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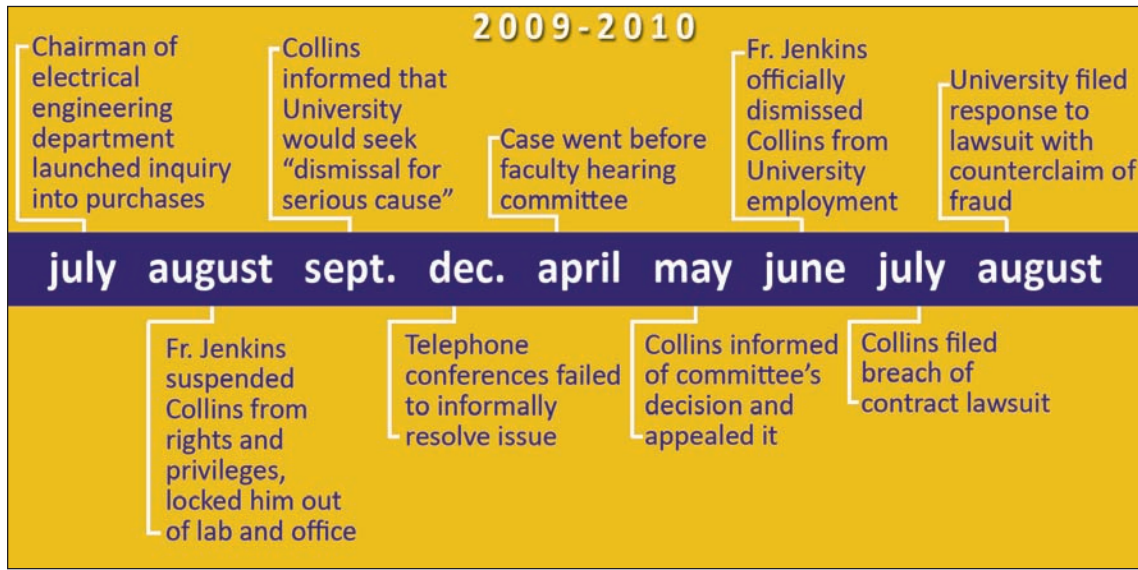
Administration claims former professor used grant money to take pornographic photographs

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

The University claimed former Notre Dame professor Oliver Collins was fired because he used \$190,000 of grant and University money to purchase equipment that he used to take pornographic photographs in a recently filed legal response a breach of contract lawsuit filed by Collins.

Collins became a tenured electrical engineering professor at Notre Dame in 1995, was officially dismissed in June 2010 and filed a lawsuit

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Police arrest 23 students at party

Observer Staff Report

Twenty-three students were arrested for minor consumption of alcohol at an off-campus party Friday night.

South Bend police received a call of a noise complaint at the 1300 Block of North St. Joseph St., the police report said. When police arrived, those attending the party began to flee the premises.

"As officers were pulling up, a bunch of people went tearing out of the house, out the back door," Sgt. Anne Schellinger said.

Police entered the house and allowed those who could prove they were at least 21 years old to leave the party. Those who were underage were asked to take a portable breathalyzer test.

The Indiana State Excise Police were not involved.

The suspects were 18 to 20 years old and were taken to St. Joseph County Jail. A list of blood alcohol contents was not available.

This incident raises the number of students arrested for minor consuming since returning to school to 26. Three students were arrested for minor consuming last weekend.

Police also busted a party in July at 1017 East Washington St. and took 43 people to jail for various alcohol charges. Those arrested included eight football players, one basketball player and nine hockey players.

Dining Hall adds low calorie options



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Spoons returned to North Dining Hall as part of the series of changes Food Services made this summer.

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Notre Dame Food Services worked this summer to add more low calorie and multicultural options to the dining hall menus, responding to student demand for healthier options.

Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall Food Services, said the changes were made directly in response to the student surveys that are completed at the end of each semester.

"If I had to sum up what the four to five hundred students said on the survey, it's, 'OK, we need to get healthier.' I

think we've addressed a lot of those issues in the changes we made this year," he said.

One noticeable change to the dining hall menu is the addition of red pepper hummus, which Poklinkowski said has been extremely popular so far this year. He said that all of the hummus is made by the Food Service support facility right off campus.

"There's a possibility that we will make different types of specialty hummus in the future," he said.

Student body president Catherine Soler said student government, aware of how

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B1 Block Party features Guster, Mayer Hawthorne



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Guster's Adam Gardner performs as part of the headlining act of the B1 Block Party Saturday.

By CAITLYN KALSCHUR
News Writer

With a lineup of star acts and the volume cranked all the way up, it was difficult to be on campus Saturday night and not know the B1 Block Party was happening.

The B1 Block Party, Legends Night Club's annual open-air event, kicked off the first weekend of the school year.

Live music played throughout the night, with local acts Nick Gunty and Identity Crisis opening the stage for Mayer Hawthorne and the headlining act, Guster.

"There was a fun concert feel during Guster," sopho-

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COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Mayer Hawthorne performs songs from his repertoire of soul music during the B1 Block Party Saturday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Off-campus adjustments

I thought that by senior year, I knew exactly how to move into college and get settled to begin classes. But then I moved off campus.

While freshmen try to find their way to DeBartolo, balance their trays and find seats in the dining halls, and learn to get along with roommates, off-campus students are going through similar learning processes.



Laura McCrystal

We may have dorm and campus life figured out, but in the past two weeks my room-

News Editor

mates and I have had to furnish and setup an entire house, utility bills, cable television, Internet and a security system.

Many other off-campus seniors might not be willing to admit it — we all love having our own houses or apartments free of communal bathrooms, quiet hours and parietals — but there is a definite convenience to on-campus living that I already miss.

I sat on the floor of my living room for two hours Saturday afternoon on the telephone with a wireless Internet router company as a representative took control of my computer screen and configured a network connection. That amount of time made me realize I missed Notre Dame's ever-present and readily available wireless Internet.

On the first day of classes when my roommates accidentally set off our alarm at 7 a.m. (understandably so; we hadn't taught her how it worked), I missed the security of not even having to lock my dorm room door.

As I cruised around the C parking lot searching for a parking space and then rushed from the parking lot to class, I realized that even my old home on Mod Quad is a pretty conveniently located. I also felt strangely like a senior in high school — that was the last time I ever drove to school.

Don't mistake these instances for regret that I moved away from campus — I love my house. I can cook my own dinner, share a bathroom with one other girl instead of 40 and blast music in the middle of the night if my roommates and I feel like having a spontaneous dance party. And I have a bedroom to myself that is much larger than the size of a room I had to share in the dorms.

When I mention to my parents the difficulties of getting settled in my new home, they tell me, "You chose to live in a house. Welcome to the real world."

Moving off campus has its pluses and minuses, but above all else, it is just another part of the college learning experience, a baby step into the real world. When I (hopefully) I have a real job and a place of my own after graduation, I'll have a better idea of what to do. In the meantime, I will not be taking my trips to the dining hall for granted.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Laura McCrystal at lmc-cryst@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING BACK AT SCHOOL?



Allie Hensley
senior
Holy Cross

"I am extremely excited for my student teaching placement with my fourth grade class!"



Annie Reagan
junior
Holy Cross

"Rollin' with the homies, goldie included."



Katie Brown
senior
Annunciata

"Being a senior."



Kelsey Smoleck
junior
Holy Cross

"Co-ex tickets ... Never mind they took them away!"



Olivia Killian
junior
Holy Cross

"Friends, football and Blinkie Bob!"



Victoria Darling
sophomore
Holy Cross

"Having a roomie again."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Saint Mary's College celebrates Opening Mass Wednesday. Pictured above is the presentation of the fine art production of The Saint John's Bible, commissioned in 1998 by the Benedictine Monks.

OFFBEAT

Mileage jump has couple wondering where car's been

NEW YORK — A couple who left their car parked in a long-term lot near Kennedy Airport during a trip to California were trying to figure out what their car has been doing without them. Mimi and Ulrich Gunthart said their car odometer reading jumped by 724 miles while they were out of town. Ulrich Gunthart said he was "flabbergasted" when he saw the number. Another surprise: when they returned to the car and started it up, a music CD came on at full volume.

David Menter, a regional manager for AviStar parking,

investigated and looked over inventory logs but "found nothing out of the ordinary."

He said there have been no similar claims by other customers, and the company will be reviewing its procedures.

The Guntharts said the incident won't stop them from parking at the lot again.

Mistaken identity jails pastor for eight hours

SHREVEPORT, La. — A series of unfortunate coincidences led to a case of mistaken identity that put a Louisiana minister behind bars for nearly eight hours. Gregory Jones, pastor at Eden Worship

Center, was pulled over for speeding and arrested as a man wanted for violating parole in Texas. The minister not only had the same name as the wanted man, but the same birthdate — and a Texas driver's license. So he wound up handcuffed and taken to a Shreveport jail.

Jones said deputies treated him well and assured him they were checking his claims. A photograph and fingerprint check eventually confirmed he wasn't the wanted man.

Caddo Lt. Don Gibbs said the department was sorry for Jones' inconvenience but committed to ensuring wanted criminals don't accidentally go free.

IN BRIEF

The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning and the Career Center are holding a workshop "What Can We Do For You?" today from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. Registration is required. Please register online at kaneb.nd.edu

Ning Lin, a postdoctoral fellow at the MIT department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, will present the next installment of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall room 258.

RecSports will offer an information session on its "Scuba Instructional Training Class" Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Rockne Memorial Room 110.

Students interested in joining one of Notre Dame's 250+ undergraduate clubs and organizations can attend Activities Night Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Online registration begins for RecSports instructional classes Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. Classes are open to all ND students, faculty, staff, retirees, and their spouses. Visit: <http://recsports.nd.edu/> to register.

Kirk Cordill, managing director and CEO of BMW Group Financial Services China will discuss current business issues in his lecture Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

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

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SMC hosts internat'l social



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Saint Mary's students share their experiences and stories at a social hosted by the College Student Diversity Board.

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

The College Student Diversity Board hosted its first ever international meet and greet and ice cream social Sunday.

The event welcomed new and returning international students.

At least five countries were represented at the event: Australia, Korea, Bolivia, Peru and Mexico.

Students and faculty mingled from table to table, sharing ice cream and conversation with the new students. Some Saint Mary's students shared their own stories about studying abroad.

"I think it's really important that the students hosted this event, so the international students wouldn't feel shy to ask questions," Morgan Gay, a senior on the Student Diversity Board, said.

Conversation topics at the tables varied from weekend activities to questions about the international students' experiences in their home countries. The international students discussed how life is different in the United States.

Sarah Power, an international student from Australia studying law, noted a big difference in the classes in the U.S. versus Australia.

"It's the little things that are different, like the other day when our teacher mentioned the First Amendment, we didn't know what that was," she said. "Or, it's certain words like 'Congress.'"

Some international students said dorm life is significantly different, especially those who had lived at home.

"We would never think about going to class in our pajamas back home, so I brought mainly dress clothes," Power said.

For some international stu-

dents, Saint Mary's is their first time in college.

"I studied here my senior year of high school and am now studying as a college freshman here, but I did get to go home for the two months of break," Carolina Tapia Nieto, a freshman international student from Peru, said.

Kelly Reidenbach, the vice president of the Student Diversity Board, emphasized the importance current Saint Mary's students play in helping these students, and she also mentioned the importance that international students play in helping Saint Mary's students.

"I'm a junior and have only met a few international students in my time here so far," she said. "This event is a great way for students to learn about each other's cultures."

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Obama reflects on New Orleans revival

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Five years after the ravaging storm, President Barack Obama celebrated New Orleans's revival from Hurricane Katrina on Sunday and pledged common purpose with residents in the continuing struggle to protect and rebuild the Gulf Coast.

Obama declared to those who dedicated themselves to their city's recovery: "Because of you, New Orleans is coming back."

And he pledged: "My administration is going to stand with you and fight alongside you until the job is done."

Implicit in his remarks was an indictment of sorts against his predecessor's administration for its handling of the crisis. Obama called Katrina and its aftermath not just a natural disaster but "a manmade catastrophe — a shameful breakdown in government that left countless men, women, and children abandoned and alone."

Obama spoke at Xavier University, an institution wracked with debris and floodwaters in August 2005, but soon back in operation. New Orleans, he said, has become a "symbol of resilience and community."

The storm killed more than 1,800 people along the Gulf coast, most in Louisiana, and flooded 80 percent of New Orleans.

Obama ticked off progress: A fortified levee system set to be finished next year, a dramatic decline in families still living in emergency housing,

rising achievement in the city's public schools, a surge in small businesses making New Orleans one of the nation's fastest growing cities.

On the other hand, he said: "I don't have to tell you that there are still too many vacant and overgrown lots. There are still too many students attending classes in trailers. There are still too many people unable to find work. And there are still too many New Orleanians who have not been able to come home."

After years in which halting progress mixed often with setbacks and despair, the city was getting back on its feet when the BP oil spill dealt another blow. The exploded well spewed more than 200 million gallons (800 million liters) of crude into the Gulf before it was capped in mid-July.

Obama's challenge was to reassure residents who remain skeptical of government promises after witnessing former President George W. Bush's response to Katrina, which was widely criticized as inept. Although criticism of Obama's response to the Gulf oil spill rarely reached the level of anger directed at Bush, some still saw it as lacking in speed and coordination.

To a region weary of calamity, Obama pledged, too, to "stand with you until the oil is cleaned up, the environment is restored, polluters are held accountable, communities are made whole, and this region is back on its feet."

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Collins

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against the University for breach of contract on July 12.

Notre Dame's response, filed Aug. 18 in the U.S. District Court in South Bend, makes a counterclaim of fraud against Collins.

The University's allegations state Collins used National Science Foundation (NSF) grants and University matching funds to purchase at least seven cameras, lenses, a printer and other computer equipment.

"Collins took many of these cameras and accessories to his home and used them extensively in pursuit of his personal hobby of photography, including taking landscape and pornographic photographs," the counterclaim states.

The University also alleged Collins was dishonest in reporting his use of funds.

The University's claim states that in his written proposal and budget, Collins misrepresented to NSF and the University that he intended to use the federal grant funds to purchase several different pieces of high, mixed signal test equipment, consisting of data generators, network analyzers and signal analyzers.

"Collins did not identify digital cameras, camera accessories or printers in his proposal or budget," the University's court document states.

Collins' original complaint says the University's findings

against him did not merit the "serious cause" required by the University's Academic Articles to dismiss a tenured professor.

He also claimed damages to his personal and professional reputation, as well as being subjected to public ridicule.

While Collins was not officially dismissed from the University until June 2010, court documents state that the chair of the Electrical Engineering Department began an inquiry into his purchases with NSF grant money and University matching funds in July 2009.

University President Fr. John Jenkins informed Collins in an Aug. 24, 2009 correspondence that he was suspended with pay from his rights and privileges as a professor and was locked out of his lab and office.

Collins received a letter from Associate Provost Donald Pope-Davis in September 2009 informing him that the University would seek "dismissal for serious cause," based on the conclusion of six specific acts. These acts include failure to inform NSF of the equipment he purchased and taking and storing sexually explicit and pornographic images on University equipment.

Following this letter, there were two December 2009 tele-

phone conferences: between Pope-Davis and Collins and between Collins and members of the Academic Council to "attempt informal resolution of the matter," as is part of the procedures in the University's Academic Articles.

After the informal resolution process did not succeed, the case went before a faculty hearing committee in April 2010. The decision resulted in a unanimous vote by the committee that dismissal for serious cause was warranted. Collins appealed the decision, and an appeal board supported the hearing committee's findings.

The appeal board submitted a report to Jenkins, who dismissed Collins in a June 2 letter.

"I accept their findings and dismiss you as a faculty member of the University of Notre Dame effective immediately," Jenkins wrote in the letter.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the University is confident in its answer and counterclaim to the lawsuit.

"We've made our position clear in our response to his lawsuit and we're confident in that position," Brown said. "And we're equally confident that our process throughout the matter is thorough and fair."

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Dennis Brown
University spokesman

ND MBA program wins 'military-friendly'

Special to The Observer

The University's MBA program at the Mendoza College of Business has been recognized as a "2011 Military Friendly School," an honor awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools. G.I. Jobs compiles the annual list of schools, which range from state universities and private colleges to community colleges and trade schools that "are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students."

"The military values of integrity, leadership, excellence and community are perfectly aligned with the values espoused by our MBA student body," said Edward J. Conlon, associate dean for Graduate Studies of the Mendoza College of Business. "The Notre Dame program provides an excellent fit and a great opportunity for current and former members of the military services, and we are deeply honored to be described as 'military friendly.'"

The entire list of Military Friendly Schools is available online at militaryfriendlyschools.com/2011list. Criteria for making the list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations. Schools on the Military Friendly

Schools list also offer additional benefits to student veterans such as on-campus veterans programs, credit for service, military spouse programs and more.

"This list is especially important now because the post-9/11 GI Bill has given veterans virtually unlimited financial means to go to school," said Rich McCormack, G.I. Jobs publisher. "Veterans can now enroll in any school, provided they're academically qualified. So schools are clamoring for them like never before. Veterans need a trusted friend to help them decide where to get educated. The Military Friendly Schools list is that trusted friend."

G.I. Jobs polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide to compile the list, which will be highlighted in the annual Guide to Military Friendly Schools distributed to thousands of active and former military personnel in late September. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from a number of universities and training schools, as well as directors of agencies associated with military and educational programs, such as Keith Wilson, Veteran Affairs' director of education. More information can be found at militaryfriendlyschools.com.



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To win the gift cards, students will have to answer three fire safety questions where the answers can be found within the du Lac Guide to Student Life 2010-2011 edition (reference copies will be on hand). A fourth question regarding general campus safety information will be provided as a tie breaker, if needed. A 3x5 index card will be provided to record the answers and personal information of the entrant. Completed cards will be placed in a box for a drawing at 5:45 p.m. and the first index card drawn with the three questions answered properly will win one of the gift cards (the tie breaker will be used for those with two regular questions correct).

Questions? Call the Notre Dame Fire Department at 631-6200. See you there!

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more Emily Golden said.

Guster's set lasted over an hour and concluded with a standard encore and what Guster lead singer Ryan Miller called "a real encore" where the clapping and cheering of students actually brought the band out for a few more songs. "I've never heard their

music before, but Guster sounded really good, and they were high-energy and fun to watch" sophomore Ben Galloway said.

Legends also brought in a Velcro wall, Euro Bungy, a photo booth, Cash Cube and rock-climbing wall for students to enjoy during the event. A Notre Dame tailgating staple, Corn Hole was set up for a little friendly competition.

"I don't remember there being as many other activities besides just the concert last year, so this year's Block Party was definitely more fun."

Stefan Hogle
sophomore

"I don't remember there

being as many other activities besides just the concert last year, so this year's Block Party was definitely more fun," sophomore Stefan Hogle said. "The Euro Bungy was really fun and really tiring."

ND Concessions, Chick-Fil-A, Papa Murphy's Pizza and Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches were available all night. Chick-Fil-A brought along their cow mascot who was spotted dancing around to the night's musical acts.

After Guster concluded, Notre Dame's DJ 3J and DJ Whoo Kid of G-Unit Records lit up the turntables and gave a nightclub that lasted until 4 a.m.

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Food

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popular hummus is with students, worked to provide more flavor options.

"One of our platform ideas was better hummus, and we expressed this to Notre Dame Food Services. We found out that they actually made hummus in the plant off campus, and that there were new opportunities available there," she said. "In the end we decided on red pepper hummus."

Poklinkowski said a notable change is the addition of Greek and Indian cuisine.

"The Pan-American station is turned to Greek food once every twelve days. We did that to break up the monotony," he said. "All day we have gyros, spanakopita, pita chips, spicy feta, spicy Mediterranean relish, among other Greek foods."

Every 12 days, Indian cuisine will replace the homestyle line, Poklinkowski said.

"We had quite a few people [on the survey] ask for Indian foods," he said. "One of the managers at the dining hall is Indian, so he came up with some home recipes. The unit chef over at North worked with him to put [those recipes] into Notre Dame terms."

Tuesday is the first day South Dining Hall will serve Indian cuisine. Indian beef, chicken and vegetarian dishes will be offered, in addition to sides and rices.

Poklinkowski said small changes have also been made to the salad line at South.

"At the end of the salad line we are going to have a second variety salad, for example a buffalo chicken salad, a tomato walnut salad or a chicken Caesar, kind of like the ones that are prepared for lunch at North," he said. "We are still figuring out the logistics ... we

don't have the space to make them made-to-order."

Other changes this year, Poklinkowski said, include new Sunkist flavored waters, raisins at the end of the salad line and "skinny buns" (90-calorie pita buns) on the deli line.

Tina Aalfs, operations manager of North Dining Hall Food Services, said North Dining Hall will integrate the Indian and Mediterranean cuisines into its menu after fall break.

"We're planning on running each concept four days at a time, so we'll have Indian for four days, Mediterranean for four days and Mexican for four days."

For now, the biggest changes at North Dining Hall are apparent from the moment you walk in the building.

"Physically, the building's changed," she said. "[Over the summer] they painted the walls and installed new carpeting."

While the new paint and carpet jobs are certainly cause for excitement, regular North Dining Hall-goers say they are ecstatic about the return of the spoons to their regular spot beside the forks and knives.

"Last year, I accidentally would take two forks because they did not have spoons on the utensil tray," junior Rebecca Huffer said. "It's nice to get my utensils all in one place now."

Cereal enthusiasts who love to mix and match should be aware that five cereals provided last semester will go out of rotation by the end of September.

"We keep our 15 heaviest used cereals, and the bottom five rotate out each year," Poklinkowski said. "Rice Krispies, Apple Jacks, Cocoa Krispies, Rice Chex, Captain Crunch and Cheerios are the six that got voted out, so they will likely be gone in a month or so."

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Mayer Hawthorne, who grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., performs his own take on soul music at Notre Dame during the B1 Block Party Saturday.

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Teen killed in Indy crash

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The death of a 13-year-old motorcycle rider at Indianapolis Motor Speedway cast a shadow over Sunday's races at the historic track and prompted mourning competitors to defend the development system for the dangerous circuit.

Peter Lenz of Vancouver, Wash., fell off his bike during the warmup lap for the day's first race at Indianapolis and was run over by another motorcycle, driven by a 12-year-old. Medical workers immediately placed Lenz in a neck brace, put him on a stretcher and began chest compressions while taking him to a hospital.

Several hours later, he was pronounced dead.

The Marion County coroner's office said Lenz died from blunt force trauma. More details could be released Monday following an autopsy on the youngest driver or rider ever killed at the 101-year-old speedway.

"Peter passed away early this morning when he was apparently struck by another rider," read a posting on Lenz's Facebook page, which was signed "Dad."

"He passed doing what he loved and had his go fast face on as he pulled onto the track," the posting said. "The world lost one of its brightest lights today. God Bless Peter and the other rider involved. 45 is on another road we can only hope to reach. Miss you kiddo."

Lenz rode the No. 45 bike, and his father was at the track Sunday.

It was the first death at the track since IndyCar driver Tony Renna was killed in testing in October 2003.

Lenz had emerged as one of America's youngest rising stars.

At age 11, he earned the "expert" license from the

American Federation of Motorcyclists, and in March 2009, Lenz became the youngest rider ever to win an AFM race. This year, competing in the U.S. Grand Prix Racers Union series, Lenz had four wins, five podium finishes and was leading the MD250H classification in points.

The grown-up resume just didn't match his appearance. Listed at 4-foot-11 and 81 pounds, the baby-faced Lenz described his profession as "kid."

"Our hearts go out to the parents, family and friends of Peter Lenz," speedway CEO Jeff Belskus said in a statement. "Words cannot adequately express the sadness of our company and our employees about this tragic incident, and Peter is in our thoughts and prayers."

It wasn't the first time Lenz was involved in a serious crash.

A mechanical failure last season left Lenz with four broken bones and a severed radial nerve — all of which required surgery. By November, Lenz was healthy again and by spring, he was back in Victory Lane.

The fatal accident almost certainly will spark a debate about how young is too young for racers to be competing on one of the world's best-known tracks, whether it's inside a car or riding a motorcycle capable of exceeding 120 mph in a straightaway.

The USGPRU sanctions races across the nation, billing itself as a development circuit for motorcycle racers from ages 12 to 18. The hope is these riders eventually will compete in a world-class series.

Lenz seemed to be on his way to the top before the accident. He was struck by 12-year-old Xavier Zayat, of Flushing, N.Y., who escaped injury and did not race after the crash.

"We are deeply saddened by

this tragic loss, but know that Peter is racing even faster in the sky," the Lenz family said in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are now with the other racer and his family, who were also involved in this tragedy."

Racers insist age has never been the issue.

American Colin Edwards was running 250cc bikes at age 17, and Indy MotoGP runner-up Ben Spies was competing on the 125cc circuit at age 12.

"That's not like a bike too big for him, you know, I mean this is our sport, we chose to do it," said American Nicky Hayden, the 2006 world champ who called the death "terrible."

"I mean, sure, we know going in the consequences."

But are new rules needed?

Those in racing circles say no, comparing the sport to other potentially dangerous sports such as football and gymnastics. When asked about running at Indy, speedway officials pointed out that the series has stops at potentially more dangerous tracks.

USGPRU officials said this was the first fatality in the series in nine years.

Still, racing conditions were not ideal this weekend at Indy.

Hot, dry weather turned the bumpy, 2.621-mile course into a slick track that tested the world's best riders.

Reigning world champ Valentino Rossi fell four times, including a spill Sunday morning during a 20-minute warmup session. Sunday's Moto2 race was shortened after a big wreck on the first lap took out four drivers.

"This was the most difficult race for everyone," MotoGP winner Dani Pedrosa said. "The conditions were very hard because of the heat and the asphalt was very greasy."

Architecture School hosts Awareness Day

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

In order to help gain a better understanding of the needs of the disabled, fourth-year architecture students navigated campus hallways and sidewalks in wheelchairs, crutches and blindfolds Friday as part of the School of Architecture's third annual Accessibility Awareness Day.

"Our hope is that they would walk the walk with empathy and understanding of what people with various disabilities go through in their normal life," architecture professor William Ponko said.

Ponko said the School of Architecture worked with the Office of the University Architect and Notre Dame Disability Services in order to provide these students with a hands-on approach to learning about accessibility design.

After spending their mornings using their wheelchairs and other equipment, the architecture students visited Notre Dame Stadium to see its accommodations for accessibility and then spent time discussing their observations from the entire day.

"Close to 50 percent of all American citizens will experience a disability within their lifetime," Ponko said. "Accessibility is not just an afterthought or a modification to a design."

Office for Students with Disabilities program coordinator Scott Howland said Accessibility Awareness Day gives students practical experience to better accommodate for disabled individuals in future designs.

"The original thought behind this was to go right to the source of who would be designing buildings in the future," Howland said. "This is a way to get them thinking about how a person in a wheelchair might interact with certain designs."

Howland said the idea of universal design is the base for Accessibility Awareness Day.

"[Architecture students] can learn to design something from its beginning to be used by everybody," he said.

Senior Gina Paietta said her day in a wheelchair and on crutches was an "eye-opening experience" to the way she sees architecture and design.

"Someone entering a building in a wheelchair is not experiencing the building in the same way as someone else," Paietta said.

Architects face the challenge of designing buildings so a disabled individual can engage in a design as similarly as possible to someone without a disability, she said.

Paietta said students faced difficulties finding and navigating some of the campus ramps to enter classroom buildings and accessing the Grotto.

Even with the minimum standards from the American Disability Association (ADA) in place in many buildings at Notre Dame, navigating an older campus designed before accessibility consciousness was an issue was difficult, Paietta said.

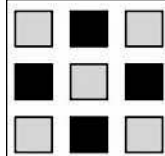
Student feedback was presented to the offices of the University Architect and Disability Services, she said.

"I think that as the students mature and go through their fourth and fifth-year projects, they design with awareness for people with disabilities," Ponko said.

Howland said the insight he heard from students after they returned their equipment spoke to the success of the day.

"It was a way for us to see how we would change things," Paietta said. "I think everyone really did get a lot out of the project."

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has awarded \$2.5 million to the University of Notre Dame and its partners to predict the next wave of invasive species likely to enter the Great Lakes and to identify cost-effective countermeasures.

Invasive species such as zebra mussels are already a large problem, costing the Great Lakes region more than \$200 million annually by disrupting fisheries and damaging waterway infrastructure by clogging water intake

valves. Information generated by the study will help authorities prepare for new invasions and control current non-native populations.

David M. Lodge, professor of biological sciences at Notre Dame and director of its Center for Aquatic Conservation, will serve as principal investigator for the project. He served as the first chair of the National Invasive Species Advisory Committee and was the lead author of the Ecological Society of America's paper calling for a stronger government response to the problem of invasive species.

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Bursting the bubble

At the start of every academic year, I, an upperclassman, pick up the first copy of The Observer that always reminds me of how much better the incoming class is than my class was — better ACT/SAT scores, better

GPA's, more ath-
letes, more
involvement in
this and that, etc.

And as I peruse this issue to see just how it is one could top the greatness that is the Class of 2011, I hope that with the higher level of 'intelligence' coming in, the same freshman mistakes will not be made. But alas, I write to you today to inform you of the things that unite all incoming Notre Dame classes, regardless of scores on a test.

The following list consists of things that plague our very campus, arguably more so than the several Viewpoint wars that will ensue about whether Notre Dame is Catholic enough or not. Admittedly so, I did commit one or two of these actions, but I was never lucky enough to hear it from an older and wiser Domer that these things were just not cool. Freshmen, I would like to provide that service to you today: upperclassmen, here's to a blast from the past.

Lanyard Wearing: You had to have seen this one coming. Wearing your lanyard, complete with key and ID, around your neck is the biggest fashion faux pas on this campus (alongside wearing North Face jackets and Uggs boots in my opinion). Frankly, it just looks dumb, and it makes me feel like I am at summer camp or traveling abroad. There are plenty of great places for these two very important

things — in your bag/purse, in a wallet, hanging from a pocket — but around your neck is not one of them.

Map Walking: Walking around campus with a full blown map hinders your ability to not run into others walking around you. It also makes you look like a lost puppy, which in this case is not a good thing. Take this coming from someone who still managed to get lost on campus at random times during spring semester of his freshman year, figure out your path beforehand and/or ask for directions. It makes everything smoother.

Dining Hall Disruption: If there is one of these suggestions that you read carefully, let it be this one. The dining hall is a wondrous place, but that does not mean you should walk around as if there is no tomorrow casually chatting with friends while long lines of people wait for you to finish. This is something you will find juniors and seniors still have a problem accomplishing.

Football Game Chop: Though the first football game has not occurred, I am certain that after every first down, the freshman and sophomore areas of the student section will proceed to do the Florida State Chop. Newsflash, this is Notre Dame. The 'Stop the Chop' campaign has been an ongoing effort for several years to crush this at all Notre Dame football games; be part of the freshman class that does not embarrass themselves doing this.

Talking About High School: I am sure some of you are nodding your head after reading this one, now having gone through Frosh-O. You now know how aggravating it is for that one kid to continually brag about

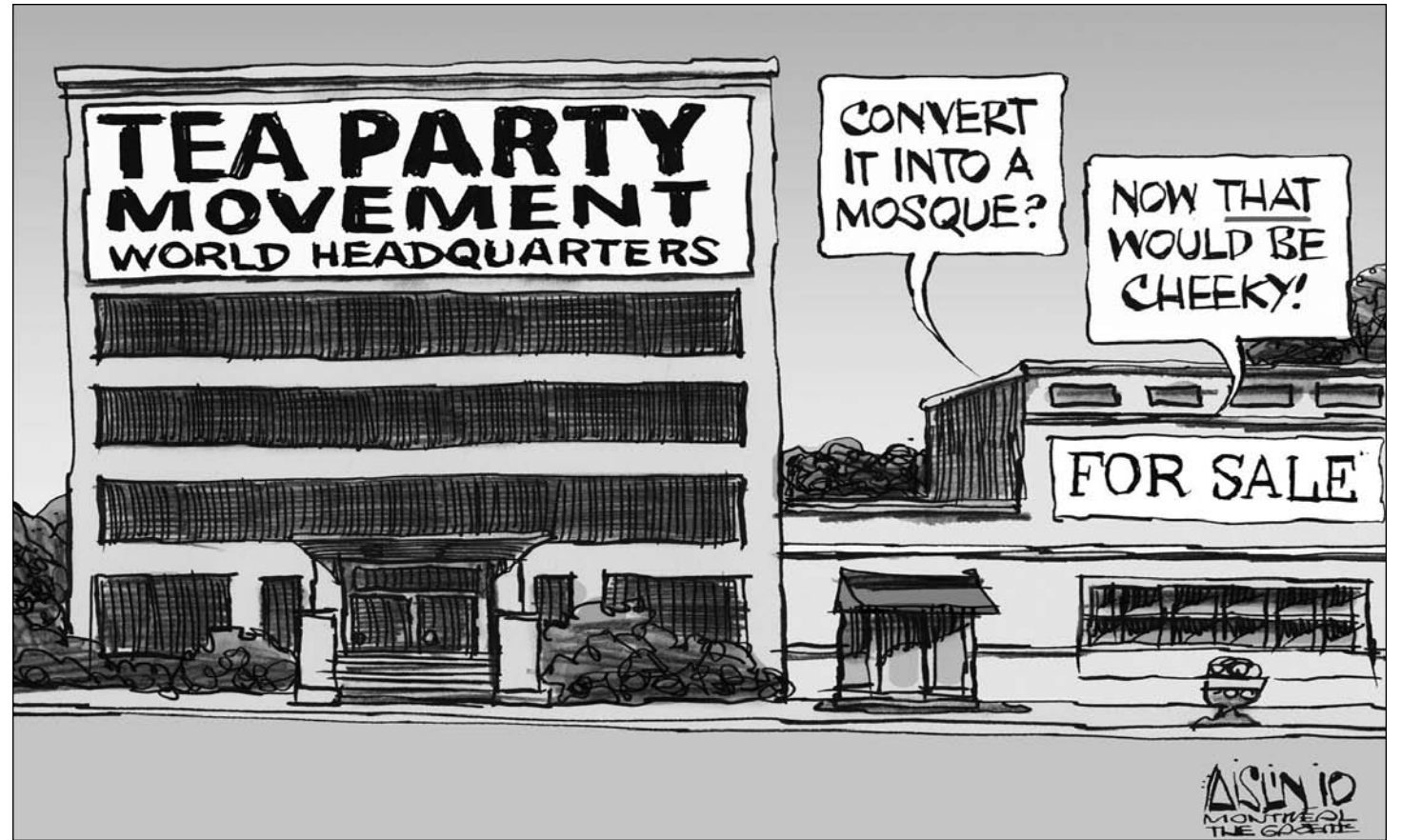
what he or she got on the ACT/SAT or how much of a god he or she was in high school. Newsflash number two: No one cares nor does it really matter in this context anymore. Everyone got into the same school as you did, and you will waste opportunities to make new friends at this school if you constantly converse about those things.

Early Dating: It always boggles my mind to see two freshmen dating within the first couple weeks. You do not even know that person, minus where they are from, what their major is, and what dorm they live in! In fact, the funniest parts of these situations are when the 'never saw it coming' breakup happens. Dating someone in college can be great when you actually know the person you are dating.

Despite my inability to welcome you properly with open arms and loving words, as our student and administrative leaders did, I am actually very glad you are here. Each of you will add something to this campus in a unique way. My copycat advice to you is to get involved and stay involved. Really, the truth is many seniors are quite jealous of the fact that you are just beginning college; four years goes by in the blink of an eye. Make the most of every moment. Also, be sure to make fun of and laugh at yourself from time to time; there will be many moments when this is appropriate (see above for examples).

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"The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action."

John Dewey
U.S. philosopher

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Not everything made you stronger. It was possible to survive, yet still be crippled for your trouble. Sometimes it was okay to run away, to skip the test, to chicken out, or at least to get some help."

Scott Westerfeld
U.S. author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not xenophobia

How could Mr. Coccia see opposition to the “Ground Zero Mosque” as xenophobia and imply that those that oppose the building are somehow racist and inherently close minded? (“Islamic Center a step in the right direction,” Aug. 25) Even moderate Muslims recognize that it is disrespectful to put a mosque that close to the twin towers site at this point in time. There are already plenty of Islamic places of worship in the city of New York so it is not a question of religious freedom. The fact of the matter is that radical followers of Islam will view this new mosque as a monument to a great victory over America, which is a slap in the

face to everyone that died that day. In addition, the Imam in charge of the formerly called “Cordoba Initiative,” Cordoba being a great victory site of Muslim invaders in southern Spain, has been quoted as being sympathetic to Islamic terrorist groups like Hamas and blames America as being an “accessory” to the 9/11 attacks. The scale and leadership of this project screams disrespect, which is why mainstream Americans are rightfully up in arms.

Mark Easley
 junior
 Keenan Hall
 Aug. 25

Let's be realistic here...

This is in response to Daniel Collins' letter from Friday's issue of The Observer, (“Show some faith,” Aug. 27) Let me start off by saying that I am a fourth generation student here at the University of Notre Dame, so I was born and raised an Irish fan right here in Indiana, and I know what Notre Dame is all about. I have been to many games, and I will always be first in line to defend this University and its football program. I have plenty of faith in Coach Kelly and the Fighting Irish football team, and I do believe that they will do great things in my four years at Notre Dame and beyond.

However, I am also realistic. The question was, “What will Notre Dame's football record be this season?” not, “What do you hope Notre Dame's football record will be this season?” I hope that Notre Dame goes undefeated this season just as much as the next guy, but realistically, it would be extremely hard. Looking at the schedule, Michigan and Michigan State are always tough contests, Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck is a dark horse for the Heisman, 15th-ranked Pittsburgh has one of the best running backs in the nation in Dion Lewis, and we have to travel to bowl-ineligible Southern Cal, whom we have not defeated since 2001 (excluding the vacated win in 2005) and will

be hungry to end its season with wins over us and UCLA. Additionally, the players are learning a completely new offense, which may take several games to reach its full potential. I am not saying that the team cannot overcome all of this and go undefeated, but when putting the situation in perspective, it would be very difficult.

Despite all of this, I do expect Notre Dame to win at least nine games this season, which certainly is nothing to scoff at. Two of Notre Dame's three BCS appearances came after nine-win seasons, and a 9-3 record would be a vast improvement over the last three years. In my eyes, 9-3 and a BCS appearance would be a success for this year, and a great way to start a new era that, I believe, will include multiple undefeated seasons and bring Notre Dame back into the elite of college football.

So, if anyone doubts my loyalty, spirit and pride, on Sept. 4 I will be in the nation's greatest football stadium cheering as loudly as anyone, supporting the Irish as I have my whole life. This is going to be an exciting season, and hopefully I'm proven wrong. Go Irish!

Mackin Bannon
 freshman
 Sorin College
 Aug. 27

Is the Islamic Center fair?

In his column in Wednesday's Observer, Alex Coccia commented on the xenophobia which, according to him, lies at the root of the opposition to the Manhattan Islamic cultural center. (“Islamic Center a step in the right direction,” Aug. 25) To some degree, I can agree with his analysis: Many Muslims today are met with the same sort of paranoia that once characterized American treatment of Catholic immigrants. Until John F. Kennedy was elected President, many Americans thought that Catholicism was inherently antithetical to democracy and to religious freedom. They feared that putting Catholics in power would lead to an American Inquisition. To the extent that the moderate Muslims of modern America are treated the same way that American Catholics were only a few decades ago, I sympathize with them and want to see the cultural center built.

However, I think that characterizing the opposition as purely xenophobic is neither true nor especially productive. Coccia notes that, if the center is built, one side will view it as a sign of American tolerance, the other as desecration of hallowed ground. However, I think that the reasons for the latter perspective are somewhat more complex than Coccia thinks. Looking at the still-empty Ground Zero site and the situation of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which stood in the shadow of the World Trade Center and was destroyed by the falling rubble, the oppositions' objections become

more understandable. The Freedom Tower planned for the former World Trade Center site is not due to be completed until 2013 — the construction is barely at ground level — and the City of New York has not been extremely cooperative in helping St. Nicholas' Church rebuild, to say the least. It is not that a Muslim cultural center in lower Manhattan is seen as inherently evil or disrespectful — apparently, there is already a mosque two blocks from the planned location that predates the 9/11 attacks. The opposition is so vehement not because 52 percent of New Yorkers are anti-Islamic — if they were, the state of fear and the retaliatory attacks which Coccia described would have continued instead of dropping off almost to pre-9/11 levels in the following years. Simply put, it is radically unfair for the Islamic cultural center to be put on a fast track while Ground Zero still literally scars the face of Manhattan and St. Nicholas' Church hits roadblock after roadblock in its efforts to rebuild.

Although I would like to see the cultural center built and sympathize with moderate Muslims who are trying to practice their faith in the context of a democratic society, I think that center's supporters should back down — at least for now.

Timothy Kirchoff
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 Aug. 26

UWIRE

Panelists discuss climate change worries

Climate experts — including professor Michael Mann of the recent “Climategate” controversy — expressed concerns about recent environmental change in a press conference Wednesday near Penn State U.

The conference presented a number of concerns regarding this summer's heat waves across the globe and how future problems could negatively affect the planet.

“We want to alert the public that we are heading for a future they're not going to be comfortable with,” said Ed Perry, the outreach coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation's Global Warming Campaign.

Perry has presented across the state for the last three years and said he saw firsthand how people can be negatively affected by extreme weather.

Perry said his research shows that 50 percent of residents in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia do not have air-conditioned homes and that people in the State College area sometimes fail to realize how the weather affects others.

“We're in fantasy land with an easy climate to handle, as we leave our air-conditioned homes and drive our air-conditioned cars to our air-conditioned offices,” he said.

Perry said some people in lower financial classes who cannot afford luxuries like air conditioning are not so lucky.

“We don't know what the future holds if we don't take action against the climate now,” Perry said.

Mann, a meteorology professor, said there is a connection between global warming and recent climate change.

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“The heat waves that have broken out are taking place within a globe that's warmer than it has ever been,” he said. “There is a connection.”

While a direct connection between recent heat waves and climate change cannot be made with complete confidence, Mann said he believes humans' actions in harming the environment are playing a role.

“We cannot ever look at one event to prove that global warming is present, but we're tilting the odds of these events occurring more frequently,” he said.

Sylvia Neely, a history professor and speaker at the press conference, discussed a national group called Interfaith Power and Light.

The group, made up of people from different religious affiliations, tackles the issues surrounding climate change with a moral approach.

“This is a special response to how climate is being destroyed that includes the moral and ethical issues involved,” she said.

Neely discussed potential consequences that humans' actions are having on both the Earth and its people.

“In the U.S., we omit more greenhouse gases per capita than any other country in the world, other than Australia,” she said.

Perry said this can create problems for people across the planet and urged action now.

“We still have time to get off dirty fossil fuels, and onto renewables,” Perry said.

This column first appeared in the Aug. 26 edition of The Daily Collegian, the daily publication serving Penn State University.

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Write in a Letter to the Editor.



By ALEX KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

Do you remember the good old careless days of “screaming and running through the yard?” Those are the days that the Montreal-based band Arcade Fire reminisces about in their new LP *The Suburbs*.

Critically praised since their epic, orchestral, emotion-ridden 2004 debut album “Funeral,” the indie rock septet’s music is often powered by seemingly ever-ascending dynamics. Their 2006 sophomore album “Neon Bible,” replete with religious undertones, experienced breakthrough commercial success, debuting at No. 1 in Canada and Ireland and number two in the United States.

Not unlike its predecessors, the Montreal-based band’s new album takes a few listens to digest, but that’s what makes its music so brilliant. However, while previous albums focused more on passionate instrumentation and vocals, “*The Suburbs*” takes on a more adult sound, controlled and atmospheric in its scope.

Always grandiose in lyrical and instrumental content, the band’s fronting husband-and-wife duo Win Butler and Regine Chassagne write about what they know, in this case, the nostalgia of growing up in the suburbs.

Will Butler, brother of lead singer Win and synthesizer, bass player and percussionist for the band, said the inspiration behind the new album’s themes comes from his and his brother’s upbringing in the Woodlands near Houston. He said on *ArcadeFireTube*: “Both [Win and I] grew up in the suburbs of Houston and we, sort of, wanted to directly address that, as opposed to pretending we were tough kids from the inner city or hobos who rode the rails ... [and] there’s always pressure to do that.”

The album’s title track and opener, “*The Suburbs*,” intro-

duces the LP’s main theme, that many people romanticize the wasted time of youth and in turn justify wasting time in adulthood: “Kids wanna be so hard / But in my dreams, we’re still screaming and running through the yard.” It’s an album about nostalgia for childhood but also a stinging critique of adults’ romanticism of youth.

This same theme of wasted youth is seen throughout the rest of the album in tracks like “Rococo” in which a chamber pop sound contrasts with Butler’s singing: “Let’s go downtown and talk to the modern kids / They will eat right out of your hand / Using great big words that they don’t understand.” The lyrics target and seemingly admonish Arcade Fire’s own audience, the hipster who is more concerned with following trends than genuinely understanding the world that surrounds him.

Many an Arcade Fire joke has revolved around Butler’s repetitive use of “the kids,” and this thematic redundancy is certainly seen throughout “*The Suburbs*,” in songs like “Month of May,” a tune that channels 1980s polished punk rock with an upbeat driving percussion and the lyrics: “Now the kids are all standing with their arms folded tight.”

The beginning staccato, minor key piano chords of “*We Used to Wait*” tells a story about the anxiety of the relentless pace of everyday life. While people used to lose a grasp on their dreams for the reality of reliable office work to

pay the way, Butler sings about the lack of reliability even in office work with the state of the economy (“I was left standing in the wilderness downtown”). In spite of the harsh message, Jeremy Gara’s steady drumming and Butler’s falsetto vocals offer some of the passion that Arcade Fire is known for.

While Butler leads the vocals throughout most of the LP, Chassagne’s impassioned singing can be heard on tracks like “Empty Room” and “Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains),” a disco-influenced track with an abundance of synthesizers, high-pitched yet emotional vocals and fairly literal lyrics, “Sometimes I wonder if the world’s so small / That we can never get away from the sprawl. / ... / Dead shopping malls rise like mountains beyond mountains / And there’s no end in sight / I need the darkness, someone please cut the lights.”

Win Butler, lead singer and main songwriter behind the band, claims that the new album draws influences from Depeche Mode and Neil Young, adding that he wanted the LP to sound like “the bands that I heard when I was very young and wondered what those crazy noises were,” according to a July interview with *NME Magazine*.

With not quite as much passion but the same fluidity as “*Funeral*,” Arcade Fire manages to make the story of the suburbs, one usually doused with trivialities, a tale of epic proportions.

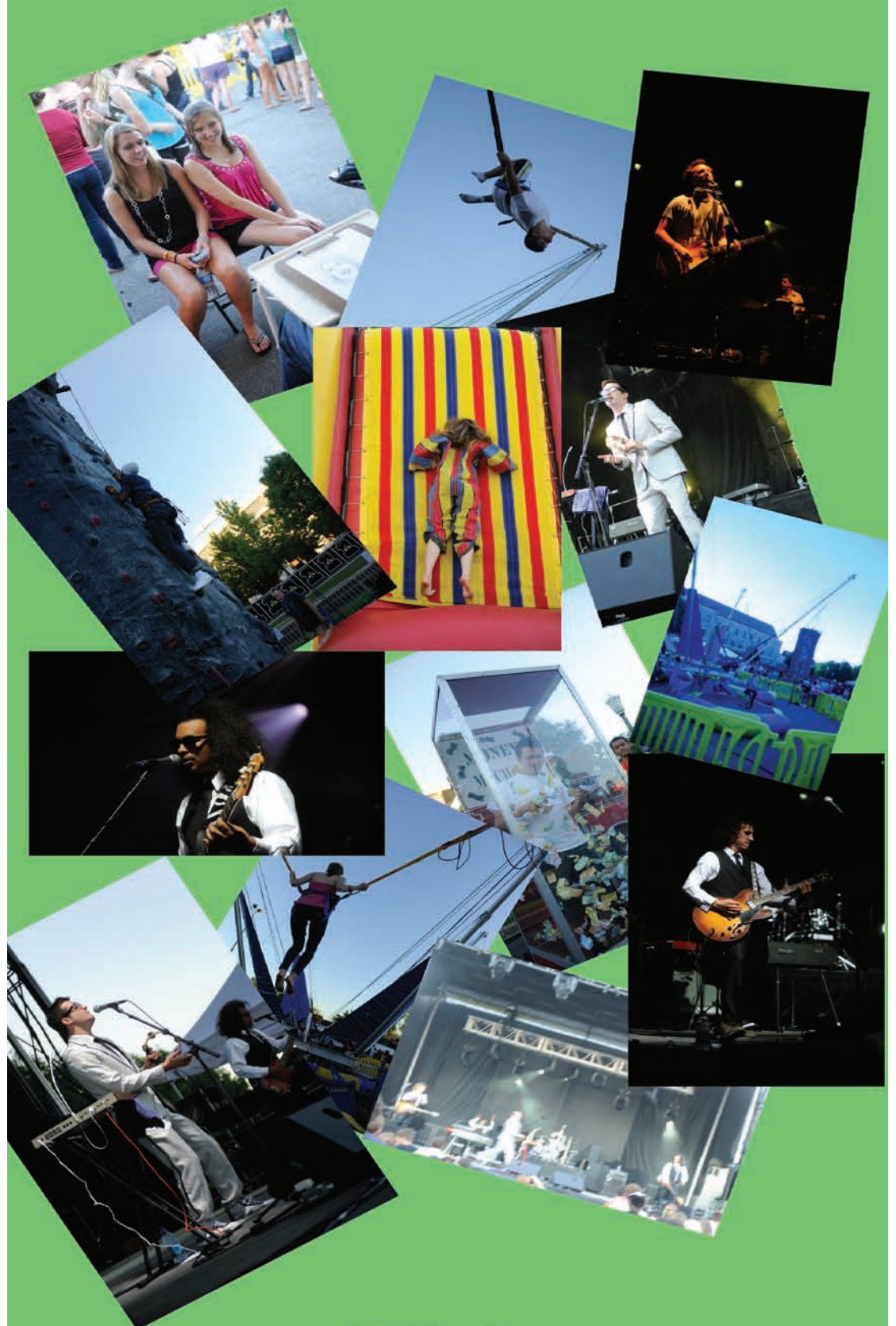
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Recommended Tracks: “*The Suburbs*,” “*Rococo*,” “*Month of Way*” and “*We Used to Wait*”



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 Inspired by her home country, Brazil, she wanted to remember her home. The necklace she wears is from Brazil and it's one of her favorites. It reminds her of Sunday lunches with her family.

THE KIDS ARE MORE THAN ALL RIGHT



By MAIJA GUSTIN
 Associate Scene Editor

Though overshadowed by big summer blockbusters like "Toy Story 3" and "Inception," one of the best movies this summer was the small family dramedy, "The Kids Are All Right." The film, about a lesbian couple (Annette Bening and Julianne Moore), their two children (Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson) and the sperm-donor father (Mark Ruffalo), is an honest and real portrayal of what it takes to be a family and why it's worth the struggle.

Nic (Bening), Jules (Moore) and their two kids Joni (Wasikowska) and Laser (Hutcherson) are a pretty normal, happy family. It's clear that the family cares deeply for each other, no matter how much they nag one another. When Joni turns 18, though, she and her brother Laser, who both share the same sperm-donor father, decide to reach out to him, and they begin to form a relationship with Paul (Ruffalo). As the five build an unconventional family together, problems arise that

inevitably try to rip them all apart. But this isn't a melodrama about ridiculous family problems that shouldn't exist — from alcoholism to leaving for college to discovering yourself to making mistakes that hurt those you love the most, this family has to deal with the same everyday problems that we all do.



The relationship between Nic and Jules is one of the most sincere and frank depictions of a relationship ever put on screen. Where writer-director Lisa Cholodenko ("Laurel Canyon") succeeds most is in creating a very universal portrait of married life in these two characters without ever asking the audience to pass judgment on their lifestyle. It is clear from the start that the two are very much in love. But in spite of that love, or maybe because of it, they often hurt each other without meaning to. These women are two very flawed people,

and Moore and Bening never try to glamorize these faults. They are merely two very imperfect human beings struggling to make their love and their family last.

Similarly, through Laser and Joni, Cholodenko depicts the same growing pains that all teenagers must go through, despite their unique circumstance. And while Paul brings something new to the life of this family, especially in providing a father-figure for both Joni and Laser, he takes even more from them. Finally meeting his children is a life-changing experience for him, but he is perhaps the most flawed of any of them and throws a rut into the delicate balance of the family.

The ending is neither happy nor sad, but rather both heartbreaking yet heartwarming, bitter yet sweet and unbelievably poignant. There is something in this family, and the struggles they must overcome, and the love they share for one another hits home. But unlike so many dramas centered on families, this family feels relatable.

"The Kids Are All Right" proved to be a nice change of pace from the mostly action-packed movies of the summer. Though it didn't have a big release, should you come across it, do yourself a favor and dish out the ticket price to see it. At the very least, it will change the way you think about movies and how they reflect the real world.

The Kids Are All Right

Director: Lisa Cholodenko
Starring: Annette Bening, Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson



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MLB

Review goes Braves' way; Giants beat D-backs

Associated Press

ATLANTA— Brian McCann stood at second base, convinced he had just hit a game-winning homer.

His teammates gathered along the first-base line, ready to celebrate.

After 86 seconds, umpire crew chief Tim McClelland popped out of the Florida dugout, looked toward McCann and twirled his right index finger — the universal signal for a home run.

Upon further review, the Braves win.

McCann capped a stunning comeback with a replay-assisted homer that gave Atlanta a 7-6 victory over the Marlins on Sunday — the first time a game ended on a call using video.

Without it, McCann might have only gotten credit for a double and the game would have continued on. Instead, he was jumping into the arms of his teammates after the ump's took a second look, taking advantage of a limited replay rule that went into effect two years earlier almost to the day — Aug. 28, 2008 — to make sure they got these sort of calls right.

"I heard it hit the back tin (wall), so I knew that wasn't the sound of the pads," McCann said. "I knew it was a homer. I was telling Tim McClelland, 'I promise you it's a homer, I heard it hit the back.'"

Pinch-hitter Matt Diaz tied the game with a two-run homer off Leo Nunez (4-3) after Brooks Conrad led off the ninth with a walk. Nunez retired the next two hitters, then McCann drove a 1-2 pitch toward the wall in right.

The ball bounced back onto the field, and the umpires initially ruled it was still in play. McCann stopped at second and began arguing that he should have more than a dou-

ble.

The umpires conferred, then headed toward the tunnel alongside the Florida dugout to look at a replay that clearly showed the ball struck the top of the wall — right over McCann's name on an auxiliary scoreboard — and went over. It ricocheted back onto the field off the wall in front of the seats.

"Yep, that was a home run," said Florida manager Edwin Rodriguez, whose team took a devastating loss in its long-shot bid to get back in the playoff race. "It was a home run all the way."

When McClelland signaled homer, McCann finished his triumphant jog around the bases, slamming down his helmet before he touched home and disappeared into a mob surrounding the plate.

"It was the worst celebration of all time," McCann quipped. "I got lost in the moment."

The NL East-leading Braves overcame a 6-1 deficit, scoring three runs in the eighth and three more in the ninth for a victory they will surely remember if they hold on for their first division title since 2005. They maintained a two-game lead on Philadelphia, which completed a sweep at San Diego with a 5-0 victory Sunday.

"There's not a better feeling," McCann said. "It makes it better being in a playoff race."

Takashi Saito (2-3) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win, while Nunez's eighth blown save in 37 chances ruined a strong outing by Florida starter Josh Johnson, who pitched three-hit ball over six innings and allowed only an unearned run.

The Braves won for the 23rd time in their final at-bat, which leads the majors. It wasn't even their biggest comeback of the season — a

seven-run ninth gave Atlanta a 10-9 victory over Cincinnati back in May — but this finish will be remembered right alongside Conrad's walk-off grand slam, especially if this team goes on to make the playoffs.

"What team hits two homers in the ninth inning to win a ballgame? Hopefully, that means we're a team of destiny," Diaz said. "If this continues, we'll either all have heart attacks or make the playoffs."

The long ball finished off the Marlins, but it was shaky defense that made a game of it. Florida committed three errors and gave up three unearned runs.

Rodriguez was more perturbed at the relievers — especially Nunez.

"At some point, the bullpen has to step up," the Florida manager said. "With a five-run lead, you have to pound the strike zone. We were doing fine. But the bullpen was unable to hold a five-run lead. That's unacceptable."

Atlanta starter Derek Lowe appeared headed for his fourth straight loss, lasting only three innings. He got himself in trouble right away, giving up a three-run homer to Hanley Ramirez in the first.

Ramirez came out of the game two innings later after a slide into second base. He bent over and poked at his chest, then headed to the dugout with what the team described as lightheadedness.

Lowe surrendered six hits and walked three before leaving with his team trailing 5-1. Bobby Cox wasn't around at the end, either — the Braves manager was ejected in the sixth after third-base umpire Mike Everitt ruled that Eric Hinske went around for strike three on an attempted check swing.

The Braves sure liked what the umpires ruled in the ninth, however.

Florida had no complaints. "They got it right," Dan Uggla said. "He hit a home run, and he deserved it."

Right fielder Mike Stanton had the best look at it.

"It disappeared for a minute," he said. "There was like a little rail, and it was behind it. Oh yeah, there was no doubt" it was gone.

Atlanta's only run off Johnson came in the first after Omar Infante reached on a throwing error by second baseman Uggla, who made a nifty scoop up the middle, then bounced the throw to first. With two outs, McCann walked and Hinske came

Braves first baseman Brian McCann celebrates with his teammates after hitting a game-winning home run that had to be reviewed.

through with a run-scoring single.

Hinske, filling in at first for Derrek Lee, sparked the comeback with an RBI double in the eighth that made it 6-2 and left runners at second and third. Clay Hensley fanned Alex Gonzalez and should have escaped with no further damage, but first baseman Gaby Sanchez couldn't come up with a low throw from Wes Helms after a grounder to third.

The ball skidded into the Atlanta dugout, the error allowing two runs to score.

Giants 9, Diamondbacks 7

Jose Guillen hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the seventh inning and the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday after wasting a fine outing by pitcher Matt Cain.

Freddy Sanchez added three hits and two RBIs for the Giants, who avoided being swept by the last-place Diamondbacks and pulled within five games of San Diego in the NL West.

San Francisco remained 1½ games behind Philadelphia for the NL wild card.

Stephen Drew had four hits for Arizona, including his 11th home run of the season.

Jeremy Affeldt (3-3) got two outs for the win while Brian Wilson recorded the final five outs for his 36th save in 38 tries.

The Giants dropped the first two games of the series after their starting pitchers struggled to get out of the first inning. Tim Lincecum and Barry Zito allowed a combined nine runs in the opening frame and both took the loss.

This time it was San

Francisco's bullpen that fell apart and nearly proved costly until Guillen bailed the Giants out.

Guillen, acquired from Kansas City on Aug. 13 after being designated for assignment, couldn't get the ball out of the infield in his first three at-bats before singling off Esmerling Vasquez (1-5) to drive in Sanchez and Aubrey Huff. Guillen later scored on a sacrifice fly by Cody Ross.

Cain pitched 6 1-3 solid innings, scattering six hits while striking out seven. He left with a 5-2 lead and a runner on first before San Francisco's normally reliable relievers fell apart.

Manager Bruce Bochy's bullpen had been solid in August, going 6-1 with a 3.26 ERA in 25 games but stumbled against Arizona. The Diamondbacks scored three runs in the seventh after Cain left, taking a 6-5 lead on Adam LaRoche's two-run double.

The two RBIs give LaRoche 87 for the season, tying Tony Clark's franchise record for first basemen set in 2005.

The Giants answered with three runs in the bottom half and held on for the victory.

Drew homered off Cain leading off the third, then Arizona got some help from the Giants pitcher to score its second run.

Cain struck out pinch-hitter Ryan Church but the ball skipped past catcher Eli Whiteside, allowing Church to reach first on the wild pitch. Church took second and third when Cain uncorked two more wild pitches and scored on Drew's grounder.

San Francisco scored four runs in the third off Arizona starter Rodrigo Lopez.

Marlins third baseman Emilio Bonifacio dives and robs Braves outfielder Jaysen Hayward of a hit in Atlanta's 7-6 win Sunday.

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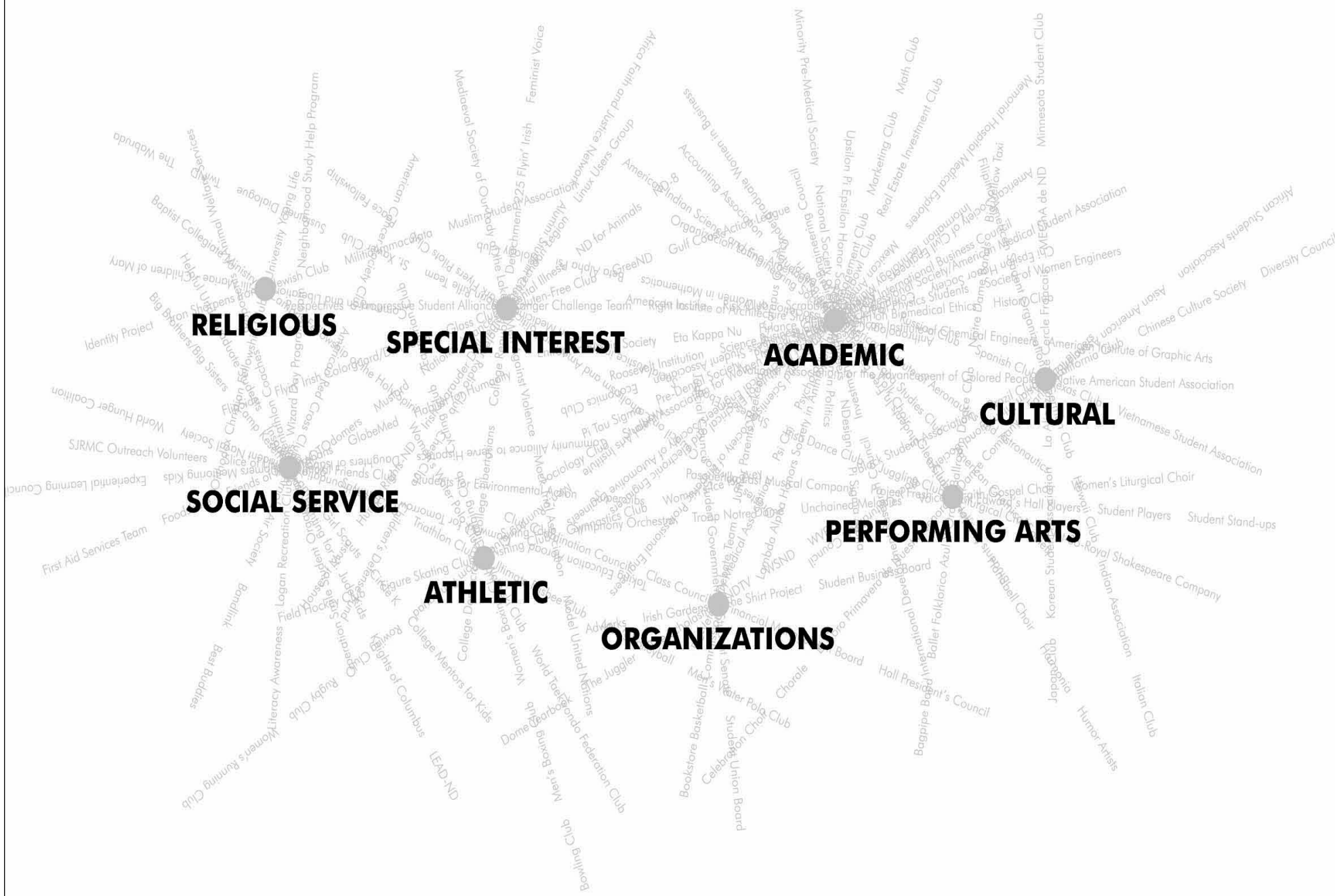
PERSONAL

What sort of movie would Rudy have been if he had just stopped and given up after two rejections. Would've been a less shorter. Probably been a lot funnier. But it would have ultimately been a disappointment. I still would have seen it. But, that's not... the point.

You know, in the ten years that I coached, I never met anybody who wanted to win as badly as I did. I'd do anything I had to do to increase my advantage. Anybody who tried to block the pursuit of that advantage, I'd just push 'em out of the way. Didn't matter who they were, or what they were doing. But that was then.

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MLB

Guthrie, Orioles finish sweep of Angels on road

Athletics cut Rangers' lead in AL West; Hamels shuts down hometown Padres as Phillies breeze past San Diego

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jeremy Guthrie allowed four hits while pitching into the ninth inning, and two relievers finished the Orioles' 1-0 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday, completing Baltimore's six-game season sweep of the struggling Angels.

Luke Scott scored on Matt Wieters' sacrifice fly in the seventh. The Orioles limited the Angels to one run in three games while sweeping the season series for the first time by either club in a half-century of competition.

Guthrie (8-13) allowed just one runner to reach third base until Reggie Willits hustled for a one-out double in the ninth and advanced on Howie Kendrick's single.

Reliever Michael Gonzalez struck out Bobby Abreu, and Torii Hunter popped out on Koji Uehara's only pitch in his fourth save.

The Orioles swept three games from the Angels at Camden Yards earlier this month after Buck Showalter took over as manager. At 16-11 in August, they'll finish this month with a winning record for the first time since 1997 — their first winning record in any month since June 2008.

The Angels' three straight losses to the majors' second-worst team might be a low point in a season that went wrong almost from the start. The three-time defending AL West champions have lost six of seven, and Los Angeles scored its only run against Baltimore on a first-inning balk Friday night.

Guthrie fell just short of his first career shutout while winning a brisk duel with Angels ace Jered Weaver (11-10), who struck out 11 — including his 200th of the season — during eight innings of five-hit ball.

Neither team even got a runner to third base until the sixth. After Scott and Ty Wigginton led off the seventh with hits off Weaver, Wieters' one-out fly was plenty deep to score Scott.

Although Guthrie led the AL with 17 losses and 35 homers allowed last season, he has stuck in the Orioles rotation all year, eating up innings during a tough season. He was solid after the All-Star break, but gave up 11 earned runs in his previous two starts, allowing a season-high 10 hits to the White Sox on Tuesday.

Baltimore nearly scored in the sixth when Josh Bell reached on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch.

Nick Markakis then hit a short single to center, but Bell was called out by home plate umpire Brian Gorman after he collided with leaping catcher Jeff Mathis. Replays appeared to show Bell reaching out to touch home plate an instant before Mathis tagged him.

Los Angeles then put two runners on in the sixth, but Kendrick grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Athletics 8, Rangers 2

Gio Gonzalez won his third consecutive start and the Oakland Athletics cut their AL West deficit to 7½ games with a victory Sunday, taking two of three in their series with the division-leading Texas Rangers.

Mark Ellis and Kevin Kouzmanoff homered for the A's off Colby Lewis (9-11), while Cliff Pennington snapped out of a 2-for-24 slide with two singles and a sacrifice squeeze bunt.

Gonzalez (12-8) left with a 7-2 lead after throwing 65 of his 95 pitches for strikes in six innings on another hot day in Texas. The left-hander is 7-1 with a 2.10 ERA in 10 day games this season.

Lewis missed on his eighth attempt to get his 10th victory, and six of the seven runs he gave up in 5 2-3 innings were earned.

It was the right-hander's shortest outing since pitching only five July 16 at Boston when he got his ninth victory. Lewis is 0-6 since and Texas has scored only eight runs while he was on the mound in

those eight games.

There is only one more series between the AL West's top two teams the final five weeks of the regular season. That is a four-game set Sept. 23-26 at Oakland, which has an 8-7 series lead.

Josh Hamilton drove in the only two runs for Texas, with a two-out bloop RBI single in the third and his 31st homer in the sixth. Hamilton has five homers his past 10 games and raised his majors-best batting average to .359.

Hamilton's 403-foot blast off the facade of the second deck of seats in right field was the only homer allowed by Gonzalez his last seven starts. Gonzalez has given up only 11 homers over 167 innings this season.

Oakland went ahead to stay when Ellis broke a 1-all tie with his third homer, a towering fly-ball that dropped just beyond the 14-foot wall in left-center field.

The A's scored twice in the fifth for a 4-1 lead after Lewis' throwing error on what should have been an inning-ending double play.

Lewis fielded Kurt Suzuki's comebacker, but threw the ball way wide of second base and into center. Pennington scored and Daric Barton moved from first to third before then scoring on an inning-ending double play.

First baseman Jorge Cantu snagged Jack Cust's hard grounder at the bag, wiping out the force at second. Suzuki got caught up between first and second and avoided being tagged long enough for Barton to score.

Kouzmanoff led off the sixth with his 12th homer, before Pennington had his squeeze bunt and Coco Crisp an RBI single to chase Lewis.

Oakland had the bases loaded with no outs in the third with is Nos. 2-4 hitters coming up, but managed only one run on Barton's sacrifice fly. In the bottom of the inning, Hamilton drove in Julio Borbon, who had an infield single and advanced



Orioles starting pitcher Jeremy Guthrie hurls the ball toward home during Baltimore's shutout of the Angels Sunday.

on a sac bunt.

Phillies 5, Padres 0

Cole Hamels shut down his hometown Padres on four singles in eight innings to win for the first time in nine starts, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a victory Sunday and a three-game sweep of bumbling NL West-leading San Diego.

The Padres have lost four straight games for the first time this season and were swept for just the second time. The Padres, who led the majors in fielding percentage (.989) coming in, committed a season-high four errors.

After being swept at home in four games by Houston, the wild card-leading Phillies had their usual success at Petco Park. They won their seventh straight game at the downtown ballpark, where they're 18-4 since it opened in 2004.

The Phillies, who came in with a 1½-game lead over San Francisco in the wild card race, remained two games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

Mike Sweeney, starting in place of slumping Ryan Howard against left-hander Clayton Richard, hit a two-run homer, his first for the Phillies since being acquired from Seattle on

Aug. 4. Jayson Werth added a solo shot.

Hamels (8-10) prevailed over Richard (12-6) in a duel of lefties to win for the first time since July 11 against Cincinnati. He had gone 0-3 despite a 2.83 ERA in his previous eight starts.

Hamels retired his final 16 batters after allowing Adrian Gonzalez's single with two outs in the third. He struck out six and walked none. Ryan Madson finished the combined five-hitter as several thousand Phillies fans stood and cheered.

Gonzalez had three hits for San Diego.

Two of Philadelphia's runs were unearned. Carlos Ruiz singled with one out in the third and advanced on Richard's errant pickoff throw. He took third on Hamels' groundout and scored on Jimmy Rollins' single.

In the eighth, Ruiz hit a lead-off single and was safe at second on Richard's throwing error after he fielded Hamels' bunt. Right fielder Ryan Ludwick made a nice diving catch of Rollins' fly. But when Ludwick attempted to double Hamels off first, his throw was wide and bounced into the Padres' dugout for another error, allowing Ruiz to score.

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Japan takes LLWS championship

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The Little League aces from Japan ended the United States' five-year reign as World Series champions.

The team from Tokyo limited Waipahu, Hawaii, to four singles, and got a homer and three RBIs from Konan Tomori to take the Little League World Series title with a 4-1 victory Sunday.

For the first time since 2003, a team from Japan is flying home with the championship banner.

Hawaii, which had scored 29 runs over its previous three games, came up short at the plate against Tokyo.

Hawaii's only run came on an error off a sacrifice bunt in the fourth, but reliever Ichiro Ogasawara worked out of a

second-and-third jam with a strikeout and a weak bouncer.

Ryusuke Ikeda got the win with after striking out five and allowing four hits over three innings, before Ogasawara pitched the final three, striking out three to get his third save.

Fittingly, Japan's players gravitated to the mound after the game to scoop up bags of dirt to take home as mementos, as family members watched proudly from the first-base stands.

After exchanging handshakes at the plate with Hawaii, Japan also got another souvenir — a banner that read "2010 Little League World Series Champions." They finished the tournament a perfect 5-0.

Cheered on by Hawaii fans waving U.S. flags and tea leaves they've been carrying around for good luck, the Waipahu All-

Stars put on a valiant effort on the mound and with the glove. Thirteen-year-old lefty starter Cody Maltezo, who hadn't pitched in roughly a month, held Japan to four hits over 5 2-3 innings, and Noah Shackles' fine stop of a hard bouncer at third likely saved two runs from scoring in the third.

But the mashers from the West region couldn't get the clutch hits that had propelled their unlikely run of four victories in four elimination games over four days into the Little League final.

So the All-Star team from Tokyo's Edogawa Minami Little League became the first international team to take the crown since Curacao in 2004. A team from Tokyo's Musashi-Fuchu league was the last winner from Japan, the previous year.

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GOLF

Uihlein wins U.S. Amateur

Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. — The top ranked amateur in the world now has a title worthy of his lofty ranking.

Oklahoma State's Peter Uihlein also has quite the 21st birthday celebration awaiting.

Uihlein won the 110th U.S. Amateur on Sunday, holding off yet another back-nine charge from Stanford's David Chung for a 4 and 2 victory at Chambers Bay and the biggest in Uihlein's young career.

Ranked No. 1 in the world by the Royal & Ancient, Uihlein has been considered one of the top young players in the world for many years, but had yet to capture a major championship until now.

And on his 21st birthday.

"It's definitely the best birthday present I've ever had in my life," Uihlein said. "I'm looking forward to going back home tonight and seeing the boys and having a good time."

Uihlein was leading by two

following the first 18 holes in the morning, then held on during the afternoon 18 holes as Chung once again tried to make a charge on the back nine. Seeing a four-hole lead cut to two, Uihlein made a 20-foot birdie putt to win the 14th and nearly ended the match at No. 15, leaving his putt on the lip.

Uihlein finally managed to finish off Chung on the 34th hole when Chung's tee shot on the drivable par-4 16th hole went into the deep, fescue grass. Chung tried to flop his second shot near the pin, but caught too much grass and sent the shot flying over the back of the green. Chung took off his white Stanford cap and conceded the hole, and match, when his third shot out of the deep grass came up short.

"I came basically this morning expecting Peter to play really good golf and he did. I just didn't really come with everything back at him today. I was a little flat out there and I

couldn't spark any momentum."

Uihlein, the son of Wally Uihlein, CEO of golf equipment company Acushnet, was a junior star who struggled to find consistency as he moved up the amateur ranks. He went 4-0 in the Walker Cup a year ago, but his best victory as an amateur arguably came last month when he won the Sahalee Players Championship.

Now, he's taking the Havemeyer Trophy back to Karsten Creek in Stillwater as validation of his world ranking.

"It's just one of those things you've got to keep trying to get better, keep trying to work hard and hopefully it will all click," Uihlein said. "Chambers set up great for my game and I got lucky in a couple of my matches."

Along with the victory, the Oklahoma State junior earned a trip to the U.S. Open and British Open and an invitation to the Masters.

NFL

Shanahan not certain if McNabb will start

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — It could be a smoke screen or just a cautious assessment of his quarterback's health, but Mike Shanahan says he's not certain Donovan McNabb will be available for the Washington Redskins' season opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

"I really don't know for sure," Shanahan said Sunday. "That's why it's day by day. We'll see how it goes."

McNabb hasn't practiced since spraining his left ankle in the second preseason game against Baltimore. He sat out Friday's game against the New York Jets and watched Sunday's practice with a black sleeve on his left leg.

Shanahan said the leg is too sore for McNabb to play Thursday against the Arizona Cardinals, but McNabb likely wouldn't have played in that

game anyway because the coach prefers to rest his starters and some of his top backups in the final exhibition to avoid injuries. No. 2 quarterback Rex Grossman said he won't play this week either, leaving John Beck and Richard Bartel to take the snaps against the Cardinals.

The news from Shanahan was more positive concerning running back Clinton Portis, who sprained his right ankle against the Jets.

"I don't think it's too serious. It's not a big setback," Shanahan said. "I would anticipate him being able to practice in a couple of days."

Fullback Mike Sellers, who missed the Jets game, remains day to day with a sprained left knee. Backup linebacker Perry Riley sprained his right ankle against New York and was wearing a walking boot Sunday.

MLB

Dodgers fall to Rockies; Mariners eek out win over Twins

Associated Press

DENVER — Dexter Fowler hit two triples to set a Colorado record and had three RBIs, Carlos Gonzalez homered twice and drove in four runs and the Rockies beat Los Angeles 10-5 for their first series win over the Dodgers in two years.

Jason Hammel (9-7) hung on for his first win in four starts since Aug. 6. Fowler has 12 triples this year, the most in a season by a Rockies player.

Dodgers pinch-hitter Manny Ramirez argued a called first-pitch strike and was ejected in the sixth inning.

The Rockies took two of three from the Dodgers after losing 10 consecutive series. Colorado's last series win had

come Aug. 19-21, 2008, at Dodger Stadium with two wins in three games. The Rockies last won a series from the Dodgers at Coors Field on July 21-23, 2008, winning two of three.

The Rockies built an 8-1 lead in the fifth, but the Dodgers scored a run in the sixth when they knocked out Hammel and three in the eighth against three relievers.

The last was Rafael Betancourt, brought on to face cleanup hitter Matt Kemp with two outs and runners on first and second. He singled to shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, who saved a run with a diving stop in the hole.

With the bases loaded, Betancourt fell behind James Loney 3-0 but got him to ground to Tulowitzki.

The Rockies countered with two runs in the bottom half to give closer Huston Street breathing room in the ninth.

After winning his first five starts and giving up seven runs in 34 1-3 innings since being traded to the Dodgers from the Chicago Cubs on July 31, Ted Lilly (8-9) yielded seven runs in four innings, including five with two out in the fourth.

Jonathan Herrera began that rally with a triple and scored on Hammel's single. After Eric Young Jr. walked, Fowler tripled home both runners. Gonzalez, who had homered with two outs in the third, followed with a two-run shot, his 29th of the season. It was the second multihomer game of Gonzalez's career, the other coming Aug. 4 against San Francisco.

The Rockies, who have won six of seven, took a 1-0 lead in the second when Todd Helton led off with his 524th double, tying him with Ken Griffey Jr. for 36th place all-time. Helton scored on Chris Iannetta's one-out double, ending Lilly's scoreless streak against the Rockies at 16 2-3 innings. It was Iannetta's first

extra-base hit in 40 at-bats since July 30.

Hammel escaped trouble in the fourth and fifth and left after 5 1-3 innings. With runners on first and third and none out in the fourth, Hammel got Andre Ethier to pop out, struck Kemp and retired Loney on a ground out.

Hammel gave up a run-scoring single to pinch-hitter Jay Gibbons with two outs in the fifth, followed by Scott Podsednik's single and a walk to Theriot but left the bases loaded by striking out Ethier.

Back-to-back doubles by Kemp and Loney opened the sixth, and Hammel left after issuing a one-out walk to Jamey Carroll on his 114th pitch.

Left-hander Matt Reynolds walked Brad Ausmus to load the bases and threw a first-pitch called strike to Ramirez. He argued the ball was outside and was ejected by home plate umpire Gary Cederstrom.

Reed Johnson pinch hit for Ramirez and grounded into a double play.

Ryan Spilborghs hit his 10th homer in the fifth off Ronald Belisario. It was Spilborghs' first homer in 66 at-bats since July 25 and made the score 8-1.

Mariners 2, Twins 1

A wild pitch, a misplayed fly ball and a fielder's choice by Adam Moore in a two-run seventh inning helped lift the Seattle Mariners to a victory over the first-place Minnesota Twins on Sunday and avoid a three-game series sweep.

Luke French (3-4) allowed three hits, including a home run by Michael Cuddyer, in his seven innings.

Brandon League stranded the tying run at second by retiring pinch-hitter and 2009 AL MVP Joe Mauer to end a scoreless eighth. David Aardsma gave up a single to Orlando Hudson with one out



Rockies short stop Troy Toluwitzki tries to a turn a double play during Colorado's 10-5 win over the Dodgers Sunday.

in the ninth, but then got Cuddyer to hit into a broken-bat double play behind second base for his 25th save in 30 chances.

Seattle, 28 games under .500, won for just the second time in seven games. Baseball's worst offense scored two runs or fewer for the 58th time in 130 games — yet won this time thanks to Minnesota's messy bottom of the seventh.

The Twins stayed 4½ games ahead of the White Sox atop the AL Central.

Twins starter Carl Pavano (15-10) was cruising through six innings until Seattle's rally. He allowed five hits and the two runs in his seven innings for his third consecutive loss, and second on Minnesota's ending road trip.

Cuddyer jumped on French's 3-0 pitch that floated 84 mph about chest high and homered for the game's first run in the seventh inning. His 12th home run of the season soared two rows into the upper deck far beyond left field for Minnesota's third hit.

Pavano had held Seattle to just two hits at that point. But then Jose Lopez and Casey

Kotchman singled one out into the bottom of the seventh. Pavano's 1-2 pitch to Franklin Gutierrez skipped wide past catcher Drew Butera for a wild pitch that advanced the runners.

Gutierrez then hit a fly ball to which left fielder Delmon Young, wearing sun glasses and looking into a hazy glare, reacted slowly. Young's late attempt to lunge at the ball failed as it short-hopped off the grass and his glove for an RBI single that scored Lopez.

With Kotchman at third, Moore then sent a slow roller to shortstop J.J. Hardy for a force out. But second baseman Hudson, who left Saturday's game early because he ankle "locked up," held onto a potential relay throw and double play at first base as Gutierrez slid under him and catcher Moore rumbled down the line. That allowed Kotchman to score the go-ahead run.

Minnesota got a two-out single from Hardy off League. That brought Mauer up to pinch hit, ending his planned day off. Pinch-runner Alexi Casilla stole second, but Mauer stranded him there with a groundout.

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Brown

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attack for the Irish all weekend, making 129 assists over the three games.

"Sammie played a big part in our success this weekend, especially with solid sets to Kelly [Scaccia] and the other hitters," Brown said. "For a freshman, this was very impressive."

The busy weekend commenced Friday with the opening match against Marshall. After dropping the first set, the Irish asserted their dominance, thoroughly controlling the next three sets en route to a 3-1 victory. The Irish continued their

winning streak Saturday, defeating Cal Poly 3-2, taking Notre Dame all five games to pull out the win, including the last set heroics by Dealy.

Despite a closing loss, Brown said this weekend set the way for a successful season for the Irish.

"It was nice to pass from the preseason practices into games and get some ideas of our strengths and weaknesses," Brown said. "Overall, I was pleased with what a great team effort it was."

Notre Dame will travel to Reno this week to take on Belmont, Weber State and Nevada in the Nevada Invitational September 3-4.

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Junior Kristen Dealy closed out the Irish win Saturday over Cal Poly with three consecutive kills in the fifth and final set. PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Powers

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senior forward Steven Perry on an aggressive run forward and Perry converted to put the Irish up 2-0. Notre Dame's defense held on from there.

The defense and junior goalkeeper Will Walsh were looking to rebound from a performance against Illinois-Chicago in which they surrendered two goals. Walsh made seven saves and Irish coach Bobby Clark said he was impressed with the group's improvement.

"I thought [Ohio State] was a good test," Clark said. "They're a very direct team, they play the ball forward quickly. It took the defense awhile to get a hold on things, but in the second half our defense was good, and it was nice to see that."

Sunday's game against IPFW gave Clark the opportunity to play some of his younger players while their more experienced teammates rested from the day before. The fresh squad did not disappoint as junior midfielder Adam Mena's two goals in the 30th and 90th minutes and freshman forward Harrison Shipp's 35th minute

strike, were enough to easily put away IPFW as the Irish concluded preseason with a 3-0 record. Clark said he was particularly happy to see the depth of the Irish squad displayed on the pitch.

"The starting 11 for the Ohio State game didn't even dress for the second match," Clark said. "It's a nice positive to see some decent depth on this squad."

Freshman goalkeepers Patrick Wall and Adam LaPlaca each played a half and did not surrender a goal.

"With a freshman goalkeeper, you like to have them come in an take a year to get acclimated," Clark said. "But with [starting goalkeeper Phil Tuttle] being injured, we now have a situation where one of them needs to be the back up to Will Walsh. Things changed quite a bit. The freshmen did a good job, both of them."

With the preseason now behind them, the Irish will look forward to their Friday season opener against No. 8 UCLA in Bloomington as part of the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. Their home opener will take place 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 against California at Alumni Stadium.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Scodro

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under-par finishes and picking up seven even-par matches.

He also posted two top-10 finishes in his sophomore season, one at the Battle of the Warren and the second at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic last fall.

But numbers aren't enough for him, Scodro says. He is hoping for improvement from both himself as well as the rest of his team on the course this season, calling the past seasons "disappointing."

"I am extremely excited for our team this year," he said. "Not only do we have some important players returning, we also have

some new players looking to get in the line up and compete at that next level. My last two years with the team have ended in disappointment and this year I expect nothing less than to compete in Nationals."

Scodro said he knows exactly what he needs to do to bring his game up to the next level.

"This year I think I will definitely have to improve my consistency with my short game," he said. "I had good days last year but this year, if I can get my short game more consis-

tent, I think I can turn some bad days to an even par round."

With a clear set of goals in mind, Scodro and the Irish will first tee off Sept. 13-14 at Kiawah Island, S.C., in the College of Charleston Invitational. The first home match will be held Sept. 27-28 at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame's

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Max Scodro
Irish golfer

Warren Golf Course, one of two home events for the Irish.

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Belles

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was the fifth scoring player for Saint Mary's, coming out of the tournament with a two-day total of 188.

Also on the course for the Belles were freshman Alexi Brown (88-88, 9th), freshman Paige Pollak (88-92, 12th), junior Megan Ryan (91-95, 15th), freshman Hayley Miller (98-93, 18th) and junior Christine Brown (100-95, 22nd).

The Belles did not come away with a win because of weak competition, as they faced off against some of the top national programs in their division.

But, the top is where the Belles both want and expect to be. Last year, they finished 10th in Division III NCAA finals. Despite the relative youth of the squad — the team has five freshmen this season — it has the ability to do the same this season.

Hamilton also emphasized the need for further development of the coach-player relationship. With five new freshmen, he said this means five new players must learn where they work into the team dynamics across both the fall and spring seasons. Come next semester, Hamilton said he hopes to see the squad come together.

Hamilton said he was

pleased with his team's mental toughness.

"We did a better job making decisions," he said.

Hamilton also said the season is a learning experience, and that the Belles' performance this weekend reveals their willingness to make necessary adjustments, both on and off the course.

The team continues to prepare for their conference season, which will begin Sept. 11 when the Belles travel to Alma for the first fall MIAA competition at Pine River Golf Course.

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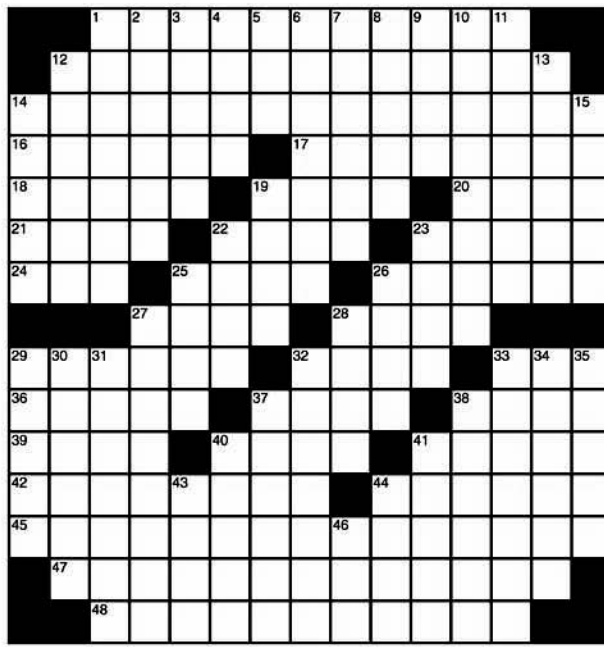


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 - 18 Wankel engine component
 - 19 Winner of 11 Grand Slam tournament titles
 - 20 ___ de boeuf
 - 21 Goose
 - 22 Computer hookup point
 - 23 Infer from data
 - 24 Local borders?
 - 25 19th-century engineer with a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame
 - 26 Forgers
 - 27 Something to turn on
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 - 29 Bouncy kid-lit character
 - 32 Blood sausage ingredient
 - 33 Rock-___
 - 36 First name in erotica
 - 37 Saucy
 - 38 With 15-Down, hangs on the line
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 - 40 Dylan was once her protégé
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 - 10 Loser in the Battle of Bannockburn, 1314
 - 11 Find and destroy
 - 12 Italian beans, in a Dean Martin standard
 - 13 Base person
 - 14 Base person?
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 - 25 22-Down that has split
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- 35 Opposite of avant
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make alterations at home. An opportunity will develop if you try something different. What you discover will be a hidden talent that can be added to your resume. Share your thoughts with someone you respect. ★★★

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Fallen sets

Notre Dame loses to Arizona in last match

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish kicked off their season this weekend with two wins and a loss at the Shamrock Invitational at the Purcell Pavilion.

The team took down Marshall Friday and Cal Poly Saturday but fell short to No. 18 Arizona Sunday to close the weekend.

"Although we wanted to play better against Arizona, the team was able to do some really good things this weekend," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We were able to see how the team gelled, as well as see how some freshmen would perform."

Notre Dame fell to the Wildcats in three sets (25-15, 25-18, 25-20) to move both teams to 2-1.

Freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh started her Irish career with a bang as she led the team with 12 kills against Arizona for an average 3.08 kills/set and 3.17 digs/set across the weekend. McHugh also recorded Notre Dame's solo ace against Arizona.

"Andrea is an outstanding all-around player," Brown said. "She led the team



Irish senior Kellie Sciacca and freshman Andrea McHugh go up for the block Sunday against Arizona at the Purcell Pavilion. The Irish lost to the Wildcats 3-0 to go 2-1 in their opening weekend.

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defensively all weekend and was one of our top hitters."

Senior middle hitter Kelly Sciacca gave an impressive performance throughout the weekend, making a team-high 48 kills, with a career-high 21 kills and .645 hitting

percentage coming against Marshall.

Junior outside hitter Kristen Dealy pulled through for her team Saturday to secure the victory over Cal Poly, making three straight kills in the fifth and final set

to close the game. Dealy led the team with 19 kills and 14 digs in the match.

Freshman setter Sammie Brown stepped up on the court and facilitated the

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SMC GOLF

Belles open fall season with a win

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Belles teed off strongly this weekend when they claimed first place at the Trine Fall Invitational at Zollner Golf Course with a combined score of 660.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said he was pleased with his team's performance in its first match of the fall season and with the consistency the players displayed.

"I expected the young players to score well, and for the most part, they did," Hamilton said. "The older players were also steady."

Senior Mary Kate Boyce led Saint Mary's with a 79 Saturday and an 84 Sunday to finish third. Freshman Doyle O'Brien followed close behind, taking four strokes off her Saturday round to finish with an 80 Sunday, taking fourth while senior Rosie O'Connor finished fifth with scores of 84 and 82. Freshman Marin Beagley rounded out the Belles scoring with an 84 and 83 to tie for sixth. Sophomore Jessica Kinnick

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish defeat Ohio State, IPFW

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 18 Irish wrapped up preseason scrimmages over the weekend with two wins at the National Soccer Festival in Fort Wayne, defeating No. 14 Ohio State 2-0 Saturday and besting IPFW 3-0 on Sunday.

The Irish opened up play against the Buckeyes with an immediate goal in the sixth minute from senior forward Jeb Brovsky, who scored from well inside the penalty box after working through the Buckeye defense.

Brovsky's strike remained the only scoring in the match until well after halftime. In the 63rd minute, sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers found

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Junior Adam Mena takes control in the Big East quarterfinals last season against South Florida. Mena scored twice Sunday at IPFW.

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MEN'S GOLF

Scodro looked at to help team reach goals

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

While the Irish look to build on last year's successes when they finished second in the Big East, the team's fortune depends largely on Max Scodro.

A double monogram winner from Chicago, Scodro, a junior, was named to the All-Big East squad in each of his first two seasons with the Irish. His sophomore season concluded at the Big East Championships with a first place finish, as he tied Georgetown's Vincenzo Salina, Evan Beirne of St. John's, and teammate Tom

Usher, before losing in the four-man sudden death playoff.

Heading into the 2010-11 campaign, Scodro owns the third-best stroke average in program history (74.36) through two seasons. Forty-six of his 51 rounds (26 of 27 during the 2009-10 season) have been counted since the start of his collegiate career, a strong enough average for the fifth best percentage since 1990.

In the 2009-10 season, Scodro played in 11 events for the Notre Dame team, posting a 73.96 stroke average, notching three

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