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Hurricane slams into New Orleans

ND students worry about loved ones in path of violent storm

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

As the Big Easy braced Monday for Katrina — the Category 4 hurricane purported to be the most catastrophic event to strike the region in decades — wary New Orleans natives of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's expressed grave concern for loved ones back home.

Touted in a National Weather Service statement as a "potentially catastrophic and life-threatening" event,

Hurricane Katrina had already demonstrated its violence by Thursday — claiming seven lives in Florida as a mere Category 1 storm.

That same statement warned of the storm's ability to obliterate mobile homes and other "poorly-constructed dwellings." More stable buildings were also labeled as at-risk areas as the National Weather Service warned residents of New Orleans that Katrina also had the capacity to cause serious damage to even well-built structures.

Keeping in touch

Senior Brandon Hall — who lives within the New Orleans city limits — said he has spoken to his family and friends, but with difficulty. Tied up phone lines have made communication difficult, he said.

"I've spoken with family and friends," he said. "Some are

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Marshall Martin, right, passes three-month-old Christopher Collins to a fire officer during evacuations in New Orleans.

Gay ND student honored

Sophomore is one of 19 national finalists

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

There's a celebrity of sorts on Notre Dame's campus.

He is featured in Time magazine next month and is the subject of a feature story in a major metropolitan newspaper.

His name is Brett Janecek. He's a sophomore. He's gay. And he just received a prestigious — and large — scholarship from The Point Foundation, a national organization aimed at providing support for students who have been marginalized because of their sexual orientation.

The scholarship is unprecedented at Notre Dame — recently ranked the No. 2 college in the country in The Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" category, after two years at No. 1.

Janecek, along with the 19 other gay finalists, was selected from a pool of more than 2,000 applicants. The application process was competitive and lengthy, Janecek said.

He wrote three essays, answered questions over the phone and flew to San Francisco to sit before the Point Foundation's Board of Trustees before being awarded the scholarship in early May.

"The scholarship is about being an activist," Janecek said. "I'm here. I'm gay. And people are recognizing me for my leadership and academic achievements and for what

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group introduces new members, vision



Lizzie Shappell, left, and Dave Baron speak to members of the Council of Representatives Monday night.

PAMELA LOCKE/The Observer

Baron says COR will operate 'efficiently'

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Critics of student government, take note. If student body president Dave Baron has it his way, the Council of Representatives' keyword will be "efficiency."

"COR is the centerpiece of the student union," Baron told representatives Monday. "This is an entirely open agenda sort of meeting. If you guys don't have stuff to talk about, we won't meet."

The group, which brings together the leaders of different organizations on campus, kicked off its year by bringing new members into the discussion.

Senior Katie Crossin was approved without opposition as the Mendoza College of Business' Student Representative on the Academic Council.

Baron explained that four students, one from each college, form the Academic Council. One is designated as the Academic Delegate

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New First Year of Studies dean comes from experience

Hugh Page, Jr. replaces Eileen Kolman as chief leader of the University's award-winning program for freshman students

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

An Episcopal priest. A harmonica player and a blues lyricist. A translator of Hebrew texts. An assistant men's tennis coach. A poet, a theologian and martial arts black belt.

And now dean of the First Year of Studies.

Hugh Page, Jr., a poised man of varied interests, steps into his first year of overseeing the program that guides freshman through their first Notre Dame academic year.

Page said he feels fortunate to have been chosen and

believes the position fits his personal aspirations as an educator.

"I see myself as a scholar, as a teacher and as an administrator, and if there is a place within the University where senior administrators feel that I can be of service, then I'm more than willing," he said.

Page came to Notre Dame in 1992 to teach in the theology department. In 1999, he was appointed the director of the African and African-American Studies program, and in 2002 he became an associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters.

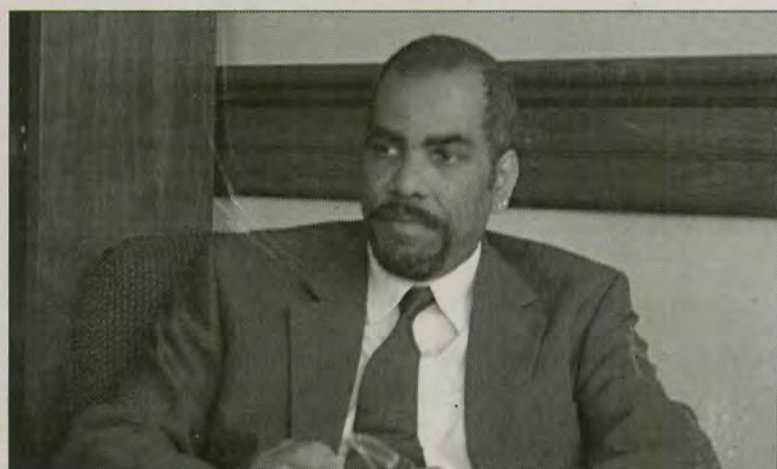
Page replaces Eileen Kolman,

who served as dean since 1990. His appointment rounds out the list of new senior administrators that includes University president and provost.

Page saw firsthand the significance of the program — from the advisors' dedication to the students' potential — during the summer when he worked with the staff to build student schedules.

"Reading through the files, you hear the stories that individual first year students tell about their own academic or personal growth," he said. "They come with such incredible

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FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Hugh Page, Jr. recently became dean of the First Year of Studies. He has worked at Notre Dame since 1992.

INSIDE COLUMN

Golden senior year

Watching the freshmen as they walked around campus for the past week or so — they looked a bit scared the first few days, then a bit more confident as they settled into campus life over the weekend — I was reminded less of how I felt my first few weeks on campus and more of how while this is a new beginning for some students, it is the beginning of an end for the seniors.

Nicole Zook

Associate news editor

As the freshmen are looking forward to an amazing four years here, we just have one precious year of life in our bubble left before we are harshly thrust into the real world.

Luckily for us, before we have to face that reality, we are blessed with what I'm told may be the most amazing year of our lives — senior year, a title that should be not only capitalized but capitalized on. Senior year is a magical time, a year full of firsts, last firsts and very lasts.

For me in particular, senior year shines ahead of me like a bright promise. Why? Because I had a very special birthday this summer that allows me to enter any of South Bend's fine establishments legally.

This leaves me in a somewhat unusual situation — I'm that senior who has never been to the South Bend bars. For the past three years, I have been designated driving those lucky ducks of legal age to Heartland, Fiddler's, RumRunners, State and Finnegan's, then sadly sighing, shifting and heading back to my dorm.

I'm even that extremely rare senior who never got to sail on the legendary Boat. Oh, once last year when I took about 15 people there in the back of a pickup truck, I got up those long stairs and got a peek inside, but my ship couldn't sail any further.

But I heard the stories. Fantastic tales of a magical senior year — of penny pitchers, dancing all night, ridiculous pick-up lines and somewhat shady but wonderful bars where everyone could link arms and sing my favorite Bon Jovi, Def Leppard and Billy Joel tunes before heading home in a haze of happiness. Tales of a particular drink at the Backer that could prevent you from ever even making it home at all. And most of all, tales of the good times at Corby's, where the Woodchuck flows freely and I could never get in.

But now ... now all these places lay before me like a beacon of light shining hope into my very own senior year. I want to utilize the little time I have left here — and, of course, my ID — to the best of my ability. The promise of senior year leads me to believe that my last football season will be an amazing one, that I will spend many hilarious nights with my friends making memories and that the establishments of South Bend will live up to the legends.

It leads me to believe that in two short semesters, I will look back and wonder where the time went. That this will in fact be the best year of college yet. That in the end, these are the days I will remember for the rest of my life.

Senior year glitters ahead of me, and as much as I know I won't want it to be over, I sure can't wait to get it started.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ATHLETIC FACILITY DO YOU FREQUENT?



Ken Kuo
freshman
Kennan

"Rolf's."



Meghan Paladino
sophomore
Pangborn

"I've been to the Rock. No, wait, I live by the Rock."



Ryan Bravo
junior
Fisher

"South Dining Hall."



Bettina Patena
sophomore
Farley

"Rolf's. I'm too lazy to walk anywhere else."



Pat Carey
freshman
Zahm

"I use the same facilities as all the BP girls."



Mike Hopkinson
freshman
Zahm

"North Quad. I get a great workout running from NDSP."



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

From left to right, Sophie Alexandrou, Emmanuel Sifakis, Luis Montestruque and Alexandria Garripoli relax at the welcome back picnic for international students Monday. Notre Dame has roughly 1,000 international students from more than 100 countries.

OFFBEAT

Human cannonball flies over U.S.-Mexico border

UANA, Mexico — David Smith, Sr., who already holds a world record for the longest distance traveled by a human fired from a cannon, now has another feat on his record.

Smith was shot across the U.S.-Mexico border on Saturday, soaring about 150 feet and landing uninjured in a net in San Diego with U.S. Border Patrol agents and an ambulance waiting nearby.

Although it is against the law for anyone, including U.S. citizens, to enter the country outside an official

port of entry, Smith Sr. wasn't crossing illegally.

Women gives birth in midst of traffic jam

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Eight-and-a-half-months pregnant, Bianca Doucett had been on the road for seven hours in bumper-to-bumper traffic fleeing New Orleans in advance of Hurricane Katrina when her worst-case scenario began.

Stuck on Interstate 59, nowhere near a hospital, she went into labor in Mississippi.

"There was no way that this was happening," said the New Orleans resident. "I

mean, I was in my auntie's car, in the middle of all of this traffic and we were evacuating from a hurricane. Besides, my due date wasn't until the beginning of September."

Doucett's aunt, Anna Jones, called family members in other cars, and they called 911. Jones put on her emergency flashers and tried to get into the breakdown lane.

"She kept saying that the baby was coming and to hurry, but I couldn't go anywhere," Jones said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame's annual Activities Night will take place today at 7 p.m. to 9 in the JACC. All students are welcome to attend.

The first of six lectures on business ethics this fall at Notre Dame will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. It is entitled "Business Schools are Partially to Blame for the Corporate Ethics Scandals: Multiple Viewpoints" and will feature several Notre Dame faculty members.

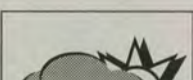
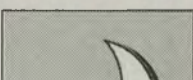
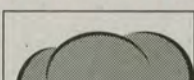
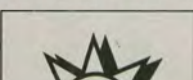
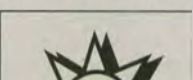
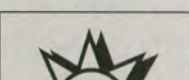
ND Cinema will host the critically acclaimed documentary "Murderball," about quad rugby Team USA's bid in the 2004 Paralympics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Centers Browning Cinema Friday and Saturday nights at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for all students.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Florida Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Texas at 5 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center.

An exhibit entitled Two Italian Hardbodies: Sports Cars Clad by Scaglietti and Frua will be on display in the Snite Museum of Art Entrance Atrium Gallery until Sept. 18. The exhibit features a 1958 Ferrari and a 1955 Maserati. Admission is free.

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

Group announces televised event



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

BOG officers met for the first meeting of the year Monday to review freshman orientation and to discuss upcoming campus events.

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance met for the first time of the school year Monday. Under the direction of student body president Kellye Mitros members discussed freshman orientation as well as a various upcoming campus events.

Student body vice president Susan McIllduff recognized senior Stephanie Snyder for her hard work on the first "Closing the Circle" orientation activity. Snyder worked to organize a new Saint Mary's tradition in which new freshman and returning students come together in ceremony to celebrate being a Saint Mary's woman.

"Congratulations to [Stephanie] for all of her hard work," McIllduff said. "Hopefully this is something that will continue in the future."

Student Activities Board commissioner Meghan Cahill reported an extremely positive response from the 2005 Jamaica Shaka, which took place during Orientation weekend. The great

turnout at the Jamaica Shaka dance from all three campuses provided an increased enthusiasm for SMC's upcoming Twilight Tailgate, Cahill said. The tailgate will take place on Sept. 13.

BOG members also discussed a major upcoming lecture at Saint Mary's entitled "Vatican II Forty Years Later: Legacy, Leadership, and Unfinished Agenda" which is scheduled for Sept. 23 and will be broadcast on C-span.

Mission Commissioner Jenny Robbins strongly encouraged everyone to attend the event and said many exciting guest speakers, including Bishop Joseph Remi De Roo, one of the eight surviving bishops from Vatican II, and Carmel McEnroy, author of "Guests In Their Own House: The Women of Vatican II," will be in attendance.

Officers also said they plan to continue free Chicago bus trips for students. The planned dates were announced, and the first trip will be held on Sept. 10.

In Other BOG News:

♦ Student Diversity Board commissioner Amanda Shropshire

announced that the board will hold its annual bonfire on Oct. 5.

♦ Athletics Commissioner Bridget Grall announced a new activity taking place titled "Get Stamped." The goal of this program is to increase Saint Mary's sporting event attendance, Grall said, by allowing students the chance to earn a free T-shirt after going to 10 Saint Mary's athletic events. Students will receive a card that will be stamped at every game they attend; when they reach ten stamps, they will receive the T-shirt.

♦ The board also is planning Student Activities Night, which will take place Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Center. This will give new students the option to explore the many opportunities to get involved in various campus clubs and activities. Off-campus community volunteers will also be attending the event, giving student a chance to become more connected to the South Bend community.

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Guatemalan activist to receive ND Prize

Special to The Observer

Guatemalan human rights activist Helen Mack Chang has been awarded the 2005 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. The award will be presented Sept. 7 at a ceremony in Guatemala City.

Mack is the founder of Guatemala's Myrna Mack Foundation, which she formed in a quest for justice for the brutal murder of her sister Myrna Mack and for the thousands of other citizens who lost their lives at the hands of the country's military.

An anthropologist, Myrna Mack was stabbed to death Sept. 11, 1990, by members of a military death squad in response to her investigations of the destruction and massacre of entire indigenous communities by the Guatemalan military.

Since the Myrna Mack Foundation's establishment in 1993, Helen Mack has succeeded in making significant progress in the fight for human rights, reform of the judiciary system and fortification of the rule of law. In addition, she obtained the conviction of one the soldiers accused of committing the

crime — and several years later, the conviction of one of the three officers accused of masterminding Myrna Mack's murder.

"Ms. Mack is a symbol of the impact one courageous person can have in the political process," said Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame and a member of the prize committee. "Since her sister, Myrna Mack, was brutally murdered by members of the military, she has become an unlikely champion for human rights and justice in a country where that can be a hazardous occupation."

As part of the prize, Mack will be awarded \$10,000, with a matching amount donated to the Myrna Mack Foundation. Dr. José García Noval,

vice president of the Myrna Mack Foundation, will accept the matching cash award on behalf of the foundation.

Mack is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Swedish Parliament's Right Livelihood Award, known as an "alternative Nobel Prize."

Established in 2000 by the Kellogg Institute and funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Notre Dame Prize has been awarded to some of the leading political, civil and religious figures in Latin America.

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Father Edward Malloy
University president emeritus

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scared, and others are dealing with the situation well. None of my family or friends have been through a hurricane this intense, so a lot of people are really panicking."

Other students, like freshman Paul Cordes, have also faced difficulty in contacting friends and family back home.

"I've spoken with my immediate family three times, but it has been extremely difficult to get in touch with them because the cell phone circuits have been overloaded," Cordes said.

Sophomore Calleen Jones said her family is handling the situation "pretty well."

"They tried to bring as many family mementos as possible," Jones said. "My main focus is knowing that my family is safe. Other material things can be replaced, but my family cannot."

Although students were outwardly concerned about the hurricane's capacity for widespread damage, some, like senior Meg Henican, found solace in the assured safety of their loved ones.

"Of course I'm nervous about the damage that will be done, but I know my family and friends are safe, and that's what is important," Henican said.

Fleeing or facing Katrina

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin declared a state of emergency in the region Sunday and told the more than one million residents of the greater New Orleans area not to panic but also to demonstrate extreme vigilance. A mandatory evacuation ordered locals to flee the region immediately.

Much of Cordes' extended family — including grandmothers, aunts, uncles and cousins — live in the greater New Orleans area. His immediate family left town Sunday and will stay at his father's piano teacher's mother's house.

"My immediate family has been on the road and [staying] in Laurel, Miss., after driving in gridlock traffic [Sunday]," Cordes said. "My other relatives have the means to evacuate and are also taking refuge away from the city."

Hall said his immediate family and some of his extended family drove to Houston — a seven-hour trek from New Orleans — to flee the hurricane.

"Because of traffic it took them over 12 hours to get there," he said. "I talked to a lot of my friends, and most of them are going to Atlanta. I don't know anyone who is staying behind."

Henican said her entire family hails from the greater New Orleans area and have evacuated to places such as Houston, Nashville, Mississippi and even South Bend.

"Luckily my parents decided to come here with me to get away from the storm," Henican said.

New Orleans resident and Saint Mary's junior Erin Nolan said her family chose to remain in the city despite the mayor's call for immediate evacuation.

"My family actually stayed and went against the evacuation order," Nolan said. "They are on the third floor of our condominium."

Nagin said 80 percent of New Orleans residents evacuated the city.

Approximately 9,000 of those who chose to remain or were unable to escape sought refuge in the Louisiana Superdome, which faced moderate damage as Katrina slammed the area Monday.

A menacing storm

Katrina presented New Orleans with a doubly serious situation given both the nature of the storm itself and of the region. With winds upwards of 130 miles per hour and a storm surge exceeding 20 feet, the hurricane fell into a powerful Category 4 classification on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale.

The hurricane lost some of its vigor as it battered Alabama, Mississippi and other parts of the Gulf, but still caused heavy damage as a Category 3 storm.

Katrina had weakened to a Category 2 hurricane Monday afternoon.

The Big Easy was especially susceptible to Katrina's immense strength given its geographic makeup. Approximately 70 percent of New Orleans is below sea-

level, and therefore, a levee system is used to protect the area from rising waters of the Mississippi River.

But Katrina's massive storm surges exceeded the height of the levee system. Hall predicted the entire city to be in jeopardy of "serious flooding."

"The only preventive measure to keep New Orleans from completely submerging is a levee system that is only 18 feet above sea level," Hall said. "If you can do the math, you know we're in serious trouble."

Coping with disaster from afar

As residents of New Orleans grapple with the assured destruction surrounding Hurricane Katrina, students some 800 miles away in South Bend must also

deal with the devastation of one of the gravest natural disasters in recent memory.

Cordes said students from New Orleans have kept the lines of communication open when dealing with the hurricane and its aftermath.

"Two girls from New Orleans I know have both told me they're scared, and one will try to drive home as soon as reasonably possible," Cordes said. "I'm going to try to talk with more [people from New Orleans] and help each other out as much as we can."

Many students have been glued to their television sets.

"I have spoken with [my family] many times, and they had to tell me to turn off the television ... I was getting more nervous than they were," Nolan said. "I am

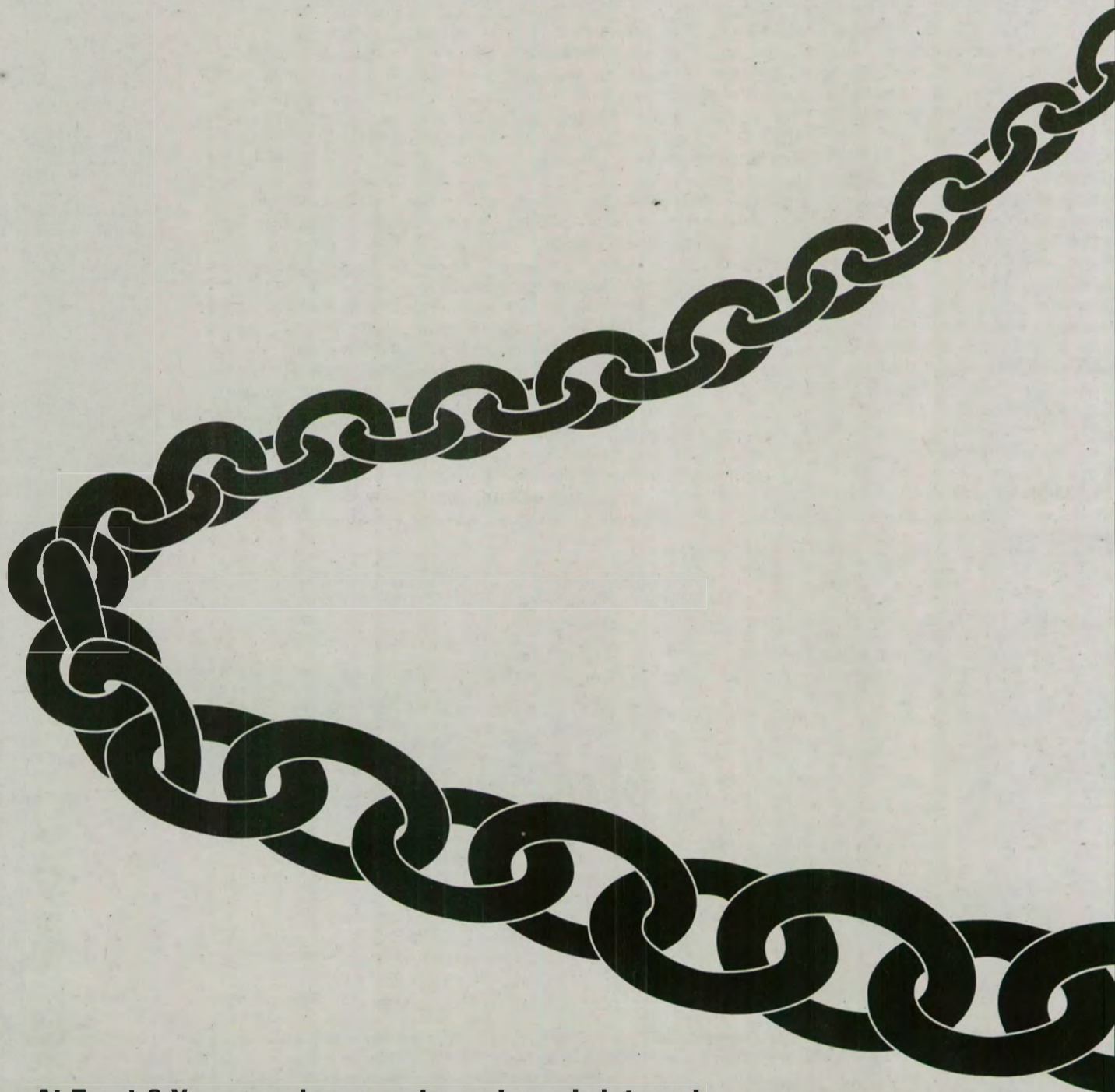
scared that my whole city will be destroyed."

Cordes said while he is thankful for his own safety and the safety of his family, he too struggles with the expected unease that comes with a natural disaster of this magnitude.

"Two of the biggest feelings I have are anxiety and uncertainty — as to how bad the damage and casualties will be since this is an unprecedented storm for New Orleans," Cordes said. "As a freshman, this event puts my new life and new home in perspective since I don't know how much of my hometown will still exist."

Cordes said he visited the Grotto Sunday to pray for his hometown.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope talks with conservative society

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI met Monday with the head of the ultraconservative schismatic movement founded by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, and both sides said they had agreed to take steps to resolve their differences.

Both the Vatican and Bishop Bernard Fellay, superior general of Lefebvre's Society of St. Pius X said the meeting was held in a spirit of love for the church. But the society has spurned previous efforts by the Vatican to bring it back into its fold.

Lefebvre founded the Switzerland-based society in 1969, opposed to the liberalizing reforms of the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council, particularly its call for Mass to be celebrated in local languages and not in Latin.

He was excommunicated in 1988 after consecrating four bishops without Rome's consent and died in 1991. All four bishops, including Fellay, also were excommunicated.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the meeting was held with "a desire to arrive at perfect communion."

U.S. blamed for condom shortage

NAIROBI, Kenya — The Bush administration's emphasis on abstinence in its international AIDS policies has worsened a condom shortage in Uganda and could lead to an increase in its HIV infection rate, a top U.N. envoy said Monday.

Stephen Lewis, the U.N. Secretary General's special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, said U.S. cuts in funding for condoms and a new emphasis on promoting abstinence had contributed to a condom shortage in Uganda.

NATIONAL NEWS

Four killed near Texas church

SASH, Texas — A gunman killed four people near a small-town church, then killed himself early Monday after a nine-hour standoff with police, authorities said.

Police said witnesses told them that Freddie L. Cranshaw, who lived across the street from the Sash Assembly of God church, exchanged words in the church parking lot Sunday night with church member Wes Brown, who asked Cranshaw to leave.

Cranshaw, 54, who authorities said had only a partial right arm, returned a short time later and shot Brown, 61, at close range, and then shot the pastor, James Armstrong, 42, witnesses said.

Deputies found both men dead in a grassy area next to the parking lot, Fannin County Sheriff Kenneth Moore said.

Cranshaw then drove to an intersection, where he shot at a truck towing a horse trailer and then killed the two women in the truck after they tried to flee and hide.

President promises post-storm aid

EL MIRAGE Ariz. — President Bush pledged extensive assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Monday and urged those in areas affected to remain safe until the danger "from this devastating storm" passed. The government put into effect a massive emergency assistance program that included rushing baby formula, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas.

LOCAL NEWS

Children's hospital to expand

INDIANAPOLIS — A planned \$500 million expansion of Riley Hospital for Children would include a 10-story building and more clinics for specialty care across the state.

The project, formally announced Monday, would make it one of the largest children's hospitals in the nation.

"This bold and ambitious plan is really designed to reach out to children throughout the state," said Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, Riley's president and chief executive officer.

Weakened Katrina floods New Orleans

Hurricane not as harsh as feared but caused massive damage down Gulf Coast

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Katrina was not the apocalyptic storm that New Orleans has been dreading all these years. But it was still a nightmare for the city and a 200-mile stretch of the Gulf Coast.

Some neighborhoods in the Big Easy were submerged up to their roofs. Floodwaters gushed into Mississippi's flashy beachfront casinos. Sailboats were flung across a highway like toys. Dozens of people had to be rescued from rooftops and attics as the water rose through their homes.

And an untold number of people were feared dead.

"I was so happy that the worst-case scenario didn't unfold, but then when I started looking around, you see buildings collapsed or with holes punched in them and it's really kind of sad," New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said.

Katrina barreled into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans around daybreak Monday as a monstrous, 145-mph storm, making a right turn at the last minute to spare the Big Easy the doomsday scenario it has long feared. Had Katrina not shifted, hurricane waters could have spilled over levees and swamped the saucer-shaped city in a toxic soup of refinery chemicals, sewage and human bodies.

At least five people were known to have died in Mississippi and Alabama because of the storm. Because of high water, rescuers could not immediately reach some of the most hard-hit areas in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf



A resident stands in an upper-story window and surveys floodwaters in the wake of Hurricane Katrina after a tidal surge overwhelmed a levee Monday in New Orleans.

Coast.

"Some of them, it was their last night on Earth," Terry Ebbert, chief of homeland security for New Orleans, said of people who ignored orders to evacuate the city of 480,000 over the weekend. "That's a hard way to learn a lesson."

Katrina knocked out power to more than three-quarters of a million people from Louisiana to the Florida's Panhandle, and authorities said it could be two months before electricity is restored to everyone. Ten major hospitals in New Orleans were running on emergency back-

up power.

The federal government began rushing baby formula, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas, along with doctors, nurses and first-aid supplies. The Pentagon sent experts to help with search-and-rescue operations.

Katrina was later downgraded to a tropical storm as it passed through eastern Mississippi, moving north at 21 mph. Winds were still a dangerous 65 mph.

Forecasters said that as the storm moves north through the nation's mid-

section over the next few days, it may spawn tornadoes over the Southeast and swamp the Gulf Coast and the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys with a potentially ruinous 8 inches or more of rain.

Oil refiners said damage to their equipment in the Gulf region appeared to be minimal, and oil prices dropped back from the day's highs above \$70 a barrel. But the refiners were still assessing the damage, and the Bush administration said it would consider releasing oil from the nation's emergency stockpile if necessary.

ISRAEL

Gaza unrest continues despite Israeli withdraw

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A lethal arrest raid, a suicide bombing, fresh land expropriations, a threatening Hamas video: So far, that's the follow-up to Israel's historic Gaza pullout.

Rather than seize the moment to jump-start negotiations, Israelis and Palestinians appear to be falling into a familiar pattern of violence and rhetoric. Still, the withdrawal from Jewish settlements in Gaza is of such significance that even the latest spasms are unlikely to torpedo all momentum for peace.

Ariel Sharon won praise for fulfilling his pledge — in a dramatic, breakneck sweep that ended last week — to evacuate 8,500 settlers from the Gaza Strip and another 500 from the northern West Bank. Now the Israeli leader wants to send a very

clear message that terrorism won't be tolerated and that major West Bank settlement blocs will remain Israeli.

"Israel cannot return to the '67 or '48 borders, because of the settlements," Sharon said in a TV interview Monday, referring to Israel's frontiers before it captured Gaza, the West Bank and other lands. "The settlement blocs will remain in sovereign Israel. They are of vital strategic importance."

He added, however, that some other settlements would have to go in a final peace deal.

Sharon's critics say now is the time to capitalize on the goodwill created by the Gaza evacuation, not to flex muscles. Many fear the two sides already have begun to squander a unique historical opportunity. And the recent friction has brought home the pitfalls of trying to get Israelis and

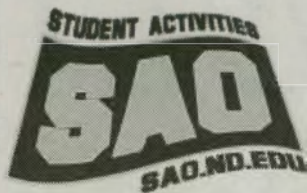
Palestinians together after five years of trust-destroying violence.

Both sides say they're still prepared to talk, however. Officials said a meeting is possible between Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas when the two are in New York next month to address the United Nations.

And Sharon's withdrawal, ending 38 years of Israeli civilian presence in the Gaza Strip, is likely to have long-lasting ripple effects on Mideast peacemaking that could weather some setbacks. With the settlers gone, the army is expected to complete its own pullout in the coming days.

"We understand that Mr. Sharon has to show the Israeli people that he is conceding on one side and strengthening his position on the other," Rafiq Hussein, the Palestinian chief of staff, told The Associated Press.

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ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, PERFORMING ARTS, SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- A Life Uncommon
- Academic Competition Club
- Accounting Association
- Actuarial Science Club
- Adworks
- Africa Faith & Justice Network
- African Students Association
- Amateur Radio Club
- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers/
Society of Automotive Engineers
- Amnesty International
- Anime Club
- Anthropology Club
- Asian American Association
- Asian International Society
- Baggiage Band
- Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro
- Ballroom Dance Club
- Bands, Student Organization
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- Biology Club
- Black Cultural Arts Council
- Bowling Club
- Boxing Club, Men's
- Boxing Club, Women's
- Campus Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- Caribbean Student Organization
- Celebration Choir
- Chess Club
- Children of Mary
- Children's Defense Fund
- Chinese Culture Society
- Chorale
- Climbing Club
- Club Coordination Council
- Club 'Sola
- College Democrats
- College Libertarians
- College Republicans
- Computer Club
- Coro Primavera de Nuestra Senora
- Cycling Club
- Debate Team
- Detachment 225 AFROTC
- Dome Designs
- Dome Yearbook
- Economics Club
- Entrepreneur Club
- Equestrian Club
- Farley Hall Players
- Feminist Voice
- Field Hockey Club
- Fighting Irish Wrestling Club
- Figure Skating Club
- Filipino American Student Organization
- First Class Steppers
- FlipSide
- Fly Fishing Club
- Forum on Biomedical Ethics
- Freshman Class Council
- Gaelic Society
- German Club
- Guitar Players Association
- Gymnastics Club
- Halftime
- Handbell Choir
- Harmonia
- Hawaii Club - Na Pua Kai 'Ewalu
- Health Occupations Students of America
- Hispanic Business Student Association
- History Club
- Humor Artists
- Hurling and Camogie Club
- Ice Hockey Team, Women's
- Indian Association
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Investment Club
- Irish Dance Club
- Irish Gardens
- Iron Sharpens Iron
- Italian Club
- Japan Club
- Japanese Martial Arts Club
- Jewish Club
- Joint Engineering Council
- Judicial Council
- Juggler, The
- Juggling Club
- Junior Parents Weekend
- Knights of the Immaculata
- Korean Student Association
- La Alianza
- Le Cercle Francais (French Club)
- League of Black Business Students
- Leprechaun Legion
- Linux Users Group
- Management Club
- Management Information Systems Club
- Marketing Club
- Martial Arts Institute
- MEChA de ND (Movimiento Estudiantil
Chicano de Aztlan)
- Medieval Society of Our Lady of the Lake
- Mexican American Engineers & Scientists/
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Minority Pre-Medical Society
- Mock Trial Association
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club)
- Muslim Student Association
- National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Native American Student Association
- ND for Animals
- NDesign
- NDTV (Student Broadcasting of Notre Dame)
- Not So-Royal Shakespeare Company
- Observer, The
- Orestes Brownson Council on Catholicism
and American Politics
- Organizacion Latino Americana
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship Club
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- Pasquerilla East Musical Company
- Peace Fellowship
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Polish Club
- Pom Pon Squad
- Pre-Dental Society
- Pre-Professional Society/AMSA
- Pre-Vet Club
- Progressive Student Alliance
- Psychology Club
- Right To Life
- Rowing Club, Men's Crew
- Running Club, Men's
- Running Club, Women's
- Russian Club
- Sahaja Yoga Association
- Sailing Club
- Saint Edward's Hall Players
- Scholastic Magazine
- Science-Business Club
- Shades of Ebony

- Shirt Project, The
- Society of Women Engineers
- Sociology Club
- Sorin Rifle Team - Army ROTC
- Spanish Club
- Squash Club
- Student Alumni Relations Group
- Student Government
- Student International Business Council
- Student Players
- Student Union Board
- Sustained Dialogue
- Swing Club
- Symphony Orchestra
- Texas Club, The
- Toastmasters International

- Troop Notre Dame
- Ultimate Frisbee Club
- Unchained Melodies
- Undergraduate Women in Business
- University Young Life
- Vietnamese Student Association
- Voices of Faith Gospel Choir
- Volleyball Club, Men's
- Wabruda, The
- Water Polo Club, Men's
- Water Polo Club, Women's
- Women in Politics
- Women's Liturgical Choir
- World Taekwondo Federation Club
- WSND-FM
- WVFI

SOCIAL SERVICE CLUBS AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES

- AIDS Awareness
- AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist
- Alliance To Lead And Serve
- American Cancer Society Club
- Arnold Air Society
- Best Buddies
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Club
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St. Joe County
- Boy Scouts of America, LaSalle Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County
- Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination
- Campus Girl Scouts
- Center for the Homeless
- Charles Martin Youth Center
- Circle K
- Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics
- Dismas House
- Domers Mentoring Kids
- Foodshare
- Habitat for Humanity
- Helpful Undergraduate Students
- Humane Society of St. Joseph County
- Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids
- Knights of Columbus, No. 1477
- La Casa de Amistad

- LEAD-ND
- Life Treatment Centers
- Logan Center
- Logan Recreation Club
- Ms. Wizard Day Program Team
- Neighborhood Study Help Program
- Operation Smile Student Organization
- Reigns of Life, Inc.
- Saint Joseph's Chapin Street Health Center Volunteers
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society
- Silver Wings (Benjamin D. Foulois Chapter)
- Slice of Life
- S-O-S of Madison Center
- South Bend Juvenile Corrections
- Southern Care Hospice
- Special Friends Club
- Students for Environmental Action
- Students for Organ Donation
- Super Sibbs
- Teamwork for Tomorrow
- Trident Naval Society
- Twenty-First Century Scholars
- Women in Social Service and Health
- Women's Care Center
- World Hunger Coalition

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Alliance for Catholic Education
- American Red Cross
- Athletic Promotions
- Campus Ministry
- Center for Social Concerns
- Club Coordination Council
- Educational Talent Search
- First Aid Services Team
- Gender Relations Center

- Legends of Notre Dame
- Office of Alcohol and Drug Education/PILLARS
- RecSports
- Robinson Community Learning Center/Take Ten
- Sisters of the Congregation of Holy Cross
- Standing Committee on
Gay and Lesbian Student Needs
- Student Activities Office
- Transpo
- Undergraduate Admissions Office

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All current Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited to join us for our annual Notre Dame Activities Night. Hundreds of clubs and organizations will be represented to meet and sign-up new members, distribute information and share their plans for the year. Don't miss it.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,463.05	+65.76	
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
2,052	167	1,189	1,600,112,920

AMEX	1,389.67	-227.69
NASDAQ	2,137.65	+16.88
NYSE	7,413.98	+34.12
S&P 500	1,212.28	+7.18
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,309.83	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,228.10	-27.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+0.78	+0.30	38.76
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.67	+0.18	27.15
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+1.38	+0.24	17.64
INTEL CP (INTC)	+1.26	+0.32	25.73
SUN MICROSYS INC (SUNW)	+1.09	+0.04	3.71

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.39	-0.17	43.64
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.38	-0.16	41.73
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.15	-0.06	40.78
3-MONTH BILL	+0.52	+0.18	34.85

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.07		67.20
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-0.70		441.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.20		82.83

Exchange Rates			
YEN			110.5650
EURO			0.8174
POUND			0.5567
CANADIAN \$			1.1975

IN BRIEF

Stocks rebound after hurricane

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied Monday after Hurricane Katrina weakened, easing concerns about refinery outages along the Gulf of Mexico and pulling oil prices back from record highs.

Stocks opened lower but quickly rebounded as crude oil futures cooled after surging past \$70 a barrel in early trading on news that the storm shut down about 8 percent of U.S. refining capacity. A barrel of light crude settled at \$67.20, up \$1.20 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors found some relief in reports that President Bush was mulling whether to offset the supply disruption with oil from the nation's petroleum reserve, but energy and insurance stocks still came under pressure as the market tried to gauge the hurricane's financial impact.

Jim Dunigan, chief investment officer for PNC Advisors, said the market had braced for the storm and started looking elsewhere for direction after the Gulf Coast got "hit full force and survived."

"It's not likely this is going to have a significant impact on growth," Dunigan said.

Last day for GM employee-pricing

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. will extend its employee-pricing discount plan on select 2005 models until Sept. 30, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

The world's biggest automaker also plans to apply the discount to select 2006 full-size trucks and sport utility vehicles, said spokeswoman Brenda Rios. The program lets customers buy vehicles at the employee rate.

GM was the first of the Big Three to offer employee prices for all consumers in June. GM's sales shot up 41 percent that month. Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group followed with their own employee-pricing plans in July.

GM and Ford had extended discount plans in August, and Chrysler had extended the deal indefinitely. GM's incentives had been scheduled to run through Sept. 6; Ford's also are set to expire that day.

Messages seeking comment were left Thursday with Ford and Chrysler.

Former KPMG execs charged with fraud

Accounting firm avoids indictment despite admitting to tax shelter activity

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eight former executives of accounting firm KPMG were indicted Monday and the firm agreed to pay \$456 million as it admitted it sold fraudulent shelters to help wealthy clients avoid paying billions in taxes.

The firm, part of the accounting industry's so-called Big Four, itself avoided a potentially devastating criminal indictment, agreeing to submit to an independent monitor and not to commit further wrongdoing.

KPMG admitted it helped "high net worth" clients evade billions of dollars in capital-gains and income taxes by developing and marketing the tax shelters, and concealing them from the Internal Revenue Service.

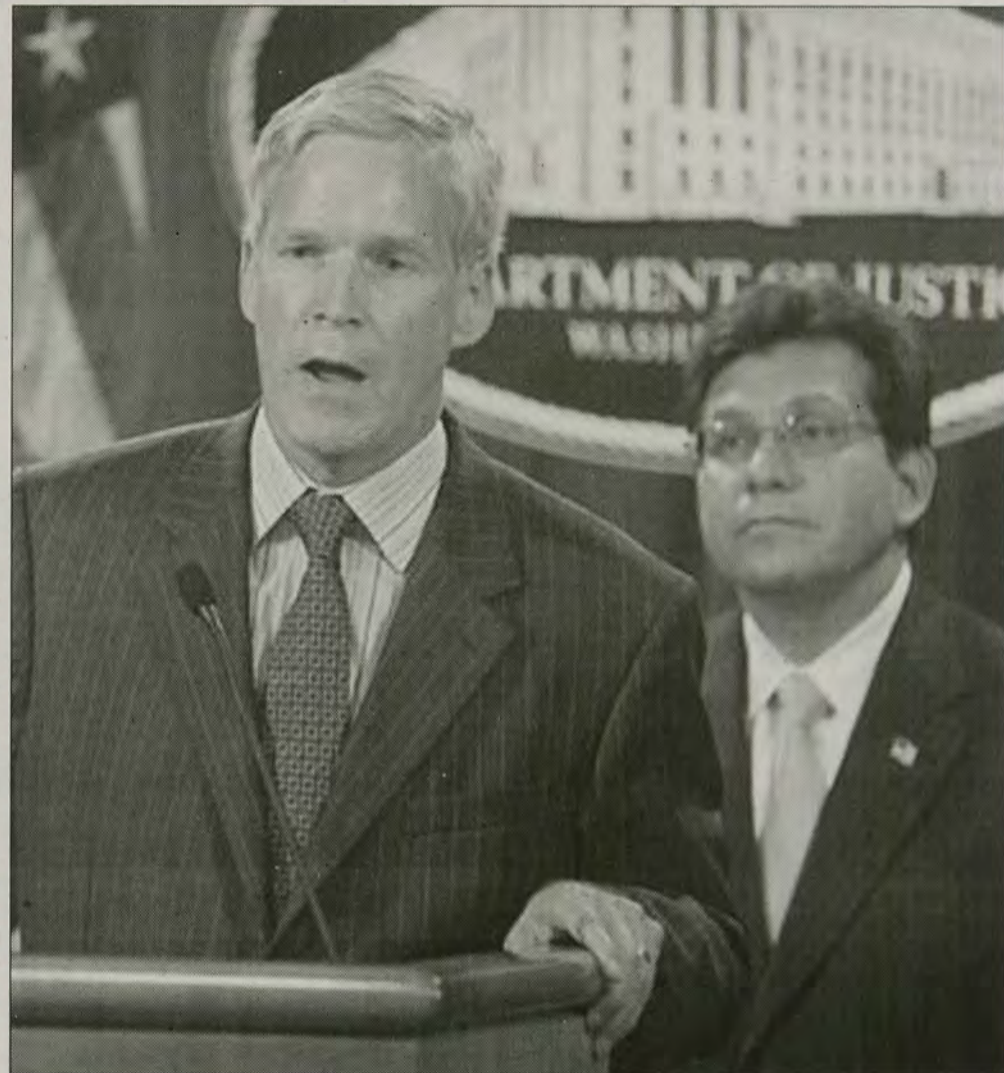
The \$456 million fine includes \$128 million in forfeited fees that KPMG earned by selling the fraudulent tax shelters.

Also Monday, federal prosecutors released an indictment of nine men — eight former KPMG executives and an outside tax lawyer who worked with the firm — charging them with conspiring to defraud the IRS.

Among those charged was Jeffrey Stein, who was named deputy chairman of KPMG in April 2002. There was no immediate word on when the nine men would appear in court.

Judge Loretta Preska of Manhattan federal court said KPMG's board had unanimously agreed to the deal.

Federal prosecutors had filed what is known as a criminal information charging the firm with conspiracy and other



U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, right, and IRS Commissioner, Mark Everson, meet with the media to discuss indictment of former KPMG executives Monday.

crimes, but agreed not to seek a grand jury indictment.

Under the deal, known as a deferred prosecution agreement, prosecutors can seek an indictment of the firm through Dec. 31, 2006, if it violates the terms of the agreement.

In a statement, KPMG chairman and CEO Timothy Flynn noted that the men indicted in the scheme are no longer with the company.

"We regret the past tax practices that were the

subject of the investigation," he said. "KPMG is a better and stronger firm today, having learned much from this experience."

The company's monitor will be Richard Breeden, a former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman who has also served as a court-appointed monitor for MCI Inc., the post-bankruptcy incarnation of WorldCom Inc.

The investigation centered on a type of tax shelter marketed by KPMG in

the late 1990s that allowed its clients to report tax losses to offset big profits elsewhere, thereby avoiding paying taxes.

KPMG stopped providing the shelters in 2002. In June it said that some of its former partners had engaged in "unlawful conduct" and pledged to cooperate with the Justice Department.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Manhattan U.S. Attorney David Kelley and IRS Commissioner

EU approves Johnson & Johnson acquisition

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The European Union cleared Johnson & Johnson's planned purchase of heart device maker Guidant Corp. on Thursday, provided some operations are sold, but J&J said the deal closing will be delayed because key U.S. regulators have yet to sign off.

Johnson & Johnson spokesman Jeffrey Leebaw would not give a timetable for completing the \$25.4 billion cash and stock acquisition, but said it could not be finished until after the U.S. Federal Trade Commission makes a decision.

"We're now focusing on obtaining the FTC clearance," said Leebaw. "We expect that in October."

The New Brunswick-based maker of medicines, skin and baby care products, contact lenses and medical devices had been aiming to wrap up the deal by the end of September. That timetable became questionable

when Indianapolis-based Guidant, which makes pacemakers and defibrillators, this summer had to issue several recalls covering tens of thousands of the devices, which are implanted in patients' chests.

Last month, J&J's chief financial officer, Robert J. Daretta, hinted during an analysts' conference call that the deal might be delayed beyond September.

On Thursday, Leebaw repeated the same company line that J&J has issued since the Guidant problems first surfaced.

"We continue to work with Guidant to understand and evaluate the impact of the various [recalls] that they have announced in the last several months," Leebaw said.

Guidant has recalled 88,000 defibrillators and 28,000 pacemakers because of malfunctions. At least two patient deaths have been linked to the faulty defibrillators.

Independent healthcare analyst

Hemant Shah of HKS & Co. in Warren, N.J., said he believes the acquisition is still on track.

"If J&J was not interested or had second thoughts, they would have said so" by now, he said.

Shah said analysts and investors don't know the financial impact of the recalls, but if it appears they will still be hurting sales six months or so from now, "without a doubt the value of the deal will change."

Guidant spokesman Steve Tragash declined interview requests Thursday.

The deal already has been approved by Guidant shareholders, and did not require approval by J&J stockholders.

Thursday's approval by the European Union's executive commission came with the condition that the combined company sell operations in some niche markets for cardiovascular devices to guarantee fair competition in the EU's 25 member states.

Student

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I've gone through."

He said he has had no support — emotional, financial or otherwise — from his parents. His experience as a gay male at Notre Dame is what set him apart from the droves of other applicants who applied, said Vance Lancaster, executive director of The Point Foundation.

"The fact that Brett decided to go to Notre Dame and is attending a university that doesn't recognize the gay and lesbian organization on campus and is not supportive of gay issues on campus is something we support," Lancaster said.

In recent years, Notre Dame has denied requests to recognize AllianceND, a campus gay-straight alliance, as an official student organization. The

University also does not include sexual orientation in its legal non-discrimination clause.

However, the University has published a statement, "The Spirit of Inclusion of Notre Dame," that supports gay and lesbian members of the University community. Notre Dame's Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs also strives to make homosexual students feel welcome.

Sister Mary Louise Gude, chair of the Standing Committee and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, is thrilled for Janecek.

"Notre Dame is a top 20 school, and we have lots and lots of very smart and gifted people that go here," Gude said. "So it's no surprise at all that one of our gay or lesbian students would receive this [award]. They are a very talented group."

Janecek's sexual orientation has been an extra burden on

him since childhood. He spent his high school years trying to please his parents by ignoring his passion for the arts. He says he does not have a working relationship with his parents — who learned of his homosexuality last October.

"The scholarship gives me emotional backing and acknowledgment of who I am which I just don't receive from this school or at home," Janecek said. "It gives me this inner strength and affirmation to stand up and show my strength that I always have had but was just been too afraid to show."

Janecek's scholarship is renewable for the duration of his undergraduate education. He estimates he will receive \$57,000 total. In addition, he will be paired up with one of 51 professional Point Foundation mentors who will serve as a coach, confidant and friend.

"The mentor is responsible

for shepherding the student through the college and graduate school period," Lancaster said. "A lot of the students have been disowned by their parents, so the mentors are there for things like parents' weekend and for holidays."

Lancaster noted that more than 40 percent of homeless teenagers are gay or lesbian and The Point Foundation seeks to reach out to them. The organization has experienced tremendous growth since its inception in 2001. The majority of its funding comes from private donations, and the non-profit organization has ballooned to be worth over \$2.5 million with a \$1 million endowment fund, he said.

Lancaster attributes its growth to the large number of students in the U.S. who have been "disowned" from their parents. The number is so great, he said, that the foundation cannot help them all.

"This year we had more than

2,000 people open up applications — which indicates the scope of the problem," he said. "There is a tremendous need out there because having the right to an education is the birthright of every young person. Unfortunately, a lot of gay and lesbian kids don't have the opportunity."

Janecek must maintain a 3.5 grade point average in order to continue receiving the scholarship money. He is also required to design and implement a community service project. Janecek's project is still in the works.

"I'm just standing up and being the example that can help other gay men be happy with themselves," Janecek said. "I want to show people that it's OK to be gay, it's not a terrible lifestyle. It's who I am. It's who God made me to be."

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and has voting rights, while the other three are restricted to speaking. Vijay Ramanan, the Arts and Letters representative, is the current Academic Delegate.

Crossin, whom Baron described as "excited and enthused," is a marketing major who headed The Shirt project in 2003-04 and served on the Academic Council last fall.

"The Academic Council needs to make students more aware of what it does — a back and forth exchange, not just reporting," Crossin said.

Delegates from the schools of engineering and science will be chosen as soon as the college deans submit nominations.

Judicial Council president James Leito introduced sophomore Peter Van Loon as the nominee for vice president of elections.

"He was a great help to [former Judicial Council president] Brin [Anderson] in last year's elections," Leito said of Van Loon, who previously served on Judicial Board.

Van Loon said he would work to ensure greater attendance at Judicial Board meetings during student government elections.

"I think there's a real problem there," he said, noting that key votes could not be taken due to inadequate attendance.

Although Van Loon's nomination met no spoken opposition, the vote was postponed until next week due to a formality.

In other COR news:

♦ Chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow said she met with Matt Adams, manager of the Student Business Board, to discuss the ownership of the NDBay Web site, run last year by recent graduates.

Kozlow said the "kinks with the AFS ID" were being fixed, and Baron mentioned the possibility of online ticket sharing.


COR voted 8-7 to buy NDBay last spring. The Web site cost student government \$5,000, \$1,000 of it for a consulting contract.

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ble dreams here, and all of us at the first year want to make sure we do everything to help them realize their dreams."

At freshman orientation, he was able to finally put faces on this group. The orientation went smoothly, he said, and he felt blessed to participate in the experience.

"It's really quite a wonder, I found myself getting sort of choked up on late Saturday afternoon as I was talking to parents and watching the students and realizing what a wonderful place this is," he said. "So it's kind of hard to go through all of those events and not be touched very deeply by what this new beginning means to first year students and what it exemplifies for the University and what it's going to mean four years from now when they all come back to Joyce Athletic center for graduation."

At the orientation, Page addressed students and parents, thanking them for entrusting their education to Notre Dame and encouraging them to take advantage of their time here.

"For students, I wanted them to see the next four years as an opportunity to discover their intellectual passion and to

become really responsible stewards of knowledge," he said. "Coming to university involves being an active learner rather than a passive learner ... Those are the biggest things I wanted students to get, along with finding time for silence, the opportunity to disengage from the world, from the internet, from IM, so that they can in some sense have the experience of communion with God."

Himself a person of varied interests and accomplishments, Page encourages the talented first year class to pursue education outside of the classroom.

"I like to be involved in so many things because each of them has taught me something incredibly important about the world, about God, about society and about myself," he said. "There's a certain amount of uninhibited exploration that needs to take place in order for a mind to be fully shaped and in order for a heart to be fully formed."

Dean Kolman, currently on leave from the University, said she has total confidence in the ability of her successor.

"He is a respected member of the faculty in the largest of Notre Dame's colleges," Kolman said. "I think he has a real love of learning and is sensitive to the issues of student development. For these and many other reasons, I think he is eminently qualified."

Max Johnson, a colleague of Page's in the theology depart-

ment and in their blues band, "The Oblates of Blues," expresses complete confidence in Page.

"Hugh is a wonderful choice for FYS dean for several reasons," Johnson said. "He is a well-balanced individual who knows the importance of 'having a life' outside of his job. He is a first-rate teacher who likes to say that 'a university is a place of dreams,' and is willing and able to assist others to dare to dream their dreams and go after them. He has a great sense of humor and deep respect for people."

Throughout the year, Page will participate in individual student advising, staff meetings and curriculum planning. He also plans to visit first year classes, residence halls, LaFortune and other student events to get a better sense of student interests and life.

Page feels he has "very big shoes to fill," as the three previous deans have left impressive legacies. It may be too early to predict what his own legacy will be, he said, but he has high expectations.

"At the end of my time as dean," he said, "if we continue to encourage first year students to become intellectually curious, creative, bold, independent and free-thinking young people with an appreciation of how spirituality and pursuit of truth are intertwined, and help to form responsible young adults — if we succeed in doing that, then I'll continue to consider my time here to have been a great success."

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice speaks out

Antonin Scalia blasts 'judge moralists' in law school speech at Chatham University

Associated Press

ORANGE, CA — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia blasted what he called "judge moralists" and the infusion of politics into judicial appointments Monday after joining law students in a re-enactment of a 100-year-old landmark case.

Speaking before a packed auditorium at Chapman University, Scalia said he was saddened to see the Supreme Court deciding moral issues not addressed in the Constitution, such as abortion, gay rights and the death penalty. He said such questions should be settled by Congress or state legislatures beholden to the people.

"I am questioning the propriety — indeed, the sanity — of having a value-laden decision such as this made for the entire society ... by unelected judges," he said.

Scalia also railed against the principle of the "living Constitution," saying it has led the Senate to try to appoint so-called politically "moderate" judges instead of focusing on professional credentials and ability.

"Now the Senate is looking

for moderate judges, mainstream judges. What in the world is a moderate interpretation of a constitutional text? Halfway between what it says and what we'd like it to say?" he said, to laughter and applause.

Scalia didn't make any direct references to the looming confirmation battle for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts, but he did allude to it.

"Each year the conflict over judicial appointments has grown more intense," he said. "One is tempted to shield his eyes from the upcoming spectacle."

Earlier in the day, Scalia was much less serious while re-enacting the landmark 1905 Supreme Court case *Lochner v. New York* with five recent law school graduates, three undergraduates, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer and a Chapman professor.

The original court ruled that a state law limiting bakers' hours violated a bakery owner's liberty and right to due process. On Monday, however, the mock justices overturned that decision in less than 30 minutes of debate.

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Of patriots and tyrants

Wisdom often comes from the most unlikely of sources. Extremist and semi-mad preacher Pat Roberston quite recently said something that made sense: remove Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. While his call for assassination was certainly too extreme, he was correct to suggest that it is time that America takes more affirmative steps for regime change in Venezuela.

Hugo Chavez is a brutal dictator and demagogue who has manipulated a segment of the Venezuelan people in a mad attempt to satiate his own base lust for power. There is no shame, no illegality, no outrage he will not commit to remain in control.

The Venezuelan constitution, courts and military have both been changed to cement his rule. November, 2000 saw Chavez be so bold as to pass a measure through his freshly-stacked legislature allowing him to rule by personal fiat for an entire year. Protected by his also-reconfigured kangaroo courts, Chavez was free to chip away at the block of Venezuelan democracy. Are these the actions of a president or a tyrant?

The fact that Chavez has won several elections and referendums does not decrease the egregious nature of his crimes against liberty. Democracies are not made of elections, but of freedom and self-government. The fact that a violent and disgruntled portion of the electorate is willing to vote away their freedoms and God-given rights, while at the same time using violent and illegal measures to suppress the opposition, only makes the situation in Venezuela more sad.

Chavez's victories at the polls have also been marred by reports of electoral

fraud. Just this last Sunday, protesters of electoral fraud and supporters of reforming the chavista-dominated National Electoral Commission were marching peacefully when supporters of the government assaulted them with rocks and tear gas. This sort of violence is now tragically not an uncommon occurrence in Venezuela. My dear friend from Venezuela had two of his friends abducted at a protest and beaten in a van for three hours by the National Guard. Hugo Chavez has done nothing to restrain his dogs and has often condoned and supported the use of violence as a means of political oppression.

Hugo Chavez's infatuation with Cuban dictator Fidel Castro and his praise for socialistic measures are the most disturbing and foreboding signs for what the future might deliver. He is desperately clinging to a failed, moribund philosophy that has never succeeded anywhere save academia. Chavez is now in a consolidated position to follow step with his hero Fidel and move to nationalize private industry and towards a communist economy. This would not only crush the Venezuelan economy, but would lead to widespread destabilization in the region. Faced with a self-inflicted economic collapse, Chavez would have little choice but to blame the United States.

To overshadow the domestic squalor presiding, he would likely try utilizing his oil wealth to spread his "revolution." Venezuela has indeed caused much harm to the region already and helped to prop up Cuba's failing economy with cheap oil. Securing Venezuela would indeed ensure the security of a key American oil supplier.

Chavez has sympathized with leftist rebels in Colombia and given them free reign to operate along his border. This only further complicates the drug war in Colombia and ultimately America. He recently dealt the drug war another blow when he ejected the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Agency from his country. The danger posed by Hugo Chavez is clear; the solution is not. Assassination is messy and carries the danger of causing much blood as the factions struggle for revenge and power. It would be ideal to remove Chavez without the shedding of blood, yet we do not live in an ideal world and must be willing to make decisions based upon realist considerations. However, it should not be disregarded as an option if the alternative involves more blood and suffering.

An armed insurrection within Venezuela is another very undesirable, yet entirely possible alternative. The United States should begin taking steps to strengthen the opposition in Venezuela (with arms if necessary) and try to convince some of the generals to desert Chavez. If the United States should commit air support and possibly a division of Marines, if need be, the war would be ended swiftly and the opposition could begin the process of rebuilding democracy in Venezuela. The best solution would be the peaceful one whereby Chavez loses the next presidential election. It is the most expedient course for the United States to funnel vast sums of money to the opposition candidate to ensure they get as strong a running as possible. For the interests of peace, pray this last option works. Yet as Thomas Jefferson said, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"To cherish what remains of the Earth
and to foster its renewal is our only
legitimate hope of survival."*

Wendell Barry
author

U-WIRE

The latest casualty in the war on civil liberties

For those of you sitting in the back of the classroom, America has initiated another front to its war.

Once the double take is over, go back and read that sentence again.

Yes, another front in the War on Terror. This time around, however, there aren't any human casualties as a result of this front.

The casualties of this war are the basic rights of our progeny and us. The primary cause of these basic infringements is the nefarious bastard child of fear, the U.S. Patriot Act.

The Patriot Act was passed in the Senate with only one dissenting vote and passed in the House with a significant majority.

I know some of you are saying, "But hey, there was a sunset clause on that bill, and it was set to expire this year."

Why yes, my friend, you are correct.

The sad part of this is that the 11 of the 16 provisions of the Patriot Act are currently under consideration to be passed into law, permanently. Versions of the bill have passed both the House and Senate, and are currently being meshed into one coherent law for President Bush to sign into law.

Some of my friends tell me I'm a little paranoid about the entire ordeal. I don't believe them. Case in point is the latest use by the FBI of the Patriot Act.

On August 26, the FBI used provisions in the Act to demand library records from an institution in

Connecticut. That's right, library records. Thankfully, there are organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union to step in.

The ACLU has brought a lawsuit to protect the rights of the citizens involved, but the case is still pending.

If the government feels threatened by a person who is reading books, something is drastically wrong with the policies set forth by our representatives.

To paraphrase a quote from Ronald Reagan, "The scariest words in the English language are 'I'm from the government, and I'm here to help,'" which in this case, is incredibly true.

If you remember back to September 2001, the citizens of the United States wrote a blank check to the government to fight the War on Terror. On the "Pay to:" line, we collectively wrote, "whatever is necessary to make us feel safe again."

Nowhere in our elections did we rubber stamp a progression into the Orwellian state of Big Brother.

Given the tendencies of the current president and Congress, the path the United States is headed down seems far too much like that of represented by Orwell.

Four years later, our rights have suffered the drunken fondling of a government bent on "protecting" its constituents. Instead of being relatively safer, we're only further paranoid by the random color code changes in the terror alerts.

We sit frightened in the corner watching England and Spain suffer terrorist attacks. However, unlike the Americans, the Spanish and English don't roll over and let the government take control.

The British citizens started Web sites with photos of people holding signs that say, "We are not afraid" and continued on with their daily lives. Americans persist in surrendering rights to the War on Civil Liberties in hope of some protection.

Benjamin Franklin put it most accurately when he said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

As often as this quote is thrown around when the aforementioned law comes up, it is still the most eloquent dissenting opinion to such evasive acts as has ever been stated. It is ridiculous to think that our liberties should be sacrificed for security from threats that we are unable to quantify.

It's best if the collective citizenry of the U.S. keeps a vigilant eye on the government and its privacy invading laws.

Following the adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," leads to the conclusion that it's easier to stop laws from being passed than to repeal bad laws.

If we all work together, maybe we'll never have to hear our children say, "When you were young, were we at war with Oceania?"

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Dorm living requires patience — deal with it

Before heading into the dorm daze, please heed the following advice: Life in a dorm requires things far from the norm.

What exactly do we mean by this? Existence in the residence halls brings about situations far different than seemingly normal things before and after it. You will see and do things no apartment or house can offer.

No one can say exactly what those little occurrences will be, but rest assured, years from now you'll reminisce about those dorm days.

Remember the slip-n-slide with shower curtains down the hallway? Remember when hundreds of crickets were dumped in the hall at 4 a.m. and crept into the rooms? Who can forget the dead squid left in the bathroom locker and that smell?

Trash cans on fire? Fire alarms every Thursday at 2:30 a.m.?

Such memories may be popping into

your mind years from now, though they may be even more creative.

The fact of the matter is dorm living requires tremendous patience and understanding of others especially when some guys below you play Halo 24-7, swearing included. Be prepared for things that are beyond normal, if not outright insane.

People become very odd once you live with them. This is an indisputable fact. Consider the scenario of a dorm: many students usually around the same age get crammed together from different hometowns. Few people know each other already, but are forced to somehow coexist and maybe even become friends.

You'll see the ins-and-outs of personal lives you wouldn't get by sitting next to him or her in history. Dorms are like a boot camp where you and your newly-found neighbors will share the same adventure and stress for nine months.

With dorms come neighbors, and with neighbors come roommates. Roommates are a different breed. Neighbors close

their doors and they disappear, but roommates are still there even after you close your own door.

To be asked to live with a complete stranger can be a difficult task indeed. However, this job can be made one step easier by going into the fire with a good attitude. Don't get all hot and bothered by every little outlandish thing your roommate does. Just deal with it.

If something bothers you enough to the point of screaming, communicate with that other person who is only three feet away. Set up boundaries and guidelines.

Your roommate can either be your worst enemy, a complacent close-by neighbor or a lifelong friend. It's never good to make enemies and a quiet companion isn't much fun.

That leaves the third option which is by far the best — view your roommate with an open mind. So what if he looks and smells funny or she wears odd-colored dresses on the first day?

Another thing — dorms are noisy places and this is the norm. Noise is the nature of the beast. Deal with it. Luckily,

many of the buildings have thick walls that offer some sound-proof protection, but living in a communal-style dorm means as a community you share the same noise.

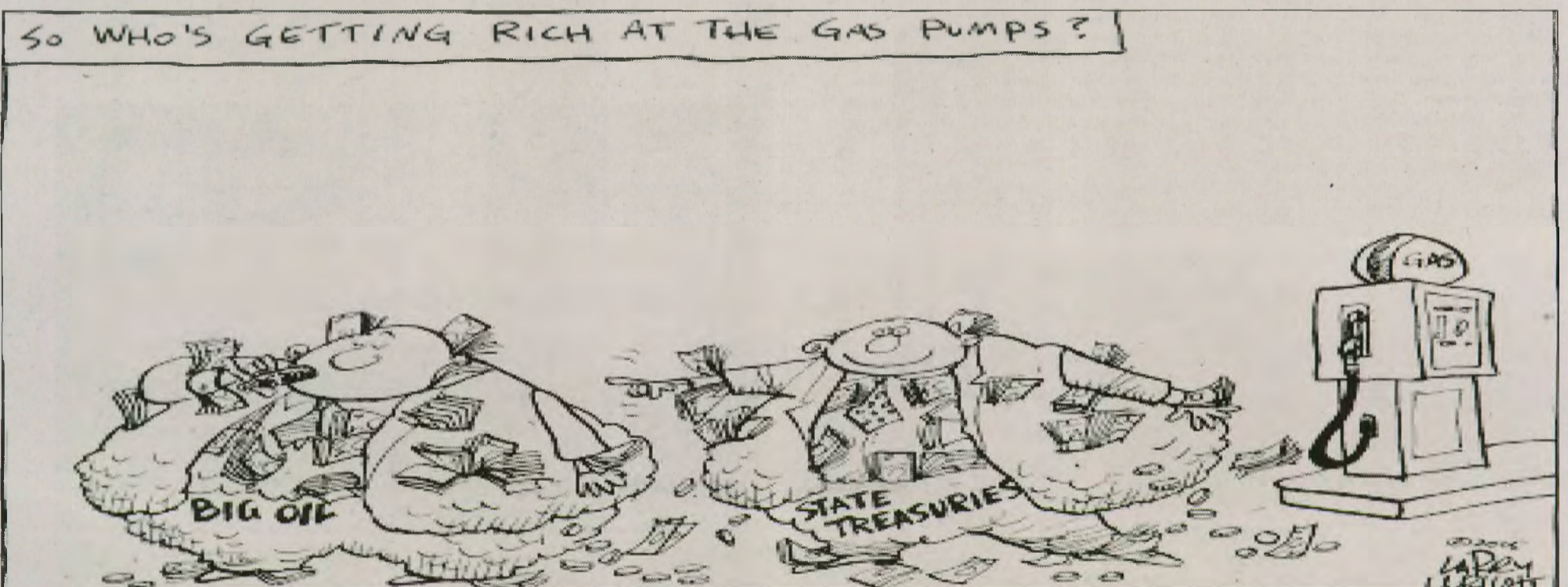
Noise affecting your ability to study? A suggestion is to move elsewhere, like the common area or dare we say, the library. Many of us get very little done in our rooms with the distraction of friends and other trinkets, so going somewhere else is the only way to get down to business.

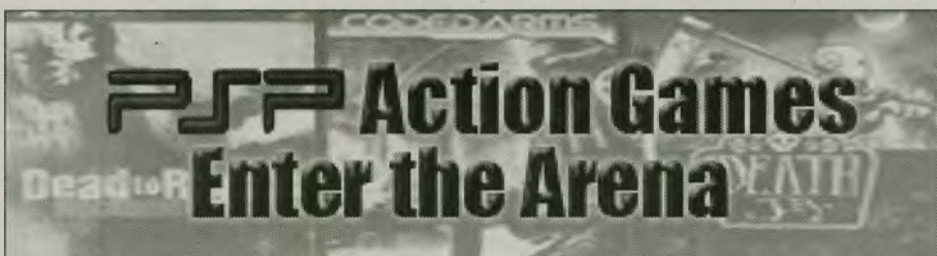
So whether you're an incoming freshman or transfer student, on-campus living for a year can be the time of your life if you choose to head into its fantastical fury with the right mindset. In short, make the most of it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Video game manufacturers typically release their bread and butter games at the same time as the initial release of the game system itself, hoping to rope in customers. In the months following a system's release, there is usually a major dropoff, with most of the subsequent games hardly worth shelling out any money. The X-Box followed this trend, as "Halo" was arguably the only game worth owning for at least a year following the system's release.

The PSP, Sony's powerful, pocket-sized gaming system, is no exception to this trend. Following the impressive launch titles, there has been a famine of new titles. The games released since the PSP's launch have been mediocre at best.

Over the summer, three action games were released for the PSP, hoping to buck the trend. They were all games that held promise, backed by reputable companies popular with gamers. However, of the three, only one is worth the \$40 price tag.

The first game released was "Dead to Rights: Reckoning." The "Dead to Rights" series is an established brand-name, but it hasn't been a positive brand as of late. The two previous games in the series have received lukewarm praise.

To be honest, the story is merely superficial. No character depth is ever introduced, nor does hero Jack Slate ever do more than go from point A to point B. A plot twist is introduced at the end, but it fails miserably to bear any real impact.

The plot should not be the draw for this game, however. The action is clearly the main draw here. On harder difficulty settings, "Dead to Rights" becomes a heavily skill-based shooting feast, with bullets and slow-motion diving serving up the main course.

But although the action can be entertaining at times, "Dead to Rights: Reckoning" fails to be a worthwhile purchase. On the normal difficulty setting, the game can easily be beat in under an hour. The higher difficulties and unlockable cheats add some replay value, as does the four player multiplayer mode.

"Coded Arms," released within two weeks of "Dead to Rights," has the distinction of being the first and only true first-person shooter on the PSP. "Coded Arms" follows in the vein of "Doom," another popular monster-based first-person shooter. But many problems plague this game and prevent it from rising above mediocrity.

The single player storyline is even more forgettable than "Dead to Rights," if that is possible. Valuable plot information is only revealed in the game manual.

There is too much missed potential in "Coded Arms." It could have been vastly improved by incorporating other charac-

ters, perhaps as recurring opponents. Levels, enemies and weapon designs are repetitive throughout the game. The single-player game's boss battles, which are massive and actually intimidating, are the only positive aspects to the game. It's a shame there are only three of them.

Control is also a hindrance in the game. Aiming can be tricky due to the lack of any auto-aim or target-lock features. This hindrance affects everyone over multiplayer equally, so it's not much of a disadvantage in multiplayer mode. Multi-player mode is where the game shines, as it supports four-player game modes for an action experience on the go.

The last game released was also the most hyped of the trio. "Death Jr." was originally supposed to be a launch title for the system, but missed the original date as the developer wanting to fine-tune it more.

"Death Jr." definitely shows the love and care invested by its developers, as it is by far the best of the three games released and has the most robust gameplay. The story is filled with such weird and interesting characters as Pandora, Dead Guppy and Death's son, the game's namesake. On a class field trip, Death Jr. accidentally releases an ancient evil from a box after Pandora finds herself unable to open the box herself.

The gameplay revolves around the player controlling Death Jr. as he attempts to save his friends and return the evil back to the box. Failure could mean losing his friends, getting into trouble at school or, most importantly, ticking off his dad. Honestly, who would want to tick off Death?

Controlling Death Jr. is a fun experience and surprisingly deep for a handheld platform game. His weapon of choice, the scythe, can be used in a variety of situations, be it sliding down lines or climbing up ledges. The scythe can even be used as a pogo stick.

The game's developers stated that they wanted to create an original, recognizable mascot, akin to Nintendo's Mario, but with a gun. Of course, since the famous plumber was already taken, they had to come up with a new mascot. Hence, as the player goes through the game, an increasing collection of guns is found, much to Death Jr.'s delight.

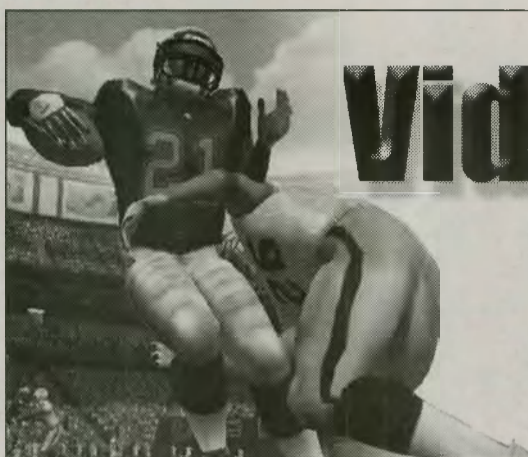
Two complaints hinder "Death Jr." and prevent it from being the outright game to own for the PSP. The camera can be a chore to control at times, and there's a disappointing lack of a multiplayer mode, something that could have really made this game a must-own.

But as it stands, "Death Jr." is still the current cream of the crop and bucks the trend of disappointing games released soon after a system's release. Hopefully other game developers will take notice and follow suit.

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A summer action-adventure game released on Aug. 16, "Death Jr." follows the misadventures of the title character as he tries to save his friends.



Video Game

An overview of the season's must-haves

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Creativity is at an all-time low in Hollywood. The biggest movies of the summer have been remakes, sequels and spin-offs. But they also tend to be some of the most successful movies. The runaway success of "Spider-Man 2," a sequel that improved on the original, proved this trend.

The video game industry is no different. When games like "Halo 2" and the legion of "Final Fantasy" games sell as well as they do, it's a knee-jerk reaction for the producers to create more sequels and spin-offs. This summer has exemplified that, with the biggest sellers falling into that category.

Madden 2006

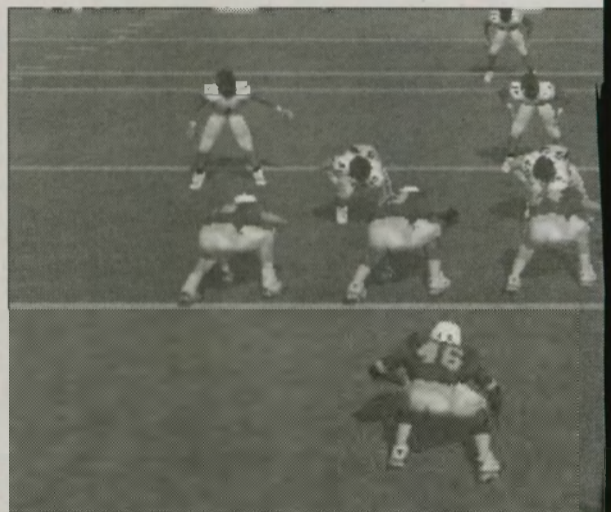
With Madden franchise being the current 800-pound gorilla of football games, its yearly release is highly anticipated by fans. It is the most successful football license in gaming, and has been that way for many years. The latest Madden capitalizes on updated rosters and new gameplay mechanics.

Of the updated changes, perhaps the largest would be EA, the game's developer, choosing to revamp the passing design. In previous years, passing was relatively simple, if a little unrealistic. Scrambling quarterbacks could deftly sling the ball across their body with ease, milliseconds before sacked.

A new level of realism has been introduced with the new quarterback vision feature. In order to complete a pass in "Madden 2006," the quarterback has to be looking squarely at the receiver. Making sure that the pass connects is now fully controllable. Even the quarterback's line of sight must be taken into account.

"Superstar," a new feature of the gameplay, is a welcome addition, as it allows the player to develop a football persona from scratch, and build his career. Everything from training schedules to the player's parents play a role in this process, adding an almost role-playing quality to the game.

Not many significant defensive changes have been made from last



"NCAA Football 2006" is the latest manifestation of the "Race for the Heisman" feature, which allows

year's incarnation, leaving players on familiar ground. Offensive players also sport the ability to use the "truck stick," their version of the defensive hit stick. With careful timing, the running back can slam the defender off of him, but it slows him down more than a simple juke. — B

NCAA Football 2006

"NCAA Football" is to college sports games as "Madden" is to professional ones. It's the most successful college franchise, and like "Madden," a new incarnation is released every year. In the past, it has always been in the shadow of its EA big brother, a trait that has, fortunately, been overcome.

The new selling point for the series, beyond being faster and more responsive than previous versions, is the inclusion of the "Race for the Heisman" mode. As in "Madden 2006," the gamer now has the ability to create a player and follow him through his career. After creating an athlete, it is the gamer's responsibility to get him into a decent school, based upon his performance in training drills. A shoddy performance means poor offers, as well as decreased stats. A good performance means better offers, and excellent starting stats.

Fortunately, even if you don't impress Notre Dame with your player's performance, you can pull a Rudy and walk on to any team. It makes it harder, however, to get on the fast

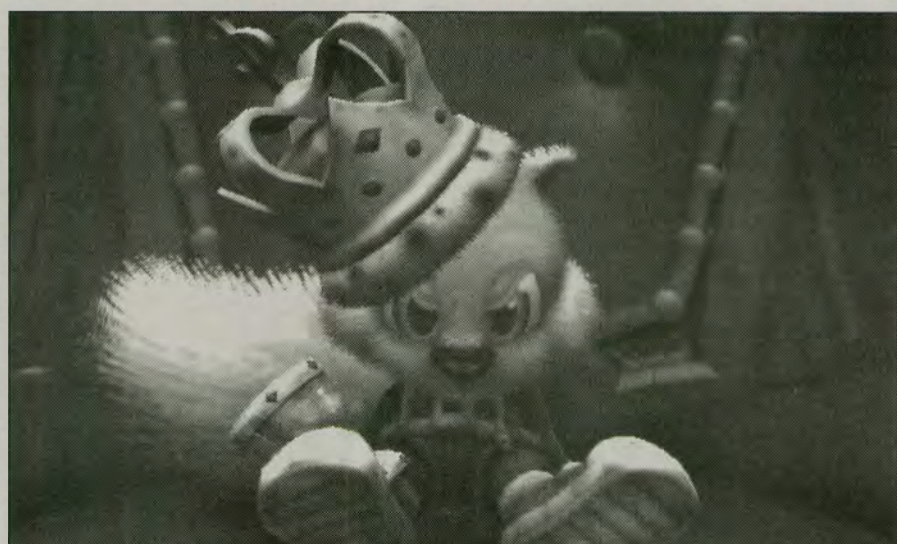
track to Heisman. Everything is at least compensated for. In the series, athletes impact play the zone. There are replays. To the game, opponent a. For your college until the final Michigan State A

Conker: Live and Reloaded

The only game under the re-release banner, Nintendo 64 Fur Day. The game has been left relatively subtle, the original never played version, the highly recommended adventurous itself too serious. However, it still finds the purchasing mode revamped, a Live, the X-Community. The Nazi-like Te are the play ferent cha diversifying.

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Conkers, the rude anti-hero squirrel, sits atop his throne in "Conker: Live and Reloaded." This remake is based on a popular Nintendo 64 game.

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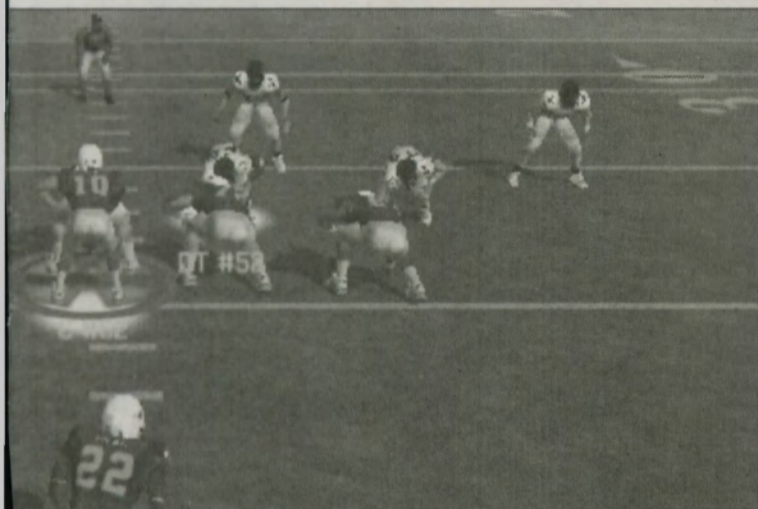


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of the popular sports franchise. This year's version introduces players to create and train their own superstar athlete.

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one here that truly falls make category, "Conker: eaded" is a remake of the classic, "Conker's Bad e single-player story has atively untouched, with winks tossed to fans of . For those who have through the Nintendo 64 X-Box remake comes mended. It's a fun, romp that doesn't take busly. fans of the original will ings to draw them into he game. The multiplay- has been completely nd is playable over X-Box ox's online gaming com- dueling factions of the iz and the good squirrels ble characters, with dif- racter classes further the gameplay.

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replay within the game is unlockable features based e performance. Killing the garners medals, which up improved weapons or e characters. Healing s and repairing critical earns medals as well. A on of all those factors ings, which leads to pro- d more prestige with the community.

The only drawback to the game is the steep learning curve, and a depth that does not quite match "Halo." But those factors aside, "Conker: Live and Reloaded" is a great experience for action fans. — A-

Halo 2 Map Pack

While not a game per se, the "Halo 2" map pack offers new levels and updates weaponry for "Halo" veterans, giving enough content to warrant heavy consideration. Nine new multi-player maps round out the "Halo" experience, with updates on classic levels like Wizard and Longest. There are new maps as well, with some standouts being the train station Terminal, and Gemini.

Terminal is a fairly symmetrical level, with train tracks that go through the center of the map. Items are placed near the tracks, forcing players to risk their digital lives to obtain key weapons. It's also highly amusing to see an opponent go flying from the speeding trains.

Most of the content on the DVD can also be downloaded for free off X-Box Live. Already, most of the maps are free, with the remaining maps released free of charge shortly. A "Halo" animated short is also included on the disc, and is worth a look for hardcore fans.

However, the map pack is not worth the disc's \$20 retail price. Without Live to download the content, the

purchase becomes more worthy of consideration. But for those with Live, there's relatively little reason to pick this up, as the primary content can be downloaded free of charge. — C-

The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction

While playing "The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction," it's almost impossible to not stop and feel awed by the sheer chaos gamers can create. While controlling the Hulk, the gamer gets a great feeling of controlling a multi-ton wrecking ball of destruction. Cars, pedestrians and even busses are sent flying with the tap of a button.

Immensely impressive is how well the Hulk's animations were designed. Unable to fly, the Hulk travels by bounding throughout the city, off buildings and over rooftops. This creates a fluid, very dynamic mode of transportation, with plenty of realism as the Hulk lands. Land next to or on a car, and the shockwaves sends the car flipping away. Concrete cracks, and people run from the Hulk's arrival in terror. It is truly an entertaining and humorous experience.

However, the gameplay by itself is not necessarily enough for an entertaining game. A decent story was tossed in as well, with rogue government officials and the military breathing down Bruce Banner's neck. The missions aren't incredibly varied, and most of them revolve around the Hulk smashing something. Then again, the Hulk was never really known for espionage or subtlety.

The closest comparable game is "Spider-Man 2." Both of the games have free-roaming environments that can be manipulated and explored. However, "The Incredible Hulk" may have the more immersive environment due to the Hulk's ability to smash and modify his surrounding. Even the skyscrapers can be leveled by the Hulk's power, drastically altering the game area.

For comic-book fans, this game is a must-have. Blowing the previous Hulk games out of the water in every way, "Ultimate Destruction" lives up to its title. — A+

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The Incredible Hulk, a misunderstood green gollath, evades relentless attack choppers and ground forces in "Ultimate Destruction."

EVENT REVIEW

Scripted events, performers doom Video Music Awards



AP

Members of Green Day pose for photographers as they arrive on the white carpet of the 2005 MTV Video Music Awards.

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Writer

Although hurricane Katrina and the shooting of notorious rap label head Suge Knight did their best to thwart the 22nd MTV Video Music Awards, the show was nevertheless broadcast live from Miami Sunday. For the second year in a row, American Airlines Arena played host to some of the largest acts in music, television and film.

Over the years, the live production has come to be less about honoring outstanding music videos from the previous year and much more about celebrity, fashion and fabricated "surprise moments." In fact, it is the surprise moments that have made the show most memorable.

On this night, the surprise moments were few and far between. It appears the people in charge over at MTV made sure that the show went on without a hitch.

The orchestrated pageantry for artist arrivals provided viewers a glimpse of what was to come. Stars like Orlando Bloom, Usher, Alicia Keys and Lil Jon arrived in yachts and pimped-out rides that the artists did not actually own.

Solely because it was MTV, a white, rather than red, carpet greeted celebrities who posed for photographers, conducted interviews and mingled with fans.

The award show began rather awkwardly with a performance by Green Day from their latest CD, "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." Green Day, the big winners for the night, would go on to collect seven awards for the song's music video, including Video of the Year, Viewer's Choice and Best Rock Video.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was super mogul and self-aggrandizer, Diddy. True to form, Diddy did not disappoint. He was his usual conceited, flamboyant self. The fact that the three and a half hour show seemed like a commemoration of Diddy should have been no surprise to viewers.

Combs' indulgences consisted of nine outfit changes, a dance off with R&B impresario Omarion, conducting an orchestra to Notorious B.I.G. hits, giving a fan a Jacob the Jeweler watch and a \$100,000 award for the best dressed male and female

superstars.

The suits at MTV did away with the customary awards show monologue and supplied clips of Beavis and Butthead for comedy relief. The two animated characters were not amusing ten years ago, and they definitely were not amusing on this night.

Performers were all over the place when the time came to actually entertain viewers.

Shakira sung her nominated hit "La Tortura" in Spanish, a VMA first, and reminded men and women alike why they love her so much.

Ludacris, accompanied by Bobby Valentino and dancers armed with moves from cultures the world over, performed "Pimpin All Over the World." He lived up to his billing as the most versatile rapper in the game with his extravagant performance.

R. Kelly decided acting out "Trapped in a Closet" sans a microphone or actual supporting actors would be compelling. Viewers are probably still asking themselves about the latest chapter in the life and times of Rufus, Kathy and Chuck.

"Gold Digger," the Ray Charles-inspired hit by Kanye West and Jamie Foxx was palatable. Foxx seems to be basking in the glory of his recent Oscar win a little too much though.

Yet the most eyebrow-raising performances of the night have to go to Mariah Carey and Kelly Clarkson. Carey, who continues to be promoted as one of the top-selling female artists of all time, appeared to be more like a teen pop tart. While performing an out-of-tune medley of her hits "We Belong Together" and "Shake it Off," she showed more skin than a dancer at a strip club.

Kelly Clarkson was the evening's final performer. The American Idol winner decided that since her microphone was not to her liking, she would scream, yell and kick her way through her hit "Since U Been Gone." Clarkson never found the right key, and as rain poured from the arena's ceiling onto Clarkson and fans, viewers at home got the picture. She was dreadful, and the night was a total wash.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians have big first inning, keep pace in playoff race

Wickman records his league-leading 35th save after Cleveland outhits Detroit

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jhonny Peralta, Coco Crisp and Ben Broussard drove in two runs apiece as the Cleveland Indians kept up their late-season surge by outslugging the Detroit Tigers 10-8 Monday night.

The Indians overcame a five-run deficit in the first inning by scoring six times in their first at-bat and improved to a major league-best 19-7 in August.

After finishing April at only 9-14 and in fourth place in its division, Cleveland has moved into a small group of teams chasing the AL wild card heading into the season's final month.

However, the turnaround has not yet captivated the imagination of Cleveland fans, who are staying away in large numbers. Attendance was announced as 22,713, but 5,000 tickets were giveaways.

Rookie Fernando Cabrera (2-0) cleaned up after Indians starter Scott Elarton, allowing one run in 2 2/3 innings. Rafael Betancourt pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings and Bob Howry worked a perfect eighth.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his league-leading 35th save in 40 attempts.

Wickman, who walks a tightrope almost every time out, gave up a one-out single to Magglio Ordonez and walked Carlos Pena with two outs. The right-hander got Craig Monroe to hit a grounder to third baseman Aaron Boone, whose throw to second nipped pinch-runner Nook Logan for the final out.

Broussard hit an RBI triple in the first off Jeremy Bonderman (14-11) and Casey Blake had three hits for Cleveland.

Dmitri Young had a grand slam and five RBI, and Carlos Pena homered for Detroit.

Down by five before getting to bat, the Indians rallied for six runs in the bottom of the first, with Blake's RBI double capping the early comeback. As the Indians took the field for the top of the second, the small but appreciative crowd gave them a rousing ovation that lasted more than a minute.

Crisp and Peralta hit RBI doubles and Victor Martinez's sacrifice fly sparked the rally, which was helped by Detroit shortstop Omar Infante's fielding error. Broussard followed the miscue with an RBI triple and Boone's run-scoring infield single tied it at 5.

Athletics 10, Orioles 5

Four home runs and a baserunning gaffe by the Baltimore Orioles enabled the Oakland Athletics to take a wealth of momentum into their showdown with the Los Angeles Angels.

Nick Swisher and Mark Ellis homered off Jorge Julio in a five-run 12th inning, and the Athletics completed a four-game sweep of the Orioles with a victory Monday.

Jay Payton and Dan Johnson also homered for the A's, whose sixth straight win extended their lead in the AL West to one full game over the idle Angels. The teams begin a three-game series Tuesday night in Anaheim.

"We battled to get in this spot, and we've got to feel proud about what we've accomplished," Swisher said. "We just want to keep it going right now; we just need to keep riding that wave."

Oakland scored all its run on homers. Payton hit a two-run shot in the first inning and Johnson connected with two on in the sixth. The A's have 18 home runs in their last six games.

Kiko Calero (3-1) worked two perfect innings to seal Oakland's first four-game sweep in Baltimore since the A's moved from Kansas City in 1968.

The Orioles had a chance to break a 5-all tie in the eighth, putting runners at the corners with no outs against Justin Duchscherer, but pinch-runner Luis Matos held at third base when Sal Fasano hit into a double play. Brian Roberts followed with a groundout.

The A's were amazed that Matos didn't break for home as soon as Fasano's grounder headed toward shortstop.

"We felt like we were playing with house money when they failed to run home on that ball," third baseman Eric Chavez said. "That was definitely miscommunication on their part. We got lucky; they had a brain cramp on that play."

Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo, who spent 14 years as a third base coach, was quick to acknowledge that Matos should have been running on the play.

"That's normally an automatic situation that you go, and obviously we didn't, so I guess that comes back to me," he said. "In that situation, you pretty much want to stay out of



Indians' relief pitcher Fernando Cabrera throws a pitch in the six inning of his team's win Monday night. Cabrera earned the win as he held the Tigers to just one run in 2 2/3 innings.

the double play no matter where the ball is hit."

Third base coach Rick Dempsey, who moved from first base shortly after Perlozzo took over for Lee Mazzilli on August 4, took the blame.

"It was bad judgment on my part," Dempsey said. "It wasn't [Matos'] fault at all. It was 100 percent my fault. He did exactly what I told him to do. I have to live with that."

"The third base coach tells you to stay, you stay," Matos said. "I don't want to look like a bad runner."

Oakland finally took advantage of the mistake in the 12th.

Johnson led off by reaching third base when Eric Byrnes dropped his liner to left, and Swisher followed by hitting a 2-2 pitch from Julio (3-4) over the right-field wall. Marco Scutaro and Jason Kendall both singled before Ellis hit his eighth homer, the fifth in six games.

Three outs later, the A's turned their attention toward the Angels.

"I think it will be fun, two top teams," manager Ken Macha

said. "This is where the fun begins."

Rangers 7, White Sox 5

Rookie Juan Dominguez allowed seven hits in eight innings, and Mark Teixeira had three hits and two RBI to lead the Texas Rangers over the Chicago White Sox Monday night.

Dominguez (2-3) gave up two runs, struck out three and walked two in his 11th major league start.

Mark DeRosa and Kevin Mench homered for the Rangers, who have won five of seven on their 10-game homestand after a 1-12 trip that dropped them from contention.

Geoff Blum homered for the AL Central leaders, who have lost 10 of their last 15 and are 0-3 at Texas this year, getting outscored 25-8.

Chicago made four errors, matching its season high, three by second baseman Tadahito Iguchi. The three errors by Iguchi were the most by a White Sox player since shortstop Jose Valentin had four at Oakland on April 8, 2000.

Mark Buerhle (14-7) gave up seven runs — four earned — and nine hits in seven innings. He came in 7-0 with a 2.21 ERA in 10 career appearances against Texas. Down 7-2, Chicago closed in the ninth off Steve Karsay on Juan Uribe's RBI single, Scott Podsednik's run-scoring grounder and Iguchi's RBI single.

With on one, Doug Brocail retired Carl Everett on a groundout for his first save since August 17 last year against Cleveland.

Twins 3, Royals 1

Nick Punto hit a two-run double in the 10th inning leading the Minnesota Twins over the Kansas City Royals Monday night.

Shawn Camp (1-4) walked Jason Bartlett and Michael Ryan with one out in the 10th and Punto, in a 2-for-17 slide, doubled to gap in left-center.

Juan Rincon (6-4) worked out of a bases loaded jam in the ninth and pitched two scoreless innings. Joe Nathan got three outs for his 33rd save in 36 chances, completing a five-hitter.

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MLB - NATIONAL LEAGUE

Carpenter wins 19th game, Cards beat Fish

Eckstein goes 4-for-5 with three RBI in win

Associated Press

MIAMI — Chris Carpenter came up with another gem for the St. Louis Cardinals, and he helped the Philadelphia Phillies, too.

Carpenter became the first 19-game winner in the major leagues and David Eckstein went 4-for-5 with three RBI to help St. Louis beat the Florida Marlins 6-1 on Monday night.

Florida missed a chance to tie Philadelphia for the NL wild-card lead.

"If Carpenter hadn't been out there, it might have been easier," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. "He got in a couple of jams, and he got out of them. He was tough in the clutch. That's why he's a 19-game winner."

Carpenter (19-4) beat the Marlins for the second time in August and improved to 11-0 in his past 14 starts. He allowed seven hits but only one run in 7 2/3 innings, stranding four runners in scoring position.

"I had command of my sinker, command of my cutter and command of my breaking ball, and I was able to throw it when I wanted to throw it and keep them off-balance all night," Carpenter said.

He threw 94 pitches before manager Tony La Russa removed him with two outs and none on in the eighth.

"We're not going to push it," La Russa said. "That was enough for today, and we'll try to save a few bullets for the next time he pitches."

Carpenter will bid for his first 20-win season Saturday at

Houston.

Jeff Conine drove in Florida's run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth, ending a streak of 24 consecutive scoreless innings pitched by the Cardinals.

Albert Pujols went 0-for-5 for St. Louis, but Eckstein hit an RBI single in the third and tripled home two runs in the fourth. Teammate Larry Walker hit his 12th homer over the center field wall leading off the third.

A.J. Burnett (12-8) lost his second start in a row after winning seven consecutive starts. He gave up a season-high six walks, and four led to runs — including one to Carpenter, a .031 hitter.

Burnett threw 95 pitches in five innings and departed trailing 6-1. He left the stadium without talking to the media.

"Too many bases on balls are going to hurt you," McKeon said. "He wasn't on his game."

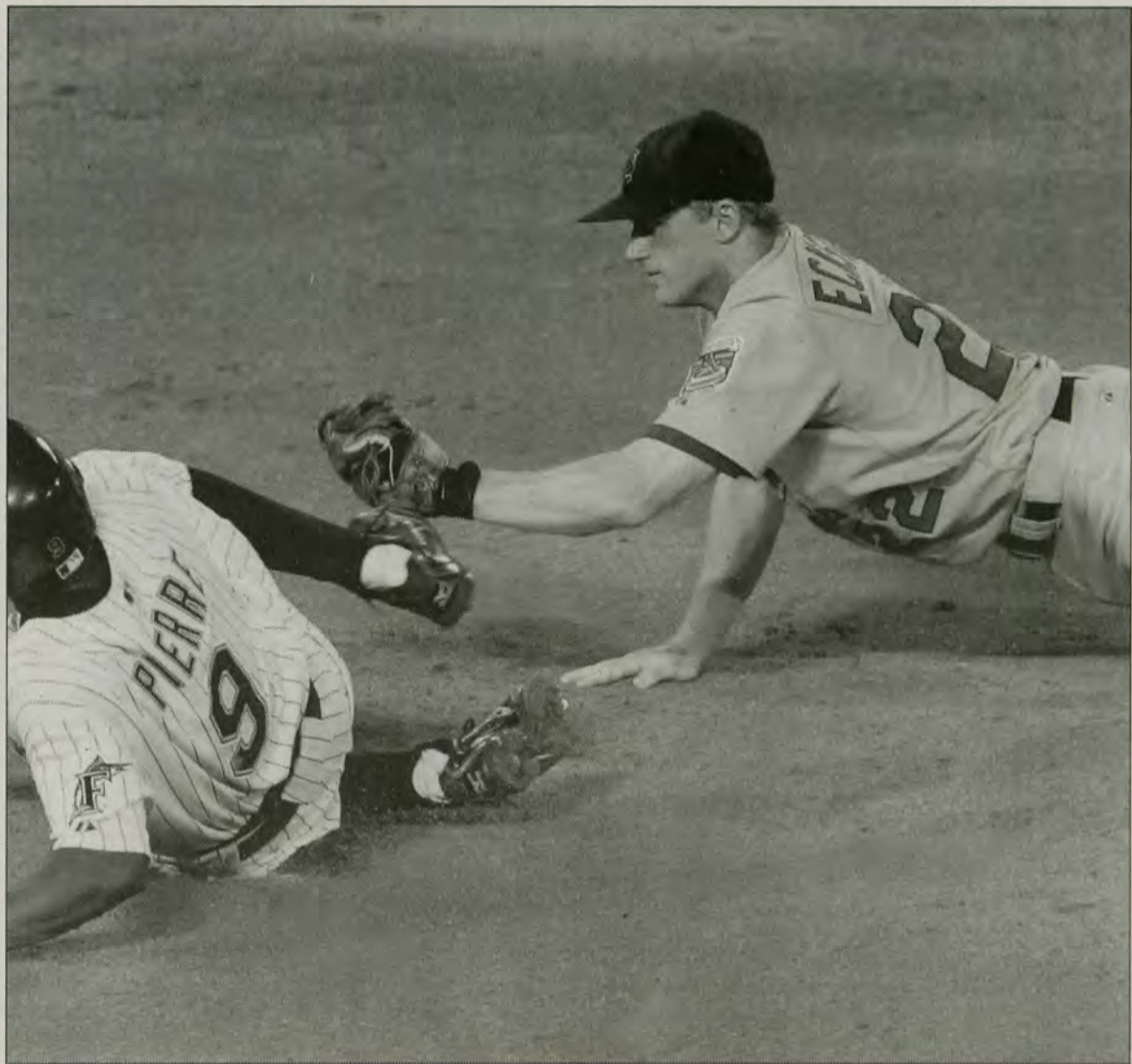
McKeon saved most of his annoyance for first base umpire Ted Barrett, who ejected Paul Lo Duca for arguing from the dugout after grounding out in the ninth.

"He was looking for trouble," McKeon said of Barrett. "What is this game turning out to be? It used to be you could argue and have some fun. Today you can't say a word. We've got to sit in the dugout with our Sunday school Bibles."

Arizona 7, San Diego 5

SAN DIEGO - Troy Glaus, Chad Tracy and Shawn Green clearly drove balls out of Petco Park.

Kelly Stinnett's high fly ball wasn't quite as clear-cut, leaving him with a bizarre inside-the-park home run Monday night as the Arizona



David Eckstein tags Juan Pierre during Monday's victory over the Marlins. In addition to his glove, Eckstein led the Cardinals with his bat, going 4-for-5 at the plate.

Diamondbacks beat San Diego to trim the Padres' lead in the NL West to four games.

"I'll take them any way I can get them," Stinnett said. "A home run's a home run. It doesn't matter."

Arizona has won three straight following a six-game losing streak. The Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Dodgers, who beat the Chicago Cubs 9-6, are tied for second place.

San Diego fell to 64-66. It's the latest in a season that a team has led a division with a losing record.

With Tracy hitting his 20th homer, Arizona is the only NL team to have four players with 20 or more. Russ Ortiz (5-8) won for the first time in seven decisions.

Stinnett's homer with two outs in the fourth, off Woody Williams, followed Tracy's two-run shot, capping the four-run inning for a 5-1 lead.

Stinnett hit a high fly ball to left field, which Ryan Klesko leaped for at the fence and missed. The ball bounced high into the air and fell back onto the field. Third base umpire Bill Welke stretched out both arms horizontally to signal a fair ball and didn't give the circular motion indicating a homer.

Stinnett never broke stride as he rounded the bases, and Welke appeared to point to home plate. Klesko, apparently thinking the ball had landed beyond the fence before bouncing back, walked over, picked it up and flipped it into the stands as Stinnett was rounding third base.

Fans sitting in the first two rows in left field said the ball bounced off a strip of chain-link fencing stretched horizontally between the top of the padded fence and a concrete retaining wall.

"I ruled it in play," Welke said. Klesko left the clubhouse before reporters were let in.

"It's a tough call because I hit it so high and it just came straight down," Stinnett said. "I just knew I hit it high. I didn't know if it had the distance, so I just ran hard. I got to second and I saw no sign and I kind of let up for a second and then all of a sudden I saw the third base umpire go 'safe.' So, I started turning it back on and Carlos [third base coach Tosca] at third base was waving me in, so I took off."

"He gave the 'safe' sign like it was in the park," he said.

Welke said that's his way of indicating a ball is fair.

Since Welke ruled that the ball did not go over the fence, the decision on how to score it was left to official scorer Bill Zavestoski, who called it an inside-the-park homer.

"I saw it hit whatever and bounce up in the air, and Klesko obviously thought it was a home run," Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. "But they said maybe it hit behind the pad on concrete. So they should do something about that."

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NSCAA/Adidas Preseason Men's Soccer Poll

	team	prev. record	prev. rank
1	Indiana	18-4-2	1
2	Maryland	17-6-2	3
3	Duke	18-6-0	4
4	UC Santa Barbara	21-2-2	2
5	St. John's	12-6-4	T-5
6	Virginia	18-5-1	T-5
7	Southern Methodist	16-4-1	11
8	New Mexico	17-1-2	10
9	UCLA	14-4-2	14
10	Wake Forest	14-5-2	12
11	VA Commonwealth	12-6-3	7
12	Creighton	14-4-2	13
13	UNC-Greensboro	19-3-1	9
14	Tulsa	12-7-4	8
15	Boston College	13-5-2	15
16	NOTRE DAME	13-3-3	17
17	North Carolina	10-9-2	NR
18	Ohio State	12-7-2	16
19	Connecticut	12-8-3	22
20	California	13-4-3	18
21	Santa Clara	15-6-0	NR
22	Old Dominion	13-6-2	19
23	Penn State	10-4-8	T-20
24	Northwestern	15-6-2	NR
25	Saint Louis	9-8-1	NR

NSCAA/Adidas Preseason Women's Soccer Poll

	team	prev. record	prev. rank
1	NOTRE DAME	24-1-1	1
2	North Carolina	20-1-2	5
3	UCLA	18-7-0	2
4	Virginia	17-3-2	7
5	Santa Clara	18-5-2	3
6	Texas A&M	18-6-0	15
7	Portland	20-4-0	6
8	Penn State	19-3-1	9
9	Connecticut	18-7-1	13
10	Ohio State	19-4-3	8
11	Tennessee	17-5-2	T-11
12	Duke	15-8-0	T-11
13	Illinois	16-6-2	14
14	Stanford	13-6-3	T-19
15	West Virginia	15-6-0	NR
16	Boston College	15-7-1	17
17	Nebraska	14-9-0	22
18	Arizona	15-6-0	25
19	Florida	16-4-3	21
20	Washington	17-5-1	10
21	Princeton	19-3-0	4
21	Wake Forest	10-7-2	NR
23	Kansas	18-5-0	18
24	California	11-6-3	NR
25	Wisconsin	16-6-1	NR

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Villanova	0-0	2-0
Georgetown	0-0	1-0
NOTRE DAME	0-0	1-0
St. John's	0-0	1-0
Marquette	0-0	2-1
Pittsburgh	0-0	2-1
Seton Hall	0-0	1-1
Rutgers	0-0	1-2
West Virginia	0-0	1-2
Cincinnati	0-0	0-0
Connecticut	0-0	0-0
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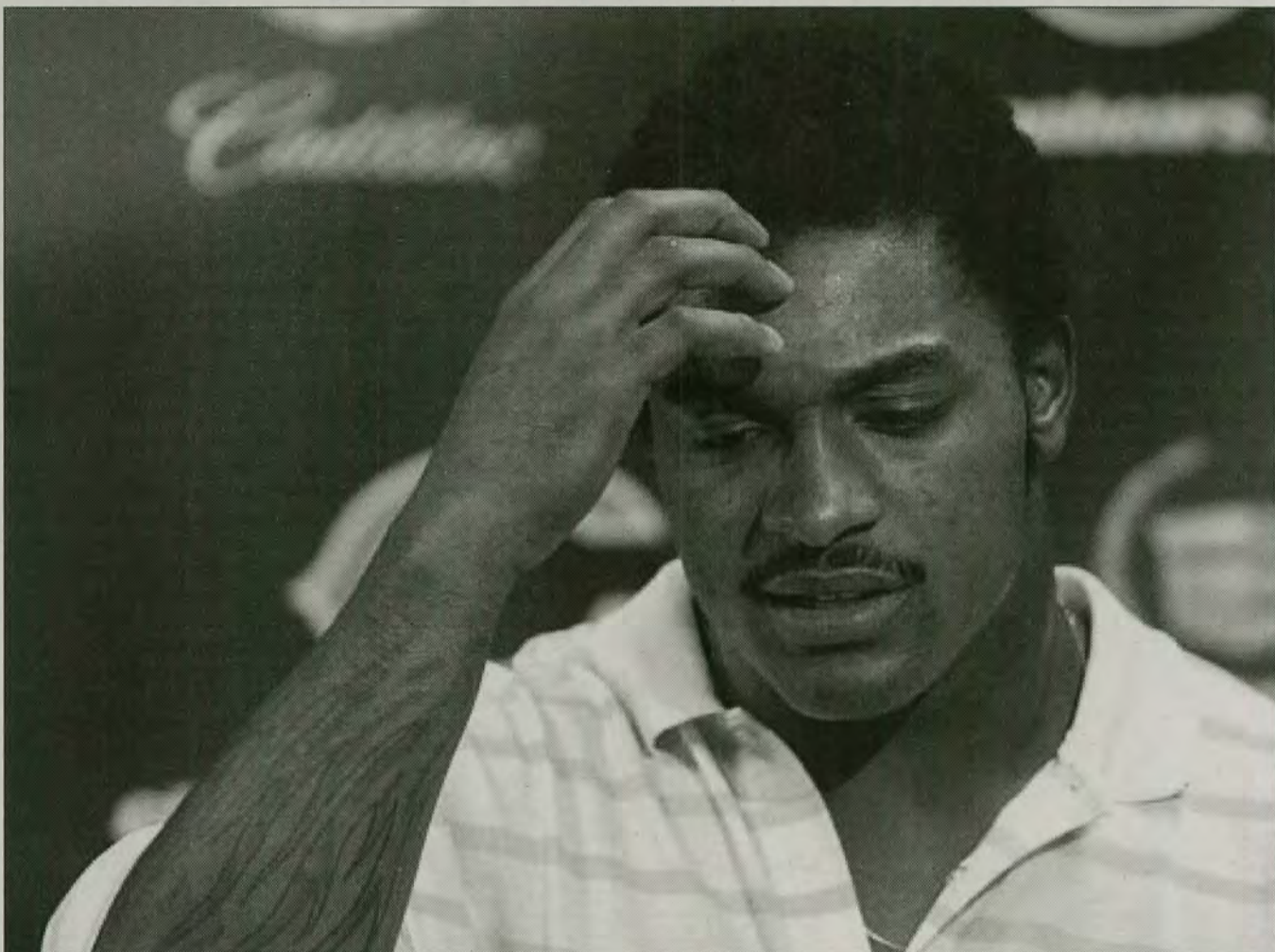
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NFL



Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson responds to reporters at a press conference Monday. The former University of Texas star became the last first round pick to sign when he inked a contract Sunday night.

Benson ends holdout, signs five-year deal

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — With a five-year contract in hand and an ear-to-ear grin crossing his face, running back Cedric Benson joined the Chicago Bears on Monday and put a drawn-out negotiation behind him.

The fourth overall pick and the last first-rounder to sign, Benson called it "a great relief" and said it "feels good to be here" during a news conference at the team's practice facility.

Terms of the contract were not revealed, but the Bears reportedly had

offered between \$17 million and \$17.5 million guaranteed on a deal that could pay \$35 million.

The sides agreed to terms Sunday, ending a 36-day impasse. That happened just three days after an impromptu meeting between Benson and general manager Jerry Angelo at the practice facility — and less than two weeks after Angelo released a statement saying the team had made its final offer and would start pulling money off the table.

Thursday's meeting was not a negotiating session, but it might have sped up

the process.

"This did take a lot longer than what we had anticipated," Angelo said. "We never really found that common ground. Usually, you find that common ground at some point the first couple weeks. We didn't really find anything that we agreed upon for quite some time. That created the long holdout."

Benson took a conditioning test Monday but did not practice. Coach Lovie Smith said he will not play in Thursday's preseason game against Cleveland and is questionable for the season-opener Sept. 11 at Washington.

A four-year starter at Texas, Benson ranks sixth on the NCAA's and second on the Longhorns' all-time rushing lists with 5,540 yards. He was the fifth back in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons and his 64 touchdown runs rank third all-time.

Benson was expected to challenge starter Thomas Jones for minutes, but the Bears' plans changed as the impasse dragged on. For now, he's third on the depth chart behind Adrian Peterson, and in his own words, starting "from the bottom."

IN BRIEF

Manning's injury not serious, QB will not miss action

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Tony Dungy can breathe easier now that Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts offense appear to be fine.

Dungy said Monday that Manning's bruised left shoulder isn't serious enough to keep him out of games or practices and that the two-time MVP should be ready when the Colts open the regular season at Baltimore.

"He has been examined, and he's fine," Dungy said.

Dungy said Monday after practice that he misspoke Sunday when he told a local reporter that Manning had undergone an MRI, which he had not.

Manning declined interview requests after Monday's brief practice but was expected to speak Tuesday.

The injury occurred when Denver cornerback Darrent Williams sprinted, unblocked, into the Colts backfield and sacked Manning in the third

quarter Saturday. The Colts starters did not return after that series, and Manning later did a sideline interview, not mentioning being hurt.

Palmeiro benched due to slump

SAN FRANCISCO — Rafael Palmeiro has lost his job as the Baltimore Orioles' regular first baseman, the result of a prolonged slump that began after he returned from a 10-day suspension for testing positive for steroids.

Mired in a 2-for-22 skid in which he has gone hitless in his last 14 at-bats, the left-handed hitting Palmeiro did not start Monday against Oakland right-hander Kirk Saarloos.

Asked if he sees Palmeiro as the team's everyday first baseman for the rest of the season, Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo responded, "No, I don't, but if he would swing the bat he would be. I don't have a problem with playing everyone that can help us on a regular basis."

Wells loses suspension appeal

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher David Wells will sit out six games for pushing an umpire, failing in his attempt to shorten the suspension on Monday and then blasting Bud Selig for the appeals process and accusing the commissioner of delaying Rafael Palmeiro's steroids suspension.

"I don't know what the point was even having a hearing," Wells said before Boston's game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. "They said I clearly bumped him and sprayed him with spit. That's coming from a guy that works for the commissioner, so what can you do?"

Wells accused Selig of retaliating for past criticism and discipline czar Bob Watson of "turning against the players." He expanded his grievance to include Selig's role in declaring the 2002 All-Star game a tie and for the commissioner's handling of the sport's steroid scandal.

NFL

Saints try to keep focus amid storm

New Orleans preps on road for Oakland preseason game

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — With two holes ripped in the roof of their stadium and their city devastated by Hurricane Katrina, focusing on football was not an easy task Monday for the New Orleans Saints.

With New Orleans hit by 145 mph winds, heavy rain and flooding, the Saints were across the country under clear skies at the San Jose State campus, preparing for Thursday night's preseason game against the Oakland Raiders.

"This has been on everybody's mind," said cornerback Jimmy Williams, who used to play for the San Francisco 49ers. "From where did they leave their car parked because it's probably going to be underwater because of the flood to alligators in your house. I never had to worry about that stuff when I played in San Francisco."

Williams said his wife, Chandra, and two Yorkshire terriers accompanied him on the trip west on the last plane to leave New Orleans on Sunday. She was staying at the home of Raiders offensive lineman Ron Stone, another former 49er.

Other players were uncertain about relatives and friends left

behind in the hurricane-buffed conditions. Most of the players spent Sunday night in their hotel rooms watching television to see what was happening back in New Orleans. Attempts to phone home were largely unsuccessful because of overloads in the phone system.

"I slept for only about an hour, if that," said punt returner Michael Lewis, a New Orleans native. "I watched about everything I could on TV. I had the Weather Channel on all night."

The storm even ripped two holes in the curved roof of the Louisiana Superdome, where an estimated 8,000 to 9,000 refugees went for shelter. Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said the team was uncertain if the stadium would be ready for the home opener Sept. 18 against the New York Giants.

Coach Jim Haslett was pleased with his team's work during the 2 1/2-hour practice and thinks it could help the players bond.

"The effort in practice today was good," he said. "If we can deal with this, we'll be a better football team in the long run."

Joe Horn said the team gave the players enough time to move their families out of the city if they chose to. He said he sent his family to Mississippi. He added that despite the tragedy back home, the players need to focus on their jobs and get ready for the season opener Sept. 11 at Carolina.

MLB

Wood to have shoulder surgery

Cubs pitcher's season-ending operation his latest arm problem

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs right-hander Kerry Wood will undergo season-ending arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder Wednesday and hopes to be ready to pitch by spring training.

With the Cubs nearly out of playoff competition — 7 1/2 games back in the wild card before Monday night's game with the Dodgers — the team wanted to give Wood as much time as possible for recovery and rehab.

Wood concurred with the decision, general manager Jim Hendry said. Wood was not immediately available for comment.

Wood, who made his first major league relief appearance Aug. 5 in a switch from the rotation to alleviate the soreness in his shoulder, was available to pitch Monday night before he is sidelined for the rest of the season.

The surgery will be performed by Dr. Timothy Kremchek at Beacon Orthopedics outside of Cincinnati.

"None of us, including Dr. Kremchek, are anticipating anything significant, but it is a shoulder," Hendry said, adding that the long-range plan is for Wood to return to the rotation once he recovers.

"I think that is what we all want him to do. I think that's what he would like to do," Hendry said.

"If he can pitch pain-free and this ongoing discomfort he's had after a certain amount of



AP

Kerry Wood delivers a pitch on Aug. 3 against the Colorado Rockies. The Chicago pitcher will undergo shoulder surgery.

pitches, if that can be rectified, then you are going to have the same guy you are seeing for one inning for seven or eight. That's really everybody's priority."

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, missed the entire 1999 season after elbow ligament replacement surgery. He was put on the DL with a triceps injury last season and has been on the disabled list twice this year with the sore shoulder.

Wood is 3-4 with a 4.29 ERA this season. He has started 10 games and made 10 relief appearances. His fastball in relief has been popping in the high 90s, and he's had no recurrence of the arm soreness, which generally would start after 50 or 60 pitches.

"I certainly don't think it could be a real significant injury. It's hard to believe someone could throw 98 mph and have a serious arm problem. He hasn't had any discomfort at all," Hendry said.

Trainer Mark O'Neal said it's not uncommon for a pitcher who throws as hard as Wood and who has thrown as many

pitchers in the majors to have fraying or irritation in the rotator cuff area.

A cleanup procedure may be all that is necessary. That's what the Cubs expect.

"We are going to go in and try to find out what is going on," O'Neal said. "That's why we are doing what we're doing — to find out why he does have this breakdown when the pitch count gets up a little."

O'Neal said if nothing significant is discovered during the procedure, Wood will be ready for spring training after an off-season of rehab.

As a 20-year-old rookie, Wood stunned the baseball world in his fifth major league start when he struck out 20 Houston Astros and pitched a one-hitter. He missed the following season after elbow surgery and then had win totals of 12, 12 and 14 from 2001 to 2003, a year in which when he won two games in the division series against Atlanta.

But with his arm problems and those of teammate Mark Prior, the Cubs have not made it back to the playoffs.



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"For some of these girls, it is their first-ever college volleyball experience," Schroeder-Biek said. "[The scrimmage] will be a good environment for

that."

Chicago is expected to bring a solid team that will test the Belles and alert them of areas that can improve. For Schroeder-Biek, evaluating the different parts of her team will be one of the main focal points during tonight's match.

"It'll be a great start because

it will help identify areas that need attention," Schroeder-Biek said. "It will also test individuals such as Amanda [David], who will be changing position.

"It will be a good gauge for

our team."

Schroeder-Biek was encouraged by Friday's practice session. The Belles ran through their entire hour-long pre-match warm-up.

"They just brought so much

energy. Everyone was in game mode. They're ready to play," Schroeder-Biek said.

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NFL

Titans' Odom cures sleep apnea disorder

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Antwan Odom finally feels alive.

Thanks to surgery that removed a bone from his nose and fixed a crooked septum in June, the sleep apnea that kept the Titans defensive end from taking a deep breath or sleeping for more than a couple hours is gone. Now he can sleep more than five hours at a stretch.

Tragically, his 24-year-old sister Melissa died of complications from sleep apnea days before training camp opened in July. Odom, 23, missed the first three days of camp to be with his family before returning for his second NFL season.

He said Monday that being with his teammates has helped him through his grief.

"Nobody ever died close to me like that, and I kind of dealt with it pretty good. I couldn't deal with it if I wasn't here. It's taken my mind off of it, and I don't think about it as much. I couldn't have done it if I wasn't here," Odom said.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Odom has a had a lot to overcome.

"At the start of camp, it was

difficult on him. He was not in training camp shape when he returned, for obvious reasons. But he's worked himself into shape now, and he's doing the things we expect him to do," Fisher said.

Odom had known he suffered from sleep apnea, which stops people from breathing while they sleep, since his sophomore year at Alabama. Doctors gave him a machine to blow air through his nose, but it didn't help him sleep because the air dried out his nasal passages and led to sores.

It didn't stop him from racking up 21 sacks, 26 tackles for losses and 40 quarterback pressures in college, and the Titans drafted him in the second round last year with the 57th pick overall.

The 6-foot-5, 274-pound Odom led the rookies with 11 quarterback pressures and had two sacks and a forced fumble. But he was so tired he would stand up during meetings to keep from falling asleep.

"I always felt dead tired," Odom said. "I'd go to the sideline, catch my breath and come back out. The first play, I'm dead tired again."

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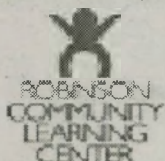
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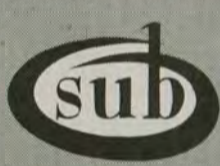
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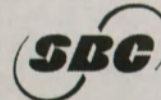
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ATP TENNIS

Nadal ready to take on New York, U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The love affair begins.

Rafael Nadal and the U.S. Open are made for each other. He is high-energy personified, a New York kind of guy — big, bold and muscular on court, impossible to ignore in his skintight, sleeveless, Big Apple red shirt and black treader pants.

The king of clay, who captured the French Open two days after he turned 19 in June, showed in round one of the year's final Grand Slam event Monday that he can be just as dominating on hard courts.

Seeded second behind Roger Federer, Nadal unleashed fiery flashes reminiscent of a young Jimmy Connors amid a workmanlike 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 rout of hard-serving American wild card Bobby Reynolds on a hot, muggy

opening day.

One point demonstrated Nadal's talents and tenacity. He lunged to return a 123 mph serve by Reynolds, a former Vanderbilt All-American, leapt to catch up to two over-heads and keep them in play, then sprinted in from beyond the baseline to pounce on Reynolds' drop shot and pass him with a winner. The crowd in Arthur Ashe Stadium roared as Nadal dropped dramatically to his knees and bounced to his feet, punching the air with a left-handed uppercut just as Connors once did.

Nadal is a far more mature, exciting and efficient player than he was in his first two U.S. Open appearances the past two years, when he was sent packing in the second round each time. This has been a breakthrough year for him. He's won not only his first major title but eight

other tournaments, including the Montreal Masters on hard courts two weeks ago, with a three-set victory over Andre Agassi in the final.

"The last two years when I was coming here, I was playing very, very bad ... but the worst moment in the year [was] when I come to the U.S. Open," Nadal said. "I think now is a little bit different, no?"

Yes, it is very different.

It is very different, too, for

Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova. A year after she emerged from virtual obscurity to win the title, she sprayed shots wildly in a 6-3, 6-2 loss to fellow Russian Ekaterina Bychkova and became the first U.S. Open defending women's champion to fall in the first round.

There was little surprise in Kuznetsova's early ouster. She's been struggling to find her rhythm all year and came into the Open with a mediocre

27-14 record and no titles.

"I've learned a lesson and it's tough," she added. "But the tough things make you grow stronger and make you learn. What do I do, kill myself? No."

"I know how you feel when you don't have any gas and you can't go anymore. I think it's something else," she added. "I have to find out what that is. It just takes a while to learn it. It takes a while to play with pressure."

WNBA

Connecticut looks to continue dominance

Associated Press

After coming within a shot of winning the WNBA championship last year, the Connecticut Sun hope to use the experience to their advantage this postseason.

Connecticut steamrolled through the regular season, improving by eight games from a year ago and setting the Eastern Conference record for wins with a 26-8 mark.

"We are definitely ahead of last year because we know what to expect," coach Mike Thibault said. "We know now that even the little things are very important when it comes to winning a championship. Turnovers, rebounds and fouls are all very essential."

Connecticut and the West champion Sacramento Monarchs (25-9) were dominant in the regular season and figure to be the teams to beat in the playoffs. Both had their postseasons ended by the defending champion Seattle Storm last year.

Sacramento fell in the West finals, the Sun in the championship series.

"We are a lot more confident," Connecticut forward Nykesha Sales said. "Last year we always had to prove ourselves. This year we know what we need to get to the championship."

The playoffs get under way Tuesday night, with the New York Liberty (18-16) hosting the Indiana Fever (21-13) in a best-of-three East matchup, and Seattle (20-14) visiting the Houston Comets (19-15) in a West series.

Connecticut opens a tough first-round series at Detroit on Wednesday night. The Shock (16-18) won three of the teams' four meetings during the regular season, and start five All-Stars.

"I don't think it means much because we took three out of four from them the year before," Thibault said. "The

two teams through the course of the last two years are usually separated by a couple of baskets each game. It comes down to who executes."

Sacramento will face fourth-seeded Los Angeles (17-17) in Game 1 of their series Wednesday in a rematch of last year's opening-round series. The roles are reversed this year, however, as the Monarchs were the No. 4 seed when they upset a Sparks team that had the league's best record.

"There are no sure things in the WNBA," Sacramento coach John Whisenant said. "It's been two straight years that we knocked off a higher seed in the playoffs, so we know how slippery that can be."

Los Angeles, loser of three of four to the Monarchs in the regular season, has been inconsistent due to injuries to forward Mwadi Mabika and point guard Nikki Teasley. The Sparks also had a coaching change earlier this month, when first-year boss Henry Bibby was replaced by Joe Bryant.

"We're just happy to be in the playoffs," Los Angeles' Chamique Holdsclaw said. "It's a whole new season now. We've got to go out there and bring our best game from this point on. Sacramento (Monarchs) is a good team, but they're a team that we know we can beat."

Despite winning five of their last seven games, the Sparks needed a loss by Phoenix on Saturday to get in the playoffs.

"They have a new attitude about the game again, and they've tried to gather themselves and dominate like they have in previous years," Sacramento's Yolanda Griffith said. "We just have to play as a team (and) not have a lot of turnovers against them."

"We have to take care of what we need to take care of — defense, offense — and then go from there. It's the playoffs, both teams are 0-0."

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Piane

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meet.

"[Our goal is to finish] better than eleventh," he said.

Notre Dame returns six of seven regulars from last season, including front-runners Kurt Benninger, Tim Moore and Kaleb Van Ort. The trio finished 42nd, 43rd, and 96th, respectively, at the NCAA's.

The Irish open the season as the heavy favorite to win the Valparaiso Invitational on Sept. 9. Piane said he is planning to rest Benninger and Van Ort for the meet in order to have them fresh for the rest of the season and to give younger runners a chance to shine in regular season competition.

A week later, Notre Dame hosts the National Catholic Championships at the Burke Memorial Golf Course. The Irish have won each of the last ten installments of this meet, which dates back to 1980 and is a fixture in the early part of the schedule. Moore won the event last year, and, as one of Notre Dame's fastest runners, is poised to do it again.

Two weeks later, the Irish will host the 50th running of the Notre Dame Invitational at Burke. The meet is one of the oldest continuously run competitions in the nation. The Irish will compete with Stanford, the defending champion, for the top spot.

The two meets are permanent fixtures on the Irish slate, Piane said, which gives Notre Dame two guaranteed home meets a year — something he says is helpful to the team.

Since Burke is a golf course, its trail is almost completely flat, and coaches often worry their teams will fall behind when forced to run on hillier

trails.

But Piane is not concerned. "You don't have to run hills every day to be good hill runner, especially if your kids are good athletes like ours are," the coach said. "But we are working on them."

Piane also said the team will run hills at Tuesday's practice.

The Burke course loops around itself several times, criss-crossing around the golf course's nine holes.

Once into October, the Irish gear up for several important post-season meets. First, the pre-national meet will take place on Oct. 15 in Terre Haute, Ind. There the Irish will compete with teams from across the country and be able to judge where they stand with regard to the national championship contenders.

Two weeks later, Notre Dame will travel to Van Courtland Park in Bronx, N.Y. for the Big East Championships. The Irish are defending champions and should be favored to repeat, although Georgetown, who finished only one point out of first in 2004, could present a major challenge.

Piane said the team is excited to run at Van Courtland Park, a venerable course the Irish know well.

Two weeks after the Big East meet, Notre Dame travels to Indiana University for the Great Lakes Regional, a precursor to the NCAA Championships. After that comes the IC4A Championships back in the Bronx, followed by the climax of the season — the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute.

Favorites to win include Colorado, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

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NFL

Broncos call Claret a mistake

Denver coach Shanahan lets go of his third rounder

Associated Press

DENVER — The reason running back Maurice Clarett isn't with the Denver Broncos anymore is pretty simple.

"We have four guys I believe can play," coach Mike Shanahan said.

And Clarett never made his way into that mix.

The Broncos returned to practice Monday and Shanahan answered questions about why he decided to waive Clarett, the surprise third-round draft choice who was slowed by a groin injury and never made any impact in Denver's training camp.

That Clarett was a bust isn't a shock to most around the league. He was out of football for two years and performed badly at the NFL scouting combine — and that's to say nothing of the troubles he endured off the field.

In Denver, the pick is being viewed as a bad example of hubris for Shanahan, "the Mastermind," who has turned lower picks — like Terrell Davis, Rueben Droughns and Mike Anderson — into stars and probably thought he could do the same, even with a prospect as checkered as Clarett.

To his credit, Shanahan didn't linger on this mistake, deciding to cut ties quickly instead of forcing something to work. And the coach conceded he did err by picking the star of Ohio State's 2002 national championship.

"I think any time you cut somebody in the third round,



Maurice Clarett, a once standout running back at Ohio State, was cut by the Denver Broncos Monday.

you feel like you made a mistake," Shanahan said. "When you do that, you make a mistake and you go on. At least you evaluate it. That's not to say that Maurice doesn't have a chance to go to another football team and make that team and contribute. But in a true evaluation of your own organization, when you use a third-round draft choice and he does not make your team, obviously it's not good."

The Broncos had not officially announced their cuts as of Monday afternoon. When Clarett does officially land on waivers, teams will have 24 hours to claim him and the incentive-laden contract he signed with Denver.

More likely is that Clarett will become a free agent, free to negotiate a new deal with anyone.

"I'm not real confident of anything at this point," Clarett's agent, Steve Feldman said Sunday. "We'll see what happens now."

Clarett missed about two weeks of practice with a nagging groin injury that prevented him from making the trip to Houston, where the Broncos practiced three days and played the Texans in their preseason opener.

When the Broncos returned from the trip, Shanahan was no longer in the mood to defend the player he took a chance on, saying instead that he couldn't evaluate Clarett if he wasn't at practice.

Last week, Shanahan said

he planned on getting Clarett some playing time Friday in Denver's preseason finale against Arizona. But when Quentin Griffin made his preseason debut last Saturday against the Colts and showed his surgically repaired knee was healthy, the Broncos knew they had their foursome at tailback: Griffin, Ron Dayne, Tatum Bell and Mike Anderson.

Meanwhile, Cecil Sapp can play tailback and fullback and will likely earn a roster spot.

"I felt so good about the running backs and what they've done," Shanahan said. "I wasn't going to give him playing time and take away from our other four."

Second-round draft pick Darrent Williams said Clarett got down about his lack of reps during practices.

"I tried to give him encouragement. At times he was down because he was used to starting," Williams said.

Hardly anyone thought he had a chance to start for the Broncos. That he never played a down, not even in the preseason, came as a surprise.

"We've made mistakes before," Shanahan said. "We'll make mistakes in the future. Just because we draft somebody in the third round doesn't mean they're automatically going to be on our football team. We've cut our first-rounders, second-rounders before. You don't feel very good about those scenarios, but they do happen."

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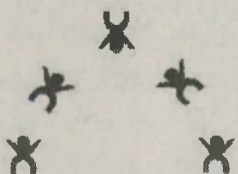
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Travis Thomas prepares himself during practice on Aug. 19 for Saturday's game against Pittsburgh.

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Irish 41-38 on Nov. 13, 2004.

Weis and his squad will finally get their opportunity Saturday when Notre Dame takes on Pittsburgh at Heinz Field. He intends to focus his attention this week on what plays and packages first-year Pittsburgh coach Dave Wannstedt and his Panthers will run against the Irish.

"One [of the things you have to do when you get to a game week] is you have to get ready to play your opponent in the schemes they use," Weis said. "The only problem with doing just that in practice is that you can't simulate the speed of the game. Because when you put show teams out there, it's always at a much slower pace than when you're going first [team] against first [team]."

To combat this problem, Weis scheduled time for the first-team offense to run against the first-team defense. He also has had each first-team unit run against reserves — resulting in practices that address both the speed of the game and the schemes Pittsburgh will run.

"I think you've got to have enough ammunition on offense and defense to do a lot of different things," Weis said. "Because what I don't want to do is go into a game with a game plan and then all of a sudden be pigeonholed because they're doing something different than I expected and not having somewhere to turn — that's when you get stomped on."

Though Weis' former team, the New England Patriots, faced Wannstedt's Miami Dolphins twice a year while both were coaching in the AFC East, he is still unsure about what to expect from the Panther defense.

"There's some uncertainties going in, but I think it's really important in your own practice to cover both the schemes you're going against on offense and defense while not forgetting about the speed of the game," Weis said.

Weis focused much of last Friday's practice on pre-game routines and also how to handle end-of-game and special teams situations.

"Some of it was pretty, some of it wasn't pretty, but it was a very good learning experience," Weis said. "Although you can't practice every unforeseen thing that happens in a game, I feel this team has shown the ability to adapt mentally and be ready to go. I went through 35 substitutions on consecutive plays on different special teams, and there was not one substitution error."

Weis will not work the team physically hard this Friday, as he hopes to keep them fresh for Saturday night's game.

"Friday has to be mental, not physical," Weis said. "Friday is a day you're saving [the player's] legs and hydrating them and getting them ready to go so there are no excuses on Saturday."

Notes:

♦ Weis dined separately in the past two weeks with former Notre Dame coaches Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz, who both captured at least one national title during their time in South Bend.

"These are people that understand Notre Dame as much if not more than I do, and I'm trying to use them as resources to help guide me in the right direction," Weis said. "Just hearing Ara's approach from the first year he got here to the last year he left was a very educational experience."

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posure on the court, Henican has tried to stay focused and easy-going throughout this trying week.

"It was just really fun to finally play [Saturday]," she said. "We've been having double days and practicing for so long since the beginning of August, so it was nice to get out on the court and kind of let our team develop a little bit. We did a lot of good things, and we saw a lot of

things that we need to work on."

Henican, who also served as a captain last season, is only the 10th multiple-year captain in Notre Dame volleyball history. She needs 485 digs this season to break the Irish career record.

After a solid first game, Henican is eager to take on two top teams this weekend in No. 11 Texas and Arizona State.

"We're just excited to get back on the court," she said. "We have a lot that we can just fix [this week in practice]. Just being low on cover-

age and little things like that. [And] some blocking that we need to work on."

So, despite all the possible distractions this week, the even-keeled Henican has kept her cool.

While she is concerned about her hometown and her friends, when the Irish take the court against the Longhorns and the Sun Devils, Henican plans to keep her mind on volleyball — a welcomed distraction from life's worries.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Purdue guard files lawsuit

Boilermaker Nwaneri was suspended after fighting a teammate

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue football player Uche Nwaneri believes the school's decision to suspend him could rob him of his pro football dreams.

So he's taking the school to court.

Purdue suspended Nwaneri for a semester after a July fight with teammate Ryan Noblet left Noblet with a broken jaw, and the Campus Appeals Board upheld it last week.

A preliminary hearing in a Tippecanoe County court was scheduled for Tuesday morning. Nwaneri's attorney Courtney B. Justice said he hoped Nwaneri would be reinstated until a formal

hearing takes place. They were not seeking damages.

The 6-foot-3, 313-pound left guard started all 12 games for the Boilermakers last season and was to be a senior this year. If he is not reinstated, his Purdue career would be over.

Justice said the suspension will cost Nwaneri valuable time on the field.

"This is pretty devastating to his chances to do well after college," Justice said. "That's one of the things he's deeply concerned about."

Purdue spokesman Brian Zink said the school does not comment on pending lawsuits.

Nwaneri said in a statement that he did not want to go to

court.

"It is especially hard for me because I love Purdue and I respect and admire my professors and coaches who are giving me a first-class education — in the classroom and on the football field."

Noblet, a 6-foot-6, 291-pound junior, was granted a release from Purdue after the altercation and has enrolled at Arkansas. He was listed as a second-team offensive tackle after

Purdue spring practices.

Arkansas athletics spokesman Kevin Trainor said Noblet intends to play football and was scheduled to take a physical this week. He would be ineligible this season because he transferred from another Division I program.

"This is pretty devastating to his chances to do well after college."

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FOOTBALL

Irish poised for Panthers

Notre Dame eager to kick off season Saturday at Pitt

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

He's moved into his house. He's spoken to students and alumni. He's recruited players.

Irish coach Charlie Weis has done everything he's been expected to do in his first eight months on the job except one thing — coach a football game.



Charlie Weis

"I'm just looking forward to getting into the season and giving these players the opportunity to go out there and have some fun," Weis said. "Because the last I checked, they didn't have a whole [heck] of a lot of fun the last time [Pittsburgh and Notre Dame] played."

The Panthers defeated the

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Tom Zbikowski, right, and Maurice Crum work on defensive drills in practice on Aug. 17. Notre Dame will open its season Saturday night at Heinz Field against Pittsburgh.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Excitement high about home races

Notre Dame will be at home in two of three Sept. meets

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The men's cross country team has three meets in September. Two of them are at home, and the other is a mere 60 miles away in Valparaiso, Ind.

Coach Joe Piane feels competing early on familiar turf is a good way to prepare for road trips to New York for the Big East Championships and the IC4A Championships.

"The meets progressively get more important as the season goes on," he said.

Piane expects a successful season, as the Irish try to improve on their eleventh place finish at last season's NCAA National Championship

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles begin year against Maroons

Saint Mary's and Chicago renew their rivalry tonight

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will begin its season tonight when the Belles take on the University of Chicago in a home scrimmage. The match against the Maroons will continue a recent tradition of opening the season with a scrimmage between the two teams.

The Belles are anxious to return to the court this year, attempting to improve upon last year's six-win campaign. Saint Mary's looks to have an excellent chance of both improving their win total and moving up the MIAA standings.

Junior outside attackers Michelle Turley and Kristen

Playko are expected to lead the hitting for the Belles, while Shelly Bender is expected to provide senior leadership at middle attacker. Junior Amanda David will shift positions and handle the setting for the Belles.

Tonight's scrimmage will allow coach Julie Schroeder-Biek the flexibility to try players at different positions and to get a feel for her team's strengths and weaknesses. While her rotations may be different from a regular game, Schroeder-Biek was quick to point out her desire to see the players prepare as though the contest counted.

"I want [the players] to approach this as they would any other game. I want them to compete," Schroeder-Biek said.

She also viewed this match as an opportunity to work out some early season jitters.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Hurricane hits close to Henican

New Orleans native's family stays safe during storm

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

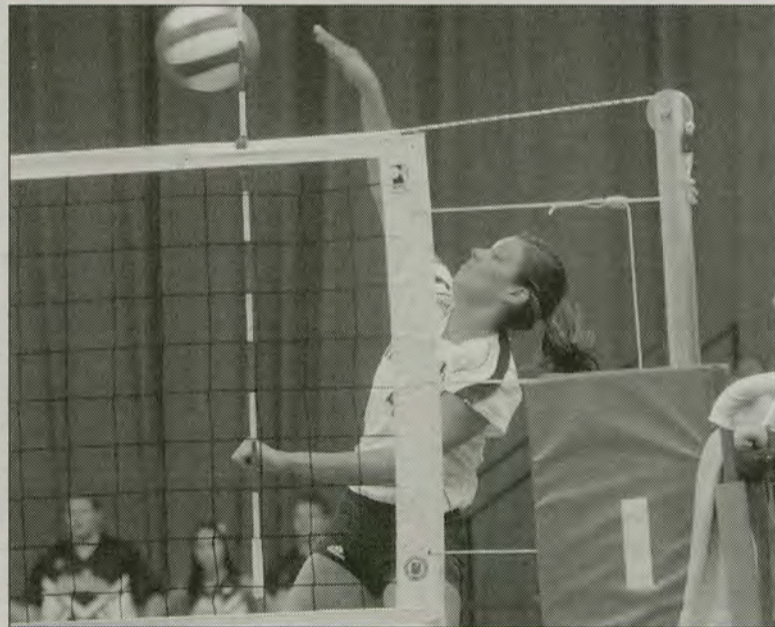
So far, Meg Henican, a native of New Orleans, La., has dealt with hurricane Katrina's battering of her hometown just as she deals with the game of volleyball — calmly.

"It's actually a pretty good distraction — something else to focus on," she said.

"My family has all evacuated. They are doing well ... and most of my friends, too. They are all safe. I haven't really been able to keep in touch with anybody because the phones don't work, so that's a little frustrating, a little nerve-racking."

Her parents were in town last weekend for the Michigan match, so they decided to stay for the week, long enough to keep their daughter company and to watch this weekend's Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational.

"I try to keep my friends around, and my parents are here," Henican said. "They are



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Meg Henican goes up for a spike in an Aug. 27 match against Michigan. The Irish won 30-24, 30-16 and 30-26.

here to help me cope with everything."

The senior libero/outside hitter and co-captain is already showing why she was given her title.

She enjoys the game. She relaxes. And she certainly doesn't panic.

Just as she keeps her com-

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Denver released back Maurice Clarett on Monday after failing to perform well this fall.

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Rafael Nadal, French Open champion, is ready to compete in the U.S. Open.

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Kerry Wood will have season ending surgery in order to get a head start on his rehab.

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The New Orleans Saints are preparing in San Jose for their game Thursday with Oakland despite the hurricane in their home city.

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St. Louis defeated Florida as Chris Carpenter won his 19th game of the season.

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Cleveland defeated Detroit to stay in wild card contention.

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