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ND, SMC excel on ranking lists

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

- No. 20 in 2007 U.S. News & World Report ranking of national universities
- No. 13 nationwide ranking by Washington Monthly magazine
- Placed in Top 25 "New Ivies" list compiled by the editors of 2007 Kaplan/Newsweek's "How to Get into College Guide"

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

- No. 1 Midwest ranking by U.S. News & World Report

University nabs No. 20 spot; College still leads Midwest Comprehensives

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

A flurry of rankings recently announced by top national publications once again placed Notre Dame and Saint Mary's in the upper echelon of American academia — distinctions still esteemed by leadership from both campuses.

Notre Dame placed No. 20 in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report ranking of national universities — a two-point slip from last year's placement. In the 2006 list, the University tied Vanderbilt at No. 18.

Associate Vice President for News

and Information Don Wycliff said rankings have meaning for their readers. However, he said, "precisely what that meaning is and whether [readers] attach a lot of importance to a two-point difference" is something the publication's editors should decide.

Regardless, Notre Dame's position as a top-20 school is "extremely important" to the University, he said.

"Notre Dame obviously values a good ranking," Wycliff said. "I don't think we need to apologize for valuing that. We try to put things into perspective and recognize we have certain strengths and certain things that are becoming strengths."

Princeton University nabbed the top spot and was followed by fellow Ivies Harvard and Yale at second

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Shappell, Andrichik optimistic

Grab and Go changes, College Readership Program underway

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik wasted no time forwarding the agenda they proposed when the two were elected student body president and vice president last year.

"So far I feel like we've made progress, and it's only the second day of classes," Shappell said.

Their combined experience in student government and the groundwork they laid in the spring and over the summer has allowed them to hit the ground running, she said.

Andrichik said the pair has used its time in office so far to make "some big groundwork" on large initiatives.

"The rest of [the initiatives] we are confident we can accomplish," Andrichik said.

Their administration has already fulfilled its campaign promise to improve Grab and Go options, the pair said.

Last spring, students filled out food preference surveys. Andrichik personally tabulated the results, then worked with Food Services to discuss the cost effectiveness of the top choices.

On Monday, when Grab and Go service opened for the first time this year, students could

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Cable installation complete in all 27 dorms

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Dreams of "Pardon the Interruption," Rachael Ray's recipes and Kristen Cavallari in a swimsuit are now a reality for Notre Dame students, thanks to the University's installation of Comcast cable in all 27 dorms.

The process, which began in December 2005 and continued throughout the summer, went hand-in-hand with the installation of wireless Internet access.

Notre Dame made its decision following an investigation into other universities' policies.

"In looking at other institutions, we realized other schools [provided] cable. We realized that we needed to upgrade ResNet and so we figured we might as well install cable," said Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing.

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HY PHAM/The Observer

Junior Vince Caro, left, and sophomore John Soltis take in the Little League World Series on ESPN Tuesday, a cable channel that was recently made available to the Morrissey residents.

STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses plans for '06-'07

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The wheels started turning in the Student Senate Monday as senators gathered for their first meeting of the 2006-07 school year.

University Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo and Associate Director of Ticketing Maja Hansen spoke to senators about changes that were made to the football ticket exchange program — a procedure that allowed students to swap a football ticket from their student booklet for a non-student ticket.

Tickets can be exchanged on the Tuesday before a home game from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gate 10 Box Office at the Joyce Center. In previous years, students could exchange them on Wednesday as well.

Berlo said there has been "rampant abuse" of the ticket exchange process in recent years, as students have sold their tickets for profit on Web sites like Ebay.com.

"[Tickets] were getting out into the secondary market," said Berlo, adding that the ticket exchange process was designed to provide tickets for close family members or friends

— not strangers on the Internet.

As a result, students who wish to exchange their student tickets for a non-student one must provide the first and last name of the person who will be using their ticket.

"That puts the onus on the student to tell us who is going to use their ticket. ... The other option was to do away with the program," Berlo said.

The ticket office will only exchange 300 student tickets per home game and 750 for the UCLA game, since it is at the

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik review their notes at Wednesday night's meeting.

INSIDE COLUMN

Temporary townie

I knew it was true when the kind woman reached over the counter to hand me my bag of newly purchased home accessories.

Her blue eyes youthfully pierced through her worn complexion as she thanked me for shopping at my local Family Dollar.

I had become a townie.

After attending Saint Mary's for three years, I had never actually considered South Bend my home. True, I did utilize the city's bars and restaurants, but only for a brief time before I would

quickly return to the safe surroundings of the collegiate "bubble" in which I lived.

This year, however, things are a bit different.

I moved into my Saint Peter's Street abode — which idyllically resembles a gingerbread house — only to discover not only did having an off-campus residence mean no parietals or coin laundry but also an entire readjustment of one's personal lifestyle.

Never did I think I would call Family Dollar my favorite store, walking there sometimes twice each day, but I do.

Never did I think I would live between both a lawyers' office and a mental rehabilitation center, but I do.

Never did I think I would wander barefoot to my neighbors' or go to McDonald's twice in one day, but the thing is that I have.

I paint beer pong tables a light blue hue in my backyard at all hours of the night. I witness neighborhood children fight in the U.S. volleyball association standard size sand volleyball court that is my back yard.

I watch in awe as mullet-clad men race their pick-up trucks through the intricate alleyways that run parallel and perpendicularly near my home.

My roommates and I have named the potentially problematic mouse that frequents our kitchen Stuart Little, and we also stick our head out of the skylight that adorns the steep slope of our second floor roof.

I have had a bungee-corded beach chair rest happily upon my roof and prayed that I would not become the stereotypical bankrupt college student, spending seemingly endless funds on bars, booze, bills and, of course, new home décor.

I can no longer assume the majority of my neighbors will be Midwestern Catholic girls, but I can anticipate the booming base echoing out of my neighbor's Chevy Impala each afternoon.

Quick trips to the Grotto and late nights at Trumper are no longer done with ease, but neighborhood block parties and walks to Corby's are.

I no longer walk the lakes, but rather run the East Race river path.

Warm cookies and salad bars are no longer available at my first sign of hunger, but a walk to Macri's and Mac and Cheese is.

So it is true. Sometimes life as a townie is tough, rough and flat out crazy, but I am loving every minute of it. And if you are lucky enough, maybe someday you too can appreciate the fun times that come with being a townie — if only temporarily.

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



Kelly Meehan

Saint Mary's Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD BE THE UNIVERSITY'S NEXT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT?



Andre Valdivia

senior
Carroll

"A 'The Octagon.'"



Fernando Quijano

junior
Carroll

"A girls' dorm right next to Carroll."



Melia West

sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"An amusement park with roller coasters themed after every dorm."



Huadong Sam Chen

grad student
off-campus

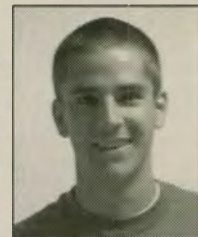
"A landing port for spaceships on top of Fitzpatrick."



Mallory Mecham

sophomore
Cavanaugh

"Renovating the Brownson bathrooms and the room with the couch."



Peter Hadley

junior
Carroll

"A few more hideous and completely worthless geodesic domes modeled after the marvel of modern architecture, Stepan Center."



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Freshman Colleen Fleshman enjoys the warm weather by tossing around a frisbee with fellow Walsh Hall residents on South Quad Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Father Reginald Foster, principal Latin scholar for Pope Benedict XVI, will be giving the lecture "Is Latin Really Dead: Why the Academy and the Church Should Preserve the Latin Language" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 120 of the Law School.

As part of the Summer Classic Film Series, "The Leopard" will be screened tonight at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The film is in the Italian language with English subtitles.

The Summer Shakespeare cast, directed by William Brown, present Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" on the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show continues its run tonight at 7:30 p.m. and goes until Sunday.

Saint Mary's "Senior Career Kickoff Night" will be tonight from 5 p.m. to 6 followed by the "Junior Career Kickoff" from 7 p.m. to 8 in Vander Venet Theater.

On Friday night at 8 p.m., The Show 2006 presents artists Third Eye Blind and Common in concert in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The performance is limited to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with valid student IDs. Tickets are \$10.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Killer raccoons terrorize pet dogs and cats

OLYMPIA, Washington — A fierce group of raccoons has killed 10 cats, attacked a small dog and bitten at least one pet owner who had to get rabies shots, residents of Olympia say.

Some have taken to carrying pepper spray to ward off the masked marauders and the woman who was bitten now carries an iron pipe when she goes outside at night.

"It's a new breed," said Tamara Keeton, who with Kari Hall started a raccoon watch after an emotional neighborhood meeting

drew 40 people. "They're urban raccoons, and they're not afraid."

Tony Benjamins, whose family lost two cats, said he got a big dog — a German Shepherd-Rottweiler mix — to keep the raccoons away.

Woman accused of girdle heroin smuggling

LAREDO, Texas — A pedestrian is accused of trying to smuggle \$535,000 worth of heroin into Texas in her girdle. The woman from Santa Catarina, Mexico, whose name was not released, faced an initial court appearance Wednesday on federal

charges of narcotics importation and possession.

The woman had about 11 pounds of brown heroin on her when she was stopped Monday at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge, according to a Customs and Border Protection statement.

Authorities noticed something didn't seem right about the clothing worn by the 51-year-old woman. Officers discovered she was wearing girdles, with a powdery substance sewn inside.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 82 LOW 70	HIGH 69 LOW 64	HIGH 85 LOW 68	HIGH 86 LOW 68	HIGH 76 LOW 60	HIGH 76 LOW 58

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Revised readership program arrives on College campus

Four major papers to be offered as McIlduff, Siefert alter existing setup to meet the need of Saint Mary's student body

By KELLY MAUS
News Writer

A revamped Saint Mary's College Readership Program resumed Wednesday, providing students free copies of the New York Times, USA Today, the South Bend Tribune and the Chicago Tribune.

This year, however, the program has more funding and more features.

The program, which is completely funded by the Student Government Association, has increased in cost from \$7,500 to \$13,000 per year.

"The student government allotment this year increased by five dollars per student, which aided us in reallocating funds to make this project possible," student body president Susan McIlduff said. "Also, we had underestimated the number of incoming freshmen this fall, which provided us with more student contributions to work with."

McIlduff and vice president

Maggie Siefert conceived changes to the program last spring and worked feverishly over the summer to make sure it would be ready this fall.

"The program was one of our biggest platform goals, so we're glad we could accomplish it right away," McIlduff said.

Perhaps the most noticeable change to the program is the installment of new locking newspaper receptacles that require the use of a student's

ID to gain access to the newspapers.

"The new distribution machines were given to the school by USA Today due to our membership with them," McIlduff said.

McIlduff said she implemented the program as part of student government's response to students' strained access to the newspapers.

"There had been a problem in the past with faculty taking the papers before some stu-

dents had a chance to get to them," McIlduff said.

Siefert said she is confident the new receptacles will meet the students' needs.

"We wanted the student body to be able to have access to current events to help with classes, as well as to become more informed with society," Siefert said.

Funds were relocated to provide this service, McIlduff said. "We want the students to know we have their interests in mind."

"So far today we've had a really positive response from Saint Mary's women," Siefert said.

Junior Carol Schaberg said she hopes "students take advantage of the program."

"Having to use our student ID really directs the program to us and will hopefully let students realize that the papers are there for our benefit," Schaberg said.

The newspapers will be available Monday through Friday at the Student Center, Madeleva Hall, Cushwa-Leighton Library and Le Mans Hall.

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"So far we've had a really positive response from Saint Mary's women."

Maggie Siefert
student body vice president



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Student body vice president Maggie Siefert shows junior Sarah Robinson how to use the newspaper receptacle Wednesday.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S.: Iranian proposal falls short

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Wednesday a proposal by Iran for nuclear negotiations falls short of U.N. demands that it cease uranium enrichment, and the U.S. began plotting unspecified "next moves" with other governments.

At the same time, Iran contended it had offered "positive and clear signals" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program.

Efforts by the U.S. and other nations could lead to U.N. sanctions against Iran unless it reverses course and agrees to a verifiable halt to enrichment activities that can be central to making nuclear weapons.

France took a firm and quick stand on Iran's proposal. Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said the Iranians must suspend uranium enrichment if they want to return to negotiations.

Nigeria: Foreign hostages released

LAGOS — An American and five other foreigners kidnapped in Nigeria's southern oil region were released Wednesday, the government said.

The six men were set free in the Port Harcourt area, the focus of a series of kidnapping in recent weeks, said Rivers state government spokesman Magnus Abe.

Among those released was Royce Parfait, a commercial ship captain from Charleston, Tenn., who was abducted 10 days ago in during a raid on a nightclub by suspected militants.

"I appreciate everything everybody's done for us. We're having champagne," Parfait told The Associated Press in a brief telephone interview between Israel and Hezbollah. Diplomats are still trying to hammer out final details, including the peacekeeping force's precise responsibilities.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge dismisses mine safety suit

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The lone survivor of the Sago Mine disaster and the families of two victims filed lawsuits Wednesday against the mine owner and five other companies.

All three lawsuits accuse International Coal Group and a subsidiary of negligence in the operation of the mine. The suits allege that unsafe working conditions led to the Jan. 2 explosion.

Twelve men died in the blast and prolonged entrapment at the coal mine near Buckhannon, while survivor Randal McCloy Jr. was severely injured.

Beatty guilty in activist gunning

CINCINNATI — A man who gunned down a community activist just steps from City Hall was found guilty Wednesday of voluntary manslaughter, a lesser charge than prosecutors wanted.

Judge Norbert Nadel, hearing the case without a jury, said there was not enough evidence to support the more serious charge of aggravated murder against Howard Beatty, 52.

"The evidence shows that Howard Beatty was provoked by Kabaka Oba into a sudden fit of rage," the judge said.

Beatty was accused of shooting Oba in the leg, arm and chest shortly after the in the leg, arm and chest shortly after the targets. Oxfam's report points out that although \$17 billion has been approved by Congress to rebuild homes in Louisiana and Mississippi, not one house has been rebuilt with that money in either state.

LOCAL NEWS

Disabled children's center closes

NEW ALBANY — Nearly half the students who were forced to transfer out of a southern Indiana development center have moved back home with their families, state officials said.

State officials in May closed Silvercrest Children's Development Center, which had been open in the community just north of Louisville, Ky., since 1974. It had housed children with autism and other disabilities temporarily until they could be stabilized and return home.

A state study recommended that the center be closed because it is too expensive and outdated and housed children for too long.

GAZA STRIP

Group admits to Gaza kidnapping

Release of U.S. journalists promised upon liberation of Muslim prisoners

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — An unknown militant group demanded the release of Muslim prisoners in U.S. jails within 72 hours in exchange for two kidnapped Fox News journalists, who were shown sitting cross-legged and bare-foot on the floor in a video released Wednesday.

The video, which broke 10 days of silence from the kidnapers, marked the first time militants in Gaza have issued demands going beyond the conflict with Israel. The footage also had none of the trappings of locally produced videos, such as flags or masked gunmen, raising the possibility that foreign extremists may have taken root in Gaza.

Palestinian and Israeli officials say al-Qaida has been trying to infiltrate Gaza in the aftermath of Israel's withdrawal a year ago. The Egypt-Gaza border is now rife with smuggling tunnels, and Palestinian militant groups have blown up a border wall to allow people in and out of the area.

In the footage, American correspondent Steve Centanni, 60, of Washington, D.C., and cameraman Olaf Wiig, 36, of New Zealand appealed for help in getting released.

The images of the men sitting in a dark, drab room were the first sign of the journalists since they were abducted Aug. 14 from their TV van in Gaza City.

"Our captors are treating us well," Centanni said.

In a statement attached to the video, a group calling itself the Holy Jihad Brigades railed against the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and characterized them as a war against Islam. It made no demands of Israel.

Local militant groups routinely try to limit the conflict to a fight between



Protesters hold photos of cameraman Olaf Wiig, right, and U.S. correspondent Steve Centanni during a demonstration calling for their release in Gaza City on Aug. 19.

Palestinians and Israel, fearing they could otherwise cause a backlash against the Palestinian cause. Major militant groups, including the ruling Hamas movement, have all condemned the kidnapping and called for the journalists' release.

Militants with ties to Hamas have been involved in kidnappings in the past, including the June 25 abduction of an Israeli soldier, aimed at winning the release of Palestinians from Israeli jails.

However, Ghazi Hamad, a spokesman for the government, criticized the kidnapping of the Fox journalists. "Our battle is against the occupation inside the

Palestinian territories, and we are not taking our battle outside the Palestinian land," he said.

Boaz Ganor, an Israeli counterterrorism expert, said the absence of Palestinian demands in the statement made it "much more likely that this is part of an outside group." Ganor said that since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, Islamic militants with direct or indirect links to al-Qaida have sneaked into the territory. "They're now well-rooted in the Gaza Strip," he said.

Over the past two years, Palestinian militants have seized more than two dozen foreigners, usually to settle personal scores, but

released them unharmed within hours. The holding of the Fox journalists is the longest so far.

A Palestinian security official close to the investigation said there were several signs that an outside group was behind the kidnapping. He noted the professional quality of the video and the absence of flags, masked gunmen or logos typically seen in videos made by local groups.

But the official said it was possible that local militants were trying to divert attention. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with the press.

Border crackdown appears effective

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly all non-Mexican illegal immigrants caught sneaking into the United States are being held until they can be returned to their home countries, the Bush administration said Wednesday.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said this marks the end of the "catch-and-release" practice that for years helped many illegal immigrants stay in the United States unhindered.

"There is a real deterrent effect to this policy," Chertoff told reporters in Washington, pointing to a 20,000 drop in the number of illegal immigrants

caught crossing the southwest border this summer compared with last summer.

"Although we're not ready to declare victory — we've got a lot more work to do — it is encouraging and it is something that ought to inspire us to continue to push forward," Chertoff said.

The new policy generally does not apply to Mexicans, who are almost immediately returned to Mexico after being stopped by Border Patrol agents, said John Torres, detention and removal director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an arm of Homeland Security.

Most of the more than 1 million illegal immigrants who sneak over the

southwest border annually are Mexicans, he said.

Of 2,010 non-Mexican immigrants stopped in the first two weeks of August, only 26 have been released — a 99 percent detention rate, Homeland Security data show.

Moreover, the immigrants are detained for an average of 21 days — down from 90 days a year ago — before they are taken home, Torres said.

Immigrant rights advocates have questioned whether the border crackdown actually deters people from sneaking into the U.S., noting that some illegal immigrants may just be shifting entry points to cross at more remote and dangerous areas.

Shappell

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drop popcorn, a cup of noodles, pudding and peanuts in their brown paper bags.

Another Shappell-Andrichik campaign promise launches today. The College Readership Program — made possible by a Student Activities Fee increase — will deliver 1,600 copies of the Chicago Tribune, the New York Times and USA Today to campus.

The papers, available only to students, can be picked up in both dining halls, LaFortune Student Center and various other campus locations.

"I really think this will improve the level of discussion both inside and outside the classroom amongst students," Shappell said.

She encourages those who pick up a newspaper to pass it to friends and classmates or return it to the bin for others to use.

Shappell plans to continue the work of last year's administration, led by former student body president Dave Baron, to improve community relations between Notre Dame and South Bend.

Student government kicked off the school year with two events designed to inform students about the city: the first-ever "Explore South Bend Tour" and the second annual off-campus student information fair Monday.

Shappell and Andrichik hope to work with South Bend Mayor Steven Luecke and his office to promote events in South Bend and improve the general student perception of the city.

"I think it really is about changing the culture of how we look at the South Bend community," Shappell said.

A significant component of improving community relations would be a change to the amendment passed by the South Bend Common Council last summer, Shappell said. She said she will work "tirelessly" to change the ordinance, which allows landlords to evict residents after a first noise violation.

Andrichik wants to expand on this community relations initiative by reaching out to nearby Mishawaka. The city wants Notre Dame students to know it for more than just the chain restaurants and stores on Grape Road, Andrichik said.

The administration's goals also include what Andrichik calls "common sense issues"—

plans discussed during his three years at Notre Dame that have never come into fruition. The duo wants to cultivate student-alumni connections long before they become vital during job searches.

"We want to be able to not start student-alumni contact when one side needs the other as opposed to starting it a lot earlier on so it is a much stronger relationship," Andrichik said.

To build these connections, Andrichik proposes student-alumni receptions before home football games this fall. He is also working with the Alumni Association and the Career Center to give students full access to Irish Online, an alumni networking website.

This year, Shappell will sit as an ex officio member of the Alumni Board. She said it is essential that a student representative be present on the board to increase contact between alumni and current students.

Shappell and Andrichik plan to bring speakers onto campus to address academic issues. The student government will sponsor the Catholic Think Tank of America lecture series, now in its second year. Shappell is also organizing a conference to discuss eating disorders, which will take place in February or March.

Calling the plan "ambitious," she said it is important that, as a top-20 Catholic university, Notre Dame searches for a way to prevent this disease.

"We want to ask more pressing questions, looking at what creates an environment conducive to eating disorders," Shappell said.

Other bullets on the agenda include improving seating availability for students at football game pep rallies and using classified ads on insideND for book and ticket exchanges.

"To put it simply, I'd like to see everything done on our platform," Shappell said.

Along with Andrichik, Shappell expressed optimism that this is an achievable goal. They hope to continue what Shappell calls a "professional" relationship with University President Father John Jenkins and his administration. Shappell and Andrichik said positive past experiences with Jenkins bode well for continued collaboration this year.

"It seems like an administration that is very open to contact and discussion with students," Andrichik said.

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Senate

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end of Fall Break.

"We think we have found a way to preserve this benefit to students," Berlo said. "It's important to us that if you can't attend you can utilize that ticket for someone who is close to you."

In other Senate news:

♦ College Readership Program organizer Chris Harris reminded senators that CRP will launch today. He said about 400 papers will be available at each of four spots on

campus (South Dining Hall, North Dining Hall, LaFortune and near the Joyce Center parking lot).

Student government leaders will be wearing and handing out "Stay Connected" t-shirts to help advertise the new program, which is funded by a \$15 Student Activities Fee increase.

♦ Student body president Lizzi Shappell, student body vice president Bill Andrichik and chief executive assistant Liz Brown updated senators on progress they made during the summer months.

Shappell said she has been working on an eating disorders conference slated for sec-

ond semester. Shappell's focus this fall will be working with the South Bend Common Council to make changes to the recently-revised South Bend disorderly house ordinance.

Andrichik told members about his work on adding new items to Grab and Go and getting students access to Golrish, an alumni networking Web site.

Brown sat on a committee that selected new channels for the cable network in dorm rooms. Her committee made recommendations, but those have not been finalized.

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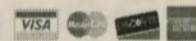
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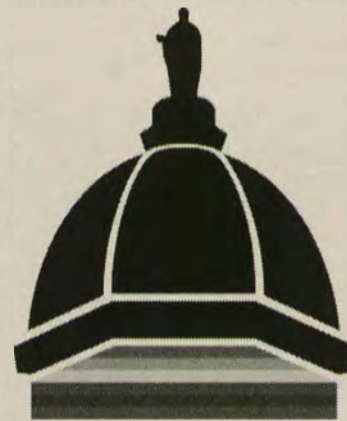
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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.20	+0.05	25.67
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	0.00	0.00	2.51

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	+0.30	-0.015	4.950
30-YEAR BOND	0.00	0.00	4.950
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IN BRIEF

Concerns plague livestock ID project

KANSAS CITY, Mo — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns assured livestock owners Wednesday that information collected in a planned animal identification program will be kept confidential and used only in the event of a disease outbreak.

Speaking before a conference on animal identification technology and policy, Johanns sought to downplay concerns that farm information collected through the program could fall into the hands of competitors, animal rights activists or other members of the public.

He said private vendors would collect and maintain the data, making it off-limits to federal open-records laws, a concern that has led officials in some states, such as Vermont, to put their own data-collection efforts on hold.

"It is not data that is controlled and owned by the USDA, so we can protect confidentiality," Johanns said in response to a question from the audience.

Johanns' assurances held little water with some of the 30 protesters picketing outside the meeting. They said the program violated their property rights, would cost too much and is aimed at helping large-scale producers who want to sell their livestock overseas.

Stocks fall on weak housing numbers

NEW YORK — Wall Street fell for a third straight session Wednesday as fresh signs of a housing slump triggered concerns that the economy is slowing too fast and could erode corporate profits.

Investors believed that housing sales might be dropping more rapidly than anticipated, and theorized that a soft landing for the U.S. economy might be more difficult to achieve. The report from the National Association of Realtors that sales of previously owned homes dropped in July to a pace of 6.33 million units, the lowest since January 2004.

The data comes after a Federal Reserve official hinted Tuesday that higher interest rates may still be needed to tame inflation, a move that could curtail consumer spending.

Businesses relocate post-Katrina

New Orleans entrepreneurs set up elsewhere; many have no plans to return home

Associated Press

Christine McAtee hopes to go back to New Orleans some day, but for the foreseeable future, The Woodlands, Texas, is where she'll live and run her marketing firm. McAtee, owner of Adventures in Advertising/Insignia Marketing, is one of thousands of small business owners forced to leave the city ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and start over someplace else.

The storm left water in McAtee's home and her office, but the dampness that pervaded everything was just as destructive, damaging files and leaving computers inoperable. And with the city paralyzed, it was clear it would be hard for McAtee to rebuild her company and take care of her two children.

There were awful moments as she salvaged what she could: "You think, this can't be happening, when you slip and fall in the grime and you're covered with who knows what and there's no running water to wash it off with."

And outside her office, it was catastrophic.

"There weren't a lot of people around. I looked around and thought I was deathly scared to lose the business I'd built all those years," she said.

McAtee decided to look for temporary office space in another city, with the expectation that she'd move back to New Orleans, where she was born and grew up. But so many other business owners were competing for space, and she thought about having to uproot her business again at some point. So she decided, "instead of going for temporary office space, I looked for something I wouldn't have to close down in a few months."

McAtee ended up in The Woodlands, near Houston,



Christine McAtee, at her business on Aug. 17, opened her Adventures in Advertising/Insignia company in The Woodlands, Texas after Hurricane Katrina.

opened an office and continued working; while she had New Orleans clients who were displaced, her company also has many clients in other cities. She believes the move saved the business, because it allowed her to get back to work faster.

"We're back on track, where we should have been at this time," McAtee said. "I can see the growth starting to come back."

But she's also hoping someday to go back to New Orleans: "We'll see what happens."

For Greg Mangiaracina, the move from New Orleans to San Antonio is permanent. After seeing how the storm had unsettled his family, the safety of his wife and children

became paramount.

Like McAtee, Mangiaracina, owner of A-Pro Home Inspection Services, knew he had to act quickly to save the business. The problem he faced was the destruction of the city's infrastructure — his business includes running training programs for franchisees from around the country and without a functioning airport and tourism industry, he couldn't get people to come to New Orleans.

Mangiaracina said he knew he could survive — "I could go back to New Orleans and be in an engineering firm" — but he felt a responsibility to the 120 franchisees in his system, so he knew he needed to move.

He had a Sept. 30 deadline for getting a new training facility set up somewhere else, as he had a class scheduled then. So he chose San Antonio: "I was looking for a place relatively free of natural disasters, a large city that had easy access to around the country. I needed a place that had good tourism."

The training facility was intact, although Mangiaracina's original leak detection business, the one that spawned the franchise system, was destroyed. With help, he loaded trucks with 7,000 square feet of furniture including stadium-style seating, and transported the facility's contents to Texas, set it up and made his deadline.

Ford announces production cuts

Associated Press

Hundreds of workers at Indiana's auto parts plants could face layoffs as a ripple effect of production cuts by Ford Motor Co.

More than 800 workers at Muncie's BorgWarner Automotive plant may be put on a weeklong furlough beginning Sunday, and layoffs in the Chicago area could affect workers living in northwestern Indiana.

Ford last week announced deep production cuts designed to bring its supply of vehicles in line with withering demand for its biggest sellers — pickups and SUVs. Ford said it will temporarily shut down 10 assembly plants across North America through

the end of this year to cut its fourth-quarter production by 21 percent.

Indiana is home to many automotive suppliers, some of which do business with Ford.

"I know from conversations with suppliers that some are going to take 15 to 20 percent revenue hits" as a result of Ford's cuts, said Kevin Reale, research director for AMR Research, an industry consulting company.

The biggest hit in Indiana looked to be at BorgWarner, which makes transmission transfer cases for Ford 4-wheel-drive F-150 pickup trucks and Explorer and Navigator sport utility vehicles.

Some 840 hourly workers were

told last week the plant would shut down for one week, but Doug Owenby, vice president of operations, said Tuesday the layoff notice might have been premature.

"At this point, we are re-evaluating it based on new information from customer releases and demand," Owenby said.

Owenby acknowledged that the Ford cuts would be a "significant blow" to the Muncie plant.

Though Indiana has no Ford assembly plants, many northwestern Indiana residents work at a Chicago assembly plant targeted for temporary shutdown and a stamping plant in Chicago Heights, Ill., that produces body panels for that plant.

Rankings

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and third. Regional schools Indiana University, Purdue University and the University of Michigan ranked No. 70, No. 64 and No. 24, respectively.

Other Catholic colleges included Georgetown University at No. 23 and Boston College at No. 34.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked comprehensive colleges nationwide and placed Saint Mary's first in the Midwest out of 106 schools. The honor is nothing new, however — the College has led the list 12 of the past 13 years.

Saint Mary's spokesperson Melanie McDonald said the honor is not something the College specifically strives for in developing programs, but is a "happy consequence" of the school's educational merit.

"It's about consistently being excellent in educating women," she said. "Any time you receive positive recognition for the work you're doing, you have to

smile and say thank you."

Saint Mary's all-female make-up is "another thing that puts [the College] at the top," McDonald said, referring to a July Indiana University study which found women's colleges are "better served in their educational pursuits than their peers at coeducational institutions."

In addition to the U.S. News & World Report rankings, the University was also selected by the editors of the 2007 Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get into College Guide" in its selection of 25 "new Ivies."

The guide noted the number of alumni and students who cite the University's "unique Catholic character," as well as the more than 50 percent of entering freshmen who said Notre Dame was their first choice.

Additionally, the report praised the University's 95 percent graduation rate — rivaled only by Harvard and Princeton, with equivalent records — and 80 percent of students who participate in community service.

The rankings included universities whose top-rate scholastic programs, in tandem with a "population boom" in the nation's leading scholars, have spurred a "rise in stature and favor among the nation's top students, administrators and faculty — edging them to a competitive status rivaling the Ivy League."

"The reason we have attained the level we have is because of our unique strengths," Wycliff said. "We will continue to build on those unique strengths ... [and] maybe someday schools will be named the 'new Notre Dames.'"

Other "new Ivies" included Boston College, Colgate University, New York University, Tufts University and the University of Michigan. A school's placement on the list relied on admissions statistics and interviews with administrators, stu-

dents, faculty and alumni.

Other publications had similar opinions of Notre Dame as U.S. News & World Report.

Washington Monthly magazine, an alternative political publication, ranked Notre Dame No.13 among colleges nationwide in its September issue.

Editors said the rankings assessed the "patriotism" of various institutions and explored "what colleges are doing for the country." The guide targeted Americans concerned about how effectively colleges utilize tax money and how institutions of higher learning prepare students to keep the nation "competitive in a changing world," the magazine said.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology topped the list. The University of California-Berkeley, Penn State

University, UCLA and Texas A&M rounded out the top five.

Wycliff said though rankings are useful to the University, "one has to consider what the people who are doing the listing have in mind, what criteria they use and what biases they may bring to the issue."

"Obviously every [list] serves some purpose to somebody," he said. "[The biases] can be as benign as the highest priority on academic graduate research, or in the case of the Washington Monthly rankings, how well the institution serves American democracy."

McDonald said the U.S. News & World Report rankings, among other lists, are sometimes "controversial in some of value" since there is no definitive way to evaluate schools.

"A lot of students and parents look at rankings and find value in them," she said. "They use [the lists] as a tool — and to be ranked at the top is an honor."

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"... Maybe someday schools will be named the 'new Notre Dames.'"

Don Wycliff
associate vice president
News and Information

Cable

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With the new cable installation, students are no longer allowed to use satellite dishes on campus.

"I don't think [the exclusion of satellite dishes] is much of an issue, especially with the [University] offering cable and the additional cable packages," sophomore Andrew Parnell said.

While some students have had difficulty setting up their televisions, Director of Integrated Communication Services Steve Ellis said this is not usually due to poor installation.

"There have been only a small number of reports [from students] about the cable not working properly, but many

times it is not the cable, but the TV," Ellis said. "Most of the calls that we have received have been about how to set up the TV."

Many students are excited about the change.

"I think it's great [having cable in the dorm]," sophomore Ben Johnson said. "It's not really a distraction because if I didn't have cable, I would probably be on the computer anyway."

Johnson also said knowing he would have cable when he returned to campus influenced his decision to purchase a larger TV.

Some students said that the addition of wireless Internet and cable in the residence halls may influence their decision to stay on campus.

"I don't really see the need to move off campus [since wireless Internet and cable are

provided]," junior Jessica Jimenez said.

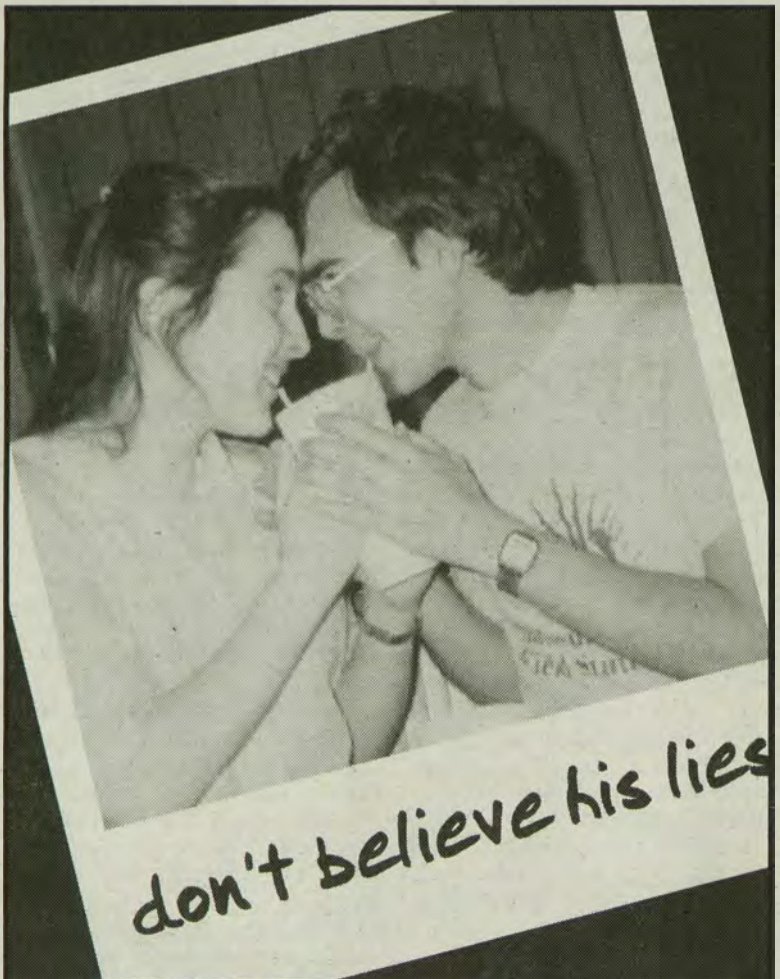
Students who use the standard cable-channel line up are not required to pay any additional costs. Comcast also provides expanded cable packages. The packages feature additional channels that are not included in the standard package and range in price from five to 40 dollars per month.

Shoup said the cost of the cable is included in students' room and board fees. However, he declined to say exactly how much money students pay for the cable services.

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SOMALIA

Islamic militia reopens seaport

Associated Press

MOGADISHU — The seaport in the Somali capital reopened Wednesday for the first time in 11 years, the latest sign that the city's Islamic fundamentalist rulers are trying to restore confidence after more than a decade of anarchy.

Mogadishu International Seaport still must undergo dramatic renovations after so many years of disuse but it is ready to receive commercial traffic, said Sheik Abdulkadir Ali Omar, a member of the Islamic militia that has taken control of the capital and much of southern Somalia in recent months.

"From today on, the port is open and the world can send its goods here," Omar said, adding that a formal opening ceremony will be held Thursday.

The seaport has not been operational since 1995, when United Nations forces left Somalia by sea and air amid political and clan-based violence. The country's last effective central government was toppled in 1991 by rival warlords who then turned on each other.

The port and area its surrounds were controlled by rival warlords whose militias prevented its use. Businessmen and aid agencies used a smaller port outside the capital, with the risk

that imported goods and those for export might simply disappear.

"We are notifying the Somali people, especially businessmen, to use the seaport to ship their goods around the world," said Omar Wehliye, the newly named manager of the port.

Mogadishu's international airport, closed more than 10 years, reopened a month ago. Flights have been coming in and leaving the airport daily, but it was not immediately clear how much traffic the seaport would get. Somalia still has no coast guard or navy, and pirate attacks are frequent off the country's lawless coast.

School drops SAT requirements

Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — George Mason University is becoming one of the nation's first four-year public universities to drop the SAT and other standardized tests from its admissions requirements for certain students.

High school seniors with at least a 3.5 grade-point average and who are in the top 20 percent of their class won't have to submit an SAT or ACT score with their application beginning this year, said dean of admissions Andrew Flagel.

The school, after a three-year review, concluded that SAT scores are a poor indicator of collegiate success for high-achieving high school students.

Applicants who don't have a 3.5 GPA will still be required to submit a test score. Students

who want to play intercollegiate sports also must submit test scores because the NCAA uses them to help determine eligibility.

Dozens of private schools have stopped requiring applicants to take the SAT or ACT amid concerns the tests are not accurate gauges of an applicant's potential for success.

Among public schools, however, George Mason's stance is somewhat unique.

A number of public universities, including the University of Texas, guarantee admission to students who achieve a certain grade-point average or class rank in high school, negating the need to submit an SAT or ACT.

At George Mason, applicants who do not submit an SAT or ACT score will still be evaluated

by the admissions committee and must submit two additional letters of recommendation.

The SAT has come under fire in recent years from critics who feel it is overemphasized and is biased against minorities. However, George Mason, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, found that the SAT was a weak predictor for all races when applied to students with high GPAs. Flagel said racial and minority issues had nothing to do with the school's decision.

Caren Scoropanos, a spokeswoman for the College Board, which administers the SAT test, said that both grade-point averages and SAT scores can be good predictors of collegiate success, but that evaluating both is the best way to gauge an applicant's prospects.

Bio company creates alternative stem cells

Opponents still not satisfied with method

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an innovative move, a biotech company has found a new way of making stem cells without destroying embryos, touting it as a way to defuse one of the country's fiercest political and ethical debates.

Some opponents of the research said the method still doesn't satisfy their objections and many stem cell scientists and their supporters called it inefficient and politically wrong-headed.

But a spokeswoman for President Bush, who vetoed legislation last month that would have allowed federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, called it a step in the right direction.

And Dr. Robert Lanza, an executive with Advanced Cell Technology, which created the new stem cell lines, said: "This will make it far more difficult to oppose this research."

Stem cells have become a Holy Grail for advocates of patients with a wide variety of illnesses because of the cells' potential to transform into any type of human tissue, perhaps leading to new treatments. But the Vatican, President Bush and others have argued that the promise of stem cells should not be realized at the expense of human life, even in its most nascent stages.

The new method works by taking an embryo at a very early stage of development and removing a single cell, which can be coaxed into spawning an embryonic stem cell line. With only one cell removed, the rest of the embryo retains its full potential for development.

The method was described online Wednesday in the British journal *Nature*. The journal published a similar paper by Advanced Cell Technology last year demonstrating the technique's viability in mice.

"The science is interesting and important," said John Harris, a professor of bioethics at the University of Manchester in Great Britain, commenting on the biotech company's efforts.

But few believe it will resolve the bitter ethical battle over stem cell research.

"This will please no one," predicted a longtime critic of the company, Glenn McGee, director of the Alden March Bioethics Institute in Albany, N.Y.

Some stem cell researchers complain that the new approach, though it may hold future promise, simply isn't as efficient as their current method of creating stem cells. That procedure involves the destruction of embryos after about five days of development, when they consist of about 100 cells.

Meanwhile, hard-line opponents of stem cell science argue that the technique solves nothing, because even the single cell removed by the new approach could theoretically grow into a full-fledged human. Some also object over the possibility the procedure could harm the embryo in an unknown way.

The method "raises more ethical questions than it answers," said Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

U.S. law currently bans federal funding of any research that harms human embryos. A White House spokeswoman said the method's eligibility for funding could not yet be determined, "but it is encouraging to see scientists at least making serious efforts to move away from research that involves the destruction of embryos."

President Bush has said that he personally opposes any research that sacrifices embryonic life, even to save an existing person. In August 2001 the president limited federal funding to research on a few dozen stem cell lines that had been created up to that point.

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Darfur refugee camp rape count increases

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — More than 200 women have been raped in a refugee camp in Darfur in the past five weeks, a sign of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the violence-wracked Sudanese region, an aid group said Wednesday.

The increased violence came as the U.N. Security Council discussed a draft resolution to replace an understaffed African Union peacekeeping force with a larger, more effective U.N. mission in Darfur, where more than 200,000 people have been killed since 2003.

The number of rapes in Kalma camp — one of Darfur's largest with about 100,000 refugees — was one measure of the increased violence throughout the region. Another measure was a rising number of people fleeing their homes and of attacks on aid workers, said International Rescue Committee, which collected the information.

"This is a massive spike in figures. We are used to hearing of two to four incidents of sexual assault per month in Kalma camp," said Kurt Tjossem of the rescue committee.

The group did not specify who committed the rapes. Refugees in the past have accused pro-government janjaweed militia of harassing them.

The aid group's statement echoed a report issued by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a day earlier that said there were thousands of documented cases of women and children abducted for forced labor or forced sex.

"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen," Annan said. "Girls

have been targeted in interethnic conflicts as a deliberate form of humiliation of a group, and as a means of ethnic cleansing."

Violence flared three years ago in Darfur when ethnic African tribes revolted against the Arab-led Sudanese government. Khartoum is accused of having unleashed in response a paramilitary group known as the janjaweed that have been blamed for much of the atrocities.

Measuring the violence in the vast, arid Darfur region has long been notoriously difficult, with pro-government armed groups and rebel factions often barring access to international observers, and Khartoum providing scarce information.

International pressure has been mounting on Khartoum to let a large U.N. mission into the country to resolve the crisis.

On Wednesday, four U.S. congressmen ended a trip to Sudan, the U.S. Embassy in

Khartoum said. The delegation was led by Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, the embassy said.

The International Rescue Committee statement said more than 50,000 people have been made refugees in recent weeks, joining some two million people previously displaced by the conflict.

Last month alone, nine humanitarian aid workers were killed and 20 vehicles were hijacked in Darfur, the New York-based IRC also said.

The U.N. and several aid organizations have also warned that a peace agreement signed in May between the Sudanese government and the main Darfur rebel group only led to more violence and a worsening of the humanitarian crisis.

"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen."

**Kofi Annan
secretary-general
United Nations**

LEBANON

U.N. mandate divides Mideast

Israel, Syria dispute mobilization of international border force

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria on Wednesday opposed deployment of an international force along its border to prevent arms shipments to Hezbollah, and Israel called the situation in Lebanon "explosive." A cease-fire was further shaken by artillery shells and explosions that killed three Lebanese soldiers and an Israeli.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora asked the U.S. to help lift an Israeli blockade on his country's coast and airport — something Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said would not happen until U.N. troops deployed along the Lebanon-Syria border to block the flow of weapons. Hezbollah's vast arsenal of rockets and other weapons, much of which is believed to originate in Iran, reaches the guerrillas across the Syrian border.

European Union ambassadors and deputies met in Brussels, Belgium, to drum up volunteers for the force, but tentative pledges reached just 4,200 troops by Wednesday — far short of the 15,000 called for by the U.N. cease-fire resolution. Deployment was likely take weeks or months.

Meanwhile, Syria indicated it might impose a blockade of its own.

"They will close their borders for all traffic in the event that U.N. troops are deployed along the Lebanon-Syria border," Finland's foreign minister Erkki Tuomioja said after meeting his Syrian counterpart,

Walid Moallem, in Helsinki. Finland holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

Lebanon has land borders only with Syria and Israel.

Syria's threat to close its border and Israel's resolve to continue the blockade were among the burgeoning hurdles facing Lebanon as it struggled to meet key requirements of the U.N. resolution: deployment of 15,000 Lebanese soldiers south for the first time in four decades and stiffening control on all borders.

Saniora said his government was making "every effort" to secure the borders, but Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni questioned the pace.

"Time is working against those who would like to see this resolution applied," Livni told reporters after talks in Paris with French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy. "We are now in the most sensitive and explosive position."

Several incidents erupted along the Israel-Lebanon border Wednesday, with the killing of three Lebanese and one Israeli soldier by exploding ordnance, the capture of two Lebanese men in an army raid, and the resumption of sporadic shelling by Israeli forces in the disputed Chebaa Farms.

Olmert told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice by phone that the international force must arrive as soon as possible, so the sea and air blockade could be called off, his office said.

Syria — a Hezbollah benefactor largely left out of diplomacy

during the 34-day war — appeared to insert itself Wednesday.

Syrian President Bashar Assad called any deployment of multinational troops along his border a "hostile" affront to Syria.

"First, this means creating hostile conditions between Syria and Lebanon," Assad told Dubai Television in an interview aired Wednesday. "Second, it is a hostile move toward Syria and naturally it will create problems."

The Aug. 11 U.N. resolution that halted fighting three days later called for the international reinforcements to arrive in Lebanon, but some have complained the mandate was fuzzy.

The additional peacekeepers were to augment the 2,000-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, deploy south of the Litani River, 18 miles from the Israeli border, and open fire only in defense of themselves and civilians.

"The Israelis cannot ask UNIFIL to disarm Hezbollah. This is not written in our mandate," French Maj. Gen. Alain Pellegrini, the UNIFIL commander, told reporters at force headquarters in Naqoura, Lebanon.

Pellegrini said the cease-fire "is tense, very fragile, very volatile... Any provocation or misunderstanding could escalate very, very rapidly."

Many countries appeared wary of joining without safeguards to ensure they don't get sucked into a new Mideast conflict.

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Karr's family seeks top lawyer

Relatives of JonBenet Ramsey's alleged killer insist he is innocent

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John Mark Karr's relatives offered up the book and film rights to the family's story Wednesday in hopes of raising money for a high-powered attorney to defend Karr against charges that he killed 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey.

"They're not looking for money for themselves," said Larry Garrison, a producer the family hired to represent them in media deals. "They're looking to support John's boys' college education and to make sure all legal fees are covered."

Karr remained in a Los Angeles jail Wednesday afternoon awaiting transfer to Colorado, where JonBenet was killed in her Boulder home in December 1996.

Garrison told The Associated Press that no money had changed hands yet with the Karrs, and he didn't want to go into details about the agreement. Karr's brother, Nate Karr, confirmed that Garrison is now representing the family.

Karr told reporters in Thailand last week that he was present when JonBenet died and that her death was an accident. He did not specifically say he killed her, and Boulder prosecutors have not disclosed their evidence against him.

His family has insisted Karr was in Georgia during the Christmas week that JonBenet was killed.

Georgia attorney Gary Harris, who had represented Karr's father and brother in recent days, has said the family found a photo from Christmas 1996 showing Karr's three sons at a dinner in Atlanta. Karr is not in

the photo, but the family insists that if the boys were there, Karr would have been too.

"John Karr wasn't working," Harris said. "He couldn't afford to buy a MARTA (Atlanta public transportation) or bus ticket, much less plane fare to Colorado."

A family photo has been turned over to Boulder authorities, but Garrison could not say what it shows.

"I can tell you they proclaim his innocence," Garrison said. "They feel he was not there at the time, that some of the statements made by the press are absurd."

Harris told the AP on Wednesday that as far as the family knows, the only time Karr was ever in Colorado was in 2001 when his car broke down on a trip from Alabama to California with his then-wife and children. He said the family got the car fixed and moved on.

Harris said he thinks Karr claimed involvement in JonBenet's death because he is ill.

"Obviously, this guy has some mental problems," he said. "He obviously has some emotional problems. He's always had some."

Harris declined to be more specific but said he has no knowledge of Karr ever seeing a psychiatrist. He also noted that the family lost touch with Karr five years ago.

"We don't know what happened in the last five years because they hadn't talked to him," Harris said. "They thought he was dead."

A psychiatrist has met with Karr twice since he was brought to Los Angeles

County's Twin Towers jail Sunday night after a flight from Thailand, said sheriff's Lt. George Vanecek. At the jail, deputies were looking in on Karr every 15 minutes.

Harris told the AP on Wednesday that, because of a difference of opinion, he no longer is representing Karr's father Wexford and brother Nate. He said he now represents only Michael Karr, another brother of John Karr, and his wife.

Harris would not disclose the reason for the split, but suggested it had something to do with Wexford and Nate Karr's desire to sell the family story.

"My clients are not seeking any book deals or anything of that nature," Harris said of Michael Karr and his wife. "I'll let you deduce what you want from that. My clients are not looking to make any money off of this."

Karr agreed Tuesday not to fight extradition to Colorado. In a two-minute court appearance, his expression changed only once when he slowly closed his eyes as the judge recited the count of first-degree murder that Boulder prosecutors included in an arrest warrant.

Karr "has been portrayed by the media as of late as being mentally unstable, attention-seeking, unwell, mentally unwell. And he is none of those things," said attorney Jamie Harmon, who spoke with Karr in jail and attended Tuesday's hearing.

He "is anxious to have an opportunity to address the allegations against him, to be portrayed in a more accurate and complete way," Harmon said.

Dissent plagues the Christian Coalition

Alabama, Iowa and Ohio chapters leave national organization

Associated Press

Three disgruntled state affiliates have severed ties with the Christian Coalition of America, one of the nation's most powerful conservative groups during the 1990s but now buffeted by complaints over finances, leadership and its plans to veer into nontraditional policy areas.

"It's a very sad day for our people, but a liberating day," said John Giles, president of the coalition's Alabama chapter, which announced Wednesday that it was renaming itself and splitting from the national organization. The Iowa and Ohio chapters took similar steps this year.

Giles said he and his Alabama colleagues have "a dozen hard reasons" for the action but would elaborate on only one — a perception that the coalition's leadership was diverting itself from traditional concerns such as abortion and same-sex marriage to address other issues ranging from the environment to Internet access.

Giles predicted further defections and said the coalition was now left with only a half-dozen strong state chapters and a weak presence in Washington.

"In our prime, we were rated the seventh-most powerful lobbying organization in the country," he said. "Now, there's not even any blip on the radar screen."

At its peak, the coalition had a presence in every state, but in some cases a modest one.

The coalition's president, Roberta Combs, insisted her organization — which is \$1 million in debt — would survive the defections, and was unapologetic about her interest in new

directions.

"We're going to have a new mission, a new vision — much more broad-focused," she said. "They don't like some of the comments I've made about the environment and some of these other issues."

The coalition, which claims more than 2 million members, was founded in 1989 by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson and became politically powerful under Executive Director Ralph Reed before he left in 1997. Robertson, who turned over the presidency to Combs in 2002, has been criticized for provocative public statements, while Reed lost an election in Georgia last month after being linked to disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Jim Backlin, the coalition's vice president for legislative affairs, said the Reed situation harmed the organization because of heavy media coverage that constantly mentioned his past role with the coalition.

Backlin insisted, however, that the coalition remained influential among conservatives in Congress.

"Many of the congressional offices always look for Christian

Coalition support right away when trying to get their bosses' legislation passed," he said.

On the political left, an activist who monitors conservative organizations said the coalition never recovered from Reed's departure — with its staff and annual budget shrinking.

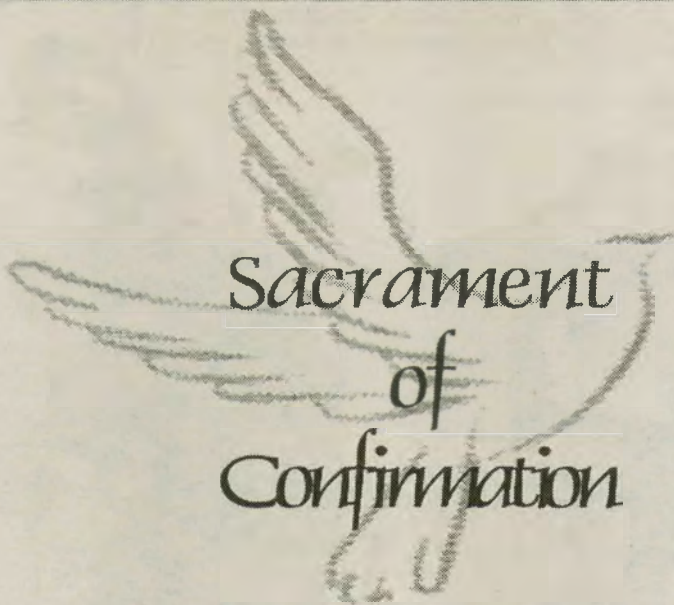
"They've been in free-fall ever since," said Peter Montgomery of the liberal group People for the American Way. "It's not surprising that local affiliates want to distance themselves from this floundering organization."

Steve Scheffler, who led the breakaway of the coalition's Iowa chapter in March, blamed Combs herself for much of the friction, saying she didn't treat the heads of the state affiliates with respect.

"It's a very sad day for our people, but a liberating day."

**John Giles
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Strange bedfellows

Between their normal routines of praying, archery lessons, and flagpoled-under-pants pranks, numerous Christian camps across the country are now incorporating "a science curriculum about God's Creation" into their summertime activities, says a recent Newsweek article. One educational director says the aim is to give the kids enough of a background in the idea that, going back to school and learning about evolution, they will think, "Oh, that sounds goofy!"

Wild-eyed fanatics like these, spouting their subversive fundamentalist views, are going to destroy this country's technological gravitas as our youth turn away from the study of sciences and revert back to ignorant, primitive religions. Or at least that's what some left-wingers would have you believe.

The article also covered atheist-sponsored camps practicing the same indoctrination with the opposing goal. Some fundamentalist Christians would in turn argue that atheist scientists like these, bent on corrupting the moral character of our children, are hypnotizing them to reject God and luring them to revel in a libertine lifestyle of devilry and hedonism. Which is, of course, equally ridiculous.

Why all the fervor over educational content? Had parents always taken this strong an interest in their children's education, we might see fewer high-school dropouts, decreased gang activity, and a mainstream spike in studiousness. The evolution debate is being played out largely by myopic adults, while the children too often resemble chess pieces in some larger conflict.

For some reason, many uncompromising believers cannot accept, or refuse to accept, over a century of rigorous scientific inquiry. Admittedly, scientific thought

itself demands wild guesses, un-testable theories, and acceptance of certain tenets or laws — in short, it's just another system of faith. Religion should recognize this affinity and not see science as a threat which undermines its own faith.

Heads are particularly hard in my home state of Kansas. At a Board of Education evolution hearing in 2005, board member Kathy Martin boldly declared: "Evolution has been proven false." It has, Ms. Martin? Where was I when they announced this? She perceives evolution — "an unproven, often disproven" theory, she said in further comments — as an implicit attack on her beliefs, and she is not alone. Ergo the intense controversy and either/or choices thrust upon children.

The downside of this entire dispute, however, is not that children will be swayed one way or the other. When was the last time you contemplated the origins of the species? Really, how often does that come up? Now I know, personally, I like to start off my day with orange juice, cereal, and ruminations on the finer points of Darwinian survivalism, but I thought I was the only one. Honestly, this issue seldom arises as a tense conversation between high school students, or adults for that matter. It's one of those three-in-the-morning questions, but not something that affects our daily lives.

Yes, this may come as a shock to some people: students who miss out on the study of evolution are not going to be rationally handicapped for the rest of their educational careers. They will not be socially stunted or unable to gain acceptance to the college of their dreams. Similarly, kids who learn about evolution are not going to have their spirituality stripped away and their faith annihilated by the unforgiving embrace of atheistic science. Too often the extremist enclaves in our country, a country still trying to define its moral nature, try to argue that

one of these apocalyptic scenarios will be the long-term consequence of a high school biology class.

The danger, instead, lies in that children are being trained to think that religion and science cannot co-exist. The Religious and the Scientific realms become naturally repulsive of each other, allowing room for no crossover. The secular sphere is always afraid of encroachment by domineering religious forces, and vice-versa. Children are caught in the middle.

Why should we pass on to the next generation the rabid and uncompromising views of obsessed scientists or fanatical religious? The Pat Robertsons and the Felix Hoenikkers of this world should not be dictating what our children will learn. Evolution need not be seen as a threat to Christianity. Pursuing secular or scientific studies should not preclude anyone from fully practicing their religious faith.

The tension between these realms reverberates internally and externally. We are all familiar with this conflict, especially at this University. Yet here I find encouragement. Many of us have learned that our faiths and our scientific pursuits do not have to be mutually exclusive. I hesitate to say we have learned to "balance" science and religion, because neither should have to be compromised. Science can describe the how, but it cannot address the why. The why — this "ultimate concern" — is what believers ought to engage and affirm.

Then science could focus on the really important questions, such as, how do they get 1,000 chips in every bag?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

Leo Tolstoy
Russian author

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Innocent bystanders

This summer, I was supposed to spend a month studying at the University of Balamand, an Orthodox Christian university in northern Lebanon with a mission to spread tolerance, human dignity and Christian-Muslim understanding through the Middle East region.



Chris Khorey

Associate Sports Editor

Unfortunately, two weeks into the program, increasing hostilities between Hezbollah militants and the Israeli army turned the small Middle Eastern nation into a battleground.

Fighting broke out the same day my classmates and I left for a planned weekend excursion into Syria — though we were blissfully unaware of the chaos around us until we reached a Syrian passport control officer who gave us the news. We left the University at 5 a.m., crossing the border not long before the road we had been driving on was bombed by Israeli fighter jets. I spent the next six days outside Damascus, unable to re-enter Lebanon and without most of my possessions, before flying home two weeks earlier than I had planned.

I returned home to almost a hero's welcome, with family, friends and acquaintances telling me how they'd prayed for my safe return and newspaper and TV reporters clamoring to interview me.

But I hadn't done anything other than stay in a hotel a few days longer than expected. The real heroes were back in the Middle East.

Several Balamand students and faculty members acted as "facilitators" of my study program, which was open to people from all over North and South America but included mostly Mexicans and Canadians. Some of these Lebanese students were scheduled to graduate in late July (a ceremony that was quickly scrapped when the war began). In the meantime, they had decided to give up their summers at home to stay at school helping foreigners navigate their country, acting as interpreters, tour guides, and friends. They showed us around the

numerous historic, cultural and religious sites that dot the Lebanese countryside, proudly pointing out ancient landmarks and beautiful new buildings that arose after the civil war of the 1970s and 80s. Between classes and touring we watched the World Cup together, cheering in four languages for players from around the globe.

When we foreigners went to Syria, many of the facilitators came, finding themselves separated from — and oftentimes unable to contact — their friends and families as the bombing in Lebanon intensified. Yet, even as they stared in disbelief at television images of explosions in their newly rebuilt capital city, they continued to make our safety and transport home their top priority. Hospitable even in the worst of times, they seemed determined to make our stay in the region pleasant even while it exploded around them.

One Balamand senior, a man named Jad, was unable to get a hold of anyone in his home town for days after Israeli rockets knocked out a nearby cell phone tower. One night I saw him, after yet another unsuccessful attempt to get through, sitting in dejection on the stairs in front of our hotel. When he saw me coming, however, he twisted his face into a smile and turned his attention to me. Had I called my parents? Was I scared? Was I excited about visiting some nearby ruins? This man, who for all he knew could have had his home destroyed, was most interested in my feelings and my well-being.

Pierre, a Balamand faculty member who was especially close to English speaking students like me, had an opportunity to leave — an available plane ticket from Damascus to Athens, to the safety of his girlfriend's home in Greece. He didn't take it. He stayed with his old friends from Balamand and his new friends, the foreigners he had escorted to Syria.

Greater even than the selflessness they showed was their love for their homeland. Every single Balamand student and faculty member with me in Syria quickly decided that they would return to Lebanon only when they saw their guests safely out of harm. There was a commitment even as the Israelis decimated the country that everything

would be rebuilt again, not just as it was, but better.

This commitment was shared not just by those born in Lebanon, but also by those who made it their adopted country. Alejandro, an Argentinian-born seminary student who signed up to help the foreign students because he was one of the few people at Balamand who could translate between Arabic and Spanish, held an Argentinian passport, with which he could be on the other side of the world with ease. But he didn't use it. Soon after I came home, he returned to Lebanon to continue his journey to the priesthood in his now war-torn, adopted country.

Lebanon is a peace-loving nation, a country that had only recently finished rebuilding from its horrible civil war. Its fledgling democratic government was finally on its feet after years of meddling by the Syrians. Tourists from around the world were flocking to its beaches and historic and religious sites.

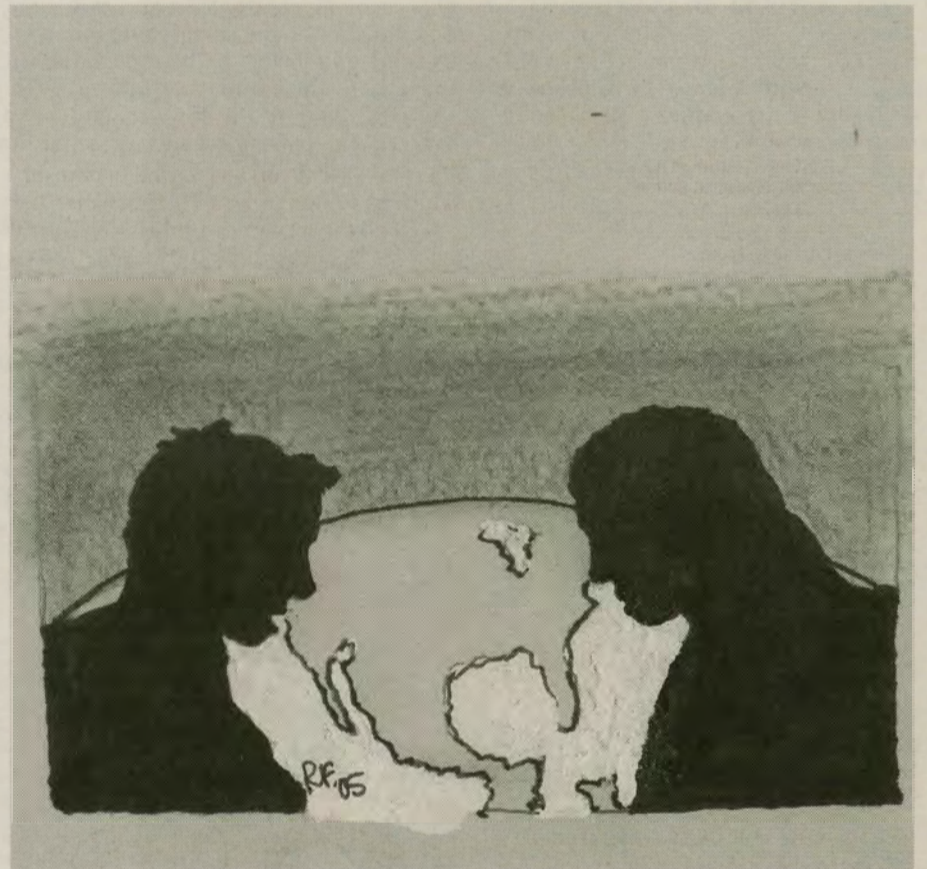
Then the small nation found itself caught between a terrorist militia it couldn't control and a vengeful neighbor it couldn't stop.

And so Lebanon became a battleground once again, another huge rebuilding task looming once the death and destruction end. And once again its selfless, generous people will pick up the pieces and try to make their country the peaceful, prosperous place they all know it can be.

And then foreigners won't be the only ones who can go home to safety.

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The root cause of dumb laws

In Oklahoma, no one may spit on a sidewalk, and females are forbidden from doing their own hair without being licensed by the state, according to www.dumblaws.com.

Similarly stupid, but a little less openly regarded as superfluous, are the bedroom laws such as: "It is illegal to have sex before you are married" and "Oral sex is a misdemeanor and is punishable by one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine."

The fact that these laws are still in the books and at some point made it onto the State Congressional floor is beyond my comprehension of a supposed freedom-giving Constitution.

Then again, it makes sense if one actually takes the time to think about our freedom in the United States.

Who cares if we can't marry whomever we want, smoke whatever kind of "cigarettes" we prefer, or import turtles from Bangladesh?

At least we can still drive Hummers and watch Laguna Beach until our ears begin to ooze the last sense of reason and self-respect we had left.

If the laws I stated above seem to be

outdated and trivial, take a moment to think about the legislation banning homosexual marriage.

It has always been beyond my intellectual capacity to understand why anyone, much less the state, is concerned with another person's sex life.

To me, it is not a matter of protecting the sanctity of marriage, but instead a fight to protect the sanctity of ignorance-ignorance supported and enforced by governmental and religious sanction.

As I understand it, it is easier to control people if they don't think for themselves.

And besides, thinking for yourself can get you into all kinds of trouble, as well as stick you with this horrible thing called accountability.

I admit that life would be much easier and much more peaceful if we didn't have to make our own decisions as to what is right.

If people were allowed to reason for themselves, our country wouldn't have so many volumes of laws that combat just that: personal choice and accountability.

The contempt that those in power show to questioning individuals is a testament to our lack of faith in each

other and the necessity for the blind obedience a micro-managing bureaucracy such as ours requires.

Despite what your parents, elementary school teacher and youth minister have implied with their meatless "answers," asking questions is not against the rules. If something doesn't make sense, we shouldn't be afraid to investigate until our own sense of reason is satisfied.

Treating the symptoms, instead of the issue by creating freedom-stunting laws represents the public opinion that people are inherently bad and incapable of reason and self-control.

It accuses each of us of the crimes of our fellow citizen.

Our myriad laws do not solve the problems they profess but instead limit the freedom that should rationally be ours.

Does a law such as "It is illegal to wear your boots to bed" really impede freedom, or is it just a ridiculous waste of time?

I would have to say it is both — and one is a direct result of the other.

When legislators waste their time and our tax money counteracting "destructive" behavior, they increase, or at the least sustain, the need for

said tax money. By taking our money in taxes, they limit our economic freedom.

Maybe that is why laws such as this one are still on the books: because legislators don't want to waste their time and ours to prove that the government feels it is their right to micro-manage our lives.

For those of you who disagree with me, ask yourself why.

In saying this, I am not implying that you are wrong: If you have a reason based on your own sense of rationale and not on the ideas fed to you by an ancient book or another person, I would have to agree that you are right.

Not right in the traditional sense — that others should agree with you based on historical data you have "analyzed" — but right in a way that you should agree with what reason and common sense leads you to believe.

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CD REVIEWS

AFI's latest looks from 'December' to new year

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Any band that has been around for a decade and a half faces the problem of musical growth. This does not necessarily mean being able to please people with the latest album, it means balancing what the band thinks is the right direction and what the fans think is the right direction.

More so with punk than other genres, a legion of hardcore fans can about-face and call a band 'corporate', a 'sell-out' and other such admonishing titles that leave them out in the cold with no mainstream support and little of its original fan base. Or, conversely, the band can do exactly as it pleases without regard to anyone.

This attitude — that the music is more for artists and if the fans like it, great, if not, well they shouldn't buy the record — has defined the band AFI (A Fire Inside) in recent years. AFI released its seventh album "Decemberunderground" amid talk of yet another shift in its career. After humble beginnings as

hardcore punks with "Answer That and Stay Fashionable" and "Very Proud of Ya," the first shift began to occur. AFI 2.0 started with 1997's "Shut Your Mouth & Open Your Eyes." This album introduced an AFI that was less punk rock and more a band in the vein of The Misfits.

Dark, brooding and morose lyrics began to surface and the band was frequently seen wearing black. This culminated with what many consider to be the peak of its career, "The Art of Drowning" (2000). This album also marked the beginnings of its success outside the usually tight-lipped punk circles and into a wider audience.

"The Art of Drowning" was also the last album AFI released with the independent label Nitro Records and the beginning of its relationship with Dreamworks. "Sing the Sorrow" (2003) was its major label debut and saw many new fans enter the scene, while many of the old guard left in disgust with the directions the band was taking. After this whirlwind, the latest installment arrived — "Decemberunderground" on Interscope Records.

The poetic, melancholy lyrics that have come to define AFI since "Shut Your Mouth" return in the beginning of the album.

Per tradition on AFI's works, the first track serves more as a prelude than an opening song. Front man Davey Havok sings of farewells and



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AFI's latest release, "Decemberunderground," showcases the band's musical progression from its hardcore punk origins to more a more diverse sound.

long sleeps, references to death that fit within the bands seeming obsession with life transitions and the macabre. The title of this album's single makes the band's fascinations literal — "Miss Murder" is poetic, anthemic, nocturnal, melodic and explores some of the electronica influences that AFI has been experimenting with since "The Art of Drowning." Havok provides swooping vocals that do not seem to have lost their punch after vocal chord surgery.

However, with all the talk of transitions and career changes aside, "Decemberunderground" reveals a band that knows where it came from and where it wants to go.

"Kill Caustic," effectively the first track on the album after the prelude, is the sock-in-the-stomach punk that remi-

nisces about AFI's earlier days. Havok tears his voice through nails in "Affliction" and reminds the band's die-hard fans that hardcore punk is not dead.

The band, however, heads in a more independent direction with the songs transitioning halfway through to what sounds more like Death Cab for Cutie than Glenn Danzig. The future of AFI seems to lie with the combination of the hardcore aesthetic, the Halloweenish image and the polished nature of electronica.

The once-straight-up punk rock band from Northern California has come a long way since 1991.

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AFI
Decemberunderground
Interscope Records



Recommended tracks: 'Kill Caustic,' 'Affliction,' 'Miss Murder' and 'Endlessly, She Said'

Journey still 'Believin'" a quarter century later

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Journey immortalized "Don't Stop Believin'" over two decades ago. And while many have adopted this mantra — including the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox — perhaps no one has kept believing as much as Journey itself.

Founded in 1973 by former members of Santana, Journey became immensely popular in the 1980s with hit singles such as "Open Arms" and "Wheel in the Sky."

The band's album "Escape" hit number one on the charts in August of 1981 and reached platinum nine times. One of their Escape shows, on Nov. 6, 1981 in Houston, was recorded and aired on MTV and has been recently released in DVD/CD format.

This DVD is a must for any Journey fan, as it showcases Journey in its Steve Perry prime. Lead vocalist Perry contributes his unique voice along with an infectious

energy that clearly roused the Texas crowd on that November night. Perry is joined by Neal Schon on guitar, Ross Valory on bass, Steve Smith on the drums and Jonathan Cain playing the keyboards.

Cain's role in the show is paramount because his piano notes have the ability to perfectly mimic Perry's vocal range, most notably on the eponymous first song. When he starts the show, Perry exudes boyish energy and sets the tone for a non-stop barrage of high vocals and guitar riffs.

Many of the songs on the DVD are more unknown and even some unreleased Journey tunes like "Lights" and "Dead or Alive," but there are plenty of favorites such as "Open Arms," "Don't Stop Believin'," "Wheel in the Sky" and "Any Way You Want It."

There are some lesser known hits later in the disc including "Who's Crying Now" and a Jonathan Cain piano solo. The concert ends with songs that are more familiar and loved by most audiences.

This disc functions in any CD player, but the real value of the collection is in the accompanying DVD. Seeing the members of the band with long hairdos and outrageous-looking, ill-fitting clothes gives a sense of how 1980s power rock bands functioned.

Perry's extraordinary energy gives him unnatural speed as he runs



Photo courtesy of journey-tribute.com

Journey models its trademark hairdos and outrageous clothes, which feature prominently on the recent release of "Live in Houston 1981: The Escape Tour."

around the stage during songs and plays to the crowd. Unfortunately, the concert is without the typical 80s lasers, dry ice smoke and erupting fireballs to round out the show. Nevertheless, watching this MTV program from 1981 and comparing it to today's MTV slate a quarter of a century later shows how much the network has changed over the years.

Also included on the DVD are interviews with various band members during the "Escape" tour, a slide show of the tour and the original television promo for the tour. Although these extras might be enjoyable for the stalwart Journey aficionado, they will likely disappoint the casual fan.

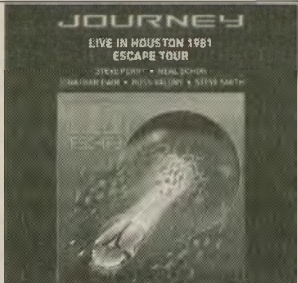
But any Journey fan can eagerly

embrace this DVD/CD for its previously unreleased Journey material along with exciting footage of the band and lead singer Steve Perry. Less enthusiastic Journey supporters might find the price for the DVD/CD too steep and opt to purchase a regular CD of Journey hits instead.

The popularity of Journey songs today on the radio and internet has led to a 2006 U.S. tour and a planned 2007 tour as well. It's clear that both the rock and roll community and the band itself won't stop believing in the power of Journey's music over a quarter of a century later.

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Journey
Live in Houston, 1981
Columbia/Legacy



Recommended tracks: 'Don't Stop Believin',' 'Any Way You Want It' and 'Wheel in the Sky'

DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Hitchcock's iconic 'Psycho' to screen at DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Without doubt the most famous film of director Alfred Hitchcock's storied career, 1960's "Psycho" remains one of the finest thrillers of all time. Shocking and controversial when released, the movie's ability to shock and scare has dimmed slightly over the years, mostly due to its ubiquitousness — yet that very familiarity is itself a testament to the film's greatness.

Initially, "Psycho" seems to follow a fairly traditional path. A frustrated young woman named Marion Crane (Janet Leigh) impulsively steals \$40,000 from her job at a real estate office and takes off with the money.

A day later, she decides to stop at the Bates Motel, run by boyish Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins). He regales her with odd stories about his unseen mother before Crane decides to take a shower and go to bed.

Then the film unexpectedly twists in on itself and becomes something else entirely.

The plot twist is almost universally known, thanks in no small part to the classic shower scene. Despite the fact that it has been parodied, remade, quoted, referenced and paid homage to, Hitchcock's brave and bold vision shines through some forty-six years later — a testament to the director's nearly unparalleled narrative power. That power is on display here perhaps more than any

other Hitchcock film — the director clearly knew he had something great, and that gives "Psycho" a more focused energy that drives it through a very fast 120 minutes.

The film is easily the most shocking in Hitchcock's oeuvre — the so-called "master of suspense" really outdoes himself, stretching the boundaries of acceptable narrative convention nearly to its breaking point. The protagonist is killed halfway through the film, the violence (both shown and implied) is actually scary and the villain as creepy as they come, serving as the template for everyone from Hannibal Lector (1991's "The Silence of the Lambs") to John Doe (1995's "Se7en").

Hitchcock pushed the envelope of the time in ways both large and small, expanding the limits of what was considered appropriate in films. A shot rejected because it supposedly showed Janet Leigh's nipple was sent back unchanged and then accepted, a shot that contained a toilet in it was considered racy and vulgar.

Nearly everything about "Psycho" is famous. Anthony Perkins' portrayal of the Oedipal Bates is iconic while Janet Leigh makes the most of her screen time, giving one of the most memorable screams in cinema history.

The justifiably famous music by the legendary Bernard Herrmann, complete with those screeching strings, remains among the composer's most recognizable.

The film's stark black-and-white cinematography is appropriately creepy



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Janet Leigh is featured in one of the most iconic scenes in cinema history in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." It will be screened this weekend at the DPAC.

(especially in the scenes featuring Perkins), demonstrating Hitchcock's mastery of shadow and darkness.

The only scene that really doesn't work is an overly expository conclusion that features a psychiatrist whose only purpose is to explain exactly what happened. It's difficult to believe that Hitchcock wanted this scene as he was never known for insulting his audience's intelligence. Thankfully, its presence doesn't fully detract from the greatness of the film.

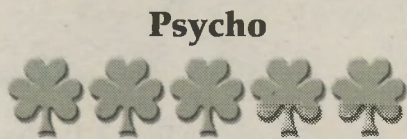
"Psycho" is in many ways the pinnacle of Hitchcock's career, checking in at No. 18 on the American Film Institute's list of the Greatest Films of All Time. When it was released back in 1960, it concluded a fruitful and productive decade for the director, a period which included

masterpieces such as "Strangers on a Train," (1951) "Rear Window" (1954), "North by Northwest" (1959) and "Vertigo" (1958).

Hitchcock had several inarguable masterpieces over the course of his several decade career (including those mentioned above), but few have had the staying power and long-reaching influence of "Psycho," which remains his most iconic film and a cinematic watershed.

Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" will be screened in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Saturday at 3 p.m. as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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Where: Browning Cinema, DPAC
When: Saturday at 3 p.m.

'Brick' a rock-solid experiment in modern noir

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

What all of the best high school-based films have in common is the ability to convey how every aspect of teenage life is viewed as a matter of life or death. "Brick," like the other successful movies of the "high school drama" genre, achieves this goal by taking the world of the film noir detective stories and deftly applying it to a high school setting — thus making the life or death struggles of the teenagers literal as opposed to figurative. The kids in "Brick" take everything seriously, because the events of the plot actually are serious.

The seriousness of the movie produces both enjoyment and entertainment, as opposed to bearing it down, and writer/director Rian Johnson uses this aspect to his full advantage. Referencing and using dialogue in the style of "Maltese Falcon," "Blue Velvet" and "Chinatown" is inherently funny as well as fascinating to hear.

He successfully translated all of the archetypes present in these types of film to those of high school characters. "Brick" has representatives of several archetypes, including the reluctant anti-hero, informants, femme fatales and plenty of 1930s slang and shady characters.

More eye-opening than anything, it is

interesting to see how easily the students in the film fit into these roles. As everyone knows, there is no one more shady than high school drug dealers — so really, it is not much of a stretch.

Brendan (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, "10 Things I Hate About You") is an outsider at his Southern California high school, not because he lacks good looks or athletic ability, but because he has chosen the lone wolf lifestyle. He is forced into action

when he receives a strange phone call from his ex-girlfriend Emily (Emilie DeRavin of television's "LOST") and subsequently discovers her dead body.

The mystery of her death unfolds in a complicated story that involves the school's toughest thugs and their hired goons, and Brendan trudges from one situation to another in his quest for truth.

In the grand tradition of these films, the audience is left in the dark too, learning the truth only as quickly as Brendan himself discovers it.

Brendan is eventually led to The Pin (an adult Lukas Hass, who passes for a teenager), easily the most entertaining character in the movie, who runs his drug business from the basement of his parents' home. He also goes back and forth, working with and against Laura (Nora Zehetner of television's "Everwood"), the literal teenage drama queen.

Johnson's smartest move is that the kids do not appear to know they are in a detective story. They are not talking in



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Brendan (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) receives a mysterious phone call in Rian Johnson's ultra-modern film noir "Brick," showing at the DPAC this weekend.

that style on purpose — it's just how they talk. There is no winking self-awareness so the gimmick feels natural throughout the film. The entire cast — adults included — also behave in this manner. The one adult who is not part of this world is the mother of The Pin, who interrupts a tense discussion of gang warfare and murder to ask if anyone wants milk and cookies in a highly entertaining scene.

Despite its obvious influences, Johnson, in this debut film, has not just set out to re-create the 1940s film noir. In fact, the movie most commonly referenced here is Roman Polanski's classic "Chinatown," the Jack Nicholson film that, while certainly noir-ish, was shot in color and

released in 1974.

"Brick" is in color too, and while it maintains the old-school style of profanity-free dialogue, it does feature at least one instance of violence that is far more graphic than anything Humphrey Bogart ever starred in — a reminder, perhaps, that the real world is more startling than the romanticized movie versions of murder and intrigue from the 1940s would suggest.

"Brick" will be screened on Sunday at 7 p.m. by the Notre Dame film society. All are welcome.

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Alfonzo delivers second straight game winner

Cabrera smashes two home runs and four RBIs to lead Marlins over Washington for the third night in a row

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Rookie Eliezer Alfonzo climbed the stairs to the clubhouse entrance to find Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda there waiting with a congratulatory hug and handshake. Armando Benitez received his share of high-fives, too.

Alfonzo delivered the go-ahead hit for the second straight game and Benitez converted a much-needed save, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a 7-6 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

Pedro Feliz ended an 0-for-15 stretch with a tying two-run double in the seventh and the Giants won for the eighth time in 10 games heading into a four-game series against the NL wild card-leading Cincinnati Reds.

Benitez came through a day after manager Felipe Alou pulled him with two outs in the ninth following an RBI single to Luis Gonzalez. This time, the embattled closer pitched a perfect ninth — striking out Gonzalez on a slider to end it.

“People expect to see me come into the game and do what I did today. I expect it,” Benitez said. “I take responsibility if I lose the game. If I make a mistake, I make a mistake. You have to understand you’re human. You’re not a robot.”

Steve Kline (4-3) pitched one inning for the win and Benitez, booed yet again when he took the mound, earned his 16th save in 24 chances. He pumped his right fist when his job was done and pointed to the sky in celebration.

Alfonzo tripled to right-center moments after Feliz doubled to center against Brandon Lyon (1-3) to tie it at 6. The Giants completed a three-game sweep of the stumbling Diamondbacks, who lost their fourth straight and sixth of seven. Alfonzo had a go-ahead double in the eighth inning of Tuesday’s 7-6 victory.

“Today I was so excited,” he said. “What I put in my mind is trying to work every day — believe in yourself.”

Eric Byrnes hit a two-run single in the sixth inning to give the Diamondbacks the lead and rookie Chris Young had his first major league homer with a two-run shot in the fourth, but Arizona’s bullpen couldn’t hold

the lead.

Ray Durham hit a three-run homer to establish a new career high for RBIs in a season and Giants slugger Barry Bonds had back-to-back multi-hit games for the first time since Aug. 20-21, 2004, against the New York Mets.

Bonds singled to center in the first to drive in a run and Durham followed with a shot that barely carried into the right-field arcade for his 20th home run.

Durham, among a handful of key Giants players set to become a free agent after the season, extended his season-high hitting streak to 13 games — the best by a Giants player this year — and matched his career-best homers total that he also accomplished with the White Sox in 2001.

Durham has a career-high 77 RBIs, two more than he had in 2000 for Chicago.

The 42-year-old Bonds reached on an infield single in the third, grounded out to first in the fifth and flied out to center in the seventh. He had five hits in the series, including his 725th career home run Monday night that pulled him within 30 of tying home run king Hank Aaron’s record of 755. The slugger doubled and singled Tuesday.

Giants ace Jason Schmidt received a no-decision but is still 11-0 over his last 16 starts against Arizona. He loaded the bases by plunking pinch-hitter Craig Counsell in the sixth, then Byrnes followed with a single to center.

Houston 7, Cincinnati 3

Todd Coffey lost it. Unable to control his anger over a disputed call, the Cincinnati Reds reliever got ejected during the game’s pivotal at-bat, helping the Houston Astros rally for a victory Wednesday that averted a sweep.

His outburst wasn’t the only wacky thing during Houston’s six-run rally in the seventh inning, but it was the most telling. A Reds team trying to reach the playoffs for the first time in 11 years came uninged with the game on the line.

“I let the team down and made myself look like an idiot out there,” Coffey said.

The fading Astros took full advantage. Aubrey Huff’s bases-loaded



Ray Durham, center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run homer in the first inning of Wednesday’s game against the Diamondbacks. The Giants held on to their early lead for the victory.

single was the biggest hit during the 11-batter rally, which got Houston’s slumping offense rolling again.

Willy Taveras bunted for a single that extended his hitting streak to a club-record 26 games, and Adam Everett homered and drove in a pair of runs for the defending NL champions, who have lost 9 of 12 and are starting to feel desperation.

Houston is at the back of the pack of playoff contenders, trailing Cincinnati by six games for the wild card.

“We lost a lot of ground the last three or four days,” said Roy Oswalt (10-8), who improved to 16-1 career against Cincinnati. “We’ve got to go to Pittsburgh and pretty much sweep the Pirates.”

The Reds had won four in a row — their best streak in more than a month — but couldn’t keep it going because they couldn’t keep their thoughts to themselves.

Trying to hold a 2-1 lead, Coffey (6-5) gave up a single by Chris Burke that tied it, then intentionally walked Lance Berkman to load the bases.

Then, the meltdown began.

Plate umpire Wally Bell called a ball on a close pitch to Morgan Ensberg that left the count at 2-1. Catcher David Ross told the umpire that he disagreed, prompting Bell to remove his mask, stepped in

front of him and lecture.

“He didn’t have to take off his mask and come around in front of me like that,” Ross said.

The next pitch looked low — Ross raised it back into the strike zone — but Coffey took a couple of steps toward the plate, screamed and waved his arm when Bell called it a ball. He was ejected.

“I think Wally had just had enough when Coffey came off the mound,” manager Jerry Narron said.

Ryan Franklin relieved with a 3-1 count on Ensberg, threw a called strike that drew a loud cheer from the crowd of 24,873, then walked him to force in the go-ahead run and end the drawn-out at-bat.

Florida 9, Washington 7

Miguel Cabrera homered twice and drove in four runs, helping the Florida Marlins complete a three-game sweep of the Washington Nationals with a victory Wednesday night.

Cabrera, who went 3-for-4 and scored three times, became the fifth active player to reach 100 career home runs before his 24th birthday. He also became the sixth-youngest player overall to reach the milestone.

Dan Uggla, Mike Jacobs and Hanley Ramirez also had two hits for the Marlins, who batted around in the first and second innings while taking an 8-1

lead.

Scott Olsen (10-7) pitched six innings, giving up three runs on seven hits, to rebound after his shortest outing of the season and snap a personal three-game losing streak.

Olsen became the third Marlins rookie pitcher to reach 10 victories this season, marking the first time since the 1952 Brooklyn Dodgers — and only the third time since 1900 — that a team has had three rookies with at least 10 wins.

Tony Armas Jr. (8-9) lasted only 1 2-3 innings for Washington, giving up eight runs — five earned — and 10 hits. It was his shortest outing of the season and his third loss in three decisions against Florida. He is 3-12 with a 5.98 ERA in his career against the Marlins.

Felipe Lopez had three hits, and Austin Kearns, Henry Mateo and Daryle Ward homered for the Nationals, who committed three errors and lost their fifth straight.

Cabrera hit a two-run home run in the second to start a five-run rally and he followed that the next inning with a solo shot.

After Escobar’s RBI double gave Washington a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Marlins followed with a three-run rally after the first five batters reached base safely against the Nationals.

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MLB

Thome injured in much-needed Chicago win

Loaiza's four-hit shutout performance gives Oakland a win as Frank Thomas hits his 475th career home run

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Chicago White Sox won a game they needed. They're hoping they didn't lose a key player in the process.

Jim Thome limped off the field in the second inning with a hamstring injury in a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

The White Sox lost the first two matchups in the four-game series with the AL Central-leading Tigers, but bounced back with Joe Crede's two home runs and Jermaine Dye's three-run homer.

Chicago, which had lost six of eight, trails the Tigers by 6 1/2 games in the division and has a slim lead over Minnesota in the wild-card race.

The World Series champions added Thome last winter and after watching him hit .294 with 36 homers and 91 RBIs, they don't want to lose him for any length of time with less than six weeks left in the season.

Thome pulled up after rounding first base on a ground-rule double and favored his left leg, leading to manager Ozzie Guillen and team trainer Herm Schneider quickly coming out of the dugout to check on him.

Dmitri Young hit a two-run homer for the Tigers, who can win the series with a victory Thursday.

The White Sox went ahead 6-3 with three runs in the second and maintained their three-run lead until the sixth.

Sean Casey, the first to face reliever Matt Thornton, hit a two-run double to pull Detroit within a run.

Crede bumped the lead back to two runs in the seventh with his second homer.

Freddy Garcia (12-8) allowed five runs and seven hits over 5 1-3 innings. Thornton and Mike MacDougal combined for 2 2-3 innings of scoreless relief before Bobby Jenks worked the ninth for his 36th save in 38 opportunities.

Rookie Zach Miner (7-5) gave up six runs, four hits and two walks over 1 1-3 innings, his shortest outing and third straight loss.

In the first, Miner was a strike away from retiring the side in order — instead of giving up three runs in the inning.

Thome drew a two-out walk after facing an 0-2 count, Paul Konerko followed with a single and Dye's 35th homer gave Chicago a 3-0 lead.

Chicago lost the cushion briefly in the bottom half when Craig Monroe doubled and scored on Young's homer and Magglio Ordonez doubled and scored on Ivan Rodriguez's single.

Crede's leadoff homer in the second put the White Sox ahead for good.

Oakland 6, Toronto 0

Esteban Loaiza pitched a four-hitter for his first shutout in more than two years, and Frank Thomas and Milton Bradley homered to lead the Oakland Athletics to a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

Thomas hit his 475th homer, tying Willie Stargell and Stan Musial for 23rd on the all-time list.

Thomas hit a two-run homer in the first off Gustavo Chacin (6-3) for his 27th homer. He has rebounded with a solid season after two injury-plagued years in Chicago. Bradley's two-run shot in the second made it 5-0.

Loaiza (7-7) retired 15 straight batters during one stretch. He struck out seven and walked none for his sixth career shutout and his first since April 18, 2004, versus Tampa Bay.

Oakland, which began the day with four-game lead over Los Angeles in the AL West, has won 19 of its last 24 games.

Chacin, activated from the disabled list before the game, struggled in his first start after missing more than two months with a sore elbow. He allowed five runs on six hits in just 1 1-3 innings. The left-hander went 0-3 with a 9.00 ERA in four rehab starts in the minors.

Oakland sent 10 men to the plate in the first and scored three runs on Bradley's RBI double and Thomas' homer.

Chacin walked Mark Ellis before Bradley's homer in the second. Jason Kendall's RBI

grounder in the sixth made it 6-0.

Tampa Bay 7, Texas 3

Jorge Cantu hit his first homer since July 29 and drove in three runs to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Texas Rangers Wednesday night.

Cantu hit a two-run drive in fifth and a run-scoring double one inning later that gave Tampa Bay a 4-3 lead. He had sat out the previous two days and was hitting just .146 since July 24 before going 3-for-4 against Texas.

Carl Crawford added a two-run shot in Tampa Bay's three-run seventh. It was his career-high 16th homer of the season.

Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays. Texas is 7 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, who beat Toronto 6-0.

Shawn Camp (6-1) threw 1 1-3 scoreless innings to get the win. The Devil Rays are 13-25 since the All-Star break.

Rocco Baldelli doubled in a run in the first and Cantu snapped an 0-for-19 skid with his 10th homer of the season against Kevin Millwood (12-9) in the fifth, putting the Devil Rays ahead 3-0.

Millwood gave up six runs and eight hits over 6 1-3 innings.

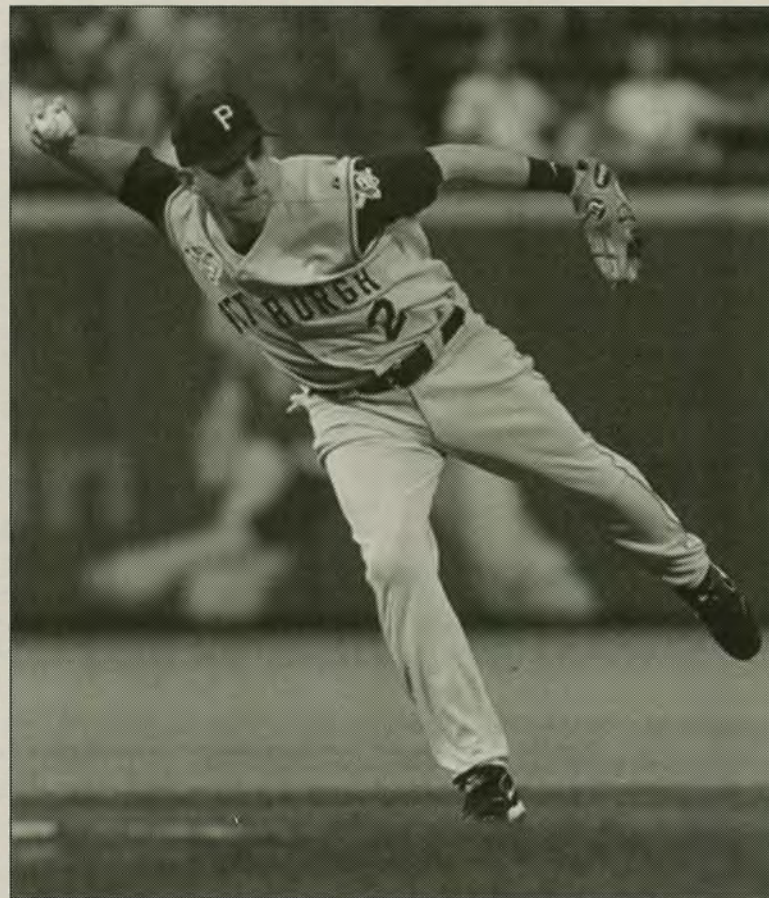
The Rangers tied it at 3 in the top of the sixth when Teixeira hit his 21st homer and Rod Barajas doubled in a run against Casey Fossum.

Fossum didn't allow a hit in the first three innings but the Rangers loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth on two singles and a walk. Fossum worked out of the jam by striking out Barajas.

Fossum allowed three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1

Rookie Matt Garza allowed one unearned run in six innings to earn his first major league victory, Michael Cuddyer had three hits and two RBIs, and the



Pittsburgh shortstop Jack Wilson throws out an Atlanta Brave in the Pirates' 5-4 win Wednesday at Turner Field.

Minnesota Twins defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 Wednesday night.

Torii Hunter homered for the Twins, who got 13 hits off Baltimore starter Rodrigo Lopez. Minnesota started the day a half-game behind the Chicago White Sox in the AL wild-card race.

Garza (1-2) came in with an 11.74 ERA after losing his first two starts. The right-hander gave up five hits, had one strikeout and one walk.

Garza, the 25th overall pick in the 2005 amateur draft, retired the side in order only once but was aided by several fine defensive plays.

Joe Nathan, the fourth Minnesota reliever, worked the ninth for his 26th save.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire was tossed from the game in the top of the fifth by plate umpire Angel Hernandez with Jason Kubel at bat. The ejection occurred while Gardenhire was in the dugout, and the manager emerged to plead his case — to no avail.

Lopez (9-13) gave up four runs in six innings. He kept Minnesota hitless in only one inning, and the 13 hits he yielded were a season high.

Nick Markakis drove in the lone run for the Orioles, who had won five of six.

The Twins went up 2-0 in the first inning when Cuddyer hit a two-out RBI double and scored on a single by Justin Morneau.

The Orioles scored an unearned run in the third when Markakis hit an RBI single after shortstop Jason Bartlett booted a potential double-play grounder.

Hunter hit his 18th homer leading off the fourth, and the Twins used two defensive gems in the bottom half to maintain the 3-1 lead. After Hunter made a leaping catch in center with Miguel Tejada on first, second baseman Luis Castillo dived behind the bag to snare a grounder by Jeff Conine to

begin a force play.

Joe Mauer doubled and scored on a single by Cuddyer to make it 4-1 in the fifth. In the Orioles' half, Cuddyer made a diving catch of a sinking liner by Markakis with two outs and a runner on third.

Garza waited in the infield to give Cuddyer a high-five on his way to the dugout.

Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 4

Freddy Sanchez hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to hand Atlanta another loss at Turner Field, giving the Pittsburgh Pirates a victory over the Braves on Wednesday night.

Jason Bay also homered for the Pirates, who won two of three in Atlanta after coming into the series with baseball's worst record on the road. They won only their third series away from PNC Park, having lost 17 and split another.

This is hardly the same Braves team that came into the season with a record 14 straight division titles and hasn't had a losing record at home since 1990 — the year before the streak began. They dropped to 26-33 at Turner Field, the majors' second-worst home record.

Suburban Atlanta native Matt Capps (4-1) struck out Matt Diaz with the bases loaded to end the sixth and wound up with the win when Sanchez homered off Chad Paronto (1-1) with two outs in the seventh, snapping a 4-all tie.

Mike Gonzalez worked the ninth for his 23rd save in as many chances.

Atlanta's Chipper Jones hit the 350th homer of his career to tie Chili Davis for the third-most by a switch-hitter in baseball history. Only Mickey Mantle (536) and Eddie Murray (504) have more.

Bay led off the second with his 28th homer, and the Pirates made it 2-0 in the fourth on Bay's run-scoring double.



Twins first baseman Justin Morneau makes a spectacular catch in the second inning of Minnesota's 4-1 win over Baltimore Wednesday night.

AROUND THE NATION

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
NY Yankees	75-49	.605	7-3	-
Boston	69-56	.552	2-8	6.5
Toronto	67-59	.532	5-5	9
Baltimore	56-69	.448	5-5	19.5
Tampa Bay	51-75	.405	4-6	25

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	81-45	.643	5-5	-
Chicago Sox	73-52	.584	4-6	7.5
Minnesota	72-52	.581	5-5	8
Cleveland	56-68	.452	6-4	24
Kansas City	46-81	.362	5-5	35.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	71-55	.563	7-3	-
LA Angels	67-59	.532	7-3	4
Texas	65-62	.512	6-4	6.5
Seattle	57-68	.456	1-9	13.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
NY Mets	76-48	.613	7-3	-
Philadelphia	63-62	.504	7-3	13.5
Atlanta	59-66	.472	6-4	17.5
Florida	59-66	.472	5-5	17.5
Washington	54-72	.429	3-7	23

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	66-58	.532	4-6	-
Cincinnati	66-61	.520	6-4	1.5
Milwaukee	60-65	.480	6-4	6.5
Houston	60-67	.472	3-7	7.5
Chicago Cubs	53-72	.424	5-5	13.5
Pittsburgh	48-78	.381	5-5	19

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Dodgers	66-60	.524	6-4	-
San Diego	64-62	.508	5-5	2
San Francisco	62-65	.488	8-2	4.5
Arizona	62-65	.488	3-7	4.5
Colorado	59-66	.472	3-7	6.5

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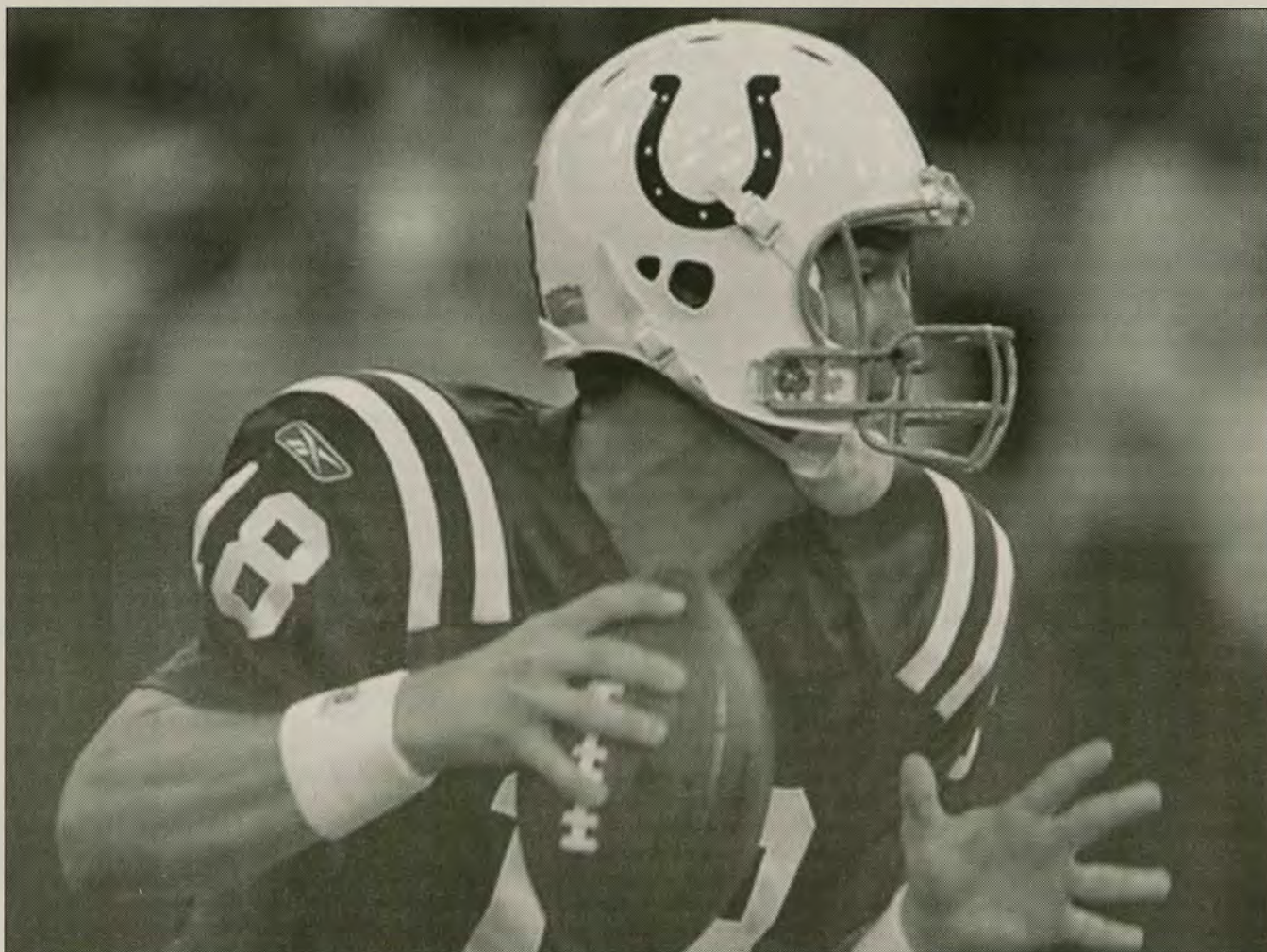
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NFL



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks to throw against the Seahawks in an NFL preseason game in Indianapolis Sunday. Manning traded in his football Monday night to raise money for disadvantaged children.

Manning hosts fundraiser for youth in need

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is all business when it comes to football.

But since it's still the preseason, forgive Manning if this week has been devoted more to his second vocation — helping others.

He hosted a major fundraiser for his charity Monday night and fully understands if football seems more distraction than passion to the thousands of fans expected to watch him play New Orleans on Saturday night in Jackson, Miss.

"It's good to go back there because it's got (Hurricane) Katrina ties to

it," he said. "Anything we can do to help out is good."

Manning is trying to recast the perception that he's the football equivalent to a high school valedictorian — all study, all the time.

After Sunday's preseason game, he seemed more genuinely upset about the potential losses of his top backup, Jim Sorgi, and running back James Munro than anything that happened on the field.

By Monday night, the two-time MVP was mingling at a local bowling alley with celebrities ranging from Cal Ripken Jr.

and defending NASCAR champion Tony Stewart, to radio personalities Bob and Tom and actor James Denton of the TV series "Desperate Housewives."

The goal was to raise money for Manning's Payback Foundation, which provides disadvantaged youth with opportunities like a Disney Cruise, a flag football game at the Colts complex and Christmas parties for hundreds of children in Indianapolis, New Orleans and Knoxville, Tenn.

And when it has Manning's imprint, calling in a few favors is no problem.

"We all know how great Peyton is," Ripken said. "He has such great credibility, that I can say yes blindly knowing it's about the kids."

If that doesn't work, there's always intimidation.

"Peyton is a lot bigger than me, and I didn't want to tell him no and then have him pick me up by the neck and drag me in here or something," Stewart joked.

The bowling tournament has gone from infancy to national status in just four years and has turned into a memorabilia dealer's virtual dreamplace.

IN BRIEF

NASCAR puts Edwards on probation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Carl Edwards has gone from one of NASCAR's golden boys to one of the sport's "bad boys," struggling on the track and tangling with fellow drivers such as Dale Earnhardt Jr. off it.

Don't expect him to apologize or to make excuses. If he loses his temper — and he has at times this year — Edwards says it's about passion not petulance.

"I worked awfully hard to get here," Edwards said Wednesday. "I think that maybe what people are seeing is hopefully they understand that I really care about what I'm doing. I'm going to stand up and point out when I think something is wrong."

If he has to, Edwards will ram the point home. Just ask Earnhardt.

NASCAR fined Edwards \$20,000 on Tuesday and placed him on probation for the rest of the year after he intentionally rammed the side of

Earnhardt's car on the final lap of last Saturday's Busch race at Michigan International Speedway.

Riley to return to Miami for another year

MIAMI — Pat Riley decided against quitting on top.

He'd rather try to stay there another year.

Riley said Wednesday he'll return as coach of the NBA champion Miami Heat, ending speculation he might retire at age 61. He'll be on the sideline when the title banner is raised at the season opener Oct. 31 against the Chicago Bulls.

"After winning the championship, I realized there's always something meaningful that happens in your life that becomes the primary point of your destiny," Riley said in a statement. "Winning the championship showed me that I am definitely in the right place, at the right time, with the right people. I can't wait to get started."

Steelers to adjust to loss of Bettis

LATROBE, Pa. — One of the intriguing questions before the Pittsburgh Steelers opened training camp was this: Who would replace Jerome Bettis, the short-yardage and goal-line specialist?

The answer, apparently, is nobody. Or everybody.

Former starter Duce Staley or third-down back Verron Haynes appeared to be competing for the job, but coach Bill Cowher said Wednesday the Steelers probably won't have such a specialist this season. That means starter Willie Parker might get the ball frequently inside the 10-yard line, something that rarely happened last season.

"I can't say right now there's been one person like there was with Jerome. And I don't think that's a bad thing," Cowher said. "That's the way it was last year. This year's a different year."

TENNIS

Agassi dealt tough hand in final U.S. Open

On the women's side, unseeded Serena Williams also challenged as she attempts to come back from knee injury

Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Andre Agassi is going to make an extended run at his final U.S. Open — as plenty of fans, tournament organizers and TV executives, not to mention Agassi himself, surely hope — he's got his work cut out for him.

Agassi's path at the last tournament of his career shapes up as a tough one thanks to a draw Wednesday that includes a potential second-round match against rising star Marcos Baghdatis and possible fourth-round showdown against Andy Roddick.

"That's quite a lot to ask," said four-time U.S. Open champion John McEnroe, who'll call the tournament for CBS and USA Network. "Andre's got it

in him, but Baghdatis has got some game. That's going to be quite an interesting match, because Baghdatis wins people over with his smile and personality — and everybody's going to be pulling for Agassi."

Or, as U.S. Open chief Arlen Kantarian put it during the draw ceremony at U.N. headquarters, Agassi will be "probably the single greatest thing talked about at this U.S. Open."

The 36-year-old Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam champion, faces Andrei Pavel of Romania in the first round. Pavel is a former top-20 player currently ranked 76th; Agassi has won five of their six previous matches.

If Agassi gets past that, he could face the eighth-seeded Baghdatis, a 21-year-old from

Cyprus who was the runner-up at this year's Australian Open and a semifinalist at Wimbledon.

"If Baghdatis is on and healthy and fit," said U.S. Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe, John's brother, "I think that's a very tough match for Andre to win right now."

Two rounds later might bring another intergenerational clash — against Roddick, who'll turn 24 next week, was the 2003 U.S. Open champion and is seeded ninth.

Hampered by a bad back, Agassi is 8-7 in 2006, never going beyond the quarterfinals at any event, and he withdrew from two tournaments this month. That's dropped his ranking to 37th, which is why he's unseeded a year after reaching the final.

Then again, Agassi wasn't seeded in 1994 — when he won his first Open title.

Another past U.S. Open champion and No. 1 player who's unseeded this year, Serena Williams, also was given a rough draw. She fell out of the top 100 while sidelined with a left knee injury and needed a wild card to enter the tournament.

Her possible second-round opponent is No. 17 Daniela Hantuchova, who knocked off Williams in the Australian Open's third round in January. If Williams reaches the third round, she could face No. 16 Ana Ivanovic, who won last week's Open tuneup at Montreal and leads the U.S. Open Series standings.

And should Williams get to the fourth round, her opponent

could be No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo, the reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champion.

"That was the big question mark: Where was Serena going to be in the draw?" said former pro and current TV analyst Mary Joe Fernandez.

Williams' older sister Venus, the 2000-01 U.S. Open winner, wound up on the opposite half of the draw as the No. 30 seed and appears to be in a relatively easy quarter. Bothered by a bad wrist, she hasn't played since being upset in the third round while trying to defend her Wimbledon title.

"We haven't seen Venus at all," Fernandez said. "But we know Venus can turn it on at any given time, like she did last year at Wimbledon."

On paper, the women's quarterfinals could be Mauresmo vs. No. 8 Martina Hingis (the 1997 champion), No. 3 Maria Sharapova vs. No. 5 Nadia Petrova, No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne (the 2003 champion) vs. No. 7 Patty Schnyder, and No. 4 Elena Dementieva vs. No. 6 Svetlana Kuznetsova, in what would be a rematch of the 2004 final, won by Kuznetsova.

The potential men's quarterfinals would be: No. 1 Roger Federer vs. No. 5 James Blake, No. 4 David Nalbandian vs. No. 7 Nikolay Davydenko, No. 2 Rafael Nadal vs. No. 6 Tommy Robredo, and Baghdatis vs. No. 3 Ivan Ljubicic.

Federer, the two-time defending champion, starts off against Wang Yeu-tzuoo of Taiwan, then would meet the winner of an all-British first-round matchup between Tim Henman and 1997 Open runner-up Greg Rusedski.

"Federer got pretty much of a dream draw," Patrick McEnroe said. "No problems for him through the first week, I would say."

Nadal's opener could be more interesting: He drew wild-card Mark Philippoussis, the two-time major finalist with a big serve whose career has been derailed by injuries. And the third round could bring a matchup against up-and-comer Gael Monfils, who's seeded 27th and turns 20 on Sept. 1.

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Venezuela shutout in International semifinal

Three long balls give Mexico the early lead

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The Mexican champions from Matamoros used home runs from Jose Segoviano, Josue Barron and Roberto Guajardo in an 11-0, mercy rule rout of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, in Wednesday 's International semifinal at the Little League World Series.

Mexico will play the winner of Thursday 's game between Kawaguchi City, Japan, and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in the International championship game on Saturday.

"We had no idea it would be so easy," Mexico manager Candelario Perez said through an interpreter.

Mexico got to Venezuela pitcher Manuel Barrios early, tagging him with five runs — three earned — before he was pulled with no outs in the second.

"We had seen him throw before," Perez said. "We saw him as a very strong pitcher."

Segoviano hit a two-run shot in the first inning and Barron added a three-run homer in the second that made the score 7-0.

Guajardo 's three-run homer well over the center field fence made the score 11-0 in the top of the third. After that, Mexico only needed to shut out Venezuela for two more innings to claim a mercy rule victory.

Venezuela manager Domingo Carrasquel said getting behind early made it difficult for his team to recover.

"They're sad because they thought they could go a little further," Carrasquel said through an interpreter.

Mexico pitcher Omar Zamora struck out 11 in his four innings of work and added a triple and a single and scored twice.

Zamora said his arm was tired, just like it had been in the Mexican tournament. But it didn't end up hurting him either time.

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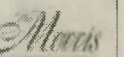
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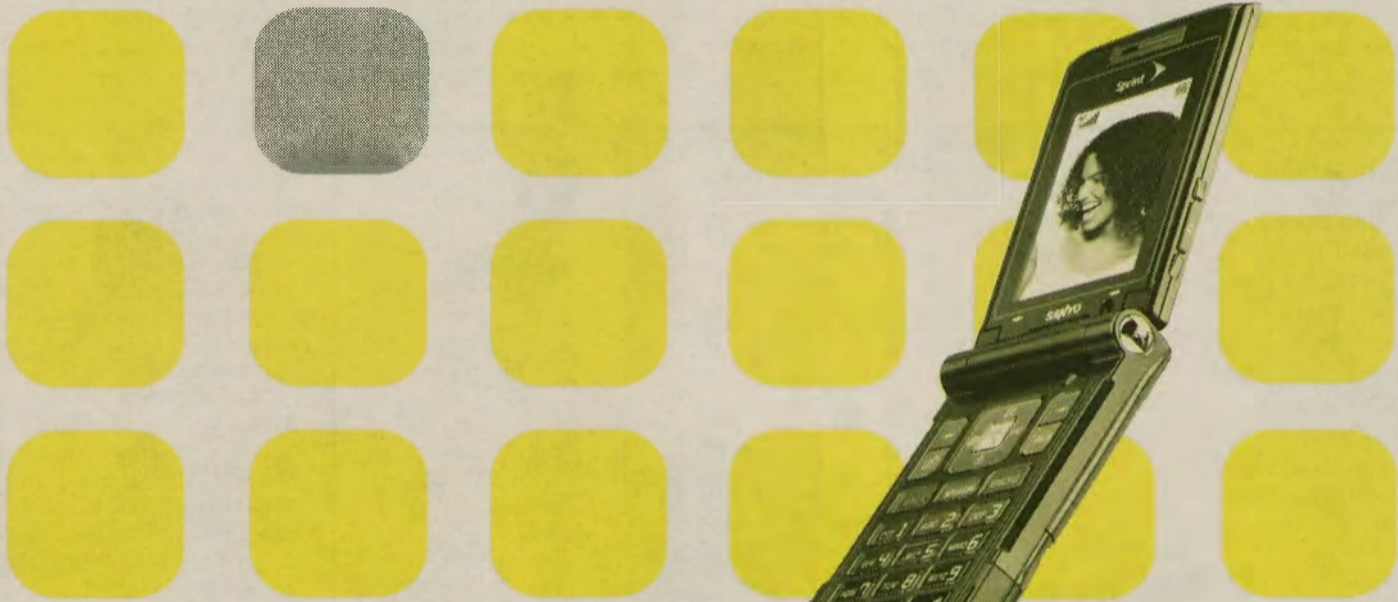
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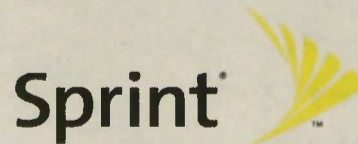
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Nevada installs revolutionary 'pistol' offense

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — At first glance, it looks like a typical shotgun formation.

But wait a second, that quarterback is much closer to the center than usual. And is that a back lining up behind the QB?

Hmm, that's weird — and very effective.

Hot as a pistol, Nevada's new offensive scheme helped the Wolf Pack to its first bowl game since 1996 last season.

Coach Chris Ault calls it the pistol — a hybrid of the shotgun where the quarterback lines up a few steps behind the center. It allows for two-back and single-back sets, typically with four receivers.

And it's attracting lots of curious coaches. Ault said more than 85 universities, junior colleges and high schools have contacted Nevada or visited to find out what it's about.

"It is THE thing," he said. "And we have great confidence in it and so do the players."

The winningest coach in school history, Ault is beginning the third year in his third stint with the Wolf Pack.

His previous offenses, one dubbed "Air Wolf," were wide-open passing attacks, often out of the shotgun.

With Nevada's move from the Big West to the Western Athletic Conference in 2000, Ault decided the team had to improve its running game.

"The feature of the pistol that people don't realize is so beneficial is the north-south running game," said Ault, adding the formation allows the running back to get the ball deeper behind the line than when the quarterback takes the snap from center.

It's a variation of the spread offense coaches such as West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez and Florida's Urban Meyer have made all the rage in college football.

But Ault — 177-73-1 in 21 years of coaching, all at Nevada — said he didn't seek advice from outside coaches or experts before installing the pistol when spring camp opened last year.

"When I first brought it up to the staff back in January 2005,

they were not for it. They thought it was too much of a reach. And I really did, too," he said. "But we were a bad football team. We were 5-7 (in 2004). I just felt it would be worth the investment."

The move paid off last season as Nevada finished 9-3, claimed a share of the WAC title and beat Central Florida 49-48 in overtime in the Hawaii Bowl.

The Wolf Pack finished 14th nationally in total offense averaging 449.3 yards per game and 16th in scoring, with 34.2 points per game. They were balanced, too, rushing for 199.5 per game and passing for 249.8.

But nothing in football is truly new.

San Jose State coach Dick

Tomey said the pistol is essentially the old single-wing that teams ran in leather-helmet days.

Hugh Wyatt, a longtime high school football coach in the Portland, Ore., area, said he's shown film clips at clinics of Princeton using a single-wing formation in the early '60s that resembles the pistol.

"It's not as if the fact Princeton was doing it indicates in any way he's copied this thing. It's not likely he ever had any access to the Princeton footage," said Wyatt, who was a personnel director with Philadelphia in the World Football League before joining the WFL's Portland franchise in the early 1970s.

Finally, Booty no longer riding the pine for Southern Cal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John David Booty arrived at Southern California three years ago with expectations so high many thought he would beat out Matt Leinart during the 2003 season.

Of course, no one knew at the time that Leinart would lead the Trojans to a 37-2 record and win a Heisman Trophy during one of the finest careers for a quarterback in NCAA history.

Now, finally, it's Booty's turn, and he's confident he can continue the tradition of winning quarterbacks established at USC by Leinart and 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

"The guys before me have set

high standards. That's what I want to do, by winning games," said Booty, a 21-year-old redshirt junior from Shreveport, La.

Booty didn't say a word about the Heisman or any individual awards — just winning.

"As a young quarterback, my biggest goal is to have our football team win, not put it in bad situations," he said. "All I can control is what I do."

Booty comes from a football family. His brother Josh was the LSU quarterback in 1999-00, and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU from 1997-99 and at Valdosta State in 2000.

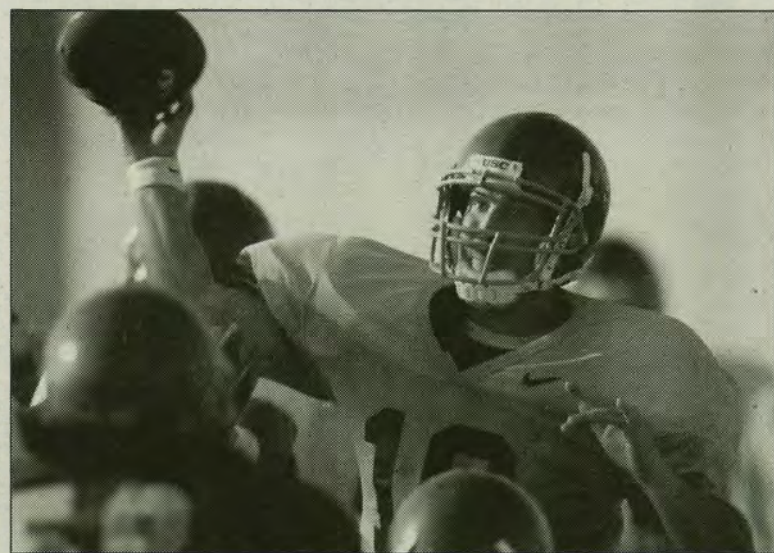
Booty's father was his quarterbacks coach in high school before being fired following his

junior year. With that, Booty decided to graduate early and pass up his senior year to enroll at USC.

Booty beat out highly regarded redshirt freshman Mark Sanchez for the starting job. In a show of approval, teammates elected Booty as one of the Trojans' four team captains.

He'll get his first test Sept. 2 when USC, ranked sixth in The Associated Press preseason poll, plays its opener at Arkansas.

"I'm not worried about these guys at all," USC coach Pete Carroll said of his young quarterbacks. "Matt followed Carson and was able to get it going. It took Matt about four or five games before he got it rocking."



Southern California redshirt junior quarterback John David Booty throws a pass in practice Tuesday.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Young Irish team looks to build on last season

ND ranked preseason No. 21 as Danielle Herndon, the squad's only senior, leads a group of talented underclassmen

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Only days before its 2006 campaign begins, No. 21 Notre Dame hopes it has plugged lineup holes with young talent in order to make yet another Big East and NCAA run.

The Irish dropped nine spots from the American Volleyball Coaches Association No. 12 spot they earned following last year's trip to the NCAA round of 16 and 30-4 record.

The 2005 season included Notre Dame's tenth Big East title in 12 years with a win over Louisville and ended with a 3-2 loss to Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament.

"The outside people are going to say you're young and can't do as well as last year," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "But we have a goal to improve and do better

with a large freshman class. It's a really good balance of experienced players and freshmen, and everyone seems real eager to learn and get better every day."

The freshmen will find experienced faces ready to lead the pack as the lone senior, returning starter and captain Danielle Herndon, will share leadership honors with junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk.

Stasiuk was selected for the 2006 All-Big East preseason team along with fellow junior Ashley Tarutis after finishing third on the team in kills last season with 325 and averaging 2.93 kills per game.

"[Herndon] hasn't had a strong leadership role in the past," Brown said. "She came in following a class with five players. We had strong leaders in that class and she learned well from watching and observing. Last spring she did a great job of stepping up, giving people

direction, telling everyone to stay focused. She became much more vocal."

However, the true test will come Saturday with the season opener at home against Bowling Green, the culmination of a spring season and three weeks of early fall practices and scrimmages spent trying to mesh as a team. From there, the Irish embark upon a rough early season schedule with matchups against several ranked teams.

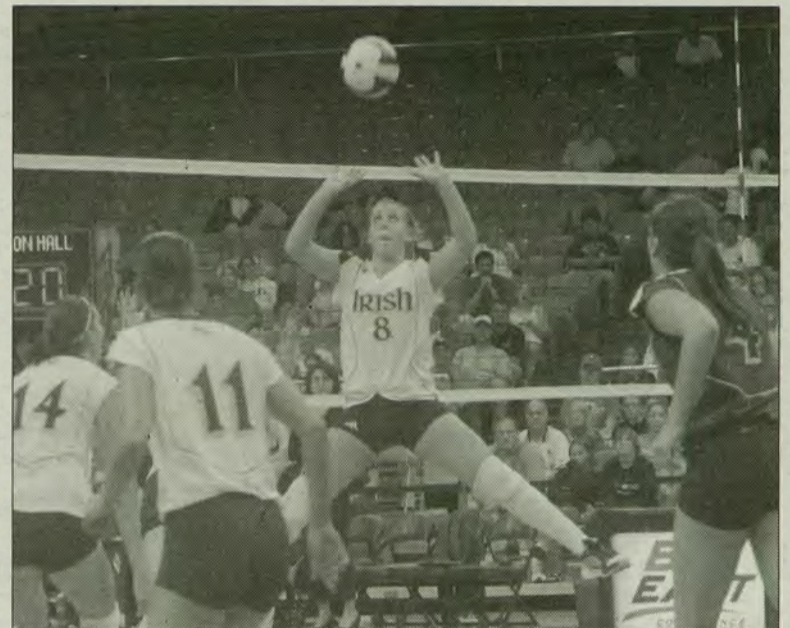
No. 13 Missouri and No. 6 Santa Clara trek to the Joyce Center to participate in the Shamrock Invitational and play the Irish on Sept. 2 and Sept. 3, respectively. Then Notre Dame will face No. 25 Kansas State at the Northern Iowa Invitational on Sept. 9, before a trip to Tempe, Ariz. for the Sun Devil Volleyball Classic the following weekend.

The Irish finally head to Honolulu for a two-game series with No. 7 Hawaii during Fall Break, before the meat of their Big East slate comes into play.

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Debbie Brown
Irish coach



Junior setter Ashley Tarutis goes airborne in a 3-0 victory over Cincinnati on Nov. 19.

before our conference even starts," Brown said. "And once into conference we'll be playing Louisville. I think it's good in the fact that we have teams that are ranked or receiving votes."

Notre Dame defeated Louisville 3-1 in regular season play last year and defeated the Cardinals 3-2 to take the 2005 Big East Championship. But at No. 12, the Cardinals received a higher ranking in the 2006 preseason polls than the Irish.

It was Louisville's first year in the Big East, having left Conference USA the season prior, and the newcomers are already stirring emotions.

"Honestly Louisville is very, very strong being ranked in the top," Brown said. "I know that we're developing as a team and they've been in the conference one year, but we're developing

a strong rivalry with them."

The Cardinals and Irish face off Oct. 29 in Louisville, the one-year anniversary of Notre Dame's first victory over its newest conference foe.

But despite the heavy load of this year's schedule and the difficulty that comes in repeating the accomplishments of the 2005 Irish, Brown and her young team have already completed the first step in forging a successful squad — team unity.

"Returning players have done an incredible job of welcoming the freshmen and helping them get along with whatever they need — be it the volleyball aspect, or with classes and in their dorms," Brown said. "How we mesh together on the court is very important."

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Irish junior outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk spikes one past two defenders in a 3-0 victory for Notre Dame over Valparaiso on Oct. 5.

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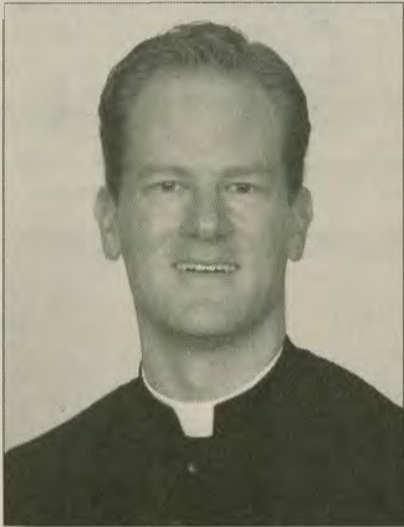
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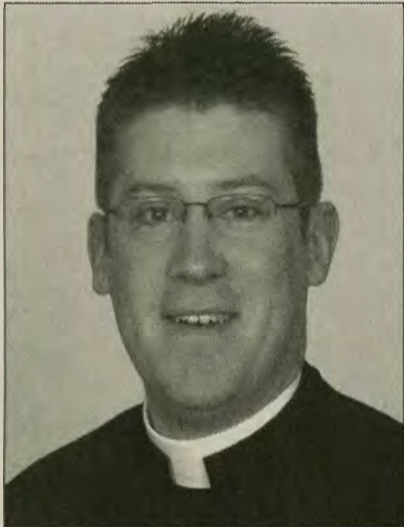
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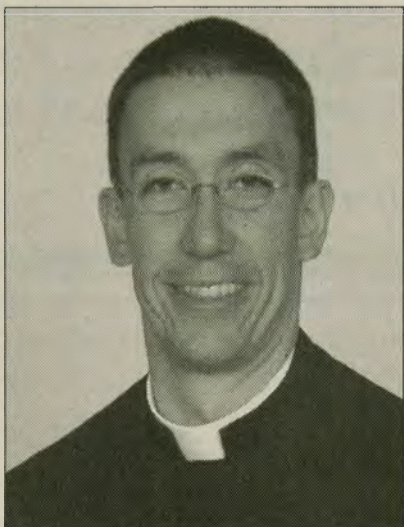
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Golf

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grabs," Kubinski said. Earlier this week, Isban and Sandman traveled to Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. to compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship. Both players struggled in the first of two stroke play rounds, and neither advanced to match play. Sandman shot an 81 Monday but came back to fire a 75 in Tuesday's second round.

"Josh made a very good comeback," Kubinski said.

Isban, meanwhile, played tentatively in the first round before playing all of the second with the stomach flu — "the worst round [Isban] has played in many, many years," Kubinski said.

Isban entered the tournament with realistic expectations of finishing high on the leaderboard but instead missed the cut by 13 strokes.

The seniors do not, however, have much time to dwell on their showings at the U.S. Amateur.

"I'm sure they will both be very excited to get the season started," Kubinski said. Kubinski said a "good

goal" for his team is to finish in the national top 25.

He will not, however, go as far as to predict such an outcome.

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He said he also hopes to win the Big East title for the fourth consecutive year.

The team features four freshmen, Olavo Batista Filho, Doug Fortner,

Kyle Willis and Carl Santos-Ocampo, who represent the largest class on a team that also has one sophomore, three juniors and three seniors.

The Irish will begin their season at the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn. Sept. 16.

Between now and then, Kubinski will be forced to set his five-man rotation.

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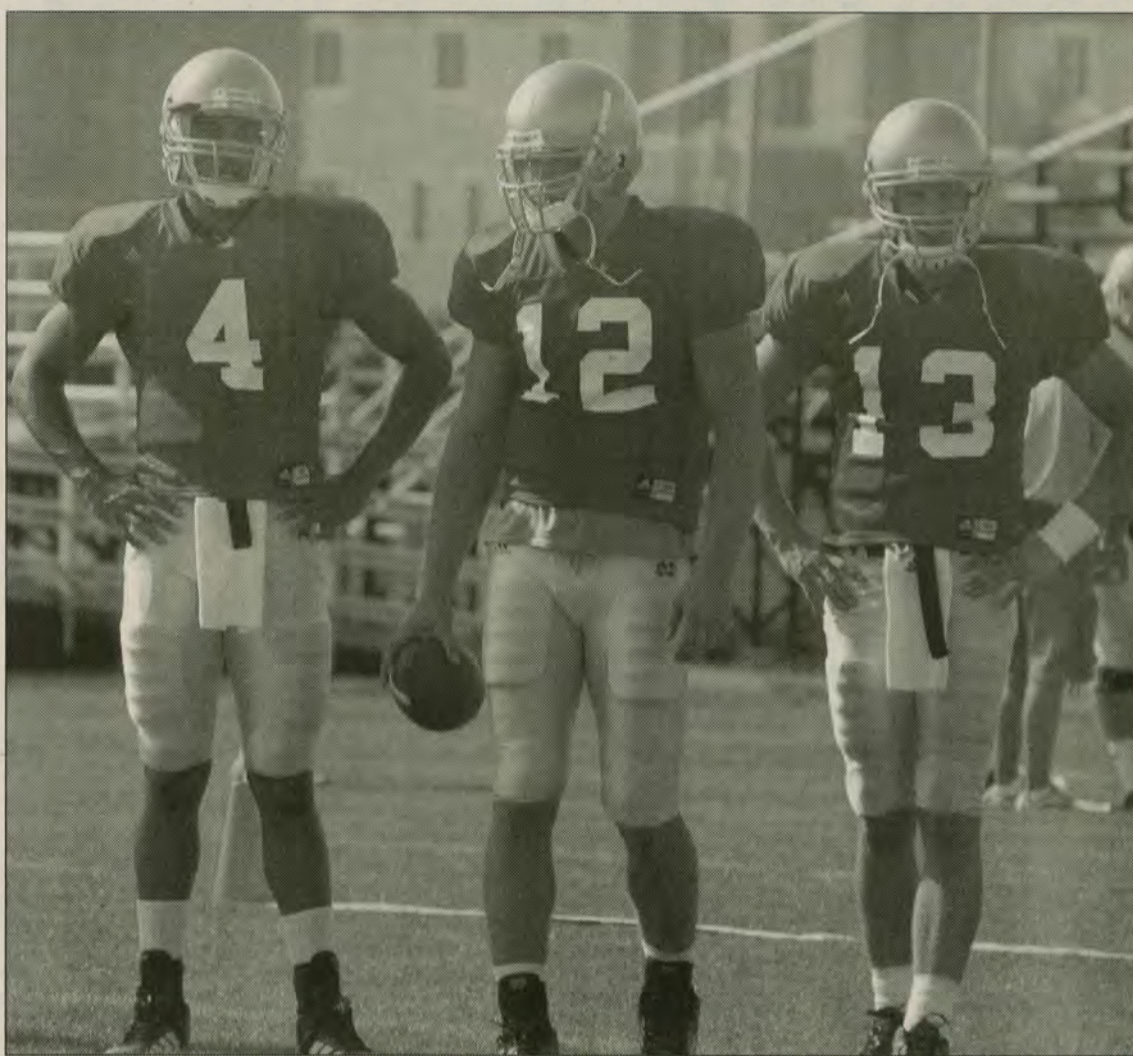
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THE FUTURE



Notre Dame backup quarterbacks freshman Demetrius Jones, left, freshman Zach Frazer, center, and sophomore Evan Sharpley prepare for a drill during practice Wednesday.

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The declaration of ineligibility did not affect any potential practice time for any of the players. Had their respective teams had a game during their brief ineligibility, however, they would have been prohibited from participating.

Karwoski said he agreed with the NCAA's reasoning and that the situation would have been avoided had WSBT or any of the athletes asked compliance before filming the "bumps."

"If someone from the station or the show would have called me, I certainly would have looked into it. ... And we probably would have come to the same conclusion."

The athletic department became aware of the violations

Friday when multiple media outlets, including The Observer, contacted Notre Dame compliance officials after running back Darius Walker filmed a "bump" for a WSBT show during the post-practice interview session the day before.

Because Walker's promotional spot did not air, Notre Dame did not have to rule him ineligible.

In fact, Notre Dame declared Zbikowski ineligible despite the fact that WSBT has not been

able to provide Notre Dame with the tape of the show that Zbikowski appeared on, only supplying the athletic department with the unedited footage from his appearance, which included bloopers of Zbikowski trying to film the "bump."

In light of the situation, Weis addressed media issues with the players during a pre-scheduled team meeting Monday night.

Karwoski said the best way to avoid such encounters is simple.

"Our mantra here is, ask before you act," he said. "That helps us out quite a bit."

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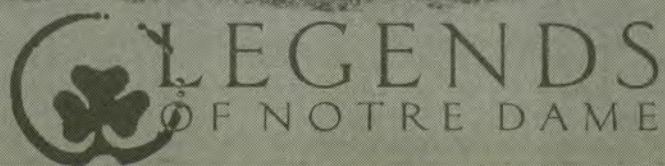
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coach will have trust in the system, saying she wanted "someone that believes in this place and this team."

Diaz-Calderon said she believes the team can overcome any distraction from the coaching change and get ready for its season-opening tournament Sept. 10.

"We've been practicing on our own [and] we're very excited for the start of the season," she said.

Veltri echoed those sentiments.

"They're ready to go. They're excited about the season," she said. "They've all played impressive summer seasons."

King coached the team since the fall of 2001. In her first year, the team earned three top-four finishes. A

year later, the team's stroke average fell from 323.59 to 316.29 — sixth best in school history at the time.

The King era took off in the fall of 2003, when the Irish matched a school record with three

tournament wins.

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Alejandra Diaz-Calderon
Irish junior

The squad then made the NCAA regional tournament that spring — the first of two consecutive appearances.

Notre Dame made its first appearance in Golfstat.com's top-25 in October 2004

thanks to a come-from-behind victory at the rain-shortened Jeannine McHaney Invitational/Central Regional Preview in Lubbock, Texas.

The team continued its success in the fall of 2005, posting the school's best-ever scoring average of 301.71. The low scores led to four top-fours in the team's first five tournaments.

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He said the offense will continue to be the strength of a team searching for its second national title in three years.

"When you lose a player like [Thorlakson] you have to find out who's going to carry that load," Waldrum said. "We're still going to be a very good team offensively. We're going to have a lot of weapons. I think we'll have enough ways to score goals without her."

Sophomore striker Kerri Hanks stormed the national soccer scene last season with a 71-point (28 goal, 15 assist) outburst that led the Irish in scoring and marked the fourth best output ever for a Division I

freshman, en route to winning national rookie of the year honors as an NSCAA second-team All-American.

First-team Big East junior forward Amanda Cinalli returns to continue setting up Hanks — hoping to improve upon her 17 assists (fifth nationally) while creating opportunities of her own.

"[Amanda] has always been good for us, scoring 10 to 15 goals a season," Waldrum said. "So she's going to be called on to add to that a little bit."

Despite Notre Dame's ability to attack opposing nets, Waldrum says the biggest question mark for the 2006 Irish will be defending their own. Notre Dame must replace a goalie for the first time since 2002 after four-year starter and '04 College Cup defen-

"We don't really care as long as there aren't any goals in our nets and we score more than they do."

Kim Lorenzen
Irish defender



Irish senior captain Kim Lorenzen kicks the ball upfield against Florida Sept. 4, 2005. Lorenzen will anchor the Notre Dame defense this year.

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sive MVP Erika Bohn took her .69 goals against average with her when the three-time Academic All-American graduated.

Though senior Nikki Westfall has the most experience, an injury will keep her out for several weeks as 5-foot-9 junior Lauren Karas and rangy 5-foot-10 freshman Kelsey Lysander battle for the starting spot in goal. Unless one separates herself before Notre Dame's Aug. 26 opener against Iowa State, Waldrum most likely will wait to see both in game action.

Senior defender captain Kim Lorenzen is glad there are two quality options behind her and has no qualms about playing in front of someone new.

"The fact that we don't really know who's going to be the starting keeper is a good thing in some ways," Lorenzen said. "It means they're all competing for time. I'm not sure it's going to be different."

Whoever earns the nod will have a solid defense protecting her from a unit that held opponents to 54 shots on goal in 25 games. The flat-back four defense is led in the center by Lorenzen, a four-year starter and Notre Dame's first solo captain since 1988.

Preseason Big East Defensive Player of the Year senior defender Christie Shaner helps fortify the defense along with defensive-minded senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, who was the defensive MVP of the 2005 Big East Tournament and has never seen the Irish out-shot in her career.

Though Notre Dame was known for its explosive offense last year, Lorenzen said the defensive unit doesn't play for press, but for results.

"We don't really care as long as there aren't any goals in our nets and we score more than they do," Lorenzen said.

As Krivacek fronts the Irish defense, 2005 Hermann Trophy finalist senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski directs the Irish buildup. Together with sophomore Brittany Bock (2005 freshman All-American) and freshman Courtney Rosen, who has impressed early, Waldrum expects the group to be "one of better midfields in the country."

The Irish will be without Bock and defender Carrie Dew until Sept. 4 as they play for the US team at the



Irish senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski moves upfield Sept. 4, 2005 against Florida. Buczkowski returns to Notre Dame's midfield this year.

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Under-20 Women's World Championship.

"The key is how quickly we can integrate them back in with the team," Waldrum said. "They'll be coming in late to some classes so they have some catching up to do there and they haven't been practicing with us. Realistically it may be a week until after their return until they're ready to step in for us."

"Big East is important and everything, but at the end of the day, come tournament time we should be national champions, and that's the mindset that we have."

Kim Lorenzen
Irish defender

Meanwhile, the Irish face a challenging early season schedule that includes Saturday's 1 p.m. home opener against Iowa State followed by a noon game at Ole Miss the very next day.

The following weekend, the Irish host USC and No. 9 Santa Clara in the Inn at St. Mary's Classic.

"We normally open up on a Friday night at home, this time we're opening Saturday at 1 p.m.," Waldrum said. "The challenge for us will be early on. If we can get through a couple of big games early in the season that's going to be a big test for us."

According to Lorenzen, those tests results shouldn't be graded after those games, but by who's left standing at the end of the year.

"[The national championship] is our ultimate goal," she said. "Big East is important and everything, but at the end of the day, come tournament time we should be national champions, and that's the mindset that we have."

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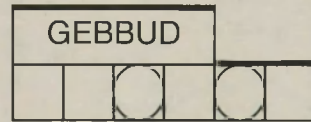
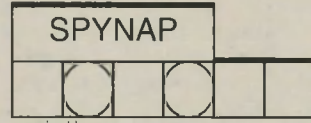
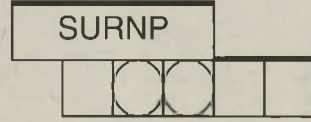
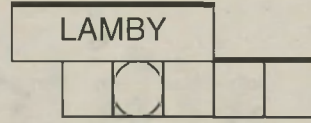


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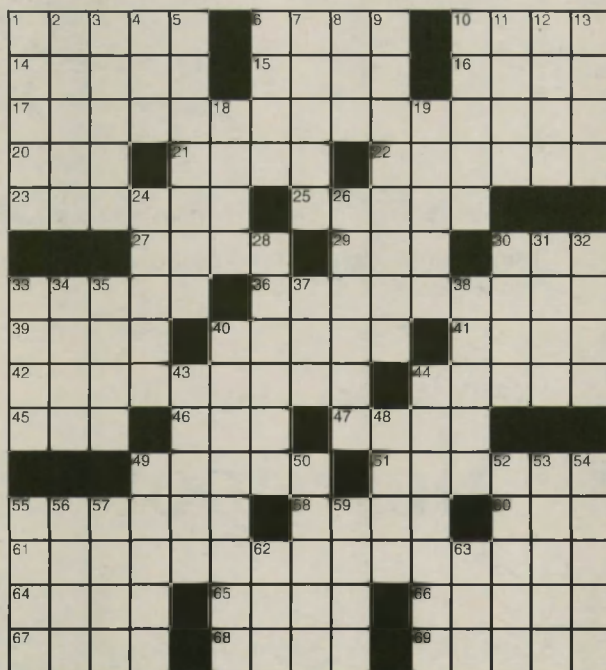
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Happy Birthday: You are so changeable this year that no one will know exactly how to deal with you or what to expect. Don't let this alarm you. Let loose and have some fun. Think about all the ideas you have and things you want to do and begin the process of getting things off the ground. Your numbers are 2, 5, 22, 26, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have to pick up the slack if a colleague is dragging his or her feet. Don't feel bad -- this person will do the same for you. A partnership looks promising. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find it difficult to keep your emotions in check. Don't let minor aggravations turn into major concerns. Be mature, listen and observe. Think before you act. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everything will appear to be going fine, but beware of someone who may be withholding information. Make physical as well as mental improvements today. An enlightening class or a shopping spree could help. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships will take a turn. Someone from your past may confuse you. Travel and learning are your areas of success. Information received via e-mail or telephone may alter your future. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let things get you down. The more independent you are, the better you will do and the more respect you will gain. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An opportunity will present itself to find out information that will lead you in the right direction. By taking an unusual approach to something you have done well in the past, you will discover a completely new outlet. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have so much going for you, so stop procrastinating and take a chance. A partnership will affect the outcome of something you pursue. A creative idea will take shape if you give it a little thought. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stop yourself before you overanalyze what is going on. Things are not likely to be as they appear. You may deceive yourself into thinking someone is doing you an injustice but it probably won't be the case. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your determination will give you the drive to finish what you set out to do today. Your curiosity will get the better of you, but as long as you don't stray too far off your original plans, it won't cause a setback. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are always taking care of everyone else's needs; try to please yourself for a change. If someone is unhappy with your decisions, you may want to reevaluate your relationship. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong road today. Lots of good results will take place if you compromise and avoid unnecessary debates. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A lot can change in a day, and today is one that can bring favorable results. Partnerships and creative pursuits look good. A love connection is looking positive. ****

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ND ATHLETICS

Three athletes reinstated

NCAA calls violations 'secondary;' Zbikowski, Zeller, McAlarney will receive no penalty

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

The NCAA reinstated senior strong safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski and two men's basketball players after Notre Dame briefly declared them ineligible for their participation in promotional television spots, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Mike Karwoski said Wednesday.

Karwoski said the NCAA informed him in a phone call around 5 p.m. Wednesday they decided that three players committed "secondary violations" — violations without intent — for their "implied endorsement" of a local television show.

The NCAA then told him there would be no penalties, sanctions or eligibility consequences for the spots featuring Zbikowski, sophomore forward Luke Zeller and sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney.

"As far as they are concerned, the matter is closed and there would be no penalties involved," Karwoski said.

In a statement e-mailed to the media Wednesday night, Irish coach Charlie Weis expressed gratitude to the NCAA for the quick manner in which the situation was resolved.

"I appreciate the fact this was handled in an expeditious manner by the NCAA as well as our compliance and sports information departments," the statement read. "I'm glad we have a resolution to this situation and I look forward to continuing our preparation for Georgia Tech."

Notre Dame had sent a letter to the NCAA compliance office in Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon at once declaring Zbikowski, Zeller and McAlarney ineligible and requesting their reinstatement.

The trio's problem stemmed from separate appearances on the sports talk show "Sports Dogz" that airs on WSBT-TV in South Bend. During their appearances, the players filmed "bumps" — advertisements for the show, during the show, that informed viewers

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Irish senior safety Tom Zbikowski returns a punt against Tennessee Nov. 5, 2005.

MEN'S GOLF

Kubinski optimistic for season

Irish coach praises senior leadership, sets lofty team goals

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

With Notre Dame's lineup still uncertain, Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said he has set high goals for the upcoming season.

Of the five players who will travel to tournaments, Kubinski said he has only decided on two so far. Nine players will compete for the three remaining spots on Notre Dame's traveling squad.

Senior Cole Isban and sophomore Josh Sandman are penciled in the top two spots, he said.

"Other than that, it's pretty much up for

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

King not retained after 5 years as head coach

Athletic department looks for replacement as fall season nears

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There will be a new Irish leader this fall.

Notre Dame declined to renew the contract of head coach Debby King after five years, and a search for her replacement is underway, Assistant Sports Information Director Sean Carroll confirmed to The Observer Wednesday.

Carroll declined to comment on specific reasons behind the move, directing questions to Assistant Athletic Director Jim Fraleigh.

The Observer was unable to contact Fraleigh Wednesday night.

Assistant coach Kyle Veltri

is still with the team, which begins official practice Aug. 29. Veltri declined to comment on the coaching situation.

"I think the main thing we're focusing on right now is to maintain the enthusiasm and be as confident as we can be," she said.

Junior golfer Alejandra Diaz-Calderon also declined to comment on the specific circumstances, saying she had not received official word of the athletic department's decision.

"The administration hasn't told the team any details why Coach King wasn't returned," Diaz-Calderon said.

She said she, senior Noriko Nakazaki and sophomore Lisa Maunu — three of the team's returning players — would be involved in the interview process of a new coach.

She said she hoped the new

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

New-look ND vies for title

Returning, rookie players work to replace Thorlakson, Bohn

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

After losing its NCAA semifinals match to fellow Congregation of Holy Cross institution Portland 3-1, the Irish again look up to find the Pilots atop the National Soccer Coaches Association of America preseason standings.

If the NSCAA No. 5 Irish are to earn that spot at season's end, they must find new feet to fill the boots of last season's Hermann Trophy runner-up Katie Thorlakson. Fortunately for the Irish, head coach Randy Waldrum, now in his eighth season, does not expect last year's 22-3 squad — which led the nation with 4.4 goals per game — to miss a step.



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Irish sophomore forward Kerri Hanks takes a shot against DePaul Sept. 16, 2005. Hanks returns to lead the Notre Dame attack.

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Defending Big East champion Irish look to make a deep run into NCAAAs this year.

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Nevada coach Chris Ault installs revolutionary pistol offense for 2006 season.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Redshirt junior quarterback John David Booty may finally get a chance to start for Southern Cal.

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LITTLE LEAGUE

Mexico 11
Venezuela 0

The Mexicans hit three home runs to advance to the International Final.

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Oakland 6
Toronto 0

Estaban Loaiza threw a complete-game four-hitter for the A's.

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MLB

San Francisco 7
Arizona 6

Eliezer Alfonzo knocked in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning.

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