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ND still grapples with diversity issues

Out of the approximately 2,025 members of the class of 2010, 24.2% are from ethnically underrepresented groups.

This year's freshmen class is made up of:

- 11% Hispanic students
- 8% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 4.6% African American
- .6% Native American

This year citizens of foreign countries make up 4% of the freshman class.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

The number of freshmen from ethnically underrepresented groups increased from a relatively stagnant 21.2 percent to more than 24 percent this year as part of Notre Dame's continued quest to diversify the student body.

That three percent jump is good — but not good enough, say University officials and students. And for some students, it can be hard to spot that increased diversity on a stereotypically homogenous campus.

How diverse is Notre Dame's diverse?

Slightly more than 24 percent of the approximately

2,025 freshmen are from ethnically underrepresented backgrounds — meaning, groups that “based upon national figures [are] underrepresented here at Notre Dame,” said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment.

This year's freshmen class consists of 11 percent Hispanic students, 8 percent Asian, 4.6 percent black and 0.6 percent Native American.

In an address to the faculty last October, University President Father John Jenkins listed promoting diversity — within both the student body and the faculty — as one of his five primary goals for the start of his

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FACULTY SENATE

Libraries dominate discussion

Technology, fund allocation reviewed

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

At the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday night, discussion centered on University libraries — a topic Chair Seth Brown called “more than appropriate” for the group's first session of the academic year.

“We all know how important the library is to us as a faculty, in scholarship and teaching, and as a result, we as faculty tend to be passionate about the library,” Brown said.

For the bulk of the meeting, Director of Libraries Jennifer Younger and John Weber, chair of the University Committee on Libraries (UCL), spoke to the faculty members on the state of Notre Dame's library system, and the goals and strategies for improving its services — especially in the area of technology. Their comments were drawn primarily from a draft of the UCL's 2005-06 annual report and the draft report of the task force on University libraries, both of which were made available to the group.

Weber went through the UCL's report, expounding on several of the more important

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Xerox printing center opens at Saint Mary's

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Printing services available at Saint Mary's were upgraded and expanded when Xerox Corporation took over the former College-run printing services facility Aug. 15. The College decided to stop operating its own printing facility and brought in a company to take over daily operations, Vice President of College Relations Shari Rodriguez said.

The College has been investi-

gating several ways to lower administrative costs, she said, and “the printing services operation was just one example.”

Rodriguez did not return Observer phone calls regarding how much Saint Mary's expected to save. As part of the search process, Rodriguez said the College “issued a request for proposal for management of the copy center.” In the end, she said, the Xerox Corporation offered “the most attractive proposal.” The new services provided by Xerox will continue to be housed in the College's facilities building, but the office name will be changed from Printing Services to The Document Center.

The reason for this title change, Rodriguez said, is the

range of services that will now be available.

“It has been named a document center because of the variety of document services that are provided beyond simply making copies,” she said. “The operation will assist the College with finding the most efficient and cost-effective management of document output.”

While The Document Center will still be a “full-service copy shop” that offers black and white and color copies, presentation support, document assembly, lab manuals, and single color offset printing, Rodriguez said, several new features will also be available to the College community.

These services include on-line job submission, pick-up and

delivery service and copyright clearance assistance, Rodriguez said.

Along with the variety of services Xerox will be able to supply the College, one of the benefits of opting to have Xerox take-over printing services will be the company's “expertise that would be difficult to match in a self-operation,” Rodriguez said.

For now, Xerox will remain in control of printing services at the College for the next three years. At that time, Rodriguez said, there will be a re-bidding to determine future plans.

Once the new academic building is completed, The Document Center will be moved from its current location to a

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Pineda lectures on faith, immigration

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Everyone — from congressmen to human rights activists — has voiced an opinion on immigration regulation and border enforcement, but perhaps there is a simple, less bureaucratic solution to this highly complex problem. What would Jesus do?



Pineda

Theologian Ana Maria Pineda of Santa Clara University made her audience question that Wednesday night at the Stapleton Lounge in

Le Mans Hall, thus kicking off the “Bringing Tradition to Life” Lecture Series at Saint Mary's College.

The lectures hope to “[breathe] new life back into our understanding of the [Catholic] tradition,” which includes ideals such as extending hospitality to the stranger, Director of the Center for Spirituality Sr. Kathleen Dolphin said.

In the spirit of finding ways to adapt these endangered religious principles to modern times, Pineda said, today's Catholics should simply act with compassion and generosity as is required of them — towards the less fortunate refugees and immigrants.

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Satire distinguishes Dillon rally

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

Every home football game has a pep rally complete with dorm cheers, the band and pom squad performances. But just one rally dares to poke fun at aspects of life under the Dome and send a fur-clad freshman around campus to advertise.

Held once a year prior to Notre Dame's home opener, the Dillon Pep Rally will take place tonight at 7 p.m. on South Quad.

Dillon men have been preparing the script throughout the summer and putting in long hours of rehearsal this fall, Dillon president and pep rally organizer Andy Hellmuth said.

More than rehearsals, Hellmuth said, the most inte-

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Father Jim Doyle, rector of Dillon Hall, laughs as he surfs atop a sea of Notre Dame students' hands during the dorm's 2004 pep rally.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Goodbye, Crocodile Hunter

The Crocodile Hunter is dead — long live the Crocodile Hunter.

Steve Irwin, the famed Australian conservationist and television personality has passed on and will no longer be able to make us laugh with his outgoing, accented personality or his love for the natural world. His memory will live on in the hearts and minds of his family, his country, the world and the countless animals he worked so hard to keep on this earth.

Marty Schroeder

Scene Writer

This may seem tongue-in-cheek, that I am making fun of this man who did so much. However, this is plain wrong. I am merely trying to write this in manner of which he would have approved. He was a humorous man and his devotion to the animal kingdom coupled with his ubiquitous cry of "CRIKEE!" will not be soon forgotten.

Some may seem him as a conservationist, others as a crazy man who endangered his own child, still others only as a crazy TV star. For some not from Australia, he may have been the definition of what that country in an opposite hemisphere is.

He was a man with little fear and an extreme comfort with the natural world. In an age where we are more used to skyscrapers, Gucci bags and Ray-ban sunglasses, he represented for many a gateway to a world that we only, in a slight way, encountered on our childhood trips to the local zoo.

The joy of the adrenaline rush and bringing human contact to animals was in him like few other men. The pantheon of conservationists and explorers, which include the likes of John James Audubon, Jacques Cousteau and Sir Ernest Shackleton, will now be able to add a new name — Steve Irwin — to those men who did much for the environment in an era when few cannot or do not want care about life outside their immediacy.

Cousteau may have been dignified, Shackleton tough and Audubon wise, but Irwin was able to bring wildlife in a palatable way into the homes of millions with his jovial nature and distinct enthusiasm. Ask any child if they have heard of The Sierra Club or Greenpeace and I would bet that blank stares would be the usual reaction more often than not.

But ask them if they know who the Crocodile Hunter is and watch the smiles of joy and hear the discovery they learned from his programs.

This is not a joke that I am giving to you — this is a eulogy of respect for a great man that will be sorely missed throughout every city, forest and ocean in this world.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE NOTRE DAME ATHLETE, AND WHY?



Adrienne Hearne

*freshman
Cavanaugh*

"Zbikowski, because he sports a mohawk and boxes."



Frank Vento

*freshman
Stanford*

"Sean Callinan [lacrosse], because he works hard and plays harder."



Katelyn Theis

*freshman
Cavanaugh*

"Samardzija, because he plays both football and baseball."



Mike Hawking

*sophomore
Siegfried*

"Women's soccer, 'nough said."



Kristen Blyth

*freshman
Cavanaugh*

"Zbikowski, because he has a mohawk and is basically just [awesome]."



Robbie Bernardin

*sophomore
Siegfried*

"Brady Quinn because he carries two unlicensed guns and is an all-around stud."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Clad in Notre Dame gear, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn discusses the basics of the game at Walsh Hall's Football 101 in LaFortune on Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Rockefeller Visiting Fellow Jennie Burnet will give a lecture entitled "Sorting and Suffering: Gender, Ethnicity, and Social Classification in Post-Genocide Rwanda" at 12:30 p.m. today in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture Series will host a "Special Follow-up Event: Immigration Issues: A Catholic Common Ground Conversation" today, at 3:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

Student Comedy Night at Legends will begin at 10 p.m. tonight. ND/SMC/HCC student ID required to enter.

Executive Vice President of Production for 20th Century Fox Television Jim Sharp will hold a workshop discussion called "Working in the Film and TV Industries" from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday in the Giovanini Commons of the Mendoza College of Business.

Syndicated columnist and political analyst Mark Shields, a Notre Dame alumnus, will deliver a presentation on "How Students Can Shape Politics, Government and History" at 11 a.m. Friday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

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

OFFBEAT

Cell phones found inside four prisoners

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Cellular telephones were found inside four prisoners in El Salvador's maximum-security prison, authorities said Wednesday.

The discovery was made Tuesday at the prison in Zacatecoluca, in central El Salvador, after suspicious officials took X-rays of each of the inmates, federal corrections chief Jaime Villanova said.

The names of the prisoners, all members of the dangerous Mara

Salvatrucha gang, were not released in order to avoid jeopardizing an ongoing investigation that began a month ago, he said.

Man robs bank to be 'supported'

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Police said Gaetan Roy had just lost his job, so he came up with a plan: Rob a bank, hang around, then get taken to jail to be "supported."

Roy has been charged with robbing a St. Mary's Bank. Police said he walked into the bank Friday and handed a note

to the teller that said: "This is a robbery. Put all the cash into the plastic bag. No hassles, no problems."

Roy left the bank with about \$1,300. When officers arrived, they found Roy in a Dunkin' Donuts parking lot next to the bank, drinking an iced coffee. Police said he had the note and cash stuffed in his pockets.

"It appears he didn't make any furtive gestures," Sgt. Lloyd Doughty said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 78 LOW 60	HIGH 68 LOW 55	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 74 LOW 53	HIGH 77 LOW 60	HIGH 78 LOW 54

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SENATE

Committee chairs share town ideas

Shappell discusses plans to improve community relations

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Student Senate committee chairs provided updates on their progress and student body president Lizzi Shappell discussed her plan to improve community relations at a brief Senate meeting Wednesday.

On Friday, Shappell and Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi will meet with Karen White, member of the South Bend Common Council and chair of its Community Relations committee. They will discuss South Bend's amended disorderly house ordinance — a point of contention between Notre Dame students and the South Bend community.

Former student body president Dave Baron appealed to the Common Council last February, claiming the amended ordinance unfairly targeted Notre Dame students. Friday's meeting will be a follow-up to that, Shappell said.

Gender Issues committee co-chair Ashley Weiss updated senators on her committee's progress regarding the upcoming eating disorders conference — a campus-wide event



Lauren Hunt/The Observer

Student Body President Lizzi Shappell listens intently as committee chairs update the Senate on the progress of their groups.

Shappell announced last spring.

Weiss said her group is coming up with a title for the conference and working with an event coordinator to improve planning.

Residence Life committee chair Pat Knapp announced a list of issues his group plans to tackle in the coming weeks. He

said they are working on a "printer issue" in Siegfried and the use of Domer Dollars in the DeBartolo vending machines.

The committee will continue to generate ideas for a college town as well, Knapp said.

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PrintLimit debuts at Saint Mary's College

New system grants students \$100 — or 1,000-page — quota per academic year

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students may think twice before using campus printers now that the new print limit system has taken effect this semester.

Under the new system, all students are granted a \$100 — or 1,000-page — quota per academic year, Chief Information Officer Keith Fowlkes said.

If a student reaches her quota before the end of the academic year, Fowlkes said, she "must purchase print code cards from either the campus bookstore or convenience store."

However, Coordinator of Student Computing Kathy Hausmann said if a student does not use her entire quota for a given year, her remaining balance will rollover into the following years until she graduates.

Hausmann said she feels the

new system is accomplishing its intended goals.

"I believe it is making more students aware of what they are printing," she said, "which was the goal for using PrintLimit."

PrintLimit debuted at the College this semester "after three years of trying to educate students about conservation, paper waste, and paper costs" without success, Fowlkes said.

"It became evident that we had to implement a system that would hold students accountable for their paper use," he said. Fowlkes said he is personally pleased with the success of the new system, and so far, he said he feels the student response has

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Keith Fowlkes
Chief Information Officer

been positive.

"Most students won't reach their quota until winter term and I'm sure we will hear some displeasure after the holidays," he said.

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Pineda

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"The ancient practice of welcoming the stranger and offering hospitality to him is a moral imperative," Pineda said. "We do not have a choice."

She emphasized the abundance of examples in the Old Testament where the exiled people of Israel were immigrants in need of a helping hand, and later in the New Testament when Jesus Christ asked his followers to treat "the least of these brothers of mine" as if they were Sons of God.

Pineda then reminded the audience who would be, in this day and age, these least brothers of whom the Bible speaks — and they're not just the refugees and immigrants from Latin America.

"There are thousands of people still displaced due to Hurricane Katrina," she said.

"There are millions of people dying in Ethiopia from starvation, and millions more in Pakistan are homeless as a result of the great earthquake," she said.

She said there are many ways every person or organization can help.

Pineda recounted a recent controversy at Santa Clara —

some of the benefactors of Santa Clara University threatened to discontinue their funding when they found out that some of the students enrolled and awarded financial aid were actually undocumented immigrants.

However, Santa Clara did not give in to this pressure and supported its students' right to receive higher education, regardless of a lack of proper documentation, said Pineda.

She also said that people should not make judgments about the immigrants based on common misconceptions, like the false idea that undocumented immigrants don't pay taxes, or the notion that terrorist threats can be reduced by closing the Mexican border.

"I had always thought that immigration laws should be tighter, and that people needed to get their papers straight before coming here," Saint Mary's junior Stephanie James said after the lecture. "But Dr. Pineda has really made me think about these issues like a Christian instead of a political science student."

Notre Dame graduate student Leo Guardado also found the lecture inspiring.

Guardado and his mother fled El Salvador in the 1980s to avoid being drafted during the Civil War that was raging, and though he did not have the

appropriate documentation at the time, he received a scholarship to complete his undergraduate studies at St. Mary's College in California.

He has since become a legal resident of the United States.

"If they had closed their doors to me back then simply because I didn't have the right papers, I probably wouldn't be here today," he said.

Saint Mary's junior Suzanne Swygart also agreed that spreading the concept of tolerance and generosity in this particular issue will only benefit society at large.

"Cultural diversity is something that we should always welcome and strive to achieve," she said. "I think we need to address this in parishes and Catholic schools throughout the nation."

The "Bringing Life to Tradition" Lecture Series will continue today with Boston University's Claire Wolfeich, and her take on women's task of balancing spirituality and the pressure of the workplace.

On Monday, actress Nancy Murray will wrap up the Lecture Series with an impersonation of Saint Catherine of Siena titled "Voices from the Past, Wisdom for Today, Hope for Tomorrow."

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Faculty

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points. He opened the discussion by comparing the boom in technology in the hands of students — from iPods to Blackberries to TiVo — to the dramatic change the library's technology has experienced.

"Since [the late 1990s], the technology change has been unbelievable, in terms of how it affects the library," Weber said. "Currently technology and cost are the two factors that are pretty much driving everything that's going on in the library."

According to Weber, the faculty and students' expectation of the library's digital capabilities has increased exponentially with the new dependence on instantaneous desktop access to core materials. Electronic accessibility is moving beyond periodicals, and starting to cater to the desire, or even need, for entire collections to be available on-line.

"There's no denying the fact that for most of the disciplines on the campus, besides Humanities, desktop access is the new standard," he said. "So when it comes to measuring library performance, there is a real emphasis on access speed, ejournals, connections with consortiums and fast searches."

Weber also brought up the concern with "deteriorating information literacy" among students.

"When I ask students in my class to do research, the first thing they do is go to Google," he said. "Where is the regulation for those materials?"

He said the University as a whole must take up the problem of educating these students about research and information, with support from the library staff.

The cost of resources is also

a major issue, as the price of library materials in general increase at twice the rate of the consumer index, according to Weber.

"We're in a 'can't-have-everything' environment, and end up having to make difficult choices on how to prioritize materials," he said.

Younger spoke about these choices, specifically the decisions made in regard to how to use the \$1.5 million given to the library from the Fiesta Bowl winnings.

According to Younger, \$1 million of that sum is going to the expansion of the library's holdings in history.

"History is a core discipline, and there is a well-known gap here between the need for resources and what our collection can provide," she said. "Divided up, that \$1 million among many disciplines wouldn't have made much of a difference for any of their problems, so we chose to focus it."

She also said \$200,000 of the money is going to increasing the holdings in Africana Studies, \$150,000 is going to the IEEE digital engineering library and the final \$150,000 is going to pay for the back files of the Web of Science citation database.

"The problems the library has are basically problems able to be solved by money, so it's so fortunate to get \$1.5 million," Younger said.

In general, the presenters were optimistic about where the library was headed.

"Our [the UCL's] collective assessment of the library system, is that it is doing well, setting dynamic and realistic goals and using foresight to capitalize on the opportunities available," Weber said.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is Oct. 4.

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Bea disability facility dedicated

Special to The Observer

The Sara Bea Learning Center for Students with Disabilities was dedicated Aug. 25 at the University of Notre Dame. The center is located in a facility behind the Main Building that also houses a campus satellite of St. Michael's Laundry and a mail service center.

The Javon and Vita Bea family underwrote the center, which is named in memory of their daughter Sara, who died in June 2003 at the age of 21 after battling multiple disabilities throughout her life. Four of the Beas six children are graduates or current undergraduates of Notre Dame. Javon Bea is the chief executive officer and presi-

dent of a Wisconsin-based Catholic hospital system and a member of advisory council for Notre Dame's College of Science.

Tim Cordes, the valedictorian of Notre Dame's class of 1998, was among the speakers at the dedication. Cordes, who is blind, has completed a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin, where he now is working on a doctorate.

Scott Howland, the program coordinator for students with disabilities, said that of the 200 Notre Dame students registered as disabled, most have a learning disability or are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

"The most commonly

requested accommodation from students is testing accommodations," Howland said. Students need extra time to complete a test; some need a quiet location to help concentrate; some need a reader that enlarges the words on a test or to answer questions on a computer instead of in a blue book.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japanese royal family welcomes boy

TOKYO — With shouts of "Banzai," Japanese celebrated the birth Wednesday of the imperial family's first male heir since the 1960s, a development that squelched hopes of reform to allow women on the throne.

Princess Kiko, wife of Prince Akishino, gave birth to a boy by Caesarean section at a Tokyo hospital. The boy, who will be named Tuesday, is Emperor Akihito's first grandson and is third in the line to the throne, behind brothers Crown Prince Naruhito and Akishino.

The news was cheered by many Japanese, who maintain an enduring respect for the imperial family more than 60 years after Emperor Hirohito renounced his status as a divinity at the end of World War II.

Newspapers published extra editions, supporters gathered outside the hospital where the 39-year-old Kiko gave birth, and TV networks ran continuous coverage on the delivery. Fans shouted "Banzai" — "Ten Thousand Years" — outside the imperial palace.

Israel turns over small border area

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army turned over a small border area in south Lebanon to Lebanese and foreign troops Thursday, a symbolic move paving the way for U.N. peacekeepers to go into the volatile area.

The pullback came as an international donors conference in Sweden pledged nearly \$1 billion to help Lebanon rebuild, after the country's prime minister told the gathering that Israel's war with Hezbollah wiped out "15 years of postwar development."

Israel sent up to 30,000 soldiers into Lebanon during the 34-day war, and when the fighting ended they occupied a zone extending about 10 miles north from the border.

NATIONAL NEWS

Former Illinois Governor sentenced

CHICAGO — Former Gov. George Ryan, who was acclaimed by capital punishment foes for suspending executions in Illinois and emptying out death row, was sentenced Wednesday to 6 1/2 years behind bars in the corruption scandal that ruined his political career.

"People of this state expected better, and I let them down," the 72-year-old Ryan said in court before hearing his sentence.

Federal prosecutors had asked for eight to 10 years in prison. Defense attorneys argued that even 2 1/2 years would deprive Ryan of the last healthy years of his life.

"Government leaders have an obligation to stand as the example. Mr. Ryan failed to meet that standard," U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer said.

Feds allow 90-day painkiller supply

WASHINGTON — People taking Oxycontin, codeine and other powerful painkillers for chronic pain could get a 90-day supply, under a proposal Wednesday that would let patients avoid repeated doctor visits to get more than 30-day prescriptions.

Unless a patient makes another office visit, doctors now cannot refill the schedule II controlled substances because they can be abused by addicts. Current law is silent on the question of multiple prescriptions for drugs that are issued by a doctor in a single office visit.

LOCAL NEWS

High school graduation rate declines

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's high school graduation rate has declined over the past decade and now stands at about 71 percent, according to a new Indiana Chamber of Commerce report that looked at several ways of calculating the rate.

Chamber president Kevin Brinegar said the report, which estimates that more than 20,000 young Hoosiers drop out of high school every year, does not bode well for the state's work force.

"Dropping out of high school in today's economy is the equivalent of an economic death sentence," Brinegar said.

IRAQ

Country to control armed forces

U.S. calls move a 'gigantic' step, but bloodshed continues with 36 killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq will take control of its armed forces command on Thursday, a major step on its painful path toward independence and an essential move before international troops can eventually withdraw.

Despite the progress, there was more bloodshed with at least 36 people killed across the country in car bombs, mortar attacks and drive-by shootings. Police also found 29 bodies.

"This is such a huge, significant event that's about to occur tomorrow," U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said of the shift in the Iraqi command. "If you go back and you map out significant events that have occurred in this government's formation in taking control of the country, tomorrow is gigantic."

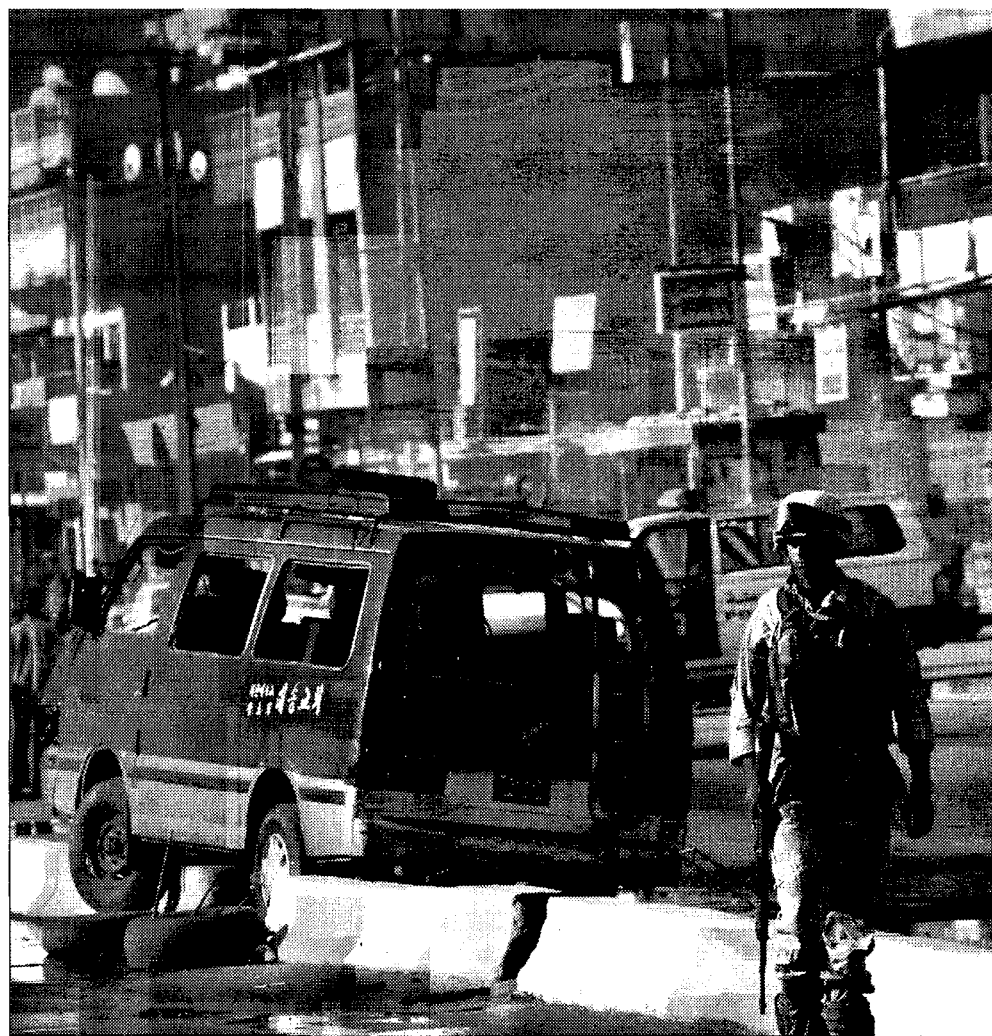
The highly anticipated ceremony, which will put the prime minister in direct control of the military, comes five days after it was originally scheduled. The government abruptly called off the original ceremony at the last minute.

The U.S. and the Iraqis did not publicly reveal many details of the disagreement, other than to say it was more procedural than substantive.

Caldwell said the handover was so important, it could not be rushed into.

"If there's even a question, if there's even a slightest misunderstanding, you would absolutely want to get that thoroughly resolved," he said.

Following the fall of Baghdad in April 2003, the U.S. disbanded what was left of the defeated Iraqi army. The U.S.-led coalition has been training and equipping the new Iraqi military, hoping it soon will be in a posi-



An Iraqi army soldier walks past a car bomb explosion site in Baghdad Wednesday. Iraq's 2007 budget will increase the amount of money to be spent on the country's security.

tion to take over security for the entire country and allow foreign troops to return home.

But it is still unclear how fast this can be done.

"It's the prime minister's decision how rapidly he wants to move along with assuming control," Caldwell said. In Thursday's ceremony, the prime minister will take control of Iraq's small naval and air forces, and the 8th Iraqi Army Division.

"They can move as rapidly thereafter as they want. I know, conceptually, they've talked about perhaps two divisions a month," Caldwell said.

The 8th Division was recently engaged in a fierce, 12-hour battle

with Shiite militia in the southern city of Diwaniyah which left more than 20 soldiers and 50 militiamen dead.

Days before the battle, the Division's commander, Brig. Gen. Othman al-Farhoud, told The Associated Press that while his forces were capable of controlling security, they still needed support from the U.S.-led coalition.

He said there was still a need for coalition air support, medical assistance and military storage facilities.

"In my opinion, it will take time," al-Farhoud said when asked how long it would take before his division was completely self-sufficient.

Politicians have been optimistic.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani predicted in a Tuesday meeting with visiting British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett that fighting in Iraq will have abated by the end of 2007, and that Iraqi forces will be able to handle any remaining violence.

Yet the killing continued.

On Wednesday, two bombs targeting an Iraqi army patrol exploded in northern Baghdad within minutes at a busy intersection, killing at least nine people and wounding 39, police said. Two of the dead and eight of the wounded were Iraqi soldiers, police said.

NASA questions Atlantis launch

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — An electrical problem forced NASA to postpone Wednesday's liftoff of the space shuttle Atlantis yet again, and engineers faced with a tight launch schedule struggled to understand the problem.

About 11 hours before the scheduled midday launch, engineers discovered that a coolant pump that chills one of the shuttle's three electricity-generating fuel cells was giving an erratic reading. NASA rules say all three fuel cells must be working to launch, and if one fails in orbit, the shuttle must come

home promptly.

NASA officials met for hours during the afternoon to figure out whether they could fix the problem, whether they could safely ignore it, or whether they would have to put the flight on hold for perhaps weeks.

Managers ruled out a launch attempt on Thursday but said Friday was still a possibility.

NASA officials wanted more time to analyze the coolant pump that chills one of the shuttle's three electricity-generating fuel cells since "there's something funny going on in that fuel cell," said Wayne Hale, space shuttle program manager.

Officials said they were going "above and beyond" the agency's safety requirements since flying with the problem didn't violate any rules.

The space agency's options are to replace the fuel cell or fly Atlantis as is. Changing out the fuel cell would rule out a Friday launch since it would take several weeks.

There was a 30 percent chance that bad weather would prohibit liftoff at the 11:40 a.m. EDT Friday launch time.

If not, the space agency may have to wait until late October — or relax daylight launching rules instituted after the 2003 Columbia accident and try again at the end of September.

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term.

Saracino said Jenkins was pleased with the progress made this year by the Office of Admissions.

"In conversations, he congratulated us on our successful first year and wished us continued success," Saracino said.

This semester, approximately 22 percent of Notre Dame undergraduates from the United States are from underrepresented minority groups. Approximately 0.72 percent are Native American or Alaskan Native, 6.55 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander, 4.05 percent are black, 9.29 percent are Hispanic and 1.41 percent are not specified. There are 382 international students.

"It has a distant perception"

Despite the University's amped-up recruiting efforts — for the past two years, the percentage of minority students has hovered around 22 percent — some students see the school's image as a natural, if unavoidable, deterrent.

Senior Jason Laws said Notre Dame's reputation as a white Catholic university may dissuade black high school students from considering it in their college search.

"It has a distant perception," Laws said. "It is in the distance because it is a white Catholic university, and when you see Notre Dame advertised, you don't see or think of black, unless it's football."

But Chandra Johnson, director of Cross-Cultural Ministry and associate director of Campus Ministry, said Notre Dame's Catholic identity and the pursuit of diversity go hand in hand.

"The University of Notre Dame is indeed Catholic, and therefore our search for truth involves exposure to different identities and world views," Johnson said.

Saracino said Notre Dame's Catholic identity does not in any way negatively influence its applicant pool, noting that many minority Catholics apply to Notre Dame.

The University does not need to change its image, he said, but it needs to introduce Notre Dame to a larger audience to attract a more diverse applicant pool of talented students.

"If we are educating the Catholic leaders of tomorrow, and we are only educating white students, that's not educating the Catholic leaders for tomorrow," Saracino said.

Senate Multicultural Affairs committee (MAC) chair Destinee DeLemos said she is happy with the increased diversity within the Class of 2010, but warned against increasing the numbers of minority students while ignoring the problems these minority students face on campus.

"I think it's important to

increase diversity numbers, but it's also important to recognize that increasing diversity numbers is not necessarily conducive to the success of minority students," said DeLemos, who is multi-racial. "There still needs to be other efforts made to improve campus climate."

Other students, like freshman Ted Lee, said the Office of Admissions should continue to increase ethnic diversity while focusing more on increasing socio-economic diversity.

"Rich kids have such a big advantage over the poorer kids," Lee said. "The poorer kids should be given some advantage, a little bit at least."

The University recognizes that, said Saracino, who called ethnic and socio-economic diversity "equally important." The Office of Admissions strives to increase both types, he said.

"Telling the story"

Just as it is not talent-blind, the admissions process is not race-blind, he said. The University wants to increase numbers of talented students from these groups to more closely mimic the ethnic distribution of the United States.

Applicants may choose to reveal their race on their Notre Dame application. Most of the applicants decide to complete this part of the form, Saracino said. The admissions office uses these statistics to develop a profile of the applicant pool, and later, of the admitted class. The applicant decides what race he is, not the University.

"They don't have to prove it," Saracino said. "We trust the applicant student who claims to be whatever race they are."

Saracino credited this year's spike to the combined efforts of admissions counselors, student workers, the alumni network and the Financial Aid office to encourage these students to apply to the University and accept its offer of admission.

"All of those groups really did a great job of telling the story of Notre Dame to students who may not have considered Notre Dame before," Saracino said. "... We've gotten to have a critical mass of students here from ethnically underrepresented groups so that they've been a great help to us in following up with admitted students, contacting them to offer assistance."

Visitation weekends gave students a "clear picture" of Notre Dame, Saracino said. The Financial Aid office ensured any demonstrated need was met. The Office of Pre-College Programs brought talented black and Hispanic students to the University, introduced them to a college atmosphere and gave them the chance to participate in academic and leadership seminars.

Laws said he still does not think Notre Dame is "on the radar" for many ethnic minority students. But the Office of

Admissions is doing a good job of researching ways to attract minority students, he said, and the increase in ethnic diversity is evident.

"I can say that it seems that there is an improvement," Laws said. "Not a major improvement, but there is a definite difference between my freshman year and now my senior year."

"We have a long way to go"

When the Class of 2009 arrived on campus last August, Saracino told The Observer he was "disappointed" in the number of black students. This year's class is composed of 95 black freshmen, and Saracino said he is "pleased with it, but not complacent."

Saracino said he wants to continue drawing black students, as well as other minorities, into the applicant pool. He also wants to attract more international students. Citizens of foreign countries make up 4 percent of the freshmen class.

Next year, he said he would like to see a class of 5 percent black students, 12 percent Hispanic, 8 percent Asian and 1 percent Native American.

For the past two years, Johnson has led seminars on embracing diversity in freshmen Contemporary Topics classes. She credits Jenkins with directing this push to promote diversity at the University, but she cautioned against complacency with the recent progress.

"I don't want us to stop, thinking we've accomplished our goal," Johnson said. "We have a long way to go."

Last year, Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, handed out bracelets that said "Diversity Matters at Notre Dame." Outlaw is giving them out again this year to freshmen through the PILLARS program. She said Notre Dame students should be "global citizens."

"I think it's important to realize that the community is made up of different facets and that we should all bring gifts to the University that we should celebrate and embrace," Outlaw said.

While pleased by the freshman class diversity statistic, Outlaw said more work must be done to bring diverse backgrounds to the University.

For freshman Brittany Perrie, Notre Dame is less diverse than her high school in California. She said she sees only a small number of ethnic minorities around campus — not enough to qualify for the official 22 percent figure.

"I'm sure they're here, but I think overall I see more Caucasian people than really anybody else unless you're at a specific ethnic event," Perrie said.

DeLemos said she and other ethnic minority students at Notre Dame at times feel as though they are not represented within the community and that they are looked upon differently from white students.

DeLemos, who is from San Diego, said she is more aware of her minority background when she is at Notre Dame

than when she is at home.

"Being a minority has a completely different concept when you come to Notre Dame, because when you are in a diverse atmosphere, being a minority isn't relevant," she said.

When Laws ran for student body president last year, he included in his platform the idea for a black student union to help black students discover ways to assume leadership positions at the University.

"It would be just another group that would help organize the black community, as far as providing a structure that can help us to have a stronger sense of empowerment, to unite our voice," said Laws, who still hopes to implement the union.

The goal of the union — as well as the creation of MAC — is to prevent the minority student voice from being marginalized, Laws said.

While he does see an improvement in the diversity of the student body since his freshman year, Laws said problems of racial stereotyping and white privilege still persist.

"There are times when my opinion in a class might be dismissed, or I might give an answer and it's not given a credible amount of consideration and then another student will say the same thing, and then, you know, there's the answer," he said.

From her interaction with students, Johnson said she has seen minority students face difficulties at Notre Dame due to their race and their separation from the white majority.

"I believe that [the minority student] experience is very different from the majority student simply because it is more difficult to find your voice in an environment that does not reflect your particular experience," she said.

But for Saracino, this year is a step in the right direction.

"I'm excited by the current freshman class and what next year's class will be, and what the overall community will be as a result of it," Saracino said.

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gral form of preparation lies in a special Dillon Hall tradition.

"Most importantly, we prepare for the pep rally by finding our Teen Wolf, Dillon's unofficial mascot," he said.

While freshmen do not have the opportunity to be cast in the skits, two have been selected from a group of 15-20 willing students to don the costume, becoming the face of Dillon Hall and the voice of the pep rally.

"[The teen wolves] don a werewolf costume and run around campus, catching people's attention in anyway they can," Hellmuth said. While an invitation by a wolf may be enough in itself to entice some to check out the pep rally, the prospect of a hilarious show and of special guest appearances should draw others, Hellmuth said.

"It helps the campus to kick off the football season with guest speakers to pump the crowd up," he said. "It also provides great entertainment with a production that is full of witty, satirical humor that everyone will enjoy."

In satirizing campus life, the Dillon Pep Rally runs the risk — like the annual February comedy show the Keenan Revue — of facing scrutiny from offended members of the campus community. But organizers urge students to remember the humor is all in good fun.

"We do a great job of poking fun at certain things at Notre Dame," co-organizer Rob Arseniadis said. "I'm sure there have been several questionable jokes in the past, but we try not to target specific individuals or group, but rather poke fun about certain stereotypes on campus."

While tradition prevents organizers from revealing guest speakers, last year's pep rally featured both Charlie Weis and Brady Quinn. Arseniadis said this year's choices won't students down.

"We have some terrific surprises before and during the show," Arseniadis said. "The show's success is always tough to repeat, but I think we've done it again this year."

Hellmuth especially urged freshmen to attend so they can "finally experience what true dorm spirit is" in attending the first signature dorm event of the year.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

For more information please visit our website www.nd.edu/~ndsat06/

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,447.37	+0.00	
Up: 1,449	Same: 180	Down: 1,757	Composite Volume: 1,641,759,350

AMEX	1,680.04	-1.31
NASDAQ	2,141.07	-6.83
NYSE	7,531.13	-12.72
S&P 500	1,218.02	-3.57
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,634.88	+0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,337.80	+11.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.39	-0.15	38.77
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INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.08	+0.02	25.28
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.40	+0.07	17.72
ORACLE CORP(ORCL)	+0.60	+0.08	13.39

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+0.00	+0.00	40.29
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.00	+0.00	38.39
3-MONTH BILL	+0.00	+0.00	33.77

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IN BRIEF**Silver futures surge to 3-month high**

SAN FRANCISCO — Hewlett-Packard Co. Chairwoman Patricia Dunn is under scrutiny from business and ethics experts after she oversaw an invasive and possibly illegal effort to snoop into the home phone calls of fellow HP board members.

Dunn, a former freelance journalist who has become one of the most powerful women in corporate America, oversaw the ouster of former HP CEO Carly Fiorina in February 2005 and the hiring of Mark Hurd as her successor. Now analysts say she may be the next one to leave.

"When you start spying on your own board, you darn well better have probable cause," said Peter Morici, professor at the Professor Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. "If the chairman thinks this is the way business ought to be conducted, maybe it's time for her to take a sabbatical. It's arrogant and inappropriate." Gold followed, helped by both silver and a sharp gain in copper, analysts said. Continuing tension over Iran's nuclear program was another factor underpinning precious metals.

Small companies overlook insurance

NEW YORK — Although most small business owners know they need property and casualty insurance for their premises, many don't realize they need specialized insurance coverage to limit their losses from a disaster.

Perhaps the biggest omission owners make when buying a commercial policy is business interruption insurance.

"They fail to think about what would happen if their business couldn't open again," said Loretta Worters, vice president for communications of the Insurance Information Institute, a New York-based trade group.

Business interruption insurance covers profits that are lost and expenses that continue to be incurred when a company is forced to shut down by a disaster, or even by an event such as an extended power outage. Policies typically have a 48-hour waiting period before coverage starts, but, depending on how much coverage a business buys, interruptions up to 360 days can be covered.

Murray named as Ford's CEO

Founder's great-grandson decides company needs more leadership than he can give

Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — When Bill Ford decided that his family's company needed more leadership than he could offer, he started looking for someone who had successfully fixed a large but troubled manufacturing company.

He wasn't sure there was such a person, but as he asked around in and out of the auto industry, one name kept popping up: Alan Mulally, executive vice president of the aerospace company Boeing.

But Mulally, 61, who is credited with straightening Boeing Co.'s flight path in the dark days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was unwilling to leave a company he had served for 37 years.

"I resisted," Mulally said at a Tuesday news conference at Ford Motor Co.'s world headquarters in Dearborn.

Eventually, though, the 49-year-old Bill Ford prevailed, convinced that Mulally had the right experience to lead Ford's young management team through the troubled and uncertain times that lie ahead.

On Tuesday, Bill Ford introduced Mulally as the new president and chief executive officer of the nation's No. 2 automaker. Mulally will work in transition between the two companies through September and hopes to be fully on the job in Dearborn by the beginning of October.

Ford shares rose 16 cents, or 1.9 percent, to close at \$8.55 Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Its shares have traded in a 52-week range of \$6.06 to \$10.20.

Mulally was widely praised for being a key architect of the resurgence of Boeing's commercial airplanes unit over the past couple of years. He was a top candidate for the Boeing CEO job last year, but the company went outside to select aerospace veteran Jim McNerney, then the 3M Co. chief executive.

Boeing on Tuesday named Scott Carson to replace



Alan Mulally, former Boeing exec and recently-named president and CEO of Ford, smiles during a question at a news conference at headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. Tuesday.

Mulally as president of the commercial airplanes unit. Carson, 60, had been vice president of sales for the Seattle-based division and is a 34-year Boeing veteran.

While acknowledging he is not an auto authority, Mulally said: "I'm certainly a product designer and I care deeply about having a viable business."

He said Ford and Boeing have much in common, producing products that need long lead times for development. Both industries, he said, are heavily affected by fuel prices and foreign competition.

But he said during the past 15 years at Boeing, the company was able to trim its product line from 14 air-

planes to only four, and those four do the same job more efficiently than the 15 did.

Mulally, who drives a Lexus, said he took the job partly because there are people who believe the U.S. can't compete with the rest of the world in manufacturing.

"I personally think we absolutely can if we pull together," Mulally said.

Bill Ford, the great-grandson of company founder Henry Ford, struggled for five years to steer the company toward financial stability.

He candidly admitted that he couldn't handle all the challenges that now face his 103-year-old company. He told his board in the spring

that "I'm wearing too many hats."

He began courting Mulally in July, eventually winning him over.

"In this environment, it was clear to me I needed somebody with a skill set who can take us further," he said. "I think everybody's skill set doesn't fit every era and every time. When I looked at what we need now, it was very apparent to me that I wanted somebody, if that person existed, who had major turnaround experience in an industrial company."

Bill Ford, who took control of the company in 2001, decided to remain on as executive chairman to continue helping with strategy.

Mutual fund argument continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The two-year tussle over a regulation requiring that mutual fund chairmen be independent has pitted The Vanguard Group, Inc. against John C. Bogle, its founder. It's thrown the former governor of Minnesota against the son of a Supreme Court justice.

On its face, what's at stake is the composition of the boards of mutual funds. But the hope in some quarters and the fear in others is that if the regulation is enacted it will have implications for the governance of all public companies.

"Call it the rub-off effect," said C. Meyrick Payne, a senior partner at

the consulting firm Management Practice Inc., which specializes in mutual fund governance. "Serious people believe that this is the beginning of separating the regular chief executive from the chairman."

Arne H. Carlson, former governor of Minnesota and now the independent chair of RiverSource Funds, which were recently spun off from the American Express Co., agrees. "Part of this is a corporate CEO fear that their control will be placed in jeopardy."

The proposed rule by the Securities and Exchange Commission, first introduced in 2004, would require that 75 percent of mutual fund boards be independent and work under an independent

chair.

Those in favor of the rule say more independent boards will negotiate lower management fees.

"The data overwhelmingly show that the more that managers as a group take, the less than fund shareholders as a group make," said John C. Bogle, founder of The Vanguard Group, Inc. and its former chief executive officer.

Those opposed say it would "create additional bureaucracy for fund advisers, thereby stifling the creation of new fund offerings for investors," as lawyer Samuel E. Whitley wrote in comments to the SEC. Others add that there is no empirical evidence the new rules would do any good.

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new home in the Student Center, Rodriguez said.

She also said she hopes the changes being made to the College's printing services will "establish an operation that will be user-friendly and more accessible to students who choose to use it."

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DENMARK

Bomb chemicals found

Associated Press

ODENSE — Danish authorities found chemicals that could be used to make bombs when they raided an immigrant neighborhood and arrested terror suspects, the country's top intelligence official said Wednesday.

A Danish court jailed two of the men arrested Tuesday on preliminary terror charges, but said five others must be released within days unless investigators submit stronger evidence against them.

Police seized chemicals, computers, telephones and CD-ROMs during the sting in Odense, 100 miles west of Copenhagen, said Troels Oerting Joergensen, the Danish intelligence agency's operative boss.

New parking lot, rules appear at College

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

In addition to planned scenery changes like a new academic building and a hotel next to Saint Mary's, a new parking lot has popped up this year — and with it, some new parking rules.

The new lot, designed exclusively for off-campus students, has been constructed near Opus Hall and is a close walk to Madeleva and the Science Hall.

Saint Mary's security has also placed restrictions on faculty and commuting students' parking as well as dorm-front parking. This year, students will not be permitted to park in front of residence halls for an extended period of time. Yellow restriction lines have been added in front of Le Mans and Holy Cross Hall to prevent vacant vehicles and excess traffic.

Dan Woods, director of Security at Saint Mary's, said the most dramatic changes to parking pertain to preparing for the upcoming construction.

Minor changes in where faculty and commuting students can park are being dealt with in an incremental manner. Security is using warnings and temporary signs to acclimate students and faculty to the changes.

"Parking enforcement began right after school started. There has been some small confusion with the lots, but we have been giving the commuters extra chances," Woods said — meaning most of the "tickets" have been warnings.

"We will soon be in full swing with enforcement," he said.

However, students seem to be

adapting to the parking changes, Woods said, since citations and towing are not exceeding last year's numbers. Woods said he does not expect parking violations to increase from last year.

"The amount of tickets so far appears to be about the same," he said.

Junior Becca Rosswurm, who moved off campus this year, said she is pleased with the parking accommodations for commuting students.

"While it may be closer for off-campus students to park in the last three rows of the Science Hall lot, I find it just as easy to use the new lot," she said. "And who can't use a little exercise?"

As for towing, only one incident has been reported this year.

Junior Carly Rundborg's vehicle was towed while she was attending daily Mass at the Church of Loretto Aug. 31.

She attended daily Mass about three times a week for years and said this is the first time she experienced problems with parking.

"I am an off-campus student and I just want to go to daily Mass without getting my car taken away and charged," Rundborg said.

Woods said Rundborg should have known better.

"Most returning students with vehicles know the policy and abide by the parking regulations," he said.

Woods anticipates small problems in the near future with parking and traffic flow. The new academic building and hotel, set to break ground in the southwest and northeast corners of campus, respectively,

"We will soon be in full swing with enforcement."

Dan Woods
Director of Security
Saint Mary's



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Saint Mary's junior Marcia McDonnell reaches to remove a parking ticket from her windshield in the Regina parking lot.

may cause minor changes.

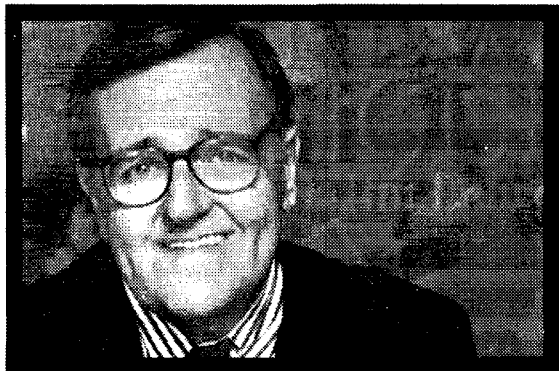
"Things may change a bit at the Douglas Road intersection with Madeleva Drive, but we are not expecting normal day-to-day traffic on campus to be impacted that much," he said.

Although parking on campus only causes minor confusion and violations, the Irish home opener against Penn State brings an influx of would-be parkers. Director of Athletics

Lynn Kachmarik is involved with football parking at Saint Mary's for home games. She said that each varsity athletic team is responsible for organizing parking for a home game this season.

"I think it will be very organized this weekend and well-run," Kachmarik said.

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Bush admits to secret CIA operated prisons

14 terrorist suspects transferred over to Guantanamo for trial

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday acknowledged for the first time that the CIA runs secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies.

Bush said 14 suspects — including the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and architects of the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole and the U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania — had been turned over to the Defense Department and moved to the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for trial.

Bush said the CIA program “has helped us to take potential mass murderers off the streets before they were able to kill.” Releasing information declassified just hours earlier, Bush said the capture of one terrorist just months after the Sept. 11 attacks had led to the capture of another and then another, and had revealed planning for attacks using airplanes, car bombs and anthrax.

Nearing the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, Bush pressed Congress to quickly pass administration-drafted

legislation authorizing the use of military commissions for trials of terror suspects. Legislation is needed because the Supreme Court in June said the administration’s plan for trying detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law.

“These are dangerous men with unparalleled knowledge about terrorist networks and their plans for new attacks,” Bush said, defending the CIA program he authorized after the Sept. 11 attacks. “The security of our nation and the lives of our citizens depend on our ability to learn what these terrorists know.”

The president’s speech, his third in a recent series about the war on terror, gave him an opportunity to shore up his administration’s credentials on national security two months before congressional elections at a time when Americans are growing weary of the war in Iraq.

Democrats, hoping to make the elections a referendum on Bush’s policies in Iraq and the war on terror, urged anew that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld be made to step down.

With the transfer of the 14 men to Guantanamo, there currently are no detainees being held by the CIA, Bush said. A senior administration official said the CIA had detained fewer than 100 suspected terrorists in the history of the program.

Still, Bush said that “having a CIA program for questioning terrorists will continue to be crucial to getting lifesaving information.”

Some Democrats and human rights groups have said the CIA’s secret prison system did not allow monitoring for abuses and they hoped that it would be shut down.

The president declined to disclose the location or details of the detainees’ confinement, or the interrogation techniques.

I cannot describe the specific methods used — I think you understand why,” Bush said in the East Room where families of some of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks gathered to hear his speech.

“If I did, it would help the terrorists learn how to resist questioning, and to keep information from us that we need to prevent new attacks on our country. But I can say the procedures were tough, and they were safe, and lawful and necessary.”

Bush insisted that the detainees were not tortured.

“I want to be absolutely clear with our people, and the world: The United States does not torture,” Bush said. “It’s against our laws, and it’s against our

values. I have not authorized it, and I will not authorize it.”

Bush said the information from terrorists in CIA custody has played a role in the capture or

questioning of nearly every senior al-Qaida member or associate detained by the U.S. and its allies since the program began.

He said they include Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the accused Sept. 11 mastermind, as well as Ramzi Binalshibh, an alleged would-be 9/11 hijacker, and Abu Zubaydah, who was believed to be a link between Osama bin Laden and many al-Qaida cells.

“Were it not for this program, our intelligence community believes that al-Qaida and its allies would have succeeded in launching another attack against the American homeland,” Bush said.

He said interrogators have succeeded in getting information that has helped make photo identifications, pinpoint terrorist hiding places, provide ways to make sense of documents, identify voice recordings and understand the meaning of terrorist communications, al-Qaida’s travel routes and hiding places.

The administration had refused until now to acknowledge the existence of CIA prisons. Bush said he was going public because the United States has largely completed questioning the suspects, and also because the CIA program had been jeopardized by the Supreme Court ruling.

Bush also laid out his proposal for how trials for detainees should be conducted, a plan he says ensures fairness.

Met to present 6 live shows

Opera House plans Internet broadcasts in U.S., Canada, Europe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Opera is vastly expanding its broadcast presence, transmitting six live performances to movie theaters in North America and Europe this season and broadcasting more than 100 live over the Internet or on digital radio.

As part of the company’s groundbreaking attempt to expand its audience, it announced Wednesday that the six video broadcasts will be followed by telecasts on PBS following 30-day windows. DVD and CD releases could follow. The Met also will make many of its historical broadcasts available on the Internet, some for free but most for a fee.

“We’re already an aging art form and we now have to make sure we are undertaking initiatives like this that will create audience development, audience education and connect the Met generally with its local, national and global fan base in a way that has not been possible previously,” said Peter Gelb, who took over from Joseph Volpe as the Met’s general manager on Aug. 1.

Gelb’s moves are part of his shakeup at the Met, where 77 percent of available tickets were sold last season, down from 93 percent in 1999-2000.

The high-definition satellite simulcasts to hundreds of movie theaters will begin Dec. 30 with the English-language adaptation of Julie Taymor’s production of Mozart’s “The Magic Flute,” under the baton of Music Director James

Levine.

Other productions scheduled for simulcast are Bellini’s “I Puritani” starring soprano Ann Netrebko [Jan. 6]; the world premiere production of Tan Dun’s “The First Emperor,” with Plácido Domingo in the title role [Jan. 13]; Tchaikovsky’s “Eugene Onegin” starring Renee Fleming and Dmitri Hvorostovsky and conducted by Valeriy Gergiev [Feb. 24]; a new production of Rossini’s “Il Barbiere di Siviglia” with Juan

Diego Florez and Diana Damrau [March 24]; and the new production of Puccini’s “Il Trittico,” conducted by Levine and directed by Jack O’Brien [April 28].

Gelb said the likely ticket price in the United States would be \$16-\$18.

In order to launch these initiatives, Gelb and Volpe negotiated agreements with the American Guild of Musical Artists, which represents the singers, chorus and ballet; Local 802 of the Associated Musicians of Greater New York; and Local One of the Theatrical Stage Employees Union.

In the past, the Met paid an upfront fee for each broadcast plus additional money for

each airing. Under the new agreements, Gelb said there will be a small upfront payment and a continuation of the fee paid for the Saturday radio broadcasts that start each December and run until the spring. In exchange, the Met will have unlimited use of the electronic product and will share any profits.

Since 2001, just two Met telecasts have aired on PBS and three productions that had been video recorded were not even aired. Gelb said the

agreement would cut the cost of televising an opera, which had been more than \$1 million, by more than 50 percent.

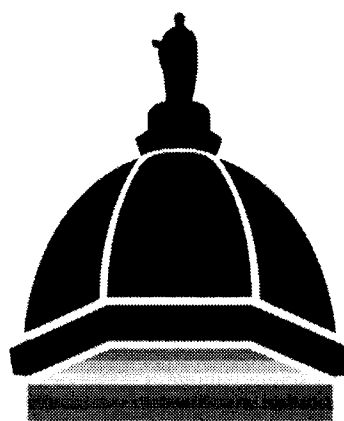
Even Alan Gordon, AGMA’s executive director,

called the prior costs “impossibly prohibitive.”

“There was no money coming in from media. To give up an illusory contract that had a lot of money doesn’t mean anything if nobody’s making any money,” he said. “Peter Gelb I guess has a vision that you have to expand the audience base any way you can to keep the Met vibrant. His ideas about exploitation of media are the centerpiece of his plan. His pitch to the unions was, ‘It’s the only way to survive,’ and our members bought into that.”

“We’re already an aging art form and we now have to make sure we are undertaking initiatives like this that will create audience development ...”

Peter Gelb
General Manager
Metropolitan Opera



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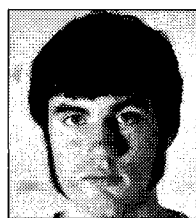
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Terrorism can be born at home

Last week, the World Knights of the Ku Klux Klan celebrated Labor Day early by exercising their constitutional right to free speech and holding a rally in Gettysburg National Park. They kicked things off in a light rain by shouting "White power!" and later moved on to lambasting such time-honored targets as blacks, Jews, gays and Latinos. Supposedly, the main purpose of the event was to call for the return of U.S. troops from Iraq — in order to carry out the ingenious plan of stopping immigration by placing them as patrol units along the Mexican border.

Who knew the Klan were such pacifists? You could have fooled me. The wool must have been pulled over my eyes when I went to the World Knights' Web site (one of many sites associated with the KKK). The banner on the site features several armed soldiers in battle gear. A manifesto outlines dreams of eventually exterminating every non-white ethnicity on the face of the planet. The site is adorned with other wonderful little trinkets, such as gunshot sound effects every time you highlight a link. How creative.

Disgusted sarcasm aside, this is the kind of thing that makes me want to throw up or hand in my resignation from the human race. To see this kind of xenophobic behavior — to think that this is the furthest we've come — is a surefire way to stir up misanthropic feelings. Of course, not everyone reacts this way. Dismissing KKK rallies as outlets for lunatics or wackos is the response of choice. These idiots will fade away ... eventually.



James
Dechant

Foregone
Conclusion

Funny thing is, that's what they said 40 years ago, in the wake of the civil rights movement. That's what they said 40 years before that, during some of the Klan's widespread anti-Catholic activities and another 60 years earlier following the Civil War. The group and its message refuse to slowly die or burn out.

These guys are still around, though today it seems a broad assortment of groups claim the Klan name. They are a real force that represents the worst part of America, a part it has not been able to shake.

Forget affirmative action and ethnic insensitivity; this is an organized, chartered hate group, fostered right here on American soil. They're not hinting at underlying prejudices and discriminatory feelings; they're coming right out and saying them. Yet the continued activity of the Klan is only the most explicit indication of a far wider-reaching problem in the United States. The root cause rests deeper in the American psyche.

The fact is, the Klan is a terrorist organization that is fed by widespread racism and extreme nationalism. This combination breeds exactly the sort of ideologies that motivate people to hijack public transportation, bomb churches and murder innocent civilians. Sound familiar to anything we hear about in other parts of the world? This is not the appropriate place to go into whether we should be concerned with hunting terrorists abroad (hey, give me a break, I've only got 800 words to work with). But the recipe for hatred and terrorism — people who really "hate freedom" — is found right here at home.

And America doesn't want to admit that. America hates to admit that anything raised and nurtured under its own roof could ever escalate into the kind of violence we see and hear about

in the news every day, abroad. We would love to think that we're too civilized, too egalitarian, too rich, too comfortable and too well protected by our laws and our Constitution to ever give birth to the destructive hatreds that we see in other parts of the world.

Both the Klan and the Islamic terrorists we are hunting claim to be backed by their respective religions, while in reality both make mockeries of what their religions stand for. The only thing holding back the Klan from the same kind of crusade is a lack of leadership. Come to think of it, it may be a good thing the Klan sees all non-white races the same, because they would otherwise gladly join forces with radical Islamic fundamentalists to eliminate the "Zionist state" of Israel.

It is the darkest sense of poetic irony that the Klan rallied on the battleground of an American war kindled in large part by widespread racism. Abraham Lincoln may have been saddened to learn we would still be struggling from the same national maladies for decades and decades to come. "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced," he said in his famous address. What would Honest Abe think if he could see that hallowed ground today? There is precious little dedication to advancing the moral mission of this country. Lincoln was concerned with holding the fragile country together. Perhaps today we should be concerned with not letting it become the very thing we hate.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Facebook update means increased visibility

I woke up a few days ago to find that, much to my horror, all my recent doings on the Facebook were being looked at by all my friends. Without asking, they all could all see my relationship status, whose walls I had been commenting on, which shady-looking friends I had recently made and all of my personal photos (some of which I'd rather not have the entire campus, my parents and my future employers seeing). I found, to my delight, that I could see similar details for my friends. The next day I woke up to find that the Facebook had streamlined this entire stalking process for me.

The new layout showed me some emerging trends in Facebook activity, including changing one's status to "is being creeped out by the new Facebook!"

and joining groups such as "Facebook is friggin' creepy now" or "STOP THE STALKERS." Several friends added Facebook notes about the new layout, and they all seem to hate it.

I like the new Facebook layout.

Mark Zuckerberg's team did nothing to add creepier, more personal content to the site. We have nobody to blame for the uncomfortable feeling we get from this new layout but ourselves. The calming white and blue color scheme of the Facebook doesn't make the information we post to it any less vulnerable. The new Facebook layout reminds us just how much information we're giving out to people who really don't know us very well at all. It doesn't show anything that any self-respecting Facebook stalker, parent, administrator or employer couldn't

figure out given half an hour. While before we could be lulled into making the most thorough profiles imaginable, we finally all realize the value of our privacy.

Kudos to Facebook. This latest stunt is sure to cost them plenty of traffic, but it's the right thing to do. It forces us to realize just how personal and important to us the information we give out is.

That being said, the new home page layout is ugly as sin.

John Gorski is a Junior in Computer Engineering, and thanks to the Facebook, now knows everything about you.

John Gorski
junior
Stanford Hall
Sept. 6

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One of the most adventurous things left us is to go to bed. For no one can lay a hand on our dreams."

E. V. Lucas
author

Always time for a 'do-over'

Of the hundreds of hazy memories I have from my own Freshmen Orientation weekend (which was, ahem, more than 20 years ago), one still stands out for me. At one of the many meetings for freshmen, our rector in Farley, Sister Jean Lenz, kept telling us, "Don't drink the punch." She talked a little more about other things, and then she'd say, "And really, don't drink the punch!" Then she introduced all the RAs, and slipped in a quick mention of not drinking the punch. "The punch" was usually created in a big bowl or a bucket in guys' dorms by mixing Hawaiian Punch or Hi-C and Everclear. Unfortunately for those — mostly freshmen women, it seems — who drank it out of big cups, it tasted just like, well, plain old punch. Of course, after being told 25 times not to drink the punch, my roommates and I from my quad in Farley went over to Holy Cross Hall, and one of my quad-mates drank quite a quantity of punch. Now that quad

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

was such a horrible room that it no longer exists in Farley, and Holy Cross was such an old hall that it no longer exists on campus (though a mournful little gravestone notes its former site along the side of St. Mary's lake), but people often still lose their bearings in one way or another soon after they arrive at Notre Dame.

Perhaps you heard before you came here, "Oh, college is a chance for new beginnings! It's a fresh start! Make the most of it!" All of which is true. So, given the opportunity for a fresh start, in a new place, with new friends, new classes, where no one knows that in high school you were a geek, or a party animal, or a soccer player, or the valedictorian or whatever ... have you made the most of it? Certainly none of us came here thinking, "I'm so excited to go to Notre Dame. I can start out my career here as a really heavy drinker!" or, "Can't wait 'til college so I can sleep in and miss my 8:00 class!" or, "I bet I'll meet some guys down the hall and spend all my time playing video

games with them instead of getting involved on campus!" But have we found ourselves in a place we never expected to be and can't quite figure out how we got there?

I myself never touched the punch; I would have been petrified to so much as sip it. I made plenty of other mistakes while I was here, however, and mostly because I forgot. I think we often lose our bearings in a new place because we forget — we forget the best of what we've learned along the way, in our old places, where people knew exactly who we were and probably exactly what we needed to hear. If you're not feeling too comfortable with your "new" self right now, go back and remember the best of the best; think of the best mentor you've had — in your family, at your church, in your school, on a sports team — and then think of the best advice that person gave you. Remember all you've learned from the people who have known you best in life, and keep that close to your heart.

Fresh starts are tougher than adver-

tised. They're a bit more work than we'd like to admit; we really have to pray hard and think and examine who we want to be. We're not always willing to make the time and to take the mental energy required to do so, and lots of distractions eat away at our days and nights. However, even if the start of this year doesn't feel so fresh to you any more, there's always time for a "do-over." Make your own new way; be the person you can be proud to be; never forget what the people you admire most have taught you. Notre Dame can truly be a place where you will feel most like the person God created you to be, not the least bit lost at all and ready to navigate any unfamiliar territory that comes your way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLAP calls for fair wages

It seems that a lot of the sentiment on this campus against a living wage has been raised in the best interest of workers. Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) also has the best interest of workers in mind and in heart, and based on a number of meticulous studies, it finds only benefits from the living wage. With regard to Jonathan Klingler's column ("Beyond the living wage," Sept. 5), CLAP maintains its stance that a living wage based on the Federal Benefits line will be beneficial to Notre Dame's workers. First, the methodology of the \$12.10 has been called into question on the basis that families of four often have other sources of income. Regardless, the federal government, acknowledging that many workers have such a situation, has decided that \$12.10 with benefits is the maximum a worker can make and still be food stamp eligible. Is it acceptable to be paying workers wages below this standard, or is it Notre Dame's responsibility to ensure that full time workers are able to meet their basic needs?

As for the critique on the living wage policy in general, let us first say it is presumptuous and unfounded to say that the workforce will be "gentrified" and will lead to fewer jobs for low-income workers. In fact, the labor market is not so sensitive to changes in wages, as noted in a study by the Economic Policy Institute: "A recent EPI study of the effects of the 1996-97 minimum wage increase, for example, found no evidence of job loss among teenagers and adult workers with less than a high-school education (two groups of workers that typically have lower skill levels)." However, the EPI notes, no studies have provided evidence to the contrary. As for the idea that the job market would shrink and create unemployment, studies conducted on Boston's and on Baltimore's living wage ordinances "have found no evidence of diminished employment" (Thompson and Chapman, 2006). Lastly, the living wage has proven to help companies and communities because it creates less turnover within jobs and thus fosters productivity.

As an alternative solution, the columnist calls for computer and business classes for the employees, in order to increase their skills and make them eligible for a better-paying job. In fact, Notre Dame already offers some educational courses for its employees, and for this, CLAP gratefully applauds the University. However, this training for a better job is not a solution to the low wages we pay, because once a worker moves on, another person will fill her/his spot at Notre Dame and earn the low wages.

Ultimately, the columnist notes that, "the University should revisit its pay scale and investigate methods of ensuring that all employees of the University are able to have fair wages determined on an individual basis." CLAP fully agrees with this statement. Wages for lower paid workers have been falling for several decades and we believe it is time to stop this race to the bottom with the implementation of the higher standard of a living wage. Since its inaugural assembly last September, CLAP has called for a task force of workers, students, faculty and administration to examine this issue. We still stand by this demand and will not rest until just policies are rendered.

Campus Labor Action Project
Sept. 6

Rock star?

I have read (in other places) of the "rock star" treatment Brady Quinn gets on campus. First, is that accurate or a vast exaggeration?

If it is true, is any conversation being held among students about what ought to be the student-athlete culture at Notre Dame?

If the football team continues to improve, as we all hope it will, students can expect more and more stars on campus. But will they not still be Notre Dame students first? And should they not be treated first as Notre Dame students?

As a track star from track country (Oregon), I appreciated the support I received from students when I was at Notre Dame. I have great memories. But guys like John Huarte and Jack Snow and Allan Paige, who were huge stars, were treated on campus pretty much like other students, and most of all were afforded considerable privacy. I wonder if students and athletes today would consider that kind of treatment a worthy student culture goal?

Pat Conroy
alumnus
class of 1965
Sept. 6

Grad students deserve tickets

Recent decisions by the undergraduate Student Union Board (SUB) have resulted in the exclusion of graduate students from the lottery distribution of football tickets for the away game at Michigan State. The ticket office, which sold the tickets directly to the SUB, was unaware that graduate students were being excluded. The rationale given by the SUB was that, "due to the limited number of tickets available to Michigan State, we are only able to allow Notre Dame undergraduates to participate."

This statement places a lower value on graduate students: they are not as important as undergraduates and thus should not have equal opportunities. Every away game lottery in the past has been open to graduate students, regardless of the number of tickets available. Graduate, law and MBA students make up 27 percent of the student population of this University. We are very much a part of the fabric of the Notre Dame community.

We take classes just as the undergraduates do; we pay tuition just as the undergraduates do; and we deserve the same access to ticket lotteries that the undergraduates receive.

Paul Schramm
graduate student
Sept. 6

Israel intended to hit civilian targets

In a Letter to the Editor ("Roads in Lebanon, Sept. 5), Professor Gellman insists that criticism of Israeli attacks on Lebanon "should be made on factual grounds and on solid evidence of policies, not on factual errors."

I entirely agree.

Dismissing the suggestion that Israel bombed roads needed by escaping civilians, Professor Gellman writes, "Israel bombed only roads leading east and north-east from Lebanon in the direction of Syria. Roads leading North and Northwest were left open during the entire duration of the war." The evidence which he cites is CNN footage of returning refugees, but that is surely insufficient proof.

The maps of UNIFIL and other agencies show where they have made fords and new roads, to avoid bombed roads. A CNN report of Aug. 15 described returning refugees driving through bomb craters and using a newly repaired bridge over the River Litani, north of Tyre.

International relief agencies on the ground report the cutting of 94 roads and the destruction of 80 bridges, scattered all over the country. Furthermore, 25 fuel stations in the South were targeted. Civilian transportation was clearly a target.

So too were electricity stations, irrigation canals, water pumping stations, and supermarkets. As early as July 20, the Catholic charity Caritas Lebanon said, "The Israeli Army is making the situation even worse for Lebanese civilians by targeting warehouses and factories."

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the campaign as a whole, or of any particular tactics, it is surely disingenuous to insist that any suffering inflicted on the civilian population was collateral damage. The Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Force, Lt. Gen Dan Halutz, repeatedly stated that anything in Lebanon was a legitimate target.

"Nothing is safe [in Lebanon], as simple as that," he said on July 13. Bombing was intended to effect political change, not just to hit Hezbollah directly.

David Harley
visiting professor of history
Sept. 5

CD REVIEW

Simpson's 'Public Affair' should stay private

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

Some may love Jessica for her charm, her humor, or (for guys) her sex appeal, but let's face it, regardless of her celebrity, Jessica Simpson has never been known for her singing talent. Before the three-season run of 'Newlyweds' — the reality show that publicized her marriage — the singer demonstrated poor record sales. Until 2003, the ditzy blonde was far overshadowed by more popular singers like Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera.

'A Public Affair' is her first album since the split from former hubby Nick Lachey. Lachey has recently come out with 'What's Left of Me,' a compilation of cooing songs that whine over the former couple's divorce. But unlike Lachey, who has chosen to cry his way to the top of the pop charts, Simpson leaves the subject nearly untouched.

It's a showcase of 80s inspired songs, which have generously been compared by some critics to an early Madonna. "A Public Affair," the first single to hit radio

waves, takes no shame in its "Lucky Star" inspiration. For the video, Simpson and her girls (Christina Applegate, Christina Milian and Eva Longoria) are clad in classic 80s wear — fluorescent leggings, jumpsuits and glitter — at a local roller-skating rink. The song is purely sticky-fingered bubblegum-pop with its carefree ready to "rock cause the party don't stop" lyrics.

"You Spin Me Around (Like A Record)," arguably the best song on the album, is a cover of an old "Dead or Alive" song. Just like with last year's hit song "These Boots Are Made for Walking," Simpson proves that her greatest skill is at remaking already well-liked tunes.

Although the album starts off well, it loses steam as it progresses. "Push Your Tush" proves that Simpson can't seem to shake the character, Daisy Duke, who she portrayed in "Dukes of Hazzard." The persistent "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" chorus and her ditzy laughter are both earaches.

"I Belong to Me," the upcoming radio release, was voted the best single on the album by a number of Simpson fans on her official Web site. Purchasers may feel cheated, however, since the song only appears as an exclusive only available on the CDs purchased at Wal-Mart locations.

Having Jessica Simpson co-write a whopping eight songs was probably the first mistake in creating this album. It is an entire CD of gener-



Photo courtesy of ablazingly.com

Jessica Simpson fails in her fourth album, "A Public Affair," to promote herself as a successful musician, and instead relies on her celebrity to sell her music.

ic ballads and uninspired pop songs with very little lyrical merit. And while the majority of Simpson's listeners are likely to be young, easily entertained teenyboppers, the remaining fans will be left in complete boredom.

Despite help from top pop producers Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis and an even more notorious Scott Storch (responsible for Paris Hilton's debut album), Simpson fails to create a pop album that is better than mediocre, forgettable fluff.

Despite the fact that this is her fourth album, Simpson hardly makes an attempt to promote herself as a talented and qualified singer.

"A Public Affair" is largely a mix of songs simply thrown together to make a

less than average album. It's hardly Simpson's best singing — and a sad attempt for an established celebrity.

Always a tabloid favorite, Simpson's bubbly persona remains enough to overshadow an incredibly disappointing music career. Simpson can expect to reach platinum with this album, as sales will likely be based on her celebrity rather than on the album's actual quality.

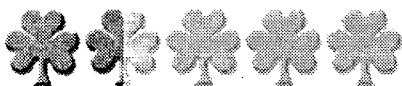
Unfortunately, the best that anyone can hope to take away from the disc is a few average tunes for some late-night karaoke. Save the \$15 dollars and splurge on Paris Hilton's CD instead.

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Jessica Simpson

A Public Affair

Sony



Recommended tracks: 'Push Your Tush,' 'A Public Affair' and 'You Spin Me Around (Like a Record)'

DVD REVIEW

'Apocalypse Now' given hero's treatment in new set

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

"Apocalypse Now" isn't really about war. It's about a descent into madness.

Nearly 30 years after its original release, Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 opus remains one of cinema's most frustrating films. Glorious and gloriously flawed, it summed up the excess (negative and positive) that defined the 1970s epic. Alternately masterful and maddening, "Apocalypse Now" signaled the proverbial end of a decade.

The latest release, "Apocalypse Now: The Complete Dossier" is a lavish collector's edition DVD that celebrates one of Coppola's — and thus America's — most defining films.

Nominally a war picture, "Apocalypse Now" adapts Joseph Conrad's novel "Heart of Darkness" into a nightmarish, impressionistic vision of Vietnam. The film follows Captain Benjamin Willard (Martin Sheen), a soldier sent deep into the Congo in pursuit of Colonel Kurtz (Marlon Brando), a decorated soldier gone maverick. Along the way, Willard meets up with Lt. Col. Kilgore, who orders an aerial assault to

the tune of Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" and an insane photo journalist (Dennis Hopper), among others.

Part of a larger American cinematic framework about the post-Vietnam, post-Watergate era, "Apocalypse Now" is less dated and more artsy than its contemporaries. Like Michael Cimino's "The Deer Hunter" (1978) and Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line" (1998), "Apocalypse Now" eschews the typical rhythm, content and pacing of a war film in favor of a broader, less focused meditation.

Yet, like Malick's film, "Apocalypse Now" never seems very sure of what it's really about. The film runs very long, and its pacing is problematic at best. Additionally, Brando doesn't quite live up to his billing as the deranged Kurtz — although the heart attack Sheen experienced while filming obviously had an effect on his performance, which is considerably more subdued than expected.

"Apocalypse Now" has received several DVD treatments over the years (an original DVD release and 2001 "Redux" cut), but none quite as lavish as "The Complete Dossier." Both the original and the 2001 "Redux" editions are included in Dolby Digital

5.1 widescreen presentations. The film looks very clean, and the redesigned sound works quite well, though inclusion of the original stereo would have been nice. There are several other interesting and informative fea-



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"Apocalypse Now: The Complete Dossier," the most recent DVD release of Coppola's classic 1979 film, is a nearly perfect compilation.

tures, the best of which is Brando's complete reading of TS Eliot's "The Hollow Men." The packaging, which features an odd photo of Brando, is also well done and fits the tone of the film perfectly.

The DVD, unfortunately, has one major problem that prevents it from truly being a definitive edition. It's missing Fax Bahr and George Hickenlooper's phenomenal 1991 documentary "Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse," which chronicled the trials and tribulations of making "Apocalypse Now." The featurettes on the existing DVD aren't nearly as involving, which is a shame, since "Hearts of Darkness" is one of the best making-of features ever.

Had the second disc only included "Hearts of Darkness" (like the second disc of the "Citizen Kane" DVD, which contains only the documentary "The Battle Over Citizen Kane"), this edition of "Apocalypse Now" would have been definitive. But the omission makes the title of the DVD, "The Complete Dossier," a misnomer.

However, "Apocalypse Now: The Complete Dossier" is a great DVD — even with the absence of "Hearts of Darkness." It may not be the complete version it claims to be, but it's a great edition of an even greater film.

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THEATER FEATURE

Wash Hall features powerful 'Two Rooms'

Lee Blessing's moving, intelligent masterpiece given life

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Since its inception, the goal of art has been to explore the human condition. Lee Blessing's "Two Rooms" does exactly this. Performed by the St. Edward's Hall Players, it references and creates a world that is full of pain and suffering, and it brings hope in a multitudinous fashion out of the depression that surrounds the characters.

The Lebanese Civil War of the 1980s is the time period Blessing chooses as the play's setting. Michael Wells, an American professor working in Beirut, is kidnapped by one of the many warring factions involved in the civil war along with his colleague, Jim Mathison.

His wife, Lainie Wells, is in the United States attempting to do all she can through her State Department liaison, Ellen Van Oss, to get Michael from his captors back home alive. A reporter, Walker Harris, discovers Lainie's situation and pleads with her to make the story national through both personal interviews and television press conferences. He believes this will exert pressure on the U.S. government, which he feels is not doing enough to bring back Americans who are hostages in Lebanon.

It is never said which faction captured Michael. All that is known is it is hostile to the United States and captured Michael to use for bargaining.

However, the political situations that the play is set in do not form the crux of the play. At its core, "Two Rooms" is about the love shared between Michael and Lainie. Blessing's script allows Lainie and Michael to talk to one another and share their respective pain through what might be dreams or conversations they would have had were they able to talk to one another.

In spite of its obvious political overtones, director Patrick Vassel does not allow this production to become neither a scathing political commentary nor a romantic melodrama. Although the script could easily fall into both categories, Vassel takes this play down a fine line that brings all the characters together in an inspired story of relationships — a marital relationship, a rela-



Walker Harris (Matt Goodrich), left, attempts to persuade Lainie Wells (Sarah Loveland) to publicize her traumatic experience with the press. She is uncomfortable with the idea.

tionship between the press and war victims and the relationship between a people and their government. The former is primary, but the other two are intricately related to the first.

Two Rooms

When: Friday, Sept. 8, Sunday, Sept 10 and Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Washington Hall Lab Theater, Washington Hall
Cost: \$5, only available at the door

Vassel is able to weave these three together into a passionate, moving piece of theater without dipping into sappy romance or vehement anti-war attitudes.

Senior Drew McElligott marvelously plays the central figure and hostage, Michael Wells. The love he has for his profession and students is noted in a scene in which he discusses the decision made to stay one more term, even though the violence in the area is rapidly escalating.

However, it is the love for his wife where McElligott's acting dexterity is apparent. He is able to switch from intense pain to intense love and compassion with an aptitude rarely seen in a student production at Notre Dame. His guards beat him and the fear is apparent, but a hope he may one day see his wife keeps him alive.

The scenes that involve both he and Lainie are moving, and one almost for-

gets that Michael is halfway across the world in Lebanon while Lainie is sitting in her home in the United States.

Sarah Loveland, a senior and McElligott's counterpart, is the softness that brings this play away from simple political criticism and into more profound areas of humanity. In many ways, this character cannot deal with the loss of her husband and, through most of the play, stays with a mat that she keeps in Michael's office to stay in touch with him.

The conflict of "Two Rooms" is centered on Lainie as the avenues of government, the press and home all converge on her, and Loveland is certainly up to the task of moving from depression, to hope, to anger and back around again through all of these and more at the same time. The love of her life is captive and she does all she can to bring him back.

In one scene, Lainie discusses the habit of cuckoo birds to lay their eggs in other birds' nests. The cuckoo will lay an egg in a warbler nest, the egg will hatch with an indentation on its back

and the cuckoo chick will push the warbler chicks out of the nest.

Loveland, as Lainie, uses this analogy to describe how she feels. It is never quite clear who is what in the analogy.

What is clear, through Loveland's performance, is that her "nest" — her home — is empty and she is starving for her husband, with no sure method of bringing him home.

Sophomores Matt Goodrich and Emily Balthasar bring superb performances as Walker Harris and Ellen Van Oss, respectively. Goodrich brings a multi-faceted approach to his character. While Harris certainly wants to help Lainie bring Michael home, there is a sense that he is a reporter who disagrees with what the government is doing and wants to use Lainie's experience for his political agenda. Goodrich is able to find a mix of these emotions in Harris.

Balthasar brings a similar character to the play, albeit a different one. Van Oss's complication comes from her job — she wants to be a good bureaucrat and help her administration, and she wants to tell Lainie all will be well in the end. Van Oss is apt as a troubled (however below the surface) government representative.

"Two Rooms" is a play that supplies the audience with war and all its ugliness and, in many ways, constancy.

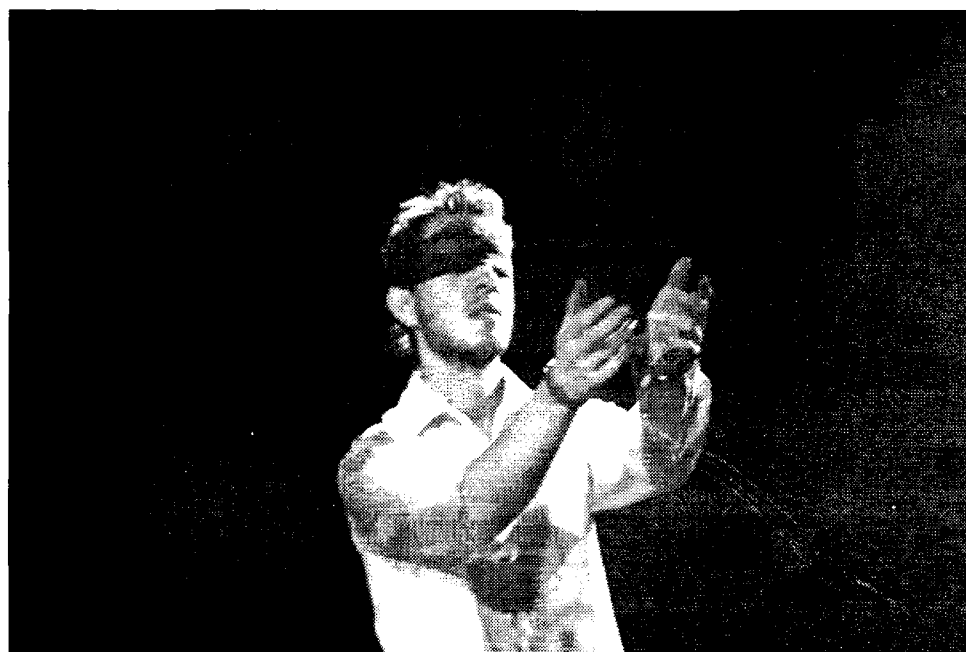
The pain through which all of these characters are subject to is a better way to explore wartime pain than any blurb or news show ubiquitous on all of today's news networks.

The raw emotional humanity that CNN or Fox News cannot — or will not bring to the table — is in this play. Whatever one's political views, there is something human in this play that everyone will be able to connect to.

"Two Rooms" will show in the Washington Hall Lab Theater today, Friday, Sunday and Monday at 7:30pm. Tickets will be \$5 and available at the door.

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Michael Wells (Drew McElligott), the hostage, attempts to explain the horrific situation he encountered during the 1980s Lebanese Civil War.



Lainie Wells (Sarah Loveland), left, explains how she uses her work in the natural sciences to help heal the wounds of her absent husband.

MLB

Mets top Braves twice in day-night doubleheader sweep

Dodgers halt losing streak with 2-0 win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Mets and Braves played a doubleheader Wednesday that resembled the NL East race all season.

It was no contest.

Shawn Green busted out of his slump with a huge day at the plate, Oliver Perez pitched his second career shutout for his first win since May, and New York completed a doubleheader sweep with an 8-0 rout of Atlanta.

"It was a big day for us, to have the type of pitching performances we had and to put some runs up on the board," Green said. "It was a great day all around."

Carlos Delgado hit a tiebreaking homer in the opener, and the Mets got another fine effort on the mound from Dave Williams in a 4-1 victory.

Green homered late in that one, then connected again in the nightcap. He finished the day 6-for-8 with four runs scored and three RBIs, earning a curtain call from a sparse crowd.

Acquired on Aug. 22 from Arizona, Green began the afternoon batting only .179 with five

RBIs in 39 at-bats with New York. He said a timing adjustment he recently made with his stride has helped him get comfortable again.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "If you could pick one lineup in baseball to hit in, this would be it. It's got everything."

Jose Reyes hit the first pitch he saw in the second game for his sixth leadoff homer of the season, setting a Mets record. Chris Woodward added a two-run double off Kyle Davies (2-5), pinch-hitter Andy Chavez delivered a two-run triple and Julio Franco had an RBI single.

Playing their third doubleheader in five days, the Braves looked listless against a pair of fill-in lefties.

"It takes its toll," Atlanta outfielder Jeff Francoeur said. "We didn't play well. We're much better as a team than we showed."

The Mets had not swept a doubleheader from Atlanta since July 22, 1988.

Perez (3-11) tossed a career-best five-hitter in his first win for the NL East-leading Mets, who improved to 15-4 in their last 19 games and trimmed their magic number to nine for clinching their first division championship since 1988.

The Braves, trying to stay on

the brink of the wild-card race, fell 20 1/2 games behind New York in the NL East with 23 to play. After winning 14 straight division titles, their run could come to its mathematical conclusion this weekend.

Acquired from Pittsburgh at the trade deadline, Perez struck out six and walked one in his third career complete game. His previous was on May 13, 2004, for the Pirates at Colorado, also in the second game of a doubleheader.

Astros 5, Phillies 3

Lance Berkman fell behind in the count, hoped for a pitch he could handle and made the most of an inside-out swing.

Berkman's bases-clearing double with two outs in the ninth inning gave the Houston Astros a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

Andy Pettitte allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings for Houston. Dan Wheeler (2-5) retired the two batters he faced to earn the win. Brad Lidge pitched the ninth, allowing an unearned run, for his 30th save in 35 chances.

The Phillies came in two games behind NL wild card-leading San Diego. They are tied with the Marlins at 70-69 going into a four-game series at Florida starting Thursday night.

Pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro singled to start the ninth against Ryan Madson (10-9). Brad Ausmus sacrificed pinch-runner Eric Bruntlett to second base, Mike Lamb was intentionally walked and Willy Taveras punched a single to right field to load the bases.

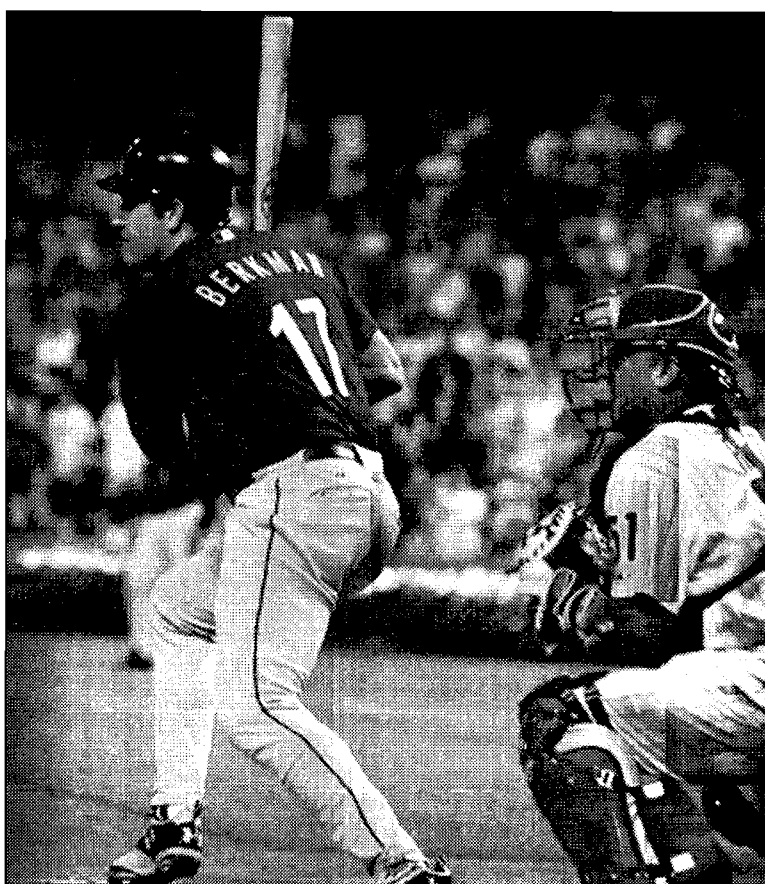
Madson fanned Craig Biggio for the second out, but Berkman lined a 1-2 pitch down the left-field line to score all three runners.

"I'm just trying to survive up there," Berkman said. "He throws a lot of plus pitches. It's hard to know what you're going to get."

Madson went with his third-best pitch, a curve ball, to Berkman. Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said he would've preferred a fastball inside, but Madson defended his decision.

"I got two guys out on the curve the previous inning so I had confidence in it," he said.

Jimmy Rollins had an RBI single in the ninth for the Phillies, but appeared to slow down run-



Astros first baseman Lance Berkman, left, hits a three-run double in the ninth inning of Houston's 5-3 win over Philadelphia.

ning to second base and was thrown out trying for a double on a strong throw from Taveras for the second out.

"I was shocked he was out. It was a great throw," Manuel said.

The Astros, who finished one game ahead of the Phillies to win the wild-card berth last year and advanced to the World Series, entered the night five games behind the Padres in the wild-card chase.

"Absolutely a must-win for us," Astros manager Phil Garner said.

Dodgers 2, Brewers 1

Derek Lowe allowed three hits and an unearned run in eight innings to help the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 Wednesday night and stop a three-game losing streak.

Matt Kemp scored the tying run and drove in the go-ahead run for Los Angeles, which avoided getting swept in the three-game series. The Dodgers, who trailed in the NL West by 7 1/2 games on July 26, began the night one game ahead of second-place San Diego.

Lowe (14-8) won his fifth straight decision, giving up a double to Geoff Jenkins in the second, a single to Corey Hart in the third and an infield hit to Kevin Mench in the eighth. He was 4-1 with a 1.69 ERA in August and has allowed only six earned runs in his last six outings.

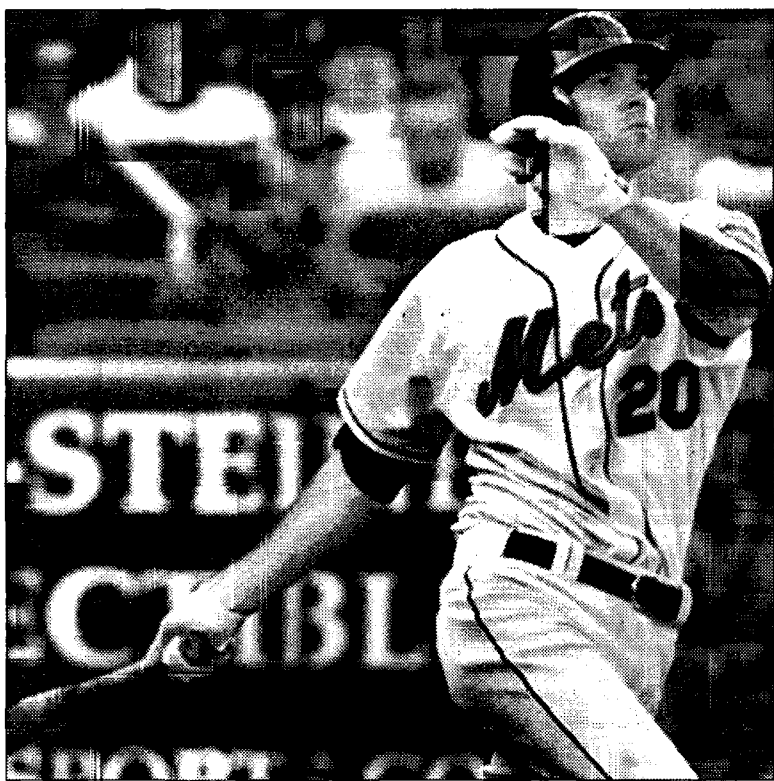
Takashi Saito worked the ninth for his 18th save in 20 chances.

Los Angeles, which lost a series to the Brewers for the first time, is 41-20 against Milwaukee.

Chris Capuano (11-10) dropped to 1-6 in his last 11 starts, allowing two runs and five hits in eight innings.

Milwaukee went ahead in the second when Prince Fielder was hit by a pitch, Bill Hall reached on a forceout and left fielder Andre Ethier misplayed Jenkins' double down the line for an error that allowed Hall to come around.

Kemp tripled in the fifth and scored on Rafael Furcal's sacrifice fly, then hit an RBI single in the seventh after Russell Martin's leadoff double.



Mets outfielder Shawn Green watches a homerun fly out of the park in the seventh inning of the Mets 8-0 win over the Braves.

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NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Nebraska (51)	4-0	1
2	Penn State (8)	6-0	2
3	UCLA (1)	6-0	10
4	Santa Clara	5-0	6
5	Washington	4-1	3
5	Florida	4-1	5
7	Texas	4-1	8
8	Stanford	3-1	4
9	Hawaii	3-2	7
10	Southern California	6-0	14
11	Wisconsin	4-1	9
12	Tennessee	5-1	11
13	California	6-0	17
14	Purdue	7-0	16
15	Missouri	6-1	13
16	BYU	6-0	NR
17	Ohio	3-2	15
18	Pepperdine	2-3	19
19	Ohio State	6-0	23
20	Louisville	4-2	1

NCAA Women's Soccer Adidas Top 20

	team	record	previous
1	NOTRE DAME	4-0-0	5
2	Florida State	3-0-0	6
3	Texas A&M	3-0-1	9
4	Santa Clara	3-1-0	7
5	North Carolina	4-1-0	4
6	UCLA	3-1-0	2
7	Penn State	1-1-2	3
8	Texas	2-1-0	NR
9	Portland	2-1-1	1
10	Virginia	3-1-0	8
10	Connecticut	2-1-1	16
12	Tennessee	1-1-1	14
13	Auburn	4-0-0	NR
14	Utah	3-1-1	NR
15	Duke	3-1-0	12
16	California	3-0-1	10
17	West Virginia	4-0-0	18
18	Missouri	4-0-0	NR
19	Cal State Fullerton	2-0-1	15
20	Wake Forest	3-1-0	23

PGA TOUR World Golf Rankings

	player	events	avg. points
1	Tiger Woods	42	22.59
2	Phil Mickelson	45	8.83
3	Jim Furyk	53	8.17
4	Vijay Singh	62	7.59
5	Retief Goosen	57	6.63
6	Adam Scott	50	6.27
7	Ernie Els	46	5.90
8	Sergio Garcia	48	5.85
9	Luke Donald	51	5.68
10	Geoff Ogilvy	54	5.66
11	Henrik Stenson	53	4.74
12	David Howell	53	4.57
13	David Toms	50	4.41
14	Trevor Immelman	54	4.32
15	Colin Montgomerie	57	4.31
16	Chris DiMarco	53	4.27
17	Padraig Harrington	55	4.19
18	Jose Maria Olazabal	54	4.05
19	Tim Clark	59	3.87
20	Chad Campbell	52	3.66

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TENNIS

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oregon State at Boise State

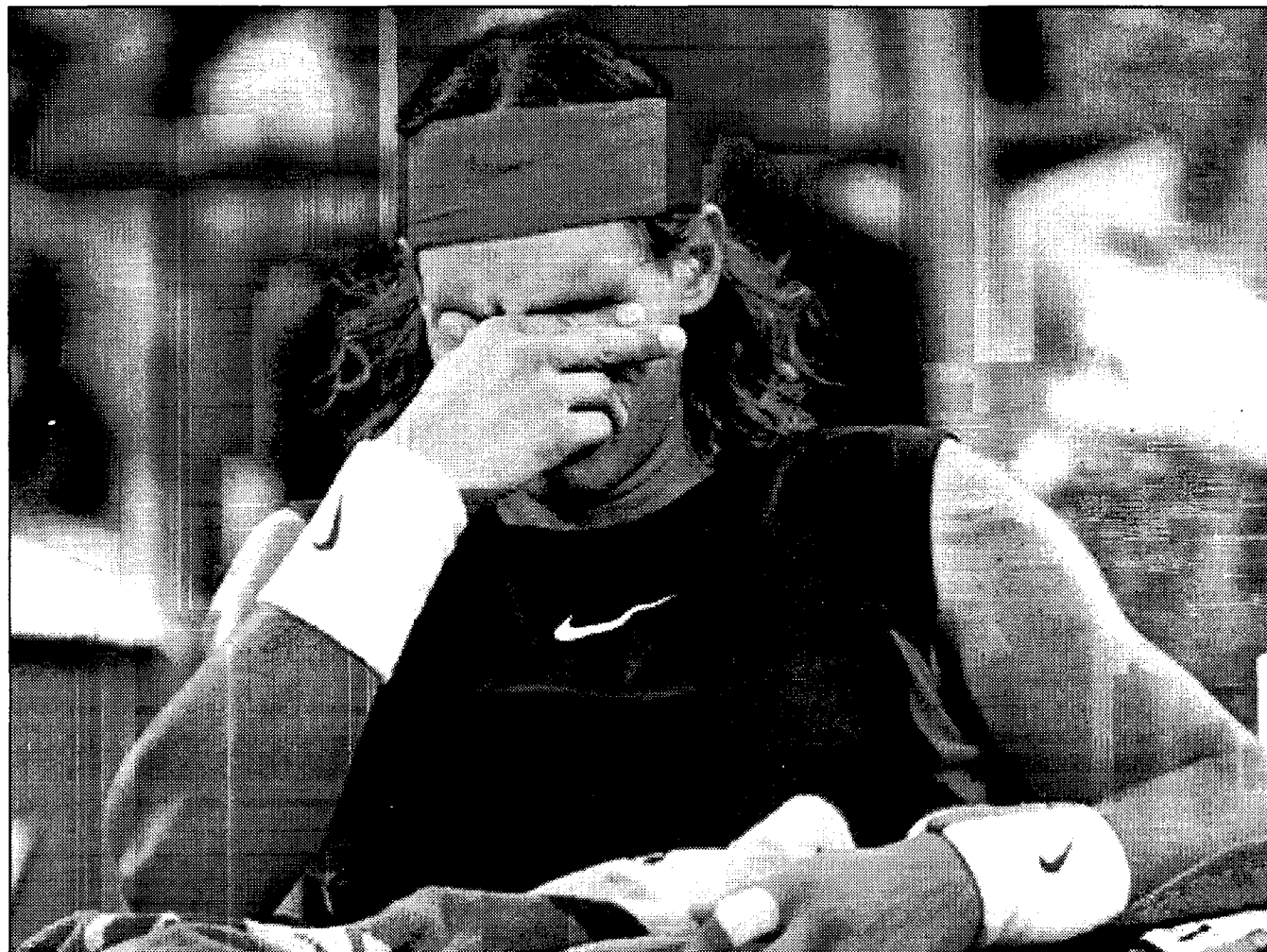
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Miami at Pittsburgh

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TENNIS



Spain's Rafael Nadal agonizes over his loss to Russia's Mikhail Youzhny at the U.S. Open in New York Wednesday. It was the first time Youzhny advanced beyond the fourth round of a Grand Slam.

Youzhny upsets Nadal in 4th round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal's shots were off the mark and, more shockingly, even his boundless energy seemed to fail him. After one miss-hit, the man usually in perpetual motion hunched over, hands on knees, to catch his breath.

No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Roger Federer will not become the first pair of men to meet in three consecutive Grand Slam finals during a season: Nadal was upset in the U.S. Open quarterfinals by 54th-ranked Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-1 on Wednesday.

"Unbelievable," Youzhny said. "I cannot believe I beat Rafa in four sets."

He wasn't alone. After all, Youzhny never before had been beyond the fourth round of a major tournament.

What was most remarkable was the way Nadal, the two-time French Open champion and this year's Wimbledon runner-up, succumbed at the end, hanging his head at changeovers.

It was the biggest news on a busy day following Tuesday's almost total rainout. And it's probably safe to say that Youzhny's semifinal opponent — either Andy Roddick or

Lleyton Hewitt, two past Open champions who were to meet later Wednesday — would be relieved not to have to face Nadal.

On the other side of the men's draw, the top-seeded Federer moved into a quarterfinal against No. 5 James Blake, both winning in straight sets. That half's other quarterfinal will be No. 7 Nikolay Davydenko against No. 14 Tommy Haas.

"If I play my best, then I don't see any reason why I can't win. If he's playing his best, then I can see a reason why I might not win, but it's possible," said Blake, trying to reach his

first major semifinal. "He's lost before. He is human."

There still could be a No. 1 vs. No. 2 final for the women, because top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo and Justine Henin-Hardenne advanced with relative ease.

Coming off a three-set struggle against Serena Williams, Mauresmo was pleased to have a short workday, beating No. 12 Dinara Safina 6-2, 6-3 to move a step closer to her third Grand Slam title of the year. Mauresmo next faces No. 3 Maria Sharapova or No. 27 Tatiana Golovin, who squared off under the lights.

IN BRIEF

Lions assistant coach arrested after driving nude, DUI

DEARBORN, Mich. — A Detroit Lions assistant coach was arrested twice in the past two weeks — once while police say he was driving nude and a week later on suspicion of drunken driving.

Police in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn said Joe Cullen, who coaches the team's defensive line, was pulled over Aug. 24 and ticketed on suspicion of indecent and obscene conduct.

The ticket does not provide any other information about why Cullen allegedly was nude.

The Lions said alcohol was involved.

Then, on Sept. 1, police stopped his 2006 Ford Explorer and determined he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent, court records show. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is 0.08 percent.

Raiders replace Gabriel with Whitted in starting lineup

OAKLAND — Alvis Whitted will start at wide receiver for the Oakland Raiders in their season opener against San Diego, filling the role vacated when Doug Gabriel was traded to New England.

The little-used Whitted hasn't started since the final game of the 2004 season and has just 11 starts in eight seasons in the NFL.

"He can run good routes and catch the ball, too," coach Art Shell said Wednesday. "He has good quickness and explosion. ... This guy's been working the whole camp, worked all offseason, and this guy deserves a shot at it."

Whitted sat out the past two pre-season games with a groin injury.

Gabriel was slated to start before being traded to New England for an undisclosed draft pick on Saturday.

Tigers cut Dmitri Young after poor performances

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers unconditionally released designated hitter Dmitri Young after Wednesday's loss to the Seattle Mariners.

Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said the move was "strictly performance related."

Young was activated from the disabled list July 21 after he left the Tigers on May 22 to undergo treatment for substance abuse at a California rehab center.

He was 0-for-3 with two strikeouts in Wednesday's 5-4, 10-inning loss.

"I'm not going to talk," said Young, whose bags were packed for the upcoming series at Minnesota.

Young spent 30 days in the rehabilitation facility and three weeks working out with minor league teams.

He concluded his time away from the Tigers by hitting .452 in eight games at Triple-A Toledo.

MLB

Matsui draws crowd at rehab stint in Trenton

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The moment Pete White stepped out of his car and crossed the street toward Mercer County Waterfront Park on Wednesday afternoon, groups of Japanese photographers and reporters rushed toward him, microphones extended, asking questions he only partly understood.

They had spotted his Japanese baseball jersey with the number 55 on the back, and knew White was here for the same reason they were: New York Yankees left fielder Hideki Matsui, one of the biggest baseball stars from Japan, was to make a rehab start with the minor league Trenton Thunder as he works his way back from the broken wrist he injured in May.

In less than 30 minutes, White was interviewed by at least 12 Japanese camera crews, all chronicling Matsui's eventual return to the big leagues.

"It's just great to have a player like him play here," White said. "You look at how popular he is all over the world. He's like his own brand. He's like a rock star."

The Thunder, the Yankees' Double-A Eastern League affiliate, issued 90 media credentials for the playoff game against the Portland Sea Dogs. Sixty went to Japanese jour-

nalists.

Matsui, hoping to regain his batting stroke for the playoffs, sprayed the field with line drives and hit the ball over the right-field wall during 20 minutes of batting practice. His left wrist heavily taped, he also participated in fielding and running drills, and said afterward that he felt fine.

"I was hitting the ball well," said through a translator. "I think I'll be fine out there."

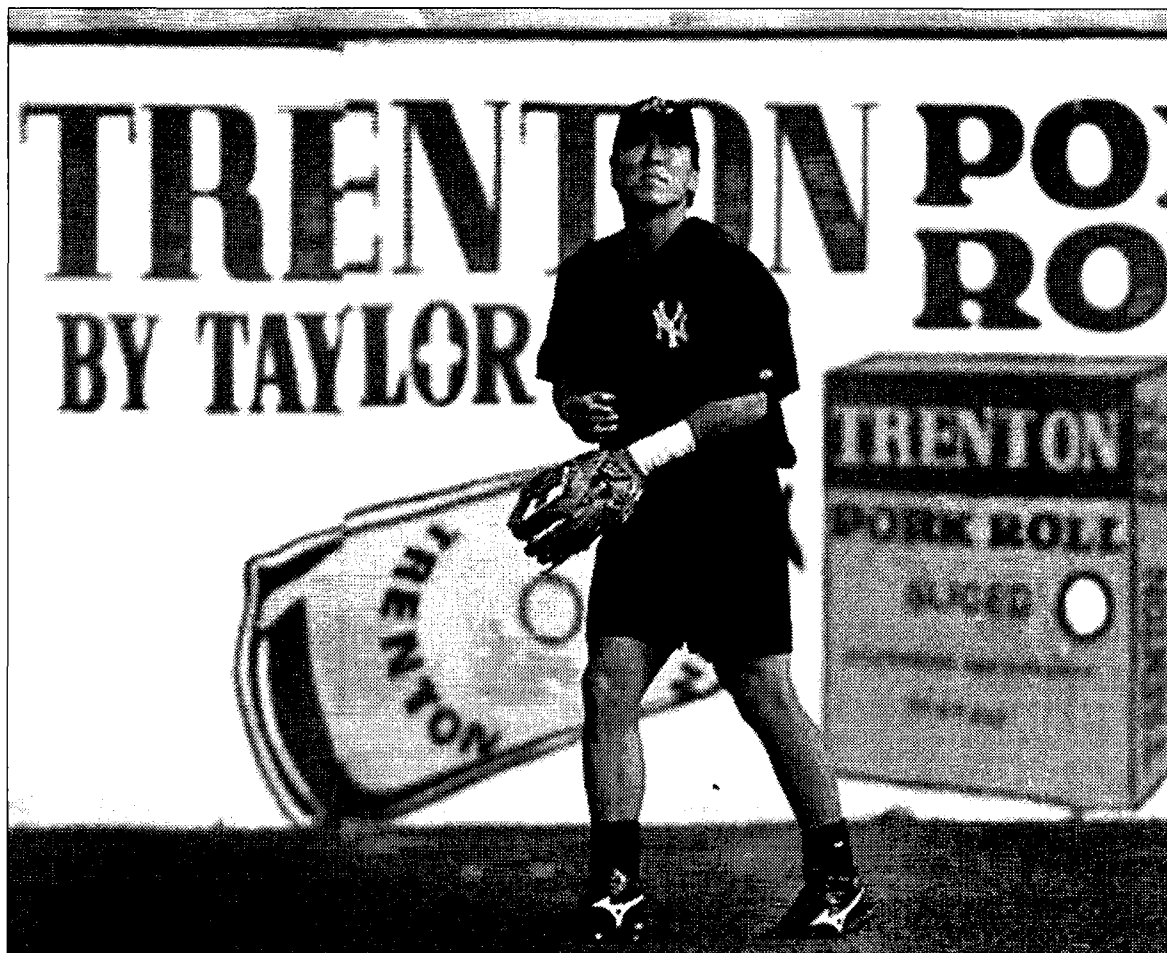
Matsui struck out in the top of the first. His timing appeared to be off as he fouled off three pitches, barely nicking them. He led off the fourth inning by lining out to the right fielder.

He likely will be restricted to designated hitter duty for the rest of the season, Yankees manager Joe Torre said before Monday night's game in Kansas City.

"We've got a lot invested in Matsui," Torre said. "If there is a concern, where he's out in left field, even though he's cured — he's healed — there still might be a time where he may want to make a diving play, and we'd all hold our breath."

However, Torre said, he and general manager Brian Cashman had not completely ruled out a return to the outfield for Matsui.

"We may be overcautious," Torre said. "We may find when we get home and talk to



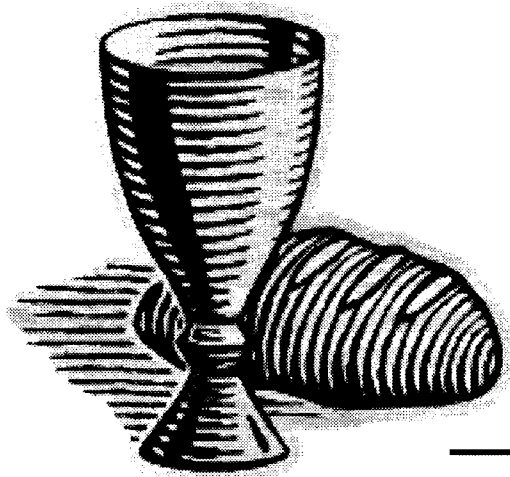
New York Yankees leftfielder Hideki Matsui fields a fly ball before a rehab start with the Trenton Thunder — the Yankees' double-A affiliate. Matsui has not played an MLB game since injuring his wrist May 11.

the doctors, they may have some different ideas."

Matsui said he was not frustrated about his injury, which happened as he tried for a

sliding catch May 11 on a sinking line drive by Boston's Mark Loretta, preferring to concentrate on exercises and being patient.

"When you get hurt and see a little bit of recovery, to me, I was amazed," he said. "It proved to me that there can be fun in rehab as well."



BREAKING BREAD

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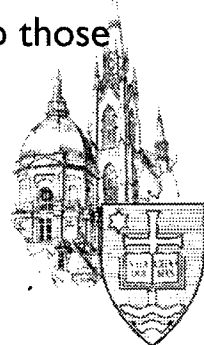
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NFL

NFL, players union discuss drug testing improvements

League also finalizes new six-year contract with officiating crews

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The NFL and its union are discussing strengthening their drug program to keep pace with the increase in the number of performance-enhancing substances and the efficiency of masking agents.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, in his first news conference since taking over for Paul Tagliabue last Friday, said Wednesday he has been discussing the problem with Gene Upshaw, the head of the NFL Players Association. Among the topics discussed were increasing the number of tests and perhaps the number of substances tested.

But Goodell, who has been the NFL's chief operating officer the past six years, noted that the review is nothing new: The union and the league review the drug testing program annually. The NFL currently makes approximately 10,000 random tests annually for performance-enhancing drugs to about 2,000 players.

"I think we've got a lot of great experts who will be able to work with this," Goodell said. "We've always been at the

front of the line in drug testing and I think we will continue."

Goodell touched on a number of subjects, taking in most cases the same positions as Tagliabue — not unexpected given that he's been on the job for less than a week and was Tagliabue's No. 2 man for so long.

He said his first priority will be visiting all 32 teams, starting this week. He will attend Thursday night's opening game in Pittsburgh featuring the Steelers and Miami Dolphins, then return for Sunday's contest between the

Giants and Colts before going to Monday night's game in Washington between the Redskins and Vikings. He actually began talking to players Wednesday, meeting with the Giants. He got a hug from Michael Strahan, chatted with Tiki Barber and center Shaun O'Hara, and shook hands with general manager Ernie Accorsi and coach Tom Coughlin. But Coughlin, who doesn't like his daily routine interrupted, also appeared to be a little taken aback when Goodell stopped near the practice field to chat with reporters

before going upstairs to the press box for a more formal session.

Goodell also said:

♦ The league is looking at the possibility of wiring players other than quarterbacks so that there will be fewer false starts by visitors in noisy stadiums. "Don't get me wrong," Goodell said. "I love the 12th man. But keeping the game moving without so many penalties is also very important."

♦ He doesn't anticipate the NFL expanding beyond 32 teams

in the near future. But Goodell, who has been the league's point man in trying to get a franchise back in Los Angeles, said putting an expansion team in southern California could be the exception.

♦ The NFL has reached a new six-year contract with its officials, who five years ago were locked out for part of the 2001 preseason and the first week of the regular season when they failed to come to an agreement. The dispute was settled before the second week, which was postponed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, right, talks with Giants lineman Shaun O'Hara Wednesday.

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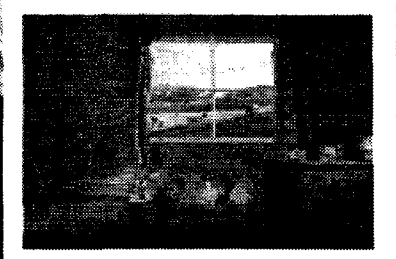
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Marlins rookie hurls no-no, ends MLB drought

Miguel Cabrera, Joe Borchard hit solo homers in 2-0 victory

Associated Press

MIAMI — In this year of sensational rookies, Anibal Sanchez came up with the greatest performance yet — a no-hitter in his 13th career start.

Sanchez ended the longest no-hit gap in major league history Wednesday night, benefiting from three defensive gems by teammates to lead the Florida Marlins over the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-0.

"This is the best moment of my life," the 22-year-old Venezuelan said.

One of four rookies in the Marlins' rotation, Sanchez (7-2) walked four and pitched around an error. He struck out six and threw 103 pitches.

He finished it off in quick fashion in the ninth. Sanchez struck out Conor Jackson swinging on a 1-2 pitch, got Luis Gonzalez to pop out to third, then retired Eric Byrnes on a sharp grounder to short-stop Hanley Ramirez, whose throw to first easily beat the runner.

"The last ground ball, I wasn't going to flub that," Ramirez said. "It wasn't going to get past me."

The Marlins poured out of the dugout en masse and swarmed around Sanchez, with the jubilant mob collectively hopping as one between the mound and third base.

Sanchez' teammates then hoisted him on their shoulders as he pointed his fingers and thrust his fists to the crowd, where his wife was in stands.

"She was there," Sanchez said, his eyes wet with tears of joy. "I don't know, I can't say any more. I love her, I love my family."

The previous no-hitter in the majors was a perfect game by Arizona's Randy Johnson, who beat Atlanta 2-0 on May 18, 2004. The prior no-hitter by a rookie was by Bud Smith of St. Louis, who beat San Diego 4-0 on Sept. 1, 2001.

The Diamondbacks came close to a hit several times. Florida left fielder Josh Willingham sprinted in to make a diving catch and rob Chad Tracy with two on to end the fourth. Ramirez ranged to his left to snare a grounder by Stephen Drew in the seventh, then whirled and threw to beat the runner by half a step.

Sanchez greeted Ramirez coming off the field with a high-five and a slap on the rear.

Ramirez repaid the favor after making the last out, smashing a shaving-cream filled towel in Sanchez' face as he spoke to the television cameras.

"Maybe I'll have to shave after the game," Sanchez quipped.

Then he switched to Spanish, acknowledging his family in Venezuela.

A rare 4-3-6 double play ended the eighth. With Craig Counsell at first, Orlando Hudson hit a grounder to second baseman Dan Uggla, who missed a swipe at Counsell and threw to first. First baseman Mike Jacobs' relay to second retired Counsell.

The hardest-hit ball was in the sixth by Byrnes, who pulled a line drive that third baseman Miguel Cabrera reached up to snare with two hands.

Arizona's Carlos Quentin hit a sharp grounder down the line in the fifth. Cabrera made a back-handed stop on one knee, then rose and threw wide, pulling Jacobs off the bag.

Official scorer Ron Jernick charged Cabrera with an error, prompting cheers from the small crowd. The Marlins are next-to-last in the NL in defense.

Sanchez is not considered one of the Marlins' half-dozen contenders for NL Rookie of the Year, but he improved his ERA as a starter to 2.28. The right-

hander is one of 21 rookies to play this season for the Marlins, the youngest team in the major leagues.

Announced attendance was 12,561, but the actual crowd was perhaps half

that. The surprising Marlins are last in the major leagues in attendance even though they began the night only three games behind San Diego in the NL wild-card race.

The Diamondbacks have lost seven of their past eight games and 15 of 19 to fade from the playoff race.

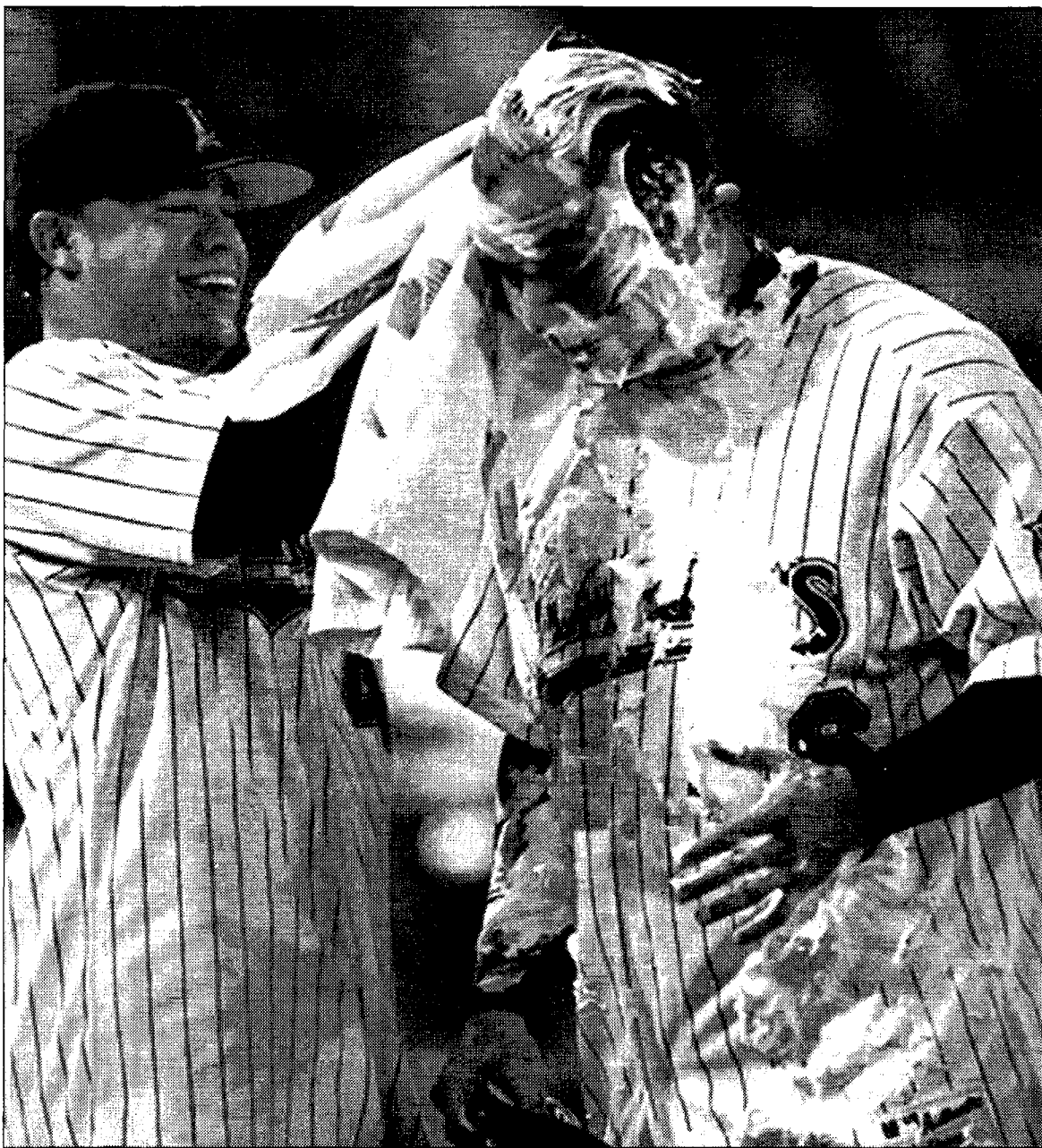
Joe Borchard and Miguel Cabrera hit solo homers for Florida.

Sanchez retired the first 10 batters, then fell behind Jackson 3-0 and walked him on a 3-2 pitch. He then walked Gonzalez on four pitches, but Byrnes lined out, and Willingham's skidding catch in left ended the inning.

Gonzalez walked again on four pitches before Byrnes again lined out to end the sixth.

Sanchez's longest previous start was seven innings. He walked pinch-hitter Counsell on a 3-2 pitch with one out in the eighth, but the double play ended the inning.

Arizona's Edgar Gonzalez (1-2), recalled from Triple-A Tucson to make his third start of season, pitched six-plus innings



Florida leftfielder Alfredo Amezaga, left, wipes shaving cream off pitcher Anibal Sanchez as the two celebrate Sanchez's no-hitter in the Marlins' 2-0 win Wednesday.

and allowed five hits and two runs, both on homers.

Borchard hit his ninth home run in the second inning to tie a career high. Cabrera hit his 24th homer in the fourth.

The no-hitter was the fourth in the Marlins' 14-season history, and the first since A.J. Burnett threw one against San Diego on May 12, 2001. The only other pitcher to no-hit the Diamondbacks was Jose Jimenez of St. Louis, who beat Arizona 1-0 on June 25, 1999.

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SMC SOCCER

Controversial no-call prevents Belles draw

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's got off to a slow start this season with a 2-1 loss to Albion Wednesday, as the Belles looked exhausted towards the game's end — struggling to match their opponent's intensity.

"It was not an easy day for any of us today," Belles head coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "We just couldn't seem to find our flow at any point."

Brittans freshman Allison Oatley scored the game winner for Albion in the 70th minute. Oatley hammered home a rebound after freshman Brittany Cortese got loose on a controversial breakaway. Cortese looked to be offside — but the play stood and the Britons took the lead for good.

The goal came after a 45-minute stalemate in which both teams threatened to score several times but could not seal the deal. The Belles had three corner-kicks and eight shots in the scoreless stretch, but the team seemed to be just a little off on each attempt.

Saint Mary's goalkeeper Laura Heline also faced quite a few shots and made some big saves to keep the game in reach. Heline stopped two breakaways, including a two-on-none opportunity for Albion's Danielle Shepard and Oatley.

"We need to work on staying more organized in the back," MacKenzie said. "That is where we have a lot of inexperience, and I think we will gain confidence as the year goes on."

Mackenzie, now in her third year at Saint Mary's, used many new players in the game through frequent substitutions.

This year's team is much deeper than any of MacKenzie's previous groups. Mackenzie says she does not intend to use her bench quite as much in the future, but that she needed to try to develop a rhythm in the game.

"It seemed like the longer I left them out there, the less fluent it became," she said. The Belles fell behind early as Albion's Shepard scored her third goal of the season seven minutes into the contest. After settling their nerves, Saint Mary's answered 12 minutes later when sisters Ashley and Lauren Hinton hooked up for the third time this year.

Ashley Hinton floated a pass over the Briton defense and Lauren Hinton finished from 10 yards out to tie the game with 25 minutes left in the half. Lauren Hinton continued to get scoring opportunities throughout the game but was unable to capitalize again. The offense sputtered in the second half, but Mackenzie still saw positives. "This year will be a learning process," she said. "We have a young and talented group this year with a lot of things to build on."

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MEN'S GOLF

Senior captains go way back

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior captains Adam Gifford and Cole Isban met when they were just eight years old and have been great friends since.

So it's fitting that head coach Jim Kubinski named the two team co-captains.

"If there was any way we could have known about this 12 years ago, I'm not sure we would have believed it," said Gifford, who hails from Plymouth, Ind. "We're really looking forward to leading the team."

The homegrown Isban, raised in South Bend, has led the team for three years. The All-America candidate has been among the squad leaders in stroke average since his sophomore year.

"I've just been trying to set a good example [for the other golfers] by carrying myself well on and off the course," he said.

Isban won the first of two Irish team qualifiers Tuesday to clinch a spot on the traveling squad for the team's first event, the Gopher Invite at Spring Hill Golf Club in Wyzata, Minn.

The Irish can take five golfers to Minnesota, and Kubinski said he is uncertain which four other players will travel.

And while Kubinski has not penciled in a definite starting lineup, he said he feels things beginning to fall into place. Kubinski anticipates that sophomore Josh Sandman, with whom Isban competed last month in the U.S. Amateur Championship, will occupy the No. 2 slot behind the senior.

Kubinski said he saw many positive signs throughout the first qualifier. He especially cited the leadership of his new captains.

"[Gifford] has shown great spirit and enthusiasm, and he's been a good example for everybody on the team," he said.

Isban, Kubinski said, will



DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Senior Cole Isban hits driver during the Notre Dame Invitational at Warren Golf Course Sept. 19, 2004.

"probably break the school record for career tournament rounds played at some point this year."

"I'm pretty comfortable that he'll do a good job [as captain]," he said.

While Gifford has never matched the success of Isban, Kubinski said that could change this year.

"He had a very good summer," Kubinski said. "I expect him to travel quite a bit this season."

The team will leave for Minnesota next Thursday, so the next six days will determine who will travel.

"Everybody's fighting for spots," Gifford said. "The five guys who are playing the best

get to go [to the Gopher Invite] and hopefully win the tournament."

With such a competitive atmosphere, it's important for the Irish to remain focused on their collective goals.

"We've been trying to make the transition from playing as individuals [in the summer] to playing for the greater good of the team," Gifford said.

Sandman said that the captains have done their jobs.

"It's been pretty competitive, and Cole and Adam have been good about getting the team together to play a lot," Sandman said.

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Veterans

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schedule does not begin until the spring, but Bayliss said the Irish will work to establish themselves as a squad recognized as tops in the nation.

Bass and Parbhu, who played at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots over the summer, enter the fall season ranked No. 20 and No. 21 in the country. Parbhu and his doubles partner Keckley enter as the No. 36 doubles pair in the nation. Bass and Helgeson are not far behind, taking the No. 47 doubles spot.

"We have a chance to have a great team this year," Bayliss said. "We have a great blend of experience, youth, and power at the top of our lineup."

The combination of players already recognized as some of the best in the country — along with those just beginning their collegiate tennis

careers — is likely to aid the Irish on their pursuit for the top.

To improve upon the success the team has already seen, Notre Dame will take part in six weeks of competitive fall play, which kicks off with the Irish-hosted Tom Fallon Invitational on Sept. 22.

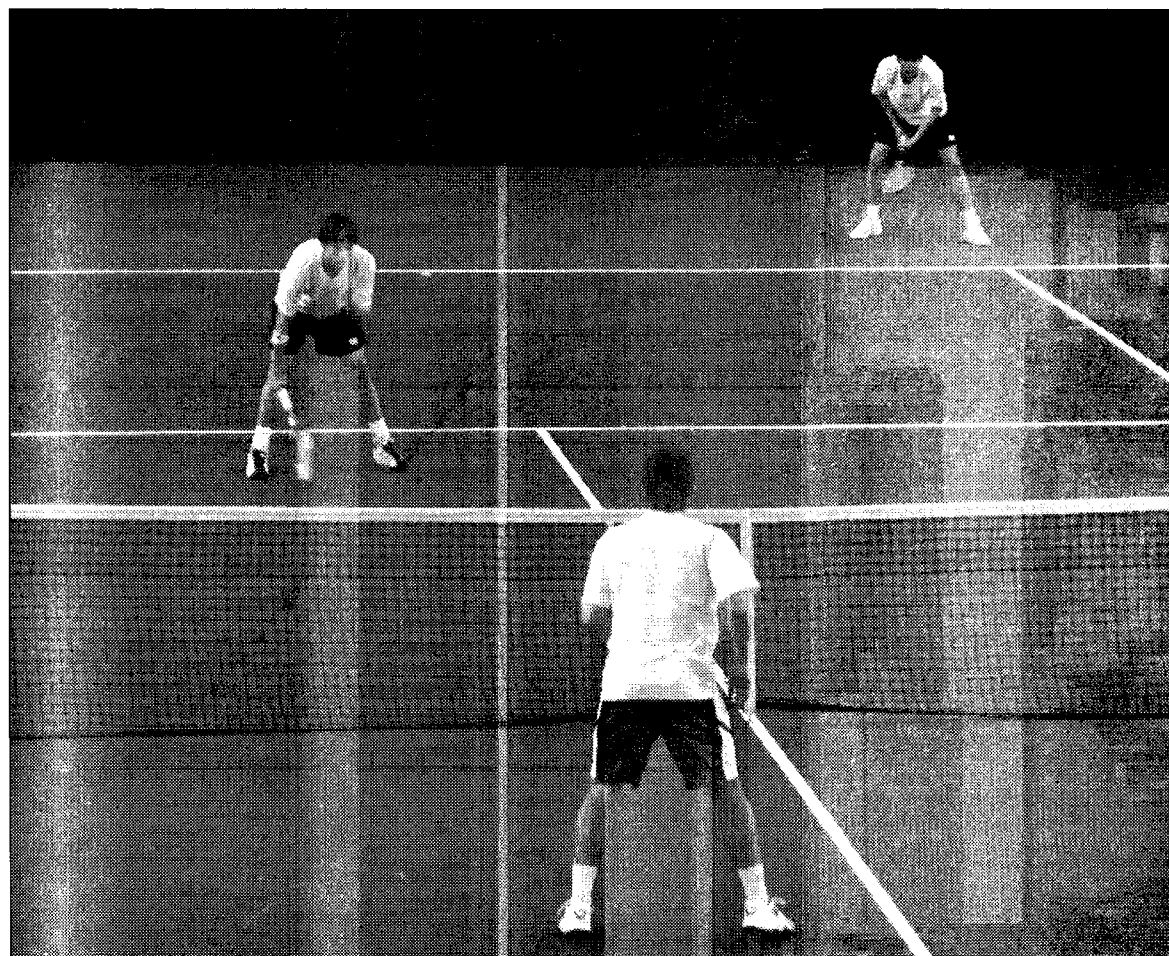
The competitive fall season ends with the ITA National Intercollegiate Individual Championships in November. Bass and Parbhu advanced to the finals last year and will look to be strong contenders in the tournament again.

The competitive season is only six weeks long, but it will be a busy and intense time for the Irish, Bayliss said. He also hopes the six tournaments in which the team will play will allow the players to work on their individual play while establishing themselves as a team to be reckoned with.

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish head coach



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

Seniors Ryan Keckley and Barry King await a serve against William and Mary Jan. 29. The Irish won the match 7-0 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Gioia

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rated the No. 2 kicker in last year's recruit class, is waiting in the wings.

Gioia's leg strength didn't appear to be the problem against the Yellow Jackets. Neither attempt fell short. Either way, as soon as Saturday's game concluded, the coach set about building his kicker's confidence.

"I think the most important thing is when you can sit there, kick an extra point, kick field goals in practice — you know you can kick them in the game," he said Sunday. "You've just got to be able to kick them under duress. That's just the way it is."

Gioia has been in pressure situations before.

In the spring game, Weis called a timeout before sending Gioia on the field to make the winning field goal. The 20-yarder sailed through the uprights as time expired, giving Blue a 10-7 victory over the Gold.

However, Gioia did miss attempts from 33 and 20 yards earlier in the game.

One of the most difficult parts of being a kicker is the mental aspect of the game — something Weis was quick to

recognize. He praised Gioia's work in camp so far, and defended the problem as complex, both physically and mentally.

"No one's more discouraged than he is," Weis said Tuesday. "We have to go out and fix something. [But] it's never simple — anytime you have a problem you don't just wave a magic wand and they're gone."

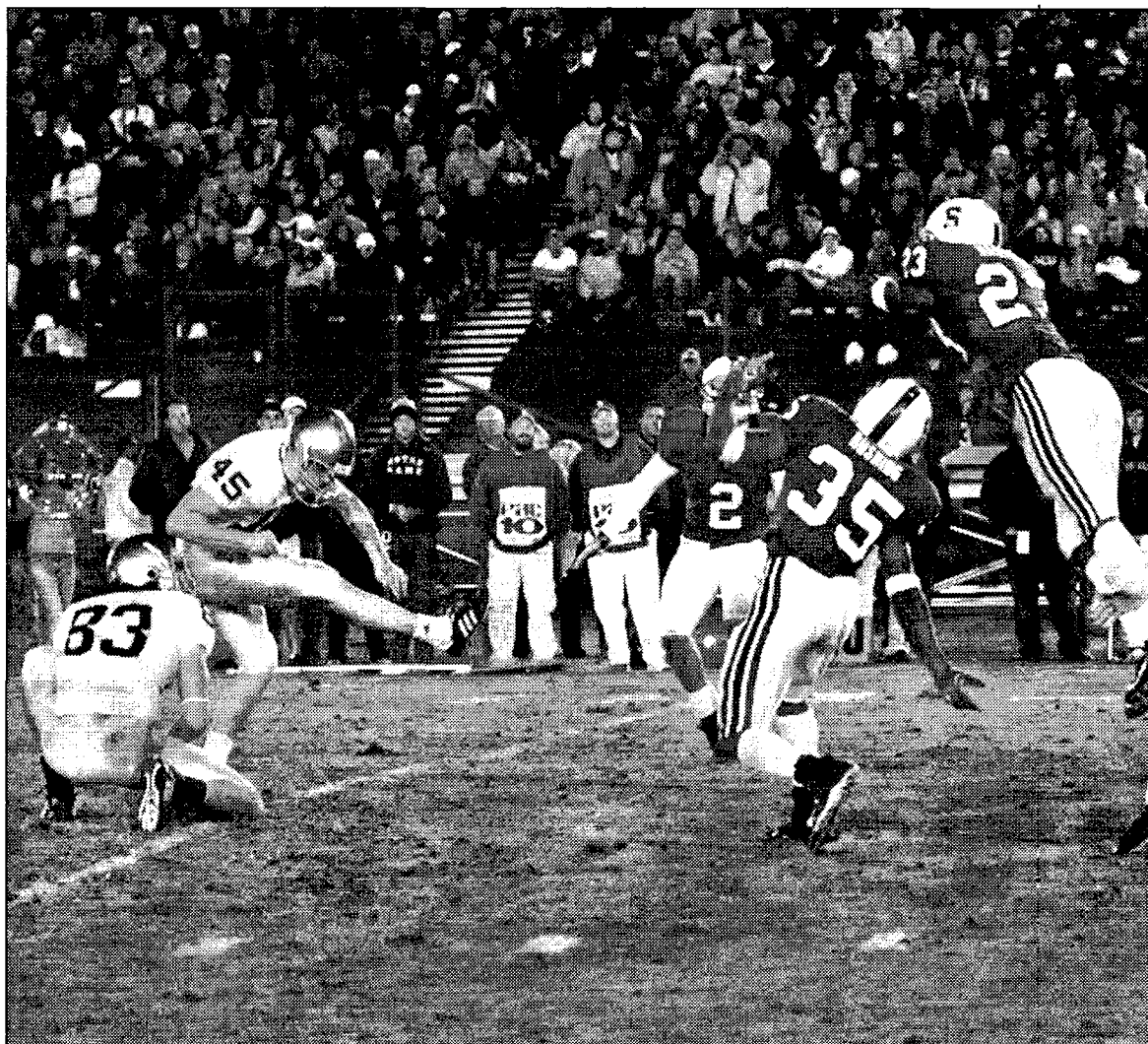
Prior to the 2006 season, Gioia had started eight games as the kickoff specialist. He successfully completed his only field goal attempt — a 29-yarder against Stanford.

Gioia, a graduate of Valparaiso High School in Indiana, was a three-year all-state selection before coming to Notre Dame. As a senior, he received the Indiana Mr. Football award at kicker. He made 30 field goals in that time, on the same team as current Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija.

But Weis is concerned that Gioia's confidence will not return until he makes a field goal in a game situation this season.

"Until he puts one through the uprights from a distance ... like you and everyone else, [his thought] will be, 'will this one go through or not?'"

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Irish senior Carl Gioia completes a 29-yard field goal in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 38-31 win over Stanford Nov. 26, 2005. It was the lone field goal Gioia attempted in the 2005 season.

Belles

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team in both kills per game (2.15) and digs per game (3.25).

Despite the impressive stats, the Belles still have the taste of a tough 3-1 loss to Hope in their mouths. The team struggled in large part due to minor faults, such as lapses in defensive focus, as opposed to big mistakes — according to Schroeder-Biek.

Saint Mary's will try to improve on these minor details to win against Olivet, but had only Wednesday to prepare for the Comets.

"They've got a new coach this year, a lot of the scouting reports are no good anymore," Schroeder-Biek said. "One of their right hitters has been doing well but they started in a slump [losing their first four games] but I don't know about the quality of that tournament."

On the other side of the net,

Olivet is reeling from their four straight losses to start the season, in part to their attempt to change systems under first year head coach John Miller.

"It was a rough start record wise but any time you come in to a new program with a new coach and unfortunately with the tradition here at Olivet that hasn't been the strongest," Miller said. "You're going to have roadblocks and you're going to have to make adjustments."

The Comets are also trying to focus on improving their own play instead of their upcoming match against Saint Mary's.

"I'm just looking for us to play Olivet volleyball," Miller said. "We can't worry about what Julie [Schroeder-Biek] has down there or anybody else in the MIAA right now. We just have to focus on ourselves because we have a lot of areas on which we need to improve."

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles head coach

Karas

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[towards being the undisputed starter this weekend]," Waldrum said. "She had a really good game on Friday, so we gave her the start on Sunday and she played well again."

Waldrum said both keepers performed well in practice the week before the USC and Santa Clara games, but the coaching staff decided to go with the upperclassman.

"We felt like going with Lauren because she had a little more experience and played in big games for us last year," he said.

Karas did not disappoint her coach, making nine saves against the Broncos in the battle for No. 1.

Despite Karas' performance, Waldrum said he won't rule out using Lysander a lot over the course of the season.

"We're going to get Kelsey some playing time and probably even some starts," he said.

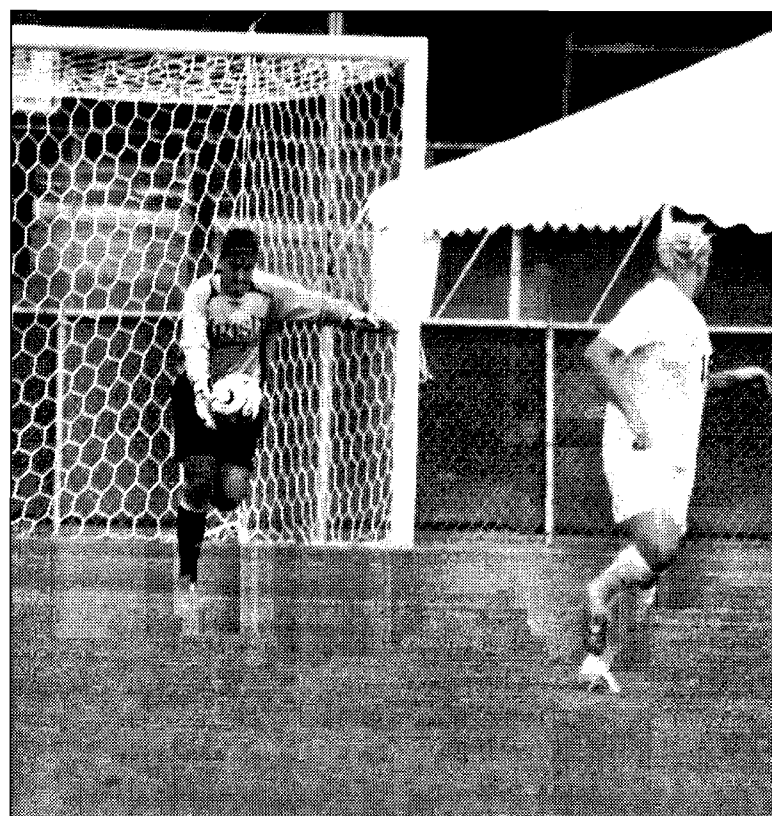
Karas and Lysander have been supportive of each other, Waldrum said, even while competing for playing time. He said the freshman has not shown any signs of envy or frustration at not starting this past weekend.

"She's handled it very well," Waldrum said. "I don't know exactly what her expectation level was when she came in, but coming in a freshman and pushing Lauren to start is exceptional. Typically a freshman wouldn't come in and push a junior goalkeeper."

In her one start, Lysander made two saves and did not allow a goal. In three games this year, Karas has allowed a total of two goals and made 11 saves.

The Irish face the Horned Frogs at 7 p.m. Friday in Fort Worth, Texas and the Mustangs at 1 p.m. Sunday in Dallas, Texas.

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Top, Lauren Karas punts the ball during a 3-1 victory over Santa Clara Sunday. Bottom, Karas sparks a drive Friday against Southern California. Both games were played at Alumni Field during the Inn at Saint Mary's ND Classic.

STEAM ROLLER



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Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri fights a block during Saturday's win over Georgia Tech. He had two solo tackles.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Balanced Belles squad tackles tough MIAA foe

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Even after a tough loss to Hope College Tuesday, the Belles are still a team to be reckoned with in the MIAA — something they hope to prove against Olivet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

The Belles (4-1, 0-1 MIAA)

have had a strong start so far this year, thanks to their depth. Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said she is impressed with the way everyone in the starting six has contributed.

"The neat thing about this team is we're very balanced," Schroeder-Biek said. "I'm just looking for solid performance out of [the whole team] with

the strong leadership from the seniors."

Saint Mary's captured the season-opening Thunder Invitational title this weekend, winning all four of its games in the event. The Belles topped conference foes Albion 3-2 (30-16, 27-30, 17-30, 30-10, 15-6) and Tri-State 3-1 (30-20, 31-33, 30-19, 30-28) on Friday. On Saturday, they beat Goshen 3-1

(27-30, 30-12, 30-19, 30-14) and Huntington 3-1 (32-30, 30-20, 17-30, 30-26).

One of the senior leaders of the team — Kristen Playko — has helped the team immensely in their first five games. Playko leads the Belles in kills-per-game (3.38), total attacks (211) and digs (77).

But Saint Mary's has been getting help from more than

just its seniors, as sophomore middle block Cathy Kurczak and freshman outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski have been consistent in the first five games of the season. Kurczak has been crucial to the offense, leading the team with a .352 attack percentage while Slupczynski ranks third on the

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Keep away

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

When four-year starter Erika Bohn graduated last spring, Notre Dame needed to find a new goalkeeper.

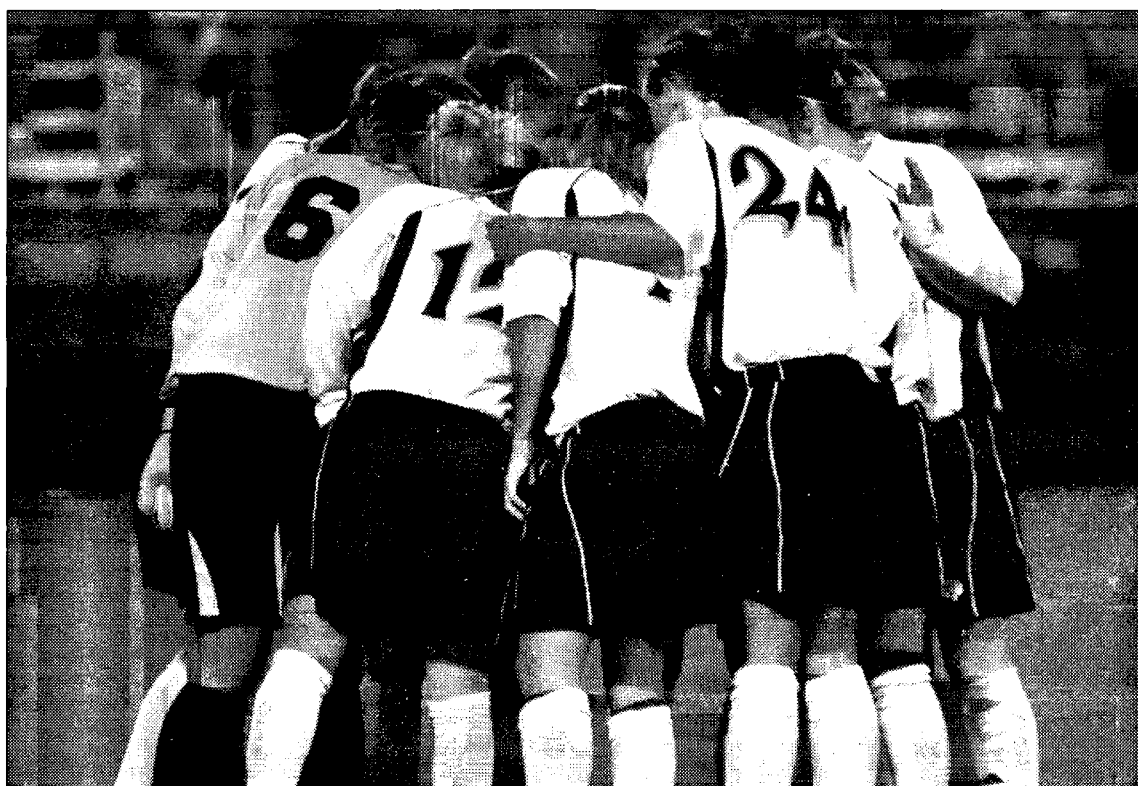
After an injury to senior Nikki Westfall, junior Lauren Karas and freshman Kelsey Lysander competed during pre-season workouts for the starting keeper job. Irish coach Randy Waldrum alternated the two in Notre Dame's season-opening games against Iowa State and Ole Miss, but started Karas in Irish victories over then-No. 19 USC and then-No. 1 Santa Clara last weekend.

Karas allowed just one goal in the two games.

While Waldrum said he hasn't declared Karas the full time starter just yet, the junior will start this weekend against TCU and SMU on the road.

"[Karas] went a long way

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

The Irish huddle up during a 2-0 win over Southern California on Sept. 1. Lauren Karas, far left, has stepped into the keeper role after the graduation of four-year starter Erika Bohn.

MEN'S TENNIS

Senior trio gives Irish experience

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may only be a week into practice, but the team already looks strong.

The Irish return their top five starters for the 2006-07 season — senior captain Stephen Bass, junior Sheeva Parbhu, sophomore Brett Helgeson, senior Ryan Keckley and senior Barry King.

"Our top returning starters look great," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We are playing at a high level."

With a strong showing at the top of the lineup, the team will look to solidify and strengthen the lower spots on the team, Bayliss said. Returning role players, including senior Irakli Akhvediani, are likely to be strong contenders to improve the bottom of the lineup.

The addition of five freshmen to the Irish is likely to create competition for playing time as well, Bayliss said.

And the addition of assistant coach Ryan Sachire, Bayliss said, has been a spark plug for the team.

Sachire, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate, joins the coaching staff after serving as assistant coach at Baylor University during the 2005-06 season and playing in professional circuits before that.

"The biggest influence [on the team] has been the tremendous and positive impact [Sachire] has had on the team," Bayliss said. "He has an infectious enthusiasm that has gotten everyone excited."

The team's competitive

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FOOTBALL

Weis not losing confidence in Gioia

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Georgia Tech game didn't come down to a missed field goal — thankfully.

Because if it did, Notre Dame kicker Carl Gioia would have had more questions to answer than his already heavy load this week. In his first game as starter, Gioia missed attempts from 42 yards and 36 yards.

But coach Charlie Weis isn't giving up on him yet.

"I'm not throwing in the towel on anyone," Weis said

Sunday. "I mean, it's the first game. You got jitters. That's not making excuses — the team's still counting on him making them, and he knows the team's counting on him."

Gioia only kicked field goals and PATs against Georgia Tech — after D.J. Fitzpatrick handled all kicking and punting duties last season. Weis split the jobs this year, with Geoff Price taking over punting duties and Bobby Renkes working as the kickoff man. Freshman Ryan Burkhardt,

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Irish head coach Charlie Weis speaks at his press conference Tuesday. Weis asserted his confidence in Gioia's kicking ability.

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Senior co-captains Cole Isban and Adam Gifford lead the Irish and remain close — on and off the links.

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Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui draws large crowds to AA Trenton for his first rehab appearance.

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