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Attorneys address student privacy issues

By KATIE PERRY
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Recent busts at off-campus parties and tailgates have prompted many students to question what their rights are regarding interactions with the police — but local lawyers said the answers are not always clear.

The “layman’s interpretation” of rights is what gets students into trouble, said South Bend attorney Lyn Leone. Most importantly, she said, students should be aware of their right to silence.

“Everyone needs that tattooed on their forehead,” she said. “It’s one of the biggest mistakes my clients make.”

Leone said she advocates prudence and advises students to understand that police officers

show up at off-campus parties or tailgates because they have probable cause to be there. Probable cause — “the big word,” Leone said — is the reasonable belief that a person has committed a crime.

“Yes, you can challenge [the police] at your doorstep — however they have probable cause,” she said. “That’s what you’re fighting at your doorstep. You’re not fighting being guilty. ... The noise ordinance gives police officers the right to be there in response to [noise complaints].”

Rudy Monterrosa, a Notre Dame Law School graduate and part-time public defender in South Bend, said an officer’s right to enter a residence depends on the severity of the crime.

“I would argue that just because [an officer] sees people drinking, I

don’t think that gives him a right to go into a house,” he said.

In the absence of probable cause, a resident can say the police are not allowed to enter his or her home, Monterrosa said. The resident can “fight it out in court” as long as there are witnesses present to corroborate his or her claim, he said.

“That’s what I tell all of my clients,” he said. “You have a reasonable expectation of privacy.”

In addition, allowing an officer to enter the residence does not grant him or her the right to search, Monterrosa said. If the police want to search that residence, they need a warrant or “exception to that warrant,” he said.

“If the resident says, ‘Yes, you can come in,’ what is within plain view — within his presence — is

what an officer has the right to cite,” he said.

For example, if an officer enters a party and sees “people drinking underage, sees cups, sees beer,” he or she has a right to investigate that further and administer citations, Monterrosa said.

“Police cannot go through an apartment for drugs without a warrant,” he said.

Monterrosa said a “warrantless intrusion” can occur in four circumstances: if police are in hot pursuit of a fleeing felon, if police need to prevent the escape of a suspect, if police fear an imminent destruction of evidence or if there is a risk of danger to police or other civilians around the residence. Police must have probable cause with the last three excep-

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Senators discuss assaults

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Chief executive assistant Liz Brown led a lengthy discussion on the best way to decimate information about sexual assault resources at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

Brown asked senators for their input on the issue before she meets with Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk on Friday to discuss sexual assault information and resources on campus.

Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun said bathroom posters about sexual assault are not adequate enough.

The light blue, laminated signs are supposed to be in every residence hall bathroom, but according to senators who surveyed their respective dorms, the posters are not widespread.

“I think posters are helpful, but in the heat of the moment I don’t know if you’ll have all your mental facilities together enough to do Step One, Step Two,” Braun said, referring to the poster’s step-by-step advice for students who have just been sexually assaulted.

“We might want to look at other avenues,” she said.

But exactly what those avenues should be was debatable. Senators appeared to back Dillon Hall Senator Tyler Langdon’s idea to distribute sexual assault information at mandatory freshman PII-LARS meetings.

Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith suggested adding a sexual

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New center aids special needs students

Long-awaited building serves to foster friendship, academic assistance for disabled individuals

By EILEEN DUFFY
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It’s happened to many students at Notre Dame: a professor distributes an exam, the words start swimming on the page and suddenly, there’s someone writing “five minutes left” on the chalkboard.

But for some students, this happens all the time.

Certain afflictions permanently disable over 200 students at Notre Dame from living — whether it’s test-taking, walking or seeing — in the same way their peers do, and sometimes those peers just don’t understand.

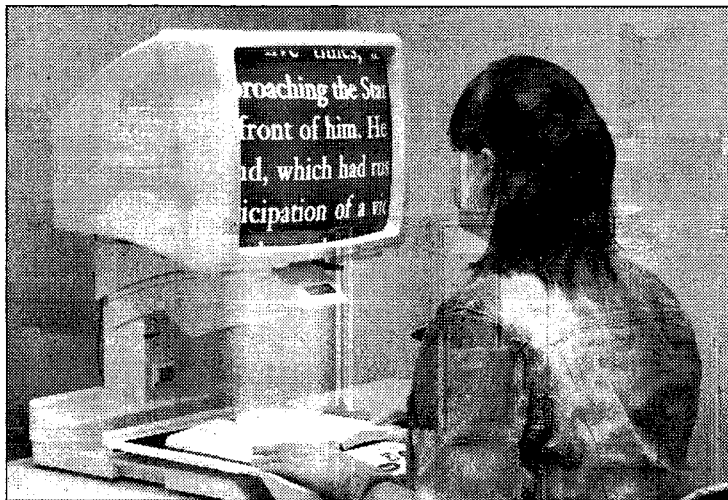
Notre Dame has worked to level the academic playing field this year by providing a brand-new space for the Office of Students with Disabilities. In that new space is a social area, where an equally brand-new group has decided to gather for the purpose of supporting disabled students and increasing awareness in the Notre Dame community.

It’s separation, on the one hand — but it makes integration a whole lot easier.

“A space to call their own”

Enter the new Sara Bea Learning Center for Students

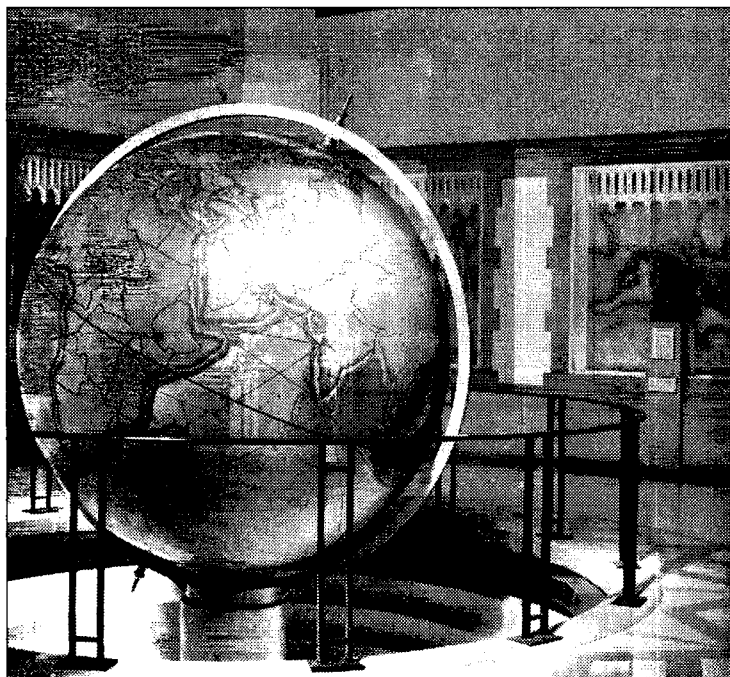
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Senior Leslie Penko uses a machine that magnifies a book’s text at the Sara Bea Learning Center for Students with Disabilities.

Abroad pricing policy to change



The International Studies Office encourages students to study abroad now more than ever with the coming new price policies.

Fee adjustment allows for more participation

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Over 50 percent of Notre Dame undergraduate students spend part of their college careers far away from South Bend — between 900 and 1,000 students choose to take part in one of the University’s more than 40 international study programs annually.

As a response to the continuously increasing student demand for study abroad programs, a new study abroad pricing policy will go into effect in the fall of 2007.

According to Julia

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SMC dance marathon wins national award

Dancers raise funds for Riley’s Hospital

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

When 190 Saint Mary’s students sacrificed sleep last April 20 to benefit Riley’s Hospital for Children they had no idea what a difference they would make.

After months of planning and fundraising, the first annual dance marathon not only raised \$21,047.42, but was also named Best New Marathon at the Children’s Miracle Network Dance Marathon Leadership Conference 2006, which was held in Cincinnati July 14-16.

In order to win the award, someone at the school or a peer

school had to nominate the marathon, said Pauline Kistka, co-president of the dance marathon.

Competing against approximately 80 other schools, the Saint Mary’s dance marathon tied with Loras College in Iowa as the nation’s best new marathon.

The College dance marathon organizers were pleased with themselves and their fellow students, Kistka said, and proud to get Saint Mary’s recognized.

Riley’s Hospital for Children uses donations from nationwide dance marathons towards the care of children who cannot afford necessary medical care, making the College’s large donation great aid to their mission.

Co-president of the dance

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INSIDE COLUMN

Selling out
a "classic"

The last time it happened was 1996. There on the television screen was a Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner. Dancing with it was screen legend Fred Astaire. My favorite male star and fellow tap dancer was being used posthumously to sell a vacuum cleaner.

The absurdity and outrageousness of the image did little to respect the legacy of the star and instead made the ad laughable. Astaire deserved so much more.

Now, imagine my horror and disgust 10 years later when Astaire's late great co-star in "Funny Face" is being similarly exploited.

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Scene Editor

I am, of course, speaking of Audrey Hepburn — my all-time favorite female star.

Audrey Hepburn, a Hollywood icon of enormous talent, grace and beauty who devoted the end of her life to saving the lives of children through UNICEF, is being used to sell black pants for Gap.

The commercial features the dance from her movie with Astaire set against AC/DC's "Back in Black."

Upon seeing the ad, I was left speechless for the first time since last year's USC game.

What many do not realize is how important that dance was to Audrey.

As a child growing up in Europe, her one great love was ballet. After getting a late start on her passion in England, she had to postpone her dreams of becoming a prima ballerina when WWII broke out and her mother took her back home to Holland.

The combination of severe malnutrition from the war and not enough training led her to abandon her dancing dreams and pursue modeling and acting instead.

However, her first love would always be dance.

"Funny Face" was an opportunity for Audrey to display her true passion and to release years of pent up energy.

Not only was she to dance with the great Fred Astaire, but she was to have a dance solo in which she could be as free and uninhibited as her own spirit. It was a dream come true and for that it was perhaps her favorite film.

Audrey, like so many other actors, hated watching her own movies. I can only imagine her horror at seeing such a shining moment and personal victory displayed three times an hour to pawn black pants to consumers in America.

Yes, Audrey remains a fashion icon, but as a fashion icon she was devoted to certain designers. Givenchy was her first favored designer, and later in life she remained faithful to Ralph Lauren. If anyone should have use of her image, it should be these two designers who were her intimate friends as well.

Is Audrey rolling around in her grave? Perhaps I do not know for sure. But I do believe that the Gap commercial cheapens her iconic image and legacy.

Just like Astaire, Audrey deserves more than being known to young people as "that girl doing the crazy dance in the Gap commercials."

Finally, her dance in "Funny Face" deserves to be remembered as the personal achievement it was, and not as a ploy to sell fairly priced pants to young girls who know nothing of her beautiful life.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY ABROAD AND WHY?



Dan Cooper
freshman
Zahm

"Toledo, Espana, para conocer a las bonitas."



Margaret Kelly
freshman
McGlinn

"China, so for once I won't be the shortest person in the room."



Sarah Barnes
sophomore
Lewis

"Rome, to give me some incentive to pass Italian this semester."



Molly Conaty
freshman
Lewis

"Fremantle, Australia, just because I've always wanted to go down under."



Tommy Osberger
sophomore
Zahm

"Wherever Carmen San Diego is."



University alum Lance Johnson watches in anticipation Wednesday evening at ND-TV's kickoff event as the ball drops marking the start of the 24-hour-a-day airing of the student run cable station.

OFFBEAT

Panda bites man and man bites panda back at zoo

BEIJING — A drunken Chinese migrant worker jumped into a panda enclosure at the Beijing Zoo, was bitten by the bear and retaliated by chomping down on the animal's back, state media said Wednesday.

Zhang Xinyan, from the central province of Henan, drank four jugs of beer at a restaurant near the zoo before visiting Gu Gu the panda on Tuesday, the Beijing Morning Post said.

"He felt a sudden urge to touch the panda with his hand," and jumped into the enclosure, the newspaper

said.

The panda, who was asleep, was startled and bit Zhang, 35, on the right leg, it said. Zhang got angry and kicked the panda, who then bit his other leg. A tussle ensued, the paper said.

"I bit the fellow in the back," Zhang was quoted as saying in the newspaper. "Its skin was quite thick."

Zhang was hospitalized.

Hang 730: Surfers try to break world record

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Surfers around the world may complain about crowded conditions, but for dozens of South

African wave riders it was the more the merrier as they lined up to break a world record by riding a single wave.

Organizers of an event on Sunday that saw 73 surfers — ages 7 to 67 — ride the same wave for five seconds say they broke a Guinness Book of Records best of 44 people in Ireland.

More than 1,000 onlookers watched from the beach near Cape Town and videographers documented the stunt, but the results have yet to be officially verified.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A panel discussion on "The Recent Supreme Court Decision, Hamdan v. Rumsfeld," will take place in room 121 of the Law School today at 5 p.m. Panelists will discuss the implications of the June 29 Supreme Court ruling which rejected the Bush administration's argument that Al Qaeda suspects were "unlawful combatants."

Legends' "Nightclub: Club Jazz" will take place tonight at 11:55. Admission is free for ND/SMC/HCC students.

Acousticafe will take place tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight in the basement of LaFortune.

"Talent Show: Notre Dame's Got Talent" will take place tonight at 9 at Legends.

The Saint Mary's community is encouraged to gather on Alumnae Green at noon today to commemorate the International Day of Peace with a moment of silence.

The Notre Dame Chinese Friendship Association's Mid-Autumn Festival Party will be Sunday at 6 p.m. on DeBartolo Quad (rain location: LaFortune Ballroom). Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children.

The CROP Walk will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Howard Park in South Bend as parishes and community groups will raise money to battle hunger and poverty.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
	HIGH	67	HIGH	59	HIGH	70	HIGH	75	HIGH	65	HIGH	67
	LOW	53	LOW	53	LOW	60	LOW	57	LOW	48	LOW	46

Abroad

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Douthwaite, Assistant Provost for the Office of International Studies (OIS), students should see the new pricing program as a benefit.

"The main thing is that we believe we will be able to send more students abroad," she said. "We've been having to turn away qualified applicants in the past."

As part of the new pricing policy, students will now receive round-trip airfare for their destinations — which include over 20 countries worldwide — a benefit that, according to Douthwaite, virtually no other university supplies.

Another main change to the study abroad pricing is an international study fee of \$600 added on to the usual costs, which are equivalent to Notre Dame tuition, room, board and on-campus fees.

"It's basically a way to even out the expenses of airfare around the world," Douthwaite said of the international study fee. "There are places where it's maybe less than \$600 to fly, but there are also places where it's at least three times \$600 to fly."

The Washington D.C. program is an exception to the fee, but airfare is not included in that study package.

The other notable change is the elimination of facilitated programs. In the past, some programs had been under the direction of other institutions, and did not always conform to Notre Dame budget pricing. The Santiago program, for example, had worked through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but now the program is better designed for Notre Dame students.

"With the changes we've been able to make some quality improvements to some of the programs," Douthwaite said.

According to Douthwaite, the OIS hopes to send 20 more "full time equivalents" abroad as a result of the new policy. In other words, 20 more students would be able to spend a full academic year abroad, or 40 students would be able to spend one semester abroad. There will almost certainly be some mix between the two, making it impossible to foresee exactly how many more people will be able to go abroad as part of the new policy.

"Sending more students is our first priority," Douthwaite said.

One difficulty the OIS combats each year is the lack of application balance for fall versus spring semester. The overwhelming number of requests to study in spring is a problem OIS is working to solve.

"If everyone applies to go in the spring we won't be able to send more students abroad," Douthwaite said. "We need to have consistency both semesters."

Under the new policy, students will still receive Notre Dame credits and grades for courses they take abroad.

Sophomore Brett Wilps, who hopes to study in Rome next year, said he sees the new policy as encouraging.

"If they can enable more students to go abroad, that's definitely a positive," he said. "Obviously these programs are very popular so I'm glad to see that the University is supporting their growth."

Wilps said the coverage of airfare more than makes up for the international study fee.

"Six-hundred dollars seems more than reasonable for round-trip tickets to Rome," he said. "If prices were always like that I think I'd go on more vacations."

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Dance

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marathon Francesca Johnson got the idea to start the dance marathon at Saint Mary's after attending a similar event at Indiana University.

Kistka said she signed on to help out because she felt that it was a great cause — something the organizers witnessed first hand when they visited the hospital last year.

After winning the award, Johnson said she and Kistka gave themselves one weekend off before they began to plan this year's event — with their achievements driving them to set an even higher level of success.

Unlike last year, marathon organizers will begin the planning process with a \$500 grant from Board of Governance (BOG). They also plan to obtain corporate sponsors as additional support from BOG and other organizations at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Several new committees have also been added, including a pro-

motion committee whose main goal is to get the marathon's message out.

"We want to really include students from Notre Dame and Holy Cross in the marathon and the planning process," Kistka said.

Plans for additional advertising of the marathon include sending liaisons to the other colleges to spread the word. Already, some Saint Mary's students who have transferred to Notre Dame have agreed to act as liaisons for the committee, she said.

This year's marathon will be April 20, and the organizers have two major goals for improvement — increase the amount of

money raised and the number of dancers.

Johnson said she hopes to have 300 dancers at the event. If every dancer who participated last year would bring just one friend, she said they would surpass their goal.

"It's staying on your feet for twelve hours for kids who care," Fundraising/Alumnae Relations chairwoman Sarah Voss said.

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Sarah Voss
chairwoman
Fundraising/Alumnae
Relations

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assault awareness lesson to the freshman Contemporary Topics class. Later, he said making information available in health class and at mandatory PILLARS meetings would be most effective.

"It's never too late to get that information ... there's no harm in doing it twice," Smith said.

Smith also suggested placing posters in LaFortune, Coleman-Morse or DeBartolo classroom building.

But the sensitive content in the signs makes them more suitable for a less-public environment, said Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin.

"They put it in the bathroom [originally] so anyone could go read it and no one would think anything of it," Coughlin said.

Student body president Lizzi

Shappell asked senators to note the difference between "poster and resource." The sexual assault awareness sign, Shappell said, is meant to be a constant and permanent source of information — not just one of many posters covering bathroom walls.

Diversity committee chair Sheena Plamootil said changing the color of the sign could make them more effective. She also suggested condensing the information into a wallet-size card that students

could keep with them at all times.

In other business:

◆ Senators unanimously approved a resolution calling for improvements to "technological deficiencies" that were reported in 17 of the University's 27 residence halls.

Based on responses from hall councils and hall presidents, the Residence Life committee found problems with wireless Internet, cell phone reception and cable television in several residence halls.

According to the survey, wireless Internet has encountered the most problems — with 16 dorms reporting nonexistent, weak or inconsistent wireless signals.

The resolution called for an additional cell phone tower on the northeast side of campus, where cell phone service is the most unreliable, Knapp said. The resolution also recommended "the installation of additional routers to compliment the current network" in halls such as Sorin, Siegfried, Zahm and

Breen-Phillips, where wireless Internet was reportedly weakest.

"If [OIT has] a better way of doing it, that's fine," Knapp said. "We just want the problems fixed."

The resolution will be sent to the Campus Life Council for approval. If passed, it will then be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

◆ Shappell and Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi continue to work on improving community relations, Shappell said. Shappell, Pasquesi, student body vice president Bill Andrichik and possibly other students will meet with members of the South Bend Common Council Sept. 26 to go over the recently amended disorderly house ordinance. The conversation will focus on how the ordinance has been enforced since it was amended last summer, Shappell said.

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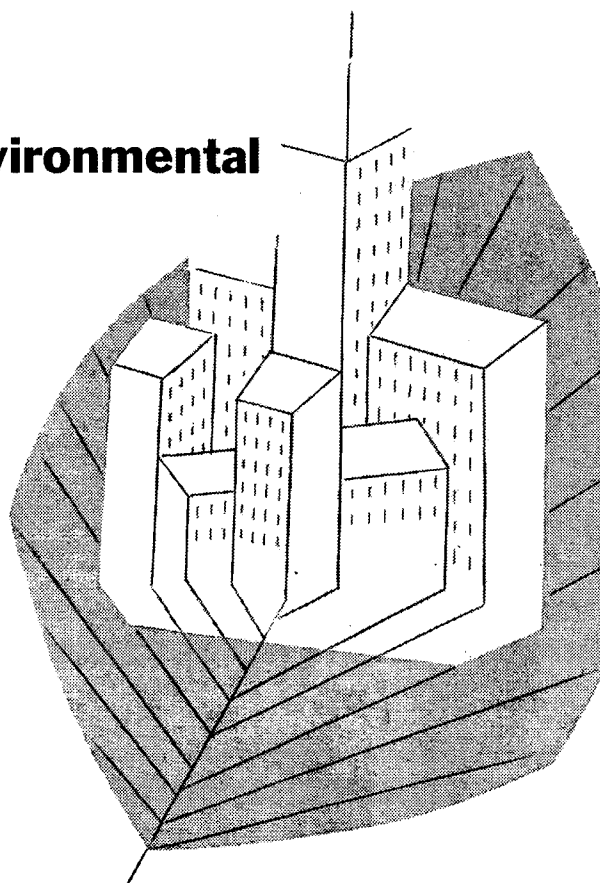
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Holy Cross College is seeking comments from the public in preparation for its evaluation by the regional accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission.

The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit by a team from the commission on October 23 to 25. The team will review the College's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College. Comments should be addressed to the following:

Public Comment on Holy Cross College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed, and will not be treated as confidential.

All comments should be received by September 23.

Center

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with Disabilities, located behind the Main Building next to St. Michael's laundry. The Javon and Vita Bea family underwrote the center and named it in memory of their daughter Sara, who died in 2003 after battling multiple disabilities throughout her life.

The new space features eight testing rooms (two with computers and one with a video magnifier), a reception area, a social area and an office for the director, Scott Howland. Considering Howland was previously wedged into the Alliance for Catholic Education's office in Badin Hall, where disabled students often sat seven or eight to a room to take tests, the new center is a "huge improvement," he said.

"I'm thrilled with the new office here. It adds so much," Howland said. "It's created a space students with disabilities can call their own."

Or at least a room to call their own while they take a test. Test-taking accommodations account for the majority of services offered by the center. Others include large print books, student readers/writers/note-takers/lab assistants (about 35-40 students work at the Center, Howland said), sign-language interpreters, stenographers and books on tape or CD.

The variety of services reflects the different disabilities at Notre Dame. While about two-thirds of the 200 students using the Center have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or another learning disability, other disabilities range from visual or hearing impairments to physical disabilities like cerebral palsy to psychological issues that impact students academically.

The majority of professors are understanding about students' different learning styles, Howland said, and First Year of Studies Advisor Mel Tardy agreed.

"I have not found a faculty member who is not willing to be accommodating to the extent that they are able to do so and be fair," Tardy said, who is the FYS liaison to the Office for Students with Disabilities.

"Before the office, having a disability here was a part-time job," he said. "Our mission is to meet students' needs so they can as much as possible be a college student."

"Before the office" refers to before 1995, the year Howland was hired. Prior to that, the University had relied on its associate provost to provide services for disabled students. Associate Provost Father Timothy Scully decided to change that policy, Howland said.

"[Scully] thought the University should have a person dedicated to students full time," Howland said.

Along came Howland, who holds a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Bowling Green State University. While he is currently looking for a part-time administrative assistant, Howland has essentially run a one-man show since he was hired. Junior Jim Lockwood, who is visually-impaired, said he wouldn't take Howland's job "for anything in the world."

"At times, it can be challenging because so many things are going on at once," Howland said. "But ... I still get the opportunity to work directly

with students. It's very enjoyable to work with a student, and see them succeed and do well."

Class of 1998 valedictorian Tim Cordes, who is blind, felt the effects of Howland's work when Howland arrived during his sophomore year.

"I've got to give Scott tons of credit. Since showing up in '95, he's done a great job with the resources he has," Cordes said. "I'm pleased to see he has more space and more opportunity to continue the good work he's been doing."

Cordes called the center a "great asset" to the Notre Dame community of students with disabilities.

"I think it'll give them a place to sort of help build a community within themselves," he said. "And, it can serve as a model for the rest of the Notre Dame students to see what's going on there, to learn from students and see how they're just like everybody else — they just have different challenges."

Challenges that might be difficult for not only the students with disabilities themselves, but for those around them, as well — and that's what students gathered to discuss Tuesday night.

"I wish that I had known about you earlier"

Just as a new location for disabled students is opening its doors, a group of students is opening the dialogue on disabilities at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

The newly-official student group Perspectives, which provides a forum for students with disabilities and anyone interested in discussing the topic, held its first meeting Tuesday in the social space of the Sara Bea Learning Center for Students with Disabilities.

The group's purpose, according to its president Leslie Penko, has multiple levels: first, to provide a resource for students with disabilities or those interested in learning about disabilities; second, to increase awareness about disabled students and their needs in the community; and third, to educate disabled students about how to deal with their disabilities on a daily basis.

The first level is the reason Tardy founded the club, he said. After listening to a discussion during Disability Awareness Month last spring, he found communication was lacking among students with disabilities.

"It was obvious that people were talking to each other saying, 'I didn't know there was somebody else here who had the same situation as me. I wish that I had known about you earlier,'" he said. "... The reason why [the club] is exciting is because there are over 200 people who use the [Office for Students with Disabilities] office, but most don't know each other."

As it turned out, Tardy said, students weren't the only ones feeling isolated.

"I had a lot of positive feedback from faculty and administrators who said they have a disability," Tardy said. "They said, 'I wish there was a group like this for us, as well.'"

Once they've found each other, the idea is for students with disabilities to share what's worked for them — ideally balancing the scale between disabled students and their classmates.

"By learning different shortcuts," Penko said, "it really helps you get to the same level as your peers."

"They want to help, but they don't know how"

Perspectives' second mission is to increase awareness and educate the community about students with disabilities.

When Cordes arrived on campus, there was no center, and there was no Scott Howland.

"It seemed like in many ways, faculty and folks wanted to help, but they didn't necessarily know what to do," he said. "It was a learning process for all of us."

Even faculty members who have taught students with disabilities might encounter a disability they've never seen, Tardy said. They might not understand, for example, how long a student takes just to complete a homework assignment, he said.

Understanding is just what Perspectives hopes to accomplish — while they have different challenges, disabled students are just like their peers, Penko said.

"We all eat at the dining hall together and go to parties and do everything socially that other students would do," she said.

But the social life at college can present problems for students with disabilities, Tardy noted — like a student who

requires four hours to read an article that would take the average student just one, and has to refuse his friends' invitation to go out.

"A lot of people don't appreciate that — people say you are being antisocial, but they either don't know they have a disability or they don't understand the full scope of what that means," he said. "This group will create more awareness about how much work is involved in staying on top of classes, being involved and having a disability."

Penko said understanding will unite those with disabilities, and those without.

"Educating students and other faculty as to how accommodations can be made and how to treat students with disabilities like that ... that can really bridge that gap," she said.

"Educating so they aren't afraid anymore"

The final goal of Perspectives is to increase awareness among disabled students themselves.

People can be shy about having a disability for a number of reasons, Penko said. Some had difficult experiences in grade

school or high school; others, perhaps, have been diagnosed recently and "are still processing the fact."

"So they don't come forward and try to talk to other people, because they're still processing that themselves," he said. "That's why this club is going to be really helpful, to make people more comfortable opening up ... and finding out people are going through a lot of the same things they are."

As much as Perspective aims to educate the community, educating students with disabilities — some of whom "are actually ashamed of their disabilities," Penko said — about interacting with the community is another primary goal.

"We want to educate students with disabilities about how to be open and honest ... so they aren't afraid anymore," she said. "If we educate everyone, disability won't be as taboo, and people won't be ashamed."

It'll help students with disabilities realize they're unique, but it's okay to be different, and people will be understanding."

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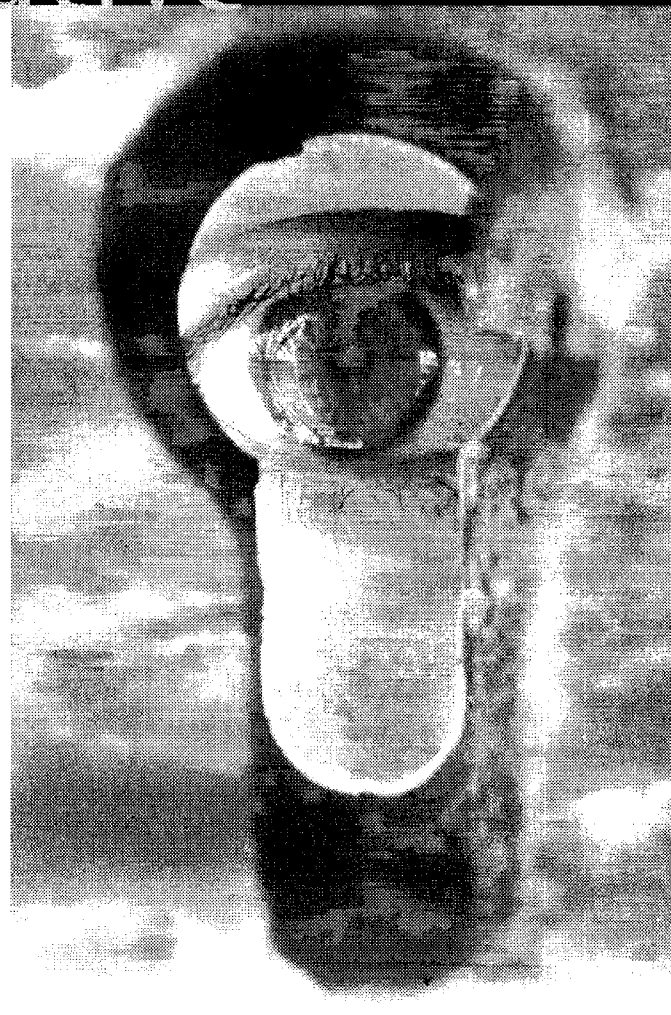
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Coup leader receives royal backing

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's new military ruler, winning crucial royal backing for his bloodless coup, announced Wednesday that he would not call elections for another year. The U.S. and other Western nations expressed disapproval and urged a swift restoration of democracy.

Army commander Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin, appearing relaxed and confident in his military uniform at his first news conference since seizing power Tuesday night, said he would serve as de facto prime minister for two weeks until the junta — which calls itself the Council of Administrative Reform — chooses a civilian to replace him and drafts an interim constitution.

Sondhi sealed the success of his coup by receiving royal endorsement as leader of the new junta, while ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who watched events unfold from abroad, pondered his future and the threat of possible prosecution at home.

Judge throws Hussein out of court

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The new chief judge in the Saddam Hussein genocide trial threw the former Iraqi president out of court Wednesday, and his lawyers stormed out in protest.

A leading human rights group charged the government's decision to replace the former chief judge, Abdullah al-Amiri, threatens the independence of the troubled tribunal.

Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa presided Wednesday after the government removed al-Amiri, who angered Kurds by declaring last week that Saddam was "not a dictator."

NATIONAL NEWS

Six inmates escape from Texas jail

LA VILLA, Texas — A former police officer about to face trial on drug charges and five alleged members of a violent drug gang overpowered a guard and cut through at least four fences to escape from a federal detention center near the Mexican border, officials said Wednesday.

The six inmates, including a former McAllen police officer and the alleged members of Raza Unida, fled the privately run facility late Tuesday, officials said.

Investigators determined that the inmates overpowered a guard with a homemade knife, locked him in a room, made their way through several exit doors and used "some sort of wire cutter" to breach the fences, Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said in a statement. He said no alarm sounded and the guard was not hurt.

Suspect arrested in dragging death

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — A man was arrested in the gruesome dragging death of a woman after a stained and tattered photograph of him was found at the crime scene, police said Wednesday.

Jose Luis Rubi-Nava, 36, was arrested Tuesday night on suspicion of murder and jailed without bail. Investigators said they were still trying to identify the victim, who was dragged behind a vehicle with a rope, leaving a trail of blood more than a mile long.

LOCAL NEWS

Katrina refugees house lost in fire

SOUTH BEND — A family that lost its Louisiana home to Hurricane Katrina watched its Indiana house go up in flames.

"We lost everything again," said Jacqueline Compton, who lived in the house with her husband and four children. "Everything we had was ruined in the fire."

The fire Tuesday afternoon originated in an electrical space heater in the two-story wood-framed home, said Capt. Nick Tekler of the South Bend Fire Department.

Chavez equates Bush to the devil

Venezuelan leader charges U.S. with imposing own version of democracy in Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called President Bush "the devil" in a speech to the United Nations on Wednesday, making the sign of the cross in a dramatic gesture and accusing him of "talking as if he owned the world."

The fiery speech by the leftist leader, one of Bush's staunchest critics abroad, was harsher in tone than that of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who sparred with Bush the previous day over Tehran's disputed nuclear program but avoided any personal insults.

"Yesterday, the devil came here," Chavez said, referring to Bush's address before the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. "Right here. Right here. And it smells of sulfur still today, this table that I am now standing in front of."

He then made the sign of the cross, brought his hands together as if praying and looked up at the ceiling.

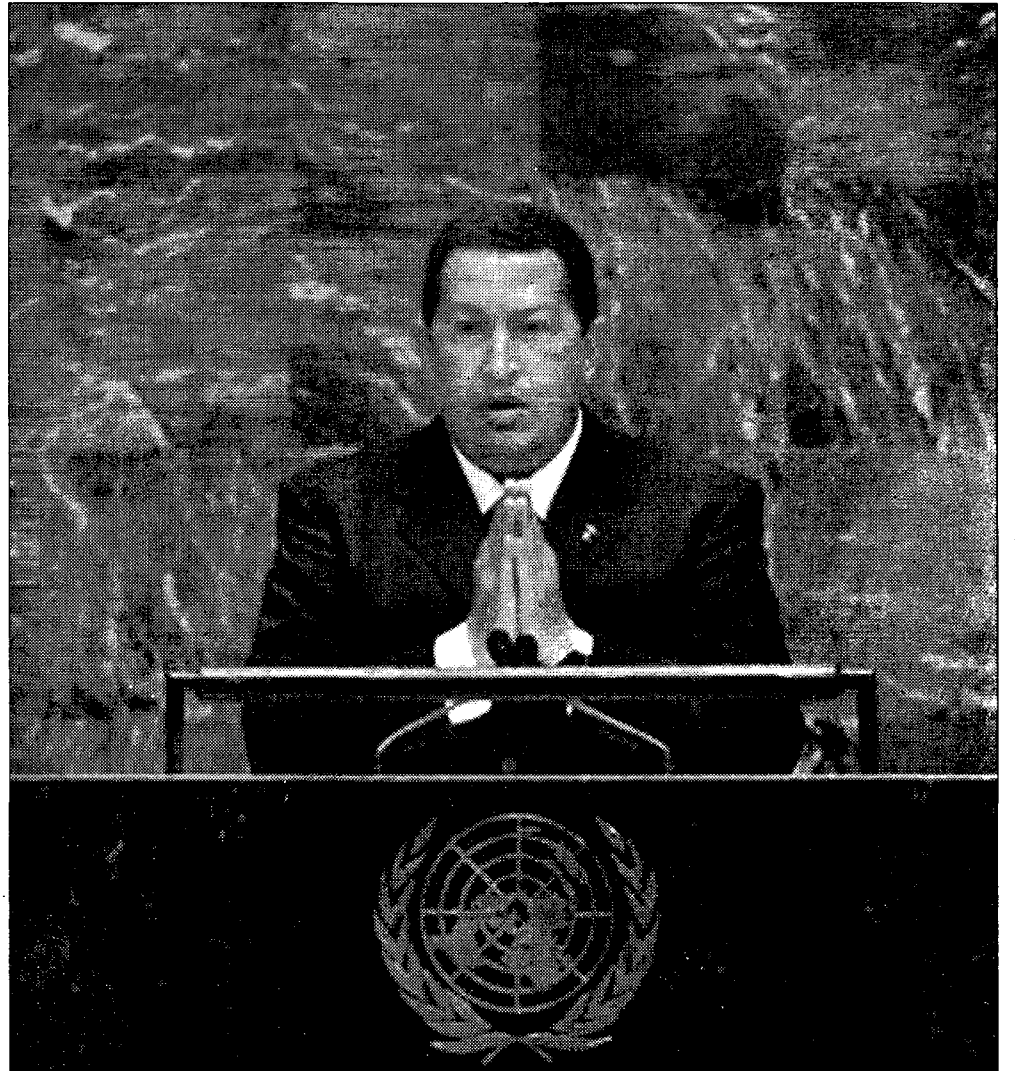
Let anyone wasn't listening, Chavez continued:

"Yesterday, ladies and gentlemen, from this rostrum, the president of the United States, the gentleman to whom I refer as the devil, came here, talking as if he owned the world. Truly. As the owner of the world," Chavez said.

Chavez's words drew tentative giggles at times from the audience, but also applause at the end of the speech and when he called Bush the devil — a word he used no fewer than eight times.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Chavez's remarks were "not becoming for a head of state."

"I am not going to dignify a comment by the Venezuelan president to the president of the United States," Rice told



Hugo Chavez addresses the United Nations assembly Wednesday. The Venezuelan president drew applause when he called President Bush 'the devil.'

reporters in New York. The main U.S. seat in the assembly hall was empty as Chavez spoke, though the U.S. Ambassador John Bolton told The Associated Press that a "junior notetaker" was present, as is customary "when governments like that speak."

The address appeared to be one of Chavez' boldest moves yet to lead an alliance of countries firmly opposed to the Bush administration. The speech came after the leftist leader crisscrossed the globe this summer visiting like-minded nations from Iran to Belarus.

The Venezuelan has become Latin America's leading voice against the U.S. government, and his speech was reminiscent of crusading addresses by

his mentor Fidel Castro of Cuba and the late Argentine revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

In his 23-minute address, Chavez also called Bush a "spokesman of imperialism" who was trying "to preserve the current pattern of domination, exploitation and pillage of the peoples of the world."

"An Alfred Hitchcock movie could use it as a scenario. I would even propose a title: 'The Devil's Recipe,'" Chavez said.

He accused the U.S. of planning and financing a failed 2002 coup against him, a charge the U.S. denies. And he said the U.S. tries to impose its vision of democracy militarily in countries like

Iran and Iraq.

"We appeal to the people of the United States and the world to halt this threat, which is like a sword hanging over our head," he said. "The imperialists see extremists everywhere. It's not that we are extremists. It's that the world is waking up."

At the start of his talk, Chavez held up a book by American writer Noam Chomsky, "Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance," and recommended it to everyone in the General Assembly, as well as to the American people.

"The people of the United States should read this ... instead of the watching Superman movies," Chavez later told reporters.

Prison documents to be released

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge on Wednesday ordered the Department of Defense to release documents detailing mistreatment or disciplinary action taken against detainees at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and other information sought by The Associated Press.

U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff gave the government a week to provide the news organization with the information despite government claims that doing so would violate detainees' privacy.

"The public interest in disclosing government malfeasance is well-established," the judge wrote in saying that the AP had demonstrated the need.

Dávid A. Schulz, who argued the case for the AP, called the judge's decision "a resounding victory for the public's right to know."

He said the identities of between 50 and 100 detainees who were ordered to be transferred or released from Guantanamo Bay after Jan. 1, 2005, will allow reporters to attempt to verify whether the government's account of events is accurate.

"The Department of Defense has made it virtually impossible for anyone to check the accuracy or thoroughness of what is going on in Guantanamo," Schulz said. "The public is supposed to be able to determine these things for itself."

A spokeswoman for federal prosecutors, Lauren McDonough, said the government had no immediate comment.

The judge noted that some detainees have initiated hunger strikes to protest what they consider abuse, while other detainees, since released, have gone public with allegations of abuse.

Rights

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tions, he said.

Capt. Phil Trent, public information officer for the South Bend Police Department, said when officers go to off-campus residences, they want to speak to whoever is responsible — “that’s primarily why they’re there.” SBPD officers enter off-campus residences on a “case-by-case basis,” he said.

“Usually these things happen on weekends when we’re busy with normal city activity,” he said. “The officer wants to get in there, solve the problem and get out — whatever is most expedient.”

Monterrosa said police have the right to ask for identification at any time, though force should only be necessary when the individual is resistant.

“A lot of these cases are arrestable offenses — minor in consumption, minor in possession, public intoxication — and it’s within the police officer’s discretion to use handcuffs,” he said. “If the individual is cooperative or not that drunk, then in those situations the police will just give them a citation.”

Leone said probable cause requires an individual to take a breathalyzer test “on the spot” when in a drinking environment, such as a party or tailgate.

“That’s been challenged and contested and everything else,” she said. “You have to cooperate with the administrative process of the breathalyzer test because, at this point, that is the rule. It seems like an inherent admission of guilt, but the courts don’t see it that way.”

Trent said SBPD officers administer breathalyzer tests when an individual “appears underage” or if he or she “appears to be under a level of intoxication where they are a danger to themselves.”

Leone said even students who are not drinking are still subject to take a breathalyzer test and comply with police officers while at off-campus parties or tailgates. There is a chance they can also receive citations for being part of a public nuisance, she said.

Students of legal drinking age at off-campus parties or tailgates can only receive a misdemeanor charge for serving alcohol to a minor if the officer sees them committing the act, Monterrosa said.

The explanation provided by Indiana State Law, however, is somewhat grayer. According to the law, an individual who is 21 or older can receive an infraction if he or she “encourages, aids, or induces a minor to possess or use an alcoholic beverage.”

Trent said he would not give a citation for inducing unless he personally saw an individual furnish alcohol to a minor or if he was certain the individual was conducting the party. Police might learn who is responsible for the event through an online posting, he said.

Monterrosa said some students feel like they are “stuck between a rock and a hard place” or “in a Catch-22” when dealing with the police. Bad things happen when students fail to cooperate, he said.

“They key to this is not to be belligerent with the police, not to say, ‘Hey, I’m a Notre Dame student, you can’t do this to me,’” Monterrosa said.

Leone said students who think they are being targeted fail to recognize that elected officials are under a lot of pressure to maintain a “good residential quality of life” in South Bend.

“I sense the attitude is, ‘Oh, we’re being picked on,’” she said. “You’re here to have a good time and relax but drinking has gotten to be a major problem. Don’t have the attitude that it’s a Gestapo kind of thing.”

“The police are not there to pick

on you. They’re there because they have the laws to protect neighborhoods and, if someone calls in, the police officers have to respond.”

Student body president Lizzi Shappell said students must learn how to become full members of the South Bend community — from being better neighbors to following local laws and learning their rights. It is important for students to understand the responsibilities that come with those rights without using them to “evade the law,” she said.

“If students are aware of their rights as members of this community, they should also be aware of the expectations of them as members of this community,” she said.

Leone said off-campus students should remember that they live within residential communities.

“I’d recommend to keep it indoors and keep it low-key,” she said. “It’s not the fun way to go to school, but it’s the responsible way to go to school.”

Both Leone and Monterrosa said students who receive citations or are arrested for offenses should always seek legal aid.

“If the charge is a misdemeanor, students can hire counsel,” Monterrosa said. “If they can’t afford that, then they should ask for a public defender. Under no circumstances should students try to handle it on their own.”

Monterrosa said there are opportunities for individuals to resolve cases without pleading guilty.

“If it’s a misdemeanor, it goes on your record forever, so you want to make sure you avoid that first conviction — or any conviction,” he

said.

Monterrosa said one way students can avoid conviction is through the St. Joseph County pre-trial diversion program. Established by the Prosecutor’s Office, the program seeks to work with individuals with little or no criminal background who have been charged with a misdemeanor.

Cases of those accepted into the program “will be dismissed after a period of one year — meaning, no conviction — as long as the requirements and conditions of [the] specific agreement have been fulfilled,” according to the St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office Web site.


The program costs \$315, which includes a \$170 user fee and \$145 in court costs. Monterrosa said the program is generally available to

individuals if they are first-time offenders. Some crimes, like DWI and marijuana possession, do not fall within the statutes of the pre-trial diversion program, he said.

“One advice is that it’s not automatic and it does depend on the circumstances,” Leone said. “Sometimes you wind up with two, three or four charges based on one incident. ... [But] nine times out of 10 they’ll allow the individual to have a pre-trial diversion.”

Leone said the pre-trial diversion program is valuable to students who worry about the ramifications of being charged with a misdemeanor. The program does not “hamper pre-med or pre-law students,” she said.

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IN BRIEF

Tax incentives decrease for Hybrids

WASHINGTON — Tax incentives for environmentally concerned drivers shopping for certain energy-efficient hybrids will soon start disappearing like autumn leaves.

The Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday its tax collectors have been told that Toyota Motor Corp. this summer hit the legal production limit — 60,000 vehicles — that Congress imposed on vehicles eligible for a tax credit.

The announcement means that federal tax credits for Toyota and Lexus hybrid vehicles will be cut in half beginning in October, the IRS said.

The \$3,150 credit for the popular Toyota Prius, the largest hybrid tax credit available, will shrink to \$1,575 on Oct. 1.

Credits for other hybrids manufactured by Toyota, including certain Camry, Highlander and Lexus vehicles, will shrink to between \$775 to \$1,300.

Boeing awarded \$80 million contract

WASHINGTON — Boeing Co. will be awarded an \$80 million government contract to provide new high-tech ways to catch illegal immigrants trying to cross U.S. land borders, officials said Wednesday.

The contract is the first part of a multibillion-dollar Homeland Security Department plan to help secure the Mexican and Canadian borders. The final bill's total is unknown, a department official said, because it hinges largely on whether Congress will approve spending about \$1 billion to build a fence on the Mexican border. Until then, the contract will be given to Boeing in phases, the department official said.

The Boeing contract was expected to be announced Thursday, according to a congressional aide and an official of the agency who spoke on condition of anonymity because the department had not yet made its announcement.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Jarrod Agen would not comment. "Legally we are restricted from discussing details of the contract until the award is officially announced," Agen said Wednesday.

Boeing spokesman Dan Beck also declined to comment pending a formal announcement from the government.

Economic talks begin in China

U.S. Treasury Secretary and Chinese Vice Premier discuss trade relations

Associated Press

BEIJING — The United States and China are launching a new high-level economic dialogue meant to repair relations soured by trade tensions, U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and a Chinese leader said Wednesday.

The strategic dialogue will deal with long-range and big-picture issues that affect the U.S. and China, Paulson and Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi said in announcing the arrangement on the first day of Paulson's visit to Beijing.

Relations between the countries, once buoyed by robust trade, have deteriorated in recent years as China's trade surplus rockets ever higher and critics in Washington have accused Beijing of keeping the currency undervalued to make Chinese exports cheaper. Washington also wants Chinese help in restarting suspended world trade talks.

Neither Paulson nor Wu said whether the currency or the trade imbalance would be addressed in the dialogue. But Paulson suggested that it should put economic relations in a new perspective.

"As global economic leaders, we share responsibility to maintain open markets at home and promote free and fair trade in all countries," Paulson told reporters in Beijing's Great Hall of the People. The dialogue "reflects the 21st century global economy and redefines the economic relationship between the United States and China."

Such talk was likely well-received in Beijing, which wants to be treated as an equal partner by Washington, and was in keeping with a new tone Paulson has sought to inject in U.S.-China relations. The Bush administration's frequent use of public pressure in the past few years produced only marginal changes in Chinese policy on trade and the currency.



U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi embrace after opening the bilateral talks on Chinese trade and exchange rates in Beijing.

Though making his first trip as treasury secretary, Paulson has visited China dozens of times as chairman of the investment bank Goldman Sachs, building extensive ties in Chinese business and political circles.

At the start of their meeting, Wu praised Paulson, saying that he "understands even more about China than many Chinese people" and called him a "true friend of China."

Paulson, while cordial, emphasized his commitment to addressing the thornier issues of China-U.S. trade relations in his new role.

"Because of the time that I have spent in China, I have learned how many common interests we have, how

many interests we share, and I've also learned that some of the tensions that exist are also important and that it's very important that we find solutions to them," Paulson said.

As Paulson began his rounds in Beijing, a U.S. business group criticized new Chinese regulations that limit foreign news agencies' access to the Chinese market, saying they could impede the flow of information to Chinese banks and financial firms. The regulations, issued last week, give the state-run Xinhua News Agency control over the distribution of foreign news agencies' text, photos, financial and other information services.

Letting Xinhua regulate its

competitors "wholly undermines China's stated aim of creating a 'level playing field' for news media in China," the American Chamber of Commerce in China said in a statement.

Aside from the meeting with Wu, who was joined by Finance Minister Jin Renqing, Paulson was scheduled to meet other economic decision-makers as well as President Hu Jintao.

Exchange rate reform is among steps that Washington wants China to take in order to cut its trade gap with the United States, which last year reached \$202 billion and is expected to top that this year. Paulson, however, has said that he expects such reforms to take time.

BP puts \$3 billion in Indiana refinery

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — BP will spend \$3 billion to upgrade its oil refinery in northwest Indiana so it can process heavy Canadian crude oil, increasing its production of motor fuels at the site by up to 15 percent.

The move announced Wednesday by BP PLC's U.S. division was expected to create up to 80 new permanent full-time jobs and 2,500 jobs during the three-year construction phase. The Whiting refinery, about 10 miles from Gary, currently produces about 290,000 barrels a day of transportation fuels such as gasoline and diesel.

Cal Hodge, president of A 2nd

Opinion Inc., a consultancy in Houston that specializes in fuel and regulatory issues, said the upgrade will add production at the margins and as a result could have an impact on gasoline prices.

However, Energy Department analyst Joanne Shore said the move wasn't likely to have a significant impact on gasoline prices. The cost of crude oil is a bigger factor in setting the price, she said.

Indeed, the output from the Whiting refinery accounts for a tiny fraction of the country's consumption. The U.S. refines more than 15 million barrels a day of crude oil and it imports several million barrels a day of refined products.

Company officials announced in October they were considering upgrading either the Whiting or Texas City, Texas, refinery to turn Canadian oil sands into gasoline.

U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said in July that production from Canada's vast oil sands deposits could have a "profound" effect on energy security in the United States.

"It's a good move for the country because it will diversify energy supply," Hodge said. "It will do more for you than planting an ear of corn in Iowa and turning it into ethanol."

Construction was tentatively scheduled to begin in 2007 and be completed by 2011, pending regulatory approvals.

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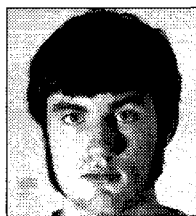
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Ode to the ushers

So, we lost last weekend. Bummer. There are other things that are bummers, too. In fact, some of these bummers also occur in the football stadium, but they have little to do with football. Like when a bunch of drunken guys, celebrating in raucous Dionysian manner, stumble into the student section and do their best to make sure the words most closely associated with the Notre Dame student section are "drunk," "stupid" and "annoying."



James
Dechant

*Foregone
Conclusion*

Thankfully, there is somebody who stands bravely against the smashed stupidity of these game-spoiling drunkards. More than one somebody. I'm referring, of course, to the Notre Dame Stadium ushers.

I know some students have a less-than-amicable view of these stadium attendants. They see the ushers as harbingers of terror, roaming around the stadium with sinister intent, ready to swoop down and strike furious vengeance on any helpless student who just wants to partake in a few pre-game, during-the-game and post-game festivities. Titans of terror. Golden-coated curtailers of freedom. Big Brother, watching your every move. These yellow-jacketed storm troopers of doom represent the hypocrisy of this University's fascist regime. Or conversely, some of Our Lady's loyal sons and daughters think those bumbling old bearded men are bitter, sad fools whose sole enjoyment left is to hang around the football stadium and catch a free viewing of the game. Heck, they probably even went to Boston College.

Not so, my friends, not so. Well, I can't say for sure about the Boston

College part, but I can assure you the rest of that caricature is more grotesquely inaccurate than the average Notre Dame student was hampered after last weekend's loss. It turns out these ushers are anything but sinister, sad, bitter or vengeful. In reality, these dedicated men and women are one of the primary reasons a game at Notre Dame Stadium is a unique experience.

Even before the Stadium ever opens, these faithful shepherds are helpful sources of information, poster-boy (and girl) advocates for the University, dedicated to their jobs. We (hopefully) don't have to ask directions to the Stadium, but for thousands of visitors to campus, the ushers are always there to sagely guide them to the sacred grounds of Notre Dame football. You can see them every home football Saturday before the game, grabbing a hot dog or steak sandwich on the way to the Stadium (and supporting student groups, I might add). They'll be happy to give directions, lend a hand, and even join in the spontaneous student cheers across campus.

And that's hours before kickoff. When game time actually nears, these ushers are swarming all over the place, guiding frail old alumni, confused visiting fans and disoriented students to their appropriate sections. Supposedly, Notre Dame has about twice as many ushers as most other college stadiums. This dedication to providing a good time translates into an enjoyable experience for all fans and students at the games. Any time some idiot in the stands breaks open a beer can over his head, tries to drunkenly crawl over the railing to a closer tunnel exit, or shouts violent ethnic slurs at opposing teams' fans, an usher is somewhere nearby to help defuse the situation and remind everybody to keep calm and enjoy the game.

These ushers do not abuse their authority or try to "ruin the fun." I

have never seen an usher in any way overstep his or her bounds or go after a student with malignant intent. They are always there to hand out high-fives and a "Go Irish!" on your way to sit down, to protect kids from their bumbling drunken selves when they try to do push-ups and to kindly remove inebriated imbeciles from the stands — for which I am thankful.

And how do we repay these dedicated men and women? By leaving dirty beer cans in the stands, feeling clever when we sneak out over a railing, and whining when our God-given marshmallow throwing privileges are called into question (let's not bring up that dispute again). Not all students are like this, by any means, but more of this goes on than the ushers really deserve.

The next time you're in the Stadium, make a point to thank your usher for all his or her service, because we are the ones that benefit from their hard work. Some of them do it for a weekend job. Some do it because they love Notre Dame football. Some do it because they enjoy the dedicated fans and the experience of helping them out. Almost all of them enjoy being around the energetic crowd sections of a game. No matter what their reasons, none of them are the hell-bent authority demons students sometimes make them out to be. All of them are helpful, informative, and just fun to spend a game with. They are all valuable members of the Notre Dame community and the Notre Dame experience.

We need a new golden sign for the television advertisement, which reads: "Usher Like A Champion Today."

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"Mr. Wells [...] belongs to the non-military middle class. ... He has an invincible hatred of the fighting, hunting, swash-buckling side of life, symbolized in all his early books by a violent propaganda against horses."

George Orwell
writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The unpopular topic of overpopulation

As a counter-response to the bevy of attacks on Liz Coffey's Sept. 14 column "Big families equals big trouble," I wish to correct the numerous conceptual and factual inaccuracies put forth as rebuttal to her fundamentally sound, if somewhat overstated argument.

Tim Wymore makes the assertion that "while natural resources are finite, our ability to manipulate them with ever-increasing efficiency is not." I would point out that the concept of a system with a continually increasing efficiency of output is dependent upon the theoretically finite limit to efficiency and that continual optimization steps become probabilistically more and more infrequent as that limit is approached. This nuance aside, in terms of sustainability the question remains: can humanity limit its energetic consumption on a daily basis to the energetic input in terms of primary solar radiance for that day?

We are currently consuming bio-solar energy stored over the millennia as fossil fuels far above any sustainable level and in the process liberating vast quantities of sequestered carbon into the atmosphere and contributing to anthropogenic global climate changes. Additionally, Wymore's reference to the "tremendous improvements in farming techniques" needs to be highly qualified. With the advent of the Haber-Bosch process for the fixation of nitrogen in 1908, Malthus' predictions for the time-course of resource limitation and population crisis turned out to be inaccurate, although not altogether un-instructive. The application of industrial fertilizer has led to significantly higher crop yields and enabled the population explosion but it has also resulted in profound global nutrient pollution, such as the annual hypoxic "dead zone" the size of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico. This is a direct result of irresponsible farming practices in the Mississippi Basin

in the strained effort to feed such a burgeoning population. When Wymore makes the claim that the human population has never been better fed, he is certainly speaking in terms of percentages and not in terms of actual numbers of those underfed, a claim ironically penned on a day coincident with the University's forum on world health issues.

Gardener's claim that a reduced population growth in North America and Europe is tantamount to a "civilizational suicide" of the West is absurd. If only it were true then perhaps the at times unrealistic standard of living set by American families wishing to live in gated communities of gigantic houses over an hour's commute by SUV away from their work would not be a global standard for emulation. Maintaining a zero population growth at the already high current population is truly the only responsible action. Given the pre-reproduction age mortality rate, this translates into a replacement rate of 2.3 offspring for every couple.

Certainly Falvey is correct when he states that the danger of human extinction is not imminent, highlighting an over-dramatization in Coffey's article; however, responding to a misunderstood statement of hers (I'm sure that Coffey supports the concept of large adopted families) with an emotionally charged insult of his own is unproductive at best.

The conceptually suspect yet pervasively held ideal of an ever-expanding economy is one of the primary motivators for a growing population. On the supply side it keeps labor costs down, which from the perspective of the American laborer has led to unremitting outsourcing of jobs to Asia. As an ironic example of this, China has recently relaxed its population control measures in order to lower rising labor costs which are due to their aging population bubble. Additionally, as a population

continually grows, so does its consumption capacity and thereby its demand for goods. One way to look at the increase in the American per capita consumption is to recognize that perhaps the largest concrete American export is the dollar, as evinced by the trillions of U.S. dollars currently held by the Asian Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China. Broadly, this dynamic is driven by aspirations for the accumulation of private wealth more than an interest in the public good or a sustainable global economy and population.

If anyone is confused as to the impacts of the growing human population and its sustainability, I refer them to the writings of Paul R. Ehrlich, the Nobel Prize-winning ecologist from Stanford University who lectured on campus last semester on the topic of human overpopulation, or to the writings of Edward O. Wilson, the famous biologist from Harvard, such as 'The Future of Life.' These highly regarded scientists use concrete scientific data to show that a large portion of the challenges facing our planet and the people that live on it can be drawn back to the fundamental issues of overpopulation and poor resource management. The topic of overpopulation is never an easy topic to broach, yet this comes in part from its imperative. I would ask, at what point do we expect to reach a steady state of population, production and consumption in which an acceptable standard of living for all can include a harmonic preservation of the planet's irreplaceable natural resources? The first step is dispelling uninformed opinions and misinformation.

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Sept. 18

Support the team, or hold out for a win?

Staying for the Alma Mater isn't enough

There has been much discussion about the enthusiasm (or lack thereof) of the senior section in last Saturday's game against Michigan. Being a senior myself, I was in that section and I have to say that I agree with the fact that the level of enthusiasm was greatly disappointing. While I'll admit that the vast majority of seniors stayed until the end to sing the Alma Mater and this displayed awesome "school spirit," there is no doubt in my mind that the senior section was upstaged by the sophomores and freshmen. It was lackluster; the seniors may have been present but they weren't making any noise!

One only has to look as far back as two weeks to the Georgia Tech game to understand that home field advantage can be a major factor in a game if the fans enthusiastically support their team. Georgia Tech, an unranked team, had national championship contenders thinking twice about how good they were; this was because their fans and their team had us undoubtedly rattled. Now, think back to last Saturday where the support, in general was disappointing; in my opinion this was largely (but not solely) due to the lack of senior leadership.

When people say that Notre Dame Stadium is not an intimidating place to play football, it aggravates me but I have to agree with them. On Saturday I felt ashamed to be a senior. I wanted to go to the sophomore section — all I heard was background chatter criticizing the team; no support and no noise.

Seniors, on Sept. 30 against Purdue, if you're not going to turn up and make some noise then please sell your ticket to someone who will — you might as well watch it on TV. Feel free, if you want, to sing the Alma Mater at the end of the game with the people you're watching it with at home.

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Sept. 19

Football is about victories

Over the last few days, several students have written to The Observer expressing their disappointment in the student section's behavior at the Michigan game. We share this disappointment. We are disappointed that the student section blindly cheers on the football team regardless of what is happening on the field. We were some of the seniors that left early and are some of the most fervent Notre Dame fans in the world. We could no longer stand to watch our beloved squad being dragged all over the field. We follow our team all year, give 100 percent at every home game and travel to several away games to cheer our team "onward to victory". We don't simply go to have fun, hear the band play and partake in tradition. Winning is what football is all about. Winning is fun. And winning, at Notre Dame is tradition. We wear "The Shirt" proudly with "TRADITION" across our chests. There are a few coaches missing from the back of that shirt — Gerry Faust, Bob Davie and Ty Willingham — coaches who did not uphold the tradition of winning.

Notre Dame is the nation's most followed football team not because of golden helmets or a great fight song, but because we have traditionally been the best team in the land. Whenever we lose as badly as we did Saturday, we violate that tradition. We have all witnessed some "untraditionally"

bad losses throughout our time at Notre Dame. We were all at the 37-0 Florida State thrashing freshman year. We all walked out early. Not a single one of us regrets doing so. We were embarrassed that the tradition of Notre Dame Football was not upheld on the field. We were embarrassed on Saturday, and we know the players felt the same way.

The way we love Notre Dame Football is very similar to the way many of our parents love us. If one of us were ever to come home with a report card littered with Fs, our parents would not applaud our failures and do a jig around the house. We will not stay and cheer with smiling faces during a beat-down. We need to remember that 80,000 people pack Notre Dame Stadium every week to watch their team win. Winning is what football is all about. Ask Charlie Weis.

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CD REVIEWS

Lostprophets mesh genres in 'Transmission'

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

In their latest release, Welsh rockers Lostprophets have evolved their sound from heavy metal to referential alternative. "Liberation Transmission," the band's third studio album, calls to mind shades of Duran Duran, the Clash, and even Fall Out Boy in its most accessible release yet.

Consisting of Ian Watkins, Jamie Oliver, Lee Gaze, Mike Lewis and Stuart Richardson, Lostprophets have made a conscious effort in their latest release to get back to their roots.

"From our parents, we grew up on pop music, but we were also into Metallica and Megadeth, and when you're 19 years old all you want to do is play heavy stuff, and that's easier to do as well," Watkins said in a recent interview with MTV.com.

"But this time we decided to strip some of the stuff down and let the songs really stand out. It's not all about thrashy riffs anymore, it's about taking elements from the stuff we listened to growing up and

using that to make better songs," Watkins continued.

Already having debuted at No. 1 in the UK, "Liberation Transmission" was released on Sept. 11 in the United States and debuted at No. 33 on the Billboard charts.

The opening track, "Everyday Combat," is among the most metal-sounding of the songs, and acts as a bridge for their older fans into their developing sound. With strong vocals, heavy percussion and a repetitive chorus, "Combat" harkens back to their earlier days in a way that leaves room for the changes to come.

Beginning with the second track, "A Town Called Hypocrisy," Lostprophets demonstrate their new musicology. Calling to mind thoughts of the brand of punk found in bands like The Clash, "Hypocrisy" blends the sensibilities of more modern emo-type rockers like Fall Out Boy with an appreciation for glossier acts like Franz Ferdinand, leaving both old and new fans of the Welsh band with little to fault.

This trend in musical blending and evolution continues with "The New Transmission" and "Rooftops," where both pointed vocals and distinctive guitar riffs call to mind the better days of Eve 6. Particularly in "Rooftops," listeners are hearing a new purity of sound for the group — it's a little

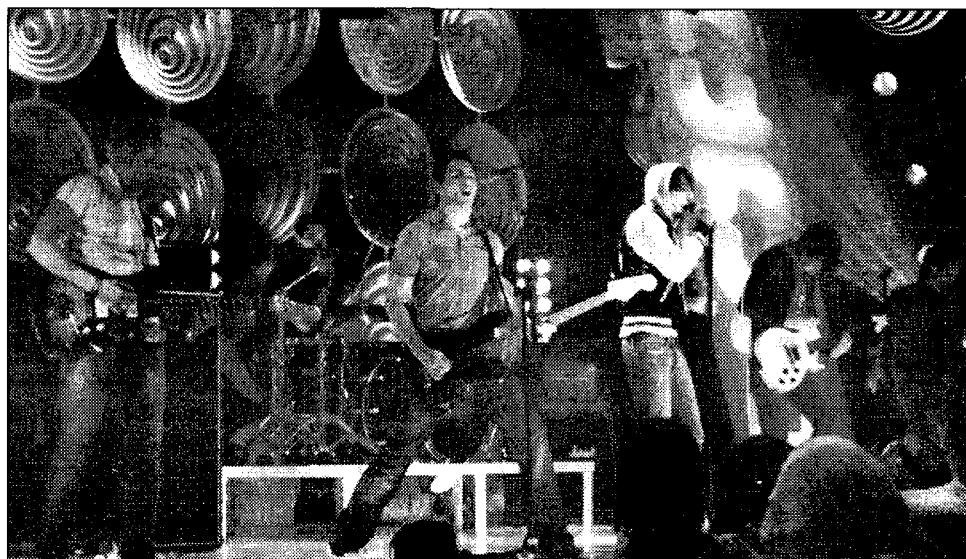


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Lostprophets, a Welsh rock group, performs their unique brand of heavy metal crossed with modern emo music in Britain while promoting their new album.

less metal, a little more pop, and in a way that stays true to the essence of their sound.

Other standout tracks include "Can't Stop, Gotta Date With Hate," whose hook and lyrics are so addictive that they warrant multiple listens immediately, "Everybody's Screaming!!!" a solid rock track with hints of the Arctic Monkeys blended with smoother vocals, and "4:AM Forever," a subtle reflection in the vein of an Incubus-type sound.

"Always All Ways," the album's final track, represents the sum of their musical evolution, as it's the most glaringly different from "Everyday Combat." It's as though the band has tracked their evolution through the progress of the album,

and closing on "Always All Ways" lends the band both a speculative ballad and a unique finale.

There are occasional moments where their genre-bending gets somewhat messy. While the band is generally successful in finding a hybrid between the metal of their past and the pop-alternative of their future, occasional metal moments on certain tracks seem a bit out of place. Finding fault with these moments, however, is more nitpicking than a real criticism.

On the whole, their sound is strong and consistently unique in their history.

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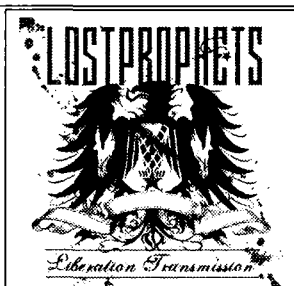
Lostprophets

Liberation Transmission

Torment



Recommended tracks: 'Everyday Combat,' '4:AM Forever,' and 'Can't Stop, Gotta Date With Hate'



Hopeful Nevertheless struggles on debut album

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

There was a train of cookie cutter pop-punk that stormed through the highways of musicdom in the early 2000s — Nevertheless missed the train and hopped on the midnight bus.

If only they had never gotten on.

Their debut album, "Live Like We're Alive," is perfect example of post-pop-punk rock, which is to say, not very good. The lyrics are chock full of emotion to the point of bored tears, the guitars want to crunch but the veneer of the production is like a delicious cake with horrible frosting — bringing complete ruination to something that could have been good.

The singer attempts to move through a range that he doesn't come close to possessing. With only a few tracks which come close to something decent, this album is a death knell for a band just getting off the ground.

From Chattanooga, Tenn., Nevertheless claims that the purpose of their band is hope. On their website,

frontman Josh Pearson says, "These aren't just songs to soothe breakup sores or feed the fires of crushes; they are also songs to mend deeper wounds."

He is referring here to the spiritual side of Nevertheless' lyrics. Taking a note from such bands as Relient K and some early MxPx, Nevertheless includes references to their faith in God and how they bring that to the rest of their lives. This is all well and good. Many people immediately discredit a band that has religious overtones in their lyrics, but it can be done well.

The ska band Five Iron Frenzy was a perfect example of how religion and alternative music can meld into a very entertaining, thought provoking and cohesive whole. However, Nevertheless has none of these qualities. The lyrics are simple, there is very little diversity in their sound, and the excessive layers of polish they put on this album saps out any innate creativity the members of this quintet have.

One of the problems with this album arises from the song writing. Kevin Kadish, who has written with and/or for Rob Thomas and Jason Mraz, helped write several of the tracks. When bands bring in people to help write the lyrics, the slope becomes very slippery. Instead of the lyrics they want, many of the songs sound like poppy flotsam and jetsam that needs

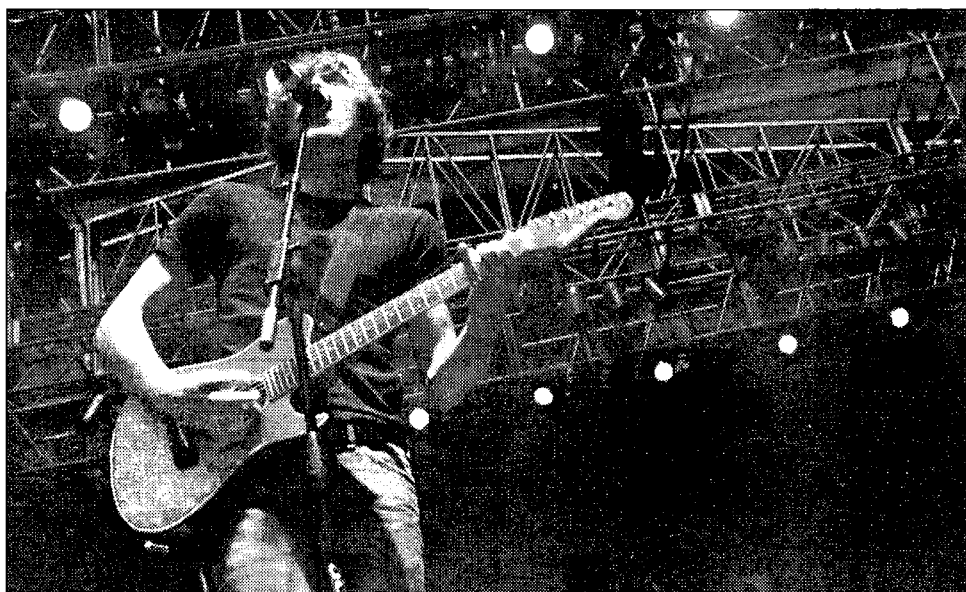


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Nevertheless singer Josh Pearson performs at the Onefest music festival. They attempt to meld religious and punk music together with little success.

sifting through to find where the band is in this album.

All this aside, there are a couple of tracks that show signs of potential for its second album. The first track, "The Real," is one of the songs where any semblance of punk comes through. This isn't to say it is a punk song — it isn't, but the guitars are allowed to run free a bit more than in the rest of the tracks giving it a bit more of the dynamism that the other tracks lack.

"Lover" is probably the worst track merely because it tries too hard to be deep and meaningful. The lyrics mean well — but St. Paul did it better 2000 years ago — and the music is bloated. A piano is used which the song could

do without, while Pearson's vocals are too "little boy" sounding with no emotional rawness.

On their website, the band claims that the key word for this album is hope. However, the hope they're talking about is not the same kind most people will have when they listen to this album — hope that the next one is better.

Nevertheless needs to head back to the drawing board, strip down their music and then they might have something that resembles real emotion and music.

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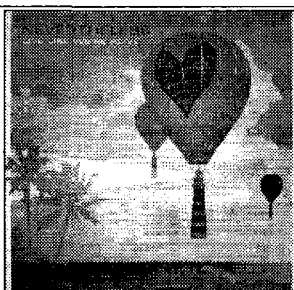
Nevertheless

Live Like We're Alive

Flicker Records



Recommended tracks: 'The Real,' 'Losing Innocence,' and 'Live Like We're Alive'



Chipotle

Chipotle comes to town, with free burritos

By SEAN SWEANY
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The choices are simple. Fajita or burrito? Black beans or pinto? Chicken, steak or carnitas? Hot, medium or mild salsa? Sour cream, cheese or lettuce? Perhaps a splash of guacamole for extra flavor?

The result is delicious. A personalized, mouthwatering Chipotle creation made from fresh ingredients right in front of your eyes. For those who have enjoyed Chipotle food before, a description and thoughts of such a meal may cause a rumbling in the stomach. For others who have not experienced the joy of a Chipotle meal, this may sound like unnecessary hype and praise for such a seemingly simple thing as a burrito.

With the opening of South Bend's first Chipotle, however, the uninitiated need remain that way no longer. Access to what the company itself calls, "A complete, four-course meal in a handy tortilla carrying pouch" is now available to all who can ferry themselves out to Grape Road.

The success of Chipotle took some by surprise, but has most certainly not gone unnoticed. Conceived as a more casual fast-food establishment than a McDonalds or Burger King, Chipotle has enjoyed wild success in its meteoric rise as a prominent restaurant chain. Other competitors including Wendy's and other smaller corporations have launched competing chains like Qdoba and Baja Fresh to capitalize on the Chipotle phenomenon.

The secret to Chipotle's success, how-

ever, is quite simple. As soon as diners walk in the door, they know that they will receive fresh, quality food with no frills, obnoxious advertising or grotesque pictures of clowns or other cartoon characters everywhere. Rather, the setting is trendy and varied, eclectic music tracks set a mood conducive to relaxation and peaceful dining.

The food itself is the true gem of the restaurant and the one-pound burritos make a perfect meal for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Many people like senior Tim Wyne feel the key to Chipotle lies in one thing.

"The guacamole," Wyne said. "You can tell it's not been in the store for months like other Mexican restaurants."

Chipotle's guacamole is famous and hand made several times daily at each Chipotle location.

While the guacamole is excellent, the attention and care that Chipotle employees lavish on the other ingredients such as marinated chicken and slow roasted pork are equally as good. Various types of salsa — from mild to very hot — garnish each creation with a mouth-watering, eye-watering taste that gives one the "symphony orchestra in your mouth" feeling after every bite. It is this great taste present in every menu item that keeps customers coming back for more.

Notre Dame students have been eagerly awaiting the grand opening of the South Bend Chipotle, especially since free burritos are being given away today. Senior Irish swimmer Julia Quinn said, "My teammates and I are immediately going to Chipotle after practice today." Students hoping for a free burrito can

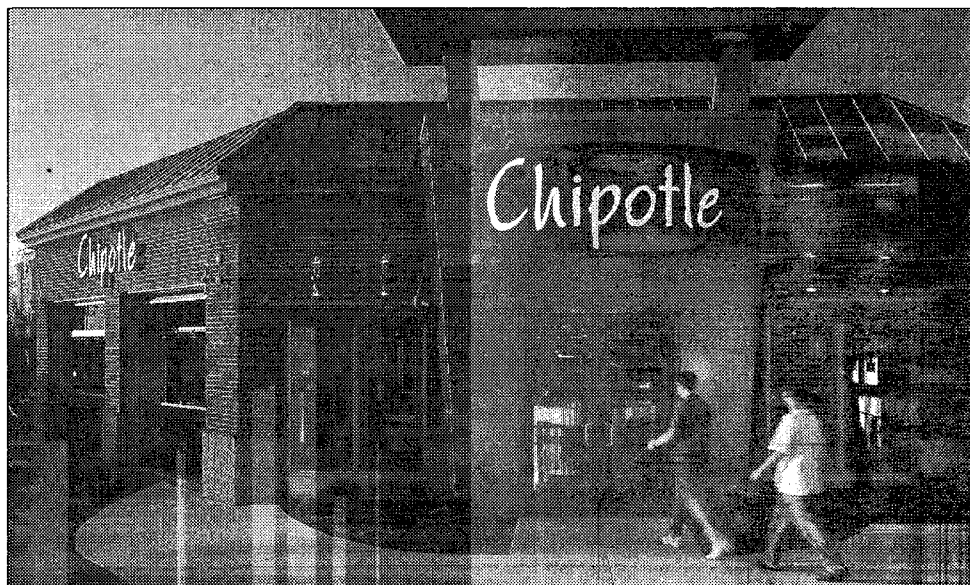


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Chipotle, since its early beginnings in Denver, has quickly developed into a nationwide phenomenon with restaurants appearing like this one in Reston, VA.

expect long lines considering the popularity of the restaurant chain among the girl's swim team and many other people at Notre Dame.

Sophomore Anthony Ashley has never been to a Chipotle. However, upon hearing about the restaurant and today's giveaways indicated he would like to give Chipotle a try.

"Free burritos and spicy goodness sounds good to me," Ashley said.

As the Chipotle craze sweeps campus, others who have not experienced the sensation will no doubt be joining the bandwagon along with Ashley.

This is perhaps one of the key characteristics that Chipotle imparts to its customers. The sense of belonging to a select "club" of people who have had the pleasure of enjoying a Chipotle burrito at least once is a special feeling and allows people to share their experience with others. Thankfully, this club is not exclusive, but rather welcomes all who are willing to give their taste buds a workout. And for today, at least, membership is free.

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Restaurant praised for its all-around sophistication

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Everyone knows about Chipotle and everyone knows that one is going to open on Main St. this Friday. However, not everyone may know that the founder, Steve Ells, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and New York University. The beginnings of Chipotle are the stuff that dreams are made of — fast-food dreams anyway. Offering high quality food in a hip environment quickly and inexpensively, Chipotle has raised the bar in terms of what American fast food should be.

Chipotle first opened its doors in Denver, Col. in 1993. This may not have been the first restaurant to market the idea, but it was the first to open to floodgate on the concept "quick gourmet."

Ells, a classically trained chef, shifted the focus of fast food from lightening speed to fresh ingredients — nothing frozen or processed, food made in front of the customer and a simple, yet highly modifiable, menu. The effort to bring freshness to the world at large in the form of a huge burrito is paying off in spades. By 2003, Ells had gone from one restaurant to over 450 in 21 states.

Focusing on sophistication, a discerning taste and environmental awareness, Ells has tapped into the American consciousness. The restaurants themselves, while no two are the same, focus on what has been called "cantina moderne." Burnished steel, wood, unadorned light fixtures and general

cleanliness are the marks of the Chipotle restaurants. This is not the Taco Bell that was built in two days and is never cleaned — this is a restaurant that takes pride in the food it serves and how it is served to the customer.

Not only is the interior of the store detailed and unique, but the sources through which Chipotle obtains their meat products is focused on an attitude that takes the environment very seriously. Every batch of carnitas pork is from a small family farm, which practices humane animal husbandry and farming techniques not harmful to the environment. There are now more than 220 family farms allowing their porcine livestock to roam, root and follow natural instincts while eating a vegetarian diet of grains and grasses. Sows are allowed to make pens themselves and no hormones or antibiotics are used. Also, their waste is reused to fertilize crops instead of becoming environmental toxins.

In response to this, environmental groups, such as the Animal Welfare Institute based in Washington, D.C., has given credibility to methods used by the farms, which supply Chipotle its pork. Alongside its pork, Chipotle has been trying to do the same with its chicken and beef. Over half of the chicken and a third of the beef comes from naturally raised environments and Chipotle is trying to get those numbers higher.

All this talk about meat has left out a significant portion of America — vegetarians. Chipotle has an answer for this. Ells recognized that many restaurants would tout a

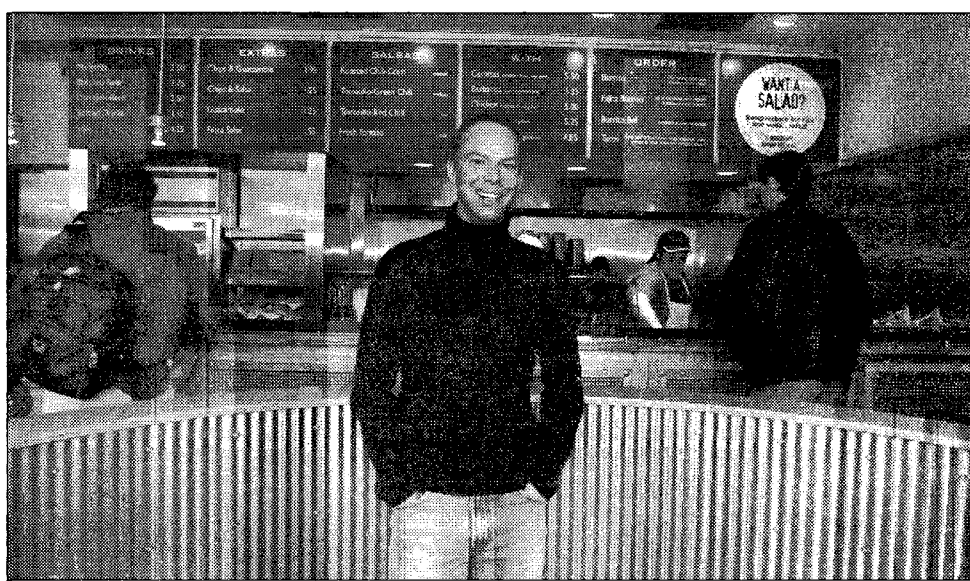


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Chipotle founder Steve Ells wanted to create a franchise where the focus was not only fast food, but also fresh ingredients and an inviting atmosphere.

certain dish as vegetarian when in fact it contained hidden animal products. Chipotle does not include any hidden ingredients and, as said before, the product is made in front of the consumer. The tortillas are made with vegetable oil instead of lard and the rice and beans have no animal products used during their preparation. Take these three ingredients and add a vegetarian salsa for a wholesome and filling vegetarian meal.

The Chipotle opening soon will be a welcome addition to the South Bend area. It

brings high quality food without leaving a large dent in your wallet. Customers can also sleep soundly knowing that the food they get was prepared without hidden ingredients and, for the most part, procured from places where environmentally sound farming is practiced. Sophistication, great tastes and social consciousness are the trademarks of this new brand of American fast food.

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MLB

Rocket wins No. 348 in last home start this year

Wigginton's two-run homer in the eighth lifts Tampa Bay over Baltimore to end Rays' nine-game losing streak

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros' fans gave Roger Clemens a warm send-off after the Rocket delivered one more performance to remember.

Clemens pitched six scoreless innings in his final home start of the season for win No. 348 to lead the Houston Astros to a 7-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

The 44-year-old Clemens will have two more scheduled starts this season — and possibly forever — at Philadelphia on Monday and at Atlanta on Sept. 30.

Clemens won't say what he'll do beyond that.

"It's definitely a challenge physically and mentally every year," he said. "If I commit to come back and play, I want to be able to perform."

"I don't know what tomorrow brings — but if this is it, I've really enjoyed it."

The seven-time Cy Young winner is sure about one thing — if he ever starts to feel like he can no longer dominate, that's when he'll retire for good.

"I can't handle being average," said Clemens, who lowered his 2006 ERA to 2.37. "I guess there's a time when you know and I thought that was three years ago. But I had to come back and really challenge myself to get it done."

Luke Scott had a three-run triple and a solo homer and Craig Biggio hit a three-run homer as the Astros won for just the third time in 10 games,

a slide that has left them with fading hopes in the wild-card race. The Astros were 6 1/2 games behind the wild-card leaders coming into the game.

Clemens (7-5) struck out six and allowed three hits with three walks. He did not yield an earned run for the fourth time this season and allowed fewer than three for the 15th time in 17 starts.

Before he threw his first pitch, catcher Brad Ausmus met him at the mound and thanked him for a memorable 2 1/2 seasons with the Astros.

"I personally hope that it isn't it," Ausmus said, "but catching Roger has been a highlight of my career. He's the ultimately prepared professional and certainly a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

Clemens walked out for the seventh, but Astros manager Phil Garner came out before he threw a pitch and replaced him with Russ Springer.

The fans stood for a roaring ovation and Clemens tipped his cap as he walked off the field.

"He wasn't going to pitch anymore," Garner said, "but the way things played out, everything came together for that moment. The fans' reaction was unbelievable and Roger's reaction to that was just as special."

The cheering continued and Clemens came out for a curtain call, shirt untucked, pumping his fist in the air before disappearing into the dugout.

"That's what it's been about since I've been home," he said. "Obviously, winning and making

it enjoyable for our fans at home."

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (14-10) lost for first time in five starts, giving up seven hits and striking out four in 5 1-3 innings.

The Reds have also slipped from view in the wild-card race, entering the day five behind the leader.

San Francisco 7, Colorado 4

Barry Bonds' pinch hit, run-scoring single in the eighth broke a tie game and helped San Francisco snap a four-game losing streak during a win over the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday.

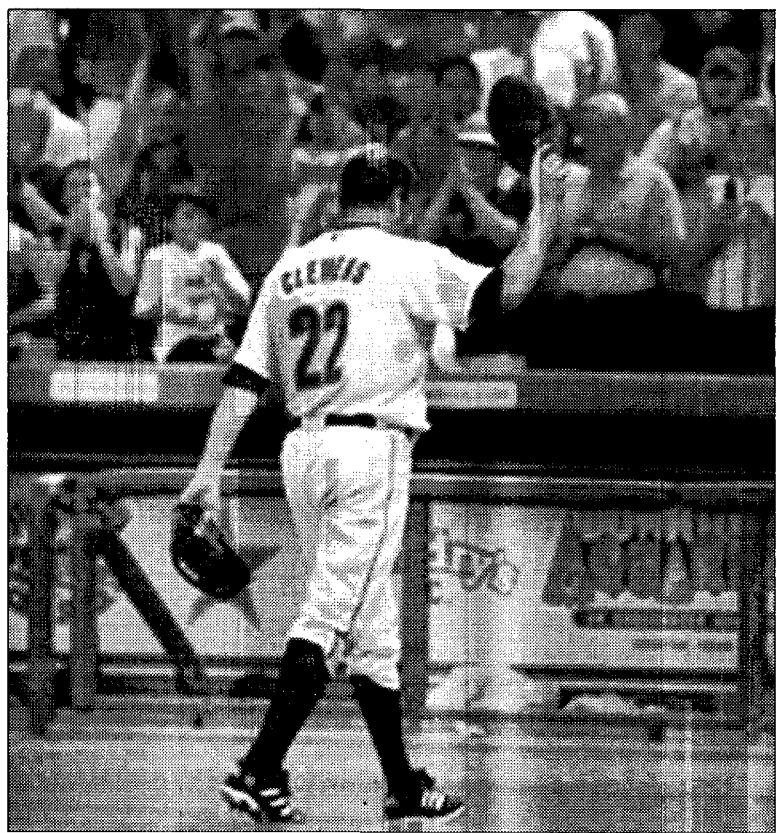
The Giants entered Wednesday's contest trailing San Diego by five games in the NL West and Los Angeles by 4 1/2 games in the wild-card race. They had lost six of their last eight.

The Giants entered the eighth trailing 3-2, but scored five times on six hits off four different Colorado pitchers.

Ray Durham's double scored Todd Linden to tie the game and Bonds' single brought home pinch-runner Fred Lewis. Durham was thrown out at the plate on the play by Brad Hawpe.

Todd Greene followed with a two-run triple off the wall and then scored on Moises Alou's double.

Brian Wilson (2-3) got the win and Manuel Corpas, who hadn't given up a run in his last eight outings, took the loss. Corpas (1-2) gave up three runs with-



Astros pitcher Roger Clemens leaves to a standing ovation after six shutout innings. He has yet to decide if he will play next season.

out recording an out.

Mike Stanton worked the ninth for his eighth save in 10 chances with the Giants, getting a double play with two on base to end it.

Jason Schmidt, who skipped his start last Friday due to tightness in his lower back, tied a season-high with seven walks. He was pulled after walking J.D. Closser following Hawpe's triple. Brad Hennessey got Clint Barmes to ground out to end the inning.

Colorado added a run in the bottom of the eighth after Cory Sullivan drove in Jeff Salazar with a double.

Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2

Ty Wigginton helped Tampa Bay snap a season-high, nine-game losing streak Wednesday, hitting a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning in the Devil Rays' win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Greg Norton drew a one-out walk off Rodrigo Lopez (9-17) before Wigginton made it 4-2 with his 21st homer — the 16th that has either tied a game or put Tampa Bay ahead.

Seth McClung (6-12) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

Chris Gomez pulled the Orioles even at 2 in the top of the eighth with an RBI single off

Jae Seo. The Tampa Bay starter, who allowed two runs and seven hits in 7 2-3 innings, is 0-1 with seven no decisions in eight starts since July 29.

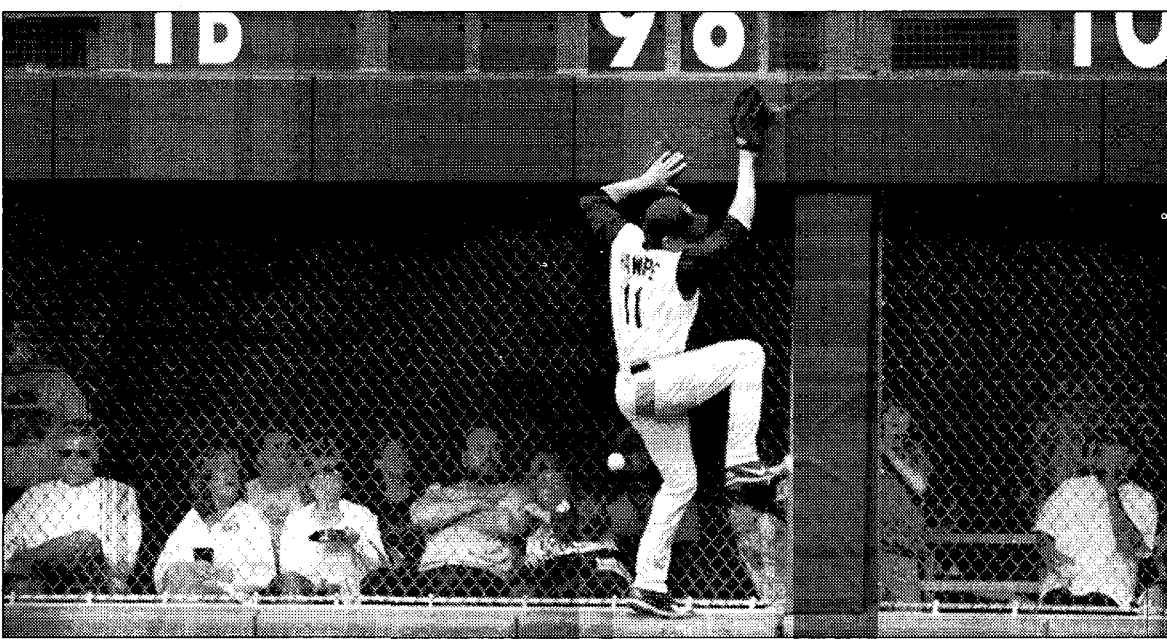
Wigginton and Jorge Cantu opened the seventh with singles off Hayden Penn, who had gave up one run and one hit through six innings. After Kevin Witt struck out, Dioner Navarro singled to load the bases.

Tomas Perez, mired in a 9-for-62 slide, popped out for the second out.

Baldelli then gave the Devil Rays a 2-1 lead on an infield single that went off the glove of a diving Gomez at third. Lopez, the major league loss leader, replaced Penn and got an inning-ending grounder from Delmon Young to keep Baltimore within one run.

Penn gave up two runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He had allowed 22 runs and 24 hits over 7 1-3 innings in his previous three starts this season. The right-hander's longest outing during that stretch was 3 2-3 innings.

Carl Crawford got the Devil Rays' first hit, a homer with one out in the fourth that tied it at 1. Corey Patterson tripled and scored on David Newhan's sacrifice fly to put the Orioles up 1-0 in the third.



Colorado outfielder Brad Hawpe comes up empty after leaping for a Steve Finley triple in the fourth inning at Coors Field Wednesday. San Francisco went on to win the game 7-4.

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Player	BA	HR	RBI
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M. Holliday	.332	20	100
A. Pujols	.331	46	128
G. Atkins	.328	27	114
L. Berkman	.312	41	122
R. Howard	.312	57	140
P. Lo Duca	.312	4	44
D. Wright	.308	24	110
O. Vizquel	.303	4	57
N. Garciaparra	.302	18	84
T. Helton	.302	15	77
S. Rolen	.302	21	91
K. Lofton	.301	2	37
C. Utley	.300	29	92
J. Reyes	.299	19	77
R. Furcal	.298	15	62
A. Gonzalez	.298	23	75
D. Roberts	.297	2	42
J. Carroll	.294	4	34
R. Durham	.294	24	91
N. Johnson	.292	23	77
E. Renteria	.292	12	62
A. Ramirez	.291	35	111
S. Hatteberg	.290	13	51

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Player	BA	HR	RBI
J. Mauer	.343	11	79
D. Jeter	.339	14	95
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M. Tejada	.327	22	94
J. Morneau	.326	33	124
R. Johnson	.321	12	47
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5	Tri-State	2-2	5-9
6	Kalamazoo	1-1	4-6
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Seattle at Chicago White Sox
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Virginia at Georgia Tech
7:30 p.m., ESPN

NCAA BASKETBALL



William Holmes, center, is escorted by authorities to the Allegheny County Jail Wednesday in Pittsburgh. Holmes will be arraigned Wednesday on multiple charges related to the shooting of five Duquesne basketball players.

Second shooter turns self into police

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A second man charged in a shooting that wounded five Duquesne University basketball players turned himself in Wednesday, police said.

William Holmes, 18, of the Pittsburgh suburb of Penn Hills, was to be arraigned on charges of attempted homicide, aggravated assault, criminal conspiracy and weapons-related offenses.

Holmes is the third person arrested in Sunday's shooting after a dance at the private, Roman Catholic university. Two of the wounded players remained hospitalized.

The other 18-year-old accused of shooting the players, Brandon Baynes, was jailed Tuesday on similar charges. Neither of the teens is a Duquesne student.

Baynes and Holmes crashed a campus dance sponsored by the Black Student Union where they encountered the basketball players, according to police. They and two friends got into the dance with help from a student who is active with the union, police said.

The student, Brittany Jones, 19, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless endangerment, carrying a firearm without a license and criminal conspiracy. She was arraigned and

posted bond Tuesday morning. On Wednesday, Duquesne announced she had been suspended for multiple violations of the student code.

The shootings took place shortly after the dance ended when, according to Associated Press interviews with two players, several non-students apparently became upset when Jones began flirting with one of the players.

Attorney Giuseppe G.C. Rosselli, whose firm represents Holmes, said the shooting was "just a bad situation every way around."

"When it's all said and done, our client will be found not guilty," he said.

Duquesne President Charles J. Dougherty said he hoped the second arrest would put the university on "the road back to normalcy and back to the safety and security that we have known for years on our campus."

The team was encouraged that junior forward Sam Ashaolu, the most severely injured player, appeared to be gaining strength.

Ashaolu, 23, remained in critical condition with one bullet and fragments of another in his head. He has squeezed teammates' hands during their frequent hospital visits, and he seemed to respond to their words of encouragement.

IN BRIEF

Embattled referee takes year off after blowing call

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — The instant replay official whose failure to overturn a bad call helped Oregon beat Oklahoma has been granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the football season by the Pac-10.

The league announced Wednesday that official Gordon Riese, who has already been suspended for a game by the Pac-10, requested a leave of absence.

Because Pac-10 replay officials work in crews, replay assistant Roger Judd also will not work any more games this season.

"Gordon Riese had a distinguished 28-year career as a Pac-10 official and, with the exception of Saturday, had done a fine job as a replay official," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said. "He is an individual with impeccable officiating credentials and unquestioned integrity. We look forward to his return next season."

Red Raiders coach questions players' hearts, desire

DES MOINES — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach ripped into his players following a 12-3 loss at TCU last week, blaming the defeat on what he said were "prima donnas" who have gone "soft."

Texas Tech, which scored at least 50 points five times last season, didn't score a touchdown for the first time in six years. What has Leach most concerned is that many of the players who he said didn't put forth the effort needed against the Horned Frogs were veterans.

Leach said he has a handful of players who think they're better than they are. He didn't single anyone out — but changes could be imminent.

The Red Raiders, who dropped out of the Top 25, host Southeast Louisiana Saturday.

"We had guys sauntering around like prima donnas, and the guys that were the worst were our older guys," Leach said.

Hoosiers hope to improve outdated athletic facilities

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University trustees will vote this week on a proposed \$55 million project aimed at making the Hoosiers' athletic facilities competitive with others in the Big Ten Conference.

Athletic director Rick Greenspan presented plans and architectural renderings Wednesday to the university's Board of Trustees. The board will vote on the project Friday.

If approved, the project would include a new basketball practice facility, improvements to IU's football stadium and a new baseball and softball complex.

IU president Adam Herbert said such improvements are long overdue.

"Our athletic facilities are probably the worst in the Big Ten," he said. "It's simply my view that we must correct this fundamental deficiency."

MLB

Rose plans to sell apology baseballs

Ex-Cincinnati coach will auction off 30 signed balls online

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — For the right price, Pete Rose is willing to write on a baseball that he's sorry.

The hits king unveiled his latest marketing venture Wednesday on his Web site. For \$299, plus \$4.99 shipping and handling, fans can order a baseball inscribed "I'm sorry I bet on baseball" along with Rose's autograph.

The offering came two days after an auction house confirmed that 30 baseballs inscribed the same way would be available for bid next April.

"Now you can get the baseball collectible everyone's talking about — Pete Rose's personal apology for betting on baseball, newly inscribed on an actual baseball — at a fantastic price," the Web site says.

Rose's business agent, Warren Greene, didn't return a phone call to discuss the hit king's change of heart.

On Monday, Greene told The Associated Press that Rose had

inscribed baseballs with the apology for some of his collector friends about a year ago. Greene said that Rose never intended for the balls to be sold publicly.

One of the collectors gave 30 of the balls to a friend, Barry Halper, according to Greene. Halper, a limited partner in the New York Yankees, died last December, and his family is selling his sports memorabilia through Robert Edward Auctions. The collection includes the 30 apology baseballs.

The New York Daily News first reported the auction on Monday.

Greene later told the AP that if some of the balls were going to be made available at auction, Rose might consider signing more of them.

Field of Dreams stores also are selling the baseballs at stores nationwide. Rose also offered to inscribe "I'm sorry" on baseballs during his autograph appearances at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Rose accepted a lifetime ban for gambling in 1989, but denied for nearly 15 years that he bet on baseball. He finally acknowledged in his latest autobiography, published in January 2004, that he made baseball wagers while he managed the Cincinnati Reds.

"Now you can get the baseball collectible everyone is talking about."

Warren Greene
business agent

NCAA FOOTBALL

Injuries plague Louisville stars

Cardinals will struggle to stay unbeaten with back-up backfield

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — In 1994, Nebraska was undefeated and No. 2 in the country when the Cornhuskers' national title hopes took a potentially devastating blow.

Star quarterback Tommie Frazier was sidelined with a blood clot in his leg halfway through the season. The Huskers didn't just survive without Frazier, they went on to win it all.

Now, Louisville, unbeaten and No. 8, is facing a similar challenge. The Cardinals have already lost star tailback Michael Bush for the year with a broken leg and fellow Heisman hopeful, quarterback Brian Brohm, for at least a month with a hand injury.

So far, Louisville's been unfazed — at least on the field — by the injuries. When Bush went down early in the second half against Kentucky in the season opener, the Cardinals rolled along to a 59-28 victory. Beating Temple with Bush's backups was no problem.

Then came Miami, when Brohm went down early in the second half.

Hunter Cantwell replaced Brohm and Louisville posted its biggest win in years — 31-7.

But can the Cardinals keep it up?

"We need to just keep going," Cardinals coach Bobby Petrino told reporters this week. "I think the depth that

we've been working at and the recruiting and you know, the ability to play a lot of players in games last year and in the first two games this year helped us a lot. We've got guys that are very confident."

Nebraska and coach Tom Osborne were four games into the season, when Frazier was hospitalized with a clot behind his right knee.

Clinton Childs, one of several talented running backs on that team, said the team's confidence didn't waver when Frazier went down.

"To be honest, we understood what type of team we had," said Childs, who now coaches at Omaha North High School. "We had really, really good team chemistry, it was something coach Osborne instilled in us."

Brook Berringer stepped in for Frazier and Nebraska won the next two games by a combined 74-35.

Then Berringer got hurt, suffering a partially collapsed lung against Oklahoma State. The 'Huskers turned to third-stringer Matt Turman to start. Berringer played the second half of that 17-6 victory, dominated by safety Mike Minter, linebacker Ed Stewart and the Blackshirt defense and the 'Huskers offensive line.

Joel Wilks, a guard on that

line, said Nebraska ran the same simple running play about 40 times and the Wildcats couldn't stop it.

"We just took it upon ourselves to get this thing done no matter who was playing quarterback," said Wilks, now a firefighter in Portland, Ore.

Even with the victory in Manhattan, Kan., Nebraska slipped to No. 3. It was the last time that season the 'Huskers went backward.

With Berringer directing the offense, Nebraska completed an undefeated regular season that included a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado.

Frazier returned in the Orange Bowl against Miami, helping Nebraska beat the Hurricanes 24-17 for the first of two straight national championships.

Ultimately, the Cornhuskers were able to overcome the loss of their star — and his backup — because of their depth, a powerful offensive line that made anybody behind it look good and a smothering defense.

Louisville has shown good depth.

Cantwell is no Brohm, but he's got the full confidence of his coach. Petrino didn't go conservative with Cantwell at the helm, and don't expect him to anytime soon.

"We need to just keep going."

Bobby Petrino
Louisville coach

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OLYMPICS

IOC calls for change in Beijing

Chinese government pressured to bolster human rights laws

Associated Press

BEIJING — China has failed to live up to promises its leaders made to improve human rights for the 2008 Olympics, Amnesty International said in a report urging the International Olympic Committee to ensure that the Chinese comply.

The report, released Thursday, catalogs a broad range of persistent human rights abuses, from the widespread use of the death penalty and the extraction of organs from executed prisoners for transplants, to the persecution of civil rights activists and new methods to rein in the media and censor the Internet. The report also said Beijing is forcing people from homes to make way for Olympic-related construction projects.

"Serious human rights violations continue to be reported across the country, fueling instability and discontent," the London-based group's report said. "Grass-roots human rights activists continue to be detained and imprisoned, and

official controls over the media and the Internet are growing tighter."

Amnesty International called on the Chinese government to enact reforms. It also urged the IOC and the Olympics "to put pressure on Chinese authorities" to release political prisoners, take steps toward ending the death penalty and repeal restrictions on the free flow of information.

China's foreign ministry didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The IOC said that with nearly two years to go it was too early to take China to task and that the Olympic governing body was not a political pressure group.

"It's premature to say that China has failed to live up to its pledges to hold a successful Games," IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said. "We don't work by putting pressure. That's not our methodology."

Though many of the ills cited by the group have been endemic for years in China, the report underscores an uncomfortable contradiction: While the world was promised that a Beijing Games would bolster respect for human rights, the Communist leadership appears to be digging in its heels.

Over the past three years, Chinese leaders have mounted the most sustained clampdown

on dissent since the quelling of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement in 1989. Aside from political and religious dissidents, the government has taken steps to intimidate new groups, such as activist lawyers and scholars, while aggressively scouring the Internet for political essayists and firing and detaining reporters and editors.

The suppression campaign stands in contrast to China's continued buildup of a vibrant economy and a dynamic society with a burgeoning middle class — changes Beijing hopes to showcase at the Olympics.

In bidding for the games in 2001, Chinese leaders promised IOC members that the Olympics would lead to an improved climate for human rights and media freedoms.

"By allowing Beijing to host the games you will help the development of human rights," Amnesty International quoted Liu Jingmin, a vice president of the Beijing bid committee and now a senior official in charge of preparations for the games, as saying in 2001.

IOC members also have said they expect Beijing to keep its word.

Beijing's effort to build state-of-the-art venues and transportation facilities and remake run-down neighborhoods has contributed to civil rights abuses, the Amnesty International report said. It cited the cases of Ye Guozhu and Qi Zhiyong, Beijing residents subjected to forced evictions as the city undergoes an Olympic makeover

"By allowing Beijing to host the games you will help the development of human rights."

Liu Jingmin
Vice President
Beijing bid committee

NCAA FOOTBALL

Thomas benched for marijuana use

Gators lose top pass rusher indefinitely to drug suspension

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida defensive tackle Marcus Thomas was suspended indefinitely Wednesday for a second violation of the school's substance-abuse policy, leaving the fifth-ranked Gators without their top pass rusher.

Coach Urban Meyer said Thomas, a senior from Jacksonville who leads the team with three sacks, will miss at least Saturday's game against Kentucky.

"He is suspended," Meyer said. "The whole situation is under review. It's under evaluation, and I'll comment when it's appropriate. There's no timetable. Nothing is set in stone."

Thomas spent part of Wednesday in meetings with school officials to appeal the suspension he received earlier this week for marijuana use, his mother said. Sheila Mote said her son tested positive twice for marijuana between the middle of July and the end of August. She believes both results are from the same drug use.

Mote said her son ingested

marijuana at a party this summer. When he returned to campus in July, he failed a first drug test, which prompted school officials to suspend him for the season opener.

A second test, which Mote said came three to four weeks after the first, also came back positive. According to the school's drug policy, Thomas could be suspended for 50 percent of the season.

School officials denied reports that Thomas already had been suspended five games.

Thomas has the right to appeal any suspension to athletic director Jeremy Foley. Athletes are allowed to present circumstances that might have influenced the test. Under the policy, Foley then makes a recommendation to the Substance Abuse Committee, which handed

down the original suspension, about whether to change the conditions of the punishment.

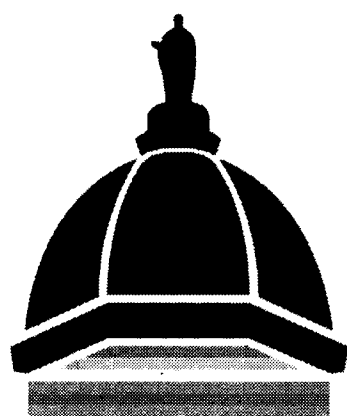
"I just have to learn more about it," Meyer said.

Thomas is a three-year starter who has 138 career tackles and 13 sacks. Without him, the Gators will move defensive end Ray McDonald to tackle and insert sophomore Derrick Harvey into the starting lineup.

"He's definitely a big player," linebacker Brandon Siler said.

"The whole situation is under review. ... Nothing is set in stone."

Urban Meyer
Florida coach



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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Football fever takes center stage tonight

PW and Pangborn gear up for 8 p.m. rematch at Riehle

By MATT HOPKE and JOHN TIERNEY
Sports Writers

Forget the "Feve". All the Thursday night dancing will be on the gridiron tonight at Riehle West Field as Pangborn battles Pasquerilla West at 8 p.m. in a rematch of last year's championship game.

The intensity for the replay of PW's 13-0 championship victory heated up after both the Phoxes and the defending champion Purple Weasels put up strong wins in their opening games.

Pasquerilla West put on a show last weekend, destroying the Babes of Breen-Phillips 20-0. The offensive explosion was due in large part to captain Mo Spring's two touchdown receptions.

"We came out strong last week but we weren't perfect," Spring said. "We hope to continue to improve every week."

Pangborn also posted a win in its season opener, beating Farley's Finest 6-0. Most teams spend the first week working out the kinks, but the Phoxes have a roster full of juniors and seniors that know about big game experience.

"We played pretty well last week, and we've been practicing a lot so we feel pretty good about the game against PW," Pangborn captain Katie Riemersma said. "We're returning most of our players from last year, so we're pretty excited about the rematch."

A win tonight would put either team at the top of the Gold League with a 2-0 record. The added bonus for Pangborn would be some revenge for the shutout they suffered in the Stadium last season.

"I think we're going to beat them," Riemersma said. "We're definitely good enough to beat them."

Howard vs. Breen-Phillips

Howard and Breen-Phillips enter tonight's 9 p.m. matchup at Riehle West Field on two opposite paths, with BP looking to rebound after a shutout loss Sunday and Howard looking to keep its momentum going after a shutout win.

Howard defeated Lewis 6-0 Sunday on a first-half touchdown pass from Sheena Ketchum to Megan Savage. While the Duck offense was stifled most of the game, the big-play capability it showed early on was enough. Howard held on to the lead and the victory thanks to dominating defensive play.

Meanwhile, BP lost 20-0 to defending Interhall champions Pasquerilla West. The BP offense looked good in spots and moved the ball efficiently, but was unable to make the big plays needed to score. The offense improved in the game's waning moments, while the defense forced a turnover off an interception in the second half.

The Ducks plan to stick to their defensive game plan from

Sunday, but hope that their offense will pick up more of the load. Offensively, Howard wants to get off to another fast start against BP.

"Getting the touchdown in the first half was huge, and we would like to do the same on Thursday," Ducks' captain Catherine Krug said.

However, Krug also emphasized Howard's need to be more consistent offensively.

"The plan is to not be content with just one touchdown. We found out some things that worked offensively, and some that didn't," she said. "So we plan on building on that to create a more consistent attack."

While on the surface, BP's loss to PW appears potentially crippling, the fact that the Babes played well in the second half to the defending champions and early favorites should be encouraging.

BP can still rebound to make the Gold League playoffs if it wins Thursday.

A win for Howard, meanwhile, will put the Ducks at 2-0 and headed toward a playoff spot.

McGlenn vs. Lewis

The McGlenn Shamrocks will open their season against the Chicks of Lewis tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West Field.

Though the contest will be McGlenn's opener, captain Madeline Boyer remains confident.

"We're not too worried that they have played a game and we haven't," Boyer said. "We just need to put into play everything we practiced."

Lewis (0-1) suffered a close loss to Howard in a game where one score was the difference. The 6-0 shutout only gives the Chicks more incentive to come out firing on all cylinders tonight, said captain Mia De La Rosa.

"We played OK in our first game. We just came out on the short end," De La Rosa said. "We tried our best in practice to fix the problems."

Foremost among the Chicks' troubles is putting points on the board. Despite generating a couple lengthy drives, Lewis finished its first game without a score — something the Shamrock defense loves to hear.

"We have a really good defense," Boyer said. "From what I heard, Lewis didn't score last week. Our goal is to make sure they don't score again."

One major issue Lewis and McGlenn will try to sort out is what to do with a boatload of freshmen, as both captains are quick to admit that their teams are short on experience.

"It is hard to predict how our team will do this year because it's a completely new squad," Boyer said. "We have a lot of freshmen but they're very enthusiastic."

The same seems to be true for the Chicks.

"We just have to get our freshmen used to the pace of the game," De La Rosa said. "We just have to make it in the top four to be in the playoffs. That's our goal right now."

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Freshman

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as we wanted to, but it was a great experience for me at my first tournament," Fortner said. "I think I showed that I fit in at this level ... at least a little."

Filho, Santos-Ocampo and Willis travel to West Chicago, Ill., to compete in a 'B' team event next Monday and Tuesday at DePaul's John Dallyo Memorial Tournament.

"It's going to be nice to see how we fair in a tournament like this," said Santos-Ocampo, of Naples, Fla., about his first official college event.

"It's a good chance for us to get back to competition," said Filho, who hails from Brazil but has lived in the United States for the past four years. "It should be fun."

Kubinski had nothing but praise for the freshmen, his

first-ever recruiting class at Notre Dame.

"It's a little hard to say after just a few weeks, but they've been outstanding in every way," he said. "They've been working very hard."

Kubinski noted that the freshmen are guaranteed to play in at least three events, adding that

he expects some — in addition to Fortner — to eventually travel with the 'A' team.

"There's a potential for all of them to travel [as part of the top five]," he said. "In all likelihood, I expect two or three of them to travel before the season is over."

Filho said that the possibility of cracking the top five has only caused the freshmen — and the rest of the team — to push each other harder.

"We know we have to practice hard," Filho said. "Everyone has to earn his spot."

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Olavo Filho
Irish golfer

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Scoring

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stoic after the game.

"You feel like with 24 shots you should maybe get a little more out of it, but that's life," he said.

To be fair, Lady Luck was definitely not on Notre Dame's side during many of Wednesday's 24 shots. In the 65th minute, forward Joseph Lapira fired a laser that Northern Illinois goalkeeper Joe Zimka had no chance of reaching, only to watch it clang off the crossbar and ricochet back into play. At the same time, in the 32nd minute, Lapira had an open look on goal, but mis-hit the ball and let it dribble out for a goal kick. While Lapira was clearly not the only Irish player to misplay a ball during the 110-minute match, the play exemplified how close the Irish were coming and how far they still need to go.

Clark remained optimistic that Notre Dame's scoring problem would correct itself with time.

"You've got to keep working and got to be patient," he said.

However, with a 4-3-2 record



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Irish senior captain Greg Dalby slides a goal past DePaul keeper Brian Visser in Notre Dame's 3-0 victory Aug. 10 at Alumni Field.

at the exact midpoint of the regular season, the Irish are in danger of slipping from national championship contender to merely good to maybe even mediocre. If the Irish have aspirations to be an elite team again — they were ranked No. 8 two weeks ago — the shots have got to start finding the back of the net.

Technically, Notre Dame did find it once, on a Matt Besler header off of a corner kick in the 41st minute, but that was negated because of a pushing foul that happened away from the play. However, considering the offensive firepower the Irish have — Lapira and fellow forward Justin McGeeney have both been Big East offensive players of the week — they shouldn't have needed that goal to stand in order to ensure a victory.

The lack of production the Irish offense displayed again on Wednesday left Clark looking for answers.

"There are no easy solutions," he said. "The guys have got to

hold their confidence."

The Irish, however, will need more than just confidence to turn things around.

While, in all fairness, it can be tough to find the answer to an offense that is barely problematic, Notre Dame needs to find a way to finish its chances if it plans on moving out of sixth place in the Big East Blue Division, a group in which it was picked to finish second.

Ultimately, in an environment where everything boils down to the win-loss columns, Clark has accurately addressed where his team stands.

"They're potentially a good team," he said. "But right now that's just potential."

The problem remains how to unlock that potential, and, in doing so, how to score.

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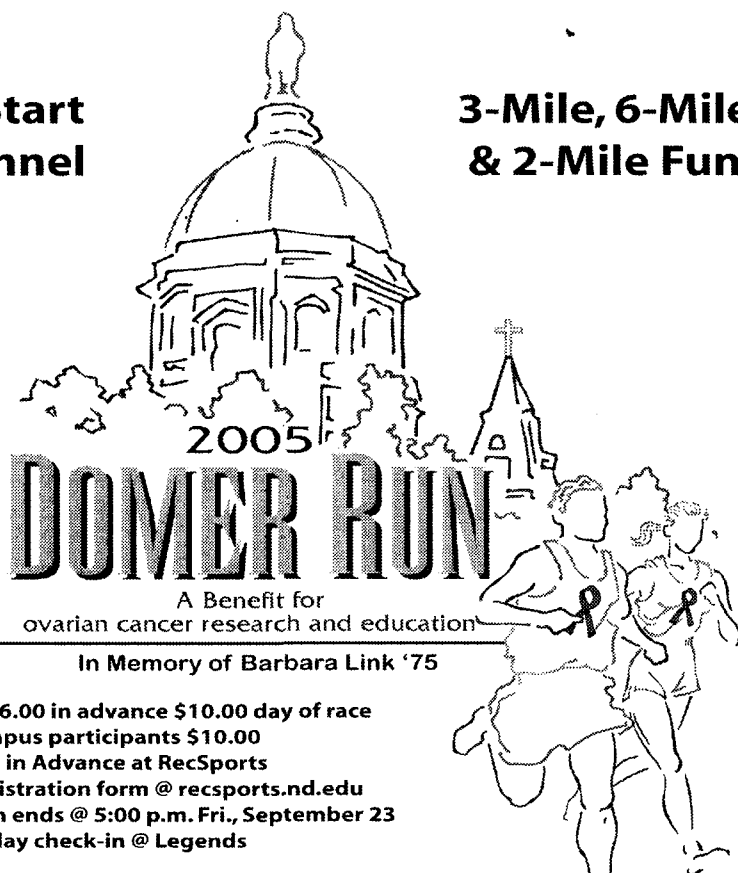
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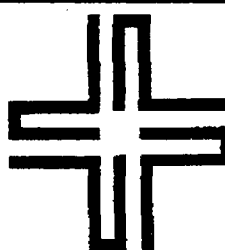


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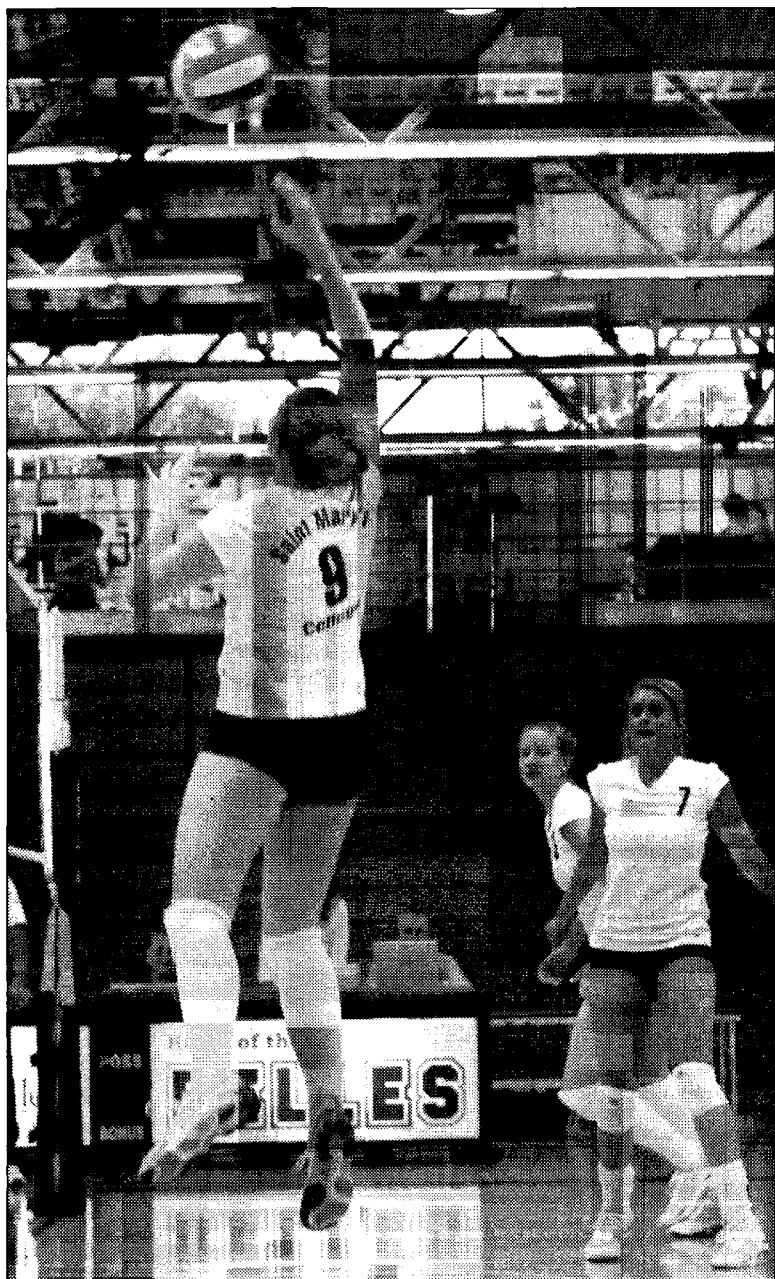
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Saint Mary's senior outside hitter Kristen Playko, left, sends the ball over the net during the Belles' 3-0 win Wednesday as senior setter Amanda Davis watches.

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defense for the team's continued success.

"Our attack has been more balanced this year. We have quite a few players that can put the ball down," Schroeder-Biek said. "And our back court has done a nice job keeping the ball alive for the offense."

Setter Amanda David was one of those players, making several key plays to keep the Belles afloat.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko posted her 11th double-double of the year with a 15-kill, 22-dig performance. Freshman outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski also had a double-double, her seventh of the season, with 13 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore middle back Cathy Kurczak

added 11 kills while senior libero Anne Cusack tallied 21 digs.

The Belles host Calvin College in another conference matchup Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Schroeder-Biek is wary of a challenge from Calvin (10-1, 4-0 MIAA).

"We will need to start out much stronger than we did [Wednesday]," she said. "We also just need to play like we have at our away matches — very crisp and very aggressive throughout the match."

Schroeder-Biek knows it will take a team effort against Calvin and is encouraged by the Belles' chemistry this year.

"Our players have really lifted their game and shown so much individual improvement," she said. "They really play for each other."

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Soccer

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has the most possessions or the most shots that wins, it's the team that takes their chances."

Notre Dame almost found itself on the wrong side of the scoreboard in the first overtime despite controlling the pace. Northern Illinois senior Justin McGrane put a low cross in from the end-line where teammate Marcus McCarty's touch took him past his defender. Only a reflex save from Irish senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill kept McGrane's shot from giving the Huskies the victory.

"Cahill made a very good save [on McGrane]," Clark said. "If that shot goes in, we lose a game that we dominated, and that's happened to us a couple of times already this

season."

Notre Dame had its share of chances in overtime as well.

Its best opportunity came in the 105th minute when Lapira threaded a through ball to fellow forward Justin McGeeney. Northern Illinois sophomore keeper Joe Zimka came sliding out to clear the ball, which went straight to the feet of Lapira. Lapira shot the ball toward the empty net, but Huskies defender Josh Karsten came flying back to clear the ball off the line.

Although the Irish created chances in regulation time, they were hindered by Northern Illinois's 4-5-1 formations, which allowed the Huskies to put most of their players back on defense and counter-attack.

"[Their formation] forced us to keep working the ball and to be patient," Clark said. "You ended up with 21

players in one half of the field. There wasn't a lot of space."

With the tie, Notre Dame's record stands at 4-3-2 for the season and 2-2-0 in Big East play. The Irish will next take on Pittsburgh at home on Saturday night, and despite his team's goose egg on Wednesday, Clark is optimistic that the scoring will come.

"We're making chances, but we're not finishing them off," Clark said. "We're very much at the forming stages right now."

Notes:

♦ Wednesday night was the fourth consecutive start for senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill. After the game, Clark confirmed that Cahill earned the starting job for now.

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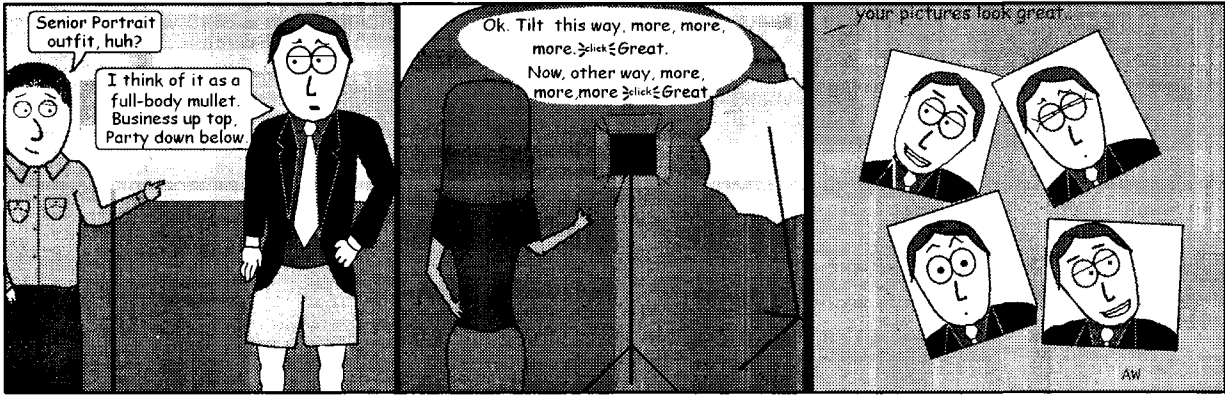
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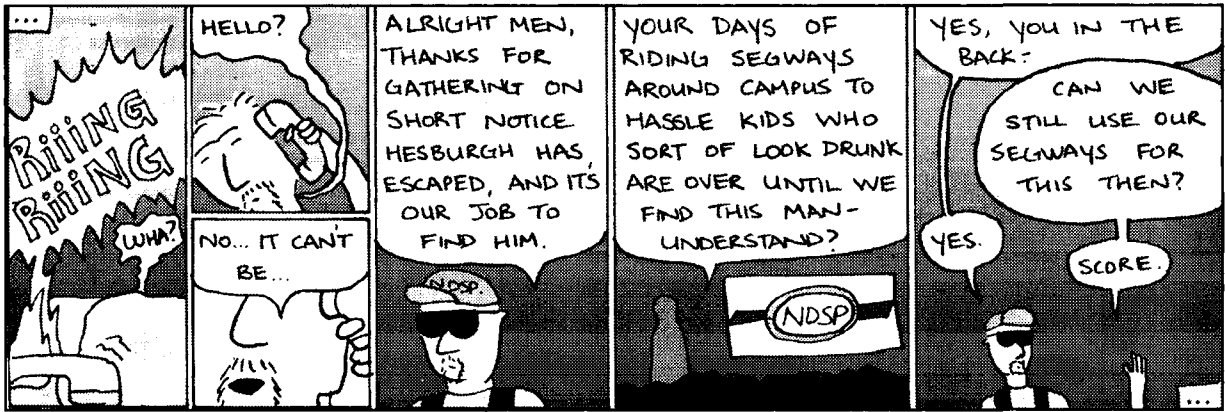
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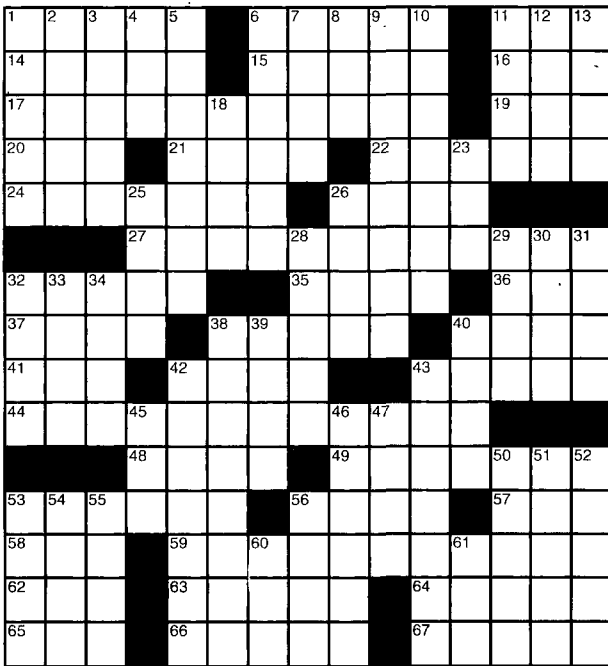
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay calm, cool and collected and you will rule today. See someone who can offer you suggestions regarding your future. 4 stars

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lots of changes are heading your way. Uncertainty isn't something you relish but today it will be better not to make any final decisions. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone will have a hidden agenda. Changes in your career or within an organization you are involved with will take you by surprise. Keep your mind on what you are doing so that minor mishaps don't occur. 3 stars

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Birthday Baby: You strive for perfection and are critical of everything you do. You have a strong desire to do what's best and an ability to adapt when necessary. You don't waste time or mince words.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Empty net syndrome

Irish play to scoreless draw after two overtimes

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Junior Joseph Lapira was inches away from giving the Irish a hard-fought victory over Northern Illinois Wednesday night at Alumni Field. But the Huskies' most important defender was their crossbar, which stopped Lapira's shot and preserved the double-overtime, 0-0 tie.

In the 86th minute, Lapira received a pass outside the 18-yard line, pushed the ball past his defender and unleashed a shot that had the keeper beat. The ball ricocheted back off the iron, as the Irish missed their best chance to wrestle away victory.

Notre Dame's lack of scoring was certainly not because of a lack of opportunities. Notre Dame outshot Northern Illinois 24 to 7, (15 to 4 shots on goal) in the second half and two overtimes. The Irish also held the edge in corner kicks by a 10-to-3 margin.

"We had some very good chances that we didn't take," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "If you watch soccer, it's not always the team that



Notre Dame senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill grabs a save to preserve the 0-0 draw against Northern Illinois Wednesday. Cahill made two saves in the tie.

Scoring must pick up in time for tournament play

In the 21st minute of Wednesday's game against Northern Illinois, Notre Dame captain and midfielder Greg Dalby leapt into the air, spun and redirected a cross toward the goal.

It would have been the perfect ending to play, except that the shot missed by a few inches and rolled harmlessly out of bounds.

Wednesday would prove to be that kind of night for the Irish, as Notre Dame was unable to capitalize on any of its 24 shots as it played the visiting Huskies to a scoreless tie.

For the third time this season, Notre Dame dominated an opponent in terms of possession and shots on goal — outshooting Northern Illinois by 17 — but failed to score in the contest. The Irish escaped with a tie, but the previous two times they weren't so lucky. Both South Florida and UAB were able to put at least one goal on the board.

Irish head coach Bobby Clark was



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MEN'S GOLF

Freshmen look to earn experience in Chicago

Team hopes to improve upon recent showing

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Heading into the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn., last weekend, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he did not know what to expect. He didn't get exactly what he wanted as the Irish finished ninth in a 12-team field.

In light of Notre Dame's struggles, the Irish are looking for new contributors to rescue the team's performance from the proverbial woods — including those newest to the team.

Notre Dame's four freshmen make up more of the squad than any other class.

Newcomers Doug Fortner, Olavo Batista Filho, Carl Santos-Ocampo and Kyle Willis were forced to compete for their roles almost as soon as they stepped

onto campus. This intrasquad struggle was new to some of them.

"Ever since about sophomore year of high school, it was always a given that we'd be playing," said Willis, from Lake Forest, Ill. "Now, there's such a high level of play within the team."

Despite the intense atmosphere in practices and qualifiers, the freshmen have quickly gelled with each other and the rest of the team.

"We definitely all root for each other," Fortner said. "It's really competitive but we are still really good friends off the course."

The encouragement he got from his teammates may have affected him positively at the Gopher Invite. As the only freshman chosen to represent Notre Dame at the event, Fortner made a hole-in-one on his way to firing a team-best round of 71 Saturday.

"The team didn't play as well

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles ring up Kalamazoo

Playko, Davis sweep through Hornets 3-0

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

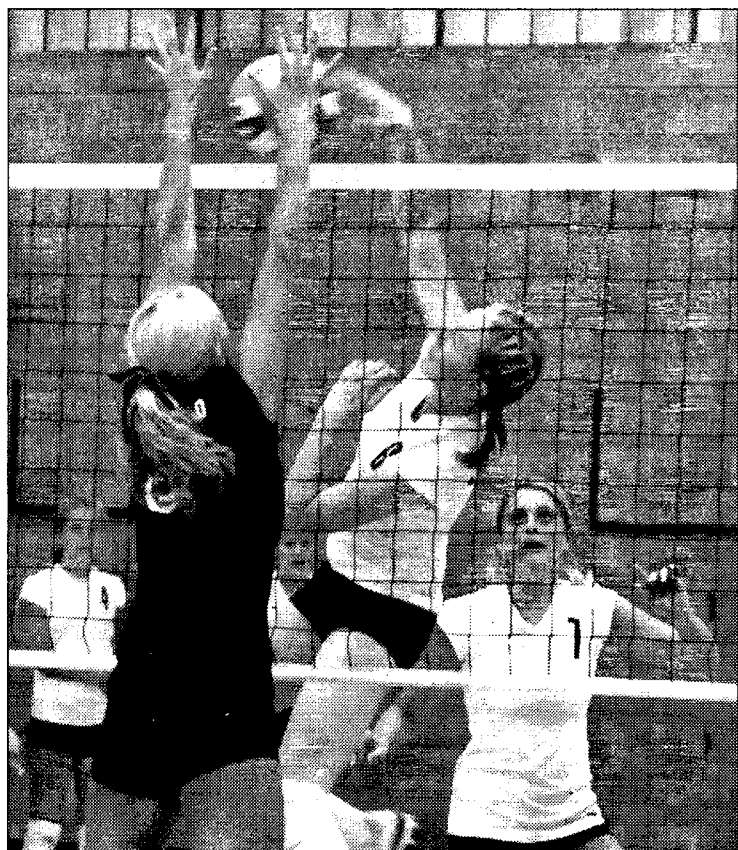
The Belles first match at home in over a week was worth the wait, as Saint Mary's swept Kalamazoo in three games Wednesday.

Kalamazoo showed a lot of energy, but did not have enough steam to keep up with the Belles.

Saint Mary's dominated its first game, winning 30-16. The second game was more of a challenge as the Belles sweated out a 38-36 victory over the Hornets before winning the finale 30-18 to complete the sweep.

With the conference win, Saint Mary's improved its record to 10-2 overall and 3-1 in the MIAA.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek credits her offensive improvement and "scrappy"



Saint Mary's middle block Cathy Kurczak spikes the ball in the Belles' 3-0 win at the Angela Athletic Center Wednesday.

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Defending champ Purple Weasels play the Phoxes in a rematch of the 2005 title game.

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Florida suspends defensive tackle Marcus Thomas for violation of the school's substance abuse policy.

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William Holmes became the second man to turn himself in after Duquesne basketball shootings.

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Ty Wigginton helps snap the Devil Rays' losing streak with a two-run homer in the eighth inning.

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Giants outfielder Barry Bonds hit a game winning pinch-hit single.

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Astros pitcher Roger Clemens threw six scoreless innings to lead Houston to victory.

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