slip out of the socket.

In his first race during of junior year, the 200-meter backstroke, he beat Notre Dame's No. 1 backstroke and qualified for the Big East meet. Halfway through a race a few weeks later, however, he felt his shoulder pop again.

"That was pretty much almost defining moment that I was done," he said. "My shoulder's just had too much wear and tear, constantly swimming on it."

Hopper decided to stop competitively swimming shortly after that, but is now an Irish assistant coach. He still gets to be at practice every day and travel with the team, which he enjoys.

"It's unfortunate, but it's life, you can't really control what's happened," he said. "I don't think I would have actually been able to go to the NBC thing if I was still swimming."

Hopper will play a fun new role with the team this season: He will run the new scoreboard in the Rolfs Aquatic Center during meets. As an information technologies major, Hopper said, he is pretty technologically savvy and looks forward to working with the board, as well as being around the team at meets.

"I love technology. To get to play with something like that is absolutely phenomenal," he said. "It's a beautiful board, you can play movies on it."

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Medalist

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er, but I expect our two upper-classmen to play solidly and for three freshmen to step in and fill the void," Hamilton said.

Thursday marks the first time the freshmen will compete at the Medalist Golf Course, but Hamilton has few doubts that their play will be limited by their inexperience.

"We will be playing them on their home course, and we will be playing with three players that have not seen the course," Hamilton said. "But I know the young players will rise to the occasion and perform well."

Play begins at the Medalist Golf Course at 1 p.m. on Thursday. The match is the first of four 18-hole jamborees that will help determine the 2008 MIAA champion.

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NFL

Favre named Jets captain

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Brett Favre has made quite an impression on his new teammates.

The ballots are in, and the veteran quarterback was voted one of the New York Jets' offensive captains despite being with the team for less than a month.

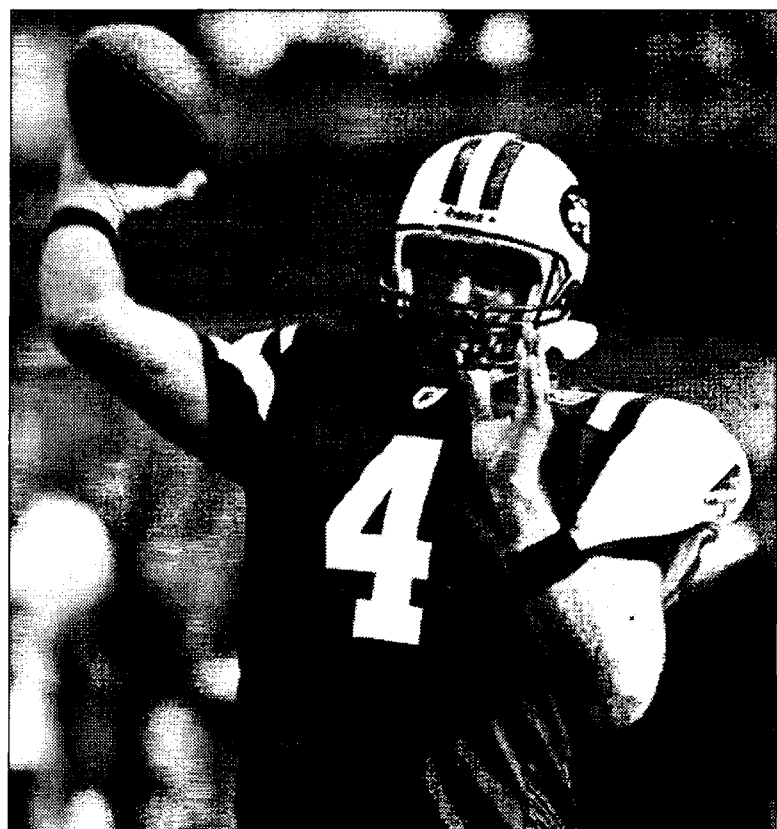
"I'm honored," Favre said Wednesday before the Jets' first practice at their new home in Florham Park, N.J. "I felt a little uncomfortable to be voted. I feel like I need to earn it."

Well, that'll start Sunday when the Jets open the regular season at Miami with Favre under center.

"I don't want it to be based on past performances or longevity, whatever," Favre said. "All those things are important, but what's important is what I do here and how I carry myself as a teammate, what type of leader I am. But you have to vote a captain, as every team does, early in the year and I'm honored to represent this team."

Favre, acquired from Green Bay on Aug. 6 after coming out of retirement, joined new left guard Alan Faneca as offensive captains. Defensive end Shaun Ellis and safety Kerry Rhodes were selected captains on defense in the vote by players Tuesday, while David Bowens and Leon Washington will represent the special teams unit.

"Obviously, he's fitting in well to be voted on by his peers to be a captain," coach Eric Mangini said of Favre. "I think the question of how he's adjusting, how he's fitting in with the guys has been clearly answered by the fact that his peer group — I



Jets quarterback Brett Favre, who was named a team captain Wednesday, throws a pass during warm-ups on Aug. 16.

don't know how peer groups work with that age differential — but the kids voted for him."

The 38-year-old, gray-stubbed quarterback has been lauded throughout his career for being one of the game's ultimate leaders. His new teammates recognized that, and the fact he has started an NFL-record 253 consecutive games, showing a penchant for playing through pain. It also helps that he has the coach's ear.

"You want a guy who has a hand in upper management," Bowens said with a big laugh.

"That was a no-brainer, I'm sure, for the offensive guys. Brett can go upstairs and talk to Eric pretty easily, but aside from all that, Brett is a good leader. He's showed toughness and played about 1,000 games in a row or something like that. Anytime you've got a guy in that situation, you definitely look up to him for leadership."

Favre will take on the Dolphins and Chad Pennington, the man he replaced, on Sunday and acknowledged he still has moments of anxiety before games, even after 17 seasons.

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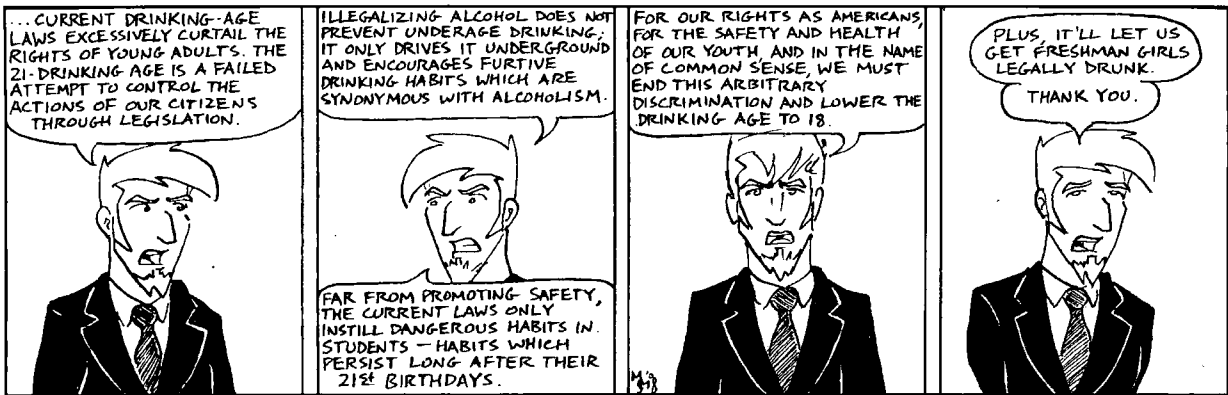
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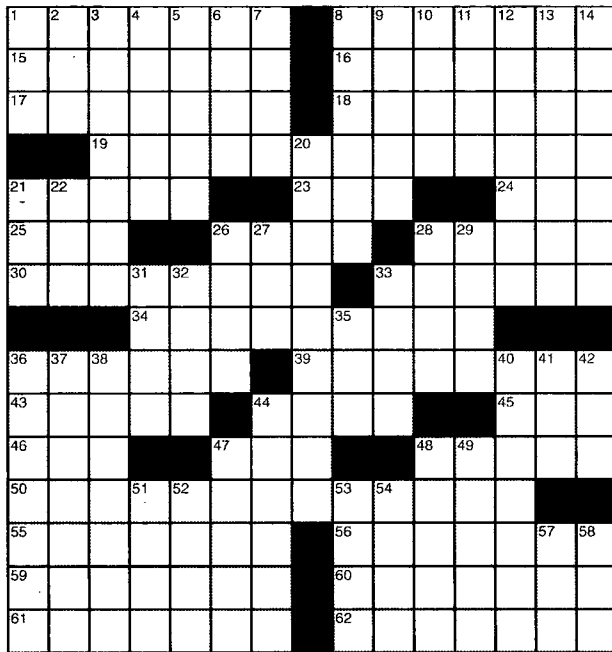


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 - 21 Civvies
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 - 24 QB's stat.
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 - 34 Band with the 1970 hit "Get Ready"
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 - 55 Blow up
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 - 13 Accord
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 - 22 Multipurpose truck
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 - 27 Spot in la mer
 - 28 Half-and-half, maybe
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 - 31 Post-Civil War Reconstruction and others
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 - 36 Lingerie drawer items



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Squad drops one-goal game on the road at Manchester

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Through tough rain and torrent winds the Belles fought. But in the end, they just couldn't avoid another second half meltdown and were defeated 2-1 at Manchester Wednesday evening.

Saint Mary's came out with something to prove after dropping its first two matches of the season, and jumped on Manchester by scoring the first goal of the game. Freshman standout Taylor Paton assisted junior forward Sam Smogor on her first goal of the season in the 27th minute to give the Belles an early 1-0 lead.

Saint Mary's continued to dominate play throughout the

remainder of the first half, outshooting Manchester 5-2.

However, like in the previous two games, the second half proved unkind to the Belles.

After the second rain delay forced a lengthened halftime, Manchester came out and evened up the score just over three minutes into the second period.

Saint Mary's had plenty of chances, but could not find the back of net in the second half which they have been unable to do so far this season.

In the 68th minute, the Spartans netted another goal to take a decisive 2-1 lead which they would never relinquish.

The Belles finished the match with twelve shots on goal, seven more than the Spartans,

and seven corner kicks, six more than the Spartans.

Senior goalie Nicole Beier got her second start of the season and played all 90 minutes in the net for the Belles.

So far this season, second half woes have been the Achilles heel for the Belles, who have been outscored 5-0 after halftime.

This loss drops Saint Mary's to 0-3-0 on the season. The Belles will try to regroup during a 10-day break from competition. They return to the field again for the North Central College Tournament in Naperville, Ill. They will take on Mount Mercy in their opening-round game Sept. 13.

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Saint Mary's sophomore midfielder Corissa Hart, right, fights for a ball during the Belles' 0-0 tie against Olivet on Sept. 29, 2007.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Witnessing history

ND assistant coach interned at Olympics

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Where were you when Michael Phelps defied eyesight?

Senior Jace Hopper was in an NBC truck outside the Water Cube in Beijing, watching 10 different cameras showing 10 different replays of Phelps sneaking ahead of Serbia's Milo Covic by a fingernail.

"I had a replay thing right with me, I could scroll back and do frame by frame," Hopper said. "I've probably seen it over 100 times. I've heard a lot of people say they wish he didn't [break the record], but I'm really glad he did because the sport

of swimming is going to benefit from it."

Hopper swam for Notre Dame before a shoulder surgery ended his competitive career.

He had an internship with NBC for the Olympics this summer, logging camera footage and creating clips for teasers. Hopper was working in the NBC truck when anchor Bob Costas interviewed Mark Spitz — who held the previous record for most gold medals in a single Olympics with seven — and Phelps at the same time. He and his co-workers got so excited when U.S. swimmer Jason Lezak pulled ahead of Alain Bernard of France in the 4x100 relay, he said, they broke two chairs.

Hopper said he was one of 100 or so interns working for the network. He left Aug. 2 and

stayed until three days after the swimming competition ended. Hopper said he was surprised at the number of people that spoke English in Beijing, but after a while, the language barrier got to him.

"They did an excellent job getting ready for it," he said. "There were people who could speak English everywhere."

NBC brought in American catering — Hopper said he had steaks some nights — but eating out in Beijing brought with it inherent dangers.

"There were a lot of hand signals, pointing and gestures," Hopper said. "You were hoping

they would bring the right thing back. I went to a dumpling restaurant that was absolutely amazing. And you had to go traditional duck, you had to eat that."

Hopper stayed about 25 minutes away from the Water Cube in the media village and said traveling out into Beijing made him feel like he was in a fish bowl because of all the eyes on him. Sometimes, he said, he was the only American within a square mile.

Hopper got up-close access to events: he sat in the front row for the U.S. vs. Australia basketball game, and watched the men's and women's tennis finals, track and field, fencing, diving, the Brazil vs. Argentina



Jace Hopper

soccer game and the U.S. vs. Japan baseball game. One thing he didn't get to do, however, was attend the opening ceremonies.

"Even some of our managers and bosses couldn't get into it," he said. "On top of your media credential, you had to have three different stickers."

Hopper did sneak into National Stadium one afternoon, but ended up getting lost for half an hour. He said could see the fireworks during the opening ceremonies from the media village, though.

On his days off, Hopper got to sit in the Water Cube for several finals races. He sat behind American swimmer Ryan Lochte's parents and Phelps' mom for some of them. The

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team looks to rebound after falling to Adrian

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After a promising start to the season, Saint Mary's hit its first roadblock Tuesday night.

The Belles (3-2 overall record, 0-1 MIAA) are coming off a disappointing conference loss to Adrian but hope to shift back into gear tonight against a tough Bethel squad (7-1). The match will be played at the Pilots' Wiekamp Athletic Center in Mishawaka, Ind.

Saint Mary's burst out of the gate by going 3-1 at the Thomas More Invitational last weekend. Two Belles players, senior Cathy Kurczak and junior Lorna

Slupczynski, were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Belles struggled early last season, and finished with a 6-10 MIAA record. Starting strong is a high priority for the team this time around.

"Last year, we struggled at the beginning of the season, especially, but by the end we had really started to click," Schroeder-Biek said.

Adrian claimed the victory in straight sets. Offensive inconsistency and defensive lapses — which had also surfaced during the Thomas More Invitational — sealed the Belles' fate. Attack errors were often the tipping

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SMC GOLF

Belles head to Olivet course

Squad expects continued contributions from talented underclassmen

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After a promising performance at the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational this past weekend, Saint Mary's opens conference play on Thursday at the Medalist Golf Course in Marshall, Mich., the home track of Olivet College, the defending MIAA champions.

Entering the match, the Belles believe that they are ready to compete on a national level.

"We are looking forward to our first MIAA conference match," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "The ladies are

anxious to show the country what they can do when healthy and firing on all cylinders."

Health was a concern for the Belles last weekend, as some upperclassmen did not compete because of injuries. As a result, three freshmen started at the Bulldog Invitational. Despite their inexperience, freshmen Natalie Matuszak, Kailey Jacob, and Christine Brown all contributed to the Belles' strong effort.

Matuszak had the lowest score of any Div. III player in the field, Jacob contributed an 83 on the first day, and Brown matched Jacob with an 83 out of the No. 4 spot on the second day.

Hamilton said he is proud of his freshmen both on and off the course.

"They have been making great progress in practice while learning how to balance golf with academics," Hamilton said. "I am very proud of how they have responded thus far."

The Belles will still be without one player on Thursday while playing in their first MIAA match since the graduation of 2007 MIAA Most Valuable Golfer Katie O'Brien. However, Hamilton said the team will still put forth a strong effort.

"We will still be down a play-

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