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SMC professors still in New Orleans



Residents walk on Canal St., where two Saint Mary's professors are stranded at the Sheraton Hotel.

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Unable to escape New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina bore down on the city, two Saint Mary's professors remained stranded in their hotel on Canal Street Wednesday as water levels rose and looters ransacked nearby shops.

Spanish professor Jennifer Zachman and psychology professor Karen Chambers had spent the weekend in New Orleans at an Advanced Placement Testing con-



Chambers

ference and were scheduled to fly out Sunday.

With the storm approaching, their flight was canceled and the two women were forced to wait out Katrina and remain in their hotel — the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at 500 Canal Street — two blocks from the river and one block from the French Quarters.

Communicating with the College in brief and sporadic e-mails since Monday, Zachman and Chambers said a hotel generator provided occasional internet



Zachman

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Dishes no longer at Alumni

Satellites result in dorm damage, costing Notre Dame thousands to fix

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Alumni Hall dished out a ban on the installation of satellite television in its dorm rooms following an incident Associate Vice President for Residence Life William Kirk said cost the University "several thousand dollars."

Andrew Breslin — the Alumni Hall resident assistant where the problem arose — said the incident involved both the fire protection system and the satellite systems erected by the students in his section.

"The exact cause has not been discerned directly, but the smoke alarm system in Alumni was damaged significantly," Breslin said. "The satellite hook-ups may have played a part in the damage as wires were run near current smoke alarm wires, [but] this has not been ascertained."

Breslin said the control boards connecting Alumni to the Notre Dame firehouse also faced significant damage, however the exact numerical value of this damage was not released to hall staff.

"Several thousand dollars worth of fire detection equipment within Alumni Hall has suffered damage," Kirk said. "It may have occurred when students attempted to extend cables through the lengths of

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STUDENT SENATE

Poorman discusses dorms, cable, wireless

Student Affairs vice president outlines plans to begin construction in dorms soon

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman was the man with a plan at Wednesday's Senate meeting. Make that plans.

Stepping up to the podium, a smiling Poorman took off his jacket and rolled up his sleeves, then proceeded to share his vision for both the short- and long-term future of the University.

Poorman said the most immediate goals are getting cable television, improving cell phone reception and creating an extensive wireless network, all in the residence halls.

The push for cable television — which Poorman called

"a great collaborative effort" between the Executive Vice President, Business Operations, the Office of Information Technology, Student Affairs and Student Government — will tentatively culminate next August.

"All I can say is, at this point, there's been tremendous progress," Poorman said. "I can feel the elation waves already."

Increasing cell phone reception in the residence halls is another priority, Poorman said. He cited recent surveys revealing that only 20-to-25 percent of students use their room phones, while a full 93-to-96 percent of students have cell phones.

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Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, left, listens at Wednesday's Senate meeting, where he discussed plans for cable in dorms, wireless internet and better cell phone reception.

Male minority at SMC excels

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the role of men at Saint Mary's.

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

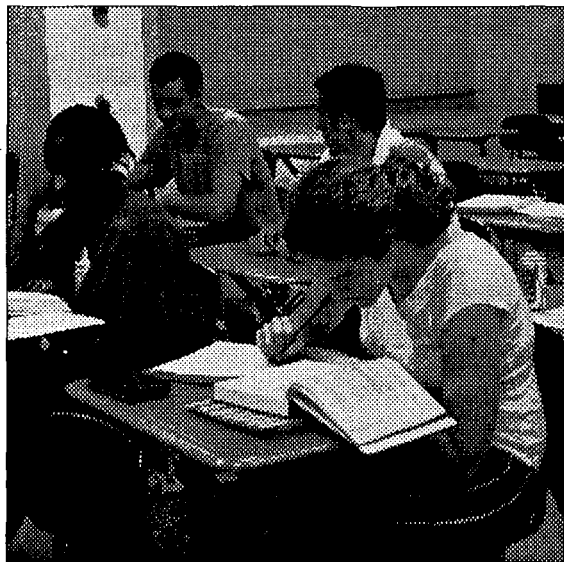
At first glance, Saint Mary's College seems to be home to a wide range of people — women who have different backgrounds, racial heritage, interests and sexual orientation. But in all this seeming diversity, one population seems to be missing: men.

Or are they? If one takes a closer look, one will find a variety of men on the Saint Mary's campus — professors, administrators, boyfriends and even students — who are all alike in one way.

They are a male minority in the unabashedly female-empowered atmosphere of the Midwest's top comprehensive college.

"It was a little intimidating at first," Notre Dame senior Tony Sylvester said. "You walk to

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Bill Kiolbasa and Jim Yesnik sit in Prof. Henry Bourne's Social Problems class at Saint Mary's.

Michigan ticket lotto held this afternoon

SUB hosts lottery for Sept. 10 football game in Ann Arbor

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

After today's football ticket lottery organized by the Student Union Board (SUB), the University of Michigan's Big House can expect approximately 300 additional Notre Dame students for the Sept. 10 showdown between the Fighting Irish and the Wolverines.

SUB will be distributing tickets allocated by the Athletic Department and Student Activities Office through a well-organized and efficient lottery today. Students looking to obtain tickets may go to the club side of Legends between 12 and 5 p.m., said Jimmy Flaherty, SUB president.

Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are allowed to bring up to six IDs each. One hundred and forty eight winning lottery numbers will be drawn. Each winner can choose to purchase one or two tickets at \$59 each.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dear Diary

I've kept a journal since I was in the fourth grade. Now that I am nearly twenty years old, the notebooks fill up half a bookshelf in my bedroom.

Looking back on them provides a glimpse of what used to matter and what actually does. And I realize how quickly things can change.

Mary Kate Malone

News
Production
Editor

When I was ten, I wrote about how much fun my friends and I had on the school bus. I wrote about my favorite books and family vacations. And I spent many, many pages writing about Matt Peppercorn — the 'hot' eighth-grader who I loved from afar — behind glasses, braces and a shy smile.

In high school I wrote about new friends, old friends, lost friends. I wrote about getting my driver's license — and getting in my first car accident — and laughing with friends until I could hardly breathe.

Senior year I thought a lot about the future. The thought of change was frightening. I filled pages with questions: What college should I go to? What if I miss home too much? How will I say goodbye?

Despite the wobbly transition from home to college, Notre Dame was clearly the place for me. Within a few weeks I realized that beneath the Dome, things have a way of working themselves out for the best. I wrote that down, too.

Last year's journal was filled with 'firsts': first day of classes, first SYR, first college final exam, first beer, first football game as a student, first time calling a one-room triple home.

These days I write a lot about how the time is flying by. I look back at old entries and realize how quickly friends are made, seasons change, memories created before we even have time to realize it.

Journals, at least mine, prove that the things that worry us most end up being just fine in the end. We might hit the bottom, but we bounce back, somehow.

When Matt Peppercorn didn't notice me in fourth grade I thought the world was going to end. It didn't.

When I got a C in religion in seventh grade, I was sure I would never succeed in high school. I did.

In hindsight, I realize how unimportant so many things I spent pages worrying about really are. The stuff that keeps them captivating is the big picture. It's just about a life slowly unfolding.

Lots of the pages are uninteresting. But I wouldn't take back a single word. They teach me to cherish the special moments, to find a story worth telling about each day.

But I'll stick with providing brief synopses of my journals. God forbid they ever get published.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE A GUY IN AN ALL GIRLS ENVIRONMENT?



Nick Manieri
senior
off-campus

"It doesn't bother me. I don't even notice it."



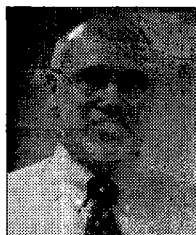
Bill Kiolbasa
senior
off-campus

"It's a nice change of scenery."



Jim Yesnik
senior
off-campus

"It's kind of hard finding a restroom."



Henry Borne
HC/SMC
professor

"They make you feel right at home."



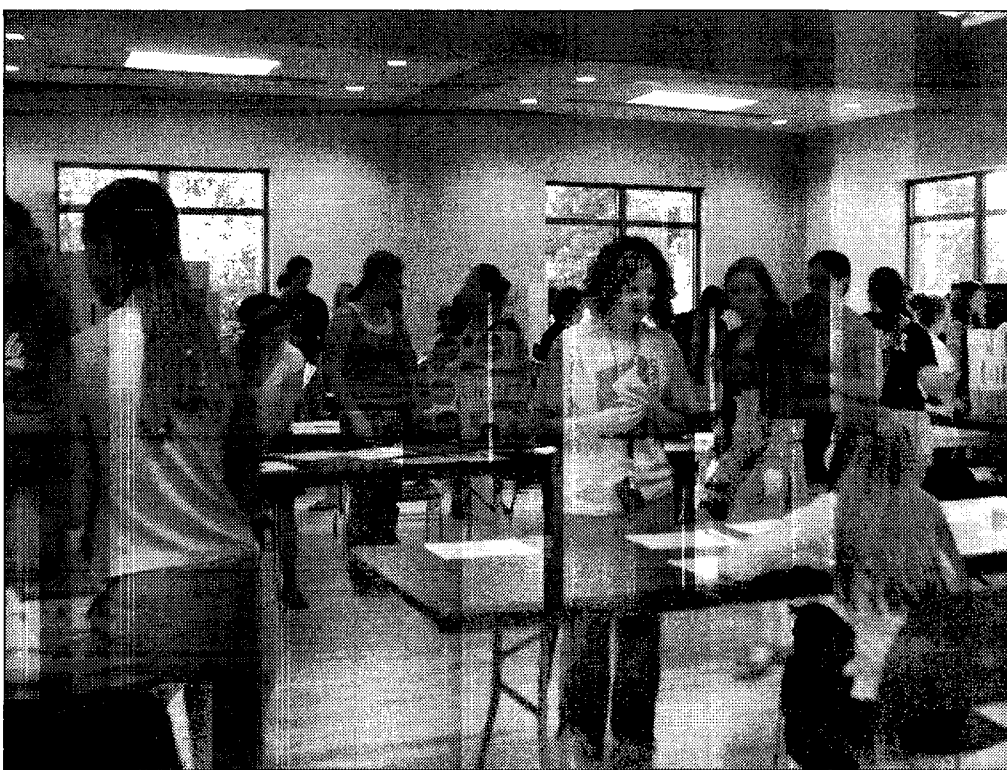
Chris Tarnacki
junior
O'Neil

"Now I know what it feels like to be a minority."



Mike Ortiz
junior
O'Neil

"Welcome to my world."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary's students explore different activities at Activities Night in the new student center Wednesday night.

IN BRIEF

The Office of International Studies is joining forces with the International Student Services and Activities Office to launch the first annual **Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale** to sell handicrafts from around the world on campus during International Education Week in November. Students interested in volunteering can attend the **organizational meeting** Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Coalition Lounge on the 2nd Floor of LaFortune.

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

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

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

The Alumni Association will host a closed meeting of **Alcoholics Anonymous** Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124 of the Center for Social Concerns.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play Maryland Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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

OFFBEAT

Briton finds venomous centipede in house

LONDON — Aaron Balick expected to find a tiny mouse rustling behind the TV in his apartment. Instead, he found a venomous giant centipede that somehow hitched a ride from South America to Britain.

"Thinking it was a mouse, I went to investigate the sound. The sound was coming from under some papers which I lifted, expecting to see the mouse scamper away," the 32-year-old psychotherapist said Wednesday. "Instead, when I lifted the papers, I saw this

prehistoric looking animal skitter away behind a stack of books."

He trapped the 9-inch-long creature between a stack of books and put it in a plastic container.

The next day he took it to Britain's Natural History Museum, which identified the insect as a *Scolopendra gigantea* — the world's biggest species of centipede.

Police find shooting is only a movie

ST. PAUL — A gory scene staged for a low-budget horror movie proved a little too realistic for police. When officers were called to the

Dayton's Bluff neighborhood overlooking downtown Sunday night about a possible shooting, they found a parked car with what looked like brain matter and blood on the front seat, dashboard and windows — but no victim.

Police began knocking on doors and found Lance Hendrickson, the car's owner. He was OK.

The scene had been staged by Hendrickson, 23, and his friends for their horror movie, "Summer School," he told officers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 81 LOW 69	HIGH 58 LOW 50	HIGH 82 LOW 56	HIGH 79 LOW 55	HIGH 81 LOW 59	HIGH 83 LOW 60

Atlanta 89 / 67 Boston 83 / 67 Chicago 83 / 59 Denver 82 / 56 Houston 100 / 73 Los Angeles 81 / 61 Minneapolis 78 / 54 New York 89 / 70 Philadelphia 89 / 66 Phoenix 108 / 83 Seattle 74 / 57 St. Louis 85 / 61 Tampa 89 / 78 Washington 88 / 69

Senate

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The third technological goal, the wireless network in the residence halls, should be completed this spring along with the cell phone reception, Poorman said.

But he was quick to point out the downside of the new developments — construction in the residence halls.

"We might all brace ourselves for a little inconvenience," Poorman said.

In addition to these three concrete projects, Poorman discussed several larger goals originating from Student Affairs, most currently in the research stage.

With plans to build four new dorms on the horizon, the quality of residence life is one theme Student Affairs is exploring, Poorman said. A 15-month study using surveys and focus groups was conducted along with a two-year study conducted by an outside consultant.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth said the University had hired an architect from St. Louis who specializes in campus projects to take a look at Notre Dame's situation.

"We've gone from the big

"We've gone from the big strategic plan to the Future of Residence Life Plan to the Residence Master Plan."

Ann Firth
associate vice president for student affairs

strategic plan to the Future of Residence Life Plan to the Residence Master Plan," Firth said.

While no date has been assigned for the beginning of construction on the new dorms, Firth said the University is now dealing with "the nuts and bolts" of the project. Poorman said construction was contingent on how long it takes to raise the money through a capital campaign.

Another long-term goal is Residential Scholars, which Poorman described as a "real simple, low maintenance" pilot program being tested in

St. Edward's and Welsh Family Halls, designed to increase faculty-student relationships outside of the classroom.

In addition, task forces have been established to

examine graduate and professional student needs, the spiritual lives and needs of students, residence hall staff training and recruitment, employer perspectives of Notre Dame students and graduates and student gambling.

"Gambling has become a huge issue on college campuses," Poorman said. "We're beginning to see the hints of gambling problems. And since I teach undergraduates, I think it's safe to say

there's probably a significant gender divide on this issue."

While he did not classify Notre Dame students' gambling habits as a crisis, Poorman said he hoped to follow the lead of other universities and "try to be slightly ahead of the issue."

The Stepan Center is yet another aspect of Poorman's plan. He said he wants to see the easily recognizable building replaced with "a more serviceable facility." Soon, he expects to have "a very preliminary rendering of what the building might look like."

Poorman was also quick to praise Student Government representatives, especially student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell, for their ongoing dedication and hard work on initiatives like the Gender Relations Center, the TRANSP0 deal, the NDBay acquisition and the upcoming inauguration for University President Father John Jenkins.

"These people have not been sleeping. I want you to know," Poorman said. "In seven years, no administration has hit the ground running as well as David and Lizzi."

And the University is running right alongside them. When Poorman came to the end of his outline, he seemed to be searching for something more to add.

"I guess other than that, there's not much going on," he said, laughing.

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Hurricane

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access and some light.

"All the windows [of the hotel] are gone, but we are in the inner core and will probably be OK but wet in the end," the pair wrote Monday. "The building shook a few times when it was hit by something, but EMT have inspected and feel we are safe here still, or at least safer."

Later Monday, after the eye of the storm had passed, Zachman and Chambers wrote again to assure colleagues of their safety and expressed gratitude.

"There is major debris in the street, lots of windows broken, trees uprooted, a few crushed cars that we can see," they wrote.

The hotel staff had been "magical" toward its stranded guests, the women said, and had provided food.

Saint Mary's Italian department chair Nancy D'Antuono, who spoke with Zachman by phone at 5 p.m. Tuesday, said the two women had been instructed to fill their bathtub with water before the storm hit and to use it for hygienic purposes.

"They are hardly in the most elegant circumstances," D'Antuono said. "They were in good spirits, they were just tired of the heat, the worry, and the inconvenience."

They hoped to be able to leave the city soon either by plane or bus by Wednesday morning, the women said.

The situation grew increasingly dire, however, when two levees, designed to protect the New

Orleans from ocean swells, gave way Tuesday flooding 80 percent of the city.

Images showed hurricane victims wading through chest-deep water on the famed Canal Street. Aggressive looters broke windows and stole off with goods, often in plain sight of police offices and state guardsmen, the Associated Press reported.

Early Wednesday, Zachman and Chambers wrote and said they were still unable to leave the hotel.

"The flood waters keep rising, so things aren't all that great," they wrote. "We probably won't get out for a few more days. There was one road out last night, but it may or may not be there this morning. Yesterday we almost got out, but the buses were flooded. It is hot and smelly but we are still eating."

In their last communication with the College Wednesday afternoon, they said they did not anticipate being able to leave any time soon.

"It is looking like it will be a long time [before we can leave]," they wrote. "The water continues to rise and we are pretty low on the evacuation list."

Joe Miller of the psychology department said students in Chambers' class were being instructed to keep up with the work assigned to the syllabus. If she has not returned by Monday, he said, other professors will cover her classes.

Various professors were filling in for Zachman until she returned, Spanish professor Isis Quinteros said.

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- * Michael Barrett (10:25-10:45)
- * Andrew Stapleton
and John Cogill (10:50-11:10)
- * Sean McCarthy (11:15- 11:35)
- * Robbie Hazen (11:40-12:00)

Satellite

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several hallways."

But although satellite television has been outlawed in Alumni, DirecTV dishes flourish elsewhere on campus — namely in men's residence halls.

"As long as the installation of dishes can be accomplished safely and in no way damages University property or obstructs University activity, they have generally been permitted," Kirk said.

Farley senior Caitlin Smith recently purchased a DirecTV package with her three roommates. Smith said the satellite system is the first she has seen in the women's dorm during her four years of living there.

"I think that maybe males watch more television — especially sports on channels such as ESPN — than girls, so they're more willing to get a satellite," she said.

Smith said she and her roommates found that most all satellite systems on campus belong to men's dorms and that people have been "surprised" they have made the effort to have one in their Farley Hall room.

"We wanted to get a satellite because of the poor reception in our room — we couldn't even get local channels," Smith said. "We also wanted to be able to watch CNN and MTV at our own

discretion."

But despite the apparent advantages of DirecTV and other satellite television systems, some students have decided the better picture quality and wide-range of programming do not outweigh the hassle.

T o m O'Grady, a junior from Dillon Hall, said last year he split the cost of a satellite television system with approximately ten other people from his dorm.

"I decided not to do it this year because it was such a pain to maintain throughout the year," O'Grady said. "The poor guy who put it on his credit card was always politely reminding us for money, and the satellite always seemed to be out of reception half the time we wanted to watch it. One time we just wanted to watch an ND [football] away game and ended up missing the first quarter because we had to point the satel-

lite."

While students like O'Grady criticize the screen image appearance of satellite systems, Kirk is concerned the accumulation of dishes has taken away from Notre Dame's aesthetic quality.

"Personally, I believe that the dishes are unsightly and detract from the beauty of campus," Kirk said. "I'm hopeful that eventually there will be a solution that allows for their removal."

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Lottery

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Winning numbers will be listed in The Observer tomorrow and posted outside of the SUB office at 201 LaFortune by 8 a.m.

"The lottery seems simple enough. I've never been to an away game as a student and am eager to see this rivalry in action," said sophomore Matt Casanova, who hopes to get tickets for the game.

Flaherty assures an efficient and well-run distribution process.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for SUB to provide a great service to the student body, while at the same time promoting this year's promising football season," Flaherty

said.

Flaherty said he has learned from past efforts, and his staff is ready for a smooth-running afternoon at Legends.

Sophomore Kim Crehan is excited to see the Irish play in Ann Arbor.

"It will be great to be a guest in a different football atmosphere and part of an outnumbered cheering section, especially after last year's exciting victory," she said.

The last time the two teams met, the game ended with a huge home opener victory and a rushing of the Notre Dame field.

For those not able to get tickets, ABC will broadcast the game at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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Jimmy Flaherty
president, SUB

Men

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campus and you are maybe one of only a handful of guys walking around with a campus full of girls. You get stares, and I'm sure most of the girls are wondering why I'm there."

Sylvester, a history major at Notre Dame, is also a social studies secondary education student at Saint Mary's. He decided to enroll in classes at the College when he realized Notre Dame does not have an education certification program which would allow him to become a high school teacher when he graduates.

Sylvester has taken six courses at Saint Mary's, and said after taking so many he feels more "comfortable" in the all-female campus environment.

"I definitely feel outnumbered, but I wouldn't say overwhelmed. Most, if not all of the women that I've met [at Saint Mary's] have been easy to talk to and get along with. I probably get stared at a lot walking around campus, but not so much in class," he said.

Senior Shane Larson, who has taken anatomy and is currently enrolled in a biochemistry course at the College, also said that while men "get used to" the shock of all-women's classes, being a man in all-female science classes does not usually present any hardship.

"There aren't any real challenges, except that you will be noticed by all the students and the professor at all times, so you have to prepare yourself and have pride in your work always," he said.

Larson said he chose to take classes at Saint Mary's because the College has "a good anatomy program and labs that help teach the material well." He also said he gets mixed reac-

tions to his taking classes at the school, including misconceptions about the curriculum at Saint Mary's.

"A lot of people think it's funny [that I'm taking classes at Saint Mary's] and many ND people think that the classes at SMC are much easier than ones offered at Notre Dame," he said. "I feel that the academics at SMC are the same as that of Notre Dame."

Larson also said the faculty plays a key role in his classroom experience at Saint Mary's.

"I like the faculty at SMC, they are very approachable, intelligent people and terrific teachers. They care about you learning," he said. "Teachers [at Saint Mary's] want you to retain the material after the class is over a bit more, so they often spend more time on the conceptual aspects of the class."

Senior elementary education major Eric West — who will be the first male to graduate from the program in the past eight years — said the classes at Saint Mary's have "a completely different format" than those at Notre Dame.

"There is a lot more group work with projects and presentations, especially with regards to education," he said.

West said he likes the classroom dynamic at Saint Mary's, and not just because he is surrounded by women.

"I like the smaller, more personable classes," he said. "It works well, especially for teaching education classes. The professors really get to know each of the students and get involved not only in classwork, but also their lives during the time in college."

However, West also said he feels that by not being able to study education in a mixed-gender environment, he may be missing elements of the classrooms he will be teaching in.

"I feel like I miss out on some of the more male aspects of teaching, especially in today's society where you hear about allegations from students about teacher misconduct," he said. "I think males in education are held to somewhat of a higher standard. This aspect is missing from a lot of classes — but it can be picked up in field work and by asking questions."

All three men said they would recommend taking a class at Saint Mary's.

"[Taking classes at Saint Mary's is a] great opportunity to grow as an individual and gain confidence. They have a lot of classes that we, at Notre Dame, don't have or offer," Larson said. "I have a higher opinion of SMC having taken a class there twice now. I never really saw the campus before and now realize how nice it is."

West said it was the people at Saint Mary's that made his experience at the school worth recommending to others.

"I've met my 2 best friends at SMC and have had countless experiences that I will remember for the rest of my life, as well as be able to take into the classroom when I become a teacher," he said.

Sylvester said he believes not just men, but women from Notre Dame should take a class at Saint Mary's.

"I think the opportunity to go over to SMC is very unique and more people should be informed of the program. I would recommend taking classes over at SMC to anyone, both guys and girls from ND," he said. "It not only offers an opportunity to maybe broaden your horizons and outlook, but if you are passionate about something like education, or dance, or something else, you can use SMC as a resource."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Disease killing South Asian children

HANOI — A Japanese encephalitis outbreak that has killed hundreds of children in northern India and Nepal in recent weeks has no cure or effective treatment. It is easily preventable, but the necessary vaccines are simply not available to millions.

The disease has overwhelmed hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, since an outbreak began there last month. More than 400 have died and about 1,100 others remain hospitalized. Blinding headaches, seizures, nausea and high fever usually precede death.

Last week in the state capital of Lucknow, a rickshaw driver's 6-year-old son died in his father's arms, gasping for breath outside a government hospital. There were no beds and not enough doctors to help in the overcrowded facility.

North Korea pushes propaganda

SEOUL, South Korea — North Koreans are flocking to their capital to view performances of a mass gymnastics event that is the highlight of government propaganda efforts aimed at inspiring support for the Kim dynasty.

Some 300,000 people have traveled on special trains and buses to watch what the North calls a "mass game" that opened Aug. 15 on the 60th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule.

With 100,000 performers, the event features synchronized acrobatics against the backdrop of an entire side of a stadium being used as a mosaic where children turn colored pages in books to form giant pictures and animation.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush warns recovery could take years

WASHINGTON — President Bush pledged Wednesday to do "all in our power" to save lives and provide sustenance to uncouneted victims of Hurricane Katrina but cautioned that recovery of the Gulf Coast will take years.

"We're dealing with one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history," he said at the White House after breaking off his Texas vacation and viewing the devastation from Air Force One.

With a vast federal relief effort grinding into operation — from food and shelter to spraying for disease-carrying mosquitoes — Bush cautioned that the effects of the storm will be felt far beyond Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

FDA chief steps down in protest

WASHINGTON — The highly regarded women's health chief at the Food and Drug Administration resigned Wednesday in protest of her agency's refusal to allow over-the-counter sales of emergency contraception.

Assistant Commissioner Susan Wood charged that FDA's leader overruled his own scientists' determination that the morning-after pill could safely be sold without a prescription, and stunned his employees last week by instead postponing indefinitely a decision on whether to let that happen.

"There's fairly widespread concern about FDA's credibility" among agency veterans as a result, Wood told The Associated Press hours after submitting her resignation Wednesday.

LOCAL NEWS

Remains could be Purdue student

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Body parts found in the trunk of a car in Rosemont, Ill., might be those of a missing Purdue University graduate student, police said, and authorities in China were detaining his wife.

Investigators suspect the dismembered body belongs to Lei Hei, 28, a Chinese national from Shanghai who was studying mechanical engineering at Purdue.

Police in Rosemont, Ill., found the body Tuesday in garbage bags in the trunk of a car in a municipal parking garage after a man reported a foul odor coming from the vehicle.

New Orleans mayor: thousands dead

Engineers continue to repair levees; evacuees leave Superdome for Houston

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Katrina probably killed thousands of people in New Orleans, the mayor said Wednesday — an estimate that, if accurate, would make the storm the nation's deadliest natural disaster since at least the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

"We know there is a significant number of dead bodies in the water," and other people dead in attics, Mayor Ray Nagin said. Asked how many, he said: "Minimum, hundreds. Most likely, thousands."

The frightening estimate came as Army engineers struggled to plug New Orleans' breached levees with giant sandbags and concrete barriers, and authorities drew up plans to clear out the tens of thousands of people left in the Big Easy and practically abandon the flooded-out city. Many of the evacuees — including thousands now staying in the Superdome — will be moved to the Astrodome in Houston, 350 miles away.

There will be a "total evacuation of the city. We have to. The city will not be functional for two or three months," Nagin said. And he said people will not be allowed back into their homes for at least a month or two.

Nagin estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people remained in New Orleans, a city of nearly half a million. He said 14,000 to 15,000 a day could be evacuated.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, began mounting one of the largest search-and-rescue operations in U.S. history, sending four Navy ships with drinking water and other emergency supplies, along with the hospital ship USNS Comfort, search helicopters and elite SEAL



New Orleans residents are rescued from the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans Wednesday.

water-rescue teams. American Red Cross workers from across the country converged on the devastated region in the agency's biggest-ever relief operation.

Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast on Monday just east of New Orleans with howling, 145-mile wind. The death toll has reached at least 110 in Mississippi alone. But the full magnitude of the disaster had been unclear for days; Louisiana has been putting aside the counting of the dead to concentrate on rescuing the living, many of whom were trapped on rooftops and in attics.

If the mayor's estimate holds true, it would make Katrina the nation's deadliest hurricane since 1900, when a storm in Galveston, Texas, killed between 6,000 and 12,000 people. The death toll in the San Francisco earthquake and the resulting fire has been put at anywhere from about 500 to 6,000.

State officials said the mayor's figure seemed plausible.

Lt. Kevin Cowan of the state Office of Emergency Preparedness said there is no way to determine with any accuracy how many died. But he noted that since thousands of people had

been rescued from roofs and attics, it could be assumed that there were lots of others who were not saved.

"You have a limited number of resources, for an unknown number of evacuees. It's already been several days. You've had reports there are casualties. You all can do the math," he said.

A full day after the Big Easy thought it had escaped Katrina's full fury, two levees broke and spilled water into the streets Tuesday, swamping an estimated 80 percent of the bowl-shaped, below-sea-level city and inundating miles and miles of homes.

IRAQ

Hundreds of Shiite pilgrims die in stampede

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Panicked by rumors of a suicide bomber, thousands of Shiite pilgrims broke into a stampede on a bridge during a religious procession Wednesday, crushing one another or plunging 30 feet into the muddy Tigris river. About 800 died, mostly women and children, officials said.

Hundreds of lost sandals littered the two-lane bridge while children floundered in the waters below, trying to reach dry land. The tragedy was the single biggest loss of life known in Iraq since the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

"We heard that a suicide attacker was among the crowd," said Fadhel Ali, 28, barefoot and soaking wet on the riverbank. "Everybody was yelling, so I jumped from the bridge into the river, swam and reached the

bank. I saw women, children and old men falling after me into the water."

The crowd was on edge because of the 110-degree heat, a mortar barrage near the Shiite shrine where they were headed and the ever-present fear of suicide bombers, etched into memories after repeated attacks against large religious gatherings. Seven people died in the mortar barrage three hours before the stampede, the U.S. military said.

Police later said they found no explosives at the bridge — either on any individual or in any cars parked nearby. Instead, poor crowd control and the climate of fear in Iraq after years of bullets, bombings and bloodshed appeared largely to have caused the horrific carnage.

Marchers jammed up at a checkpoint at the western edge of the Imams bridge, which has been closed

to civilians for months to prevent movement by extremists between the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah and the Sunni district of Azamiyah across the river.

"This tragedy was the direct result of terrorism; hundreds of innocent people, mostly women and children, have died because of the fear and panic that terrorists are sowing in Iraq," NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said in a statement.

Defense Minister Saadoun al-Dulaimi, a Sunni, said three suicide bombers were stopped Wednesday some distance from the shrine, but "blew themselves up before reaching their destination."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington that he was not aware of any evidence that the stampede on the bridge was caused by a suicide bombing.

Health threats grow for New Orleans hurricane victims

Associated Press

As a public health catastrophe unfolded Wednesday in New Orleans, hospitals in the Crescent City sank further into disaster, airlifting babies without their parents to other states and struggling with more sick people appearing at their doors.

Dangerous, unsanitary conditions spread across the city, much of which now sits in a murky stew of germs.

The federal government declared a public health emergency for the Gulf Coast region, promising 40 medical centers with up to 10,000 beds and thousands of doctors and nurses for the hurricane-ravaged area.

In a stunning example of how desperate the situation has become, 25 babies who had been in a makeshift neonatal intensive care unit at New Orleans' Ochsner Clinic were airlifted Wednesday to hospitals in Houston, Baton Rouge, La., and Birmingham, Ala. Many were hooked up to battery-operated breathing machines keeping them alive.

Their parents had been forced to evacuate and leave the infants behind; by late in the day, most if not all had been contacted and told where their babies were being taken, said hospital spokeswoman Katherine Voss.

"We actually encouraged them to leave. It would just be more people to evacuate if there was a problem," said Dr. Vince Adolph, a pediatric surgeon.

Helicopters had to land on the

roof of the parking garage to get the babies because water covered the helipad at the hospital, one of the few in the area that had been operating almost normally.

"We're getting kind of at the end of our rope," with a skeleton staff of doctors and nurses who have been on duty nonstop since Sunday, Voss said.

Officials were trying to evacuate 10,000 people — patients, staff and refugees — out of nine hospitals battling floodwaters or using generators running low on fuel. About 300 people were stranded on the roof of one two-story hospital in the New Orleans suburb of Chalmette.

Yet even as they tried to evacuate, many hospitals faced an onslaught of new patients — people with injuries and infections caused by the storm, people plucked from rooftops who are dehydrated, dialysis and cancer patients in need of their regular chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

"We have thousands of people who are getting ill ... our hospitals need to be prepared to take care of the incoming sick," said Coletta Barrett of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

Only about 150 patients were able to be evacuated Wednesday from all nine New Orleans hospitals, said Knox Andress, an emergency room nurse in Shreveport, La. He is regional coordinator for a federal emergency preparedness grant covering the state and is involved in helping place evacuees in other hospitals.

"We're ready for patients and we can't get them. We just can't get them out," he said.

The government said dozens of medical disaster teams from nearby states were moving into hard-hit areas.

"We've identified 2,600 beds in hospitals in the 12-state area. In addition to that, we've identified 40,000 beds nationwide, should they be needed," said Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt.

Storm survivors, particularly in New Orleans where floodwaters remain, face a cauldron of infectious agents, public health experts said.

"You can think of floodwaters as diluted sewage," said Mark Sobsey, a professor of environmental microbiology at the University of North Carolina.

Whatever infections people carry go into sewage and can be expected to show up in floodwaters. That includes common diarrheal germs including hepatitis A and Norwalk virus.

"We are gravely concerned about the potential for cholera, typhoid and dehydrating diseases that could come as a result of the stagnant water and the conditions," said Leavitt.

However, officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health experts said cholera and typhoid are not considered to be high risks in the area. CDC officials suggested Leavitt was simply mentioning examples of diseases that could arise from contaminated food and water.

Some experts said worries about catching illnesses from being near dead animals or human bodies are somewhat overblown.

"People who are alive can give you a whole lot more diseases

than people who are dead," said Richard Garfield, a Columbia University professor of international clinical nursing who helped coordinate medical care in Indonesia after the tsunami.

Mosquito-borne diseases may start to emerge within days. West

Nile virus and dengue fever are both potential risks following a situation like the one in coastal Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Officials also cited carbon monoxide poisoning risks to people using generators and stoves.

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Grand jury indicts drug companies

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A federal grand jury indicted three businesses and 11 people Wednesday in an alleged conspiracy to sell \$42 million worth of counterfeit, stolen and illegally imported prescription drugs, including the popular cholesterol drug Lipitor.

The 57-count indictment named Kansas City-based Albers Medical Distributors Inc., Lexington, Neb.-based Med-Pro Inc., and Springfield, Ill.-based H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Co.

According to the indictment, the defendants acquired the drugs from a number of sources, repackaged them in counterfeit bottles and then sold them through wholesalers and retailers, often using fake documents to hide their origins.

Food and Drug Administration agent Larry Spert said officials had no reports of ill health effects from the drugs. More than likely, the fakes simply didn't provide the benefit the patients expected, he said.

Airlines cancel southern flights

ATLANTA — Some major carriers have canceled flights to the New Orleans and Gulfport, Miss., airports — popular destinations for tourists, convention participants and gamblers — until at least next week, increasing financial pressure for the airlines as they also deal with potential fuel shortages.

Daily jet fuel production nationwide has been cut 13 percent because of damage from the hurricane to Gulf Coast refineries, according to Jack Evans of the Air Transport Association.

"What it means is there is less fuel essentially," Evans said Wednesday. "Carriers are having to take measures to conserve fuel at airports where they are low and tanker in fuel when serving some destinations on the East Coast."

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, meanwhile, has reopened to allow humanitarian flights in and out during daylight hours, but officials are unsure when commercial service will resume there. The uncertainty has raised questions about the financial impact on the airlines that in particular serve that airport.

Gas prices soar in aftermath of Katrina

Government may loan oil, relax environmental restrictions; motorists in dilemma

Associated Press

Gasoline prices leaped nationwide Wednesday as key refineries and pipelines remained crippled by Hurricane Katrina, crimping supplies and leading to caps on the amount of fuel delivered to retailers.

To boost supplies, the U.S. government said it would loan oil to refiners facing shortfalls and relax environmental restrictions on the type of gasoline sold during summer. Crude futures prices fell but remained close to \$69 a barrel.

Just how bad the situation becomes for motorists, who are facing pump prices in excess of \$3 a gallon in a growing number of markets, depends on how quickly electricity can be restored to Gulf Coast pipelines and refineries, analysts said. Flooding may have left some important refinery equipment submerged and it will be days before a full damage assessment is completed, industry officials and analysts said.

Some rays of hope emerged Wednesday. The Colonial Pipeline Co. said it would restore partial service with help from diesel generators that will allow it to begin shipping gasoline, heating oil and jet fuel from Houston to markets up and down the East Coast. A Transportation Department spokesman said Wednesday the Plantation Pipe Line Co. would restore partial service on its East Coast lines Wednesday night as well and that both companies expected to be fully operational by late Thursday.

Similarly, the Louisiana



A gas station in Stockbridge, Ga., posts prices for gasoline up to \$6.07 per gallon on Wednesday.

Offshore Oil Port, through which 10 percent of all U.S. oil imports flow, said generators would enable it to gradually resume partial service.

"Every little bit is going to help," said oil analyst John Kilduff at Fimat USA in New York.

A significant amount of oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico remains shut and reports of banged-up platforms and missing rigs continued to trickle in as companies conducted aerial inspections of offshore

facilities. Onshore, wholesale gasoline suppliers have begun capping the amount of fuel they sell to retailers in certain markets to make sure retailers do not take delivery of more fuel than they actually need. Analysts said that while shortages have been reported in a small number of markets, they do not believe the problem is widespread and they cautioned motorists not to top off tanks out of fear.

With retail gasoline prices surging, BP PLC said in an e-mail to clients

that it is making "pricing decisions with prudence and restraint in the wake of this natural disaster."

Light sweet crude for October delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 87 cents to settle at \$68.94 a barrel, down from an overnight high of \$70.65. On Tuesday, oil futures settled at \$69.81, the highest closing price on Nymex since trading began in 1983, although still below the inflation-adjusted high of about \$90 a barrel that was set in 1980.

Companies donate millions to hurricane relief aid

Associated Press

Pharmaceutical companies rounded up much-needed medicine, water suppliers loaded trucks with thirst-quenching cargo and companies from petroleum giants to beer makers pitched in millions in cash and products Wednesday to help communities battered by Hurricane Katrina.

The efforts to collect money and goods to help the Gulf Coast rebuild gathered momentum Wednesday as officials continued assessing the damage from one of the nation's worst natural disasters.

American Red Cross spokeswoman Sarah Marchetti said at least 30 companies had made donations by Wednesday morning, and the number was expected to climb.

"They've been pouring in," she said.

In Indianapolis, drug maker Eli Lilly & Co. prepared to send 40,000

vials of refrigerated insulin to patients in the Southeast, along with at least \$1 million in cash to the Red Cross.

"We're poised to ship as soon as we get the OK," Lilly spokesman Edward Sagebiel said.

Lilly also pledged to match dollar-for-dollar contributions made by employees.

Indianapolis-based WellPoint announced Wednesday it would donate \$500,000 to the Red Cross, and match 50 percent of contributions from its employees.

"It is very important to organize support for relief efforts as soon as possible, to ensure that relief agencies will have the resources they need to carry out the massive task at hand," WellPoint CEO Larry C. Glasscock said in a statement.

Drug maker Wyeth of Madison, N.J., planned to donate antibiotics and nonprescription pain relievers,

health care giant Johnson & Johnson provided \$250,000 worth of kits containing toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, as well as pallets of pain relievers and wound care supplies. Drug maker Merck & Co. planned to send antibiotics and hepatitis A vaccines to protect those facing contaminated waters.

"Our commitment is open-ended," said Merck spokeswoman Janet Skidmore.

Illinois-based pharmaceutical company Abbott Laboratories Inc. is giving \$2 million cash and at least \$2 million in nutritional and medical products.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said initial corporate donations to the relief efforts could total more than \$100 million.

Hank Goldstein, chairman of Giving USA in Glenview, Ill., said individual and corporate donations combined could reach \$1 billion.

PHILIPPINES

Legislators end impeachment

Associated Press

MANILA — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's congressional allies dealt a major blow Wednesday to efforts to oust her, using their dominating majority — and the opposition's absence — to toss out all three impeachment complaints against her.

Opposition legislators cried foul and warned that the country's third "people power" revolt loomed. They watched the events unfold on TV, like the rest of the country, after walking out a day earlier from the House justice department committee hearing on the complaints.

But despite clashes between riot police and anti-Arroyo demonstrators outside Congress that injured 11 protesters, there was little sign that allegations of Arroyo rigging last year's election were generating the emotions — or masses — that fueled the peaceful ousters of dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 and Arroyo's predecessor, President Joseph Estrada, in 2001.

"I hope the public will receive it favorably," said pro-Arroyo Rep. Rodolfo Antonino. "If the opposition claims that this was railroaded, it was not railroaded. They were the ones who walked out."

The opposition did indeed claim it was railroaded, saying the committee hearing was a well-orchestrated sham. Pro-Arroyo lawmakers claimed the opposition was using its own

theatrics, calling the walkout a desperate, premeditated attempt to trigger street protests.

Opposition spokesman Rep. Francis Escudero said the impeachment charges are now on "life support," adding: "Our country is now on life support because the issues would not be foreclosed."

The opposition held slim hopes of still getting 79 signatures — one-third of the House of Representatives — that are needed to send the case directly to the Senate for trial. It claims it is six signatures short.

The committee vote culminated two rancorous days, starting with Tuesday's walkout. The opposition claimed the case was being killed unfairly, without getting a real hearing, on the strength of the administration dominance in the House.

Arroyo's allies first voted to exclude two of the three impeachment complaints, including one crafted by the opposition accusing her of three major offenses, including betrayal of the public trust.

That left the original complaint, which is widely considered to be the weakest — and which the opposition claims was crafted two months ago by Arroyo allies as a safeguard against possible impeachment. Only one impeachment charge can be filed against an official in a year.

After rejecting suggestions that the complaint was legally

faulty, the committee voted 49-1 that it could not be pursued legally, in part because it would require using illegal wiretaps as evidence.

Pro-Arroyo lawmakers broke into applause, some shaking each other's hands.

The opposition fumed.

"This is the saddest day perhaps in Congress," said leftist Rep. Teodoro Casino. "This so brazen. The people have no other choice but to take to the streets because that is the only place we can resolve all these questions raised here."

TV video showed police pushing back rain-soaked protesters with fiberglass shields and hitting them with wooden truncheons, including women sprawled on the road. A protester, blood oozing from his head, was escorted away by companions. Some demonstrators fought back with stones.

Popular televangelist Eddie Villanueva, a failed presidential candidate, urged the opposition to exhaust constitutional means of pressing the charges against Arroyo, but warned that people would have no recourse but to take to the streets if the charges were dismissed on a technicality.

"If they kill this — the fight of principled lawmakers — today or tomorrow, in front of God and history, it's justified for the Filipino people. ... They could not be stopped from going to the court of the streets," Villanueva said.

FRANCE

President calls for changes in capital

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac said France must build more public housing and renovate crumbling apartment buildings, an urgent response to three fires that recently burned through run-down Paris lodgings and killed scores of African immigrants.

Police, meanwhile, were preparing to evacuate the capital's most dilapidated apartment buildings and havens for squatters this week.

At a Cabinet meeting, Chirac told Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to draw up plans to renovate run-down apartment buildings — a response to the blazes that killed a total of 48 people since spring, most of them African immigrants.

"Faced with this situation, we must act," Chirac said, in comments relayed by government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope. "What's urgent is to ensure the safety of people living in precarious housing."

The latest fire occurred Monday as flames swept through a dilapidated building in central Paris, killing seven people, including a 6-year-old boy. His desperate mother threw him from a fifth-floor window.

The tragedy highlighted the plight of growing immigrant populations and the precarious conditions in which an estimated two million people live in France.

The blaze began on the second floor of the building which, according to police and city officials, housed 40-60 people from the Ivory Coast — about half of whom were illegal immigrants. Authorities say they believe the fire was accidental.

On Friday, another blaze in a Left Bank building killed 17 African immigrants, including 14 children. Four months earlier, a fire in a budget hotel killed 24 people, mainly immigrants.

Officials were quick to pledge action after the latest fire.

"Money is not an issue in this affair," Housing Minister Jean-Louis Borloo told France-Info radio. "We just have organization problems, problems with speed. This takes time, and it's complex."

In a commentary in the daily *Le Monde*, Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoe Delanoe suggested Monday's disaster could have been avoided because the building was officially classified as "irreparably unfit" in July 2002.

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Roberts opposes O'Connor on key issues

Supreme court candidate will be deciding vote on abortion, campaign finance, religion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts, like Sandra Day O'Connor, is polished and popular, with a warm plainspoken style and surprising pluck.

When it comes to substance, however, the two have differences that will nudge the divided court to the right if, as expected, Roberts is confirmed to succeed the retiring O'Connor.

The differences have been illuminated in thousands of pages of documents from Roberts' time as a lawyer in the Reagan administration and the first Bush administration and as a federal appeals court judge. They reveal a man likely to fall in line with his mentor, conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, more often than O'Connor did during her 24 years on the court.

Although Rehnquist and O'Connor agreed on about three-fourths of the court's cases, they parted company on some of the hottest issues. With O'Connor's departure, the court is divided 4-4 on abortion restrictions, campaign finance limits, discrimination laws, and religion.

Roberts will be questioned next week at his Senate confirmation hearing about those matters and others. Until then, his previous work provides the

main insight into where he will stand on issues before the court.

For example, documents show Roberts' support for prayer in public schools and national identification cards and how he fretted over extended death penalty appeals. He advocated broad power for the White House and disparaged state efforts to combat discrimination against women.

Roberts referred in one memo to the "abortion tragedy" and helped write a legal brief that argued for overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 abortion case. And as a judge, he embraced police authority in car searches.

Many of those stands put him at odds with O'Connor — and in line with Rehnquist — and illustrate the high stakes of the first vacancy at the Supreme Court in 11 years.

Of the nine justices during O'Connor's tenure, seven were appointed by Republican presidents. But two of them, John Paul Stevens and David H. Souter, often vote with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, appointed by Democratic President Bill

Clinton. O'Connor, a moderate, was the pivotal vote, shifting between the liberal wing and the conservative foursome headed by Rehnquist.

As the first woman justice, O'Connor voted to uphold *Roe* and has been influential in women's issues. Earlier this year, she wrote a 5-4 decision that expanded the scope of the Title IX gender equity law. Rehnquist, who hired Roberts as a law clerk in 1980, disagreed with the ruling.

Rehnquist and O'Connor also were sometimes at odds on religion. O'Connor's vote has helped the court bar government officials from erecting Ten Commandments displays for religious purposes. The two justices also differed on whether to prohibit clergy-led invocations at public school graduation ceremonies and student-led prayer at football games.

Roberts said in 1985 that it "seems indefensible" that the Constitution prohibits a moment of silent reflection or even silent prayer in schools.

With Roberts on the court,

"we will see a lessening of whatever separation (of church and state) is left," predicted Marci Hamilton, a former O'Connor clerk who teaches at Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law.

O'Connor's departure leaves the court evenly split in another area: affirmative action. She supported it in some instances. In his Reagan-era writings, Roberts seemed unsympathetic to what he called "quotas."

Richard Garnett, a Notre Dame law professor and former Rehnquist clerk, predicted only minor changes with Roberts, 50, replacing the 75-year-old O'Connor.

"When people say there will be seismic changes in affirmative action and religion, I think that's just smoke," Garnett said. "I don't think there's much room for change. There's room at the margins in close cases."

The thousands of documents that have been released cover Roberts' work when he was in his 20s and early 30s. It is unclear if his views have changed in the past two decades.

As a judge since 2003, Roberts has not dealt with the hot button issues of the Reagan years, like race and abortion. He has, however, won a reputation as a judge friendly to government and police.

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Mother tours U.S. in protest

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — After a 26-day vigil that ignited the anti-war movement, Cindy Sheehan took her protest on the road Wednesday, while a handful of veterans pledged to continue camping off the road leading to President Bush's ranch until the war in Iraq ends.

Rather than heading home to California, the mother of a 24-year-old soldier who died in Iraq boarded one of three buses heading out on tour to spread her message.

"This is where I'm going to spend every August from now on," Sheehan said as she smiled and waved through a bus window, after hugging dozens of fellow protesters.

The group plans to stop in 25 states during the next three weeks, then take Sheehan's "Bring Them Home Now Tour" to the nation's capital for a Sept. 24 anti-war march.

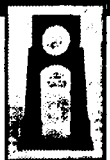
Sheehan had vowed to stay in Crawford until Bush's month-long vacation ended or until she could question him about the war that claimed the life of her son Casey and nearly 1,900 other U.S. soldiers. She missed a week of the protest because of her mother's stroke.

"We're going to keep on questioning him, and we're going to keep on until our troops are brought home because there's no noble cause," she said Wednesday. "And that's why George Bush couldn't come out and talk to me because he doesn't have a noble cause" for the war.

While two top Bush administration officials talked to Sheehan the first day, the president never did during her Crawford stay — although he said that he sympathizes with her. His vacation ended Wednesday, two days early, so he could monitor federal efforts to help hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast.

While dozens of protesters packed tents and anti-war banners Wednesday, a few tents remained so at least two Veterans for Peace members can keep camping there 24 hours a day until the war ends, said Carl Rising-Moore of Indianapolis.

"What happened here has created a shift of conscience on a global basis. It's famous. It needs to be remembered," Rising-Moore said. "And President Bush spends an incredible amount of time here."



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Alleged terrorists demand trial through hunger strikes

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — Scores of detainees have started a new hunger strike at the U.S. prison for terror suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, demanding to be put on trial or released, human rights lawyers said Wednesday.

Many have been held more than 3 1/2 years without charge or access to lawyers. Most were captured in the Afghanistan war, suspected of ties to al-Qaida or the ousted

Taliban regime that sheltered the terrorist network.

The hunger-striking detainees allege the Pentagon reneged on promises to bring the detention camp into compliance with Geneva Conventions if they ended a hunger strike this summer involving up to 200 of the 500-plus detained men from some 40 countries, the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said.

The military said only 52 prisoners were involved in the

first strike. An attorney with the center, Gitanjali Gutierrez said the Pentagon "hid evidence of the hunger strike and prisoner abuse from visiting senators and the public."

"Prisoners are now prepared to die in an effort to receive a fair hearing and humane treatment," Gutierrez said.

Spokesmen for the detention mission at Guantanamo could not immediately be reached for comment. Several telephones in the public affairs office there rang without

response. There was no immediate response to e-mail messages. A Pentagon spokesman referred a reporter to the military's Miami-based Southern Command, which said comment could come only directly from Guantanamo.

Detainee Binyam "Benjamin" Mohammed al-Habashi said the military promised that if they stopped the June-July hunger strike "they would bring the prison into compliance with the Geneva Conventions."

That strike ended July 28, but nothing had changed by Aug. 11, said Mohammed, an Ethiopian refugee detained in Pakistan in 2002.

Mohammed said some 150 detainees began refusing meals at the beginning of August and were joined by another 60 on Aug. 11. He told his lawyer he had planned to start his fast Aug. 12.

"I do not plan to stop until I either die or we are respected. People will definitely die," he said.

FAITHPOINT

Thursday, September 1, 2005



LIVE IT!!!

All across campus, ND students are living out their faith. Teams of students sing their hearts out in the Basilica and in the dorms, prepare and lead Campus Ministry retreats, share in small Emmaus groups, and set a great example for all of us.



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@ Cavanaugh Hall Chapel

Lector Workshops
Basilica 8:30PM

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(mandatory if interested)
Basilica 10PM

Catholic Q&A

What's in a name?

After the white smoke rose from that chimney in Rome last April, the whole Catholic world held its breath in anticipation of the announcement of the newly-elected pope, the 265th universal pastor of the Catholic Church. Just after it was announced that our new pope was indeed that prelate and theologian formerly known as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, we heard the name under which he would serve as pope: Benedict XVI. But why *that* name? Why do popes even change their names?

The first occasion of a pope changing his name upon his election was in 533, when an elderly Italian priest by the pagan Roman name of "Mercury" selected "John II" to replace his given name. Pope John II wisely realized that governing the Catholic Church under the name of "Pope Mercury" might indeed raise eyebrows, specifically at a time when the persecutions Christians suffered under pagan Roman leadership were still very fresh in the collective Christian memory.

Thus the tradition of selecting a new name, while not compulsory, was installed upon the office of Pope. Cardinal Ratzinger selection of "Benedict XVI," though, demonstrated a good bit more, perhaps most notably a clear break with the recent past. By choosing a completely new name (as opposed to John Paul III), Benedict communicated to the world that he would indeed 'be his own man,' and not simply follow in the shadows of his predecessor.

At his first appearance the day of his election, Benedict XVI explained further his decision: "I wanted to call myself Benedict XVI to bind myself to the venerated Pope Benedict XV (1914-1922), who guided the Church in a troubled period because of the First World War. He was a courageous and authentic prophet of peace and worked with valiant courage first to prevent the drama of war and then to limit its nefarious consequences." He continued, "In his footsteps, I want to place my ministry at the service of reconciliation and harmony among individuals and peoples, deeply convinced that the great good of peace is, first of all, a gift of God...." May God bless Benedict XVI and his ministry!



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33:7-9	13:8-10	18:15-20

RUSSIA

Families mourn losses, afraid of future attacks

Russian people remember terrorist school siege

Associated Press

BESLAN — Anguished relatives of children killed in a school siege a year ago said Wednesday the government has failed to learn from the tragedy and they warned persistent corruption has left Russia vulnerable to similar attacks in the future.

"If this isn't corrected, there will be another terrorist attack like Beslan," said Susanna Dudiyeva, whose son was among more than 330 people killed. "We are fighting for the truth."

Her comments came on the eve of ceremonies in a burnt-out gymnasium decorated with stuffed animals to mark the first anniversary of the hostage-taking, which began Sept. 1, 2004, on the first day of school.

Several mothers of victims have accused President Vladimir Putin's government of mounting a cover-up, insisting the militants had help from corrupt officials to allow them to cross heavily policed territory of North Ossetia, where Beslan is located.

Critics also allege that corruption may have contributed to the apparent ease with which the more than 30 heavily armed attackers made their way to the school.

At School No. 1's gymnasium, where more than 1,100 people — mostly children — endured nearly three days of heat, thirst, hunger and fear, color photographs of the victims hang on bullet-scarred walls alongside faded graffiti begging victims' forgiveness.

Dying carnations rested on windowsills next to burned timbers and mildewed stuffed animals. The remnants of the roof, which collapsed on victims on the last day of the siege, were covered by metal and plastic to shield against rain.

The militants who commanded the gymnasium demanded an end to Russian military presence in Chechnya. The attack ended Sept. 3 when Russian forces stormed the school after explosions were heard inside. More than half the hostages who died were children.

"The government is supposed to guarantee our lives, take responsibility for our lives, and they haven't, so we're taking responsibility," said Dudiyeva, head of the Beslan Mothers' Committee. Representatives of the group will fly to Moscow on Friday to meet Putin and address grievances, she said.

Also, a video obtained Wednesday by Associated Press Television News shows notorious Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev — who has claimed he masterminded the attack — and several other fighters at their forest camp apparently preparing for the raid.

One section shows a man known as the Colonel, who allegedly led the raid, as an interviewer asks if he is longing for Allah. He responds yes. Another frame shows a fighter in glasses, a beard and dressed in fatigues

who resembles Abu Dzeit, a Kuwaiti national and alleged al-Qaida liaison who was killed by security forces in February.

There was no way to immediately determine the video's authenticity or exactly when it was shot. But some people in it appeared to be those blamed by Russia for carrying out the attack, and the summer-like background in the footage lends credence to the belief it was shot in months just prior to the raid.

Thousands of Ossetians were expected to be in Beslan for the commemorative ceremonies that begin Thursday. But Putin was unwelcome "since he is responsible for what happened in Beslan," Dudiyeva said. "He is the guarantor of our freedom

and our security and therefore, the responsibility (for Beslan) lies with president first and foremost."

North Ossetian leader Taimuraz Mamsurov, whose predecessor was forced out after the Beslan attack, said Russian special forces acted

"abominably" in the seizure's final hours, when most of the hostages died. Some witness have said tank fire, flame-throwers and sniper bullets killed far more people than the hostage-takers did.

"As a man, as a father, as a resident, as a leader, as an Ossetian, we all should feel guilt," Mamsurov said in an interview with foreign journalists.

Zalina Guboreva, 42, called for officials to be held responsible for the attack that killed her mother and her 9-year-old son.

"We've had awards, we've had promotions. ... But not one punishment," she said. "The whole month we've been unable to eat, to drink, to sleep. It's even worse now. My son was my entire life."

Another mother, 41-year-old Emma Kisayeva, said Putin should resign. "The man who failed in Moscow, who is to blame for the death of so many people, should not be the president," she said. "Enough is enough. They are ordinary people and should be held responsible for all their mistakes and their crimes."

Basayev claimed Russian security services enabled the hostage-takers to travel unhindered through the region and that a Russian double agent had been among them.

In the statement posted Wednesday on the KavkazCenter Web site, Basayev said top security officials in North Ossetia opened a safe route Aug. 31 for rebels to reach the regional capital, Vladikavkaz. The alleged double agent was supposed to have gained Basayev's confidence and then led his men into a trap as they were en route to seize government buildings in Vladikavkaz on Sept. 6.

Instead, the militants seized the school, Basayev said.

Basayev's claim seemed designed in part to stoke already strong distrust of top government officials in the volatile region that includes North Ossetia and Chechnya.

NORTH KOREA

Show serves as Kim propaganda

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Koreans are flocking to their capital to view performances of a mass gymnastics event that is the highlight of government propaganda efforts aimed at inspiring support for the Kim dynasty.

Some 300,000 people have traveled on special trains and buses to watch what the North calls a "mass game" that opened Aug. 15 on the 60th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule.

With 100,000 performers, the event features synchronized acrobatics against the backdrop of an entire side of a stadium being used as a mosaic where children turn colored pages in books to form giant pictures and animation.

Before it closes in mid-October, an estimated 10 percent of the country's 23 million population are expected to have seen the show.

Experts say this year's performance is the largest such spectacle in three years, causing North Korea watchers to speculate whether the show could signal a major policy announcement — as they apparently have in the past — or whether it is simply intended to shore up support among citizens who have suffered years of starvation.

The performance might be a prelude to a ruling party convention, said Jhe Seong-ho, a professor at Seoul's ChoongAng University. His view mirrors long-running speculation that the party

could meet for the first time in 25 years when it celebrates its 60th anniversary — and that ruler Kim Jong Il could designate his successor.

"Convening a party convention this year would be meaningful as the country is facing various internal and external hardships," Jhe said.

In 2002, North Korea put on a similar-sized show to mark the 90th anniversary of the birthday of founding North Korean ruler Kim Il Sung, the father of Kim Jong Il who remains the country's "eternal president" despite his 1994 death.

That year, North Korea introduced market elements to its centrally controlled economy for the first time, phasing out its decades-old food rationing system. The measures caused massive inflation that has exacerbated the country's food crisis.

Other experts and South Korea's government, however, said the new show is simply a morale-booster aimed at rallying North Koreans around Kim Jong Il.

"Through the festival, the North wants to boost the morale of its people living in difficult conditions," a South Korean official said, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive relations with the North.

North Korea's economy is in

shambles. Since the mid-1990s, the country has relied on outside handouts to feed its people. Activists claim more than 100,000 North Koreans are living in hiding in China after fleeing their hunger-stricken communist homeland. Since 1998, about 5,500 North Koreans have defected to the South.

Baek Seung-joo, a North Korea expert at the state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analysis, said he has seen signs this year that loyalty to the regime is waning.

"This mass game is a huge political show aimed at inspiring loyalty from the North Korean public," he said.

Pyongyang touts the event as the "greatest monumental masterpiece" that was "completed under the energetic guidance and care of leader Kim Jong Il." When staged in 2002, the performance "caused a great sensation all over the world," the North's Korean Central News Agency said.

North Korea claims about 70,000-80,000 foreigners watched the show in 2002, although the South's estimate is about 20,000.

The "mass game" performances are one of few areas in which the impoverished North far surpasses other countries — even putting Olympics' opening ceremonies to shame.

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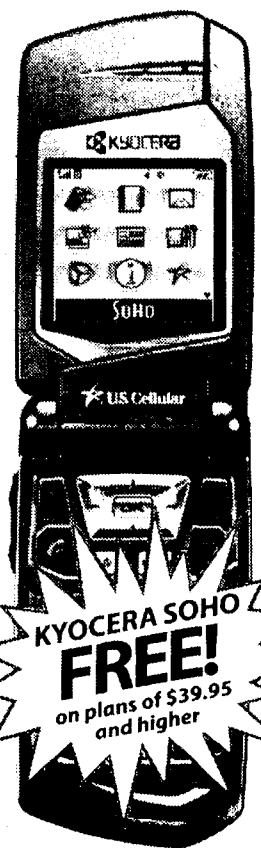
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Questioning tuition

The new gateway on Notre Dame Avenue may remind you of the entrance to a national cemetery. But it also reminds students that their University has lots of money, including the 19th largest endowment and a tuition that rises with the best of them.

This year, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.5 percent. Notre Dame tuition, room and board (TRB) rose 6.6 percent, from \$37,100 to \$39,552. Spending from the \$3 billion Endowment covers one-sixth of the University's total expenditures. But student tuition and fee income provides nearly 60 percent of the University's operating revenue. Since 1999, TRB increased by 39 percent, while the CPI increased by only 16 percent, but the University increased its financial aid by 151 percent. Notre Dame, through its excellent Financial Aid office, commits to meet the financial needs of every student, but that generally includes the student's commitment to take loans, whether federal or private. A loan is "financial aid."

A 2005 Cato Institute study concluded that increases in federal financial aid enabled universities, beginning around 1980, to expand their research and building programs, relying on federal loans to pass the costs on to students. As federal loan availability rose, the major universities raised their tuition, then lobbied for increased federal loans, then raised tuition, and so on. The loan burden deters non-wealthy students from attending universities that play the tuition game. "At the most selective private universities across the country, more fathers of freshmen are doctors than are hourly workers, teachers, clergy members, farmers or

members of the military combined." N.Y. Times, April 22, 2004, p. A1.

Notre Dame is far from the worst offender. But it has used federal loan programs to expand its plant and to pursue Research Greatness while shifting the cost to students through tuition rises beyond the inflation rate. During the past 18 years, 27 new buildings were erected and 20 major renovations of other buildings took place. The end of the building binge is not in sight. The inevitable high-rise parking garage will symbolize Notre Dame's conversion to a crowded urban-type campus. We lack empirical evidence of any ability of our leaders to reject any big donation for any building project.

In 1978-79, when Notre Dame first proclaimed itself "A National Catholic Research University," the Notre Dame TRB was \$5,180. Adjusted for inflation, using the CPI, the 1978-79 total, in 2005 dollars, would now be \$15,420. In real money, the TRB is now more than 2-1/2 times what it was when Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Prestige. In 2004-05, the average need-based University scholarship, given to the 44 percent of undergrads who qualified, was \$16,740, bringing the total amount a scholarship student had to pay by cash, loans or work, down to \$20,340, or \$4,920 more than the 1978-79 TRB in real money.

The primary historic mission of Notre Dame was undergrad education in the Catholic tradition, with research in an essential, complementary role. Research, especially in the sciences, is an important part of Notre Dame's mission. But the research enterprise ought not to be the tail wagging the dog.

Our leaders act in what they see as the best interests of Notre Dame. Any criticism here is of policies, not persons. But the burden of loans, required to finance the research enterprise, tends to compel Notre Dame grads to forego graduate education or community service and to

defer marriage. It can make it difficult for those who do marry to remain open to having children.

Notre Dame has been criticized at times for aping the Ivy League. Princeton, however, has a policy that Notre Dame ought to emulate. Princeton informed its incoming class of 2009: "Since ... 2001-02 ... no Princeton aid student has been required to take out a loan to pay for his or her education. The amount that a student normally would have received is replaced by increased Princeton grant. Our 'no loan' policy was a bold step in the opposite direction from a national trend whereby student loans had grown to ... 60 percent of all aid and a typical student was borrowing nearly \$20,000." Princeton's TRB is \$38,297. In 2004-05, 608 students, or 52 percent of the Princeton freshman class, received scholarships averaging \$26,100 for a total scholarship aid of \$15.9 million. Students can obtain loans to cover unexpected expenses. But the basic aid package is "no loan."

Princeton is not Notre Dame. It is smaller, with 6,836 students, including 4,678 full-time undergrads. Its endowment in 2004 was \$9.9 billion, 3 times Notre Dame's. Notre Dame, however, has a unique ability to bring huge sums cascading into its coffers for special purposes. Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, should take the lead to enable its grads to serve the common good, and the good of their families and the Church, without a disabling student debt. To a regrettable degree, Notre Dame is investing instead in bricks, mortar and ostentation. Notre Dame has a higher purpose. Our leaders ought to consider the Princeton approach.

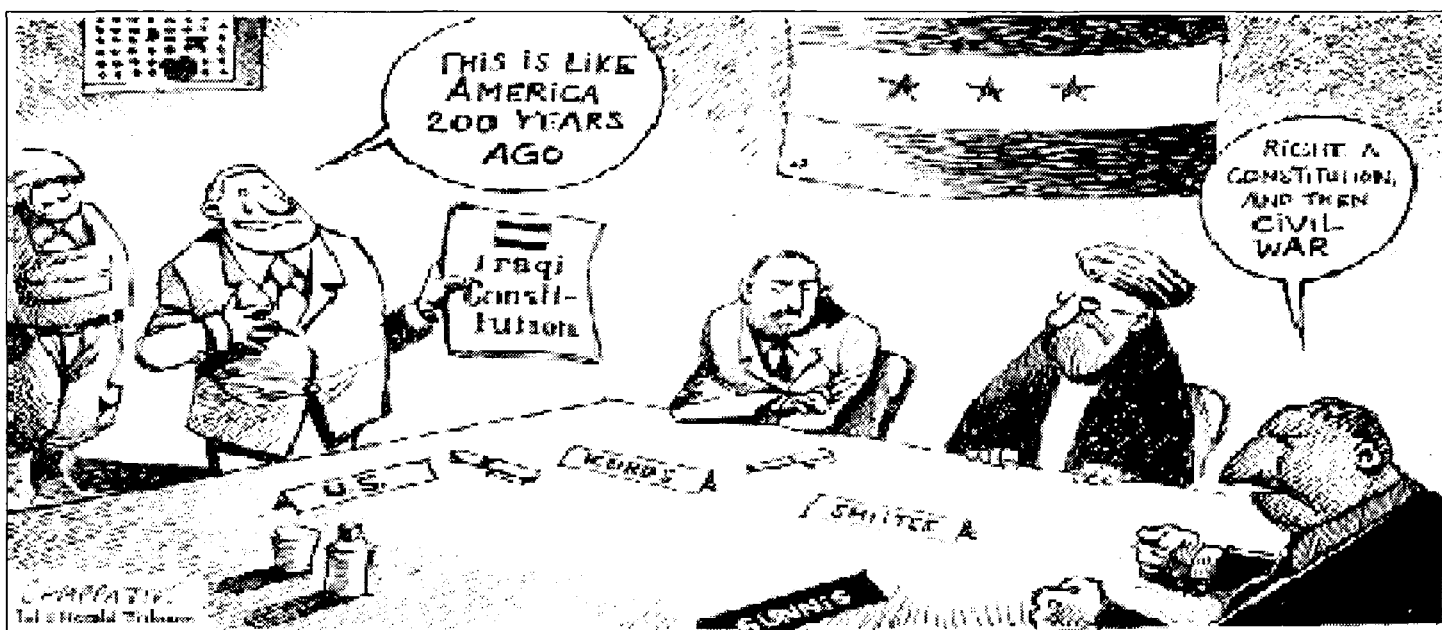
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Right or Wrong?

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."

Douglas Adams
author

Solidarity at Notre Dame is more than just a word

I am sure that for many of us the happiness of being back together for a new academic year at Notre Dame has been compromised by the death, suffering and destruction that is currently affecting so many people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The situation affecting the people of New Orleans is especially dramatic because of the many poor people who are probably most directly affected by this tragedy.

Father Richard Warner

Faithpoint

Foremost in our thoughts and prayers, of course, are the families of our students, their friends and many of our alumni. We are mindful, too, of the Alliance for Catholic Education teachers who live and teach in areas affected by hurricane Katrina, and the students, colleagues and families they work with in such a selfless way.

Our Notre Dame Community always finds ways not only to remember people affected by violence and loss in our

prayers, but also by sharing our financial resources with them. In past years, we have assisted people affected by the tsunami in Asia, floods in Bangladesh and hurricanes in Haiti. We know that our gift is surely small, and even inadequate, in the face of such need, but we understand that to act with solidarity and compassion for those who suffer enables us to deepen our own sense of discipleship in imitation of Jesus, whose heart was always touched by anyone affected by illness or rejection — especially the poor.

This weekend, all monies collected in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and donations that have been made to the Basilica through the “poor box” will be sent in their entirety to Catholic Relief Services, the ACE communities, and to Holy Cross ministries in the south and southeast.

I have asked the rectors to take up a special collection at the residence hall Masses on Sunday night that will be used in the same way.

I know that you will pray for this special intention and be generous with your donation, and I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Finally, and on a different topic, I want to offer a word of welcome to the first year students who have joined us for the first time within the past few days. After a full week of class, it probably feels like you have already been here for a long time. But I know that for many of you it is the fulfillment of long held dreams, and for all of you it will be an opportunity to enter into the many-faceted and wonderful realities that makes Notre Dame a family and an outstanding Catholic educational institution. We really are a community of believers and a community of scholars.

When you get a chance, read the plaque that is in front of the statue of St. Joseph alongside the Old College by St. Mary's Lake. The words contained there are from a letter of Father Edward Sorin, Notre Dame's founder, to Father Basil Moreau, the founder of the

Congregation of Holy Cross, shortly after his arrival here. Three things to note are that Notre Dame was placed under the patronage of Mary from the moments of its founding; the Eucharist has always played a special role in the lives of Notre Dame students; and because of these two realities, Notre Dame has been blessed by God and will continue to “be one of the most powerful means for good in this country.” Although Father Sorin did not know it at the time, the University of Notre Dame was then only the latest in a series of missionary efforts on these grounds for over two hundred years before he came with the Holy Cross brothers, and all of these efforts were dedicated to Mary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Double standards

As I watch news coverage of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I can't help but think of last December's tsunami. Like the natural disaster that ravished the coastal areas of Southeast Asia, Hurricane Katrina has reminded us of the incredible power of Mother Nature. With or without warning, first- and third-world nations alike are unable to escape natural disaster. While the effects of both events are largely the same — destruction of property, economic downfall, poor sanitation, loss of human life (all of which have the greatest effect on the poor) — there is one striking difference in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: the global community is silent.

Now, it seems to me that after the tsunami, there was a great deal of talk about being united in our humanity and coming together with the common goal of saving human lives. Are residents of the Gulf Coast not human? Perhaps they are lower down, as Michael Moore, Green Day and the Rolling Stones would have us believe: they are American.

Why does the world (led largely by the United States) dive in to aid the victims of the tsunami, and yet remain sidelined during our disaster? Granted, the U.S. is not a third-world country and already has much of the infrastructure needed to pull off a massive disaster relief effort, yet I have not

heard report of a single foreign dignitary offering his/her condolences of our loss. Whole communities are underwater, people are still stranded on roofs or in attics, the chance of disease from the standing water is likely and yet the global community looks the other way.

When the U.S. donates money and manpower to disaster relief efforts, the U.N. responds with criticism: the U.S. was too stingy with its pledges, wasn't timely in fulfilling the pledges, or some other load of baloney. What ever happened to, “Don't look a gift horse in the mouth”? No one should ever be criticized for giving. Yet this is the response the U.S. has grown accustomed to from the international community: damned if we do, damned if we don't.

The apathy of the global community to our disaster is utterly insulting to the donations of individual Americans last December. If disaster bothered the world in December, why not now? I don't expect a massive global contribution to the Katrina relief effort, but is it too much to ask for acknowledgment of our loss, or at least a break in the anti-Americanism?

Sarah Harward
alumna
class of 2005
Aug. 31

Maintain perspective

On the morning of Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the mouth of the Mississippi River with sustained winds of up to 140 miles per hour. The potential for such a major catastrophe had not been seen since Hurricane Andrew in 1992. And such worries were justified — Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast, ripping apart buildings and flooding numerous areas beyond a livable state.

Even now, Katrina's effects are still being felt by many in the Southeast. A flood levee in New Orleans suffered a breach the size of a football field, causing floods of up to 20 feet throughout the vast majority of the city. Most of the beachside property of Mississippi cities Biloxi and Gulfport has been either destroyed or severely damaged. President Bush has declared the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama federal disaster areas. And at this very moment, lives continue to remain in peril.

The numerous branches of the news media, including news channels such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox News, as well as several larger newspapers like the Chicago Tribune and New York Times, are quick to look past the well-being of their fellow human beings. Instead, they hastily jump into how Katrina will affect the stock market, how oil rigs that have been put out of commission will escalate gas prices, and how Katrina poses a “threat” to the economy.

It is appalling, even downright disgusting, that today's news media publicizes the “major issues” so heavily to earn the largest piece of the ratings pie, doing so by overlooking the catastrophic damage done to the Gulf Coast and its population. While people are suffering, even dying, due to Katrina, the media argues about the most miniscule of issues

that are vaguely related to the storm. I find this frame of mind immoral, seeing economic and political issues are being placed ahead of the safety of those in the Southeast.

Now, I'm not saying that these issues shouldn't be talked about at all. I understand that political ramifications and economic issues will be of a high priority at any given time. However, this is not just any given time. This is a time where states of emergency have been declared by state governments across the Gulf Coast. This is a time where relief efforts are most needed. This is a time where humanity should be united, not divided by issues that pale in comparison to the value of human life. Most importantly, this is a time where people are dying, and we should not hesitate to help them by any means possible.

The media seriously needs to re-evaluate its priorities. When one places the cost of gasoline ahead of the sacredness and value of humanity, something is obviously wrong. There is no good reason to even consider doing this. Certainly, ratings are vital to the success of a network or publication, yet this is no reason to overlook and cast aside people who are suffering at the hands of a natural disaster. There is a time and a place for everything; now is the time to help those in the disaster area, not bicker over economic problems caused by the disaster.

Please keep those living in the Southeast in your prayers, and also pray that the news media will see the light and be more sensitive to humanity's well-being.

Rob Lindley
sophomore
Keough Hall
Aug. 30

Act with respect

As a 1994 alumna, I write to any of our students who will attend the Pitt game this Saturday, and particularly the ESPN College Game Day broadcast.

In 2000, when Game Day chose our Nebraska game as its site, I was on set during the broadcast. At the close of the show, Lee Corso predictably slammed on the silliest Cornhusker hat imaginable, indicating his pick for the game. Unpredictably, one of our students — green T-shirt and all — threw a plastic beer cup at the stage. It sprayed beer all over Craig Fowler, and he was visibly

upset. I was humiliated minutes later to be introduced as a Notre Dame graduate, and absolutely furious that one of our own would act so disgracefully.

It is an honor that ESPN chose us, yet again, as their showcase game this Saturday. Treat those men with respect, or this time may be the last.

Stephanie Joyce
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class of 1994
Aug. 31

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CD REVIEWS

Staind's latest effort retreads beaten path

By BOB COSTA
Scene Critic

When Limp Bizkit front man Fred Durst ushered Staind onto the national music stage in the late nineties with inclusion on the Bizkit-fronted "Family Values" tours and albums, he made Staind lead singer Aaron Lewis a hero to angry nu-metal fans who saw the band as the second coming of Alice in Chains.

The subsequent success of Staind's breakthrough album "Break The Cycle" in 2001 yielded not only an expanded fan-base and radio hits ("It's Been Awhile" and "Outside") but also numerous copycats in the alt-metal genre. Since then, radio has been proliferated by Staind rip-offs like Nickelback, Puddle of Mudd and 3 Doors Down. That's enough maudlin lyrics and

heavy guitar riffs posing as serious alternative rock to make Eddie Vedder puke.

Yet on Staind's recently released album "Chapter V," the band does nothing to revitalize a genre that was really just a revitalization of grunge. Staind sticks to the same formula used on "Break The Cycle" and their 2003 album, "14 Shades of Grey." Even with a wife and two children, Lewis sounds like the same disgruntled twenty-something reading out of his diary. Lewis' lyrics are extremely personal, and the man keeps grudges with old lovers like Nixon kept enemies — he can't seem to let go and embraces the chip on his shoulder. It fuels his music, but at times truly limits the band from moving past the wallowing of their vocalist and songwriter.

The album's third track, "Paper Jesus," is a brooding and heavy nu metal nugget that you'll only enjoy if you can handle the repetitive thrashing of Staind's detuned electric guitars, which pulsate with fury rather than rhythm. It's a nice break from the rest of the album, which sometimes seems like "The Aaron Lewis Band" instead of a cohesive rock



Photo courtesy of staind.bimber.pl

Staind, an established alternative metal band, released their fifth album, "Chapter V," on Aug. 9. The CD fails to capture their previous originality.

outfit.

Another factor that diminishes the power of "Chapter V" is that it is just too slick in its production values. This is a band that gained notoriety for releasing a live and acoustic song ("Outside" featuring Fred Durst) to the radio that was gritty and sweltering in its own simplicity.

At their core, these guys can't balance being Metallica-lite or Nirvana gone metal. They need to be raw, surging through albums and concerts with a miserable intensity. That intensity is heard on certain tracks of "Chapter V," specifically the ballad "Take This" and "Schizophrenic Conversations," a swelling rocker that positions Lewis in a comfortable lyrical position — talking to himself.

Lewis is a talented vocalist, a fact that even the limited range of his songwriting can't diminish. On "Everything

Changes," Staind fans will want to raise their cell phones or lighters during a show. The band turns down the volume for a bit, letting Lewis sing instead of yelling to be heard over the noise. Since "Chapter V" is presumed to be just the fifth chapter in not only Staind's career but in the never-ending saga of Aaron Lewis' depression, fans can only hope by the next chapter, the man finds some redemption.

As music fans witness acts like Limp Bizkit, Papa Roach and Cold fall out of relevance, one has to wonder whether this may be the last of Staind. "Chapter V" is an album made for the true believers in nu-metal angst. If you don't buy into the precepts of the genre, the album is just an unoriginal take on one man's sorrow and recognizable three-chord changes.

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Chapter V

Staind

Elektra/Wea



Recommended tracks: "Take This," "Schizophrenic Conversations" and "Everything Changes"



First full album shows Arcade Fire's potential

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Funeral," the first full-length album from the Montreal indie rock band, Arcade Fire, reveals the unusual sound that has won the band a huge following around the world.

The innovative band uses a variety of instruments and a large number of multi-talented members to make songs that fuse many different types of music. The album is varied, interesting and unexpected, and it, unlike many albums, gets more enjoyable the more that you listen to it.

The title of the album comes from the fact that several band members experienced the loss of family members while making the album. The themes of loss, love and redemption are prevalent in songs like "Une annee sans lumiere" and "In the Backseat." The album's information is even set up to look like the program from a funeral.

Arcade Fire manages to make the somber themes that pervade their album sound hopeful and uplifting

while still providing a vivid sense of the emotions about which they sing.

Songs like "Rebellion (Lies)," "Crown of Love" and "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)" reveal the soaring choruses, diversity of instruments and building crescendos that makes Arcade Fire stand out from other bands.

Some of the songs are fantastic, but others still sound a little rough and seem as though they might be better suited for live performances. Even with a few weak songs, the album as a whole is still enjoyable and shows a huge amount of potential and enthusiasm.

"Funeral" was released in September 2004, and has slowly grown in popularity thanks to word of mouth and Internet downloads. While not entirely embraced by the mainstream, Arcade Fire has managed to break out and gain a loyal following. The band has even had the video for their song, "Rebellion (Lies)" appear on MTV2 and were also a featured band on the station's Web site. Fans can get more information about the band from their Web site, www.arcadefire.com, which

features lyrics, photos, biographical information and tour dates.

Arcade Fire formed around married couple Win Butler (guitar, vocals, bass guitar, keyboard) and Regine Chassagne (key-board, accordion, xylophone, vocals, drums) and eventually solidified its cur-



Photo courtesy of legrandmix.com

"Funeral" introduces listeners to Arcade Fire, a promising indie-rock band. The metaphorical journey through the soul is a common theme in their songs.

rent lineup in 2004. The band grew to include Richard Parry (guitar, percussion, upright bass, keyboards), Tim Kingsbury (guitar, bass), Will Butler (percussion, guitar, bass guitar), Sarah Neufeld (violin) and Jeremy Gara (guitar, drums).

The band uses a wide variety of instruments, and they frequently switch playing duties while performing. They are known for their innovative use of percussion during live shows and use helmets and other unusual objects to achieve a unique sound.

Arcade Fire has toured around the

world, and the band was recently invited by U2 to open their November shows in Montreal.

Overall, "Funeral" is much livelier and more optimistic than the title would lead you to believe, and it reveals a great depth of feeling and passion within the band.

The album gets better after repeated listenings, and it reveals the huge potential that Arcade Fire has for future success.

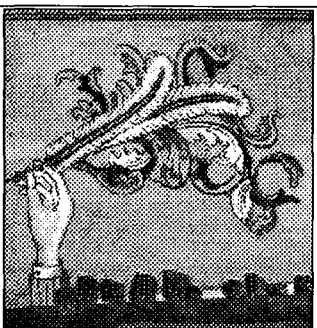
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Funeral
Arcade Fire

Merge Records



Recommended tracks: "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)," "Rebellion (Lies)" and "Crown of Love"



CD REVIEWS

Strong sophomore album cements rapper's status

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Critic

Most rap songs can be sorted and placed into different Jeopardy-like categories. I'll take Glorification of Drug Dealing for 500, please. Or maybe it'll be Homicidal Firearm Enterprise for 200.

Following Tuesday's release date, hip-hop aficionados can take "Late Registration," for \$9.99, which, despite its chronologically-challenged title, showed up right on time after a summer of anticipation.

After last year's release of his first album, "The College Dropout," the answer to the question, "Who breaks the hip-hop mold?" became, "What is Kanye West?"

Yes, despite being AWOL from university this semester, the big man on campus is back with his sophomore album, "Late Registration." Known for his fresh approach to the rap game, West's inventive beats and quirky lyrics combine to make him one of rap's biggest stars.

While not quite as good as "The College Dropout," this is due more to West's being a victim of his own success than any shortcomings on the part of his second album. The same cross-genre collaborations, fresh sounds and idiosyncratic lyrics — basically, everything that made his last album so great — are back, with new tracks featuring, among

others, Adam Levine of Maroon 5, R&B singer Brandy and the rapper Common.

The eclectic essence of West is evident in the remix of his first single, "Diamonds from Sierra Leone." The track is a strange lyrical amalgamation in which he combines a guilt-ridden jewel infatuation with a running stream of "who's-the-man" hyperbole. All this is voiced over a steadily increasing crescendo of frenetic chimes and Shirley Bassey vocal samples.

In his first verse, Kanye spits social commentary on the human rights abuses in the South African diamond trade. The second verse is West's testament to his own staying power, as he boldly affirms the continued presence of Roc-a-Fella Records as a force in the industry.

Of course, having Jay-Z on the remix certainly helps. Jay-Z, the artist formerly known as The Best Rapper Alive, shows that he is clearly restless in retirement, as he shows up on the track and steals it with macho lyrics such as, "How could you falter / When you're the Rock of Gibraltar / I had to get off the boat so I could walk on water / This ain't no tall order / This is nothin' to me / Difficult takes a day / Impossible takes a week."

West, the self-described Louis Vuitton Don, expresses his love for his wardrobe throughout the album. His conspicuous consumerism makes it difficult at times to tell if he's rapping or reading from name-brand clothing label catalogues.

Despite all the flashy materialism, West keeps his feel-good vibe and tongue-in-cheek humor alive as he did on "College Dropout" to let you know that just when he starts to get too serious, he's just clowning, baby.

West is a master craftsman on his productions, using the entire



Photo courtesy of hiphopgalaxy.com

A long-time rap producer, Kanye West went solo with "College Dropout." His latest CD, "Late Registration," confirms his place atop the rap pyramid.

audio palette disposed to his talented fingers. The overriding musical theme of the album — his ability to pair slamming new-school beats with feel-good, oldie vibes — shines with songs such as "Gone," a track featuring Consequence and gangsta rapper Cam'Ron and "Addiction."

As he did on "College Dropout," West again collaborates with actor/singer Jamie Foxx on the song "Gold Digger," where Foxx showcases some of the soulful vocal talent he put on display in his role as Ray Charles in the 2004 film "Ray."

A key element of hip-hop that has been missing in recent years is its emphasis on social justice through social commentary. West remains unafraid to use his

CDs as a soapbox on which to expound his Western philosophy, as he does on "Crack Music" (featuring The Game), a song decrying the devastating effects of the drug trade.

Despite his penchant for tooting his own horn, this is what makes West the "Crown Prince of hip-hop" — his ability to temper his audio arrogance with self-deprecation via fun, stream-of-consciousness lyrical flow.

All in all, "Late Registration" is a good album and a sound second effort by Kanye West, thereby proving the old adage, "Better late than never."

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Late Registration

Kanye West

Roc-a-fella



Recommended tracks: 'Gold Digger,' 'Gone,' 'Crack Music' and 'Diamonds from Sierra Leone'

Martin's lyrical sophistication drives 'X&Y' to success

By KELLY DUOOS
Scene Critic

Coldplay's summer release has already familiarized pop music consumers with two successful radio singles. At this point, a lesser band's album would be exhausted of worthwhile music having released the only good tracks on the album. Luckily, Coldplay's singles only comprise the tip of the "X&Y" iceberg, leaving so many more rewards to be found by a willing listener.

Unlike previous efforts, the newest album is far more beat driven. Evidence

of this is found in the tracks "Square One," "White Shadows" and "Low." However, long-time Coldplay fans have nothing to fret about. Traditional piano power ballads, including "What If," "Hardest Part" and "Kingdom Come," are given their fair share of space on this album. Songs like "Fix You," "Speed of Sound" and "A Message" reveal the band's middle ground between the two poles.

All the compositions seem to start with a little less power than they end with, and the transitions between tracks flawlessly balance the dichotomy of sentiment. Coldplay's ability to write an album that sees through each and every song to its emotional climax — and that this formula doesn't seem repetitive or contrived — is amazing.

What hasn't changed, however, is each tune's reliance upon lead singer Chris Martin's vocal ability. He fully captures the striking beauty of



Photo courtesy of coldplay.com

British rock quartet Coldplay has enjoyed immense success for all of their albums. "X&Y," their latest album, continues the trend with a strong sound.

each melody with the smoothest British voice and the most genuine emotion and sincerity you've heard in a long time. Not surprisingly, the band's lyrics are as deep conceptually as the album is musically.

The theme of the whole album seems to be summed up in a line from the track "Talk": "I'm so scared about the future and I want to talk to you."

That's exactly what the listener wants to do. And it's exactly what the listener feels like Martin is doing. His introspective lyrics of self-examination were written for all of us who are struggling to find our way through life, relationships and the search for a larger meaning (or

meaninglessness).

Coldplay offers no solutions. Instead, the band simply offers the comfort of another human being addressing the issues that continue to consume the thoughts of contemplative people everywhere.

Coldplay explores loneliness frequently in "X&Y." Although no concrete answers are offered within the album's songs, none should be expected.

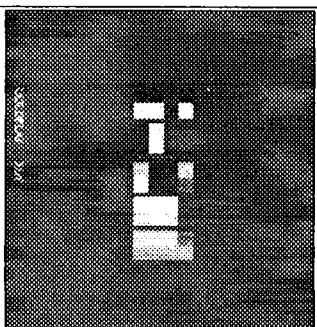
But at least fans didn't turn on this album, unlike many others, to escape the thoughts in their heads. And isn't that refreshing?

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X&Y

Coldplay

Capitol



Recommended tracks: 'Square One,' 'What If,' 'Kingdom Come,' 'Talk' and 'Fix You'

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Millar snaps homer drought to help Sox win

Royals blank Twins in pitchers' duel; Orioles shut down Blue Jays

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Millar hit two homers and David Ortiz hit his fifth in five games on Wednesday night, helping the Boston Red Sox rally from a big deficit for the second consecutive night and beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6.

Millar hit 43 home runs in the previous two seasons but had hit only one since a two-homer game on June 4. Still a popular player in the clubhouse, the outspoken and sometimes goofy first baseman had been losing fans at Fenway Park ever since.

But he led off the second with a shot to tie the game at 1, then broke a 5-all tie in the seventh with a two-run drive that gave Boston its first lead.

Tim Wakefield (14-10) allowed five runs on six hits and a walk, striking out five to improve to 13-1 in his career against Tampa Bay and win for the sixth time in seven starts. He gave up solo homers to Julio Lugo and Travis Lee and a three-run shot to Carl Crawford to fall behind 5-1 before retiring the last 16 batters he faced.

Mike Timlin allowed Alex Gonzalez's sacrifice fly in the ninth before earning his fourth save.

Casey Fossum (8-11) allowed six runs on seven hits and two walks in 6 2-3 innings, striking out five. The Devil Rays, who took a 5-0 lead off Curt Schilling before losing 7-6 on Tuesday, led 5-1 through three this time before Boston came back for its 18th win in its last 19 games at Fenway.

Doug Mirabelli led off the

fourth with a homer to make it 5-2, then Bill Mueller singled and Gabe Kapler doubled. Alex Cora followed with an RBI groundout and Johnny Damon hit a sacrifice fly to make it 5-4.

Ortiz homered to lead off the fifth and tie the score at 5-all. It stayed that way until the seventh, when Fossum hit Manny Ramirez with two outs. Jesus Colome relieved him and gave up Millar's towering shot off the soda bottles above the Green Monster to break the tie.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0

Bruce Chen and Chris Ray combined on a two-hitter, and the Baltimore Orioles ended a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

Miguel Tejada, Jay Gibbons and Eric Byrnes homered for the Orioles, who lost 10 of their previous 11 games and held a brief team meeting before the game.

Chen (11-8) only allowed Aaron Hill's infield single to first in the inning second and Corey Koskie's single to center in the eighth. First baseman Chris Gomez and Chen appeared to be unsure who would field Hill's grounder, allowing the batter to reach.

Chen then retired 18 straight batters until Koskie's hit. He struck out seven and walked one in eight innings.

Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro didn't need his earplugs: One day after he inserted earplugs after he was loudly booed during his first at-bat, Palmeiro didn't play.

Orioles interim manager Sam

Perlozzo said Palmeiro, bothered by knee and foot injuries, won't return to the lineup until he's healthy. Palmeiro is 2-for-26 (.077) since a 10-day suspension for testing positive for steroids.

Gustavo Chacin (10-8) allowed five runs and seven hits in seven innings, dropping to 0-3 with a 5.30 ERA in August after going 5-0 with a 2.97 ERA in July.

Toronto was blanked for the 10th time, the most in the AL.

Gibbons hit a solo shot in the second, his 19th homer. Chris Gomez walked in the third, Brian Roberts singled and Tejada hit his 25th homer for a 4-0 lead. Gomez hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh, and Byrnes added a two-run homer off Miguel Batista in the ninth.

Royals 1, Twins 0

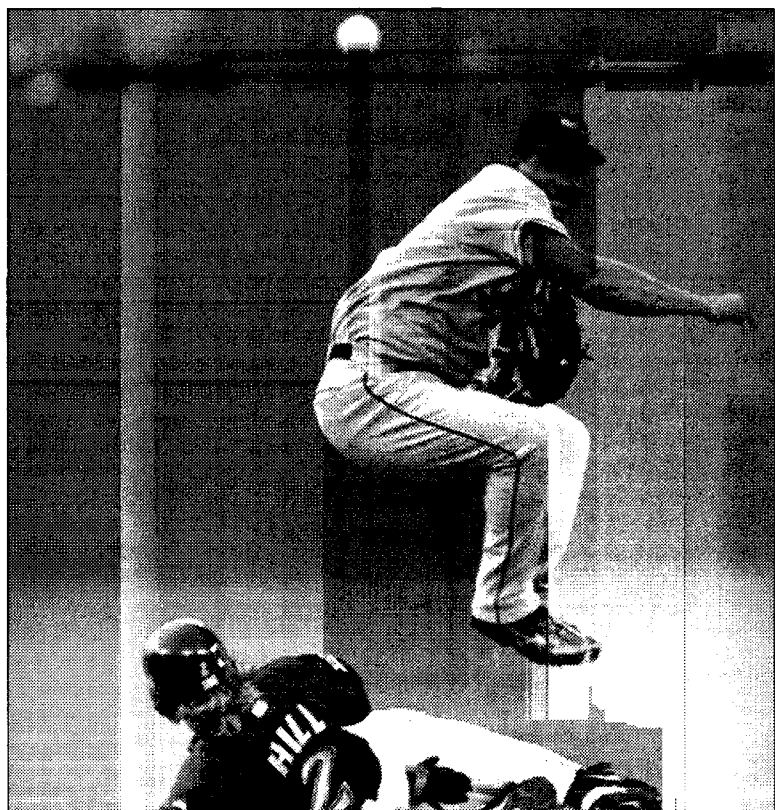
The Kansas City Royals found an opponent to play as bad as them.

Emil Brown singled home Denny Hocking with one out in the ninth to lead Kansas City to a victory Wednesday over Minnesota Twins, which set a Twins' record by getting 13 hits in a shutout.

It also tied for the most hits by a major league team in a shutout loss since divisional play began in 1969, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. and it was most the Royals allowed without giving up a run.

"That's something we do — 13 hits and not score," Kansas City outfielder Terrence Long said.

The Twins' previous record for hits in a shutout was 12 in a 1-0 loss to the California Angels



Baltimore Orioles' Miguel Tejada makes the throw to first for a double play after forcing Blue Jays' Aaron Hill out at second base during the second inning in Toronto.

in 1975. The Royals shut out opponents on 10 hits four times.

Minnesota had runners at second and third with one out in the ninth but pinch runner Brent Abernathy was thrown out at third after Mike MacDougal's pitch to Michael Ryan sailed to the backstop. Abernathy started to come home, then changed his mind and tried to get back to third but catcher Paul Phillips' throw beat him.

"If he knew it was going to bounce right back to the catcher, he'd have a crystal ball," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "They threw a ball away and it still worked out for them today."

Ryan then took a called third strike. It was the second straight game every Twins starter hit safely.

"When you have 13 hits and you've got no runs, there's not many explanations for it," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We were all over the basepaths. They even throw a wild pitch and it bounces right back to the catcher."

"I've seen some of the things they've had to endure and I'm sure they feel they finally got a good break, and they did."

Hocking singled off Matt Guerrier (0-3) leading off the ninth, and reached second when third baseman Terry Tiffee misplayed a grounder by Chip Ambres. Terry Mulholland

relieved and struck out Matt Stairs, before Brown grounded a single just inside the bag at third.

MacDougal (3-4) pitched the ninth for the win, and the Royals, who had a 19-game losing streak earlier this month, ended a five-game skid.

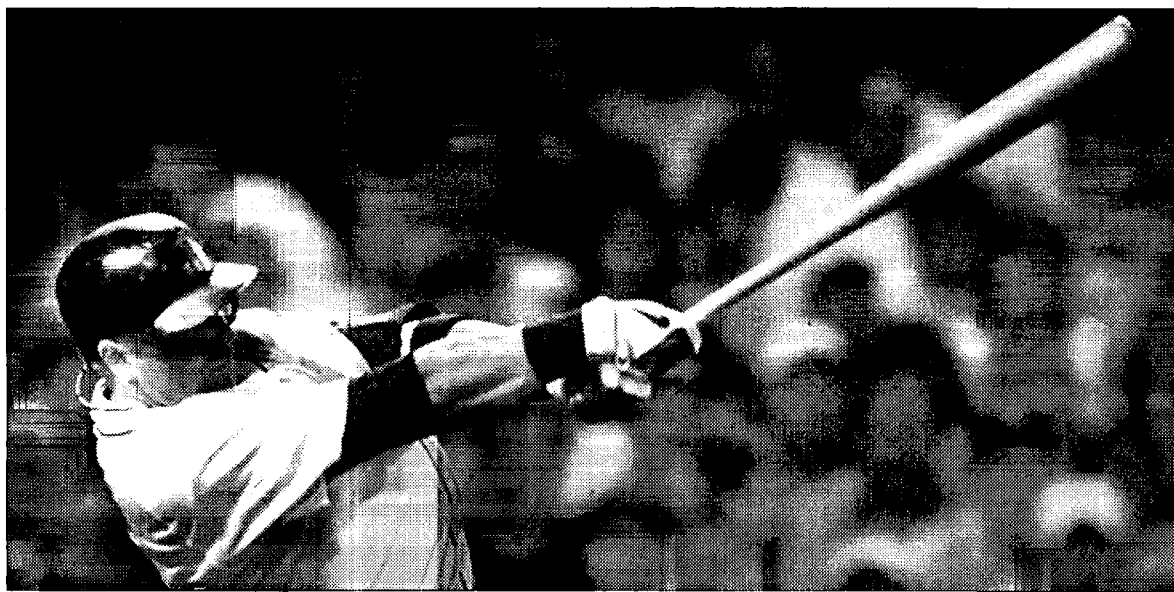
"This one's tough," said outfielder Jacque Jones, who was involved in three double plays. "I take a lot of blame."

The Twins' play was reminiscent of the way the Royals have stumbled around all season while compiling a major league-worst 43-88 record. Their five wins in August were one better than the team-record low for any month.

"I've been here three months and I've seen just about everything I needed to see," said Royals manager Buddy Bell.

Royals starter Mike Wood gave up eight hits and two walks in six innings but kept the Twins scoreless with the help of double plays in the first, second and fourth.

With runners at first and second and one out in the fourth, Tiffee grounded to first baseman Joe McEwing. He threw to second for the force out there, but the throw back to first to get Tiffee was late. Jones, who had singled leading off the inning, tried to score from second but was cut thrown out at home by Wood, who had covered first.



Boston Red Sox Kevin Millar belts a two run home run off Devil Rays' pitcher Jesus Colome in the seventh inning at Fenway Park Wednesday. Millar also hit a solo home run in the second inning.

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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies blast four homers off Pedro in win

Hermida grand slam not enough; Pettitte dominant for Astros

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Philadelphia Phillies overpowered Pedro Martinez and remained on top in the NL wild-card race.

Chase Utley hit two of Philadelphia's four homers off the New York Mets' ace, Brett Myers pitched seven strong innings and the Phillies bounced back from an early deficit for an 8-2 victory Wednesday night.

Ryan Howard and Mike Lieberthal also connected for Philadelphia, which stopped a three-game skid and sent New York to its fourth loss in 12 games. The Phillies (71-62) began the day tied with Florida atop the wild-card standings.

Martinez (13-6) had a 2-0 cushion at steamy Shea Stadium and a chance to push the Mets ahead of their NL East rivals — but he couldn't do it. The four home runs he gave up matched a career high, set twice in consecutive starts for Boston in June 1998. Martinez gave up five runs and eight hits in seven innings, dropping to 1-3 in his past seven starts.

Myers (12-6) allowed six hits and struck out seven, improving to 6-1 in his last 10 starts. He has yielded only three runs in

14 innings at Shea this season, going 2-0 in two starts.

One night after blowing a lead, Ugueth Urbina struck out two in a perfect eighth to preserve a 5-2 advantage.

Bobby Abreu added a two-out, two-run double off Heath Bell in the ninth, and Pat Burrell had an RBI single.

Philadelphia's Kenny Lofton made two over-the-shoulder catches in deep center in the sixth, saving at least one run.

With the score tied at 2, Lieberthal led off the seventh with his 11th home run. Utley added a two-run shot to center for No. 21 on the year and his third multihomer game this season.

Cardinals 10, Marlins 5

Florida's Jeremy Hermida became the first player in more than a century and only second ever to hit a grand slam in his first major league at-bat, connecting in the seventh inning off the St. Louis Cardinals' Al Reyes in the Marlins' loss Wednesday night.

The only other player with a grand slam in first major league at-bat was William "Frosty Bill" Duggleby, who did it for Philadelphia at home against the New York Giants in the second inning on April 21, 1898, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Elias was not able to determine whether Duggleby was a pinch hitter.

Hermida, an outfielder whose

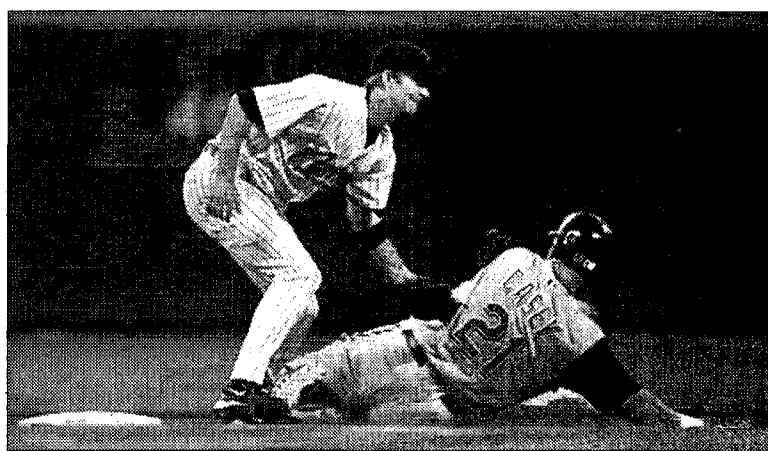
contract was purchased from Double-A Carolina earlier in the day, was just the third player to hit a slam in his first game, joining Duggleby and San Francisco's Bobby Bonds. Hermida batted for pitcher Brian Moehler with Florida trailing 10-0 and connected on the third pitch he saw in the big leagues.

He swung at a fastball, took a ball low, then homered over the right-field wall, a drive estimated at 373 feet.

The 21-year-old Hermida moved briskly around the bases after the homer, yet after returning to the dugout and slapping hands with several delighted teammates, he did not acknowledge long, loud cheers from the sparse crowd that remained — missing the chance for his first career curtain call.

Bonds, the father of seven-time MVP Barry Bonds, made his major league debut for San Francisco on June 25, 1968, and homered against Los Angeles, Elias said. Bonds grounded out in the third inning at Candlestick Park, was hit by a Claude Osteen pitch in the fifth, then homered off reliever John Purdin.

Only a few thousand people in the announced crowd of 20,656 remained to Hermida's hit. The Marlins' top pick in the 2002 amateur draft and the 11th pick overall, he remained in the game as Florida's left fielder to start the eighth inning.



Houston Astros shortstop Adam Everett, left, tags out the Cincinnati Reds' Sean Casey on a fielder's choice during the second inning in Houston Wednesday. The Astros won 10-0.

Astros 10, Reds 0

Andy Pettitte allowed four hits in seven innings and Brad Ausmus drove in four runs as the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

Pettitte (13-9) struck out four and walked one, improving to 10-2 in 14 starts since June 20. The left-hander lowered his ERA to 2.50, tied with Washington's John Patterson for third best in the National League.

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer for the Astros, who remained a half-game behind Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.

Brandon Claussen (9-9) lost for the first time since July 23 against Milwaukee. He had gone

5-0 in six starts since, the longest win streak by a Reds pitcher this season.

Claussen allowed only two hits in the first four innings before the Astros bunched five consecutive hits to score four runs in the fifth.

Lance Berkman led off with a double and Lane hit his 20th home run for a 2-0 lead. Chris Burke and Adam Everett each singled and Ausmus drove them home with a double to right-center.

Ausmus tried to stretch the hit to a triple and was called out on a close play at third, which manager Phil Garner argued.

Claussen lasted 5 2-3 innings and allowed four runs on eight hits.

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TENNIS

Several big names advance easily at U.S. Open

Strong wind gusts and intermittent rain mark day at the Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heat and humidity are expected at the U.S. Open. Ditto for the airplanes that scream overhead on their way to and from nearby LaGuardia Airport.

But a gusting, swirling wind is something else.

"I don't think I've even practiced in these conditions," fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters said Wednesday. "It was so tough out there today."

Gusting up to 36 mph, the wind picked up anything that wasn't nailed down. Plastic bags and hats danced across the courts, and the wind played tricks with even the simplest of shots.

The only thing that held steady was the draw. Top-seeded Maria Sharapova needed only 49 minutes for her 6-1, 6-0 victory over Dally Randriantefy, while Clijsters notched another straight-set win — 7-5, 6-0 — over Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga. Wimbledon winner Venus Williams beat Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-3.

Lleyton Hewitt broke Albert Costa three times in the final set to close out a 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 first-round victory. Gilles Muller couldn't follow up on his stunning upset of Andy Roddick on Tuesday night, losing in doubles with American partner Robby Ginepri.

"It was so windy today," Sharapova said. "I'm really glad I had a piece of chocolate cake last night, otherwise I would have been blown away. It made me heavier."

Two-time champ Serena Williams and French Open winner Rafael Nadal took the court for the evening matches.

The first two days of the Open were steamy, with several players struggling. The wind made temperatures Wednesday more pleasant, but brought a new challenge.

"The wind was definitely a test today," Venus Williams said. "It's easy to fumble and easy to self-destruct in those kinds of conditions."

Added Hewitt, "It was one match you just wanted to get under your belt, get into the tournament and get back into the locker room as quickly as possible."

Hewitt had won five of his previous six meetings with Costa, but the two haven't played each other since 2002. No matter. Hewitt raced out to an early lead, dropping only two points as he took the first three games of the first set, and Costa never recovered.

The 2002 French Open winner had only two break points the entire match, and couldn't convert either. Hewitt, on the other hand, converted seven of 11 breaks, including three in the last set. He had 23 winners to Costa's nine, and only 17 unforced errors. Costa made 35 errors, double-faulted five times and had no aces.

"Today was really, really difficult," Costa said. "I just confined my rhythm and he was much more confident with the wind, for sure."

Costa has now lost in the first round at his last five Grand Slam

events. He missed Wimbledon with a knee injury that required surgery, and the 30-year-old said after the match that retirement is an option.

"I want to finish this season and then decide," he said. "If I finish, I finish altogether. I can't play only on clay."

It doesn't seem to matter where Clijsters plays these days. Victories in her last two tournaments gave her six titles already this year, best on the WTA Tour. She improved to 51-6 with her win over Zuluaga.

If she keeps playing this way, Clijsters might finally break through for her first Grand Slam title.

"Even when I was injured last year, when I started playing again, you get motivated," said the Belgian, who missed the Open last year after wrist surgery. "It motivates you to work hard because you know that those girls, they're working every day hard to get back, to be strong."

"I knew I had to put in twice the effort if I wanted to come back. It's not just one player. It's the whole group that keeps you motivated and hungry to play tennis."

A day later, the Open was still buzzing about Roddick's loss.

A champion here only two years ago, Roddick looked as if he was going to cruise to an easy victory over Muller. He was up 5-2 in the first set, and had a chance to serve it out at 5-3. Instead, Muller broke him, then held his own serve.

Suddenly, it was Roddick on the defensive against the left-hander.

"I just felt like the whole time, I was trying to find something as opposed to just having it," Roddick said, still looking dazed an hour after the match ended. "Twenty-four hours ago, I was really optimistic about my prospects here. I'm in a little bit of shock right now, to be honest."

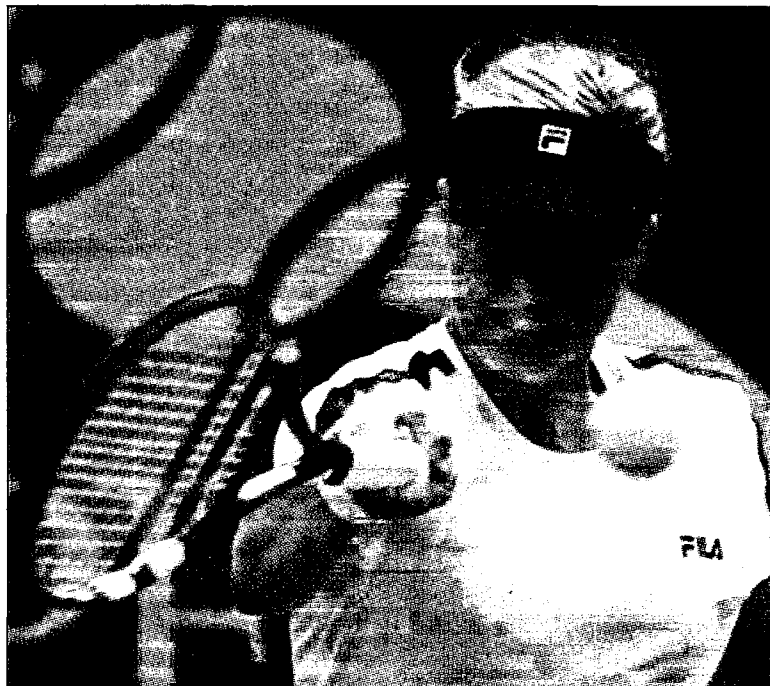
"I'd give anything to go back four hours right now."

Heaping insult onto the sting of the loss, it was Roddick's 23rd birthday Tuesday.

"I don't really remember a loss where I've, umm, felt this bad afterward," he said.

Maybe somebody really did take his mojo. It was the first time Roddick had gone out in the first round since his Open debut in 2000.

Roddick was seeded fourth



Kim Clijsters makes a return against Fabiola Zuluaga at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Wednesday.

and is one of the world's best on hard courts. Muller, meanwhile, is ranked 68th, playing in his first Open and can, by his own admission, get a little "crazy" during matches. He beat Nadal at Wimbledon and reached the

finals at a tournament in Los Angeles last month, only to turn around and lose in the quarter-finals in Washington three weeks ago.

But he never got flustered against Roddick.

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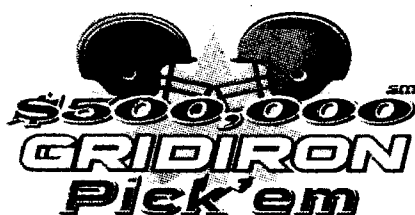
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Shockley can finally say Bulldogs are his team

Teammates have QB's back after long wait to be promoted to starter

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — D.J. Shockley spent four years watching from the sideline, sitting through endless meetings, waiting for his chance to take over as Georgia's starting quarterback.

Now, after showing interminable patience, the moment is finally here — and Shockley suddenly feels like it sneaked up on him a little bit.

He'll probably have trouble sleeping the night before Saturday's opener against Boise State. He knows the butterflies will be swirling in his stomach when he goes out for the opening snap. He worries about being so pumped up that he overthrows his first pass by 20 yards.

"In the past, I knew I was only going to play one or two series a game. There's not too much pressure on you when it's like that," Shockley said. "This is different. You know everything is going to be on you."

But Shockley's grateful teammates have his back, determined to make his first — and only — season as the starter a memorable one.

"I'm playing this whole season for him," safety Greg Blue said. "I don't want people to look at him as the reason we lose."

Shockley won his teammates' implacable respect by deciding to stay at Georgia for his entire college career, even though he spent most of it backing up David Greene.

Many other players would have transferred — after all, Shockley was one of the nation's highest-rated quarterbacks coming out of high school — and the thought did cross his mind.

In the end, Shockley chose to play for the Bulldogs. Or, most accurately, he accepted one season as a redshirt and three others as a sparingly used second-stringer behind Greene.

"That man has my respect for staying here," Blue said. "He cared about the program. He cared about his teammates. We're going to fight for him all the way."

Shockley will be under intense scrutiny the entire season. After all, Greene was the winningest quarterback in major-college history, leading the Bulldogs to their first Southeastern Conference title in 20 years and three straight Top 10 finishes.

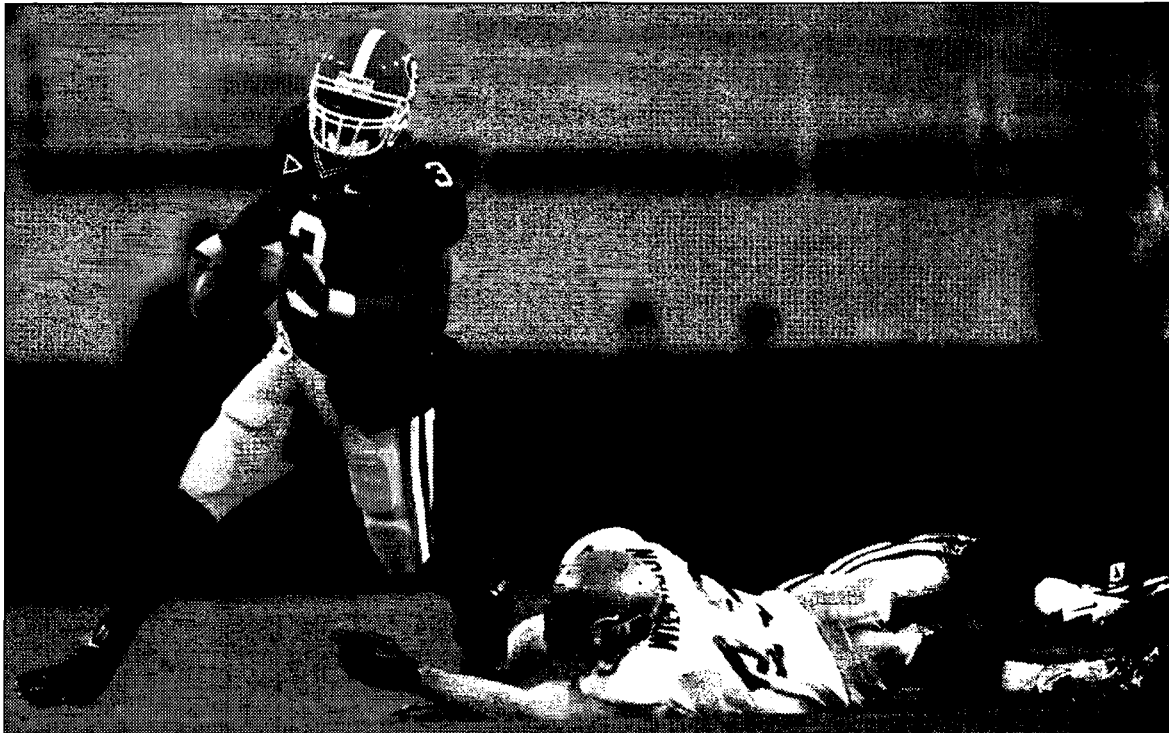
If the Bulldogs fail to maintain that level of success, Shockley will surely get much of the blame. He got a taste of the high standards he'll be expected to meet in the final regular-season game of 2004.

Greene went to the bench after spraining his thumb on a first-quarter touchdown drive against Georgia Tech. Shockley took over and directed the Bulldogs to a 16-0 lead at halftime.

But he struggled after the break, and Georgia Tech got back in the game with 13 straight points. Having completed only 5 of 16 passes — and getting booed by the home fans — Shockley went back to the bench.

Sore thumb and all, Greene led the Bulldogs to a field goal that sealed their 19-13 victory.

"You try not to worry about what people are thinking,"



Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley, left, evades Georgia Tech defender Gerris Wilkinson during the first quarter of the Bulldogs' 19-13 victory Nov. 27, 2004 in Athens, Ga.

Shockley said. "But you want people to appreciate what you're doing."

Those boos didn't set well with Blue.

"The Georgia Tech game really hurt my feelings," Blue said. "I couldn't believe how people were talking. I dissociated myself from some people after that game. They were saying this and that about him, saying he couldn't be a starting quarterback."

"Let me tell you this: D.J. can play football. He's a great passer. He's a great runner. But people want to judge him off that one game."

Shockley knows the best way to keep the faithful off his back.

"The fans will be fine if I go out and play a good ballgame," Shockley said. "I just don't want to do anything to lose the game. Take care of the ball — that's the big thing — and just be consistent."

There's another factor that could rear its ugly head. Shockley isn't the first black quarterback at Georgia, but he knows that some fans might view him differently than they would a white QB.

"There are people who look at you differently," Shockley acknowledged. "There are stereotypes: you're not as smart as a white quarterback, you're not as fluent running the offense. But that all goes out the window

if I'm performing well. As long as we're winning, what can they say?"

In his brief appearances over the last three years, Shockley has come across mainly as a running quarterback who provided a change of pace to the slow-footed Greene.

Shockley plans to show there's a lot more to his game.

"I don't think a lot of people have a really good sense at all," he said. "They know I can run, but that's all they see sometimes. They don't see when I throw the ball well. They'll get a chance to see this game. I'm going to run the ball, throw the ball, do everything a quarterback needs to do."

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2	Maryland	17-6-2	3
3	Duke	18-6-0	4
4	UC Santa Barbara	21-2-2	2
5	St. John's	12-6-4	T5
6	Virginia	18-5-1	T5
7	Southern Methodist	16-4-1	11
8	New Mexico	17-1-2	10
9	UCLA	14-4-2	14
10	Wake Forest	14-5-2	12
11	Virginia Commonwealth	12-6-3	7
12	Creighton	14-4-2	13
13	UNC Greensboro	19-3-1	9
14	Tulsa	12-7-4	8
15	Boston College	13-5-2	15
16	NOTRE DAME	13-3-3	17
17	North Carolina	10-9-2	NR
18	Ohio State	12-7-2	16
19	Connecticut	12-8-3	22
20	California	13-4-3	18
21	Santa Clara	15-6-0	NR
22	Old Dominion	13-6-2	19
23	Penn State	10-4-8	T20
24	Northwestern	15-6-2	RV
25	Saint Louis	9-8-1	NR

Women's Soccer Top 25

	team	'04 record	prev.
1	NOTRE DAME	24-1-1	1
2	North Carolina	20-1-2	5
3	UCLA	18-7-0	2
4	Virginia	17-3-2	7
5	Santa Clara	18-5-2	3
6	Texas A&M	18-6-0	15
7	Portland	20-4-0	6
8	Penn State	19-3-1	9
9	Connecticut	18-7-1	13
10	Ohio State	19-4-3	8
11	Tennessee	17-5-2	T11
12	Duke	15-8-0	T11
13	Illinois	16-6-2	14
14	Stanford	13-6-3	T19
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17	Nebraska	14-9-0	22
18	Arizona	15-6-0	25
19	Florida	16-4-3	21
20	Washington	17-5-1	10
21	Princeton	19-3-0	4
22	Wake Forest	10-7-2	NR
23	Kansas	18-5-0	18
24	California	11-6-3	RV
25	Wisconsin	16-6-1	RV

Big East Volleyball

	team	record	Big East record
1	St. John's	2-2	0-0
2	Villanova	2-2	0-0
3	Georgetown	1-0	0-0
4	NOTRE DAME	1-0	0-0
5	Marquette	2-1	0-0
6	Pittsburgh	2-1	0-0
7	Seton Hall	1-1	0-0
8	Rutgers	1-2	0-0
9	West Virginia	1-2	0-0
10	Cincinnati	0-0	0-0
11	Connecticut	0-0	0-0
12	DePaul	0-1	0-0
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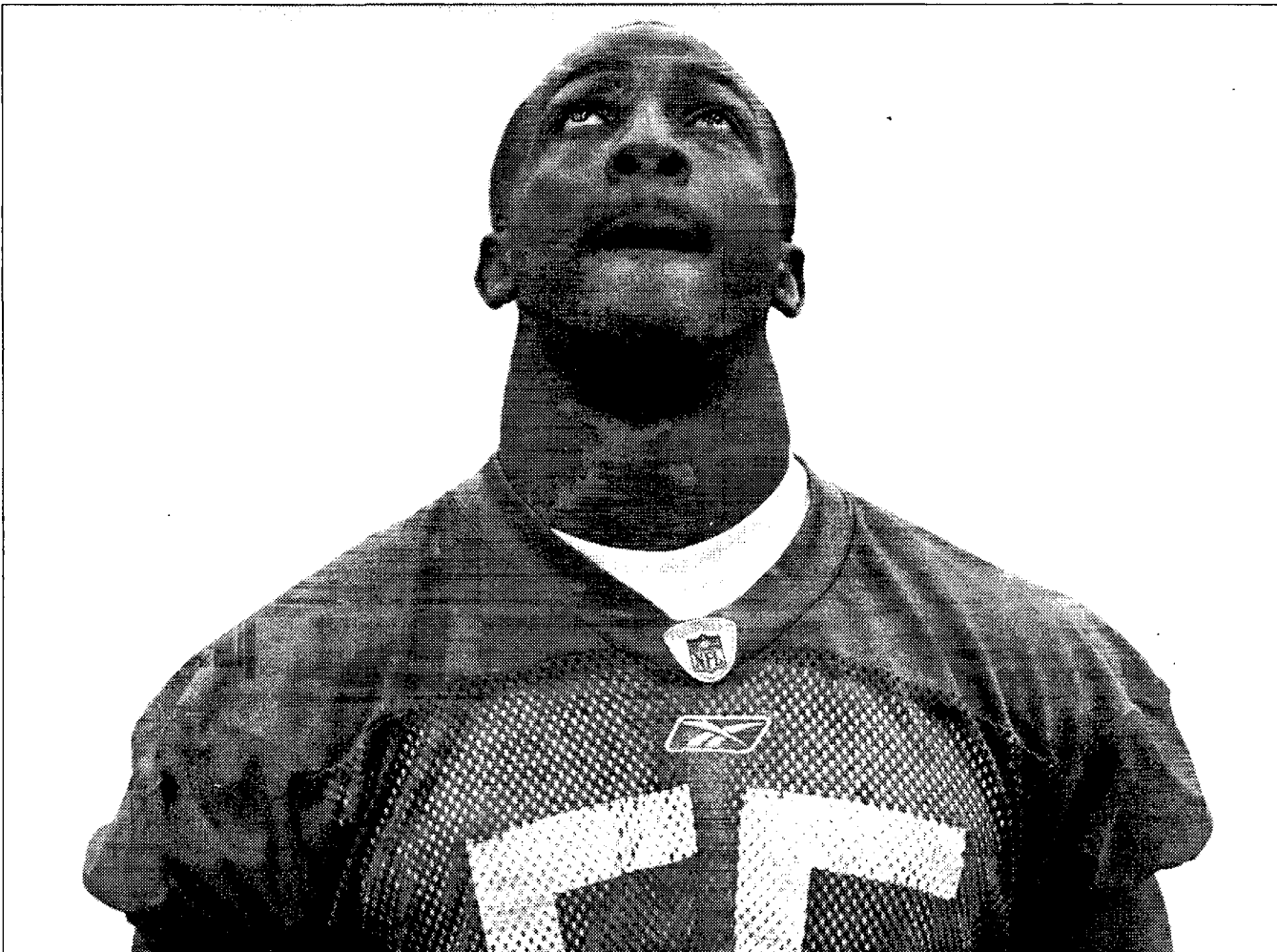
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Indianapolis linebacker Kendyll Pope was suspended for the 2005 season after violating the NFL substance-abuse policy. Pope was a fourth round draft pick in 2004 and was expected to add depth to the defense.

Colts' linebacker suspended for season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts expected linebacker Kendyll Pope to make a contribution this year, but they'll have to wait at least one more year to see him on the field.

The NFL on Wednesday suspended Pope for one year after another violation of the league's substance-abuse policy. Pope missed all but two games in 2004 because of a hip flexor injury.

"We'll do as much as we can to help Kendyll get through this, but it's a situation where he has to satisfy the league," coach Tony Dungy said. "It's not a situa-

tion I've dealt with many times."

Confidentiality rules prevent league officials or the Colts from divulging the substance found in Pope's urine sample.

The Colts put Pope on the reserve-suspended list Tuesday, but the punishment wasn't announced until Wednesday. The Associated Press left a message seeking comment at the office of Pope's agent, George Mavrikes.

With the suspension beginning immediately, Pope cannot practice or play with the Colts until next August. The length indicates Pope has tested positive for a banned substance, such as

illegal drugs or alcohol, at least three times since leaving Florida State.

Indianapolis took Pope in the fourth round of the 2004 draft.

Colts coaches thought Pope fit well in their defense, which favors speed over brawn. Despite missing most of last season and being slowed again during training camp by a shoulder injury, the Colts liked what they were seeing from the second-year player. He had three tackles last year.

Indianapolis projected Pope as a solid contributor who could add depth to a young linebacking corps, and Pope appeared to be making progress.

"I thought the kid had a chance to help us," defensive coordinator Ron Meeks said. "I feel bad. I really hope he can come around for us."

Teammates agreed.

Defensive tackle Montae Reagor said Pope added a physical presence to the Colts' small linebacking group. Middle linebacker Rob Morris, a former first round pick and former starter, said Pope added quickness.

"I saw him helping us out a lot on special teams and on the defense," Cato June said. "He's a playmaker. Unfortunately, whatever happened, we're there for him."

IN BRIEF

Finley signs deal with San Antonio Spurs

PHOENIX — Prized free agent Michael Finley has decided to sign with the San Antonio Spurs.

Phoenix Suns president Bryan Colangelo said he was informed of the decision by Finley's agent Henry Thomas on Wednesday.

"Of course we're disappointed, but to Michael's credit, he didn't just take the money," Colangelo said. "He talked about a chance to win, and ultimately he decided to play for the NBA champions."

The Spurs did not confirm Finley's decision. Spokesman Cliff Puchalski said the team had no comment. Thomas did not return a message left on his cell phone.

The 32-year-old shooting guard was courted by Miami, Phoenix, San Antonio and Minnesota. Each team sent representatives to Chicago to make a pitch to the veteran guard. Miami was considered the favorite,

because the Heat could offer the full \$5 million midlevel exception and the opportunity to play with Shaquille O'Neal.

Owens pursuing a career in the music business

ATLANTA — If Terrell Owens has another falling out with the Philadelphia Eagles, he's got his own business to fall back on.

T.O. has muscled into Atlanta's thriving R&B and hip-hop scene with Dirty South Studios. No, the five-time Pro Bowl receiver isn't getting behind the mike, a la Deion Sanders and other forgettable athletes-turned-singers. Get this, Owens prefers to stay in the background when it comes to music, providing a place where artists can lay down their own tracks.

"It's an opportunity for artists to perfect their craft," Owens said in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this summer at his studio. "They're getting their grind on, and I respect that. I want to help them be

successful."

Wells sorry for comments made towards Selig

BOSTON — Boston Red Sox left-hander David Wells apologized Wednesday for comments he made this week criticizing commissioner Bud Selig for his handling of baseball's steroid problems.

"I understand that I was wrong in my statements about these issues and for that I apologize," Wells said in a statement issued by the players' association after Wells met with baseball officials. "Now that I have had this opportunity to sit down and discuss the issues, I better understand the procedures that go with steroid testing."

Wells lashed out at Selig after losing his appeal of a six-game suspension on Monday, saying the commissioner "isn't doing a thing" about steroids. The pitcher, who called Selig an "idiot" in a spring training interview with the Hartford Courant, accused Selig of retaliating for his past comments in handing out the latest suspension.



PHOTOGRAPHER/The Observer
David Grimes waits for questions during freshman media day Aug. 21. He will return kicks Saturday against Pittsburgh.

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punting duties. Weis made it abundantly clear that Fitzpatrick is the man for the kicking jobs.

"[The competition] wasn't close," Weis said.

Like Fitzpatrick, junior wide receiver Chase Anastasio will keep his 2004 role, serving as the primary kick returner.

Weis pointed to a trio of factors that facilitated Anastasio in claiming the position.

"There are three key ingredients of Chase — he's smart, tough and fast," Weis said. "You can't coach speed. Either you have it or you don't. When you're smart and you have some experience, it gives you a chance to be out there. His experience gives him a fighting chance to edge some of those others out."

In addition, special teams coach Brian Polian felt the sense of security

Anastasio gives the Irish coaches contributed to his selection.

"Chase is not afraid — he'll hit it up in there," Polian said. "He's got ball skills, and we trust him as a person. We trust his judgment. Chase was a guy that hung around all camp, and at

the end, he's still there because he does things right."


While Anastasio will once again take care of kickoff returns, a new face—freshman David Grimes—will be returning punts this season.

"I think he's got good speed — he's an agile guy," Polian said. "Obviously, he's a receiver, so he's got ball skills. All of those attributes will help him be a punt returner."

While the selection of a freshman to return punts on national television in his first college game raised several eyebrows, Polian doesn't believe Grimes' inexperience will be a factor.

"It wouldn't matter if it was David or anyone else back there, when it's the first game, you're always nervous — whether it be a fifth-year senior or a freshman," Polian said. "No matter how much pressure we put on these guys in practice, you can't recreate the pressure you feel on a game day. We try to create as many high-pressure situations as we can, but ultimately, when the lights go on, it's a little bit different. It's part of the deal."


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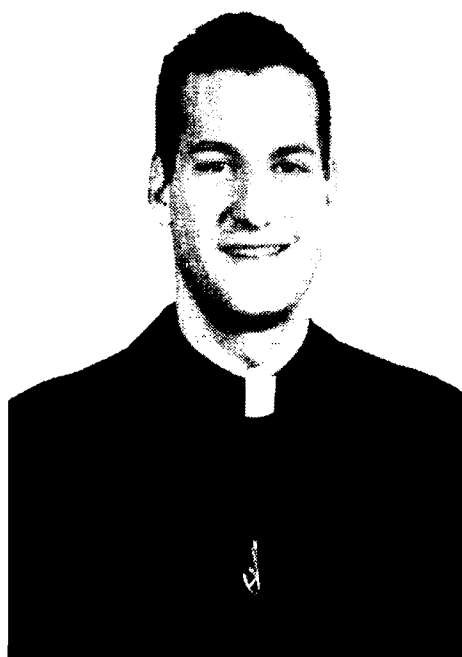
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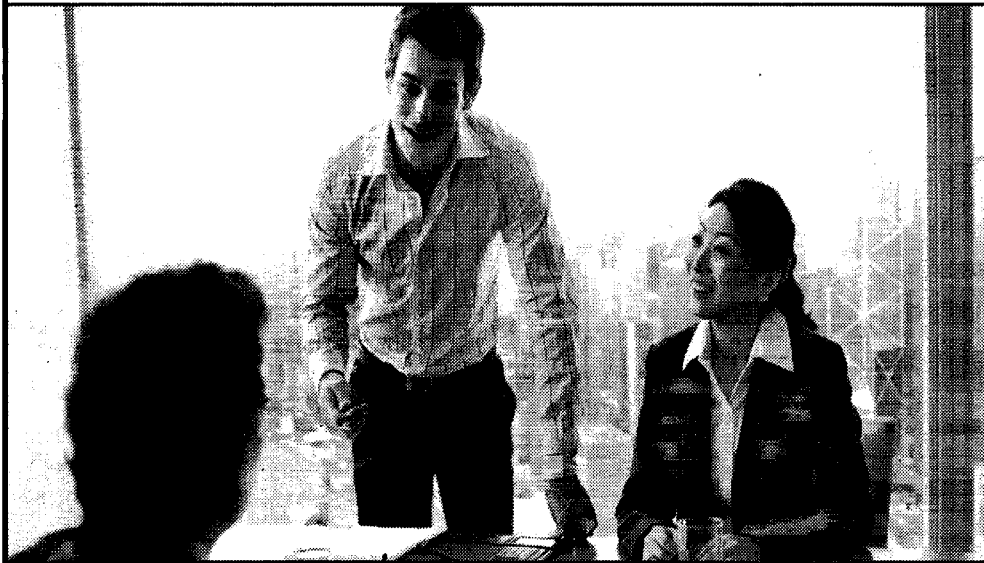


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more offense, they have switched from a flat-four back on defense to a three player zone defense. The fourth defender has been shifted to midfield to put the solid middle of the Belles' lineup at five players strong.

Last year the team's strength lay in its defense, allowing more than two goals in only one game. The shift for more offense will not likely affect the strong defensive tendencies, as the midfielders will play a large role in support.

Saint Mary's welcome another interesting change that has not been common in recent years — a returning head coach.

Before this season, the Belles had a new head coach for the past five years.

Coach Caryn Mackenzie will prowl the sidelines for a second year. She is described by her players to have a fire that drives them to succeed.

“She is really a dynamic coach, always brings some real energy to practice,” Culbertson said. “She is really knowledgeable and has a lot of

background in the game.”

Orr had similar praise for her coach.

“She is just what we need,” Orr said. “She has a pretty clear plan and having her out there for a second year is great.”

“This year is going to be a lot easier because we are comfortable with her and her style of coaching.”

Mackenzie is described as being disciplined — an attribute the Belles feel is an important part of their team.

The key to victory for the players will factor into the mental part of the game. They are confident that even if they are scored upon, they won't allow any pressure to be lifted.

“We are really quick and athletic,” Orr said. “Setting the tone in each game is what we are going to need to do.”

The senior leadership feels strongly that they will be able to instill the ability to win in the underclassmen.

“We are going to try and build their confidences, utilize them, and make them feel a part of the team,” Culbertson said. “We are going to lead by example.”

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“Setting the tone in each game is what we are going to need to do.”

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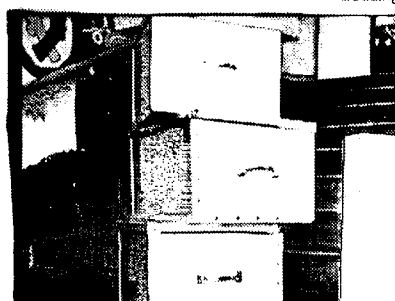
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FOOTBALL

Harris family safe after Katrina hits hometown

Irish kick returner's family OK in wake of devastating storm

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Two days before his first game with the Irish, former walk-on defensive back and starting kick returner Brandon Harris has had other things on his mind this week. The New Orleans native has family where Hurricane Katrina hit, a storm reportedly has claimed thousands of lives. But everyone is okay, Harris said Wednesday night, saying his family evacuated before the storm.

"I'm not sure what the status of our home is right now," Harris said. "But my parents, sister and grandmother are in Shreveport and they'll know pretty soon about our house."

Harris said although he doesn't know about his house, he is most concerned with his family being all right.

"It's on the west bank," he said of his house. "I'm not sure what that area's like now, but I heard there were some problems with the levee system breaking. I don't know if the levee broke by our house or what the water level is around there, but I'm hoping my house is OK. But most importantly my family is OK. My sister was telling me [it] may be a couple of weeks before they can go back."

Harris said he will continue to try to keep his mind on preparing for Pittsburgh the next few days.

"It's pretty tough," he said. "I just have to stay focused — keep my mind on what I'm doing."

Dress list finalized for Saturday

Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Wednesday that he had finalized the list of players going to Pittsburgh, filling out the 15 spots he said were open for players to earn. However, since Notre Dame is independent, the Irish can dress as many players as the coaching staff deems necessary. Weis said it would be about 70 for Saturday's game.

"We've filled up the bus," Weis said. "Those guys knew

that the only way they were going to get on the bus is if the tempo was picked up. We had enough guys to go to the game without them, but we've filled the bus."

At least five of the 15 spots are filled by freshmen, Weis said. He also said he is taking four players from the scout team after initially wanting to take two.

"I leave some travel spots for the scout team players of the week," Weis said. "The

chances they play in a game are very, very small. But I think if a guy goes and busts his butt all week, he deserves to travel just as much as those guys playing every down."

Designing in advance

Weis said he figures out what plays he is going to run before the game, although he doesn't script too much because it makes it harder to adjust to the defense.

"I don't script 25 because I

don't think you can stick to 25 plays," Weis said. "I think that if you script to 25 it doesn't give you a chance to react to what they're doing and all of a sudden it's halftime and you haven't made any adjustments."

"I try to keep it to about 15. And there's times when it's not working I don't get through those 15 either."

Under the lights one more time

Tonight the Irish will practice from 7 to 9 p.m. under the lights of Notre Dame Stadium. It will be their last practice before the season opener.

"[Tonight's] going to be tone it down and key it up before the game," Weis said. "I'm not out there to kill them tomorrow. I want there to be no excuses to how fresh we are."

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Brandon Harris, from New Orleans, jogs during practice on Aug. 17. His family survived Hurricane Katrina.

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HURRICANE

Storm survivors to be moved to Astrodome

Katrina refugees will leave Superdome, travel to Houston, Texas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — With the situation in the smelly and sweltering Superdome becoming ever more desperate, authorities have found a new home for the building's nearly 25,000 hurricane refugees: the Astrodome in Houston.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided about 500 buses to transport the refugees, and the first caravan of buses was expected to leave for Houston on Thursday. The mayor said military cargo planes were en route as a backup just in case the bus system is inadequate and the roads are too flooded.

"It's unsanitary, it's hot, those people haven't had showers or baths in four to five days," Mayor Ray Nagin said Wednesday.

But word of the move to Houston came as Nagin had grim news for refugees desperate to see what is left of their homes: "The city will not be functional for two or three months."

It was not immediately clear how long the refugees will be in Houston, 350 miles from New Orleans. "We're buying time until we can figure something

out," said William Lokey, chief coordinator for FEMA.

The Astrodome's schedule has been cleared through December for housing evacuees, said Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry. The building no longer is the home of a professional sports team — the Houston Astros left in 2000 and the dome is now used for events such as conventions, concerts and high school football games.

Phillip Triggs, 40, wasn't keen on the idea of being forced to Texas.

"As far as the idea of going to another state, no, man, this is my home," he said while catching a breath of fresh air. "My family is here. My home is gone. For us to be going through what we're going through, we're just not ready for this."

Cots and blankets for up to 25,000 people were being set up on the Astrodome's floor. Knowing that the people would arrive tired, frustrated and disheartened, shelter organizers began planning activities that might help take the evacuees' minds off their troubles, such as free trips to museums and amusement parks.

Organizers plan to use Astrodome kitchens and locker rooms to keep refugees fed and clean, but they said they realize it won't be easy because the arena was not built to handle so many people.

The situation at the



A man pushes his bicycle through flood waters outside the Superdome in New Orleans Wednesday. Victims being sheltered in the Superdome will be bussed to the Houston Astrodome.

Superdome was quickly worsening: the air conditioning was out, toilets were broken, and tempers were rising.

"I'm ready to get away from here. Anybody in their right mind would be," said David Ellis, a construction worker who was on the ramp outside the Superdome, escaping the oppressive conditions.

The dome is still surrounded by flooded streets, and the floodwaters are threatening the

generators providing electricity for the remaining lighting. There has been no air conditioning and only limited lights since power went out during the hurricane Monday.

Nagin was insistent that the refugees in the Superdome will be moved out by Thursday.

"It has to be tomorrow. I don't think they can take it," he said. "People are walking up to me in tears."

Authorities began evacuating

people with medical needs and the elderly from the Superdome on Wednesday afternoon. They are not being taken to the Astrodome.

The Astrodome helped put Houston on the map four decades ago. It still stands but is dwarfed by Reliant Stadium, the newly constructed home of the NFL's Houston Texans.

The Astrodome opened in 1965, 10 years before the Superdome in New Orleans.

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well as a member of the Soccer Buzz "elite team of the week."

Against New Hampshire on Aug. 19, Hanks earned her first hat trick — scoring three goals in a 13-minute stretch.

Two days later on Aug. 21, she added four more goals — her second hat trick of the season putting her one shy of the Notre Dame record — in the team's shutout of Vermont.

She also joined three other Irish players to have scored four goals in a game, including teammate Katie Thorlakson who did it in 2004 against St. John's.

Scoring goals is no recent discovery for the Texas native.

In two seasons at Allen High School, Hanks scored 47 goals. And while with the Dallas Texans club team, the freshman earned two USYSA Golden Boot awards.

She was also the leading scorer on the Under-19 National team, scoring 22 goals in 30 games.

Hanks could not be happier about how this early part of the 2005 season has gone, both from an individual point of view and also how she has worked with her teammates.

"It's just awesome to get what I've got so far and gotten done," Hanks said. "But I couldn't have done [so well] without my teammates. So I have to thank my teammates for everything they did for me too."

Hanks is also excited to be part of such a strong team that has achieved so much already, but she realizes the added pressure that it puts on her to live up to expectations and perform well on the field.

"I'm really excited that I came here and got to join the national championship team," Hanks said. "It also puts pressure on you to continue to do well, and hopefully repeat."

"It's awesome but its also nerve racking as well, I still have roles to step up to."

Such roles include helping out Katie Thorlakson on offense.

"I have to kind of help Katie out," Hanks said. "I mean everyone is going to mark her so as long as we can both work

together and stuff, and with the other forwards then it will be better."

Despite Hanks' accomplishments early on this season, Hanks, who joined the team last spring after training with the U.S. Under-19 team last fall, feels that she has adjusted well to playing with the Irish. While she still has a lot to learn, she is comfortable with the progress she has already made in the young season.

"I think I've adjusted pretty well. I mean obviously I still have a lot to improve on and a lot to learn but I think from a transition point of view I've done pretty well," she said.

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Frosh

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Besler. Only two games into their Irish careers, the trio has already made significant contributions to Clark's squad.

In the opening exhibition game against New Mexico, Traynor entered the game in the second half and played superb defense for the remainder of the double overtime tie. His performance impressed the Irish staff to such an extent they inserted the defender into the starting lineup for Sunday's exhibition contest with Michigan.

Dike also impressed in the season opener, providing fresh legs during the two overtimes.

The forward then recorded two shots on goal against the Wolverines.

Besler did not see action against New Mexico, but entered the Michigan game at the beginning of overtime. The midfielder made the most of his opportunity, finding Ian Etherington for the game winning goal and his first collegiate assist.

The strong early play of these freshmen came as no surprise to Clark. The coach knew entering the year that he had a talented group of newcomers.

Traynor starred at Francis Howell North High School in

St. Charles, Mo., earning all-state honors his junior and senior year. Clark has been extremely pleased with Traynor's poise in his first two games.

"Jack's just very calm and very cool," Clark said. "He makes good decisions with the ball. He's just a smart player."

Like Traynor, Dike also garnered all-state honors in his senior year of high school at Edmond North High School in Edmond, Ok. His most impressive performance may have come in the state championship game of his junior season. With his team trailing 1-0 at intermission, Dike responded with three second-half goals to secure the state title.

Dike thinks that his superior size gives him a distinct advantage at the forward position. Clark agrees with the freshman's assessment.

"He's fast and he's strong," Clark said. "He gives us something that maybe we haven't had up front — a big strong attacking threat."

Not to be outdone, Besler also enters Notre Dame with a stellar resume behind him. He led Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Ks. to the 2005 state title and received all state honors. StudentSportSoccer.com named Besler the 16th best midfielder in the nation for last year's senior class. Clark liked his strong and heady

play against Michigan.

"Matt came on and was brilliant actually in the game against Michigan," Clark said. "He played smart and sensible soccer. It was great to see him get the assist on the winning goal."

But the early success has not come easy for the freshmen. Each player has had to deal with the significant jump in level of play from high school and club soccer to the collegiate game.

"It's a whole different game," Dike said. "You've got to play faster. You've got to think quicker. It's not club soccer anymore."

Besler echoed Dike's statement, saying he didn't realize how significant the adjustment would be.

"Obviously everyone says it's bigger, stronger, faster, but you don't really realize it until you get up here," Besler said.

The three players are pleased with their early accomplishments, but remain focused on team goals. The Irish coaching staff expects to receive continued strong play from the trio along with contributions from the four other members of the freshman class — defender Kyle Dagan, midfielder Cory Rellas and goalkeepers Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt.

"If we're going to win the national championship, we are going to need eighteen players that are going to contribute, not just eleven," Clark said.

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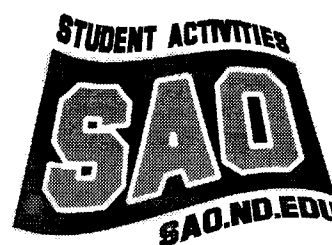
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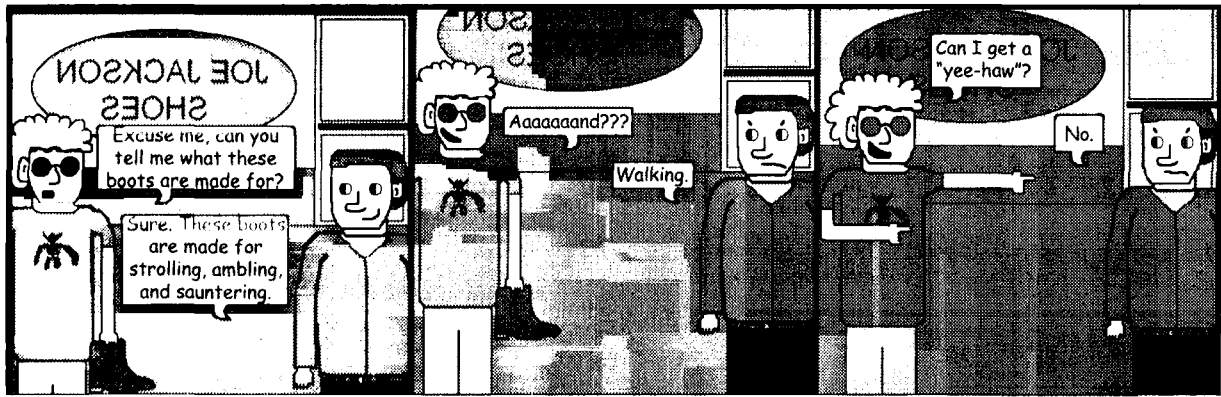
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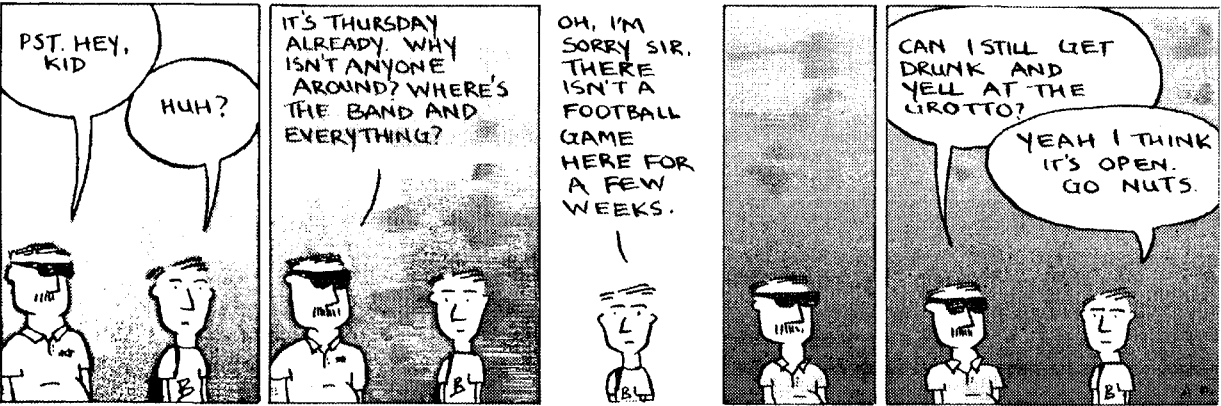
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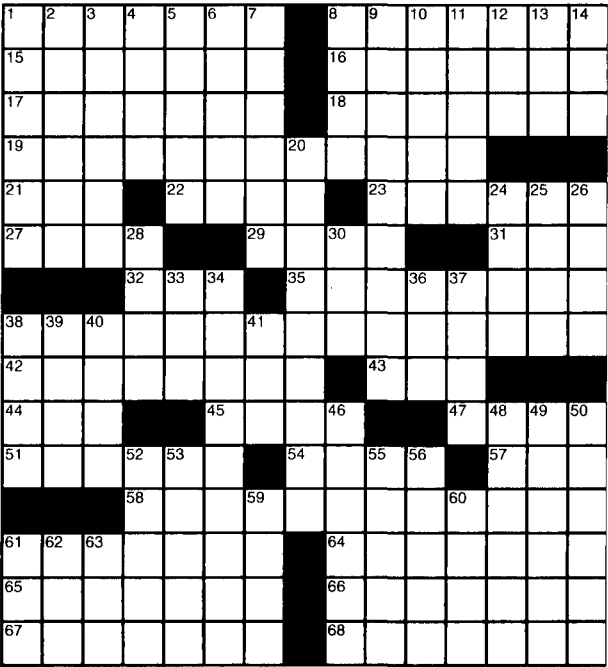
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fresh and kicking

Kerri Hanks netted seven goals in her first two games this year

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Associate Sports Editor

In the first two games this season, Notre Dame dominated its opponents 11-1 and 6-0. Not surprising, considering the defending national champion Irish return 13 out of 15 starters.

What is surprising, however, is that much of that offense in the first two contests came from a player who was not a part of last year's squad.

Freshman Kerri Hanks scored seven goals in the first two games, and because of that, she does not need to worry about being the new girl any longer.

Then again, to those who follow the Irish program, that's the last thing Hanks has ever been.

The Notre Dame forward recently was named the Big East player of the week after her weekend series in Vermont. She was also named the Soccer America player of the week, as

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks dribbles during Notre Dame's match against the Mexican national team April 22. Hanks was recently named national player of the week by Soccer America.

ND MEN'S SOCCER

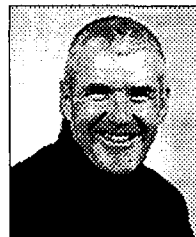
Frosh set the pace for Irish

By **KEVIN BRENNAN**
Sports Writer

Bright Dike appears out of place on the soccer field. Notre Dame's speedy six-foot-one inch, 195-pound freshman forward looks better suited for the gridiron than the pitch.

"He is a horse," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I'm just hoping Charlie Weis doesn't see him. Maybe he'd be a linebacker. He's a specimen."

Even more impressive than Dike's huge frame has been his play along with his two freshman classmates — Jack Traynor and Matt



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FOOTBALL

Irish focus on the details

Coaches predicting special teams will make impact at Pitt

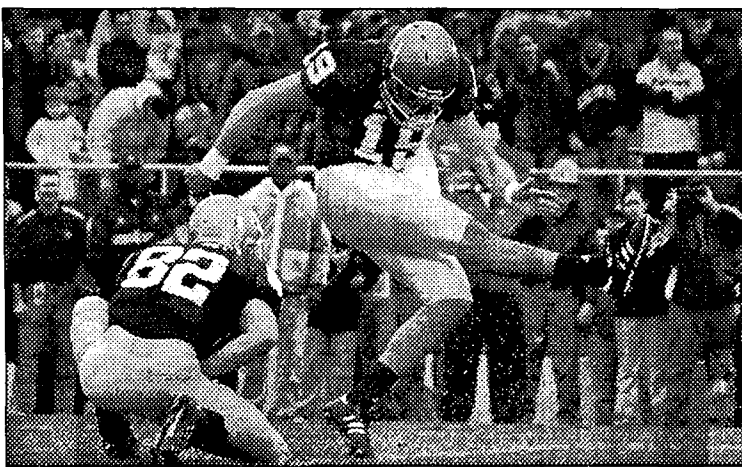
By **MATT PUGLISI**
Associate Sports Editor

With all the focus on new Irish coach Charlie Weis, an offense loaded with returning starters and a defense — particularly the secondary — riddled with inexperience, special teams have been lost in the fray as the Irish get ready to kick off the season Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

"I told everyone from the time I've gotten here how important I've felt the role of special teams were at this place," Weis said at the end of training camp.

Leading the Irish special teams unit against the Panthers will be running back Travis Thomas.

"The runaway choice by the coaching staff for the



D.J. Fitzpatrick follows through on a kick during a game against Boston College Oct. 23, 2004.

special teams captain was Travis Thomas, and he'll become a tri-captain for the first game against Pittsburgh," Weis said. "He's playing on all of our coverage teams, he's done a great job, showed a lot of toughness, and I think that he exemplifies what I've been looking for in special teams players."

With all the changes surrounding Notre Dame football, Weis will be sticking with many of last season's key contributors.

A year after D.J. Fitzpatrick hit 11-15 field goals and posted a 41.8-yard punt average, he will once again handle the kicking and

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SMC SOCCER

Young Belles squad looks for leadership

Loss of seven seniors offset by welcome return of head coach

By **KYLE CASSILY**
Sports Writer

The greatest threat most collegiate athletic teams confront does not come from the opposing sideline or bench. It comes from within. It is the loss of senior leadership and experience that comes with the end of every season.

With the departure of seven seniors from last year's team, the Belles must come to grips with this fact and rely on new leadership and an influx

of young talent. The women will look to improve on a solid 10-6-1 record (9-6-1 in MIAA play).

Seniors Carrie Orr, Shannon Culbertson and Maura Schoen are set to lead the charge, joined by six key returning juniors. Underclassmen will have to play a large role in propelling the Belles to victory.

Sophomores Sarah DuBree and Justine Higgins will couple with incoming freshman Lauren Hinton, Whitney Fron and Mandy Thomson to set the pace for a new season.

"We have a very young team, so basically we're going to have to set a whole new tone," Orr said. "The leadership is going to be spread out a lot more evenly. The underclassmen are really stepping up."

The Belles are shifting their game-plan drastically from last year. In order to generate

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Kevin Millar hit two home runs to lead the Red Sox over the Devil Rays.

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