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Party ordinance vote stalls again

With weeks until public hearing, off-campus partying could face Common Council's scrutiny

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

With the public hearing of the South Bend Common Council's proposed party permit ordinance postponed once more, student body president Liz Brown said students should be aware their behavior this weekend could affect discussions between student and city leaders.

"The continuing progress is contingent on students' behavior during next week," Brown said. "If there are a lot of huge parties, a lot of my bargaining power will be lost."

The Common Council has

set Sept. 17 as the tentative date for the public hearing of the ordinance, which would require residents of boarding houses to notify the city before hosting an event at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol.

A boarding house is defined as a building in a residentially zoned area in which more than two non-related people live. Brown wasn't sure if the proposed legislation applies to apartments.

Brown and student body vice president Maris Braun have been in discussion with council members since the bill was proposed, pushing

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The St. Pete's Street residence where seniors Paul Carlson, left, and Chris Jordan live is considered a boarding house under the proposed ordinance.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Shooting victims in recovery

Club 23 incident still under investigation

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Matt Collins, one of two Notre Dame seniors shot and wounded outside Club 23 Aug. 21, was released from St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Monday.

Collins has been moved to the University Health Services building, and doctors expect him to make a full recovery, though a bullet remains in his abdomen. Any procedure to remove it would be considered too risky, Collins said.

The other shooting victim, Mitchell Depree, was treated and released from the hospital Aug. 21.

Collins does not know how long he will remain at Health Services, but he hopes to attend this weekend's opening football game against Georgia Tech, his mother, Karen Collins, said Tuesday.

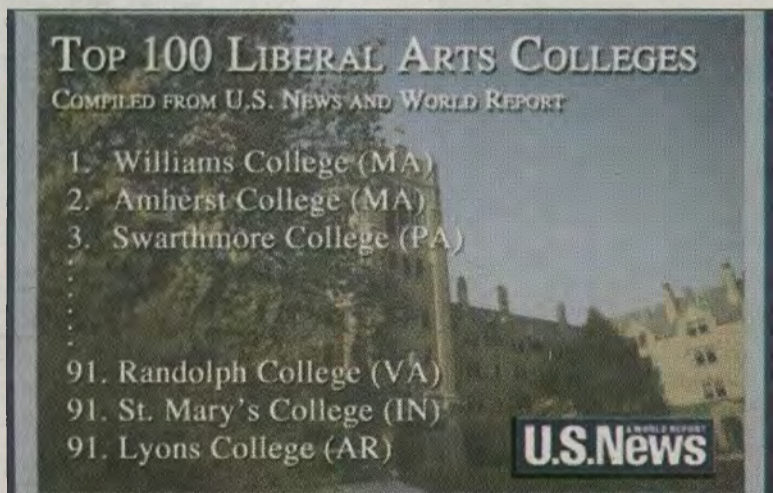
Police are still searching for the shooter. Investigators are conducting ballistics tests on the bullets found at the scene but results will not be available for a few weeks, said Captain Phil Trent of the South Bend Police Department.

Collins and Depree were

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Saint Mary's breaks into rankings

U.S. News & World Report places College among nation's top 100 liberal arts schools



MADELINE NIES/Observer Graphic

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's recently broke into the U.S. News & World Report's rankings of the top 100 liberal arts colleges, securing the 91st spot.

While the College was previously ranked the top liberal arts college in the region, it hadn't made the national rankings until this year.

The Princeton Review also recognized Saint Mary's as a "Best Midwestern College for 2008."

"We've long known we can

compete on a national level and it is gratifying to see our quality recognized," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in an Aug. 17 statement. "While many of my peers in higher education would like to see ranking systems change, there is no doubt that students and their parents rely heavily on these rankings when making their decisions about college."

While Mooney was pleased with breaking into the top 100, she has already set a loftier goal for the College.

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ND debuts new design for Web site

New layout requires most users to download latest version of Flash player

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

After more than eight years of simple graphics and text against a white background, visitors to Notre Dame's Web site were greeted Tuesday morning with a fresh new layout.

The old Web site — which was launched in the late 1990s — received only slight modifications over the years, Notre Dame WebGroup director Matt Klawitter said.

The Web site was "due for a change," University chief technology officer Dewitt Latimer said.

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

The University's new Web site replaced the old homepage Tuesday morning.

Ticket distribution undergoes change

By KATIE KOHLER and
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News Writers

In response to student scalpers hawking their unused tickets for exorbitant prices on eBay and similar resale Web sites, the Notre Dame Ticket Office has discontinued the practice of exchanging unused student tickets for general admission tickets — with one exception.

Notre Dame students will now only be able to exchange their student tickets for general admission tickets for the USC game on the first weekend of fall break, but Saint Mary's

season ticket holders don't have that option. Before, students from both schools could trade their student tickets for regular tickets before any home game.

Josh Berlo, director of ticket operations at Notre Dame, said the change resulted from abuse of the program.

"Over the last few years, we [the ticket office] have noticed increasing abuse in the ticket exchange," he said. "Resale violations and counterfeiting of ticket booklets are scamming the fans."

Some students, Berlo said, would resell their tickets to

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INSIDE COLUMN

A blast from the past

Before I get started here I want to wish everyone a great school year, seeing as how it's the first (second, if you count Frosh-O) edition of The Observer this year, and if I don't do this now, I'll forget later.

Liz Harter
News Production Editor

For the first column, I could write a good human interest piece, or an uninteresting piece about what the first day of school can be like (even though it's the second for Notre Dame students, the third for Saint Mary's).

Instead I want to ask a question: How many of you remember the late 1990s boy-band 98°?

No, they weren't as big as *NSYNC or the Backstreet Boys, but they were the boy band who gave Dustin Diamond — a.k.a. Screech from "Saved By The Bell" — a cameo in their 1999 music video for "I Do (Cherish You)."

They were the boy band who sang with Stevie Wonder the single "True to Your Heart" (also featured on Disney's Mulan soundtrack).

They were also the band that introduced us to Nick Lachey, the man who married Jessica Simpson and whose patience seemed endless as she wondered aloud what "Chicken of the Sea" is really made of.

There were, however, three members of the band — Jeff Timmons, Drew Lachey, and Justin Jeffre — who have fallen by the wayside since their breakup in 2002. Two have recently made a reappearance in the public eye.

The first of these, Timmons, is currently on VH1's "Mission: Man Band." The television series chronicles the lives of Timmons and three other former boy banders as they produce, record and form a new album as the band Sureshot.

The second is less well known — unless you're from Cincinnati.

In 2005, Justin Jeffre, the bleach-blond bass voice from the group, ran for mayor of Cincinnati. In order to do so, he needed to get 500 registered voters to sign a petition for his name to be on the ballot.

During the non-partisan primary, he received 708 votes, giving him a grand total of 1.8 percent of the total vote. But don't be alarmed. He did beat the 83-year-old retired shoemaker Sylvan Grisco as well as the security guard and three-time independent presidential candidate, Sandra Queen Noble.

With his paltry performance the first time around, it was surprising when I ran into him in Mt. Adams, a neighborhood with a multitude of bars and restaurants, shortly before returning to school.

My friends and I were there to see an outdoor music festival. Little did we know that as we walked to dinner we would run into Jeffre.

I don't think he realized my friends and I remembered when 98° was popular. We were meeting one of our teen idols as we signed his petition to get on the ballot.

This time he's running for City Council.

So if you're from Cincinnati, and a registered voter, check him out on the ballot. I'm not endorsing him because I honestly don't know what his platform is, I just thought it'd be nice for him to have a shot at winning an election again.

Oh, and if you see him and he's wearing his Jeffre for Mayor 2005 shirt, tell him it would be a good idea to make some new T-shirts.

My friends and I forgot to do that.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CITY'S PROPOSED PARTY ORDINANCE?



Steve Ridenour
*sophomore
 St. Ed's*

"It's pretty ridiculous."



Katie Mancino
*senior
 off campus*

"As long as Michael can stay over, I'm fine."



Michael Redding
*senior
 off campus*

"As long as I can have sleepovers at Katie's house, what difference does it make?"



Elisa Suarez
*senior
 off campus*

"It's fine. I've legally adopted my roommates."



Andrea Mayus
*senior
 Welsh Family*

"Every time South Bend passes an ordinance, two more Notre Dame students get shot."



Casie Sweeney
*senior
 off campus*

"I'm not worried about it, but I still think there are bigger fish to fry, like whale-sharks."



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

A group of students sits outside DeBartolo Hall Tuesday at a picnic after the Opening Mass at the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

Police: NY robber refuses \$10, takes only \$4

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — A knife-wielding robber needed only \$4, so he refused to take a \$10 bill from his victim and waited while the man made change at a pizza parlor, police said Tuesday.

He then took the \$4 and ran off, only to be captured a few blocks away, police said.

The suspect, James Mitchell, 48, was arraigned Tuesday on robbery and weapon charges. His lawyer, Arlene Popkin, refused to comment.

Police Capt. Joseph

DeCarlo said it "really is an odd case, but it is a robbery."

The confrontation began over an artificial rose that the 18-year-old victim had just bought, police said.

Missing German kangaroo captured

BERLIN — Skippi, a wily kangaroo on the run since early August was returned to his home at a petting zoo Monday in southern Germany, but not after a chase through the German Alps that left the animal with a strained leg.

The injured marsupial was captured in a cornfield

near Leutkirch im Allgaeu, almost 10 miles from where his journey began, police in the nearby town of Ravensburg said.

Though residents in the area had reported multiple sightings of the kangaroo over the past few weeks, Skippi managed to elude authorities every time.

But earlier Monday, police received a call from someone claiming to have seen the animal in a cornfield not far from the last place he was spotted following a run-in with a car Friday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Summer Shakespeare company will perform "Love's Labor Lost" tonight at 7:30 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-35 for faculty/staff/seniors and \$12-15 for all students. Performances will run through Sept. 2.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "Only Human" ("Seres Queridos") Thursday at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko" Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on Michigan Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Circle outside the Main Building Saturday at midnight.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vigil Mass 30 minutes after the Georgia Tech game Saturday.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "The Night of the Hunter" Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

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

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Opening Mass begins new academic year

Jenkins focuses on upcoming beatification of Holy Cross founder Father Basil Moreau

By DAN JACOBS
News Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and priests gathered at the Joyce Center Tuesday to celebrate Mass and the new academic year.

University President Father John Jenkins presided over the Mass, and the Notre Dame Brass Ensemble, Chorale, Folk Choir, Glee Club and Liturgical Choir provided the musical arrangements.

In light of the upcoming beatification of Holy Cross Order founder Father Basil Moreau, Jenkins spoke during his homily about Moreau's contributions to the order, to community service and to education.

"What Notre Dame stands for, its foundation, finds its heart in the man who gave his life to service," Jenkins said, referring to Moreau.

Jenkins dedicated the 2007-08 academic year to the memory of

Moreau, and asked for Moreau's intercession at Notre Dame so that "each and every one of us may imitate his spirit, his generosity, and his service."

University Provost Thomas Burish showed a video presentation titled "One Heart, One Soul" near the end of the ceremony, reiterating Moreau's life and influence on Notre Dame.

Burish also emphasized how universities are places of conversation. He spoke of the need to follow Moreau and seek truth through faith.

Moreau was born in 1799 and sent missionaries, including Father Edward Sorin, around the world. Sorin founded Notre Dame in 1842.

Moreau will be beatified in Le Mans, France Sept. 12-16.

Beatification is a step in the Catholic Church's road to sainthood.

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The University debuted the anticipated revamped homepage at midnight, designed to appeal to three different groups of potential users — those who are being exposed to the University for the first time, those who are looking for simple information and those who use the site on a regular basis, such as faculty, staff, and students, Klawitter said.

For the three target groups, he said he hopes the new nd.edu will reflect the University's multifaceted character better than its predecessor.

One of the Web site's most prominent features is the interactive Flash carousel, which presents a variety of video clips that showcase a "taste of life" at Notre Dame, Klawitter said.

The carousel requires the latest version of the Adobe Flash Player, an upgrade most users will have to download to view the page, he said.

But Web designer John Nunemaker said the WebGroup felt the upgrade constraint is reasonable because the widely used

Flash player is already a prerequisite for common Web sites, including YouTube.

Klawitter's group also significantly upgraded the search feature on nd.edu through a partnership with

Google, which will help both unfamiliar and frequent site visitors "find specific information quickly," Klawitter said.

He said he expects the improved search engine to be one of the added features that will directly impact prospective

students by simplifying their online experience.

"We wanted to give a straightforward, positive impression of the University and provide a solid user experience," Klawitter said.

Feedback to Klawitter's office has been generally positive so far, he said.

"We've gotten a lot of kudos and well-wishes. People are excited that we've provided fresh content

to all users," he said.

Sophomore Nick LaSpina said he liked the Web site's improvements.

"It seems well designed for both aesthetic and practical purposes," he said.

Klawitter's next task will be to improve the calendar, mapping and virtual tour features to update the "starting point" for the users' online Notre Dame experience.

"We want to be as excellent in our Web site as we are in academics and athletics," he said.

The Web site was designed exclusively by Klawitter's WebGroup, which is a service of the Office of News and Information, not of the Office of Information Technology.

OIT divested itself from the WebGroup approximately three years ago because Klawitter's office, designed to handle the content and presentation of nd.edu, does not fall under OIT's role of overseeing the campus' computer systems and networks.

OIT "worries about infrastructure. [WebGroup] worries about message," Latimer said.

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Tickets

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make a profit by selling at higher than face value.

To curb the problem, Berlo said, the ticketing office, student government and the Office of Student Affairs gathered this summer to look at the issues and "hopefully improve them for the future," Berlo said.

After consulting with the student organizations, the Ticket Office decided to suspend the exchange program with the exception of the USC game, which takes place after fall break begins.

At the end of the season, the groups will meet again to determine if the changes were successful in curbing abuse. Berlo said that he hopes to reinstate the practice next season if the number of counterfeiting and scalping cases are reduced. The new policy has not affected the number of student tickets sold.

However, while Notre Dame students are restricted to exchanges for one game, Saint Mary's students will not receive that option.

Karen Johnson, vice president for student affairs at Saint Mary's, said Saint Mary's had no input in the decision, which is entirely governed by Notre Dame.

"We are invited to participate in the purchase of the tickets, but do not have any say in their policies," she said in an e-mail to The Observer.

Because the Ticket Office is able to trace the counterfeit tickets to the individual student, Saint Mary's students, who Berlo said are more frequent offenders, were excluded. According to the Ticket Office, offenders face up to five years of losing ticketing privileges.

"Since there are so few tickets available to be exchanged now, with only two games, we decided to give the Notre Dame kids the first shot," Berlo said. "But the other reason is because we found violations of the exchange were proportionally worse from Saint Mary's. We wanted to isolate exactly where the problem was most prevalent."

There are no financial or other advantages to the changes made by the Ticket Office, Berlo said.

"It is disappointing because we don't enjoy taking privileges from the students," he said.

The new policy has left some Saint Mary's students upset with their limited ticketing options, including senior Brigid Fitzpatrick, who had planned to buy an unused ticket from a friend and exchange it for a general admission ticket for her sister, who goes to school in Chicago.

"I wanted to bring [my sister] in for a game this year, but now because of the exchange [policy], it looks like I won't be able to do that," she said.

Some students are angry because they were not notified of the policy until Aug. 13.

"It's unfair because we bought the tickets first, and then they told us about the policy," senior Courtney Kennedy said.

Other students said they thought the USC exception conflicts with the Ticket Office's desire to minimize the online resale of tickets, as seats for the anticipated USC game are likely to sell for large sums on auction Web sites.

"So basically, students are

limited to exchanging their tickets only for the most expensive game," Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood said. "This, logically speaking, makes no sense at all. Tickets for that game are going for \$2,000 each."

Another major change in the regulation of this season's football tickets can be seen in the absence of long lines snaking along the side of Notre Dame Stadium for extended periods of time this week.

Beginning last spring, upperclassmen were able to choose their seating groups and pay for their tickets online for the first time. They must show their student ID cards to retrieve them from the Stadium Box Office this year, speeding up a process that used to require early-morning wake ups to stand in line for the best seats.

Sophomore Fraser Desmond said the online procedure was a lot faster than his experience last fall.

"It was better than having to wait in the rain on an early Tuesday morning, like last year," he said.

Desmond and his fellow upperclassmen might have been spared the long lines and the early morning trek to the stadium — but that was not the case for every student.

Freshmen were not able to participate in the online registration procedures last semester, and had to purchase their tickets the old way, before sunrise, and in groups of 10.

Freshman Eras Noel woke up at 5:30 a.m. and waited until the gates opened at 7 a.m. to receive his season tickets.

"I attended a summer program here so it was easy to find a group of people to sit with," he said. "Waiting an hour and a half wasn't so bad."

The last football ticketing change this season limited the number of tickets that parents of students were allowed the chance to receive through the lottery. Previously, parents were given the opportunity to buy four tickets to two games, this year they can purchase two tickets to one game.

This measure was taken primarily to benefit the alumni, Berlo said.

"After the record-setting lottery last year, we took a look at the lottery and scaled back a lot of the participatory groups," Berlo said. "It was really a way

to help insure that our future graduates would have greater ticket access."

Lockwood said he feels the reduction of parent tickets and suspension of ticket exchanges are a double-edged sword that should have been reanalyzed because it disadvantages students at two fronts: by making it harder for their non-Notre Dame friends to attend games and by limiting their parents to only one game.

"Rather than punish everybody, the school should punish those who violate the policy more vigilantly," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Turkey elects new president

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A devout Muslim won Turkey's presidency Tuesday after months of confrontation with the secular establishment, promising to be impartial and praising the idea that Islam and the state should be separate.

Still, in a sign that tension could lie ahead, top generals did not attend the swearing-in ceremony in parliament of Abdullah Gul, their new president and commander in chief. Local media interpreted their absence as a protest against the 56-year-old Gul, the former foreign minister in Turkey's Islamic-oriented government.

Gul, who has tried to engineer Turkey's entry into the European Union with sweeping reforms, received a majority of 339 votes in a parliamentary ballot in the capital, Ankara. The secular opposition had thwarted Gul's earlier bid for the presidency, but his triumph this time was assured by a ruling party that won a second term in general elections last month.

Shiite militants end festival

BAGHDAD — Fighting erupted Tuesday between rival Shiite militias in Karbala during a religious festival, claiming 51 lives and forcing officials to abort the celebrations and order up to 1 million Shiite pilgrims to leave the southern city.

Security officials said Mahdi Army gunmen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fired on guards around two shrines protected by the Badr Brigade, the armed wing of the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council.

Residents of Karbala contacted by telephone said snipers were firing on Iraqi security forces from rooftops. Explosions and the rattle of automatic weapons fire could be heard during telephone calls to reporters in the city 50 miles south of Baghdad.

NATIONAL NEWS

American poverty rate falls

WASHINGTON — Five years into a national economic recovery, the share of Americans living in poverty finally dropped.

The nation's poverty rate was 12.3 percent in 2006, down from 12.6 percent a year before, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Median household income increased slightly, to \$48,200.

The numbers provided some good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. But they were tempered by an increase in the number of Americans without health insurance, from 44.8 million in 2005 to 47 million last year.

Some advocates said the numbers were evidence of an uneven economy that is leaving many Americans behind.

Senator denies alleged lewd act

BOISE — Under fire from leaders of his own party, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig on Tuesday the only thing he had done wrong was to plead guilty after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room. He declared, "I am not gay. I never have been gay."

"I did nothing wrong at the Minneapolis airport," he said at a news conference with his wife, Suzanne, at his side.

Craig's defiant stance came as Senate Republican leaders in Washington called for an ethics committee review into his involvement in a police sting operation this summer in the airport men's room.

LOCAL NEWS

INDOT defends design of I-80

HAMMOND — Residents and officials are questioning why Interstate 80/94 flooded last week, causing parts of the route into Chicago that is one of the nation's busiest stretches of highway to be closed for three days.

Indiana Department of Transportation officials defended the design, saying unusually heavy rains were to blame for the closure of the highway section that has been rebuilt over the past three years.

"It was an act of nature," INDOT spokesman Joshua Bingham said.

IRAN

Ahmadinejad: U.S. lacking support

President says Iranians are ready to replace waning American influence in Iraq

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad boldly declared Tuesday that U.S. political influence in Iraq is "collapsing rapidly" and said his government is ready to help fill any power vacuum.

The hard-line leader also defended Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a fellow Shiite Muslim who has been harshly criticized by American politicians for his unsuccessful efforts to reconcile Iraq's Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

"The political power of the occupiers is collapsing rapidly," Ahmadinejad said at a news conference, referring to U.S. troops in Iraq. "Soon, we will see a huge power vacuum in the region. Of course, we are prepared to fill the gap, with the help of neighbors and regional friends like Saudi Arabia, and with the help of the Iraqi nation."

Ahmadinejad did not elaborate on his remarks, an unusual declaration of Iran's interest in influencing its neighbor's future. The mention of a Saudi role appeared aimed at allaying the fears of Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Muslim nations that Iran wants to dominate in Iraq. Even though Saudi Arabia and Iran have not cooperated in the past, it "doesn't mean it can't happen," Ahmadinejad said.

Iran fought a brutal eight-year war with Saddam Hussein's regime and welcomed the elimination of a deeply hated enemy. But Iran also strongly objects to the presence of America, another rival, over its eastern and western borders in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Occupation is the root of all problems in Iraq," Ahmadinejad said. "It has become clear that occupiers are not able to resolve regional issues."

President Bush defended the Iraq war in a speech at the American Legion's national convention and



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a press conference Tuesday, warning of a power vacuum in Iraq he believes Iran is ready to fill.

accused Iran of violating human rights and trying to destabilize Iraq, Afghanistan and the wider region.

"Iran is sending arms to the Taliban in Afghanistan to be used to attack American and NATO troops," Bush said. "Iran has arrested visiting American scholars who have committed no crimes and impose no threat to their regime. And Iran's active pursuit of technology that could lead to nuclear weapons threatens to put a region already known for instability and violence under the shadow of a nuclear holocaust. Iran's actions threaten the security of nations everywhere."

Bush and the U.S. ambassador in Iraq have given

blunt assessments of political stagnation in Baghdad, and Bush has said it is up to the Iraqi people to decide if their government deserved to be replaced.

But key Democratic politicians, including Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, have called for al-Maliki to be replaced because his Shiite-dominated government has been unable to forge national unity.

Al-Maliki has shrugged off the gloomy assessments of Iraq's future, saying he would "pay no attention" to American critics and if necessary "find friends elsewhere."

"They rudely say (the Iraqi) prime minister and the constitution must change," Ahmadinejad said of U.S.

critics. "Who are you? Who has given you the right" to ask for such a change, he added.

Ousting al-Maliki, a longtime Shiite political activist, would require a majority vote in the 275-member Iraqi parliament. As long as the Kurdish parties and the main Shiite bloc back al-Maliki, his opponents lack the votes for that.

In a move that could further strain U.S.-Iranian relations, U.S. troops raided a Baghdad hotel Tuesday night and detained about 10 people, including six whom a U.S.-funded radio station described as members of an Iranian delegation visiting to negotiate contracts with the Iraqis.

Rescuers maintain search for miners

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Crews tried to lower a robotic camera into a Utah mountain Tuesday and drilled yet another hole into the coal mine where six miners have been trapped for more than three weeks.

Officials hoped the seventh hole would break into the coal mine's so-called kitchen, a designated safety area 1,800 feet underground where the miners could have sought protection after the Aug. 6 cave-in. Rescuers have detected no sign of life from the men.

The work was interrupted Monday by heavy rain that washed out work

sites on steep terrain above the Crandall Canyon mine, about 120 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Crews were working to snake the robotic camera into an undamaged section at the rear of the mine through hole No. 3, drilled weeks earlier.

Officials planned to brief families on the camera's progress Tuesday evening, said Rich Kulczewski, a spokesman for the U.S. Labor Department. He said the government would not announce any developments until after that meeting.

"I don't expect there will be any shocking news coming out of that,"

said Sonny Olsen, a spokesman for some miners' families. "I don't think anything significant is happening yet."

Federal officials have said the instability of the mountain makes it too risky to resume underground digging or to drill a hole wide enough to send a manned rescue capsule into the mine.

The robotic camera can travel 1,000 feet and has a 200-watt light so it can take images of objects up to about 50 feet away. It is similar to one used to search the wreckage of the World Trade Center after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City.

Shooting

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shot around 1 a.m. Aug. 21 following a "harsh" conversation with the shooter, who returned several minutes later in an SUV and fired five shots at the students, Trent said.

The students were taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where Depree was treated for a leg wound and then released, Trent said. The gunshot wounds Collins received to his abdomen and leg, however, were initially considered so life-threatening that he requested and received last rites.

Collins said the shooter — who neither he nor his friends had ever met — approached him, Depree and

another Notre Dame senior in front of Club 23 while they were waiting for a ride, according to Karen Collins.

When the man asked the three students for a ride, they said no, Karen Collins said. The man — who police described as a short-haired black male of average build wearing a clean, white T-shirt — then walked out of sight. He returned moments later in the passenger seat of a black SUV as it drove up to the curb where the three seniors stood. He then said,

"Thanks for the ride, you [expletive] Notre Dame students," before firing five shots, Karen Collins said.

Two of the bullets hit Collins, and one hit Depree. The car's driver then drove northbound on Notre Dame Avenue, Trent said.

University officials were notified of the shooting before 2 a.m. Aug. 21 and became immediately involved, University spokesperson Dennis Brown said. Associate Vice President for Residence Life and Housing Bill Kirk visited

Matthew Collins and Depree at the hospital later that morning, Brown said. Both Matthew Collins and Depree said they intend to enroll for the fall semester, he said. Karen Collins said the University "has been great" throughout the ordeal. "(The shooting) is quite an uncommon occurrence," Trent said last week. "We do not believe in any way, shape or form that this was random."

Police do not know whether the suspected shooter was inside Club 23 before the shooting, Trent said. "I would hope the student population wouldn't let this scare them into not enjoying themselves or enjoying the community here," he said. He advised students to avoid actions which could

put themselves at risk, such as walking alone at night. Students are far more likely to be victims of property crime than violence, Trent said. Theft can often be averted by concealing electronics and other valuables inside a trunk or locked in a console, he said.

"[Leaving out] a backpack is as good as leaving an iPod or cell phone out," he said. "A briefcase — you might as well leave the laptop out."

Police have asked anyone with information about the shooting to contact the South Bend Police Department Investigative Division at (574) 235-9263.

Chris Hine contributed to this report.

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Rankings

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She hopes Saint Mary's breaks into the top 50 national liberal arts colleges in the near future.

To do this, Mooney believes the College needs to improve retention and graduation rates. Small class sizes and "talented, accessible faculty" could also boost the College's ranking, Mooney said.

But the College's current performance was enough to prompt U.S. News to move it from the regional

to the national category, Director of Media Relations Melanie McDonald said.

"We didn't do anything different. There was no seismic shift ... just a reclassification," she said. "But to enter into the realm of the top third is a big deal for us. It shows that we can play in the big leagues and that we belong."

While the Princeton Review rankings are not as well known as the U.S. News and World Report rankings, the impact on the College is still significant, College officials said.

"Any time there is academic recognition and student satisfaction, it is a positive thing," McDonald said.

U.S. News, which relies heavily on evaluations from peer institutions, differs from the Princeton Review, which considers student input.

"It is a nice balance to know that we received kudos from students who lived the education and our academic peers as well," McDonald said.

The Princeton Review rankings are based on standards for excellence and student opinion data, collected through a survey on its Web site.

The information was compiled in the publication's "Best Colleges: Region by Region" section of the Web site dedicated to colleges that "stand out as academically excellent institutions of higher learning."

Administrators and faculty members said they are looking forward to the implications of the recent awards and their potential effect on enrollment.

Dan Meyer, vice president of enrollment management, and Mona Bowe, director of admissions, are "leading the charge" in Mooney's plan to increase enrollment, McDonald said.

"[The rankings] will no doubt look attractive to prospective students and parents," McDonald said. "But it is not cause and effect. All the good things we want for the College will not come about right now, but it is a good place to begin."

Students also said they thought the recognition was important.

"I think these honors will help Saint Mary's on a national level and attract students

from different backgrounds and areas of the country, not just the Midwest," freshman Megan Miller said.

Saint Mary's is on its way to the national circuit, which McDonald attributes to strong leadership. Mooney has made aggressive attempts to increase enrollment to 1,700, while making Saint Mary's a more diverse institution.

"Each year we are getting better because of the support of those in leadership positions," McDonald said. "Just look at enrollment this year."

The honors, McDonald said, "just boost the fact that we are already doing important things right. And that is a good flag to fly."

Mandi Stirone contributed to this report.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	13,041.85	-280.28	

Up: 444 Same: 67 Down: 2,832 Composite Volume: 3,078,093,429

AMEX	2,177.14	-61.22
NASDAQ	2,500.64	-60.61
NYSE	9,289.49	-239.44
S&P 500	1,432.36	-34.43
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	16,287.49	53.01
FTSE 100 (London)	6,102.20	-117.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-2.38	-1.14	46.74
SUN MICROSYS (JAVA)	-1.56	-0.08	5.06
INTEL CP (INTC)	-2.00	-0.49	23.96
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-2.22	-0.69	30.41

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.44	-0.066	4.530
13-WEEK BILL	-2.51	-0.110	4.270
30-YEAR BOND	-0.02	-0.001	4.862
5-YEAR NOTE	-3.10	-0.136	4.248

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.24	71.73	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-2.70	673.50	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.05	91.00	

Exchange Rates			
YEN		114.1300	
EURO		0.7350	
POUND		0.4995	
CANADIAN \$		1.0656	

IN BRIEF

Wall Street raises investor concerns

NEW YORK — Volatility returned to Wall Street Tuesday, sending stocks plunging as investors grew more uneasy about the economy and whether the Federal Reserve will take the steps needed to prevent credit market problems from spreading further. The Dow Jones industrials fell 280 points.

The stock market found little to assuage concerns in minutes from the Fed's last meeting, released during afternoon trading. The major indexes' losses steepened after investors parsed the minutes for signs of a possible cut in interest rates.

There had been some hope on the Street that Fed policymakers might have sent a stronger signal they were more willing to cut interest rates to help calm turbulent market conditions. But in the minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's Aug. 7 meeting, while the central bank noted the turmoil in the markets and said, "to the extent such a development could have an adverse effect on growth prospects, might require a policy response," it didn't discuss a cut in the benchmark federal funds rate that Wall Street has wanted.

U.S. home prices continue to drop

NEW YORK — U.S. home prices fell 3.2 percent in the second quarter, the steepest rate of decline since Standard & Poor's began its nationwide housing index in 1987, the research group said Tuesday.

The decline in home prices around the nation shows no evidence of a market recovery anytime soon, one of the architects of the index said.

MacroMarkets LLC Chief Economist Robert Shiller said the declining residential real estate market "shows no signs of slowing down."

The report came a day after the National Association of Realtors said sales of existing homes dropped for a fifth straight month in July while the number of unsold homes shot up to a record level.

The S&P/Case-Schiller quarterly index tracks price trends among existing single-family homes across the nation compared with a year earlier.

CHINA

U.S. representatives target toy safety

Larsen: Tainted Chinese exports create a personal problem for Americans

Associated Press

BEIJING — China needs to effectively address its product safety problems, an American lawmaker said Tuesday as the country launched a campaign to weed out unqualified manufacturers amid a global recall of Chinese-made toys.

Toys are among a lengthening list of Chinese exports that have been found to contain high levels of chemicals and toxins, triggering worldwide concerns and numerous recalls of goods ranging from toothpaste to pet food ingredients.

"This is a very real problem," said Rep. Rick Larsen, who was on a weeklong visit to China. "It's visceral."

"It's about your child, and it's about your pet, and it's about food on the table," said Larsen, D-Wash. "You can't get more personal than that for Americans, and so it does need to be addressed."

Larsen and Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., are co-chairs of the U.S.-China Working Group, which is focusing on the expansion of export opportunities to China for small- and medium-sized American businesses.

Larsen and Kirk met Tuesday with officials from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. According to Larsen, the Chinese officials said they recognized there was a problem and that it was being fixed.

Before Congress' August recess, Kirk introduced the bipartisan Import Safety Act of 2007, which would increase penalties against importers of contaminated goods by 100 times. Food and toy violations resulting in death would now mean fines of \$50 million instead of \$500,000.



A Chinese boy plays with a toy in Beijing Tuesday. Chinese-made toys are being recalled all over the world.

Larsen urged U.S. importers to get more involved. He said their businesses could suffer, especially around Christmas "if the American public does get to the point where they are ... specifically looking for products that are not made in China."

The legislation also provides funding to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for overseas inspections of processed foods and toothpaste.

China's crackdown on toy makers comes two weeks after Mattel Inc., the world's largest toy maker, recalled almost 19 million dolls, cars and action figures because they contained lead paint or tiny magnets that could damage organs if swallowed by children.

"An examination will be conducted across the country on licensed Chinese toy producers and exporters to clear out those unqualified ones," the quality administration said on its Web site.

"Export toy quality certificates will be revoked for those companies who are found to have serious problems in quality management and product safety control," the administration said.

Chen Xitong, an administration official, said the program would begin Tuesday.

It is part of a four-month program aimed at improving overall quality — from food to drugs to consumer products — as China fights to shore up its battered reputation as a safe exporter.

Fed considers credit intervention

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers meeting in early August acknowledged that they might have to take action to ease a growing credit crunch, even as they held out hope for "a return to more normal market conditions" without any intervention.

A cut in one interest rate came 10 days later, and analysts are expecting a broader rate cut when Chairman Ben Bernanke and his Fed colleagues meet in September.

The Fed, however, didn't feel an immediate need to step in at its Aug. 7 meeting. Instead, the Fed left a key interest rate at 5.25 percent, where it has stood for more than a year. Policymakers left rates alone even as they acknowledged that the worsening housing slump, credit problems and turbulence on Wall Street had

increased risks to the economy.

Bernanke and his central bank colleagues "expected a return to more normal market conditions," but they recognized that might not be the case, according to minutes of the closed-door meeting released on Tuesday.

"A further deterioration in financial conditions could not be ruled out, and to the extent such a development could have an adverse effect on growth prospects, might require a policy response," the minutes stated. The minutes didn't say what that response might entail.

"Policymakers would need to watch the situation carefully," the minutes stated.

They did. Ten days later — on Aug. 17 — the Federal Reserve took the unusual step of slicing by a half percentage point the interest rate it

charges banks for loans to 5.75 percent. That narrowly tailored move was aimed at propping up sagging financial markets. The Fed also has pumped billions of dollars into the U.S. financial system to help banks and other institutions get over any cash-flow problems and more smoothly carry out their businesses.

Economists and investors believe the odds are rising that the Fed will move to lower its key interest rate now at 5.25 percent by at least one-quarter percentage point on or before Sept. 18, its next regularly scheduled meeting. This rate, called the federal funds rate, is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed main tool for influencing overall economic activity. A reduction to the funds rate would mean lower interest rates for millions of consumers and businesses.

Ordinance

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them to reconsider the ordinance.

"The goal the entire time is to have a permit process completely removed and pursue other avenues to address disorderly parties," Brown said.

But Council member Al "Buddy" Kirsits, one of the bill's co-sponsors, sees the ordinance as necessary to address the recurring issue of raucous student parties.

"[We need to] tell people of the behavior we expect of them in our community,"

Kirsits said at the Aug. 20 Common Council Community Relations Committee meeting. "I don't see this as that big of a deal. It might be to some people who have that 'anything goes' mentality."

The proposed ordinance currently exists in two forms, each of which would require a different length of advance notice to the city about any event. The bill designed by sponsoring members Timothy Rouse and Kirsits would require the host to notify the city at least 10 days before any event, while the working draft of a proposal by the city administration would require only 24 hours notice.

The ordinance has inflamed discussion among Notre Dame students since Brown notified the student body in an e-mail Aug. 4.

The proposed ordinance was subject to a public hearing Aug. 2. Week after week, public hearings have been postponed.

Brown has talked to city officials about a set of initiatives through which student government would take additional responsibility for off-campus violations by students. She will meet with Council members and the mayor this week, she said.

"I'm hoping something bigger comes out of this," she said, "with a larger, more stable continued avenue for con-

tinued dialogue between the University's student body and the city."

She cited the Community Relations Coalition that was formed in East Lansing to facilitate dialogue between the students of Michigan State University and the surrounding community.

If passed, the ordinance will be enforced by levying fines on any violators. If residents do not register a gathering and they are caught, they will be subjected to an initial \$500 fine and then \$1,000 on each subsequent violation.

Sponsors who file applications will still be subjected to public nuisance fines for any other violations. These fines would be \$50 on a first violation, \$100 on a second violation and \$200 on any subsequent violation.

The application fee for an event permit would be \$15.

Questions have been raised during Community Relations Committee meetings about the enforceability and legality of the ordinance.

In all versions of the proposed ordinance, rules relating to boarding house events are accompanied by regulations to allow currently banned lawn parking during Notre Dame home football games.

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Council member

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Liz Brown
student body president



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- Comforter or quilt (1)
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- Duvet cover (1)
- Blanket (1)
- Bed pillows (2)
- Pillow protectors (2)
- Mattress pad (1)
- Fiberbed/featherbed (1)
- Inflatable Aerobed (1)
- Window/door panels
- Area rug (1)
- Decorative pillows
- Floor cushions
- Throw (1)

Pull an All Nighter

- Desk lamp (1)
- Floor lamp (1)
- Bed rest (1)
- Lap desk (1)

Munchie Makers

- Bowls, plates, mugs (4)
- Forks, knives, spoons (4)
- Glassware set (1)

Cookware set (1)

- Set kitchen utensils (1)
- Bottle/can opener (1)
- Water filtration pitcher (1)
- Replacement filters
- Chip clips/magnetic clips (5)
- Dorm-size microwave (1)
- Dorm-size refrigerator (1)
- Blender (1)
- Toaster oven (1)
- Coffeemaker (1)
- George Foreman grill (1)
- Snack table (1)
- Dish rack
- Travel mugs

Neat n Tidy

- Hand or stick vacuum (1)
- Dish cloths & towels (6)
- Cylinder hamper (1)
- Compact iron (1)
- Drying rack (1)
- Laundry bags (2)
- Lint roller

Dorm Pre-Req's

- Clock radio (1)
- Night light
- Fan (1)
- Storage boxes (2)
- Extension cords (2)
- Squid multi outlets (2)
- Surge protector
- Batteries
- Door mirror (1)
- Wall hooks
- Frames
- Storage ottoman
- Trash can

Chaos Control

- Storage trunk or tote (1)
- Under the bed containers (3)
- CD or DVD storage (1)
- Set of 4 bed risers (1)
- Over the door storage (1)
- Shoe rack (1)
- 24 hangers (1 Pkg.)
- Mesh cubes
- Bubble crates
- Modular storage shelves
- Drawer organizers (4)
- Storage set (1)
- Duffel bag (1)
- Space bags

Student Body Needs

- Towel sets (6)
- Towel bar (1)
- Bath towel tower (1)
- Tub mat (1)
- Bath rug (1)
- Shower curtain (1)
- Shower liner (1)
- Shower ring set (1)
- Shower caddy (1)
- Soap holder (1)
- Bath brush and pouf
- Electric toothbrush (1)
- Replacement heads
- Over the door hook (1)
- Magnifying mirror (1)
- Blow dryer (1)
- Body wash & lotion
- Cosmetic organizer (1)
- Tweezers
- Curling iron (1)
- Hair straightener (1)
- Electric razor (1)
- Robe & slippers (1)
- Hair towel & shower wrap
- Shower radio (1)
- Scale
- Electric fragrance diffuser

Ex-congressman believes POWs remain in Hanoi

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — In 1981, rookie congressman Bill Hendon left a Capitol Hill intelligence briefing convinced that there were American prisoners of war from Vietnam still alive and in captivity in Southeast Asia.

Nearly three decades later, he says, they're still there — and still alive.

"Absolutely," Hendon said. "No question about it."

It's a position ridiculed by both government officials and former POWs who spent years in captivity during the Vietnam War. After meeting with Hendon in 1986, President Reagan wrote in his diary that the two-term congressman from western North Carolina was "off his rocker."

But the 62-year-old Hendon remains resolute. He has published "An Enormous Crime," a 587-page book filled with declassified government documents he and co-author Elizabeth Stewart believe prove that living Americans were left behind in Southeast Asia after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

"The intelligence indicates that about 700 were knowingly left at the end of the war," Hendon said in an interview from his home in Washington, D.C. "There have been some losses. They are keep-

ing these men alive ... in underground prisons northwest of Hanoi."

Since that first intelligence briefing, Hendon has made dozens of trips to Southeast Asia to search for living POWs. During a trip to Hanoi in 1995, Hendon chained himself to the gate of a compound used by American investigators — a protest against what he called the government's refusal to act on reports of living prisoners.

A few days later, U.S. and Vietnamese officials went to a site where Hendon thought living POWs were being held. None were found.

"In spite of the years of investigations and the overt and covert means we, the government, have used to look at such things to date, there is no credible evidence that any living American is being held against his will in Southeast Asia," said Larry Greer, a spokesman for the Department of Defense's POW-Missing Personnel Office.

The office posts regular updates on the status of the 1,783 Americans officially listed as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. Since 1975, the government has received 22,943 reports on missing Americans, including 1,989 "firsthand live sightings." Of those, only 47 are unexplained.

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White House eyes possible Gonzales replacements

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving quickly to replace Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, White House officials are considering five names that "have kind of emerged" as possible candidates to take over the beleaguered Justice Department, according to a senior Bush administration official.

The official who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to speak more openly about the process declined to identify the five contenders who were being looked at "pretty seriously."

White House officials have consulted more than 20 members of Congress — Democrats and Republicans alike — about possible successors to Gonzales, who announced Monday that is leaving office on Sept. 17.

Interviews with current and former Justice Department officials, congressional aides, attorneys and other legal experts yielded as many as 24 names of possible, if highly speculative candidates for the attorney general's job.

When contacted Tuesday, several contenders asked to remain anonymous and flatly said they did not want the job. Others declined to comment.

"I love the Department of Justice — it's the most wonderful professional experience I've had in my life," said Ted Olson, a former solicitor general for the Bush administration who declined to say whether he has discussed the attorney general's job with the White House or whether he would accept the post if offered.

Similarly, George Terwilliger, a deputy attorney general under former President George H.W. Bush who has emerged as an often-mentioned contender, declined to comment.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who formerly chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee, once said he would take the job if offered.

When asked if he would take the job of running the Justice Department, former Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson sent word through a spokeswoman that "he's very happy in this role" as general counsel at PepsiCo.

Solicitor General Paul Clement could remain acting attorney general for an indefinite time after Gonzales leaves.

White House officials said Tuesday it was unlikely that a successor would be named before Bush returns Sept. 9 from a state visit to Australia and meetings with world leaders at the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. He leaves Washington next Monday.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, predicted it will be tough for the White House to find Gonzales' successor.

"I think it's going to be very challenging to find somebody who would be willing to accept that nomination," Cornyn said. "It's going to be a very tough partisan environment. Anybody in their right mind would have to be extremely thoughtful about whether they want to subject" themselves to the kind of environment Gonzales endured.

Gonzales announced his res-

ignation Monday after seven months of criticism that began with a congressional investigation into the firings of nine U.S. attorneys. The inquiry led to Republicans and Democrats alike questioning Gonzales' honesty on a range of topics — including the administration's domestic terrorism spying program.

Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said conservative candidates wouldn't necessarily be rejected — as long as they pledged to check their politics at the Justice Department's door.

"They'd be ideologically conservative, but at the same time, who we would find acceptable, people who we believe would put the rule of law first and politics last," Schumer told CNN. "Sort of the inverse of what Attorney General Gonzales did."

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, also mentioned as a candidate, said little Tuesday during a stop to Mobile, Ala., about whether he may succeed Gonzales, instead praising the attorney general as "a dedicated public servant and a good friend."

Accompanying Chertoff was Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who said "I know the president would like to have him as attorney general and I know he would like to have him as head of DHS."

Also mentioned as a possible candidate is Laurence H. Silberman, a senior judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Several Democrats and legal experts said Silberman would have difficulty winning confirmation because of his political resume — including overturning Oliver

North's conviction and discrediting Anita Hill during Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' confirmation hearings.

Hatch's prospects were a big unknown. There is general affection for him from his Senate colleagues but also questions about his loyalty to the administration because of his gentle treatment of Gonzales. The Utah Republican was the lone member of his party on the Senate Judiciary Committee not to openly deride the embattled attorney general.



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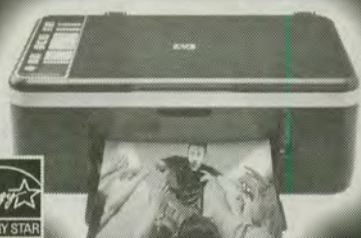
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Bush hails New Orleans' spirit 2 years after Katrina

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush said Tuesday he wanted to celebrate the spirit of New Orleans. He chose to do so with Leah Chase, considered this proud, still-struggling city's Queen of Creole, known as much for her famous cooking as her warm personality.

The president and his wife, Laura, dined with about two dozen others at her restaurant, Dooky Chase, a landmark eatery that was once a gathering place for civil rights leaders and has become famous for traditional Creole cooking. Around the large square table with Bush, federal, state and local officials mixed with athletes, artists, developers and others.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees was at the table, as was musician Irvin Mayfield, for a long list of dishes such as crab soup, grilled redfish, shrimp Clemenceau, chicken with oyster dressing and jambalaya.

Bush called them all "quiet heroes who have helped bring optimism and hope to New Orleans" after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina two years ago.

Wednesday. He saluted Chase and her husband, Dooky Chase II, who have renovated the restaurant with its elegant dining rooms, impressive art collection and brilliantly colored walls and plan to finally reopen from the storm's damage in a couple of weeks.

"I know you would want me to say that the food here is about as good as anyplace here in New Orleans," Bush said. "I will say it."

The president and his wife are to spend Wednesday's anniversary at a New Orleans charter school and a community center down the Gulf Coast in Bay St. Louis, Miss. It is Bush's 15th visit to the region since the storm but only his second since last year's anniversary, as the issue has moved further off the president's radar.

The federal government's dismal performance in the immediate aftermath of the storm — and some residents' lingering sense of abandonment since — severely dented

Bush's image as a take-charge leader.

So, as on other visits, Bush and his team came here armed with a raft of facts and figures about how much his administration has done to fulfill his Jackson Square promise to "do what it takes" to rebuild New Orleans.

"The president continues to follow through on his commitment to help local citizens rebuild their lives," said Bush spokesman Scott Stanzel.

The storm killed more than 1,600 people along the Gulf Coast, decimating the Mississippi shoreline and flooding nearly 80 percent of New Orleans.

Two years later, huge swaths of the city remain in shambles, with businesses shuttered and houses abandoned and bureaucracy choking federal and state assistance.

The city's population continues to grow. Sales tax revenues are approaching normal. But unemployment is stubbornly high. Schools and hospitals have not reopened to keep pace and neither has crime prevention. New Orleans levees still are not ready for the next big storm.

Bush's Gulf Coast rebuilding chief, Don Powell, noted the federal government has committed a total of \$114 billion in aid to the region, \$96 billion of which is already disbursed or available to local governments. The implied criticism is that it is local officials' fault if that money has not reached citizens.

Powell also said the president intends to ask for \$7.5 billion more — for a total of \$15 billion — to strengthen New Orleans' levee system to withstand a 100-year storm and improve the area's drainage system. Levees, he said, are undeniably and solely a federal responsibility.

But he said that other areas — such as infrastructure repair and home rebuilding — are shared responsibilities with local officials or entirely the purview of state and local governments.

The federally funded, state administered Road Home program, created to help people rebuild their homes, is a particularly sore subject.

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Insiders discuss Wilson's future

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Owen Wilson's film future remains bright despite his apparent personal problems.

Hollywood insiders say that the 38-year-old actor, who was hospitalized Sunday after police responded to a report of an attempted suicide at his Santa Monica home, should continue to enjoy big-screen success.

His box-office track record — "Wedding Crashers" topped \$200 million, "Cars" brought in almost \$250 million — plus his on-screen image as an affable everyman who can charm the ladies while boozing with the boys has made him a favorite with both filmmakers and filmgoers.

"He's loved," Bernie Brillstein, a veteran Hollywood manager who worked with John Belushi and Chris Farley, said Tuesday. "It's serious, but it's a singular case. Anyone can have a bad day, a very bad day."

Could Wilson face the same potential producer alienation that threatens other troubled stars such as Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears?

"I don't think the studios will react that way," Brillstein said.

Wilson's public perception is "very positive," industry analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Media

By Numbers said Tuesday. "Owen Wilson has a really good reputation and people in general really feel bad for him right now."

That feeling seems to extend to studio executives, too.

Fox Searchlight had no comment Tuesday about "The Darjeeling Limited," which stars Wilson, Adrien Brody and Jason Schwartzman. The film is scheduled for release Sept. 29.

Wilson's next starring vehicle, Paramount's "Drillbit Taylor," is set for a March release, a studio spokeswoman said, declining further comment.

Filming began in Hawaii last month on Dreamworks' "Tropic Thunder," which is to feature Wilson, Jack Black, Robert Downey, Jr., and Ben Stiller, who is also directing.

Wilson's hospitalization "does not have any impact on the production," studio spokesman Marvin Levy said Tuesday.

"It's an inappropriate question to ask," he said. "All our thoughts and concerns are with his health and well-being. Owen asked his privacy be respected and we intend to honor that."

Wilson released a statement Monday through his publicist, Ina Treciokas: "I respectfully ask that the media allow me to receive care and heal in private during this difficult time."



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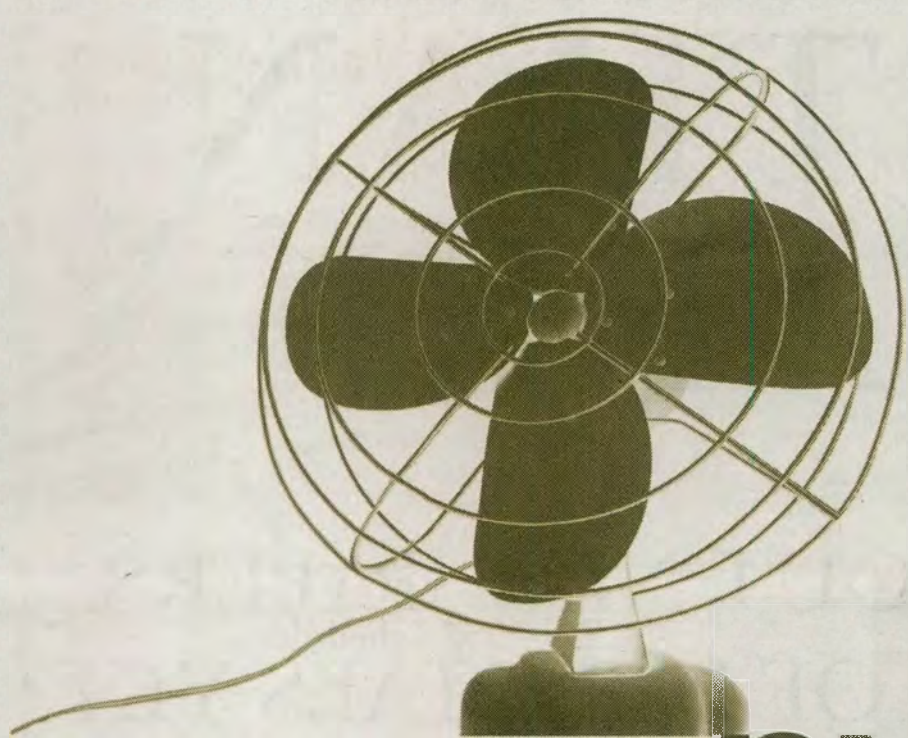
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Senator recovers from hemorrhage

Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — On Tuesday, Tim Johnson was not the ailing thread on which Democrats' majority in the Senate hangs. He was a man surrounded by friends from both parties who wanted to see and hear him — and to find out how he's doing.

In his first public appearance since suffering a Dec. 13 brain hemorrhage, and after months of recuperation and therapy, the senator was pushed to the stage in a wheelchair at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. He stood up to the lectern and, slurring some words in a slow voice, thanked South Dakotans "from the bottom of my heart."

"Hard work is something in which I take great pride. So, let me say this tonight going forward: I am back," Johnson said to loud applause in his 15-minute speech.

He didn't move his right arm, and the right side of his face seemed weak. The 60-year-old's sense of humor, however, was in top form.

"Of course, I believe I have an unfair edge over most of my colleagues right now," he said. "My mind works faster than my mouth does. Washington would probably be a better place if more people took a moment to think before they spoke."

Dr. Wilson Asfora, a Sioux Falls neurosurgeon who attended the event, said he thinks Johnson has progressed more in his speech than in his motor

skills, though he noticed the South Dakota senator has some problem pronouncing and remembering words.

"Those are both very mild and by listening to his speech, I can predict speech will continue to improve and I expect full recovery," Asfora said.

Dr. Bryan Wellman, a neurosurgeon at Sanford Neurosurgery in Sioux Falls who watched Johnson on television, agreed. He said it seems as if the weakness on the right side of his face is causing Johnson's speech to be slurred and that as he gets stronger it should go away.

"For what he has dealt with, he has done marvelous," Wellman said.

The senator, who has not officially said whether he is running for re-election in 2008, hinted he would. "My will to keep fighting for you has never been stronger," he said.

Johnson was stricken a month after November elections that gave the Democrats a one-seat majority in the Senate, and the attack raised the possibility that, if he died or resigned, GOP Gov. Mike Rounds would appoint a Republican successor and return the Senate to that party's control.

Tuesday's celebration was a carefully choreographed gathering that took on the appearance of a campaign event. It featured choirs, religious leaders and a string of politicians who praised Johnson.

The event had a campaign feel to it but a bipartisan tone

because of the Republicans who wished Johnson well.

Although national political observers focused on how Johnson's illness could affect the party balance, at home the focus was on Johnson himself, Rounds said.

"They talked about 'what ifs.' But not in South Dakota," he said. "We talked about Tim and his family. We talked about the challenges ahead, and we prayed."

During his recovery, Johnson remained in the Washington area but made no public appearances. He has been undergoing speech and physical therapy and is expected to use a scooter to travel longer distances in the Capitol.

Democrats hope Johnson's lingering physical ailments won't dissuade voters from supporting him.

"I think it's less how you look and more about how you care and how much you can connect with voters," said Democratic consultant Jenny Backus, who does not work for Johnson.

Two Republicans have said they will seek Johnson's seat: state Rep. Joel Dykstra and Sam Kephart, a self-employed businessman.

Kephart wished Johnson and his family well Tuesday but he didn't shy from taking shots, criticizing the senator's usually soft-spoken demeanor.

"It's not a time for quiet politics," Kephart said. "It's a time for building bridges and leading with your chin and taking risks."

BRAZIL

Dirceu faces charges for corrupt dealings

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's Supreme Court charged one of the president's closest confidants Tuesday with conspiracy in a corruption scandal that toppled members of his inner circle and severely damaged the reputation of his Workers' Party.

Former chief of staff Jose Dirceu faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted of charges of corruption and conspiracy for allegedly orchestrating a scheme to buy support in Congress for President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's legislative agenda.

Dirceu, a former revolutionary once seen as a potential Brazilian presidential candidate, denied the charges and said he welcomed a high-profile trial before the top court of Latin America's largest nation as an opportunity to prove his innocence.

Political analysts, however, said they don't expect Dirceu to use his day in court to attack Silva in a bid to escape jail time, and Dirceu himself said on his Web site Tuesday that the charges were unfair but not surprising.

"I reiterate what I have

always affirmed: I was expelled from Congress without evidence and now I'm a defendant without evidence," he said. "I want to go to trial as soon as possible so I can prove my innocence."

Dirceu, an influential lobbyist since his downfall as Brazil's biggest political powerbroker, was the second most-powerful man in Brazil before the scandal broke in 2005. He and Silva founded the leftist Workers Party, or PT, together and he was named chief of staff when Silva became Brazil's first working-class leader.

Then his fortune unraveled: In 2005 he was accused of orchestrating the scheme to buy votes with monthly bribes of as much as \$13,000 per legislator. He denied the charges, but was stripped of his right to hold political office for eight years.

Even if Dirceu gets jail time, analysts predict he won't seek reprisal against Silva.

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Addressing the tuition increase

Do you wonder how you are going to pay those student loans? Two University announcements last spring might give you heartburn. Or encouragement.

First, undergrad tuition, room and board (TRB) will increase 5.4 percent for 2007-08, up nearly \$2,500 from 2006-07. The TRB for 2007-08 is \$44,477, including \$35,187 for tuition and \$9,290 for average room-and-board. In 1978 when Notre Dame first described itself as "A National Catholic Research University," TRB was \$5,180. If the rise in that 1978 TRB had kept pace with the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the 2007-08 TRB would be \$16,368. The rise beyond the CPI is partly due to factors beyond University control. The main reason, however, is Notre Dame's drive for acceptance as a Great Research University. The traditional focus of Notre Dame had been on undergrad education, with research and grad studies playing an important but balanced role. The drive for Research Greatness involves reduced teaching loads for faculty, more grad students as teachers and other effects including the paving-and-building mania that has converted the formerly pastoral Notre Dame into an imitation urban campus.

Like other universities, Notre Dame has financed its research ambition by raising tuition. Its budget, as a former Provost observed, is "tuition driven." Notre Dame's excellent Office of Financial Aid does an admirable job of distributing aid to students who could not attend Notre Dame without it. Unfortunately, loans are an integral part of the typical aid package. Heavy loan burdens can distort the career and family choices of Notre Dame grads.

Which brings us to the second announcement. In May, the University

announced the largest fund-raising program in the history of Catholic higher education. The Spirit of Notre Dame campaign seeks \$1.5 billion, of which \$887 million had been raised at the time of the announcement.

The campaign allots \$250 million for undergrad scholarships and \$40 million for graduate fellowships. "We would like," said Vice President John Affleck-Graves, "to move every student who is on one loan to no loan, and every student who's on two loans to one loan. The worst case for a student in need at Notre Dame at the moment is a two-loan package."

About two dozen major universities have moved to replace loans with university grants for low-income students. Princeton University, however, in 2001 expanded its "no loan" policy beyond low-income students to all students entitled to aid. Princeton's tuition of \$33,000 did not increase for 2007-08 although room-and-board did increase. Princeton TRB is \$43,980 — less than Notre Dame's.

Princeton's total "no loan" program belongs at Notre Dame. No Princeton student is required to take a loan as part of his or her aid package. The amount a student normally would borrow is replaced with an increase in the Princeton grant. The full need of every undergrad is met through Princeton grants, scholarships from external sources and a campus job. In 2006-07, 52% of all undergrads received financial aid, with an average aid package of \$30,750, including \$2,200 in campus jobs. The total scholarship budget is \$71.9 million. About \$52 million comes from endowed scholarship funds and the rest through annual giving and other current-use support. Students can borrow for personal needs. The median family income of students receiving financial aid is \$90,400.

Compared to the national average of

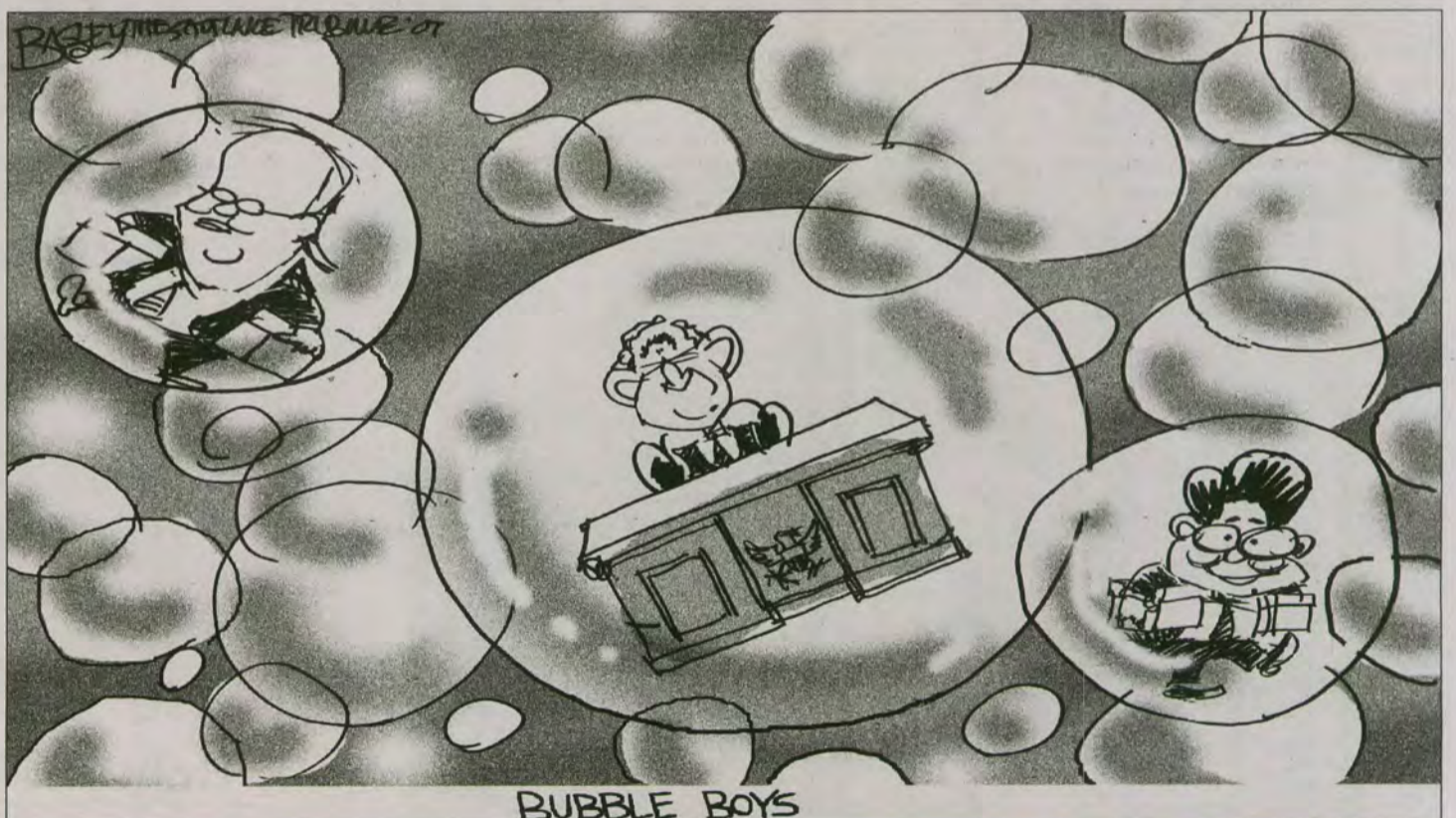
\$20,000 of debt for graduating seniors, Princeton grads have an average total debt of \$2,360. Two-thirds of the class of 2005, the first to enroll under the no-loan policy, reported that graduating with little or no debt "had a significant impact" on their ability to pursue further studies and seek teaching or other service-oriented jobs. "Since I have no debt," said one grad teaching in a high school, "I have time to make wise decisions about my future after Princeton and to pursue my true interests. I probably would not have chosen to become an educator if I was burdened with loans."

A Catholic university is uniquely obliged to free its grads from onerous debt. The only middle-class students now at Notre Dame tend to be ROTC students, scholarship athletes, faculty and staff children, recipients of academic or special scholarships and those who are willing to come to Notre Dame at the price of crippling debt. Princeton has about 5,000 undergrads with an endowment of \$13 billion compared to about \$3 billion for Notre Dame. To emulate the Princeton plan here would be a daunting task. But it is difficult to imagine that Notre Dame alumni would not respond abundantly to a commitment, as part of the Spirit of Notre Dame campaign, to adopt the Princeton no-loan program. Notre Dame grads should be a leaven in society. Notre Dame should not consign them to life as loan serfs to the government or to Sallie Mae or other private lenders whose interest rates can approach the confiscatory. This is one case where we ought to imitate the Ivy League.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A classic is something everyone wants to have read and nobody wants to read."

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Hillary hailstorm ahead

Once again, there is an unpopular Texan in the White House who is losing support from both parties as he struggles to fight an incredibly unpopular war. Once again, America is intimately engaged in an ideological struggle with foes who are fed the desire to wipe Western civilization off of the map. And once again, the race for the Democratic party nomination pits a candidate of youth, hope and enthusiasm against an experienced, but controversial political insider.

Andrew Vickers
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Hillary Clinton, for all her incredible political gifts, has become Public Enemy No. 2 for a disturbingly large number of Americans. Perhaps her contradictory nature is to blame: She is a multi-millionaire through incredible publishing advances but fashions herself as a "champion of the middle class." She presents herself as a loyal, supportive wife while

being a conniving, power-hungry populist.

She was for the Iraq war before she was against it. Somewhere out there (Hollywood, apparently) Clinton has amassed a large base of political support that has buoyed her into being the "candidate to beat" for the Democratic party. However, one is hard-pressed to find anyone who will admit to actually liking the poor woman, who has spent the last 15 years of her life in varying degrees of political and personal disgrace.

The list of Clinton's political opponents and popular naysayers are daunting. Women cannot believe she stayed by her knave of a husband after his long history of marital indiscretions and infidelity, at least not without resorting to some sort of Lorena Bobbitt-esque activity. Fellow politicians cannot stand her arrogance and self-righteousness. Republicans see red at the mention of her name and its inherent ability to conjure up images of her failed National Health Care agenda, or

even more distressing images of her husband retreading the halls of the oval office. And the rest of us, well, perhaps we are just jealous of the French because their leading liberal figure is such a straightforward, righteous babe.

Whatever the reason for all of the personal enmity, Hillary Clinton spells trouble for America. We have spent the last eight years under the helm of divisive presidents, not to mention the last 27 years under administrations that contained either a Bush or a Clinton. Our politics are polarized like never before — more than half of America screamingly despises their own leader. True consensus in this country can never be reached, simply because of the personalities involved. Clinton, for all of her good intentions, will never be able to bring together a divided nation.

The desire for change in this country is real. Nothing is better evidence of this than the thousands who stood in the rain to watch Barack Obama speak in Austin

last spring. Hillary Clinton, it should be noted, made an appearance that week as well — at a closed-door fundraiser thrown by some of Austin's elite (if that's not an oxymoron).

For all of their bold and tough talk, party-machine-made candidates like Bill Clinton and George W. Bush never came close to achieving any sort of mandate or unification among American citizens. The one thing America can't stomach is another president who will divide the house against itself into four — or, God forbid, eight — more years of bitter partisanship and distracted governance. Thus, it's not yet time for "her turn."

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Confessions of a Facebook addict

Facebook has opened up a new version of correspondence, but I have to wonder, has it completely changed the way our generation communicates? Is Facebook just a phase, or is it just the beginning of our over-exposed adaptation of email?

Chelsea Lankes

*University of Texas A & M
The Battalion*

Now that Facebook has become more like MySpace with all its new applications, it has only encouraged further addiction to time not well-spent viewing and tweaking profiles. Before you know it, your entire being is wrapped up on an 18-inch computer screen, nothing rendered for mystery. We are left victim to tagged pictures (good or bad), wall posts that are nothing less than uncouth and unexpected friend requests from people you don't know. No matter how addictive or even frivolous Facebook can be, it boils down to the fact that we simply are reaching out to the world, looking

for friendship or some sort of connection just like everyone else. Yet I think we are digging ourselves a hole. Facebook is not a substantial way to endorse relationships. It's a weak excuse to avoid making an effort for face-to-face interaction.

Facebook is like the tabloids, except we write our own stories. We constantly hear of Lindsay Lohan and her repeat rehab visits, Paris Hilton's jail time, or Britney Spear's lack of clothing; trivial and unnecessary details about these people's personal lives that we feel we need to know. Instead of E! News or People magazine's articles about make-ups and break-ups, we have Facebook's mini-feed. I know my friends' "status," what they write on other people's walls, where they go, who they were with, current relationship status, all their favorite — I could go on, but none of that is my business. I know things about people I am merely acquainted with, and in some cases, never talked to in

my entire life. With a simple click on "add as a friend" you could know just about everything about someone without ever taking the time to talk to them. It seems as though we have become full-fledged stalkers without even knowing it.

Facebook is an addiction, and I am addicted. The first step is admitting it, right? But I'm taking the next step -- not putting out so much personal information. There is always too much of a good thing, and I think Facebook could certainly be categorized as rampant knowledge. Facebook is a useful tool for networking and communicating. However, there is a certain sloth element in it all.

Instead of wasting time creeping on profiles, let's get out in the world and make an effort to meet people — in person. Technology is a blessing, but we can get carried away. These days, we have 7-year-olds with cell phones because parents think it is a safety necessity, but we did just fine without

them when I was that age. We also have the iPhone, an amazing piece of technology fully equipped with television, Internet, music and everything else that you can take from your home or office into public.

Products such as the iPhone, Blackberry, etc., provide an easy and faster way of doing anything and everything imaginable. We have the choice to go old school, not always taking the easy route. There is something adventurous about putting yourself out there in a way that challenges you and provides life experience. There is no true reward in living your life through the computer screen.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: A REVIEW

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

In "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," we enter J.K. Rowling's magical world for one last grand adventure filled with triumphs, heartbreaks and, most importantly, love. In the 10 years since "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was published in the U.K., Rowling's writing has grown more sophisticated and dark, making "Deathly Hallows" her finest work that, as always, can be devoured by all.

"Deathly Hallows" begins shortly after our favorite headmaster's tragic murder at the hands of Professor Severus Snape. Harry prepares to fulfill Dumbledore's last wish — to find and destroy the remaining Horcruxes and to rid the world of the evil Lord Voldemort. As Voldemort's power and influence grows in the wizarding world, Harry's mission becomes ever more urgent. With the help of best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, he starts the journey he was destined to take since that fateful Halloween 16 years earlier. With Harry's parents and mentors now deceased, "Deathly Hallows" is the story of how the Boy Who Lived becomes a man.

Harry must overcome trials and obstacles as he and his friends hide in the countryside and search for clues that will lead them to the remaining Horcruxes. They must find ways to break into the Ministry of Magic and Gringotts, avoid saying Voldemort's name due to a hex put on it and fight off Death Eaters at every turn.

The seventh book is certainly the darkest. Faithful friends fall almost too frequently, but the Order of the Phoenix is at war and casualties are an unfortunate consequence. Death is a powerful theme in the Potter series, one that reaches its fruition in this latest installment as Harry learns of the Deathly Hallows — three objects that, if united, allow the beholder to conquer death. Harry already possesses one and faces the difficult decision of whether to seek out the others or destroy the Horcruxes as Dumbledore commanded.

However, just as death is a dominating theme, so is love. Love is what distinguishes Harry from Voldemort because love is the powerful magic that Voldemort does not understand. In a wizarding world without God, Rowling has made love the most powerful force by which all wizards must live their lives. There is love for friends, love for family and even love for subjugated magical creatures. Harry fights for a world in which love triumphs over death.

Rowling's writing drags only momentarily. She spends too much time on Harry, Ron and Hermione camping from site to site, but "Deathly Hallows" is still filled with more action and suspense than the previous six books combined. Harry even faces Voldemort within the first moments of the book, and frequent escapes from Death Eaters become the norm.

The action culminates in the Battle of Hogwarts, in which Hogwarts students and the Order fight side by side against the Death Eaters as Harry searches for the last horcruxes before facing Voldemort — and perhaps his own death. Unfortunately, the climactic battle is the only taste of Hogwarts we get, but Rowling still manages to write a captivating Potter novel without the everyday exploits and zaniness of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

In 759 pages, Rowling creates a beautiful ending to a magical series. From Harry's final goodbye with the Dursleys to the emotionally charged Chapter 34, fans see Harry embrace the magic of love and become a man. The fitting epilogue answers some, but not all, of our questions. Because what would a Harry Potter book be without leaving us wanting more? The series ends with our imaginations running wild.

It's what Rowling does best.

And fortunately, "Deathly Hallows" is not goodbye because we can visit Harry and his friends whenever we want. Rowling's wizarding world awaits us in seven magical novels that will seldom collect dust on our bookshelves.

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After THE DAY THE MAGIC ENDED

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HOGWARTS VS. NOTRE DAME

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

July 21, 2007 has become the most melancholy day in the history of my life. Yes, the release date of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" marked the culmination of seven books and a bajillion pages worth of magic and mystery, but it also marked the end of an era for a generation of Potter-philes raised on the works of J.K. Rowling.

While watching fresh faces find their way around campus for the first time this past weekend, I thought of my own first days and nights on campus here at the University with a certain sense of nostalgia. That, combined with my depression at the end of the Harry Potter series, led me to recall my first impression of Notre Dame as I arrived as a skinnier and bright-eyed freshman: If there is any place in the world like Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, this is it. Well, besides the upcoming Harry Potter theme park, anyway.

Whoa, you say. Maybe I've had a pint too many of Butterbeer at Hogsmeade. But before you condemn me to Azkaban for dementia (and leave me to the dark clutches of the Dementors), give it a thought.

Notre Dame's beautiful roaming lawns and quads practically beg for pickup games and footballs flying through the air, if not broomsticks and Quidditch matches. Our dining halls (okay, just South) replete with great wooden tables and mounds of food, are reminiscent of Hogwarts' Great Hall.

The Notre Dame Bookstore is an easy equivalent of Flourish and Blotts, and books cost an arm and a leg at either institution. (Plus, if you order by credit card, you can have them magically boxed and ready for easy pickup.)

Like the wizard bank Gringotts, we have our very own Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (although it is not run by greedy goblins such as Griphook, but by humans) and mysteriously vanishing funds will make students wish they had more Galleons, Sickles and Knuts.

Another thing we Domers pride ourselves on is dorm spirit, much like the students of Hogwarts. While we have many more houses than just Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw, there are a few parallels out there.

For my own part, I count myself lucky to be a Stanford Griffin, in the tradition of Father Griffin, our own ND equivalent to Hogwarts' founding father Godric Gryffindor.

The lovely ladies of Breen Phillips bring to mind Hufflepuff, and Farley's Finest are a good parallel to Cho Chang and Ravenclaw.

Of course, I suppose Zahm House would have to be considered a rough equivalent to Slytherin, though it's hard to imagine Professor Severus Snape and Co. dropping their robes for Bun Runs and things of that nature.

Regardless of what dorm you get placed into, you'll land on your feet. And like the students of Hogwarts, you will come to think of Notre Dame as home. You'll find wise, eclectic and enthusiastic professors ready to impart wisdom and knowl-

edge. You'll find generous and benevolent upperclassmen, much like Fred and George Weasley, who tend to provide underclassmen with all manner of magical potions and elixirs, to comedic effect.

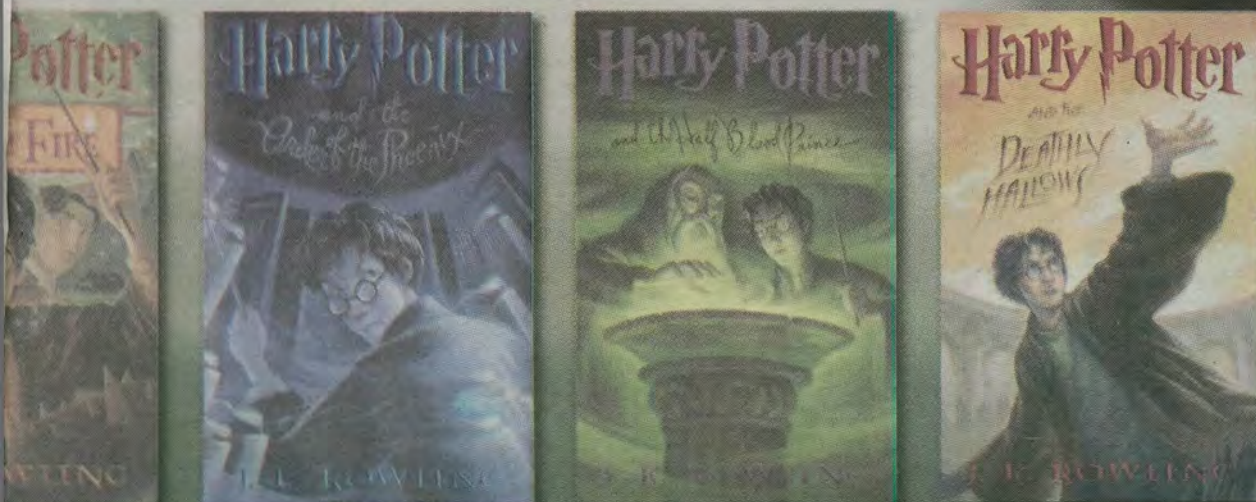
We have our own diligent and faithful NDSP officers, who patrol the campus with a constant vigilance reminiscent of Hogwarts caretaker Argus Filch and his cat Mrs. Norris, always keeping a ready ear out for mischief in the interest of student safety.

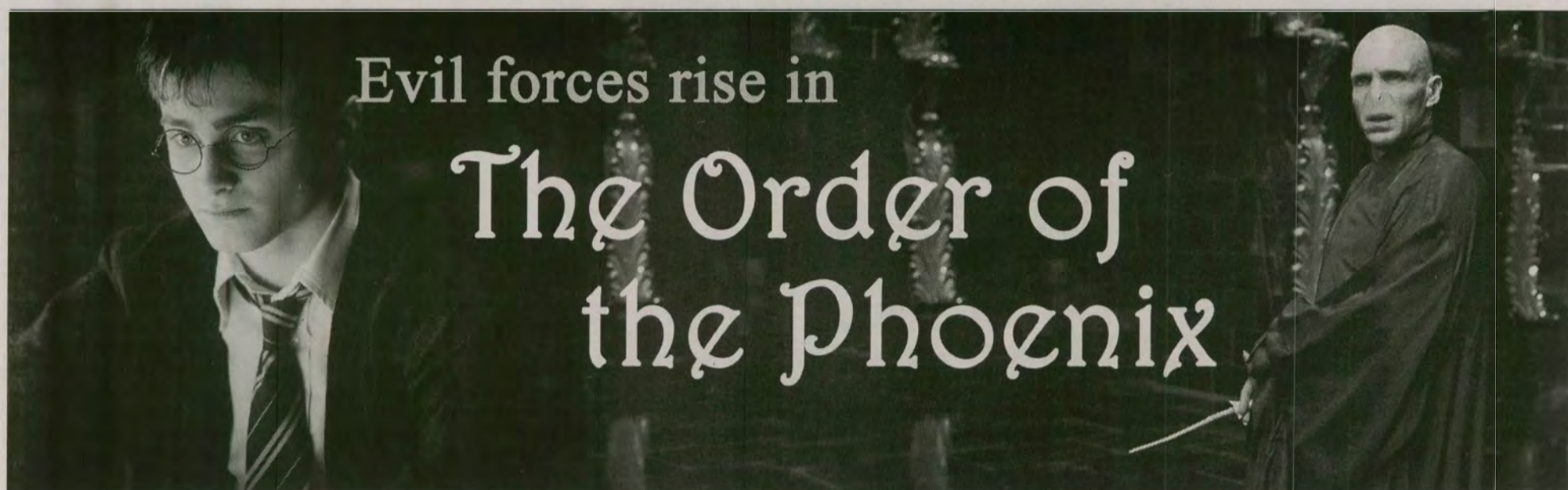
You'll find a long line of wise and kindly University presidents (most recently, Father Jenkins and Monk Malloy before him, and Father Hesburgh before him) to rival the likes of Albus Dumbledore and the many wizened wizards who once held the post of headmaster.

In Notre Dame Stadium, like the Hogwarts Quidditch stadium, we have a distinguished list of fabled football forefathers including Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian, Frank Leahy and now our own resident gridiron guru, Charlie Weis, to lead the Blue and Gold into battle.

So as you traverse the nighttime campus landscape and take in the lights glowing through the ephemeral mist wreathing the grounds (bringing to mind Number 12 Privet Drive, where the HP magic all began in the first place), one thing is certain about Notre Dame: Ordinary Muggles just can't understand the magic of this place. So welcome to Notre Dame, First Years, and welcome home.

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At the time of its release in hardcover form, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" marked the darkest installment of the blockbuster book series to date, and its big screen counterpart is no different.

"Order of the Phoenix" features an angrier and darker Boy Who Lived, well into his teenage years and with brooding mood spells (in addition to his many other ones) and lots of scowls to match.

Between getting temporarily expelled from school, rustling up a student army to combat the forces of evil and practicing his Patronus charm (not to mention appearing in the buff in a London play), Harry also finds time to snog the beautiful Cho Chang. Yes, it's true: The Boy Who Lived is growing up.

Unfortunately, the film has a rushed feel to it, which is probably due more to the sprawling nature of J.K. Rowling's massive tome than to any fault on the part of first-time Potter director David Yates, who manages to handle the challenging material quite well.

Unlike Rowling, who has enjoyed carte blanche and unlimited pulp in which to flourish her magic wand and script out the spell of the Harry Potter story, Yates has considerably less room to play with, and he does well with limited film reel.

Ironically enough for a rushed film, "Order of the Phoenix" also clocks in at over two hours of running time, proof of the massive amount of ground Yates needed to cover with his movie.

The strength of "The Order of the Phoenix" is its cast, which once again puts in excellent work. In addition to the

staple performers we've come to know and love, such as Daniel Radcliffe as Harry, Rupert Grint as Ron and Emma Watson as the increasingly attractive Hermione, "Order of the Phoenix" also features a talented trio of first-time female characters to the film series.

Imelda Staunton is perfect for the part of Dolores Umbridge, the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher who takes over control of Hogwarts with her syrupy sweet manners, love for all things pink and creepy cohort of pet cats. With every simpering smile, she redefines the image of pure evil.

Evanna Lynch introduces herself as the vaguely creepy, vaguely unnerving and extremely unsettling Luna Lovegood, who becomes one of Harry's new friends and is quite possibly the most bizarre character in the entire series — even one featuring goblins, broomsticks and magic wands.

Helena Bonham Carter shines in a dark light as the unstable and unkempt Bellatrix Lestrange, as evil a witch as ever there was, cackling and unleashing foul magic with maniacal glee after her Death Eater pals spring her from the wizard prison of Azkaban.

Alan Rickman continues to excel as Severus Snape, one of the series' most complex and intriguing characters. He handles the role with perfect sneer and disdain, and continues to tightrope walk the ambiguous line with great balance. Although he sees limited action this time around, rumor has it he'll have a feature focus in the next film.

Gary Oldman rocks on again as Sirius Black, Harry's godfather, back in black to fight Voldemort and his forces of evil.

On the other side of the magical aisle, Ralph Fiennes puts in another solid per-



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com
Avada kedavra! Helena Bonham Carter has bloody good fun with the role of Bellatrix Lestrange, a homicidal Death Eater with a penchant for cruelty.

formance as the serpentine He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, Lord Voldemort, who slithers around with his typical evil antics, waving wands around and generally inflicting dark deeds upon the wizarding world.

Thanks to the wide world of special effects and computer-generated imagery, the movie magic onscreen manages to capture the imagination of the books quite well. In particular, the battle between the Death Eaters (featuring very

KKK-esque pointy hoods) and the Order of the Phoenix, the wizard equivalent of a showdown at high noon, comes across as an awesome clash between the forces of good and the minions of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named.

From start to finish, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" serves as another good installment in the developing film series. Five down, two to go.

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Photo courtesy of movieweb.com
Ralph Fiennes deserves name recognition for his dark and dastardly performance as He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, the evil and powerful Lord Voldemort.



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com
Expelliarmus! Actress Evanna Lynch disarms viewers with an excellent performance as the loopy Luna Lovegood, an unsettling and creepy but cute character.

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Men's Soccer College Coaches Top 20

team	2006 record	points
1 UC-Santa Barbara	17-7-1	384
2 UCLA	14-6-4	383
3 Duke	18-4-1	358
4 Wake Forest	18-3-4	353
5 Virginia	17-4-1	316
6 Santa Clara	13-5-5	300
7 Indiana	15-4-3	296
8 Southern Methodist	17-2-4	290
9 Maryland	16-5-1	264
10 Notre Dame	12-5-1	250
11 California	13-6-1	228
12 New Mexico	14-4-3	198
13 St. John's	14-6-2	177
14 North Carolina	11-6-3	150
15 Connecticut	10-7-2	149
16 West Virginia	15-3-3	122
17 Creighton	13-5-3	119
18 Washington	13-7-1	117
19 Northwestern	14-8-0	104
20 Saint Louis	13-5-2	101

Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	80-51	.611	7-3	-
NY Yankees	72-59	.550	5-5	8
Toronto	66-65	.504	4-6	14
Baltimore	58-71	.450	2-8	21
Tampa Bay	51-80	.389	5-5	29

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	73-57	.562	7-3	-
Detroit	71-60	.542	4-6	2.5
Minnesota	67-64	.511	6-4	6.5
Kansas City	57-72	.442	5-5	15.5
Chicago Sox	57-74	.435	3-7	16.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Angels	77-54	.588	6-4	-
Seattle	73-56	.566	6-4	3
Oakland	65-68	.489	5-5	13
Texas	58-72	.446	5-5	18.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
NY Mets	73-57	.562	6-4	-
Philadelphia	68-62	.523	4-6	5
Atlanta	68-64	.515	4-6	6
Washington	58-74	.439	3-7	16
Florida	57-75	.432	1-9	17

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago Cubs	66-63	.512	6-4	-
Milwaukee	65-65	.500	3-7	1.5
St. Louis	63-64	.496	6-4	2
Cincinnati	60-70	.462	8-2	6.5
Houston	58-73	.443	4-6	9
Pittsburgh	57-72	.442	7-3	9

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	74-58	.561	5-5	-
San Diego	71-59	.546	6-4	2
LA Dodgers	68-63	.519	6-4	5.5
Colorado	67-64	.511	5-5	6.5
San Francisco	60-72	.455	8-2	14

MLB



Astros owner Drayton McLane, center, introduces new manager Cecil Cooper, right, and new general manager Tal Smith, left, at a news conference Monday at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Cooper ready to take over in Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cecil Cooper has never had a problem communicating with players individually. It's the group settings Cooper is going to have to get used to as the new manager of the Houston Astros.

Cooper took over as manager after Phil Garner was fired Monday, getting a little more than a month to show that he should have the job next year. The Astros began Tuesday 58-73, nine games behind first-place Chicago in the NL Central.

Cooper, Houston's bench coach the last three sea-

sons, met with his team for about 30 minutes before batting practice.

"I'm pretty comfortable with the players when it's just moving around with them and talking one-on-one," Cooper said. "What I have difficulty with is when it's a big group. I struggle with that a little bit, but those are things I have to get through and work through. The more I do it, the better I'll get."

Team owner Drayton McLane also fired general manager Tim Purpura on Monday and appointed team president Tal Smith the interim replacement.

McLane said he'd like to have a permanent GM in

place by the end of this season.

McLane suggested at Monday's announcement that the Astros' final 31 games this season amounted to an audition for Cooper, the first black manager in franchise history.

"I don't feel any pressure, really. This is something I've done my whole life," Cooper said.

The Astros were surprised by the moves, which came less than two years after the franchise made its first trip to the World Series. Until Monday, first baseman Lance Berkman had no inkling that Garner was in danger of losing his

job.

"Not that the manager has zero impact," Berkman said, "but I think many times, the manager gets too much credit for success and too much blame for as poor a season as we're having."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said Cooper has built a reputation around baseball as a skilled, competent coach. But La Russa wasn't happy to see Garner go.

"Phil was outstanding," La Russa said. "They know their organization and they made their move. What I know is Phil Garner did a hell of a job against us every game."

IN BRIEF

Simon preparing for fresh start with Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Corey Simon stood sweating in the sun Tuesday after his first workout with the Tennessee Titans, insisting he loves football and that his motivation never dipped.

Saying it is one thing. Now the defensive tackle must prove he can jump start his career after not playing in 2006.

"Oh gosh, it feels great," Simon said. "A little rusty, but I felt good just getting out and running around and being with the guys. That's what you miss most when you're away from the game. You miss the camaraderie in the locker room, and so it's great to get back out here."

The Titans are gambling a one-year contract the 6-foot-2 Simon can be the run-stopping tackle they saw during his first six seasons in the NFL. Financial terms were not available.

Pollution in Beijing a new problem for Olympics

OSAKA, Japan — Athletes will have a tricky choice next year if Beijing's polluted air doesn't improve in time for the Olympics: stay away as long as possible, or come in early and get used to it.

"We know how to train for heat and humidity, but not a lot of research has been done on running in the polluted atmosphere we think we'll find in Beijing," Kyle O'Brien, an American marathoner who ran at the track and field world championship in Osaka, said Tuesday.

Therein, lies the problem. Air pollution levels in China's capital are nearly five times higher than the World Health Organization's recommended safety level. A mix of major pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter are common. Sulfate and carbon also float regularly in the air.

Another Johnson looking to step up for Georgia Tech

ATLANTA — As James Johnson sits on a couch in the players' lounge at Bobby Dodd Stadium, a familiar face looms over his left shoulder.

It's another Johnson—Calvin, to be specific. And though he's now earning millions to play in the NFL, he still casts a large shadow at Georgia Tech, which opens the season Saturday at Notre Dame.

"He's always checking on me," said James Johnson, looking back at Calvin's image painted on the wall, clad in a tuxedo while posing with one of the myriad of awards he won last season for being the top receiver in college football.

The two Johnsons still talk frequently on the phone, Calvin calling in to make sure James is ready to take over the role of go-to receiver for the Yellow Jackets.

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Howard's walk-off powers Phillies over Mets

Cubs rally to edge Brewers, extend their division lead to 2 1/2

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard's two-run home run off Guillermo Mota in the 10th inning capped a late rally and led the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-2 win over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

Shane Victorino, who scored the tying run in the eighth on a pair of bizarre plays, opened the 10th with a bloop single off Mota (1-1).

Then Howard hit a 1-2 pitch deep the opposite way into the left-field seats for his 35th homer, giving the Phillies wins in the first two games of this pivotal four-game series.

Brett Myers (3-5) pitched two scoreless innings to earn the win. The Phillies now trail the NL East-leading Mets by four games.

The Mets took a 2-0 lead into the eighth behind seven shutout innings from Tom Glavine.

But the Phillies rallied for two runs against New York's bullpen, including Jimmy Rollins' solo homer off Pedro Feliciano.

Carlos Delgado gave the Mets a 2-0 lead with his two-run shot off Adam Eaton in the second. It was Delgado's 19th homer this season and No. 426 of his career, tying him with Billy Williams for 38th place on the career list.

Cubs 5, Brewers 3

Jacque Jones hit a game-tying two-run double in the seventh and scored the go-ahead run on an error by reliever Scott Linebrink as Chicago rallied to increase their lead on Milwaukee in the NL Central to 2 1/2 games.

The slumping Brewers lost for the 11th time in 14 games.

The Cubs, down 3-1, scored four in the seventh. After starter Jeff Suppan hit leadoff batter Cliff Floyd, Linebrink (4-6) relieved and promptly gave up an infield single to Mark DeRosa and the double to Jones.

After an intentional walk to Daryle Ward and Alfonso Soriano's fly out, Ryan Theriot hit a high bouncer back to the mound.

Linebrink jumped for the ball

but it went in and out of his glove for an error as Jones raced home with the go-ahead run.

Chicago starter Rich Hill (8-7), who struck out the first four batters and five of the first six he faced, allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings, finishing with nine strikeouts.

Cardinals 7, Astros 0

Chris Duncan shook off an August slump with a three-run homer and an RBI single to help St. Louis Cardinals ruin Cecil Cooper's first game as Phil Garner's successor.

Duncan, meanwhile, snapped a 28-game home run drought with a three-run drive into the upper deck in the first inning off Houston starter Woody Williams (8-13). Duncan was hitting just .167 with only three RBIs this month before Tuesday's outburst.

Rick Ankiel and Aaron Miles added RBI doubles for the Cardinals, who've won six of their last eight and got back to .500 for the first time since they were 6-6 on April 16.

St. Louis starter Braden Loeper (11-10) pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing only four hits with four strikeouts. Loeper has won five of his last nine starts.

Marlins 4, Braves 3 (11)

Alejandro De Aza's 11th-inning sacrifice fly gave Florida a win in a game in which Atlanta struck out 19 times.

Braves starter John Smoltz fell behind early, but the Braves rallied on Chipper Jones' two-run homer in the eighth, tying the game at 3.

In the 11th, Oscar Villarreal (2-2) walked Alfredo Amezaga with one out and Jeremy Hermida moved Amezaga to third with a double off the left-center field scoreboard. Villarreal intentionally walked Matt Treanor, loading the bases for De Aza, who flied to right to score Amezaga.

Atlanta remained six games back of the NL East-leading Mets.

Byung-Hyun Kim (6-3) pitched a one-hit 11th for the win.

Indians 6, Twins 5

Jake Westbrook got his fourth win of August, rookie Asdrubal Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run and the Cleveland Indians kept a tight grip on the AL



Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard celebrates after homering in the 10th inning in Philadelphia's 4-2 victory over the Mets Tuesday night.

Central lead with a win over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

Travis Hafner hit a two-run homer off Boof Bonser (6-11) and Grady Sizemore added a solo shot for the Indians, who have won four straight and are since Aug. 15 — the day Cabrera replaced Josh Barfield in the starting lineup.

Jason Tyner had four hits for the Twins, who fell 7 1/2 games behind division-leading Cleveland.

The loss overshadowed three spectacular defensive plays by Minnesota's Torii Hunter, Nick Punto and Jason Tyner. Hunter's catch on the dead run before crashing into the center-field wall in the seventh was the best

of the bunch.

Westbrook (5-7) allowed three runs — all in the fifth — and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander, who spent six weeks on the disabled list and began the season 1-6, went 4-1 this month with 1.90 ERA.

Royals 6, Tigers 3

Needing a win to keep pace in the AL Central, the Detroit Tigers ran into a familiar nemesis: the Kansas City Royals.

Brian Bannister won for the sixth time in seven decisions, Alex Gordon hit a three-run double and the Royals beat the Tigers Tuesday night.

Detroit dropped 3 1/2 games behind division-leading Cleveland, the Tigers' biggest

deficit in their division since before play on June 6. The lowly Royals are 5-8 against Detroit this season after taking three in a row from the Tigers on the final weekend of last season — costing Detroit first place and forcing the Tigers into the wild-card berth.

Most of Detroit's difficulties against Kansas City have been at Comerica Park: The Tigers had been 14-1 at Kauffman Stadium since the start of the 2006 season but have lost seven of their last 10 against Kansas City at home.

Nate Robertson (7-11) gave up six runs, six hits and four walks in 4 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since June 5. Robertson is 1-5 in his past eight starts.

Magglio Ordonez went 4-for-5 and is hitting .404 in August.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Longhorns reward Brown

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown on Tuesday got a two-year contract extension, a raise and a pair of hefty bonuses to come later. He also got a promise of a good job if he ever decides to quit coaching the Longhorns.

University of Texas Regents unanimously agreed to extend Brown's contract by two years through the 2016 season, boosting his salary from \$2.66 million to \$2.91 million,

including a special payment of \$100,000 to be paid Saturday, the day No. 4 Texas opens the season at home against Arkansas State.

Like his original contract, he gets \$100,000 annual raises that will push him past \$3 million next year.

Brown, who turned 56 on Monday, also gets a \$1 million bonus if he stays through next season and cashes in again with a \$2 million bonus if he's still here Jan. 1, 2010.

"I appreciate the university

and the Board of Regents' confidence in me and our staff," Brown said in a statement.

Another major change in Brown's contract calls for him to be reassigned to another "significant position" at Texas if he steps down from coaching. Brown was Tulane's athletic director in two of his three seasons coaching the Green Wave from 1985-87.

Texas won the 2005 national championship and Brown is 93-22 heading into his 10th season in Austin.

NBA

Friends and family attend Griffin's funeral

Associated Press

SHARON HILL, Pa. — One final, sorrowful time, an Eddie Griffin highlight reel played for family and friends.

Snapshots of Griffin as a child, as a Philadelphia prep star, smiling with his family and shaking hands on draft night with NBA commissioner David Stern seemed more appropriate for a big screen All-Star tribute

than flashed on a plain white wall at a memorial service.

The photos were indicative of the way mourners at Griffin's funeral Tuesday wanted to remember him: a family-loving kid with a tender heart and congenial nature.

"His heart was bigger than his wingspan," said friend and former Seton Hall teammate Marcus Toney-El.

Sadly, for those who knew the 25-year-old former NBA player, they were powerless to stop the self-destructive demons that plagued him from high school all the way to his mysterious death two weeks ago.

Griffin died when his sport utility vehicle collided with a moving freight train near his Houston home. Griffin's body was badly burned and there was no initial identification. Dental records later revealed the man was Griffin.

"I guess heaven needed a power forward," Toney-El said.

Kevin Garnett, his former Timberwolves teammate, former Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker and former NBA coach John Lucas were among the 200 friends, players and family members who attended the service at First African Baptist Church.

"He's a special guy to me," said Amaker, who coached Griffin in his one season at Seton Hall.

Some mourners dressed in T-shirts with Griffin's picture on the front. One wore a Houston Rockets No. 33 jersey.

Griffin's battles with alcohol, drugs and the law derailed a promising career for the former star at Philadelphia's Roman Catholic High School. He was drafted seventh overall by the New Jersey Nets in June 2001, and then traded to Houston.

Griffin's emotional issues, addictions and a short fuse that betrayed his youthful appearance, soft-spoken nature and philanthropic achievements eventually forced him out of the league.

The 6-foot-10 Griffin averaged 7.2 points, 5.8 rebounds and 1.71 blocks in five NBA seasons with the Rockets and Minnesota.

The pastor, Richard R. Dent, told mourners he prayed that Griffin could find with God the peace "he could not find on this side."

"He's been given a home where no dark clouds would ever follow him again," Dent said.

Griffin's sister, Marian Middleton, told the crowd to ignore stories that portrayed Griffin as troubled or spoiled, and that indicated there was anything suspicious about his death. Middleton said Griffin was excited about spending upcoming birthdays with his nieces and nephews and would never waste those opportunities because he loved his family.

"Everything you read, throw it in the trash, like he was so unhappy and it was all planned," she said.

Toney-El remembered how Griffin told North Carolina he wouldn't commit to the school unless they were both recruited.

Toney-El said that when the program had little interest in him, they became Pirates instead.

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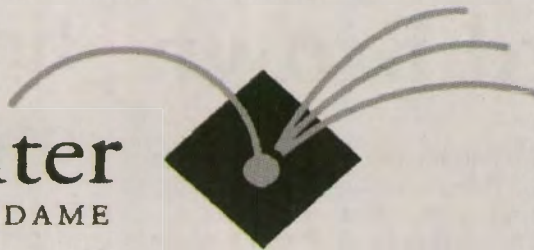
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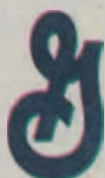
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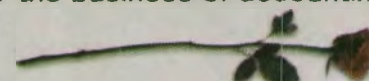
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MLB

Pettitte again stops losing streak for Yanks

Damon's dinger propels Bombers over rival Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte proved reliable again for the New York Yankees, right after they lost faith in Mike Mussina.

Pettitte halted another Yankees slide by winning his sixth straight start, and Johnny Damon hit a tiebreaking homer against his former team in New York's 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Derek Jeter also homered and Jorge Posada hit an RBI double for the Yankees, who took the opener of a three-game series in the first meeting between the rivals since June 3.

Pettitte's strong effort came on the same night manager Joe Torre told the struggling Mussina that he'll be passed

over for his next scheduled start Saturday against Tampa Bay. The Yankees will call up touted prospect Ian Kennedy from Triple-A to pitch against the Devil Rays in the middle of a pennant race.

"We've had a rough stretch. We need to get our rotation in order," Pettitte said. "Thankfully, I was able to give us a good outing."

Boston came to town with an eight-game lead over New York in the AL East and a chance to open a nearly insurmountable cushion. But the Yankees beat Daisuke Matsuzaka for the first time and rebounded from a 2-5 trip that ended Monday night with a 16-0 loss at Detroit.

Roger Clemens faces 16-game winner Josh Beckett and the Red Sox, his original team, on Wednesday night.

"It's a situation now like we're in the playoffs," Jeter said. "We need to get some wins."

Pettitte (12-7) played stopper once again. He allowed three

runs and six hits in seven innings, improving to 8-1 in 10 starts since the All-Star break. His last three wins have followed New York defeats, making him 69-33 in such situations with the Yankees.

"He always seems to step up big," Jeter said.

Manny Ramirez and Jason Varitek homered for the Red Sox, who had won four straight — all blowouts at the Chicago White Sox.

After making an error in the sixth, Ramirez was lifted in the bottom of the seventh because of muscle spasms in his lower back. Boston manager Terry Francona said the team would see how Ramirez feels Wednesday. The Red Sox would be happy if the slugger missed only one game.

"Hopefully, but I don't think so," teammate David Ortiz said.

Ramirez was replaced by Bobby Kielty, who was removed in the eighth due to a sore lower back that has been both-

ering him for a while. He plans to have X-rays Wednesday.

Pettitte improved to 6-0 this month, making him 45-16 in August during his career. He upped his record against Boston to 15-6 and threw 119 pitches, his most since tossing 120 on May 20 last year with Houston.

"I felt real good and I was on an extra days' rest," Pettitte said. "I felt really strong tonight."

Joba Chamberlain worked a scoreless eighth with two strikeouts and hit 100 mph on the radar gun. With two on, the rookie sensation struck out J.D. Drew on a nasty slider to end the inning and let out a fired-up scream as he pumped his fist.

Mariano Rivera fanned two in the ninth for his 21st save — his first 1-2-3 outing in eight appearances since Aug. 10.

Matsuzaka (13-11) lost his third consecutive start, allowing five runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. The famous rookie from Japan won both his previous starts against New York this year despite a 6.92 ERA.

"I think that each hitter in their lineup is very skilled," Matsuzaka said through a translator.

With the score tied at 3, Andy Phillips singled leading off the seventh and moved up on Melky Cabrera's sacrifice. Damon lofted Matsuzaka's next pitch into the right-field corner, just beyond the short porch and barely fair.

"It counts, so I guess that's all that matters," Damon said.

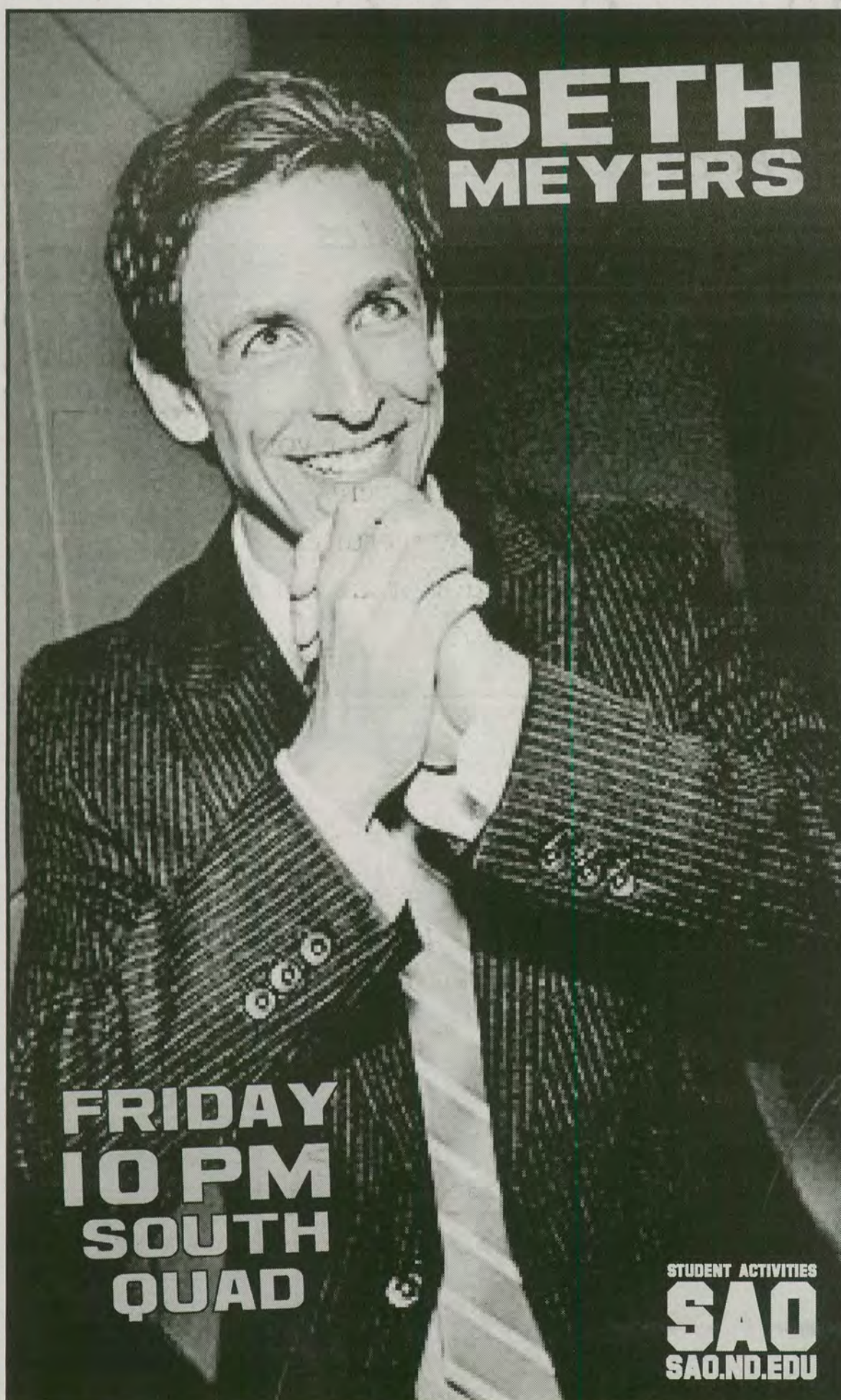
Damon popped out of the dugout for a curtain call to the delight of a sellout crowd of 55,037 that included Tiger Woods. Damon is batting .350 since July 21.

"Health-wise, I'm feeling great," he said. "I can bring a lot of energy to the team."

Varitek's leadoff shot in the top of the seventh tied it at 3. He hit a high fly into the left-field stands, just beyond a leaping Damon.

Matsuzaka retired 12 of 13 batters before Jeter's solo home run in the fifth gave New York a 3-2 lead. Jeter had gone 87 at-bats without a homer since connecting Aug. 1 against the White Sox.

Ramirez hit a leadoff shot in the second, making him the 12th player in major league history to hit at least 20 homers in 13 straight seasons.



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NBA

Alston accused of stabbing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Houston Rockets guard Rafer Alston was released without bail Tuesday after being charged with stabbing a man at a Manhattan nightclub — his second brush with the law this month.

Alston was arraigned on felony assault charges before being released without bail. A judge ordered him to return

to court Jan. 3.

His lawyer said Alston was "absolutely innocent."

The man who said he was injured told police the incident occurred at about 3 a.m. Monday after he and Alston accidentally bumped each other inside Club Stereo. During an ensuing argument, the man said, Alston slashed his neck.

The 41-year-old went to a hospital to be treated for a minor neck injury, then filed

a complaint at a police precinct.

Defense attorney Alberto Ebanks said bouncers and other witnesses told him the man didn't appear to be injured when he left the club and never bothered alerting police officers who were in the area.

The arrest came three weeks after 31-year-old Alston was charged with misdemeanor assault and public intoxication in Houston.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Boeckman tabbed as Buckeyes' starting QB

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Todd Boeckman will start at quarterback when No. 11 Ohio State hosts Youngstown State on Saturday in its 118th season-opener.

Boeckman takes over for Troy Smith, who won the Heisman Trophy last season while the Buckeyes rolled to a 12-0 start before losing 41-14 in the national championship game.

"Todd Boeckman is the guy that's going to have the first chance to go out there and be nervous and have some fun," coach Jim Tressel said on Tuesday. "He's been waiting so long for this opportunity. He's been studying hard, paying close attention. He knows who we are and what we want to do."

The 6-foot-5, 235-pound Boeckman was listed No. 1 on the depth chart coming into spring practice, then solidified his position this fall over contenders Rob Schoenhoft, Antonio Henton and Joe Bauserman.

"What gives Todd the nod over Robbie and Antonio and Joe, I think, is his understanding of the whole system and all that goes into it," Tressel said. "He's just got so much experience."

Boeckman may have more experience than the others in practice, but certainly not in games. He has thrown only 10 passes in six mop-up appearances since coming to campus in 2004. A fourth-year junior, he's 23.

"It's an honor to be named the starting quarterback at Ohio State," he said after Tuesday's practice. "It's pretty much a dream come true for me. But I have to go out there and stay focused and do what I need to do and lead this team."

Boeckman said it took him a while to feel comfortable enough to take over Smith's spot.

"At first I was a little too tense, a little overly excited — I just wanted to do the right

thing at all times," he said. "As I started to get out there, I started to relax, stay focused and just prepare myself, take it easy, take it one step at a time, and try not to be too overwhelmed."

Tressel said that Boeckman got off to a slow start when preseason practice got under way, but has put together a series of strong workouts.

"He definitely progressed. He had a couple of good scrimmages and some good practices," said offensive tackle Kirk Barton. "The biggest thing is no mistakes, no turnovers. That's the big thing with all of our skill guys. As long as we don't turn the ball over, we always have a good shot at winning."

Tressel said Schoenhoft — also a jumbo-sized junior at 6-6, 240 — will play against the Penguins. Henton is listed as third team, while Bauserman, a touted high school quarterback prospect before playing three years of minor league baseball, is regaining his footing after being away from the game.

Fullback Dionte Johnson said Boeckman was tentative in the spring but has settled in this summer and taken over the spot as if he were an old pro.

"His confidence really shot up. He was leaps and bounds more comfortable," Johnson said.

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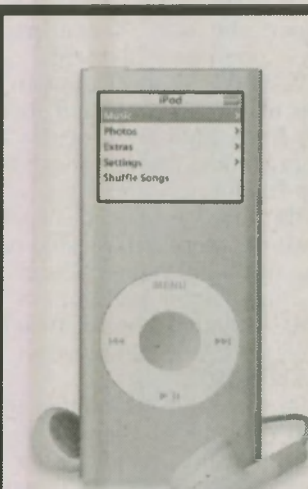
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Freeman to start for Miami

Signal-caller beats out former 'Canes starter Kyle Wright

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Kirby Freeman became Miami's quarterback last season by default, taking over only because Kyle Wright suffered a season-ending injury.

This time, he earned the job.

Freeman was named the Hurricanes' starter Tuesday, beating Wright in the most-scrutinized competition of training camp. Miami coach Randy Shannon wouldn't say how Freeman separated himself in the race, only insisting "Kirby gives us the best opportunity to win games."

"He's given me an opportunity and I'm going to run with it," Freeman said. "I'm going to do everything I can. I'm not going to just try to keep my position. We're going to go win ballgames. It's time to play now. It's so far beyond trying to win a job. All this is over with now and we're going to move forward."

Miami was unranked in the preseason poll for the first time since 1998. It opens Saturday at home against Marshall.

Freeman went 2-2 after Wright got hurt last season, throwing for 272 yards and two touchdowns to take MVP honors in Miami's 21-20 win over Nevada in the MPC Computers Bowl. He spent 21 games as Wright's backup over the previous 12 seasons.

"We're excited by both of the quarterbacks," Shannon said. "We still consider Kyle as a starter because we're fortunate enough to have two quarterbacks with the ability to go in and lead us in the right direction, but as far as this week right here, Kirby's going to be the starter."

Freeman and Wright opened camp tied atop the depth chart, and Shannon said months ago that he wouldn't announce the starter at quarterback — or any other position — until the final week of the offseason. There was speculation during camp that Freeman was winning the race, especially after it became known that Wright had a sore knee for much of the summer.

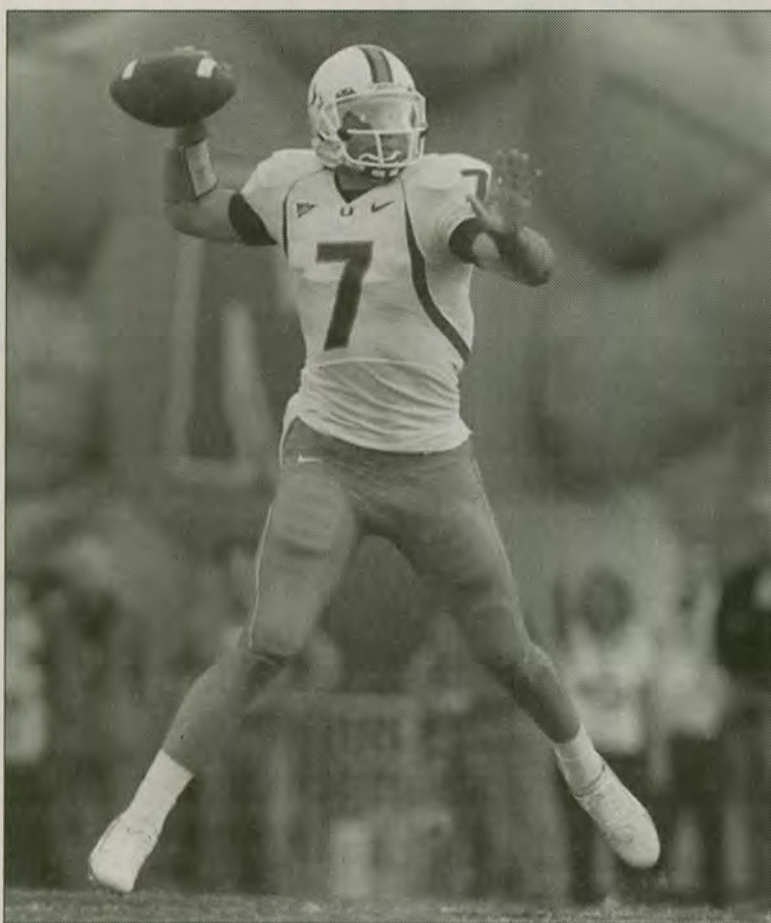
But Shannon never tipped his hand until Tuesday, when he made the most-awaited choice of his first eight months leading the Hurricanes.

"I had no idea who it was going to be until today," left tackle Jason Fox said. "They're two great quarterbacks and they both bring a lot of things to the table."

Wright did not speak with reporters Tuesday, although Freeman said he sought him out and offered congratulations and other kind words.

"I know what he's going through because I've been there before," Freeman said. "Twice."

Wright was the nation's top recruit when he signed with Miami, yet simply hasn't lived up to the expectation that he'd be the next great one at "Quarterback U." He threw for eight touchdowns in nine games last year and five of



Miami quarterback Kirby Freeman throws a pass against Maryland in College Park, Md. on Nov. 11, 2006. AP

those scoring passes were against Florida International and Duke, the only winless teams in Division I-A during 2006.

And in 2005, Wright threw for 18 touchdowns, with 12 against Duke, Temple and Wake Forest — teams going a combined 5-28 that year.

Meanwhile, Freeman waited for his chance, albeit impatiently at times. He considered transferring after the 2005 season before announcing that he'd finish his college career at Miami, even getting the Hurricanes' distinctive "U" logo tattooed on his back to prove his devotion to the program.

In his starts last season, Freeman completed only 54.4 percent of his throws for 745 yards, with five touchdowns and six interceptions. But he threw at least one TD pass in all four games, matching the best streak of Wright's career.

"I'm overwhelmed. I'm really excited," Freeman said. "This is everything I've worked for ... everything I hoped it would be. Now it's time to play ball."

Miami's first depth chart had plenty of interesting moves, not only in the quarterback column.

Shannon has co-starters listed at seven positions, including tailback, where Javaris James and Graig Cooper will likely end up splitting the workload. There's no such designation at quarterback, but Shannon made it clear that Wright has pushed Freeman so far and will continue doing so.

"There is always competition," Shannon said.

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U.S. OPEN TENNIS

Former champions roll through first round

Sharapova takes down Vinci; Hingis, Kuznetsova, Hewitt all cruise past opponents in Flushing Meadows

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova shanked a backhand wide, prompting her opponent to leap in the air and pump her fist and smile as though she'd won the match — or, indeed, the U.S. Open championship itself.

Uh, not quite. That little celebration by 51st-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy was for winning one game Tuesday night, allowing her to narrow Sharapova's lead to 6-0, 5-1.

"I win one game, I'm happy," Vinci said. "6-love, 6-love? No. 6-love, 6-1? OK."

A few minutes and one hold of serve later, Sharapova's 50-minute day was done, and she was into the second round at the tournament where she produced her second Grand Slam title a year ago.

"There's no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and feel the vibe," the second-seeded Russian said, 600 crystals on her red dress sparkling in the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps."

She compiled 15 winners before Vinci hit her first and finished with a 30-3 edge in that category during the 6-0, 6-1 victory — part of a mini-parade of past champions in first-round action.

That included victories for Martina Hingis, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Lleyton Hewitt, with Andy Roddick still to play later.

Sharapova's been on the wrong end of some routs at Grand Slam tournaments this

year, including against Serena Williams in the Australian Open final and against Venus Williams in Wimbledon's fourth round. And Sharapova, whose breakthrough came with the 2004 Wimbledon title at age 17, has been dealing with shoulder problems much of 2007.

No signs of that Tuesday, although she did double-fault twice on match point in the final game. Otherwise, about the biggest problem Sharapova had was when she missed a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

Even Vinci took note of the getup, saying: "It's difficult to play against her. Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress."

"It's red this year, like the Big Apple, in honor of the city," Sharapova told the crowd, before gathering her patent leather racket bag and black jeweled handbag and heading to the locker room.

Sharapova's good feelings from her U.S. Open title are still fresh, but it's been a decade since Hingis won the tournament. This year, Hingis took a stroll around the new workout room and simply had to smile while scanning the enlarged photos decorating the walls.

There among the posters of previous champions is one of Hingis, clutching her 1997 silver trophy, a different player and a different person.

"I'm like, 'OK, I look really young.' Short haircut, all that. It's been 10 years," she said. "Sometimes it feels like yesterday, sometimes like a lifetime."

Hingis was willing to reminisce a bit after beating

Mathilde Johansson of France 6-0, 6-3. Others winning Tuesday included a man many consider a likely future Grand Slam champion, No. 3-seeded Novak Djokovic, and No. 6 James Blake. The day's biggest early surprise came when No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, a past U.S. Open quarterfinalist, was eliminated by 50th-ranked Julia Vakulenko of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Hingis might face Kuznetsova in the fourth round, but that's a little far to look ahead these days for the 26-year-old who used to be called "The Swiss Miss" — in the long-ago days when she was atop the rankings and won five Slams. The days before she missed three years' worth of majors because of foot and leg injuries. The days when Tuesday's opponent would see Hingis on TV.

"Everybody was watching her," the 22-year-old Johansson said.

Hingis returned to the circuit full-time in 2006, reaching two major quarterfinals. But her hip came out of alignment a few months ago, and that and back problems limited Hingis to a 4-4 record from the start of April until arriving in New York.

"I used to recover faster when I was younger," she said, then compared her old self to the Energizer Bunny, before adding: "It's not like that anymore."

It's been only about half as long since Hewitt won his title at Flushing Meadows in 2001, a triumph that helped him become, at 20, the youngest man to end a year ranked No.



Maria Sharapova waves to the crowd after her first-round U.S. Open win over Roberta Vinci in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

1. And yet for Hewitt, who like Hingis is seeded 16th at this Open, it probably feels at least as far away. Nonetheless, the 2002 Wimbledon champion figures there will be another title somewhere down the road as a reward for his always-churning legs and his zipping groundstrokes.

"I believe that, yeah, it's in me, that's for sure. I think I'm good enough," Hewitt said after easing past Amer Delic of the United States 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. "That's what my goal is. That's what you keep striving toward,

working for. Hopefully it will be around the corner."

Said Delic: "I mean, the guy's good."

Blake agreed, saying: "Lleyton is playing some of the best tennis in the world right now. He's got to be in the top five contenders for this title."

While Hewitt is still chasing Slam No. 3, Blake and Djokovic are yearning for No. 1.

Blake is on quite a run right now, having reached the final of the Cincinnati Masters before losing to Federer, then winning the hard-court title at New Haven last week.

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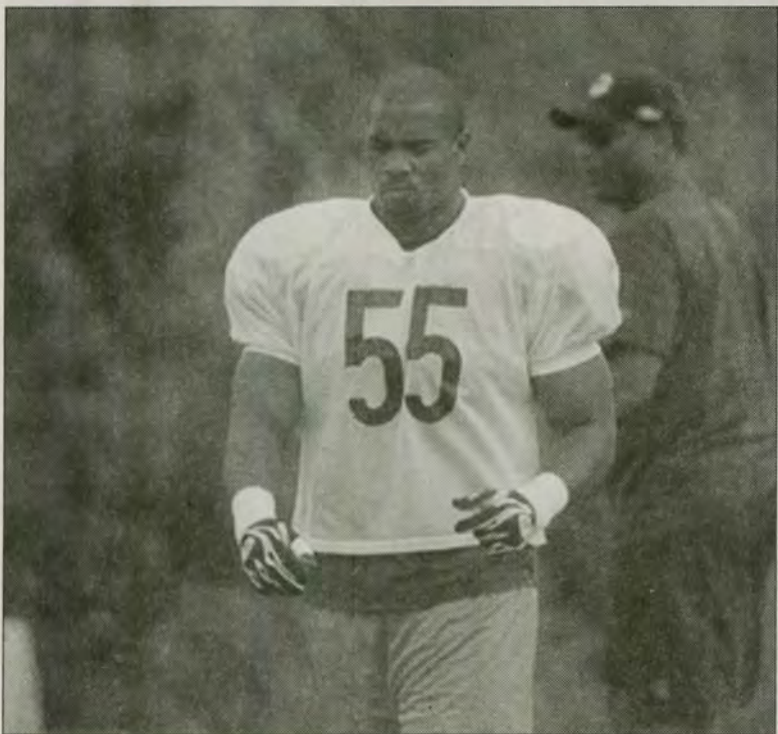
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NFL

Briggs leaves car at scene of accident



Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs, pictured at practice, admitted to abandoning his totaled car early Monday morning.

Bears linebacker says he panicked after crashing Lamborghini

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said he panicked after crashing his new Lamborghini along a highway early Monday morning and initially reported his car stolen after abandoning the mangled vehicle.

Speaking to reporters after practice on Tuesday, Briggs said he called a tow truck after leaving the scene and then reported his 2007 Murcielago was stolen.

"When it happened, the first thing I did was, obviously, I panicked," Briggs said. "I didn't want there to be a big scene there. And so I left the scene. When I left, I called the tow truck. I also was startled, and I called to report that my car was stolen. Within probably 10 minutes, I called back and accepted responsibility for what I did because it was ridiculous in the first place."

Illinois State Police said they have no record of Briggs reporting a stolen vehicle.

They did say that Briggs placed a 9-1-1 call at around 4 a.m. Monday, after initially saying he did not call police until sometime between 8 a.m. and 9.

But Master Sgt. Luis Gutierrez said Briggs gave "no indication of his car being stolen" during either call.

Illinois police found the abandoned vehicle, which had hit a light pole and a concrete bridge support, alongside the Edens Expressway on the city's North Side around 3:15 a.m.

Briggs was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor, and was given traffic citations for failure to give immediate notice of an accident and improper lane usage, when he met with police on Monday afternoon. He was released after posting \$100 bond and is scheduled to appear Oct. 4 in a Cook County

court.

Leaving the scene carries a maximum 364 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine, according to Gutierrez.

No other cars were involved in the incident and no one was with Briggs, he said.

Briggs said he was relieved no one was hurt after he lost control of the car and apologized to the organization and the fans during his brief address to the media.

He answered one question about whether the incident changed him, saying, "It did change me, absolutely. I'm very lucky to have made it out the way that I did, very lucky. I appreciate every day. The first thing I did when I got back here was hug every one of my teammates and tell them that I love them because you never know what's going to happen."

Then, he walked away as reporters yelled questions.

Briggs did not address a TV station's report that he had visited two Chicago clubs before the crash, although the owner of one — Level — said he was not there.

"He comes here frequently, but he was not here the night of the car accident," Mike Bloem said.

Gutierrez reiterated Tuesday that "it's undetermined" if alcohol was involved and said, "We're not pursuing that at this point."

Briggs' attorney Frank Himel said he wasn't sure how his client would plead. He also said he was not sure where Briggs had been or if he had been drinking.

"I never asked him any of these questions," Himel said. "If I did, I don't know how he could answer those questions."

Although coach Lovie Smith has said the team will not discipline Briggs, the league is looking into the incident.

The crash came after a turbulent offseason in which the Pro Bowl linebacker threatened to hold out — at first for the season, then 10 games — because the Bears placed the franchise player tag on him. He also asked the team to remove the label or trade him.

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NFL

Vick apologizes, calls dogfighting 'terrible'

Falcons QB admits to wrongdoing, takes responsibility

Associated Press

Michael Vick stood behind a podium, all alone. His amazing speed and quickness was of no use in this predicament. He couldn't scramble away from trouble with one of those nifty moves.

All he could do was apologize. And ask for forgiveness. And start "bettering Michael Vick the person, not the football player."

Looking somber and speaking without notes, Vick said Monday he was taking full responsibility for his actions after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge in Richmond, Va.

He could go to prison for one to five years.

"I offer my deepest apologies to everybody out there in the world who was affected by this whole situation, and if I'm more disappointed with myself than anything it's because of all the young people, young kids that I let down, who look at Michael Vick as a role model," he said.

Vick canceled a Tuesday morning radio appearance on "The Tom Joyner Morning Show". Host Tom Joyner said Vick's advisors suggested that the football player shouldn't talk at this time because some-

one "might take any part of our interview out of context."

Vick called dogfighting "a terrible thing," said he initially lied to the NFL and his team about it because he was ashamed, and apologized specifically to all those he deceived about a gruesome dogfighting ring: commissioner Roger Goodell, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, coach Bobby Petrino and his teammates.

"I need to grow up," Vick conceded.

Acceptance of responsibility is one of the factors U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson will consider in handing down Vick's sentence Dec. 10. The federal sentencing guideline range is projected at a year to 18 months, but Hudson can impose up to the five-year maximum.

Vick has already been suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

"So I've got a lot of down time, a lot of time to think about my actions and what I've done," he said.

"I will redeem myself. I have to."

In Atlanta, the Falcons said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the \$22 million in bonus money he already received in a \$130 million contract signed in 2004, looking to reduce the financial burden of his massive deal.

"Cutting him today may feel better emotionally for us and

many of our fans," Blank said. "But it's not in the long-term best interests of our franchise."

Before the wrenching day was done, the Falcons defeated Cincinnati 24-19 in their first home preseason game, a chance for Atlanta's fans to get a sampling of life without their most dynamic player.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of people showed up for the game wearing Vick's No. 7 jersey. His replacement, Joey Harrington, made a good first impression by throwing two touchdown passes.

"It's not something we can sweep under the rug," Harrington said. "Mike is definitely in a bit of trouble, but he's still a member of this team, still a member of this family."

Vick took no questions after his first public statement about the dogfighting ring, and he said little in court.

With family members, including his brother and mother, watching from the front row of the packed courtroom, Vick stood flanked by two of his five lawyers and softly answered "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" to Hudson's questions.

The judge, known for his tough sentences, emphasized his broad latitude in handing down Vick's penalty.

"You'll have to live with whatever decision I make," Hudson said.

U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said a first-time



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick apologizes after pleading guilty to dogfighting charges Monday in Richmond, Va.

offender ordinarily might receive no jail time for the dogfighting conspiracy.

"We thought, however, that the conduct in this conspiracy was heinous, cruel and inhumane," he said.

Blank and Falcons general

manager Rich McKay refused to say whether Vick would ever play for the Falcons again, though their reluctance to cut ties with the quarterback is related more to complicated legal issues than any willingness to take him back.

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MLB

Moose dropped from Yankees' starting rotation

Triple A prospect to take over Mussina's spot against Tampa

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After winning 247 games in the major leagues, Mike Mussina lost his spot in the New York Yankees' rotation Tuesday.

Following three terrible starts in a row, the 38-year-old right-hander was told by manager Joe Torre that he'll be passed over for his next scheduled start Saturday against Tampa Bay.

"He was disappointed, naturally. This was very difficult for me," Torre said. "We have relied on him every year since he's been here."

The Yankees will call up touted prospect Ian Kennedy, a first-round draft pick last year, from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to pitch against the last-place Devil Rays in the middle of a pennant race.

How long Kennedy stays in the rotation will depend on how well he pitches.

"It's basically what we're getting from that spot. That's what you look at first," Torre said.

Mussina refused comment as he walked out of the clubhouse following New York's 5-3 victory over Boston on Tuesday night.

Torre didn't say whether he would consider using Mussina out of the bullpen. The manager

said he spoke to Mussina and said: "Keep doing what you're doing. Keep doing your work. Keep doing your throwing so you don't lose that, the arm strength part of it."

Not long ago, Mussina was the team's top starter, but he has faded fast. After going 15-7 with a 3.51 ERA last season, he is 8-10 with a 5.53 ERA this year. He has a 17.69 ERA in his past three starts, struggling with velocity and control.

Kennedy, who pitched for Scranton last Saturday, is 1-1 with a 2.08 ERA in six starts at Triple-A. The 22-year-old right-hander played college ball at Southern California.

"He's got great mound presence," said Yankees rookie Joba Chamberlain, who called Kennedy his best friend.

"He understands how to pitch and how to get outs. He's going to come up and do a great job. It's going to be exciting to see."

Before the game, Torre said he wanted to speak with Mussina about his recent struggles before making a decision. He said the pitcher "earned that conversation" because of "who he is and what he's done."

"I just want to hear how he feels, and from there we'll talk about what we're going to do," Torre said before the game.

"Some conversations are difficult to have," he added. "I hope he makes it easy on me."

Mussina's last three starts have

been particularly alarming. He has allowed 19 earned runs in 9 2-3 innings spanning two outings against the hard-hitting Detroit Tigers and one against the Los Angeles Angels.

Before this slump, Mussina won four straight starts — giving up eight runs in all — and improved to 8-7.

Has he run out of gas? Does he need a breather?

Or, is he completely finished? That's certainly what Yankees fans are afraid of, especially since Mussina has a year remaining on his \$23 million, two-year contract.

Mussina and Torre have both said they think the right-hander has more productivity left, but the Yankees decided they couldn't afford to wait for him to find his form.

New York heads into the final month of the season fighting for a playoff spot, so every game is crucial. The Yankees began the day two games behind Seattle, the AL wild-card leader. With their victory over Boston, they pulled within seven games of the first-place Red Sox in the AL East.

"You like to be loyal to all your players. But loyalty to all 25 comes before loyalty to any individual," Torre said.

The manager added that he spoke to Mussina recently about the possibility of skipping a turn if he thought that might benefit him.

"I know he's probably looked at some video to see if there's anything with his mechanics," Torre said. "He's obviously at times trying to make more perfect pitches than he's probably capable of making."

Mussina didn't speak with reporters before the game, either. He talked on his cell phone at his locker after batting practice, then dashed off to a team meeting.

His latest flop, three ineffective innings Monday night in a 16-0 loss at Detroit, dropped Mussina to 0-7 following Yankees losses this year. It also left him visibly dejected. Mussina said he would "understand" if Torre went with another pitcher next time through the rotation.

"Two weeks ago I felt really good about the way I was throwing the ball," Mussina said Monday night. "Two weeks later it's completely at the other end of the spectrum and I really don't

feel like I can do much of anything right, and I haven't helped us at all in the last three games that I pitched. It's disappointing."

"I don't even know how to describe it because I've never had to deal with it before," he added.

Mussina was hurt by some bad luck and poor defense Monday night, which Torre noted.

"There were some balls that with any kind of luck he would have had a better result. I know he wasn't happy with it," Torre said. "He threw more strikes, gave himself more of a chance. I thought it was better. I thought he was a little freer throwing the ball. I thought he got frustrated quicker."

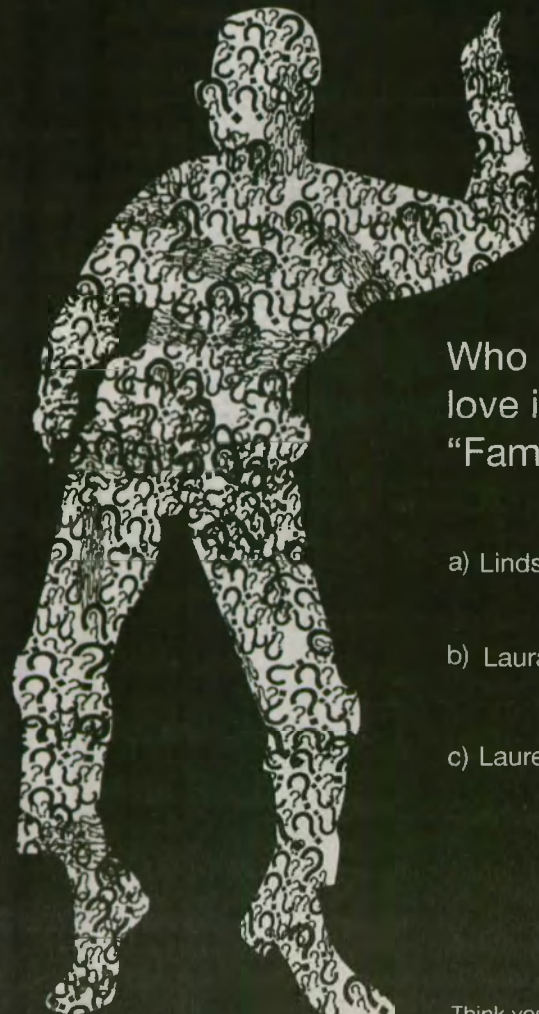


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Practice

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That policy is understandable from the football team's standpoint.

It was June 6 when Charlie Weis announced that he was moving fall camp from West Quad to Cartier Field and that he would open one practice for local fans, one for professors and one for students.

Most students didn't get back to campus until Saturday or Sunday, so their open practice was Sunday night — within a week of the team's first game and, we were told, too close to kickoff to run a meaningless, bland training session.

But when Weis said he would open a practice for students, he hadn't yet indicated his plan to not announce a starting quarterback before the Georgia Tech game.

So Weis had his predicament. Thinking ahead to the open practice, Weis probably figured that students would be able to determine the starter by watching two hours of time on the field. Last week, he told WNDU that he had already decided on a starter and the chosen quarterback would be dumb not to know he is starting. Still, Weis doesn't want Georgia Tech to know, and that means he needs to control the flow of information.

Sunday's practice was closed to the media, but The Observer's four football beat writers are in a unique situation of being students and media members. So Brian Hardin, the team's director of media relations, let us know that we could go to practice. But, in not so many words, he said we could lose our media access if we reported on what happened at practice.

I understood that position. Any objective observer would

admit that Weis' strategy of not announcing the starting quarterback is a significant advantage for the Irish against Georgia Tech (and possibly Penn State on Sept. 8). Any opponent who must waste time studying one or two extra quarterbacks is far less efficient than one who knows the starter. Claiming the secrecy doesn't help Notre Dame in any way, as several national columnists have, is flat-out wrong.

But I asked Hardin the obvious question: What about the message boards? I figured students would be posting about what they saw immediately afterward — and most students are not media representatives in their spare time and cannot be threatened with limited access.

Hardin said Weis probably would ask the students not to blog or post about the practice. But Weis didn't, and the message boards filled up.

Therein lies The Observer's

predicament.

The Observer could look like a shill if we pretended as if Sunday night's practice was closed and the muzzle was on. Truth is, there were nearly 2,000 people who saw the two-hour practice, and at least a dozen who gave accounts of varying insight that weren't quite snap-by-snap but nonetheless detailed. That's not quite a small, off-the-record audience.

If Weis wanted to keep the happenings of the practice out of public consumption, he needed to keep it closed to all students. The post-practice Internet updates were predictable. And they demonstrate

why having an "open" session while threatening a media outlet not to report on it is, well, absurd.

But media credentials are a privilege, and we accepted the team's terms. If we had not, we might lose the chance to serve our readers in more important ways in the future. But it is also important to inform our readers — on campus and off — why we are not reporting something that should be covered.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Martin

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played well in these two games."

Leading the way in both contests was senior forward Kurt Martin. Martin looked capable of taking over as a regular starter for the first time in his career. He scored six minutes into the New Mexico game and netted two more against the Wildcats.

"He's a very good player," Clark said. "He is very capable of scoring goals and hopefully he can maintain that form."

Martin needed only three minutes to bury his first goal

against Northwestern. He picked up a loose ball inside the box, wheeled and put it in the top left corner to give the Irish a quick lead.

Ten minutes later, lightning struck again.

This time Martin took over just across midfield and fired a rocket from 40 yards out. The ball found its way through two defenders and past Northwestern goalkeeper Misha Rosenthal for a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame continued to dominate play for the remainder of the first half, and Martin picked up his fifth point of the game when senior forward Joseph Lapira finished a pass from his fellow attacker in the 17th minute.

Lapira, who won the M.A.C. Hermann Trophy last season as college soccer's most exciting player, seemed to be recovering well from a strained calf earlier in the summer.

Clark was also impressed with strength his team showed throughout the middle of the field. Freshman Matt Armstrong stepped up for Notre Dame to replace 2007 graduate and two-time captain Greg Dalby.

"I thought Armstrong and Thomas really bolted down the middle very well," Clark said. "Right through that middle was superb through the first twenty minutes."

Dalby made the All-America team in his senior year and was a staple on the stingy Irish defense for four years.

The freshman has played well so far in the two exhibition matches and has won the starting job for the season opener.

Armstrong and the rest of his teammates will be tested right out of the gates as they face a flurry of powerhouse schools in their first few games. The season-opener pits Notre Dame against preseason No. 2 UCLA. The two will meet Friday night at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind.

The Irish follow their game against the Bruins with three more perennial contenders in Maryland, Rhode Island and Northern Illinois.

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Senior forward Kurt Martin shoots during a friendly with the Mexican national team April 27. Notre Dame won the match 1-0.

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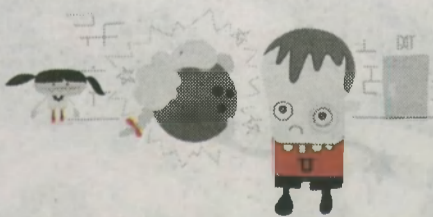
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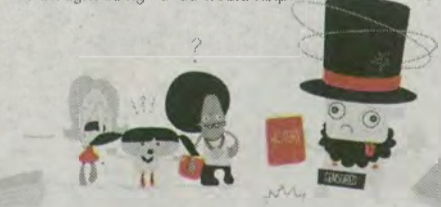


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both playing a role on both kickoffs and field goals," Weis said. "The first time we go to kick a field goal, it might make a difference where the ball is to see who's the kicker."

Walker, Whitaker and Burkhart were competing to replace Carl Gioia, who made eight of 13 field goal attempts in 2006.

Whitaker, a walk-on, appeared in the Stanford game last season, kicking off once. The kick traveled 50 yards.

Weis said he wasn't surprised that the non-scholarship player performed so well against Walker and Burkhart, both of whom are on scholarship.

"Nate Whitaker, even last year, was one of the guys with one of the strongest legs on the team," Weis said. "I'm not worrying about whether a guy is a scholarship player or a walk-on. Whoever the best guy is, they play."

"Nate will be kicking in the game on Saturday."

Walker, a true freshman, was mainly a punter in high school, attempting just 20 field goals in his junior and senior seasons and making 13 of them.

But the Findlay, Ohio native says he feels confident he can do whatever the Irish coaching staff asks.

"To be honest, as long as the team wins, that's my forte," Walker said. "Punting, kick-offs, field goals, whatever gives us the best chance to win I'll do."

Whatever he does, however, Walker is a perfectionist.

"Inside 40 yards, I want to be 100 percent," he said. "Outside 40 yards, well, I want to be 100 percent."

Walker said Notre Dame's fifth-year senior punter, Geoff Price, has helped all the young kickers with their mechanics.

"Geoff Price is pretty much an All-American candidate," Walker said. "I'm trying to soak up as much that he says as possible. He always jokes that he's as good of a coach as he is a player."

And while Price — who along with junior quarterback Evan Sharpley is listed as the holder for field goals — will be on the field to help the youngsters when they attempt kicks, Walker says he isn't nervous to play in front of 80,000 people on Saturday.

"To be honest, kicking in front of coaches is much harder than kicking in front of fans," he said. "Adrenaline is something you build off. Most kickers would tell you they kick it five yards further in games than they do in practice."

Notes:

♦Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said NBC play-by-play broadcaster Tom Hammond will return to the broadcast booth for Notre Dame's second home game, on Sept. 22 against Michigan State. Hammond will be in Japan this week covering the World Track and Field Championships.

♦NBC, which owns the rights to all Notre Dame home games, will replace Hammond for Saturday's game against Georgia Tech with Bob Papa, who is the radio voice of the New York Giants.

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Keepers

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near the goal with one of her signature flip-throws from the sidelines. Fowlkes was able to head the ball in to give Notre Dame a 2-1 lead.

The game was quiet until the end of the second half, when Cinalli put back the rebound of a Weissenhofer shot, making the score 3-1.

In both games, all three Irish keepers split playing time. Senior Lauren Karas, sophomore Kelsey Lysander and freshman Nikki Weiss each saw about 30 minutes in goal.

"It's probably the deepest we've been with goalkeepers since I've been here," Waldrum said. "Even if we had a clear-cut favorite, we would have played all three in both games, just because you need to see them in those kinds of games. Rarely are you going to get to play a good team like Carolina and Virginia and have it not count, so you can take some chances."

Waldrum said a decision has not yet been made as to who will be the starting keeper against Michigan on Friday.

"The good side is they haven't really separated themselves," he said. "We've got to try to make some decisions this week and see which ones we think are going to be starting for us. It may be a few more weeks into the season before we have a clear-cut number one."

Junior defender Carrie Drew, who missed the 2006 postseason after suffering an ACL injury in the last regular-season game, saw her first live action against Virginia. Drew played for about 45 minutes over the course of the game.

"She had gotten released from the doctors about a week before preseason," Waldrum said. "We felt like giving her that extra week to the Virginia game, that is

why we played her in Virginia but not in Carolina. She's healthy, but it was more just the timing of getting her released."

Waldrum said that the play of the Irish during the preseason answered some questions, particularly after losing midfielders Jace Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek and defenders Christie Shaner and Kim Lorenzen to graduation. He was

pleased with the play of the freshmen in the relatively high-pressure preseason games.

In those games, the Irish outscored their opponents 5-3, outshot them 30-14 and put 13 shots on goal while allowing nine. Their win over the Cavaliers marks the third time in a row that Notre Dame has defeated Virginia in the preseason.

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"It's probably the deepest we've been with goalkeepers since I've been here."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

GOLDEN DOME



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

The Notre Dame offensive line stretches during Tuesday afternoon's practice at Moose Krause Field.

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TODAY'S TALE OF DRECK: SPIDER-MAN 3

DEUCES MANOR

MATT HUDSON, ANDY MANZA & PAUL TASSINARI

Hey did you hear what Charlie Weiss got on his SATs?

Yeah, he got like a 1600, right?

No, Barbeque Sauce.

Deuces Manor will run in The Observer for the next two weeks. Let us know what you think. Feedback and comic submissions can be e-mailed to viewpoint.1@nd.edu.

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WILL SHORTZ

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- 41 Theme of this puzzle
- 45 Example of 41-Across
- 7 Example of 41-Across
- 15 Like "Survivor" groups
- 16 "That's fine"
- 17 ___ Quimby of children's books
- 18 Most finicky
- 19 Not fighting
- 21 Squeezed (out)
- 22 Ballerina's digit
- 23 Suffix with racket or rocket
- 25 Weakens, as support
- 29 Line up
- 32 Push (for)
- 36 Needle part
- 37 Mauna ___
- 39 Example of 41-Across
- 41 Theme of this puzzle
- 45 Example of 41-Across
- 46 90° pipe joint
- 47 Result of getting worked up
- 48 Call the whole thing off
- 50 On the wagon
- 54 Eton students, e.g.
- 56 Symbol of sturdiness
- 58 City map abbr.
- 59 Tacks on
- 63 Works of Swift and Wilde
- 66 They're over the hill
- 70 Dancing locale
- 71 "Be delighted"
- 72 Low tie
- 73 Example of 41-Across
- 74 Example of 41-Across
- Down
- 1 Rock bands?
- 2 Keynote speaker, e.g.
- 3 Less firm
- 4 Instrument with a conical bore
- 5 Sha follower
- 6 French ice cream
- 7 Bush league?: Abbr.
- 8 Merle Haggard, self-descriptively
- 9 Sail a zigzag course
- 10 Little one
- 11 Put up with
- 12 Bread for a Reuben
- 13 Speakers' no-nos
- 14 Amount left after all is said and done
- 20 Unagi, at a sushi restaurant
- 24 Actress Dawson of "Rent"
- 26 Polar denizen
- 27 Polar explorer
- 28 Salty septet
- 30 Therapeutic plant
- 31 "___ got mail"
- 33 Humanities degs.
- 34 Memory unit
- 35 Cries from the woods
- 38 "I love him like ___"
- 40 Defendant's plea, informally

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

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HENRI ARNOLD
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: REARM PAGAN ORATOR FIERCE
Answer: When the bumper corn crop left the farmer grinning, it was — FROM EAR TO EAR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: LeAnn Rimes, 25; Jason Priestley, 38; Shania Twain, 42; Daniel Stern, 50

Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotions hold you back when you have so much going for you this year. Don't sit idle when there is so much to do. Select what's important and move full steam ahead. Your numbers are 5, 10, 13, 17, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need to get away from it all. A place you can relax and ponder over what you want to do next is in order. Don't be fooled by changes going on around you at work. It is as you see it. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may be falsifying information. Don't give to a charity or group you know little about. Stick to what you know and refrain from overreacting. A surprise is in the works. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be patient, especially when dealing with colleagues and family. Emotions will be running high and saying something you'll regret is evident. Focus more on kindness, generosity and getting along with others. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got so much going for you, so don't waste it procrastinating or thinking you can't. You should be discovering new things that you can turn into a profitable venture. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You should be concentrating on financial matters, closing deals and finalizing settlements, investments or even contracts that are pending. Place your calls and corner the people who need to do their part. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things may be up in the air today, especially where partnerships and personal matters come into play. Stand your ground but don't do so with force. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take off and do something different or exciting that will stimulate your imagination and captivate your mind. You are due for a change so surround yourself with new people, places and pastimes. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a bold stance, stick to your plans and present what you have to offer. You may not grab everyone's attention but the people who do get what you are doing will be fascinated. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't even think about spouting off or causing a ruckus. You are better off taking a wait-and-see approach and keeping your thoughts to yourself. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things are turning around for you. The deals that appeared to be taking so long to play out are now likely to go forward, allowing you the freedom to move on. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be very careful how you word things. Someone may try to misquote or misinterpret you. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will be hard to control. Don't let them overrule what you have to do professionally or educationally. A partner or someone you like may surprise you with his or her decision to make alterations that will influence you. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are strong, passionate and have an active mind and imagination. You are adventuresome and tend to live on the edge. You have spunk and fortitude and will stand up to anyone who opposes you.

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FOOTBALL

Kickstart

Weis to use multiple placekickers during Georgia Tech game

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

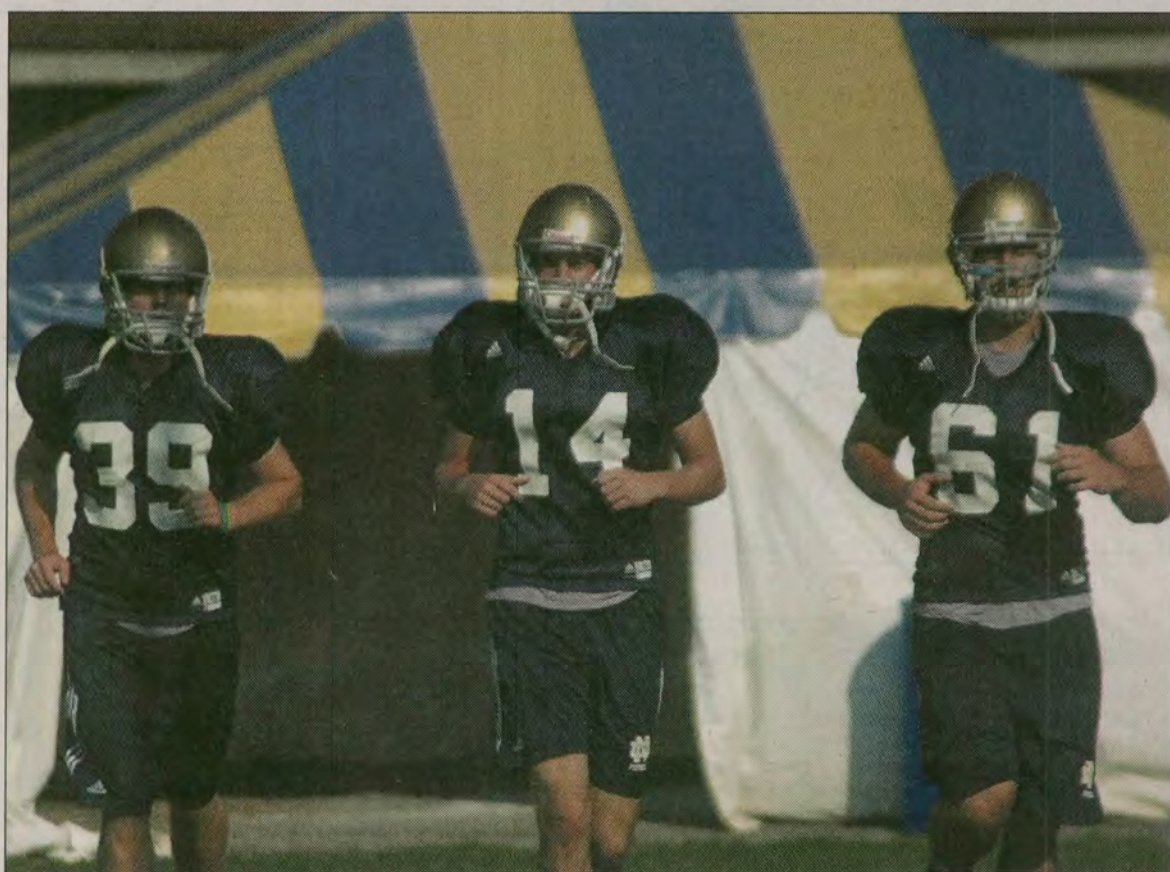
The race to be Notre Dame's starting placekicker has narrowed to two.

Irish coach Charlie Weis released a depth chart Monday that showed sophomore Nate Whitaker and freshman Brandon Walker as co-starters — which left sophomore Ryan Burkhart out of the picture entirely.

"In certain situations, they're both the lead guy," Weis said. "They're the two guys. It was three, now it's two, and they're the two."

Weis said that Whitaker and Walker will be used situationally, but did not say what those situations might be.

"I can see both Brandon Walker and Nate Whitaker



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish kickers Ryan Burkhart, left, and Brandon Walker, middle, warm up with long snapper J.J. Jansen during practice Aug. 28. Walker will kick situationally to start the season.

Our lips are sealed following Sunday's open practice session

You might be looking for a practice report from Sunday's "Student Appreciation Night" in this space.

Sorry to disappoint.

Sure, I could tell you how many plays Jimmy Clausen ran, out of what formations with what offense and against which defense, but that wouldn't be wise.

The Observer was told not to publish any account of the practice or else it would face "serious" repercussions.



Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

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Weis suspends Hand for three games following arrest

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday that suspended junior nose guard Darrell Hand has been reinstated to both the University and the team, but will miss "at least" the first three games of the season.

"He's back in school; therefore he's back on the team," Weis said. "But he won't be playing for multiple weeks."

Hand was suspended from the team indefinitely Aug. 3 after he allegedly solicited a prostitute on the south side of South Bend.

Weis said that the junior attended both classes and practice Tuesday and will not

face suspension from the University.

"[The three-game suspension] is not the school's," Weis said. "It's football's. For the school, he was reinstated [Monday]."

While Weis wouldn't say for sure how long Hand will be held out of games, he did say that the junior will miss the season's first three contests

against Georgia Tech, Penn State and Michigan.

In the meantime, junior Pat Kuntz and freshman Ian Williams will man the nose guard position for the new Irish 3-4 defense.

Weis said Hand, who missed all of fall training camp, will have to readjust to practice before he can contribute fully.

"He started almost like the

training camp mentality because you can't just throw pads on him and put him out there," Weis said. "Like [Monday], he went out in shorts. [Tuesday] he'll go out in shorts again. Then he'll go shoulder pads, shoulder pads, full pads."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Martin leads team to win

Senior forward nets two goals in 3-0 win over Northwestern

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wrapped up a successful preseason in front of a full house with a 3-0 win Monday over No. 14 Northwestern, a week after a 3-0 exhibition win over No. 9 New Mexico.

Despite the early success, Irish coach Bobby Clark knows that his team still has a long way to go to reach their goals. When asked what he thought of the team's potential Clark responded, "You'll have to ask me in December."

"[The wins] don't indicate much more except that we



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Senior forward Kurt Martin fights for a free ball during a 2-0 win over DePaul in last year's Big East tournament Oct. 25.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish look sharp in two preseason exhibitions

Team optimistic after beating Virginia 3-1, tying Tar Heels 2-2

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has only played two exhibition games this year, but the Irish already look ready for regular-season play.

After tying preseason No. 1 North Carolina 2-2 in a rematch of last year's NCAA Championship game and a matchup of the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation, Notre Dame defeated No. 11 Virginia 3-1 on Aug. 23 in Fort Wayne. Forward and senior captain Amanda Cinalli scored two goals and freshman midfielder Lauren

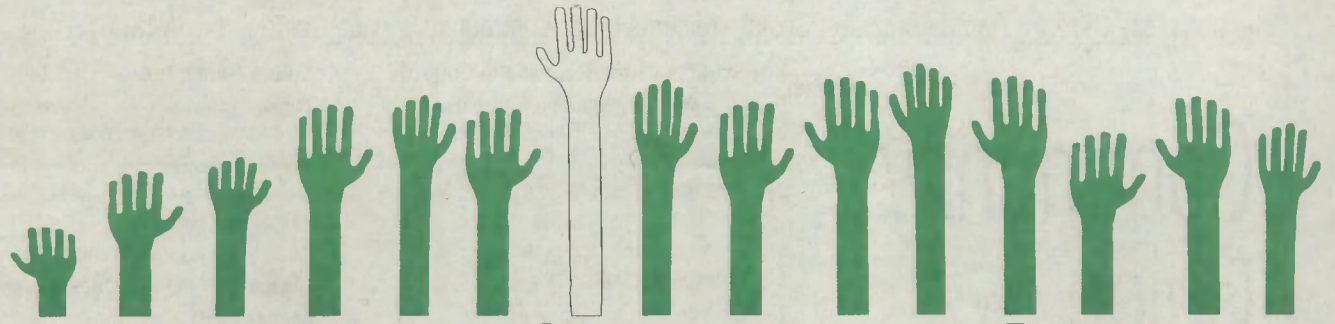
Fowlkes added a third tally.

"I think it's going to give us a lot of optimism about the season, and I think now seeing the freshmen over a little bit of time helps us feel better about that," head coach Randy Waldrum said.

Just as in the North Carolina game, Notre Dame started quickly against the Cavaliers. Two minutes in, Cinalli headed the ball past Virginia keeper Celeste Miles, redirecting a free kick from junior forward Kerri Hanks. Virginia answered five minutes before halftime when Jess Rostedt maneuvered through the Irish defense by herself for an unassisted goal.

Two minutes later, sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer reached Fowlkes

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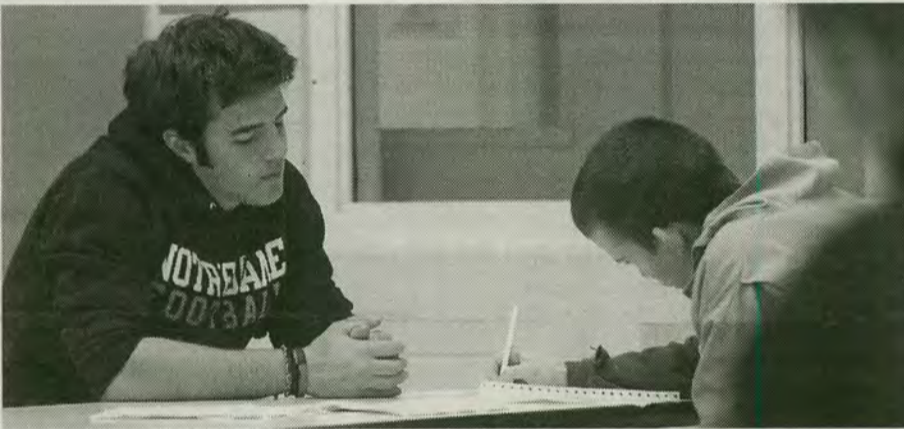
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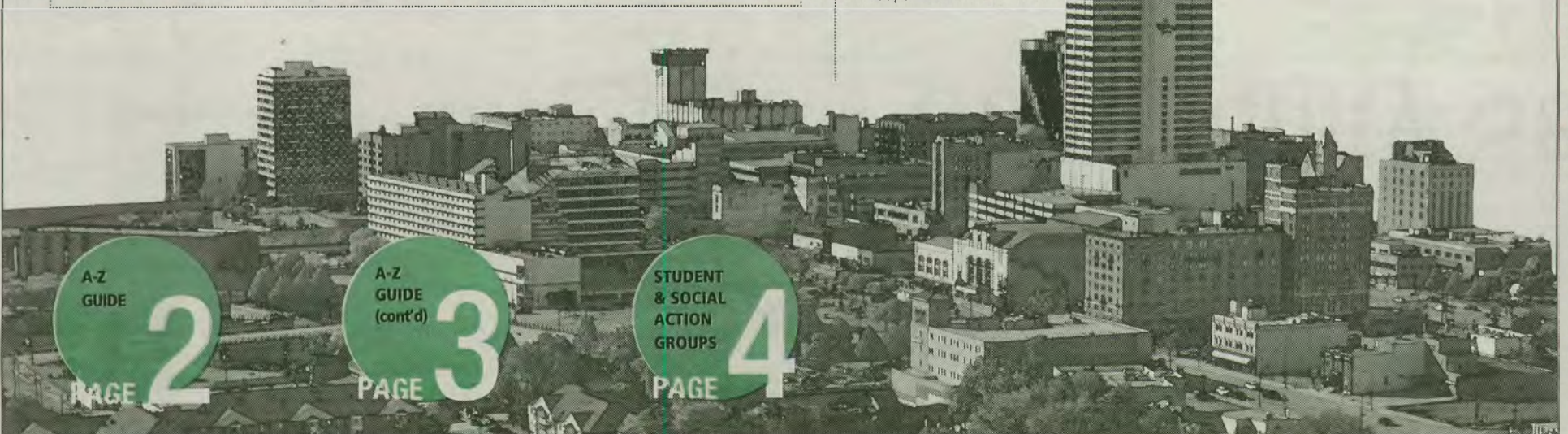
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AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist

Focus: Care coordination for persons living with HIV and community-based HIV testing.

Service activities: Volunteers provide a range of supportive services to both clients and staff.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: Car

Placements: Few

Contact: Debra M. Stanley
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www.aidsministries.org

Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana—Milton Adult Day Services

Focus: Day services program and support service for families affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

Service activities: Work with participants at Day Center in activities such as board games, crafts, pool, woodworking (with volunteer supervision); assist with serving meals and snacks; and general support in keeping participants actively involved.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, TB test (free)

Placements: Many

Contact: Norma Napoli

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Norma_Napoli@sbcglobal.net
www.alz-nic.org



American Red Cross

(St. Joseph County Chapter)

Focus: To help prevent, prepare, and respond to emergencies.

Service activities: Volunteer through campus-based FAST Program or at Chapter, train children, work with refugee families, provide office support.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Background check, Training

Placements: Many

Contact: John Pinter

(574) 234 0191

info@stjoe-redcross.org

Ark Angels, Inc.

Focus: Youth intervention and leadership development.

Service activities: Share in developmental enrichments including athletics, create relationships within interest or talent areas.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Late afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Background check

Placements: Many

Contact: Ron King

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kingronnie@sbcglobal.net



Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County

Focus: One-to-one child mentoring for school-age children in St. Joseph County.

Service activities: Spend time with a child weekly to bi-monthly off-campus.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Car, 18+, Background check, 1 academic year commitment

Placements: Many

Contact: Any staff member

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Boy Scouts of America, LaSalle Council

Focus: To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Service activities: Help run programs for at-risk youth in the South Bend community that develop character, citizenship, and personal fitness skills.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Car, Background check

Placements: Few

Contact: Arne Landsverk

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www.lasallecouncilbsa.org



Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County

Focus: Provide youth development programs for school-aged youth in an afterschool environment.

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

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Late afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Car, 18+, Background check

Placements: Many

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www.bgcsjc.org

Broadway Christian Parish UMC

Focus: United Methodist Congregation with a focus on worship and service to the poor.

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

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Spanish speaking

Placements: Many

Contact: Rev. Nancy Nichols

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Catholic Worker House

Focus: To offer hospitality to people in need.

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

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: None

Placements: Many

Contact: Margaret Pfeil

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The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Focus: To improve the quality of living for patients facing terminal illness.

Service activities: Provide respite and companionship to patients and families on a weekly basis.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Background Check, Car, US Citizen, Drug Screen, Health Screen

Placements available: Many

Contact: Jackie Boynton

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boyntonj@centerforhospice.org
www.centerforhospice.org



Center for the Homeless

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

Service activities: Tutor adults seeking GED, tutor children, assist in job retention programs, help at front desk and exercise room, read to, play with, and mentor children.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Car (On bus line)

Placements: Many

Contact: Dr. Peter Lombardo, Ph.D

(574) 282 8700 ext. 344

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www.cfh.net

Chiara Home, Inc.

Focus: To provide temporary out-of-home care for families caring for loved ones with disabilities.

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

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late afternoon

Requirements: Car

Placements: Many

Contact: Brenda Emmerth

(574) 287 5435

chiarahome@att.net

www.chiarahome.org (coming soon)

Corvillia, Inc.

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

Service activities: Help with social outings, bingo parties, bowling outings, zoo trips, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas parties. Merge database with accounting system.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: None

Placements: Many

Contact: Diane M. Dolde

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ddolde@corvillia.org
www.corvillia.org



Dismas of Michiana (Dismas House)

Focus: Faith-based re-entry program that provides housing and services to men and women returning from incarceration so they can successfully adjust to society.

Service activities: Prepare evening meal and dine with the residents, mentoring and tutoring, help with house repairs, assist with special events. Update website and donor database. Teach residents computer and internet skills.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+

Placements: Many

Contact: Maria Kaczmarek

(574) 233 8522

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www.michianadismas.org

El Campito, Inc.

Focus: To promote the educational, social, and economic success of culturally diverse children and their families.

Service activities: Interact with children through planned activities, tutoring, bi-lingual (Spanish) translation, evening child-care assistance, website design, database development, and IT support.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Background check

Placements: Many

Contact: Rosa Rickman

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elcampito@sbcglobal.net

Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County

Focus: To provide victims of domestic violence and their families multiple options to restore balance to their lives.

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

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late afternoon

Requirements: 18+, Background check, 1 academic year commitment

Placements: Many

Contact: Pam Claeys

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pclaeys@fjcsjc.org
www.fjcsjc.org (coming soon)

Freedom 22 Foundation

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

Service activities: "Coach" middle school students in language arts competition.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: None

Placements: Many

Contact: Barbara Asher

(574) 235 0022 or (574) 532 6657

barb@freedom22.org

Hannah's House

Focus: Maternity home for unwed mothers

Service activities: Light administrative work, cleaning, yard work, light cooking, childcare.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: None

Placements: Many

Contact: Laura Guy

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www.hannahshouse.org

Harbor Light Hospice

Focus: To provide hospice services.

Service activities: Visit with patients, office assistance.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, US citizen, Background check

Placements: Many

Contact: Judy Comeno

1 (800) 237 4242

judy@hlhin.com

www.harborlighthospice.com

Healthwin Specialized Care

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

Service activities: Play cards, board games, and computer games with residents; work in dining program, transport residents to therapy, decorate for activities; update bulletin boards; sing, and play instruments for residents; webpage design; database development.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late afternoon

Requirements: Background check

Placements: Many

Contact: Karen Martindale

(574) 272 0100 ext. 28

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Hope Rescue Mission

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

Service activities: Adult tutoring, resident services intern, childcare, front desk reception, fund-raising, donations management, assistance with annual Street Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless men, women and children.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Background check

Placements available: Few

Contact: Linda Clevenger

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lclevenger@hoperescuemission.org
www.hoperescuemission.org

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS)

Focus: ILS is a poverty law clinic funded to help low-income people in certain civil cases.

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

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Excellent written skills

Placements available: Many

Contact: Heather Mezosi

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www.indianajustice.org



Life Treatment Centers

Focus: Addiction treatment

Service activities: Monitor clients, assist with screenings for clients, and help treatment aides with client activities.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, Background check, US Citizen

Placements available: Many

Contact: Julia Shapiro
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Literacy Council of St. Joseph County

Focus: To promote and improve functional literacy.

Service activities: Assist adults to improve English reading, writing, and speaking.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Car, Background Check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Sandy Chambers
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www.stjoereads.org

LOGAN Community Resources, Inc.

Focus: To provide advocacy, resources, and services to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Service activities: Assist with social skills classes, tutoring, and a teen social group at the Autism center; offer classes in art, nature, music, drama, or fitness with Adult Day services; database design, graphic design, and photography.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Car (On bus line)

Placements available: Many

Contact: Nichole Maguire
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www.logancenter.org

Memorial Hospital Volunteer Services

Focus: Full service hospital

Service activities: Pushing patients in wheelchairs, staffing information desks, and assisting on floors.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, Background check

Placements available: Few

Contact: Jeanne Blad
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Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.

Focus: Non-profit community development corporation dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the Near Northwest neighborhood.

Service activities: Database entry, website updating, statistical analysis, inventory of neighborhood housing, gardening, administration, and marketing.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Placements available: Many

Contact: Karen Ainsley
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nnndirector@kconline.com
www.nearnorthwest.org

REAL Services/Area 2 Agency on Aging

Focus: Working with the elderly and disabled.

Service activities: Assist clients with lawn care, grocery shopping, light housekeeping and friendly visiting, deliver meals at noon to homebound.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Car, Background check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Deb Leach
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www.realservices.org

Reins of Life, Inc.

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

Service activities: Assist riders with grooming, tacking and executing skills during therapeutic riding lessons; perform as horse leaders or side-walkers in arena; safety monitors, instructors' aides and cheerleaders; fundraising.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Car

Placements available: Many

Contact: Christine Flowers
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rolskb@netzero.net
www.reinsoflife.org

Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC)

Focus: Hub for relationship-building and educational opportunities in the Northeast Neighborhood of South Bend.

Service activities: Tutor, assist youth entrepreneurs in annual business plan competition, web page maintenance, and marketing research.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: Background check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
(574) 631 8759
rclc@nd.edu
www.nd.edu/~rclc

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

Focus: Full line acute care hospital

Service activities: Volunteer advocate in Emergency department (pre-med only). Read to small children in waiting room of Family Clinic as part of Reach Out and Read program for 1-3 hours.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: 18+, Background check

Placements available: Few

Contact: Denise Kapsa
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SJRM Outreach (Chapin Street Clinic)

Focus: To provide health care to the underserved population.

Service activities: Supplement staff by assessing patients, assisting physicians, filing, preparing charts, etc. Assist with front desk duties and clerical needs. Fluency in Spanish helpful.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: Car, Background Check

Placements available: Few

Contact: Michelle Peters
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www.sjmed.com

The Salvation Army

Focus: To meet human need in Jesus Christ's name without discrimination.

Service activities: Take applications, prepare food boxes, clerical work, distribute toys.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Placements available: Few

Contact: Liz Fallon
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www.usc.salvationarmy.org/sjc

Sunshine Clubhouse

Focus: To provide psychosocial rehabilitation for people with a history of mental illness.

Service activities: Tutoring, driving vehicles

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Background Check, Car

Placements available: Few

Contact: Paul Curry
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www.sunshineclubhouse.com

S-O-S of Madison Center

Focus: Rape crisis intervention and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as their significant others.

Service activities: Provide support and crisis intervention to victims at hospitals and on the phone crisis line.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: Car, Background Check, US Citizen

Placements available: Many

Contact: Jessica Fulton
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(574) 283 1325
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South Bend Community School Corporation Adult Education

Focus: Help students 16 years of age and older strengthen academic, job, and life skills.

Service activities: Tutor adults who need to improve basic skills; prepare adults for the GED Exam, and/or learn English as a second language; help teach basic computer skills.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Car (Or Bus Line)

Placements available: Many

Contact: Gayle Silver
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South Bend Community School Corporation Partner Up/Read to a Child

Focus: Reading program

Service activities: Read for 30 minutes once a week to South Bend Community School Corporation Title One students.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, Car, Background Check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Connie Moore
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South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility

Focus: State juvenile correctional facility for males between the ages of 13 and 18.

Service activities: Tutor the boys in basic core subject materials.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Evening

Requirements: 18+, Car, Background Check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Beverly Williams
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www.in.gov/indcorrection/

St. Adalbert/St. Casimir Parish Adult Education Program

Focus: Distance learning program that allows participants to earn their elementary school or junior high school degree from the Mexican Secretary of Education.

Service activities: Teach adult ESL classes, Plazas comunitarias, help provide childcare during classes, set up computer network.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Evening

Placements available: Many

Contact: Astrid Carmona
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St. Margaret's House

Focus: Day center for women and children in poverty

Service activities: Help with kitchen preparation, front desk duties, resumé preparation, job searches, and website updates.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, Female Only

Placements available: Many

Contact: Patricia A. Marvel
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www.stmargarets-house.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County, Inc.

Focus: To provide emergency food, clothing, household items, and financial aid to needy families.

Service activities: Help in food pantry, work with clients receiving clothing, data entry, project assistance, website management and trouble-shooting.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: Car

Placements available: Few

Contact: Matt Vigneault
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www.stvinnies.org

Take Ten

Focus: A skills-based violence prevention program that works with K-12 youth at 15 local schools and community centers.

Service activities: Team teach pre-established curriculum to a classroom of children at a Take Ten school or community center.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon

Requirements: Background Check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Ellen Paul
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www.taketen.org

United Religious Community of St. Joseph County

Focus: To encourage religious cooperation and understanding, effect constructive changes in society, and advocate for those seeking help to meet life's basic needs.

Service activities: Work to help those with basic needs issues, provide administrative assistance.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+

Placements available: Few

Contact: Carol Thon
(574) 282 2397
cthon@urcsjc.org
www.urcsjc.org

Women's Care Center

Focus: Crisis pregnancy help center.

Service activities: Include but are not limited to: baby showers, counseling, greeting, babysitting, babystore attendant, marketing, fundraising, statistics, mentoring, and many special projects.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: Application with 3 references

Placements available: Many

Contact: Deborah Allen
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www.womenscarecenter.org

Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County

Focus: To provide a strong safety net for marginalized kids, teens, young adults, and parents.

Service activities: Provide supervision, recreation, and tutoring; database development, program evaluation, grants research.

Days: Weekdays, Weekends

Time(s): Daytime

Requirements: 18+, Background check

Placements available: Many

Contact: Bonnie Strycker
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www.ybsjc.com

YWCA of St. Joseph County

Focus: To care for women and their families through programs for domestic violence, substance abuse, and transitional and permanent housing.

Service activities: Kitchen help, fundraising, special events, floor manager, clerical work, tutoring, childcare, web design, and web research.

Days: Weekdays (M-F)

Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evenings

Requirements: 18+, Background check, Car

Placements available: Many

Contact: Gary Robinson
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Student Service and Social Action Groups

Africa Faith & Justice Network (AFJN)

AFJN is a student group based off of the Washington based AFJN. It looks to better US Foreign Policy toward Africa. The group works to raise awareness about these issues on campus that reflect responsibility to and solidarity with Africa through Faith and Justice.

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Alliance to Lead and Serve (ATLAS)

A service club affiliated with Army ROTC to serve the local community with special emphasis on the military community, both local and global.

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Arnold Air Society

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

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Best Buddies

Best Buddies is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities in the community by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships with students.

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Campus Girl Scouts

Campus Girl Scouts is a service club which works with younger girl scouts in the area. We run badge workshops and do service projects for community charities.

Contact: Monica Tarnawski
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Community Alliance Serving Hispanics (CASH)

CASH is a club that provides service and outreach to the Hispanic community in South Bend. Opportunities include teaching ESL classes, tutoring, translating in health centers, teaching and many more.

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Children's Defense Fund

The local chapter of Children's Defense Fund International which is primarily concerned with legislation dealing with children's issues.

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Circle K

Circle K is a Kiwanis-affiliated service club that provides free transportation to weekly service projects in and around the South Bend community. Every week, we send members to about 20 different service projects. In addition, we offer larger-scale weekend projects. We also provide approximately 50 different leadership positions and offer a forum in which to meet many other service-minded individuals.

Contact: Katie Teitgen
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College Mentors for Kids

College Mentors for Kids is a program that brings elementary school children from South Bend to campus once a week to spend time with their mentors doing activities. These activities focus on culture and diversity, community service, and higher education.

Contact: Stephanie Gargala
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Domers Mentoring Kids

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

Contact: Lauren Barton
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FAST

FAST provides first aid coverage for varsity athletics, student-led sports events, and special events (concerts). Members are trained in CPR, oxygen delivery and AED USG, as well as standard first aid by certified student instructors.

Contact: Derek Lipp
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Feminist Voice

Feminist Voices is a club made up of both men and women that are dedicated to strengthening the community of women on campus and in South Bend. Activities include fund-raising to stop violence against women, working with other groups on campus with the eating disorders conference, as well as other activities that support women in general.

Contact: Stacy Williams
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First Book

First Book is a national organization whose goal is to provide children from low-income families with books. The Notre Dame Campus Advisory Board obtains books through fundraising and grants, and distributes them monthly to existing community groups and tutoring programs.

Contact: Kelly Bresler
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Foodshare

Foodshare delivers food to the Hope Rescue Mission that is left over from North Dining Hall. They also serve meals at the Center for the Homeless and Broadway Christian Parish.

Contact: Mimi Longo
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Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are needed to work on construction projects, fundraisers, interact with partner families. Help us build a home for a local family.

Contact: Will Flanagan
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Helpful Undergraduate Students (HUGS)

Members of HUGS volunteer 3 hours per week in the pediatric ward of Memorial Hospital. Tasks include holding and feeding babies, reading to and playing with children, straightening the play room, cleaning toys, and doing administrative work/paperwork.

Contact: Blair Glasgo
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Human Rights ND (HRND)

HRND is a human rights organization that seeks to give a voice to the people who have no voice. Through advocacy, petitioning, letter writing, and education, HRND seeks to promote justice and peace throughout the world.

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Irish Fighting for Saint Jude's Kids

The club raises money for the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Contact: Sara Hawley
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Lead ND

Lead ND and its volunteers coordinate and run Lead ND programs in four intermediate centers in South Bend. Students interact with youth termed "non-traditional leaders" teaching them social action, civic engagement, and leadership through methods of service learning.

Contact: Saderia Nicole Hooks
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Ms. Wizard Day

Ms. Wizard Day is an event that takes place twice a year and brings 4-6th grade girls from the South Bend community to campus to expose them to what science has to offer them. The girls are given tours of labs by professors and participate in fun science experiments with students from many disciplines.

Contact: Elizabeth Nye
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ND for Animals

ND for Animals believes in recognizing the dignity of all living beings and the role humans have as stewards of the earth. The group works to expose and end animal abuse by promoting compassionate and informed individual choices.

Contact: Elizabeth Lee
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ND-8: Millennium Development Student Group

ND-8 aims to raise awareness of the eight UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We mobilize students by encouraging them to realize the active, individual role everyone can play in contributing to the large global effort to end extreme poverty. Our activities include petitioning governments and organizing real, practicable action in tandem with the Catholic ideals which are upheld by the University.

Contact: Ashley Mayworm
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Neighborhood Study-Help Program

Tutor 3rd and 4th graders at Lincoln Elementary. Focus is on math, reading, writing skills, as well as good study habits. Federal Work-Study available. Transportation provided.

Contact: Crystal Truong
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Notre Dame Peace Fellowship

A group of Notre Dame students committed to peace and justice through prayer, community, and action. NDPF hopes to encourage dialogue on the issues of war and peace through educational events, student activism, discussion with ROTC, and public prayer.

Contact: Michael Angulo
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Operation Smile

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

Contact: James Petrocelli
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Progressive Student Alliance

PSA works for social justice by organizing around issues to create change and working with individuals and groups on both local and global level. Recent foci have been economic justice, student power, and rights for all.

Contact: Mike McCann
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Silver Wings

A service club with two main foci. The first is issues of local community development and social action. The second focus is on military personnel and their families.

Contact: Paul Spadafora
pspadafo@nd.edu

Slice of Life ND

Slice of Life ND is a reading focused tutoring program based out of River Park Methodist Church. Students range from kindergarten to 8th grade. Transportation is provided and attendance is flexible.

Contact: Mike Dowdall
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Social Justice in American Medicine (SJAM)

The mission of SJAM is to inspire student awareness of injustices in American healthcare and to stimulate an atmosphere for devising and advocating potential remedies through the organization of a regular series of guest speakers and student discussions which propose a new direction for the future of American healthcare.

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Students for Environmental Action

Promote environmental ideals through education and community service in the area.

Contact: Thomas Furlong
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SuperSibs

This is a club for students who have siblings with disabilities who are interested in befriending, mentoring, and participating in activities with children in the South Bend community who also have disabled brothers and sisters. We have bimonthly, 2-hour activities during the week.

Contact: Claire Maulit
cmaulit@nd.edu

Sustained Dialogue

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

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Teamwork for Tomorrow

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

Contact: Andrew Zeiser
azeiser@nd.edu

Trident Naval Society

Community service and naval education organization.

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World Hunger Coalition

World Hunger Coalition is dedicated to relieving hunger of those who are starving both here in South Bend and throughout the world. WHC recruits students for the weekly dining hall Wednesday Lunch Fast to raise funds and organizes hunger relief activities.

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Community-Based Learning

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

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