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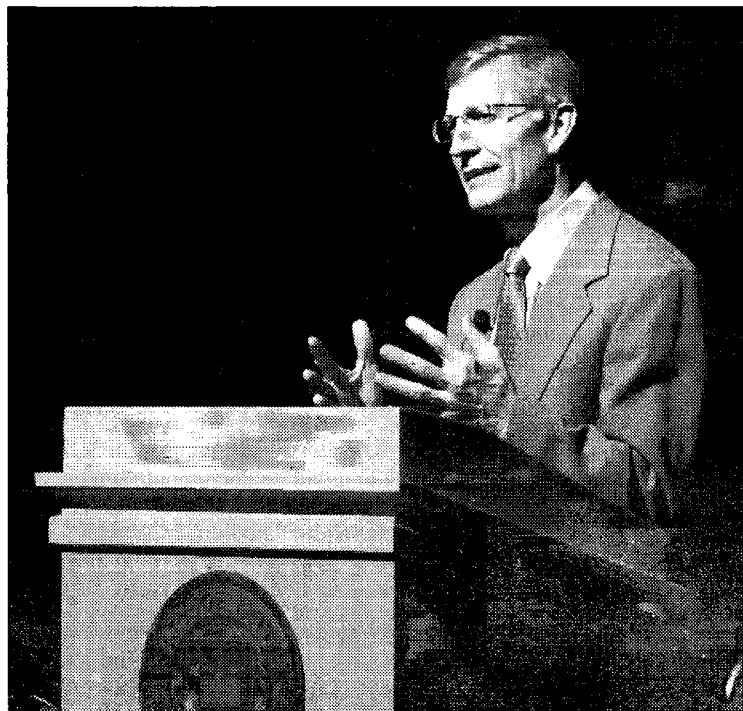
Jenkins emphasizes importance of values

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to reach all members of the University community, administrators conducted four Town Hall sessions for Notre Dame staff today and Wednesday, emphasizing each worker's role in achieving the institution's academic and spiritual success.

"This is a chance for us just to speak to you generally about the University, thank you for your efforts and talk about where we want to go in the future," said University President Father John Jenkins, who delivered a similar — but more academically focused — address to faculty members Tuesday.

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Provost Tom Burish addresses members of the Notre Dame staff Wednesday during one of four Town Hall meetings.

Affleck-Graves details campus plan specifics

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves grounded the otherwise ideologically lofty Town Hall meetings held today and Wednesday for Notre Dame staff in more concrete specifics, explaining employee performance initiatives, University budgetary concerns and campus construction plans.

"The most frustrating thing for many of you is that you work at Notre Dame, but find out about many projects from the newspaper instead of us, so I want to give you a sense of what's going on over next year," Affleck-Graves said.

As part of an effort to make

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ND course material put online

University joins new OpenCourseWare site

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame has joined a group of universities from around the world offering materials for some of their courses free of charge via the Internet.

At the invitation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Notre Dame signed on to the OpenCourseWare Consortium, launching its own OpenCourseWare Web site Sept. 20. The site currently features materials for only eight courses, but the University plans to eventually post materials for 30 courses during the year-long pilot program.

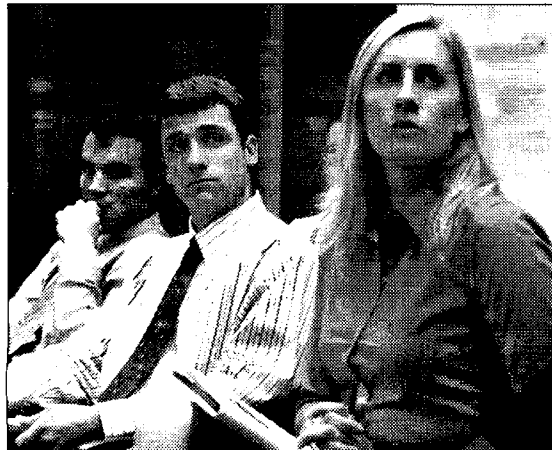
While MIT ultimately intends to offer materials for all of its 1,000-plus courses, other American universities are featuring the courses for which they are best known. For Johns Hopkins, that means medical school courses; for Harvard, law school courses; and for Notre Dame, courses on something the Consortium feels Notre Dame does best.

"MIT and the other members of the consortium found Notre Dame's focus on courses having to do with the 'human condition,' in the broad sense, very appealing, and a very valuable addition to the overall OpenCourseWare movement," said Alexander Hahn, director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning. The

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STUDENT SENATE

Shappell discusses meeting with Council



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Student body leaders Bill Andrichik and Lizzi Shappell attend the Common Council meeting.

City officials defend ordinance amendment

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Student government leaders came to Wednesday's Senate meeting fresh from debating sticking points of the city's disorderly house ordinance with members of the South Bend Common Council — but the conversation ultimately did not result in the removal of the

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Student body president Lizzi Shappell listens during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Deere CEO speaks at Berges Lecture Series

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

In today's corporate climate, it's the task of company leaders to develop, implement and maintain their organizations' commitment to ethical practices, a business executive said Wednesday.



Lane

Robert W. Lane, chairman and chief executive officer of Deere and

Company, delivered the third lecture in this year's Berges Lecture Series, which addresses issues of ethics in business.

Lane devoted a large portion of his presentation — which was entitled "No Smoke, No Mirrors: Straight Down the Middle" — to outlining the role of business leaders both in promoting an ethical culture within their own companies and in restoring public faith in business.

"Frankly, these recent situations in the United States are very ... disappointing," Lane said, referring to the wave of

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Campus Subway tops U.S. sales

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Though it occupies only a small niche in LaFortune, Notre Dame's campus Subway is one of the fast food chain's biggest sellers.

Notre Dame's Subway is ranked very highly in sales both regionally and nationally, according to Dave Prentkowski, director of Food Services.

"During the regular academic year the Notre Dame Subway is typically the number one sales store in the geographic region we are part of ... [which] includes northern

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DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Freshmen Mike Fitzgerald, left, and Peter Dixon wait in line at the LaFortune Subway Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Television, without pity

At the beginning of the evening, I was going to write a serious Inside Column. Serious commentary about a serious subject. Something about being disturbed by the Career Fair being completely dominated by hard-core business-men, and the Post-Graduate Service Fair frighteningly overrun with missionaries. It even had a nifty title: "Fair is fair?"

Amanda Michaels

Assistant News Editor

But now it's rounding on 1 a.m., I still have to finish helping put today's news section together and I know better than to try write scathing social commentary when I can't think straight. So, though I promised myself I would never publish mindless drivel under my name, I don't have much of a choice anymore.

Televisionwithoutpity.com. For anyone that loves your TV with a hefty serving of unbridled sarcasm, this is your Web site. Staffed by a slew of "freelance recappers," each with their own special ability to turn a phrase, its motto is, "Spare the snark, spoil the networks."

The most popular shows on television are recapped weekly, and then archived for future perusing pleasure. It's really a beautiful way to procrastinate — even an episode you've already seen seems new under the sardonic stares of TWOP's staff.

I use it to follow the shows I love but can't get at Notre Dame — mainly, "Project Runway," which I'm too cheap to pay \$1.99 for on iTunes — and the shows I just plain love, like "Grey's Anatomy" and the newly-added "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip." Who doesn't love Aaron Sorkin?

Below, I've included just a sample of the type of recappage you get on TWOP. If I had world enough and time, I could compile an entire page's worth of cheeky quips, but this will have to do. It's not only one of my favorite moments on last season's "Grey's" (of the many) but also includes just a taste of recapper insight. You might need to be familiar with the show to get the humor in it, but I have a feeling that quite a few of you already are.

Courtesy of AB Chao of TWOP:

Fool and the Gang visit Bailey with their big prom problem, but don't quite know how to address it. She tells them to spit it out, so Alex says the problem is with the colors, and the balloons.

"Under the Sea! No, it's Titanic! Hey, let's go with Tears in Heaven; no, too morbid!"

George says they're very, very hopeful that Bailey speaks Teenage Girl. Bailey does not let them down, as if there were any doubt, and her rapid-fire response is too excellent not to transcribe verbatim:

"Silver and white. It's mystical and magical without being over the top. Ever see Fashion Week in New York? Lots of silver and white runways and backdrops, that's because no matter what color the clothes are, they pop."

"They pop?" echoes Promlet One.

"They POP," quoth Bailey.

I am so in love I would switch sides right now.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF GOING TO AN ALL-WOMEN'S COLLEGE?



Maribeth Sarnecki

*senior
Le Mans*



Kelly Gasior

*sophomore
Le Mans*



Amanda Brewer

*junior
Holy Cross*



Kelly Biedron

*sophomore
Holy Cross*



Kellie Anderson

*sophomore
Holy Cross*



Libby Singelyn

*sophomore
Le Mans*

"Cohabiting."

"There's never a shortage of chocolate!"

"The opportunity to experience a strong sense of female solidarity in a close community setting."

"Classes without guys and being able to wear sweatpants and sweatshirts all the time."

"When you are mad at boys, you don't have to deal with them if you don't want to."

"It's like a giant sleepover all the time!"



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Anna Matveeva, associate fellow at the Crisis State Research Centre of the London School of Economics, spoke Wednesday at the Hesburgh Center on "Politics and Security in Central Asia: Opportunities for Peacebuilding." Full coverage of this event can be found on page 3 of the News section.

OFFBEAT

Sea lion paints for fish

PITTSBURGH — Some artists suffer for their work. Maggie, an 11-year-old sea lion at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, gets to eat dead fish for hers. Keshia Phares, a zoo trainer, has been teaching the animal to paint since last year.

It took three months to get the animal to hold a paint brush and touch the bristles to paper.

Phares picks the paint colors — sea lions are color-blind — and puts paint on the brush. The paintings are done one stroke at a time, with Maggie getting a fish after each stroke.

Sexy dancers forbidden near Thai troops

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's military coup leaders may be losing their sense of humor. Five days after instructing soldiers to keep smiling, the ruling council decided Wednesday that there is a limit to how much fun soldiers should have.

They ruled that sexy dancers were forbidden near tanks and tourists were no longer permitted to handle weapons when posing for photographs with troops still deployed in Bangkok.

The military toppled

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in a bloodless coup Sept. 19.

At first the ruling generals turned a blind eye when a troupe of go-go dancers with naked midriffs and sexy camouflaged pants performed in front of the tanks to be followed the next day by dancers in traditional attire.

But on Wednesday, Deputy Supreme Commander Gen. Boonsang Niempradit said the go-go dancing was "not appropriate."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Former Indiana Congressman and Majority Whip John Brademas will be sharing his experience and answering questions in a talk entitled, "How to Effect Change in Government." It will take place today at 3 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. The event is sponsored by the Notre Dame College Democrats.

A panel discussion: "The War in Iraq: What Now?" will take place today at 12:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The event includes faculty panelists George Lopez, Keir Lieber, Dan Lindley and Jerry Powers and will be moderated by speechwriter to President Clinton, Heather Hurlburt.

Another installment of the "Pizza, Pop and Politics" series will take place tonight at 5:30 in Coleman-Morse with "The Midterm Elections and the War in Iraq: A Conversation with Foreign Policy Expert Heather Hurlburt."

A lecture entitled Pope Benedict XVI in Regensburg "The Catholic Church and Islam: Allies or Adversaries?" will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Junior Class Council invites all students to join 80 children from Boys and Girls Club at Stepan Center today from 3:30 p.m. to 6 for an afternoon of fun and games at the inaugural Community Kickoff Carnival.

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

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Guest lecturer discusses Central Asia

Speaker from London School of Economics addresses political, social instability

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Anna Matveeva, associate fellow at the Crisis State Research Centre of the London School of Economics, spoke Wednesday at the Hesburgh Center on Central Asia's present potential for political and civil instability.

In her lecture, entitled "Politics and Security in Central Asia: Opportunities for Peacebuilding," Matveeva identified poor governance and drug trade as the main factors of instability in Central Asia. She also examined the roles the international community has played and will continue to play in the region.

To begin her talk, Matveeva defined the countries that compose Central Asia as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. She also cited a debate concerning whether or not Afghanistan may be included as a Central Asian country.

"[Afghanistan's] people ethnically, culturally, historically are related to some of the countries of what is now Central Asia," she said.

Matveeva said Central Asian countries are "Third World countries but not with Third World populations" and "nations which are in urgent need of development." Most of the countries are afflicted with "low living standards, growing infant mortality, growing problems of poverty and deprivation," she said.

Matveeva took care to distinguish the realities of Central Asia from those in Third World post-colonial Africa.

"The deprivation is quite different," Matveeva said. "The degree of education

among people is also different."

Because many of the Central Asian countries were once part of the United Soviet Socialist Republic, oppression is often used as a "problem-solving tool," she said. Matveeva emphasized the vulnerability of governments there, and explained that it is not uncommon for governments to present themselves as the only alternative to anarchy — as "the last bastion of order." Thus, such governments are able to frighten people into upholding them out of fear of the alternative.

"And that," Matveeva said, "is a kind of propaganda that has some definite mileage."

For some of these countries, succession and power change has the potential to turn out badly, she said. Matveeva cited the regional challenge of the drug trade as a possible corrupting factor to present and future government.

"Afghanistan is emerging as a place of drug production, drug trafficking ... Russia is a booming market for drugs," she said.

As to what extent drug money might affect the politics of Central Asia, Matveeva had no answer.

"We cannot really say that current elites are drug lords," she said.

However, Matveeva alluded to a precarious future for Central Asian politics in light of the drug trade.

"Democratization is seen by many as a covert weapon of Western influence."

Anna Matveeva
associate fellow
Crisis State Research Centre

As for the role the international community plays in Central Asia, Matveeva said little attention was paid to the problems of the area throughout the 1990s. Moreover, Matveeva explained that there exists for Western culture a great difficulty in addressing the problems of Central Asia, because the democracy so integral to Western society is not a form of government that seems sustainable in Central Asia.

"Sept. 11 brought Central Asia into viewpoint along with the complexities of democratization ... If we allow democratic structures to take root, whole societies may unravel," Matveeva said. "Democratization is seen by many as a covert weapon of Western influence."

What must be done in Central Asia and what the international community must come to understand,

Matveeva said, is an emphasis on "problem solving techniques conducive to very gradual solutions ... an emphasis on state building needs to happen along with police reform and an end to corruption."

The long-term goal that may be able to effect change and connect the area with the developed world is for "people of Central Asia to interact with the outside world," she said.

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Dorm throws quad carnival

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

When Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast, Welsh Family answered the call to serve and sprung into action with what has now become its signature event: the Welsh Family Block Party.

Tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight, the Whirlwinds are inviting the entire Notre Dame community to join them on West Quad for this second annual event. This year, proceeds will go to "Room To Read," which establishes schools and educational infrastructure for young girls in Third World countries.

Hall presidents Lauren Murray and Lauren Shuttleworth led their hallmates through Welsh Family Spirit Week, which began Monday and has included an evening with Executive Director of the Alumni Association Chuck Lennon, Women's Day with Mary Kay facials and hip-hop yoga. Tonight's open block party is the week's highlight and will emphasize Notre Dame and hall pride.

The Block Party will feature classic carnival games and fun throwback prizes such as goldfish and finger traps. Student body president Lizzi Shappell, vice president Bill Andrichik, rectors and various campus leaders will be sent swimming in the dunk tank. A full slate of entertainment will be on hand, including Ebb and Flow (formerly Harper Valley Drifters), Steppers, Harmonia, ND Bagpipe Band and ProShow DJs.

Voluntary donations will be collected throughout the evening to benefit "Room To Read," a charity voted on by Welsh Family residents. After earning \$1,000 last year for Katrina relief, the women are hopeful for a solid showing once again tonight.

"This is a fun event that brings Notre Dame together to contribute to a worthy cause," Murray said.

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Tuesday, October 3rd

1st Round Interviews:

Wednesday, October 11th



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Lane

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scandals that has hit American business in recent years.

The loss of public trust in business has generated certain trends, Lane said.

In a company not known for ethical practices, "potential employees might think that there are no rules, that anything goes," he said.

Acknowledging growing concerns over the long-term security of American jobs in the face of globalization, and the obstacles these might cause for the future of corporate ethics, Lane downplayed the role of out-

sourcing in recent changes in the economy. He said that outsourcing accounted for "less than two percent" of job loss, and that workers' wages constitute the same portion of annual GDP that they did 50 years ago.

Lane spoke about the place of ethics in an increasingly global business environment, a theme that has appeared in each of the Berges lectures this year.

"Much of John Deere's growth in the 21st century will come from countries [whose] laws are very different [from those in the U.S.]," he said. Lane argued that, because of "inevitable" trends in globalization, many companies will face challenges in upholding their codes of ethics abroad.

Based on these realities, "it is essential that businesses work responsibly with legislatures to develop and enact ... public policies," he said.

Lane also addressed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and similar recent legislation on corporate ethics, another common topic in this year's Berges lectures.

"[Sarbanes-Oxley] has transformed procedures and responsibilities [in] almost every aspect of organizations," he said. "[It] is a price that U.S. business is paying to restore investor trust."

Although high profile scandals have kept the public on edge, Lane said it is important that investors and consumers know that most companies "have been

vigilant for a very long time" in matters of business ethics.

"Somehow the word needs to get out that most businesses are run by people of high integrity," he said, arguing that the current situation in corporate ethics is "not as bleak" as it might seem.

Throughout the lecture, Lane cited the importance of ethical leadership in business.

As the chief executive of John Deere, "I must be a steward of this business and personally accountable for its legacy," he said. "After we have exhausted all [possibilities] to win business legitimately, we will walk away."

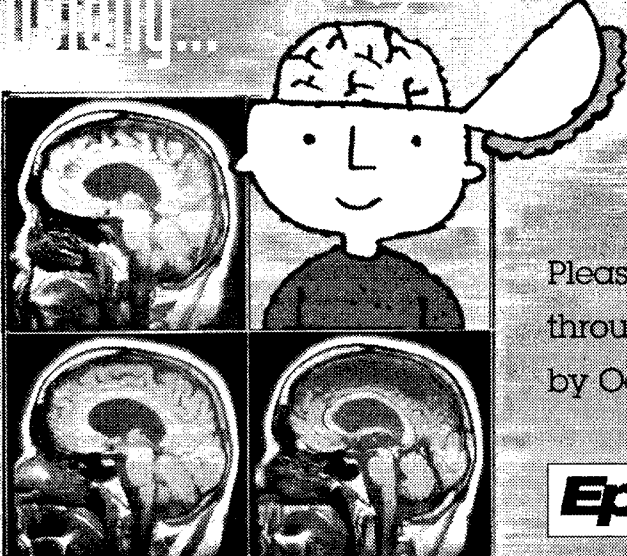
The goals of corporate ethics, Lane said, don't need to conflict with those of productivity, profit

and expansion. As an example, he cited John Deere's stated commitment to "integrity with performance." John Deere employs 47,000 employees in more than 100 countries and has been a mainstay in the production of agricultural machinery for more than 150 years.

The Berges Lecture Series is sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide. The next lecture in the series will be entitled "Leadership and Ethics" and will take place Nov. 1.


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Courses

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Kaneb Center is responsible for overseeing Notre Dame's OpenCourseWare project.

Classes like "Terrorism, Peace and Other Inconsistencies," "Faith and the African-American Experience" and "Introduction to Philosophy" are among the eight for which materials are available online.

Because accessing course materials online requires no registration, the number of people using the Web site is unknown. The project uses a hit counter to measure the number of daily visitors to the Web site, but Hahn said that figure was unavailable due to the newness of the site.

Funded by a \$233,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Notre Dame's OpenCourseWare project is targeted toward people both outside and inside the University community.

"What made me immediately positive toward this opportunity was the fact that Notre Dame and certainly its founding order [the Congregation of Holy Cross] are very much mission-oriented," Hahn said. "... So, what this is ... is an electronic academic expression of what Notre Dame is about at its core."

Holy Cross missions throughout the world — like high schools from Bangladesh to Ghana to Chile — might also benefit from these materials, Hahn said. He also said the program is discussing translation possibilities with Chair of Romance Languages and Literatures Ted Cachey and Chair of East Asian Languages and Literatures Lionel Jensen.

"I would personally love to have my syllabus available, for example, in Arabic," said professor Asma Asfaruddin, whose "Islamic Societies of the Middle East and North Africa" materials are featured online. "I think that would be a great idea — I'd love to get feedback from people in the Middle East."

Within Notre Dame's boundaries, OpenCourseWare potentially benefits students selecting their courses and even their careers. The Web site might also connect faculty in a new way, Hahn said.

"Imagine the possibilities ... there might be a colleague in another college whose course

materials you find compelling," Hahn said. "That may stimulate the development of interdisciplinary courses."

OpenCourseWare differs from online courses, for which a student pays to learn, keep contact with the professor and earn college credit. Rather, the movement presents "complete, but static presentations of course materials," Hahn said.

"So, what this is ... is an electronic academic expression of what Notre Dame is about at its core."

Alexander Hahn
Kaneb Center director

The Web site's presentation of the featured courses is indeed detailed, complete with syllabi, calendars, downloadable PowerPoint presentations and quizzes. Soon to come are videotaped lectures, which Hahn said the

University is currently filming. Visual images like streaming video or even photographic stills, Hahn said, make studying OpenCourseWare a "richer experience."

Hahn said the faculty has been very generous in its time and energy commitment, but a videotaped lecture would no doubt decrease a professor's planning time — extra time which "quite frankly, a lot of professors don't have," according to philosophy professor Bill Ramsey, whose "Introduction to Philosophy" course materials are online.

"It would save time and effort involved in going back and revising lectures, which is what I had to do," Asfaruddin said. "That's a viable alternative, I think. And I think a lot of professors may actually choose that option."

Also saving the professors time are Course Production Assistants [CPAs], undergraduate and graduate students who compile lectures and collate information before placing it online. Asfaruddin called hers, senior David Poell, "indispensable."

What remains in question is whether the program is indispensable to the University — for, like almost all academic endeavors, there are costs associated with the OpenCourseWare project. Still, Hahn says he plans to write another letter to the Hewletts.

"We certainly envision another application to the Hewlett Foundation when this one is over a year from now," he said. "... I think this is just a very worthwhile effort that Notre Dame is involved in here."

"This is, in my view, completely consonant with what Notre Dame, at its best, is all about."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU increases carry-on restrictions

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union air safety officials on Wednesday backed tightened rules on the amount of liquids and size of carry-on baggage passengers can bring onto commercial flights — even as the U.S. has eased its restrictions.

The stricter EU-wide security rules are a response to Britain's discovery on Aug. 10 of a plot to bring down U.S.-bound flights with liquid-based explosives.

The European Commission said its tighter limits on liquids will enter into force in early November. The rules would let passengers carry on no more than a fifth of a pint of liquid per container. All such containers will have to be in a clear plastic bag to be checked at security stations.

The rules also limit carry-on baggage to a maximum of 22 inches by 17 inches by 10 inches — not much bigger than a briefcase or laptop bag — although exceptions could be made for some items such as musical instruments.

Saudi Arabia to build border fence

DUBAI — Saudi Arabia is pushing ahead with plans to build a fence to block terrorists from crossing its 560-mile border with Iraq — another sign of growing alarm that Sunni-Shiite strife could spill over and drag Iraq's neighbors into its civil conflict.

The barrier, which hasn't been started, is part of a \$12 billion package of measures including electronic sensors, security bases and physical barriers to protect the oil-rich kingdom from external threats, said Nawaf Obaid, head of the Saudi National Security Assessment Project, an independent research institute that advises the Saudi government.

NATIONAL NEWS

House approves interrogation bill

WASHINGTON — The House approved legislation Wednesday giving the Bush administration authority to interrogate and prosecute terrorism detainees, moving President Bush to the edge of a pre-election victory with a key piece of his anti-terror plan.

The mostly party-line 253-168 vote in the Republican-run House prompted bitter charges afterward by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., that opposition Democrats were coddling terrorists, perhaps foreshadowing campaign attack ads to come. Democrats responded that the GOP leader was trying to provoke fear.

Republican leaders are hoping to work out differences and send Bush a final version before leaving Washington this weekend to campaign for the Nov. 7 congressional elections.

Bush urges leaders to cooperate

WASHINGTON — President Bush appealed to the bickering presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday to put aside their differences and "strategize together" over dinner on ways to prevail in defeating the common enemy of terrorism.

Standing between Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Bush emphasized "the need to cooperate, to make sure that people have got a hopeful future" in both countries.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana sees surge in West Nile virus

INDIANAPOLIS — A late summer surge in human West Nile cases has pushed Indiana's tally so far this year to 30 human cases — the most since 2003.

The State Department of Health reported this week that 16 new cases of West Nile disease have been confirmed among Indiana residents, more than doubling the state's 2006 total to 30.

More cases are expected in the coming weeks as Hoosiers who've fallen ill with flu-like symptoms seek treatment and are diagnosed with West Nile, James Howell, a veterinary epidemiologist with the department, said Tuesday.

Gunman enters Colorado school

Suspect takes six hostage, critically wounding one before committing suicide

Associated Press

BAILEY, Colo. — A gunman took six girls hostage at the high school in this mountain town Wednesday, holding authorities at bay for hours before shooting and critically wounding one of the girls, then killing himself as SWAT team members moved in.

The gunman, believed to be between 30 and 50 years old, was cornered with the hostages in a second-floor classroom and released four of them, one by one.

Park County Sheriff Fred Wegener said authorities decided to enter the school to save the two remaining hostages after the suspect cut off negotiations and set a deadline. He said the suspect had threatened the girls throughout the four-hour ordeal and had shielded himself with the hostages.

The gunman was not immediately identified, and the sheriff was at a loss to explain a motive.

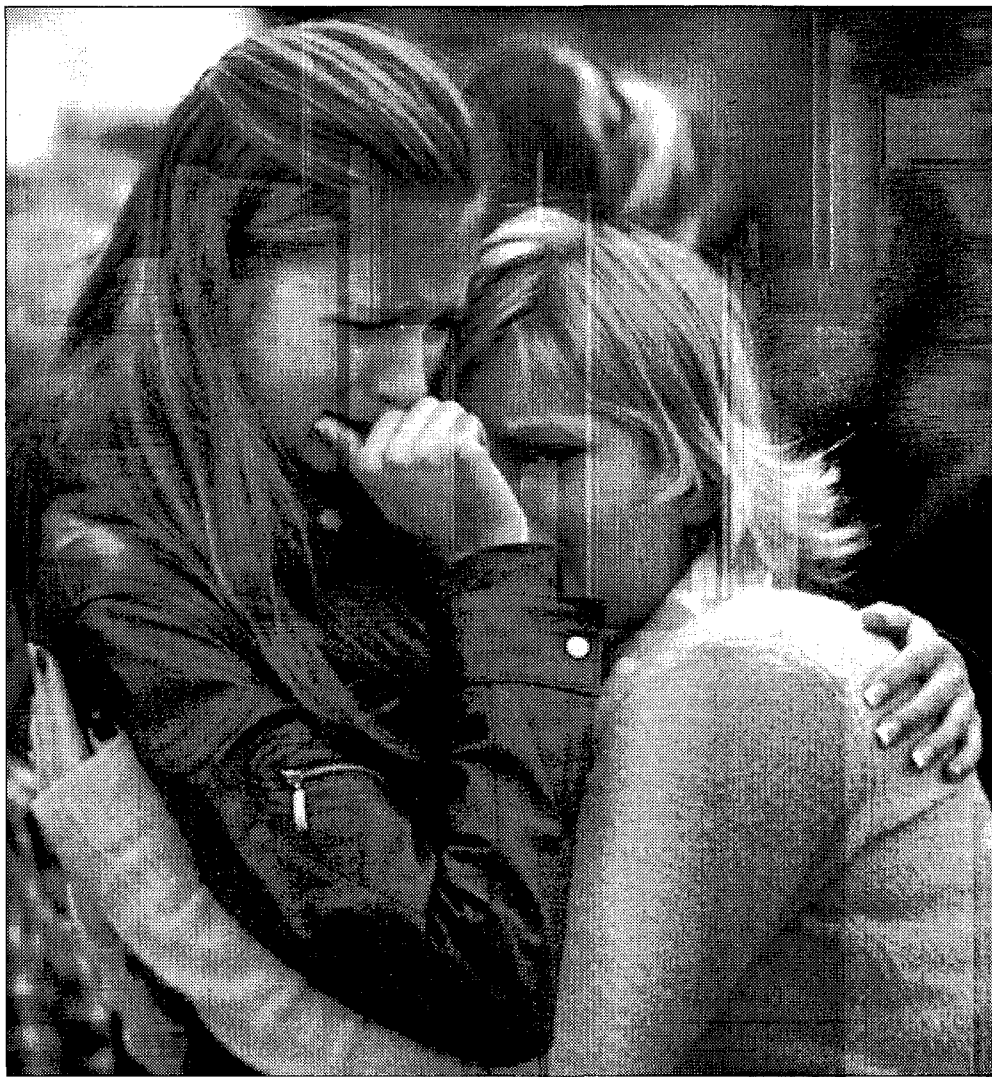
"I don't know why he wanted to do this," Wegener said, his voice breaking.

After the suspect entered the building, hundreds of students at Platte Canyon High School were evacuated in a scene that recalled the horror at Columbine just a short drive away.

Students said the bearded suspect wore a dark blue hooded sweatshirt and a camouflage backpack. The sheriff said the man threatened to set off a bomb he claimed to have in the backpack. The man was also toting a handgun.

Authorities had what they described as "sporadic" negotiations with the suspect and urged him to contact them for more discussion. Officers eventually crept close to the building, and there were reports of an explosion inside.

A short time later, someone wheeled a gurney inside and took an unidentified person to a medical helicopter parked on the



Platte Canyon High School sophomores Taylor Fraser and Sophie Sasser embrace after being evacuated from school Wednesday because of an unidentified shooter.

school's football field.

Lynn Bigham, who described herself as a family friend of a wounded hostage, said the girl had just turned 16.

"I think she's very strong. I've been praying she'll be OK," she said. "She's real bubbly. Every time you see her she gives you a hug."

The last hostage was unharmed and talking with authorities.

The sight of students fleeing the high school in long lines, and of frantic parents scrambling to find their children, evoked memories of the 1999 attack on Columbine High School, where two students killed 13 people before committing suicide.

Students described a chaotic scene inside after the intercom announced

"code white" and everyone was told to stay in their classrooms.

The high school and a nearby middle school were evacuated. Jefferson County authorities — who also handled the attack at Columbine — sent a bomb squad and SWAT team to the high school.

"I'm just terrified. I'm terrified," said Sherry Husen, whose son plays on the high school football team and was told not to return to school from his part-time job. "I know so many kids in that school."

Students from the two evacuated schools were taken to an elementary school for a head count. Ambulances were parked in the end zone of the school's football field, and a tank-like SWAT team vehi-

cle was parked nearby on a closed highway.

Parents pressed authorities for details but had little information on their children.

Bill Twyford said he received a text message from his 15-year-old son, Billy, a student at the high school, at about 11:30 a.m. It said: "Hey there, there's a gun hijacking in school right now. I'm fine, bad situation though."

Twyford said he had not heard from his son since then and was not sure if he was among the hostages.

Michael Owens, who has one son at the middle school and another in the high school, said the anxiety was worse because of the memory of Columbine.

"It's like an earthquake," he said.

GERMANY

Iranian nuclear program debated

Associated Press

BERLIN — Senior Iranian and European Union negotiators held five hours of talks Wednesday on Tehran's disputed nuclear program amid suggestions the U.S. might be willing to defer seeking sanctions for a few weeks if a diplomatic resolution was in sight.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana and chief Iranian nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani went into their meeting at a Foreign Ministry facility by the side of Lake Tegel on the outskirts of Berlin

without making statements to reporters.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who was not participating in the talks, said he was optimistic progress could be made.

"I have the expectation that the talks today will be successful," Steinmeier said. "I think that today we will not get any final news, but hopefully in the course of tomorrow."

Solana would report back to the six countries trying to persuade Iran to give up its program to enrich uranium,

he said, "and then it will be decided together if there are conditions for a return to the negotiating table."

The negotiators met for five hours of "very intense" talks before adjourning until Thursday, said Solana spokeswoman Cristina Gallach.

Germany has joined with the permanent U.N. Security Council members — the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain — in pressing Iran to give up what the U.S. says is a nuclear weapons program. Iran says its program is peaceful.

Plans

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Notre Dame not only “a fabulous place to come to” but also “a great place to work,” the University will implement a new performance management system for its staff.

“We want each of you to feel a sense of mission, so we what we want to do is work on a performance management system that allows us to link our mission and objective to everyone,” he said.

Using a projected graphic, Affleck-Graves illustrated the relationship between individual performance goals (or, “What I can do to contribute”) and core value competencies (“How I’m expected to act”). The goals of each department — and even each employee — are expected to align themselves with the greater mission of the University.

“Achieving our aspirations alone is not enough,” he said. “We must do it the right way.”

Affleck-Graves also emphasized Notre Dame’s commitment to developing the abilities of staff members.

“We want all of you to have the feeling that Notre Dame is the best place in the world to work at it, and it is important for us to let you develop to whatever level you want to,” he said.

In order to ensure that each employee is living up to his or her potential and embodying the mission of the University, formal performance reviews will be conducted consistently, and annual salary increases will be tied to performance, Affleck-Graves said.

Administrators are also putting into place a new program called “ND Voice: Understanding Your

Notre Dame Experience,” to be introduced this November. ND Voice distributes a survey to staff members, in which they can anonymously express to the positives and negatives of their experience working for the University. Responses will help establish what the current problems with the system are, and subsequent surveys will determine if the changes made have improved the issues in question.

“[ND Voice] will help us see the problems and try to do things to fix them, and then try to measure if there’s been some important strides toward improvement,” he said.

The University is also putting in place a hotline run by an external party, where employees can anonymously report any problems — ethical or otherwise — they feel they cannot report to their supervisor.

“Corporations have a system like this, usually just to add another avenue to bring to attention areas of concern,” he said.

Affleck-Graves warned staff members to remain patient while the performance management system is put into place over the next year and a half.

“This process is more for you than us, so please, give us feedback,” he said.

Affleck-Graves then touched briefly on the University’s financial situation, focusing specifically on the budgetary limitations that restrict salary and benefit increases — perhaps in response to vocal pressure in favor of a “living wage” for campus employees from the student-run Campus Labor Action Project.

The University expenses for the 2005 fiscal year were 64 percent salary and benefits and 36 percent

non-salary, Affleck-Graves said. The money for salary and benefit increases comes primarily from funds marked for unrestricted usage, which made up 69 percent of the 2005 University revenue — a limit that Affleck-Graves said makes significant raises in salary difficult.

Affleck-Graves also related plans for future campus development to the gathered staff, indicating that as the University grows along with its aspirations, it will require “support services and new facilities.”

To the audible gasps of staff members, Affleck-Graves worked through a slideshow that showed the history of construction on campus incrementally between 1842 and 2005. The final slide — picturing the current state of campus — included red sections that indicated where building projects are planned for the near future.

He pointed out the projected locations of three out of the four planned residence halls — two just east of Pasquerilla East and Knott where Juniper Road is currently being cleared, and one to the west of McGlinn Hall.

Ground is expected to be broken for the first of these dorms by February, and it will be ready for occupation by fall 2008, he said. Though the definite location of the first new hall will not be confirmed until October, Affleck-Graves speculated that it would be at the West Quad location.

And unlike the most-recently constructed dorms — the four on West Quad — the new construction will be in the “throwback” Gothic-style, similar to that of the Jordan Hall of Science, Affleck-Graves said.

A new wing is also planned for the Law School, along with renovations

to the existing building. The extension will parallel Notre Dame Avenue on the site where the former Post Office currently stands. An arched bridge — “reminiscent of the Lyons arch,” Affleck-Graves said — will link the new and old wings.

Construction on that project is expected to begin next summer, with the old post office set to be taken down within the year.

The site of the University Club — a popular restaurant among returning alumni — is earmarked for a new engineering teaching and research center.

“We don’t know exactly what it’s going to look like ... but it will be a very complex building,” he said.

It too will be done in the Gothic style, Affleck-Graves said, potentially mirroring the Eck Center and Hammes Bookstore across the street.

To add some green space to the increasingly full campus, Notre Dame Commons will be laid out between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Angela Boulevard.

The sketch Affleck-Graves showed the group featured a landscaped area and a second campus entrance located where Juniper currently meets Angela.

“The concept of this space is to create an open, welcoming area on campus,” Affleck-Graves said. “We want to be more inviting to South Bend community.”

Work is expected to start on this space in February or March, he said.

He then described the redevelopment of the Northeast Neighborhood Project — also known as the “Eddy Street Commons” — which includes, among other plans, the construction of two blocks of retail, office

and residential space on Eddy Street. The concept is to create a “college town,” he said. Work is projected to begin in 14 to 16 months.

A project to renovate the power plant has already started, according to Affleck-Graves, who said the goal is “to change the output of the power plant and make it a little more attractive.”

This winter, the University will begin the first phase of the Coming Home project, which provides for the construction of mausoleums in the crowded on-campus Cedar Grove cemetery for the ashes and bodies of Notre Dame alumni and students.

“[The lack of burial space] is a problem, because we have people scattering ashes on all sorts of places on campus, which, among other things, is against Catholic teaching,” Affleck-Graves said.

Finally, he touched on the “Athletics Master Plan,” which includes the renovation of Joyce South (the basketball arena), the reorientation of the JACC entrance to face the parking area and the construction of a new softball field in the southern part of the existing athletic fields.

“All of this is just an update of what you expect to see,” Affleck-Graves said after explaining the projected campus map.

Response from the staff members present at 11 a.m. meeting Wednesday was positive.

“This was all very informative — it’s interesting to see where campus came from and where it is going,” said Alan Bigger, director of Building Services. “This was a great step to help connect with the staff.”

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IN BRIEF

Tyson Foods settles hiring lawsuit

WASHINGTON — Tyson Foods Inc. has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to settle allegations that the company discriminated against women and minorities in hiring, the Labor Department announced Wednesday.

The money will flow to more than 2,500 people affected by the settlement, the department said.

The allegations of hiring discrimination involved six facilities in Arkansas and Oklahoma. The allegations emerged during government compliance evaluations conducted from 2002 through 2004.

Tyson Foods, in a statement, said that company officials had denied the allegations and had stated that there were legitimate reasons for not hiring the applicants. The company said it entered into the settlement to avoid costly and protracted litigation.

Tyson Foods remains "committed to treating all job applicants fairly," said Ken Kimbro, senior vice president of human resources.

Shareholders vote to sell Univision

LOS ANGELES — Shareholders of Spanish-language broadcaster Univision Communications Inc. voted Wednesday in favor of selling the company for \$12.3 billion to a private investor group that includes media mogul Haim Saban.

The deal priced at \$36.25 a share in cash was approved by more than 80 percent of the shares that voted, which in turn represented more than 60 percent of company's outstanding shares, Univision said.

In addition to what it is offering for the shares, the investment group would assume \$1.4 billion in Univision debt.

The transaction must still pass regulatory approval, but is expected to close next spring.

The consortium of investors includes Madison Dearborn Partners, Providence Equity Partners, Texas Pacific Group, Thomas H. Lee Partners and Saban's Saban Capital Group.

Univision dominates the U.S. Hispanic media market through its three television networks — Univision, TeleFutura and Galavisión — more than two-dozen television stations, a recorded music division, Internet portal and Spanish-language radio stations.

Consumers question gas prices

Many Americans believe that politics are a factor in the sharp drop at the pump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Energy experts pin the sharp decline in gasoline prices on basic market forces. Tell that to many motorists, however, and their eyes roll.

Two out of five Americans believe the November elections and politics — not economics — are behind the plunge at the pump.

Retired farmer Jim Mohr of Lexington, Ill., rattled off a tankful of reasons why fuel costs may be falling, including the end of the summer travel season and the fact that no major hurricanes have disrupted Gulf of Mexico output.

"But I think the big important reason is Republicans want to get elected," Mohr, 66, said while filling up for \$2.17 a gallon. "They think getting the prices down is going to help get some more incumbents re-elected."

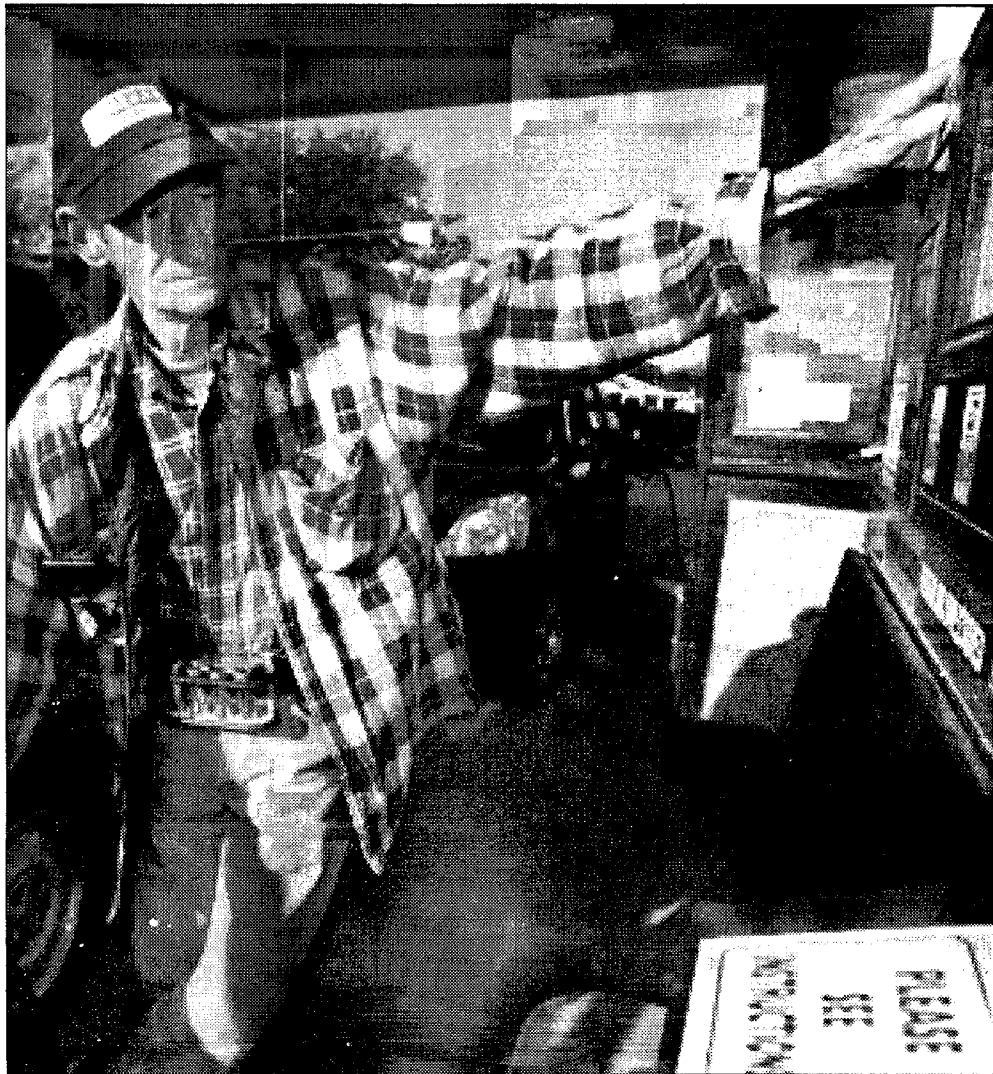
According to a new Gallup poll, 42 percent of respondents agreed with the statement that the Bush administration "deliberately manipulated the price of gasoline so that it would decrease before this fall's elections." Fifty-three percent of those surveyed did not believe in this conspiracy theory, while 5 percent said they had no opinion.

Almost two-thirds of those who suspect President Bush intervened to bring down energy prices before Election Day are registered Democrats, according to Gallup.

White House spokesman Tony Snow told reporters Monday he was "amused" by the suggestion "that the president has been rigging gas prices, which would give him the kind of magisterial clout unknown to any other human being."

"If we're dropping gas prices now," Snow said, "why on earth did we raise them to \$3.50 before?"

The suspicion among U.S. motorists follows a post-summer decline in gasoline prices that even veteran analysts and gas station



Leroy Edwards pumps gas for less than \$2 at a Columbus, Ind. gas station Tuesday. The price for regular, unleaded gasoline has fallen 22 percent since early August.

owners concede has been steeper than usual.

The retail price of gasoline has plunged by 66 cents, or 22 percent, since early August to average \$2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to the Energy Department. That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when the country's fuel output was devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged platforms, pipelines and refineries across the Gulf Coast.

With competition fierce to sell the cheapest fuel on the block, gas is selling for less than \$2 a gallon in many states.

"They want to gain market share," said John Eichberger, director of

motor fuels at the National Association of Convenience Stores.

Jay Ricker, president of Ricker Oil Co. in Anderson, Ind., which owns about 30 gas stations and supplies fuel to 30 more, said he's thrilled to see pump prices sinking so fast.

More customers are buying mid-grade and premium gasoline, he said, and they're spending more cash inside his convenience stores, where profit margins are higher.

"I'd much rather sell them a doughnut or a fountain drink," said Ricker, whose stations are selling regular unleaded for a few pennies above \$2.

Fimat USA oil analyst Antoine Halff scoffed at the

notion that President Bush, or any politician, had the power to muscle around a global market.

The plunge in prices, Halff said, is the result of growing domestic inventories of fuel, slowing economic growth and toned-down rhetoric between Iran and the United States, which has been critical of Tehran's uranium enrichment program.

The selloff has been magnified, Halff said, by the recent retreat from the market by many speculative investors who got burned by the late-summer volatility. That said, "the sky is not falling," said Halff, who believes oil prices will likely head higher again this winter.

Fugitive CEO captured in Namibia

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The fugitive former chief executive of leading voicemail software maker Comverse Technology Inc. has been captured in Africa following a two-month international manhunt, U.S. officials announced Wednesday.

Details of the arrest of Jacob "Kobi" Alexander in the Republic of Namibia were not immediately available. But in a statement, U.S. Attorney Roslynn Mauskopf credited local officials in the southwest African nation for assisting the FBI in the capture.

"We are very grateful for the Namibians' swift action and com-

ment them for their vigilance," she said.

Mauskopf said she would seek Alexander's swift extradition to face charges in federal court in Brooklyn. A call to his defense attorney in New York was not immediately returned.

The manhunt was launched in late July shortly before authorities unsealed a criminal complaint accusing Alexander and two other former top executives of secretly manipulating stock options for personal profit.

Before he disappeared, Alexander, 54, an Israeli citizen and a U.S. permanent resident, allegedly transferred \$57 million to Israel, fueling speculation he may have fled there.

News reports in Israel speculated that he may have been hiding out in a small Sri Lankan fishing village.

Two other defendants, former finance chief David Kreinberg and former senior general counsel William Sorin, surrendered in August and were released on \$1 million bond each.

The complaint unsealed in federal court accuses the three men of making stock options more lucrative by backdating their exercise price to a low point in the stock's value. Usually, a stock option's exercise price coincides with the market value at the time of a grant to give the recipient an incentive to drive the price higher.

Senate

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controversial eviction clause. Student body president Lizzi Shappell, student body vice president Bill Andrichik, Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi, Judicial Council chair Liz Kozlow and Northeast

"Our concern has to do with lesser incidents that happened last year that we don't believe warranted eviction."

Lizzi Shappell
student body president

The amendment to the ordinance reduced the number of noise violations required for the city to send residents a notice to abate from three to one. The law goes further by also sending landlords that notice to abate — but drops all fines against the landlord if he or she evicts the resident within 30 days of receiving the notice.

But despite the group's efforts, Council members ultimately rejected student government's initiative to strike the eviction clause from the ordinance.

The meeting was "a good discussion," Shappell told senators, but Council members reportedly said the clause must remain in the ordinance as a defense for landlords who must deal with disorderly tenants.

While she understands those sentiments, Shappell said the ordinance is sometimes taken too far.

"Our concern has to do with lesser incidents that happened last year that we don't believe warranted eviction," Shappell said, referring to the six eviction notices that were sent to students living at Turtle Creek Apartments in fall 2005.

Shappell said Council members and student government leaders agreed that eviction should only follow "egregious" ordinance violations. However, Council members said that can be done without changing the ordinance itself. Instead, they believe better communication between student tenants and their landlords will help reduce the number of evic-

tions, Shappell said. "They're interested in changing the ordinance in practice, not rhetoric," she said. But the conversation is not over. Shappell said the group will probably meet again in three months to evaluate the ordinance again.

In other Senate news:

♦At the urging of Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood, senators discussed the accessibility of student government for students who want to join. Keenan senator Chris Beesley suggested surveying the freshmen in student government to learn how they became involved, while Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun said disseminating information in the weeks prior to elections would be helpful.

Director of Communications Alex French said his office — which is only in its second year of existence — already has six freshman members. But he noted that some dorms have had problems with their Judicial Council representatives, who should have information about elections.

When Lockwood asked about the accessibility of the student government Web site, Shappell admitted that the site has not been updated since fall 2005. Student government recently received the software for a brand new Web site — only to realize that it is not compatible with the office's computers. Once a new computer with a Pentium 4 processor is purchased, the site will be running and updated "regularly," Shappell said.

♦University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner encouraged members to attend the first-ever Student-Alumni Reception on Friday. The event is open to all students and is the first of three student-alumni receptions. It will be held in the Eck Center at 3:30 p.m.

Baumgartner said it's a casual, "no pressure" opportunity for students to chat with former Notre Dame students.

"These are people who have done well for themselves, and we all know how the alumni network is a great thing to tap into," Brown said.

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Mission

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Jenkins was joined by Provost Tom Burish and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, who each took a portion of the allotted hour to speak to the hundreds of staff members who flocked to the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

While Affleck-Graves spoke specifically about employment initiatives and campus construction, Burish and Jenkins referred more broadly to how staff members fit in the University's greater goals.

Burish set the session's inclusive tone by using his time to thank the staff on behalf of administrators, faculty members and students.

"Unfortunately those who work in the academic side in the University often don't thank you [the staff] enough ... Because you're as good as you are at what you do, it's easy to take you for granted," Burish said. "A university is like a city ... a city which works because of you. You run the city that is Notre Dame."

Burish described staff members as "role models" for students, often stepping in in place of parents to offer guidance and support during the undergraduates' important years of growth.

"When [students] are praying or studying or in class, you make it possible for them to do what they do, and when they're not in class, you give meaning to their life at Notre Dame," Burish said. "You do it all for them while they're here, and you do the same for the faculty."

Jenkins reiterated this sentiment.

"I feel a special connection with each one of you," he said. "...I know that what you do, the

support you give us, the support you give students and faculty, makes this place the great place it is. I'm extraordinarily proud to be president of this great institution."

Jenkins went on to laud Notre Dame's unique place among academic institutions, speaking of the high standards to which the University is held.

Whether meeting with Pope Benedict XVI, President George W. Bush or leaders in academics, Jenkins took away the same message every time.

"What they all communicated in the different ways is a special expectation, a special hope for Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "They expect us to be a great university and produce great graduates, but they also expect something more than that."

That "something more" is what Jenkins called Notre Dame's "special sense of purpose," connected to both its Catholic character and constant quest for improvement.

"The great promise of Notre Dame is to bring together the spiritual and moral values of the Catholic university with true excellence of the traditional academic university," he said.

Jenkins said a colleague from Harvard University told him, "If Notre Dame ever had to shut its doors, there'd be no one to take its place."

Jenkins outlined strategies for realizing a greater vision for the University — one that puts it as one of the world's preeminent academic institutions that manages to retain its distinctive Catholic character.

The plan focuses on continu-

ing to nurture unsurpassed undergraduate education, small but excellent graduate and professional programs and vibrant residential life committed to moral and spiritual development, he said.

Specific points of direction for this year include a push for recognition of Notre Dame as a premier research university, more recruiting of Catholic faculty and improvement of internal organization, communication and teamwork.

At the heart of this development is a set of core values Jenkins focused on as the essence of the University and its members — including the staff.

"Core values are very important. They are things that absolutely everyone should have in mind, because this is part of what it means to be part of Notre Dame," he said, citing integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership in excellence and leadership in mission.

Jenkins asked each staff member to recognize these values and integrate them into their work, setting the highest standards of behavior every day.

"As I said, at the core of Notre Dame are special spiritual and moral values, and each and every one of us contributes to that spirit," he said.

Affleck-Graves used the last part of the meeting to elaborate on the University's efforts to ensure the presence of these values, and to make Notre Dame "a great and rewarding place to work."

"Unfortunately those who work in the academic side in the University often don't thank you [the staff] enough."

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Subway

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Indiana, and northern Ohio and parts of Illinois not including Chicago," he said.

Nationally speaking, Notre Dame's Subway has "reached as high as number three in the United States" in terms of sales.

The rankings are issued by Subway's corporate communications, and other Subway stores that perform at a similar level are located in other universities, some military bases and Las Vegas casinos, Prentkowski said.

Subway has 26,534 restaurants in 85 countries, serving around 2,800 sandwiches and

salads every 60 seconds, according to the company Web site.

Notre Dame students down an estimated 400 sandwiches per day, most of which are turkey, which is "consumed at a rate four times greater than any other meat," he said.

This large consumption contributes to Notre Dame's Subway "typically [having] the highest number of 6-foot sub and party tray sales in the region," Prentkowski said.

"During the regular academic year the Notre Dame Subway is typically the number one sales store in the geographic region."

Dave Prentkowski
director of Food Services

With more than two million different sandwich combinations available, the restaurant is a popular choice among students looking to burn some FlexPoints.

"I get a different thing every time I go," said freshman Brianna Muller. "That's the only place I really go in LaFortune

because of the variety and it's also really healthy too."

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FRANCE

Space surgery a success

Doctors make history in zero-gravity conditions

Associated Press

MERIGNAC — Braving queasy stomachs, a team of French doctors took to the skies Wednesday for the first operation on a human being in zero-gravity conditions, removing a cyst from the arm of a man as the aircraft soared and dived to create weightlessness.

The five-man medical team made history by slicing off the yellow growth that floated away from the patient, tied to a string. Doctors worked in intervals of 22 seconds during conditions of weightlessness. Coincidentally, it took 22 intervals to complete the surgery.

The operation, more than three years in the making and part of a three-phase exploration of weightless surgery, paves the way toward one day performing surgery in space via a surgeon or a remotely controlled robot.

It also is an experiment that may one day be instructive for a future medical emergency on the international space station.

The flight lasted three hours, but the operation took just over eight minutes —

about the same amount of time that such surgery would have taken in a hospital, doctors said.

Three surgeons, two anesthesiologists and a cameraman were strapped to the walls with mountain-climbers' gear as the aircraft dipped and soared in roller coaster-like parabolas to achieve intervals of weightlessness.

"We have done a simple technical procedure, but everything we noticed shows that operating on a human in space conditions will not present insurmountable problems," said Dr. Dominique Martin, leader of the medical team.

The surgery went "exactly as we had expected," he told reporters.

Patient Philippe Sanchot — chosen because he is an avid bungee jumper, hardened to the shocks of G-force strains — was given a local anesthetic and remained awake throughout the operation.

"I'm just a little tired, but it's because my head is spinning," Sanchot, 46, said.

The relatively minor procedure was meant to give a preliminary idea of what surgery in space might be like, providing information about how blood flows in zero gravity or whether special equipment was needed.

Doctors said the test was partly designed to rebut naysayers who claimed that surgery is unlikely — if not impossible — in space.

In the experiment, the plane flew loops 20,000 feet to 27,560

feet over the southwestern city of Bordeaux. The pilot of the specially designed 330 Zero G aircraft cut back the engines at the peak of a climb, allowing near-weightless drift downward. After a

near nose-dive, the pilot soared upward at angles of up to 45 degrees.

"At times, we bantered to one another, 'Be careful! Don't twist it,'" Sanchot recalled, a bandage on his right arm. "It was to loosen up the atmosphere."

The surgical team was forced to work quickly: the effect of weightlessness came in brief intervals, with waits and battles with nausea in-between.

"I'm not crazy about these parabolic flights. While it's an extraordinary sensation, I don't do this for fun," Martin said. "In the last parabolas, I felt a bit of gastric reflux."

The sensation would be familiar to fans of amusement parks who know the stomach-churning feeling of roller coasters as they heave over a climb, then descend in a near free fall.

TV film showed doctors operating in what appeared to be near normal conditions — except for a small pink object floating near their hands. A doctor flicked it away at one point. A piece of tissue then eerily floated upward.

Doctors acknowledged the relatively minor excision was a far cry from more complicated surgery that could be needed on the International Space Station, but suggested it was an important first step.

Martin said there was no telling what kind of operations were best suited for weightless conditions.

"If I had two hours of weightlessness, I could have removed an appendix — or whatever — but we had 10 minutes to show an operation was possible in these conditions," he said.

"We showed our materials were adequate, the operating room we created was operational, that the monitoring of the patient didn't pose any problems," Martin said.

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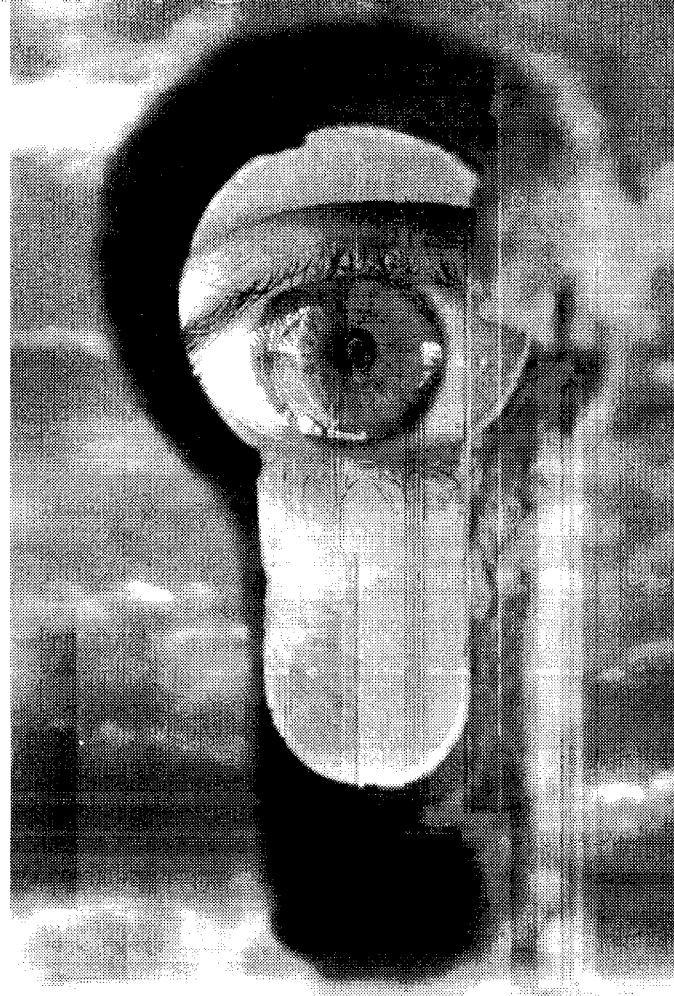
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The importance of image

Eight Halloweens ago, the most popular costume was not that of a witch or a warlock. Instead, it was the guise of a former White House intern — Monica Lewinsky.

Many autumns later, as Americans flock to costume shops for their 'Superman Returns' Evil Bizarro latex masks (predicted to be one of the year's hottest costumes), Monica Lewinsky's name — along with what she did to earn her place in history — has not been forgotten.

Everyone is known for something. Unfortunately for former President Bill Clinton, his image is inextricably linked to a beret-wearing intern.

In his post-presidential years, Clinton has tried to amend his image in a rather Jimmy Carter-esque fashion.

After Carter's presidency, it seemed as though he was destined to be remembered as that man from Georgia who mishandled the Iranian hostage crisis. In his post-presidential years, however, Carter highlighted his humanitarian side. Now Carter is known as that man from Georgia who mishandled the Iranian hostage crisis but won a Nobel Peace Prize. Not too shabby.

As for Bill Clinton, he too has tried to highlight his humanitarian efforts, most recently through his Global Initiative program. But few people want to hear about that. After all, now the only impeached president of our generation has also been blamed by some for our generation's greatest tragedy, Sept. 11, 2001. And that is what people want to talk about.



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When Fox News Sunday's Chris Wallace asked Clinton about his administration's failure to kill Osama Bin Laden, Clinton erupted into a rage that will certainly not win him a Nobel Prize — this because he tried to protect what remains of his already-tarnished image.

But what's in an image? And why was it so important for Clinton to defend his?

You can ask current President George W. Bush (the one who hopes that his image will be forever linked to 9/11, not because he caused the tragedy, but because — in his opinion — he was such a valiant leader in the midst of it) about that one. When his approval ratings sank into the 30 percent range in the spring of 2006, Bush adamantly argued that this wouldn't matter. He claimed that history would nonetheless remember him as a great president.

And who wouldn't want to be remembered as great? Who wouldn't want a Ronald Reagan-esque funeral?

Millions of people watched Reagan's 2004 funeral on television; it was the smash hit of the summer. Following his death, a plethora of roads, parks and libraries were renamed in his honor. Even during his lifetime, some members of Congress petitioned for Reagan to replace Franklin D. Roosevelt (who was well-liked himself — ranked the third most popular President in the same Gallup poll that ranked Reagan as the most popular) as the face of the dime.

But not everyone can be a Ronald Reagan.

Take seventeenth President Andrew Johnson, for example. He was the first President to be impeached, and that is all that many Americans know about him.

And as for the most well-known line attributed to thirty-seventh President

Richard Nixon? "I am not a crook." But he was. And that is all that many Americans know about him.

Everyone has an image; it is what others remember about you when you fade from their lives. You might be that girl who always wore sandals (even in subzero temperatures), that boy who asked too many questions in class or that president who did a little more than paperwork in the Oval Office. And more likely than not, that image means something to you.

Call Clinton's Fox News episode what you will — a freak-out, a smackdown, etc. But do not say that in his shoes, you would not have been angry as well. For goodness sake, his image was at stake.

Clinton appeared on the show to talk about his Global Initiative, which has thus far raised millions of dollars to stop climate change, alleviate poverty and mitigate religious and ethnic conflict. Perhaps he is an outstanding humanitarian. Perhaps he hoped for a Jimmy Carter-esque image turnaround, so that people would remember him fondly.

And isn't that what everyone wants? To be remembered fondly?

But for now, Bill Clinton's image is that of a red-faced and angry finger-wagger who may or may not have been able to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks, and who did, in fact, have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky.

I don't know many people who would want to be him — even for Halloween.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If being an egomaniac means I believe in what I do and in my art or music, then in that respect you can call me that ... I believe in what I do, and I'll say it."

John Lennon
musician

Sweating the big stuff

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, a French priest who left the comfort of his assignment in the court of Queen Margaret of Valois to spend the rest of his life serving the poor and sick, along the way also founding the Fathers of the Mission (often called Vincentians) and the Sisters of Charity. He is known for ransoming thousands of slaves in North Africa and for ministering to the galley-slaves confined to the dark bottoms of boats by the hundreds and chained to their oars.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

Vincent de Paul seemed always able to separate the big stuff from the small; to recognize what he really needed to worry about; to refuse to get caught in the petty and minor wranglings of wealthy court life that he might spend his time with the largely ignored, impoverished and ill-educated peasants of France.

Hmm. I don't know about you, but unless I pay attention, most days I don't have much to worry about beyond whether my kids have done their chores, how to get them to soccer or swim practice on time, what I'm going to fix for dinner and whether that shirt I want to wear tomorrow is ironed. However, events come along that remind me how blessed I am to have such small concerns. Last Wednesday, Sept. 20, two friends of mine each lost a long-ill parent to death. I

just read yesterday the story of a man who got his hand blown off by a grenade while reporting on a story assignment in Iraq. He has now written a book about the young amputees he met, who moved him deeply while he healed from his own injuries. I regularly need to be shaken up, to remember that my day-to-day concerns pale in comparison to suffering that surrounds me right here in South Bend, where we have not one but two missions to serve the homeless, both of which are often filled to capacity; where multiple food pantries serve the poor every day (including our local St. Vincent de Paul Society); where people I probably pass on the street or shop next to at Martin's are lonely, or worry about illness or job security or debt.

Perhaps we ourselves have overwhelming concerns weighing us down. Maybe we find the consideration of poverty or illness or war too far from our own experience to grasp. Lest the needs of our world or even our community seem too vast to think about, we have to remember that our God loves us so deeply that "even the hairs of your head are all counted" (Luke 12:7). And even though his own land is filled with hatred and bloodshed, with people brutally at war with each other, God still attends with limitless love to our worries and needs and prayers.

In Sharon Creech's Newberry Award-winning book *Walk Two Moons*, a character named Mrs.

Winterbottom asks her daughter, "Do you think I lead a tiny life?" The size of our lives isn't measured by how far we travel, the prestige of our professional lives, the wealth we accumulate or how well we're esteemed by others. Rather, what matters is whether we pay attention, as Vincent de Paul did, to those people who most need us, to those situations which most need our prayers, our talents, our treasure, our loving care.

It's OK to worry about the little things; sometimes we do need to sweat the small stuff. We just can't ever forget that the big stuff is out there, needing our fervent prayer, needing whatever we can offer. The fact that you're reading this means that you are abundantly blessed — with literacy, with adequate food and shelter, perhaps on your way to completing a Notre Dame education. In the midst of so much, we would do well to pray with the words of St. Vincent de Paul: "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of others, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

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U-WIRE

Parental priorities a bit off key

My parents say that is the job of a parent to do all they can to make sure their child has the tools to be successful when they get into the "real world." They have done everything they can to give me all that I need. I plan to do the same for my children, and will go to the ends of the earth to get them all they need.

How would you feel if it was well within the reach of your parents to pay for schooling, but they refused? Or even worse, if they refused to pay for school, but bought other luxuries for their own life and made it seem like it's a chore for you to be their child?

Why even have children if you are unwilling to give up your comfortable lifestyle to provide for your family? Even the lowest of the animal kingdom will defend their children until they are ready to leave the nest to fend for themselves.

One of my best friends from back home, Jim, has been my friend for as long as I can remember. I invite him to family weddings, and I go to his family parties. I know all of his family extremely well; I just cannot manage to respect his father.

Jim's dad owns a construction and remodeling company that is doing very well, he drives a BMW and has all the luxuries in his home you could ever want. He simply refuses to pay for Jim's college tuition. "I didn't go to college, and look at where I got," is his explanation for not paying. Since Jim's father does not pay tuition, he leaves it up to his ex-wife, who works as a hairstylist, and Jim.

Jim's mom helps him out as best she can, but you can imagine the strain it puts on the household between bills, household expenses for two kids, plus tuition. I would be severely less sore about the whole situation if Jim's dad didn't go on lavish vacations each summer.

On a moment's whim (literally, they bought the tickets a day before) they will fly to Aruba, the Bahamas or nearly anywhere else. All expenses are paid for by Jim's father; but he refuses to pay for Jim to go to school. See the aggravation?

It gets better. The vacations that Jim didn't ask for then become a debit against him. So does a dinner out, or any night out where they are together and he pays. "Dad, I need some money for books."

"I took you to Aruba and out for dinner last night, you can manage to get books. You should be thanking me for taking you." So he works his butt off to pay for school, expensive rent in downtown Chicago near school and anything else he may need. It seems to me that Jim's father would rather have a drinking, partying-buddy than a son.

Jim has all my respect that he works so much and is able to keep his grades up. Anyone who works to go to school, whether it is out of necessity or not, deserves a lot of respect. Unfortunately, Jim's dad doesn't get any from me.

How about these parents stop finding reasons to NOT help out, and be a responsible parent and do what they can to make sure their children have the tools to be successful. Get your priorities straight already.

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Listen up, bikers

Let me paint a picture for you, and bikers, pay close attention. We pedestrians will thank you later.

The day is Monday. The place is Baylor. The time is early. Too early. In fact, it's so early that I forget to lock the door to my apartment. In other words, I made a donation to Waco's fine gamut of pawn shops.

It's so early that I actually see the NoZe brothers lifting weights with Phi Gamma Delta at the McLane Student Life Center.

It's so early that I actually go 30 seconds without seeing a T-shirt advertising some rush event that took place in the third stall of the men's bathroom of Cashion Academic Center on Nov. 12, 2005, titled "Tizzy at the Toilet '05!"

It is actually so early that my car decides to sputter and the engine dies.

When machines deign the hour as unacceptably early, I'd say you are overstepping the bounds of human cruelty.

So, if this picture hasn't begun to form in your mind yet, it was pretty early.

Since my car decided that Monday mornings are for losers and 8 a.m. classes are really a design to fool freshmen to "get your classes done early," I was forced to beat the dusty trail and walk to class.

Walking to class is not such a terrible thing. Lord knows I need the exercise. But let me tell you, walking to class was much easier when I lived on the first floor of Penland Residence Hall and this higher education thing was still new.

Now my classes are more like candy corn: You eat it when it's put in front of you, but you can never really figure out why.

As my walk wears on, my mind is an amalgam of thoughts. Thoughts of sleeping in exuberantly overpriced beds, thoughts of sleeping in exotic places, thoughts of sleeping while James Taylor gently plays me to sleep with a version of "Fire and Rain" specifically tailored to my desire to sleep through all of my classes.

Basically, everything I deem important at

8 a.m. on a Monday. And it sure isn't beginning golf.

So as my glorious thought process rolls on and I finally reach campus, I am interrupted by what appears to be Superman running 10 minutes late to class.

I suddenly snap out of my thoughts of sleeping in verdant meadows in time to see the glint of steel and then glorious blue sky (I cannot confirm that the sky is actually blue at 8 in the morning, so I made it up). I had been knocked on my backside by a shiny new bicycle.

I realize that biking is an efficient mode of transportation that has been used by great figures in history — giants of the moral compass like Ghengis Kahn, the Brawny Man and Chuck Norris.

I get that you are late to class and you need to find a way to jimmy-rig your bike onto an over-full bike rack.

But won't you think of the tired, sweaty and possibly disgruntled pedestrians?

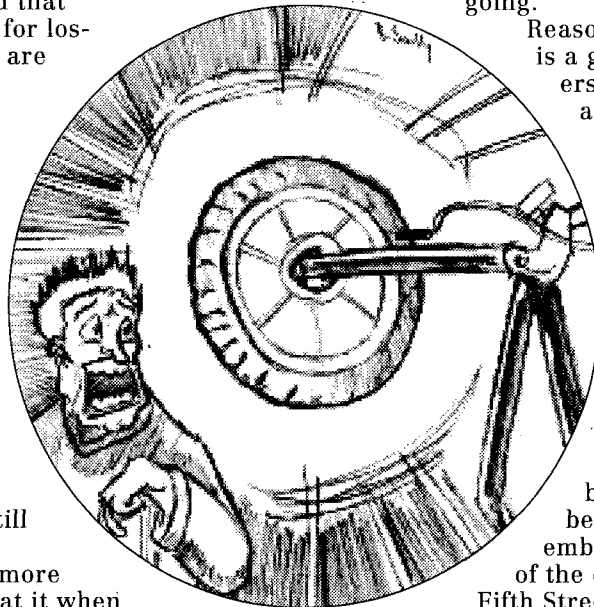
If you own a bike and you use it to get places, congratulations. I know your parents are proud. But for the love of Zeus' beard, cut us warriors of the walking path a break. Watch where you're going.

Reasonable expectation is a good thing. If bikers expect us to avoid them, they should stay off the sidewalks. And try avoiding me next time. Seriously, it's 8 a.m. You have to aim to knock me over. So the next time you are hustling to class, my biking brethren, remember me, the guy you embarrassed in front of the entire school on Fifth Street twice last week.

I'll be the one over there in the corner putting back the pieces of my shattered social life.

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CD REVIEWS

Justin is bringing 'SexyBack' with new CD

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

If the statement "I'm bringing sexy back" sounds at all foreign, then you have likely been living under a rock somewhere for the past few months. In fact, the phrase has become so popular that it is likely the hundredth time you've heard it this week.

And music fans are glad for it, since it has been four years since their last Justin Timberlake fix. Now 25, Timberlake is back on the scene to save everyone from the presently bleak music scene and revive the sexy with his album "FutureSex / LoveSound." Apparently, the former Mouseketeer turned N'Sync member, is now a sexy soul man.

Timberlake took his first step toward independence with the solo album "Justified." Taking its inspiration from the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, it was merely a small step toward his sexy makeover. "FutureSex / LoveSound" borrows its flamboyance from the

Prince of "Purple Rain." And in case people are still somehow confused or unclear of his sexual inspiration, Timberlake has carefully titled the first five tracks "FutureSex/ LoveSound," "SexyBack," "Sexy Ladies," "My Love" and "LoveStoned."

Feeling rather frisky — and free of his manufactured boy-band image— Timberlake wants to get a little risqué with this album. Honestly, though, how much is believable of lyrics like "Dirty babe/ You see these shackles baby I'm your slave/ I'll let you whip me if I misbehave," when coming from the squealing voice of an all-too-innocent JT?

Nonetheless, the album is full of quality singles. So there is really no point in choosing a favorite. All of the songs possess a certain naughty, club-like vibe that will keep a listener's attention for the album's entire 71 minutes. In fact, one could probably spend an entire night in the club listening and dancing to this album alone.

First, listeners should tune into quality digital get-downs like "My Love," which is set to be the next single for release. Another good pick is "Damn Girl," which features Black Eyed Peas singer Will.i.am, or even "Chop Me Up," with rap artist T.I. But steer clear of "What Goes Around.../ Comes Around," since everyone — except Timberlake



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Even with a wardrobe malfunction, Justin Timberlake won two Grammys in 2004 for his album "Justified" and his vocal performance on his hit single "Cry Me A River."

— is over his former relationship with Britney Spears. The antithesis to "Cry Me A River," it is still another lame recollection of a former flame.

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of "FutureSex / LoveSound" is that the majority of Timberlake's vocals are electronically distorted. Although Timberlake is said to have co-written every song, hip-hop producer Timbaland is credited for producing a whopping 12 of the album's 14 tracks. Where Timberlake brings the girlish high-pitched singing voice, Timbaland brings the hot, disco-inspired beats.

While the result is certainly worthwhile, keep in mind that very little of its innovation can actually be attributed to

Timberlake himself.

This album is as much (if not more so) Timbaland's as it is Timberlake's.

Anyone with a decent voice could have sang the back-up vocals for these funkadelic beats, but not everyone has the pretty-boy image to back it up. So don't be fooled by the artificial "mack-daddy" makeover — Justin Timberlake is the same nice boy that America knows and loves.

The only thing he proves with this "FutureSex / LoveSound" is his knack for collaboration. That, and the fact that Timberlake is still a heartthrob.

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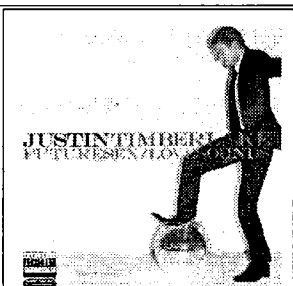
Justin Timberlake

FutureSex / LoveSound

Jive



Recommended tracks: 'FutureSex / LoveSound,' 'Damn Girl,' 'My Love,' and 'Chop Me Up'



Hendrix's legacy survives with new 'Blues' album

By NATHAN HOGAN
Scene Critic

Whether you just got an exam back, lost your keys or had to spend an afternoon fixing a flat bike tire — sometimes it's hard not to feel down. While commiserating with friends might seem like the best solution, sometimes talking can't express it all. The Jimi Hendrix compilation album "Blues" serves as the perfect mix for conveying every woe.

Hendrix may not seem like an obvious artist here, since blues icons like B.B. King and John Lee Hooker come to mind first. Plus, Hendrix grew up in the Pacific Northwest — a far cry from the blues bastion of the Deep South.

But Hendrix spent his childhood listening to his father's collection of blues singles. When he picked up his first acoustic guitar, he started to play along to those records. After taking up the electric guitar, he took what he had learned from the blues and developed his own unique style.

A self-taught musician, the left-hand-

ed Hendrix played a right-handed Fender Stratocaster guitar turned upside down and re-strung to suit him.

This album highlights the impact blues had on his music by focusing on 11 tracks that show off his roots.

The album starts off with an acoustic version of "Hear My Train Comin'," a track with a healthy mix of vocals, acoustic bends and humming. A live electric version of the same track closes the CD, though its focus is quite different.

He adds his renowned electric guitar riffs, which become the dominant feature of the song. Despite the shift in instrumentation, Hendrix still maintains the same attitude of the original song — a testament to his ability to sing through the guitar. The riffs become the expression of the lyrics, embodying the hums with electronic distortion.

Another notable track is "Red House," which was a live Hendrix favorite. The track lets the listener in on the conversational chemistry between Hendrix and his guitar. He pours out his soul through his lyrics,

then pauses and listens as his guitar consoles him through the misery. Its heavy tone keeps the song pulsing. The song "Bleeding Heart" follows the same type of progression, though it adds even more drag.

"Mannish Boy" adds a driving



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Jimi Hendrix's closing performance at Woodstock in 1969, one year before he passed away, is one of the most iconic moments in rock history.

beat and faster rhythm to the blues progression. It has a groovy, funky feel to it, but the influence of blues is still evident in the licks.

A few of the tracks, including "Catfish Blues," "Voodoo Chile Blues" and "Once I Had a Woman" focus more on the essence of the blues guitar. They allow Hendrix to jam out to the blues, which adds more spice since it gives the jam a theme and an inspiration.

Hendrix may have led the psychedelic revolution with his rock music, but he always carried the roots of rock — the blues — with him in his works.

This album was released as part of the Experience Hendrix series, which was designed to better benefit

Hendrix's surviving family. The songs have all been digitally remastered in this new release.

While some might say the freestyle jams can be a bit of a turn-off, this album is a great way for fans of rock to step into the blues. The best way to listen to the CD is from beginning to end without skipping, because, if you're feelin' the blues, who wants to skip a track?

So get that exam back, hit the books, fix that tire and console yourself with the soulful rhythm of Hendrix and his blues-soaked guitar riffs.

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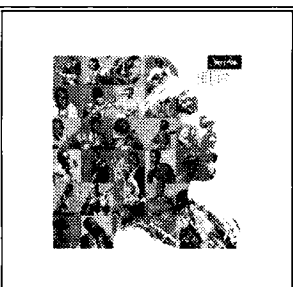
Jimi Hendrix

Blues

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Recommended tracks: 'Hear My Train Comin','Red House,' and 'Once I Had A Woman'



MOVIE REVIEW

'Jackass' sequel brings humor to new lows

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

It all began with a much-censored and always-controversial television show on MTV. One movie and two spin-off television shows later, the boys of "Jackass" are back in "Jackass: Number Two."

At the end of the movie, Bam Margera says, "I hope there's no Jackass 3." After what he and the rest of the guys endure throughout the film, it is not hard to sympathize with his sentiment. The stunts filmed in this movie have definitely upped the ante from both the previous movie and various television shows. After this outing there aren't too many ways for the crew to top its own antics — aside from winding up in the hospital.

Although the stunts are more advanced, the shtick is the same as always. "Number Two" is a series of short sequences of the sado-masochists performing random acts of idiocy and harassing each other mercilessly. There are more daredevil stunts included in this movie, but this time the guys are more self-conscious of being filmed — an aspect that was missing in the first movie.

There are also countless bulls and snakes; the guys seek pain from those animals more than any others.

Although they have mostly gone their separate ways since the first movie, all

the boys are back in their full glory: Johnny Knoxville, Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius, Ehren McGhehey, Preston Lacy, Jason "Wee Man" Acuna, Ryan Dunn and Dave England. While the original show and movie distributed the anguish equally amongst them all, it's clear this time the movie is playing up the names of its two biggest celebrities: Margera and Knoxville. After "Jackass," Margera received his own spin-off show on MTV, "Viva La Bam," which focused on his pranks around the home — often directed

at his uncle Vito. He frequently had Dunn, England and Steve-O on the show with him. Knoxville has come into his own as a movie star, with leading roles in the 2005 films "Dukes of Hazzard" and "The Ring."

Knoxville is the clear leader, often pushing for the stunts even though the others have backed out. He proudly stands alone while getting bitten by anacondas or charged repeatedly by bulls — and he does it all with a smile. One stunt involves anti-riot land mines, and after the device is demonstrated, Margera and Dunn opt out. Knoxville then berates them into taking the punishment, gleefully standing in the front to take the pain.

Despite his leading role, Margera is far more cynical this time through. He frequently comments on how far the stunts have gone and several times tries to back

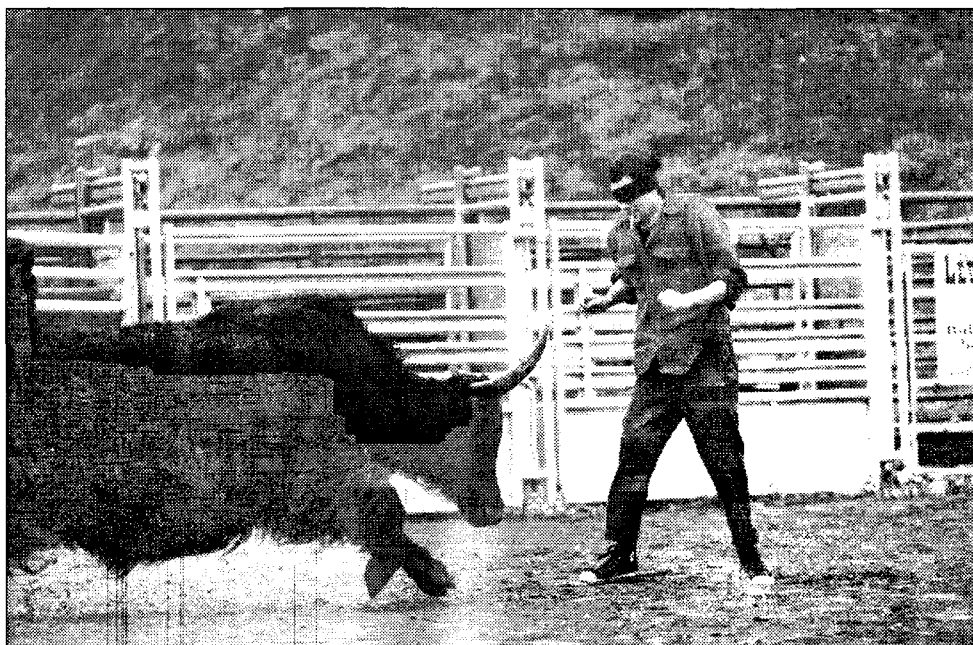


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Johnny Knoxville, the lead daredevil in "Jackass: Number Two," gets rammed repeatedly by several raging bulls throughout the course of the stunt-ridden movie.

out. Throughout the movie, Margera is reduced to tears three times — one time because of genuine fear when the guys lock him in with a cobra.

Aside from their horribly disgusting and dangerous stunts, the guys have several skits where they harass the general public. In one of the funniest scenes, producer Spike Jonze walks through the streets of LA disguised as an elderly woman whose shirt keeps coming undone, leaving her sagging in front of the horrified onlookers.

Due to the guys' ever-growing celebrity, there are also countless guest stars —

including the Three 6 Mafia, John Waters, Tony Hawk and Jay Chandrasekhar (Super Troopers) — who add to the absurdity of the situations.

Although there is nothing truly unexpected, "Jackass: Number Two" contains countless immense and grotesque laughs. It is definitely a movie best seen with lots of other people who find people slamming into walls and eating unmentionable atrocities hilarious.

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CD REVIEW

'Blood Mountain' is an oasis of sharp individuality

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Assistant Scene Editor

A major label album doing something off the beaten path is something to behold.

Metal band Mastodon's latest release, "Blood Mountain," is precisely that, as the band weaves poetic lyrics with smashing guitars, driving drums and melodic singing. Sometimes great and sometimes bordering on sonic chaos, this album won't be liked by everyone. It is not quite "radio friendly," but it is different — and should be commended.

"Blood Mountain" opens with the raging "The Wolf is Loose." This may be the friendliest of all the tracks as the long guitar solos are kept to a minimum and it delves into what might be called "pop sensibilities." But this tenuous connection is broken by frontman and bassist Troy Sander's gritty and abrasive vocals. As the drums pound through the song, he pounds through such strange lyrics as "The hero of the gods / the crossing of the threshold /

the belly of the whale / refusal of return."

The traditional method of writing lyrics that either conveys a story — or at least something cohesive — is stretched to its bare limits with Mastodon. All of the songs on "Blood Mountain" exhibit lyrics similar to this. Closely read, there is a connection between all the lines, but it takes some thought and is not spoon-fed to the listener. Mastodon wants to rock sonically and lyrically with the listener — instead of handing him or her something easy and bland to digest.

Mastodon began in Atlanta, releasing its debut EP, "Lifesblood," on Relapse Records WHEN. Its unique mixture of metal and hardcore birthed two more albums following the EP, "Remission" and "Leviathan," in 2002 and 2004, respectively. "Leviathan" brought the band to the attention of music critics who noticed what it could do when put to the task. These two albums were released on the same label as its EP, but with "Blood Mountain," Mastodon has moved the major label Reprise Records. Reprise, though a major label, has created a solid

lineup of metal/hardcore bands, including the Dillinger Escape Plan and Today is the Day. The freedom Mastodon has to pursue its own style is respected by Reprise, and "Blood Mountain" does nothing but confirm this.

Guitar solos that go on for days

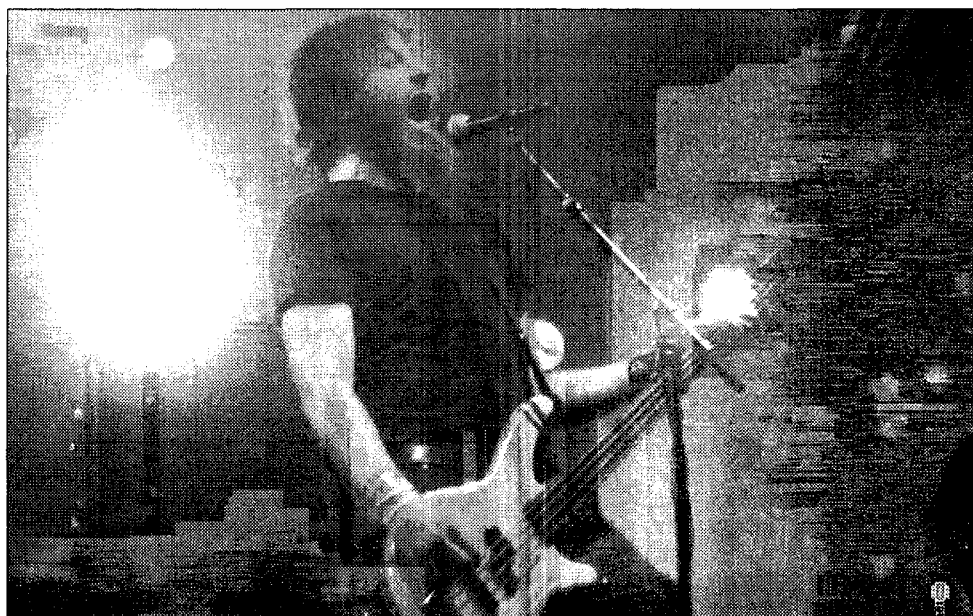


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Brent Hinds, guitarist and vocalist for Mastodon, performs songs from "Blood Mountain" during its Unholy Alliance tour with the group Slayer.

characterize this musical style, and, while they do become slightly monotonous, listening to guitarist Bill Kelliher wail on his axe is an experience. "Capillarian Crest" bleeds from the speakers.

Sanders weaves through the song, transitioning from melodic singing to metal screaming with ease and in appropriate spots. Kelliher's guitar sets the raucous pace and never lets up. The song is as much about the lyrics as the sonic experience. Half the song is sung in Mastodon's unique lyric style while the other half is devoted to the band playing and kicking some rear.

Not everyone would want to see this

band live.

Most people weaned on pop radio and the likes of Beyonce, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera will probably be confounded if they pop "Blood Mountain" into their CD players.

However, no matter what one listens to, this album deserves a chance. It isn't perfect, but it is different, smart and knows exactly what it wants. Compared to what 99 percent of people are listening to 99 percent of the time, this reeks of individuality and peculiarity.

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Recommended tracks: 'The Wolf is Loose,' 'Capillarian Crest,' and 'This Mortal Soul'

MLB — NL

Pujols lifts Cardinals, Astros beat Pirates in 15 innings

Dodgers keep wild-card lead with 6-4 win

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols' go-ahead three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning was the difference in St. Louis' 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night, ending a seven-game losing streak during which the Cardinals' NL Central lead shriveled to 1 1/2 games.

Pujols hit a 1-0 pitch from Cla Meredith into the third of four decks over the left-field wall to erase a one-run deficit. He had driven in one run in the previous five games before the booming shot eased the Cardinals' frustration.

St. Louis has won only two of its last 10, five of the losses by one run apiece. While the Cardinals were struggling, second-place Houston was streaking. The Astros entered their game against Pittsburgh on Wednesday with seven straight victories.

The Cardinals got to the San Diego bullpen after Chris Young followed a near no-hitter with seven dominant innings, ending the Padres' six-game winning streak. St. Louis also reduced its magic number for clinching a third straight division title to four after the number was stuck at five for six games.

So Taguchi drew a leadoff walk against Scott Linebrink (7-4) and Aaron Miles walked with one out before Pujols greeted Meredith, who entered the game with a 0.72 ERA, with a two-out blast estimated at 425 feet.

San Diego pinch-runner Khalil Greene had scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch with two outs in the eighth. A strained ligament in his left middle finger has kept Greene out of the starting lineup most of the month since Aug. 17, but he's scored the winning run three times in the span.

Mike Piazza had an RBI single for the Padres, who have a one-game lead over the Dodgers in the NL West and a magic number of four. Los Angeles beat Colorado 6-4 Wednesday night.

Tyler Johnson (1-4) got the last out in the eighth and Adam Wainwright got the last three

outs for his second save in four chances.

Greene scored easily on a 2-2 pitch in the dirt by Tyler Johnson that deflected off catcher Yadier Molina's glove and spun away to the right. Gonzalez attempted to score from second when Molina had trouble locating the ball, but Molina made a nice recovery to throw him out at the plate.

Scott Rolen had been in a 3-for-29 slump with one RBI before his run-scoring single in the fourth tied it at 1 for St. Louis.

The Padres roughed up the Cardinals' top two starters, Jeff Suppan and Chris Carpenter, in the first two games of the series. Anthony Reyes, a 24-year-old rookie, had a lot more success.

Reyes held San Diego to one run on five hits in the first innings before tiring in the seventh. He went to a full count with leadoff batter Geoff Blum before walking him and fell behind 2-0 against Young before getting pulled after 108 pitches.

He struck out six, fanning Termel Sledge three times and Mike Cameron twice, and walked four.

Reyes overcame a shaky start, needing 30 pitches to get out of the first trailing 1-0. Dave Roberts drew a leadoff walk, stole his third base of the series on strike three to Sledge and scored on Piazza's two-out single.

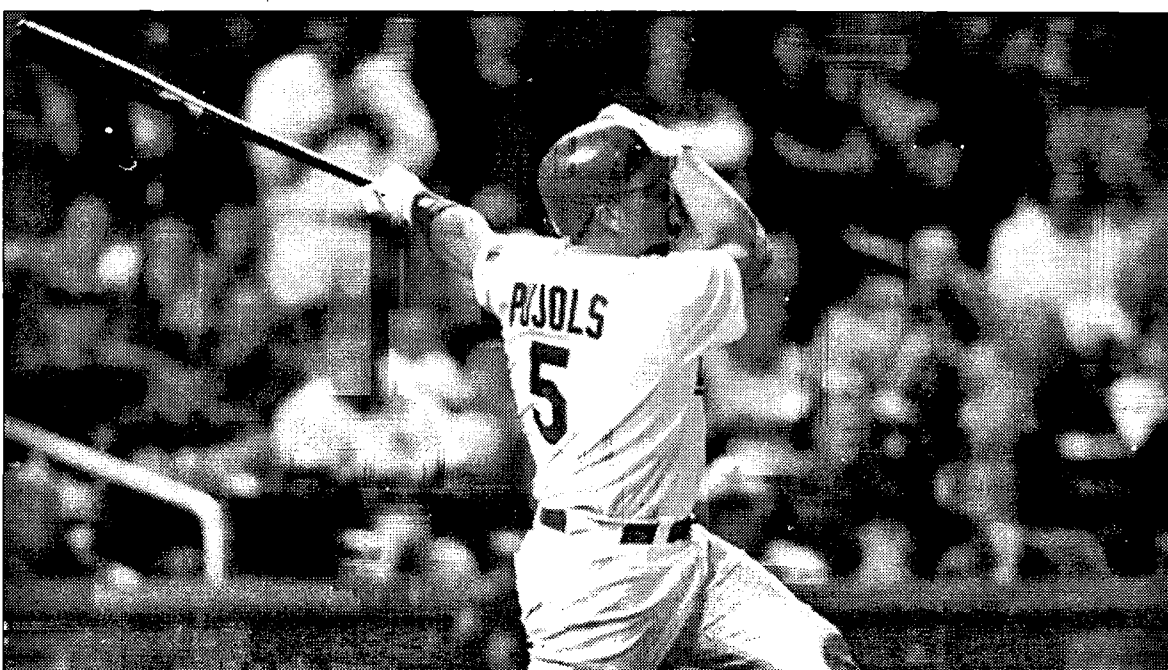
Young retired the first 11 batters with the help of a double play, throwing a first-pitch strike to seven of the first eight hitters, before giving up the tying run in the fourth. Pujols singled with two outs, stole second and went to third on Piazza's wild throw before scoring on Rolen's single.

Young dominated otherwise, retiring 10 of the next 11.

Houston 7, Pittsburgh 6

Once the Houston Astros got into the 11th inning, the 12th, the 13th and later, they didn't need anyone to tell them they had to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates. They already knew it from the out-of-town scoreboard that showed the St. Louis Cardinals winning.

Brad Ausmus' sacrifice fly in the 15th inning finished off



The Cardinals' Albert Pujols watches his three-run homerun against the Padres Wednesday night. St. Louis won 4-2 to snap its seven-game losing streak.

Houston's comeback within a minute as the Astros rallied from five runs down to beat the Pirates on Wednesday night, their eighth straight win that kept them close to St. Louis in the NL Central.

"I've complained all year about not being able to get a run in from third, so I'm going to kiss his lunch for getting that one in," manager Phil Garner said of Ausmus' game-winner.

The Astros didn't gain any ground for the first time during their winning streak but, almost as importantly, didn't lose any as they stayed 1 1/2 games out with four to play. The Cardinals cut their magic number for winning the division to four by beating San Diego 4-2 on Albert Pujols' homer to end a seven-game losing streak.

"I'm sure everybody saw that, so I've got to applaud these guys for a great effort and getting results," Garner said. "We have to plan to win 'em all and still it may be not enough, but the bottom line is everybody is still playing."

He was right — most of the Astros knew the Cardinals had won, yet the tired team persevered to win its fourth game in four nights in three ballparks. They finished off a four-game sweep of the Cardinals at home Sunday night, then won a

makeup game Monday night in Philadelphia before winning the first two of a three-game series in Pittsburgh.

"Seeing the Cardinals win makes it even more crucial for us going into extra innings, and understanding we move to 2 1/2 out with only four games left for us if we lose," Ausmus said. "Obviously it was a crucial win."

Houston, held to one hit over the first five extra innings by three rookie relievers, finally won it against Jonah Bayliss (1-1) in the 15th.

After Eric Bruntlett walked and Craig Biggio's sacrifice bunt turned into a fielder's choice, Orlando Palmeiro singled to center. Ausmus then fought off a two-strike pitch to lift the fly to center that scored Biggio.

"We had chances to win, but they finally scratched out the run we had been working to get," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said. "But our young relievers, to do the job they did, pitching against a club playing for its playoff life ... they really grew up tonight."

Chris Sampson (2-0), the Astros' starter Monday night in Philadelphia, pitched 2 2-3 scoreless innings to win it and run the Pirates' losing streak — all against contenders — to six. Trevor Miller got the final out

for the save, his first since 2004 with Tampa Bay.

Los Angeles 6, Colorado 4

Derek Lowe won his seventh straight decision and the Los Angeles Dodgers held on to their lead in the NL wild-card race by overcoming a three-run deficit to beat the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night.

The Dodgers entered Wednesday one game ahead of the Philadelphia Phillies, who played at Washington.

Lowe (16-8) got the win despite scuffling through six innings and getting roughed up for four earned runs and 10 hits.

Jonathan Broxton pitched two hitless innings of relief and Takashi Saito pitched the ninth for his 22nd save in 24 chances.

The Dodgers fell behind 4-1 entering the sixth with Rockies right-hander Aaron Cook (9-15) in command. But J.D. Drew's two-run triple put Los Angeles within striking distance, and the Dodgers scored three times in the seventh to secure their 14th win in 18 games against Colorado this season.

Andre Ethier, pinch hitting for Lowe, tied it at 4 with a run-scoring single, and a bad throw by shortstop Troy Tulowitzki allowed Wilson Betemit to score the go-ahead run.

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MLB — AL

Yankees rout Orioles, grab lead for home-field advantage

Tigers lose to Blue Jays, Twins falter to Royals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees put out their top-hitting lineup for the first time and teed off on the Baltimore Orioles.

Jason Giambi, Bobby Abreu, Jorge Posada, Johnny Damon and Robinson Cano all homered in a rout Wednesday night, an imposing display by New York's potent offense as it prepares for the postseason.

Chien-Ming Wang (19-6), selected by the Yankees to start next week's playoff opener, tied Minnesota's Johan Santana for the major league lead in wins, allowing four runs and 10 hits over six innings in his regular-season finale.

Giambi and Posada each had four RBIs as the Yankees romped to a 13-2 lead by fourth inning. Gary Sheffield had two

hits, including his first extra-base hit since May.

Yankees manager Joe Torre used a spring training approach, taking out most of his starters by the late innings, and he brought in closer Mariano Rivera to pitch the seventh.

New York heads into the post-season with pitching questions — Randy Johnson has been pushed behind Mike Mussina to start Game 3 because of his bad back — but the Yankees' bats look mighty, with every starter getting a hit and scoring a run.

Sheffield and Hideki Matsui are back after missing most of the season with wrist injuries, joining Abreu, acquired in late July from Philadelphia. Giambi returned Wednesday following a six-game absence caused by a torn ligament in his left wrist. Cano, among the league leaders with a .343 average, was in the No. 9 hole, and Torre didn't even have room for Melky

Cabrera or Bernie Williams among his starters.

"We have some pleasant problems to solve before next Tuesday," Torre said before the game.

Orioles manager Sam Perlozzo joked about the batting order after looking at it.

"Try to figure out which one of those guys you put on to get to the next guy," he said. "In all honesty, I don't know that there would be a better lineup than that in postseason play offensively. That doesn't mean they can't be beaten."

Giambi erased a 1-0 deficit in the second inning with his 37th homer, a two-run drive down the right-field line off Kris Benson (11-12). Giambi, who had a third cortisone injection last Thursday, had been homerless in 65 at-bats since Aug. 20.

Abreu hit a solo homer in the five-run third, when Posada hit a three-run drive. Damon homered leading off the five-run fourth, Cano connected for

a two-run drive off Winston Abreu in the sixth and Derek Jeter nearly joined them in the seventh, when he doubled off the center-field wall.

Baltimore lost its fourth straight. Benson gave up eight runs and eight hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest start since May 24, when he lasted two innings at Seattle.

Toronto 7, Detroit 4

Ted Lilly pitched six strong innings and the Toronto Blue Jays hit four home runs in a 7-4 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night, but the Tigers held on to their one-game lead over Minnesota in the AL Central.

The Twins lost 6-4 to Kansas City on Wednesday, dropping Detroit's magic number for clinching the division to three. If the teams finished tied for first, Detroit would get the division title by winning the season series 11-8.

The Tigers (95-63) fell one

game behind the New York Yankees, who beat Baltimore 16-5, for the AL's best record.

Toronto's victory, its 10th in 15 games, moved them ahead of Boston, which lost 11-0 to Tampa Bay, and into second place in the AL East. The Blue Jays haven't finished as high as second since 1993.

Lilly (15-13) beat the Tigers for the first time since 2003, allowing three runs — one earned — and five hits in seven innings. He did not walk a batter and struck out nine, giving him 21 in 15 2-3 innings against Detroit this season.

B.J. Ryan, the fifth Toronto reliever, pitched the ninth for his 36th save.

Nate Robertson (13-13) struggled in his final start before the postseason, allowing six runs and 10 hits — including four homers — in 4 2-3 innings. Robertson had only allowed six earned runs in his previous five starts combined.

Bengie Molina hit a three-run homer, his 19th, in the first, improving his career numbers against Robertson to 5-for-8 with three homers.

The Blue Jays made it 6-0 with three solo homers. Gregg Zaun's career-high 12th homer gave Toronto a 4-0 lead in the fourth, while Glaus and Hill chased Robertson with homers in the fifth.

In the Tigers fifth, Ivan Rodriguez hit a solo homer and Placido Polanco added a two-run shot, his fourth in 444 at-bats this year.

Kansas City 6, Minnesota 4

David DeJesus and Mike Sweeney homered, Mark Redman pitched eight strong innings, and the Kansas City Royals ended an eight-game losing streak with a victory Wednesday night over the Minnesota Twins.

Redman (11-10) allowed three runs and nine hits for the Royals, who won for the first time since a 7-4 home victory Sept. 16 against Seattle. John Buck went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Joe Nelson worked the ninth for his ninth save, allowing a leadoff homer to Michael Cuddyer.

The victory was the first for Kansas City interim manager Billy Doran (1-5), who is filling in for Buddy Bell. He is still recovering after having his tonsils removed Friday.

Minnesota remained one game behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central with four to play. The Tigers and Twins have clinched playoff berths, but the division champion still has to be decided. If they finish tied, Detroit would win the division title because it won the season series 11-8.

Rondell White was 2-for-3 with two RBIs for Minnesota, which had won four straight.

Carlos Silva (10-15) lasted just four innings for the Twins. The right-hander gave up five runs and six hits, including the two home runs. Silva has allowed 38 homers this season, worst in the major leagues.

The poor start won't help Silva's chances of making Minnesota's postseason rotation. Manager Ron Gardenhire said before the game that the Twins will use four starters for the first round of the playoffs, though it's unclear who will follow Johan Santana and Boof Bonser in the rotation.

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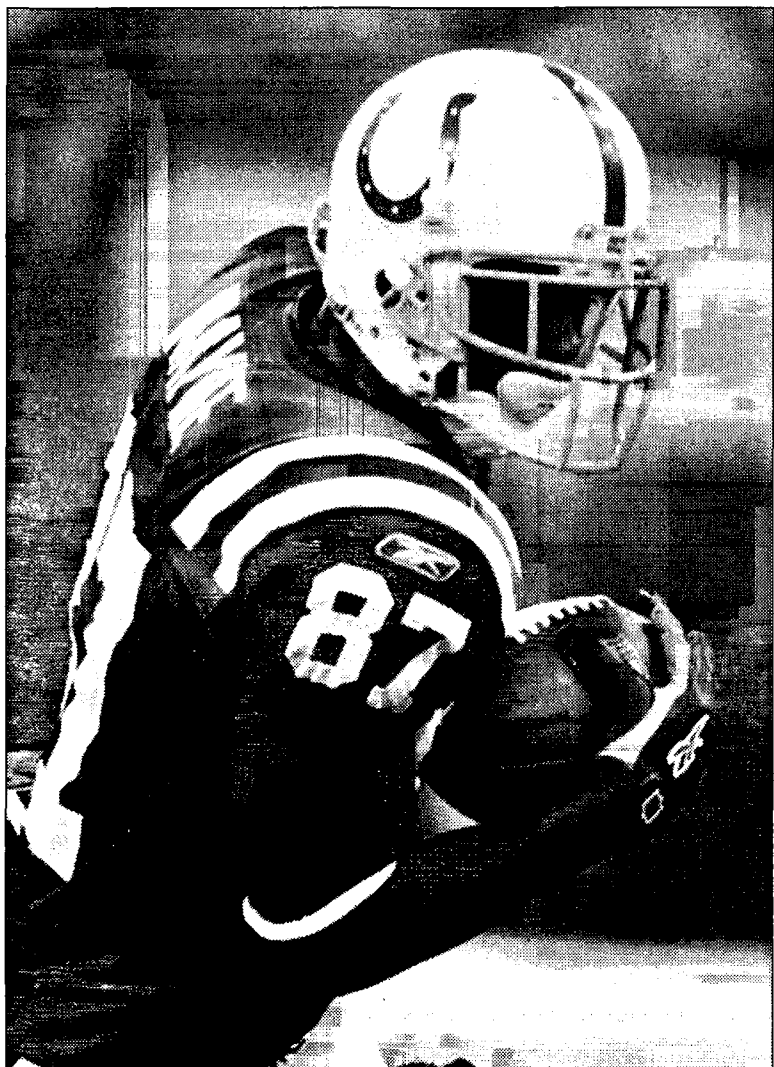
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NFL

Wayne to rejoin team after brother's death



Indianapolis receiver Reggie Wayne makes a reception during Sunday's game against Jacksonville. The Colts won 21-14.

Colts wideout could play Sunday vs. Jets

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts receiver Reggie Wayne is expected to return to Indianapolis on Thursday and could be available to play Sunday against the New York Jets.

Wayne left town Sunday night after finding out his older brother, Rashad, had been killed in a traffic accident that day in Kenner, La. Reggie Wayne has been in Louisiana all week to help the family make funeral arrangements.

"The last conversation I had with him, he said he'd be back in Indianapolis sometime tomorrow," coach Tony Dungy said Wednesday. "Right now, I think he will play."

Dungy was not sure whether Wayne would return in time for Thursday's practice.

Wayne's 32-year-old brother was killed Sunday morning when the delivery truck he was driving crashed into a highway guardrail. Police said Rashad Wayne was pronounced dead at the scene.

Linebacker Cato June, one of Wayne's closest friends, said he thought Wayne would try to play Sunday.

"He's doing as best he can," June said. "If he's feeling well enough, I'm sure he'll come

back and play. If not, everyone understands that family comes first."

Wayne is one of the key components in the Colts' high-scoring offense.

Last year, Wayne caught a career-high 83 passes to lead the Colts. It was the first time someone other than Marvin Harrison led the Colts in receptions since 1998, Manning's rookie season. Harrison had 82 receptions in 2005.

In the first three games this year, Wayne has caught 14 passes for 284 yards and is fourth in the NFL in yards receiving.

Quarterback Peyton Manning said he understood the funeral might be Tuesday,

a day most teams have off in the NFL.

"I have talked to him, and I told him we're praying for him and thinking about him," Manning said. "I know he's

going through a tough time and whatever he wants to do, he'll do. But I expect him to play."

Dungy has said that the team would try to get as many players, coaches and team officials to the funeral in

Louisiana as they could, and he and Manning said they and others wanted to attend.

It's the second tragedy to hit the Colts in less than a year. Last December, Dungy's oldest son, 18-year-old James, committed suicide in a Florida apartment.

"I have talked to him and I told him we're praying for him and thinking about him."

Peyton Manning
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"Right now, I think he will play."

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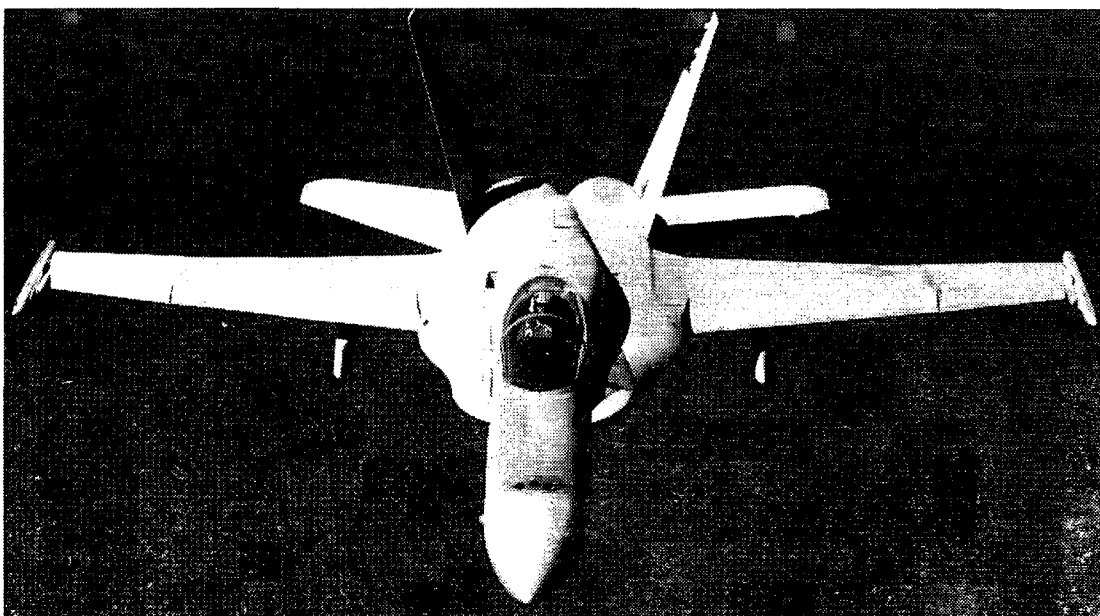
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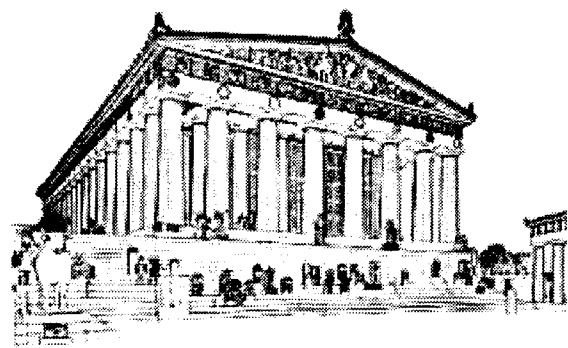
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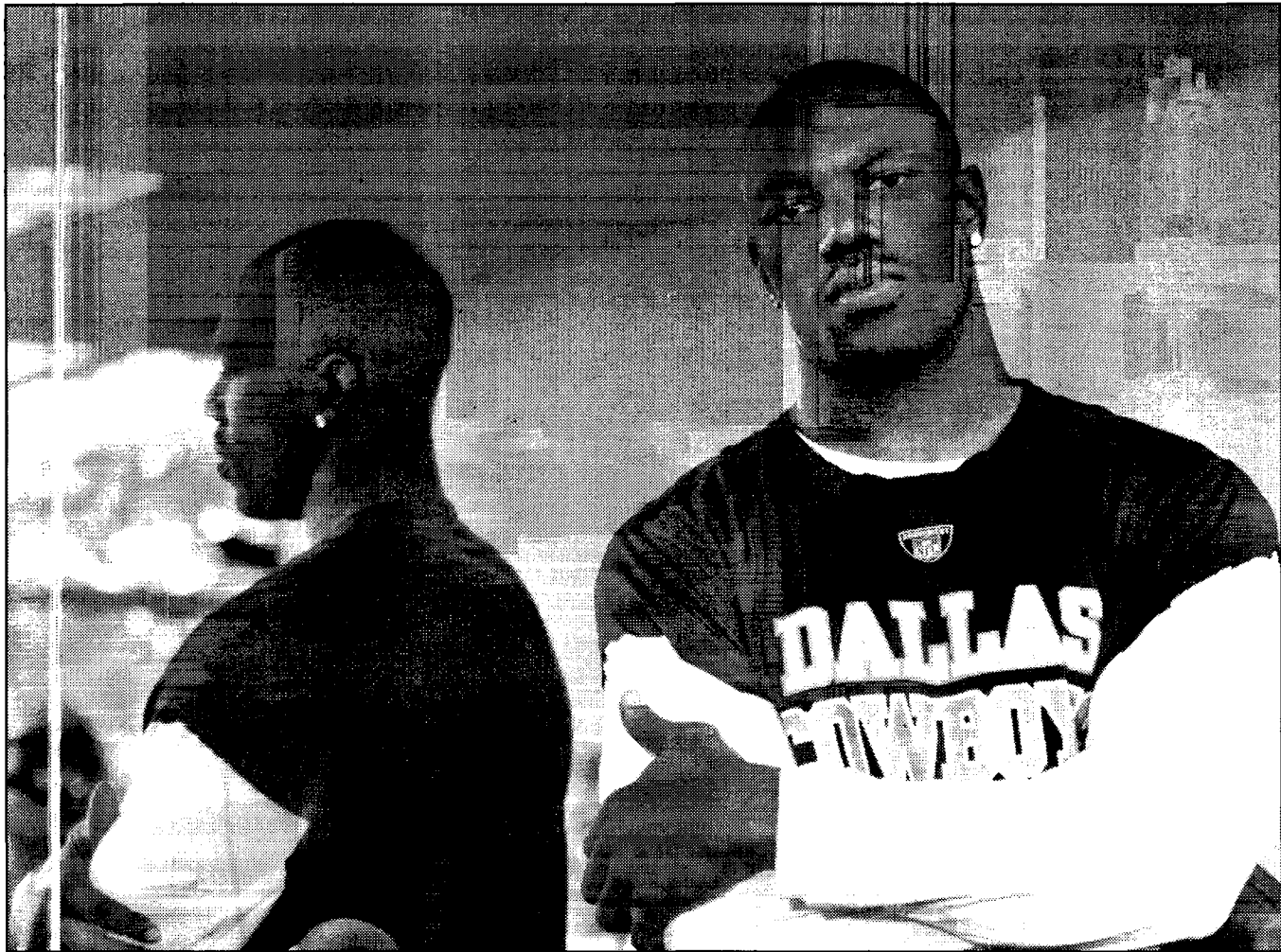
Men's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Top 25

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2 Clemson	8-0-1	1
3 Maryland	8-1-0	6
4 Washington	8-0-0	4
5 Virginia	8-1-0	2
6 South Carolina	8-1-0	11
7 Illinois-Chicago	7-0-2	9
8 North Carolina	8-2-0	18
9 West Virginia	7-1-2	8
10 San Diego	7-1-0	NR
11 Wake Forest	7-2-0	7
12 Old Dominion	7-1-0	13
13 Fordham	6-0-2	12
14 Duke	7-1-1	5
15 Memphis	7-2-0	15
16 South Florida	5-2-2	16
17 NOTRE DAME	5-3-2	NR
18 Santa Clara	5-2-2	NR
19 Central Connecticut	4-2-1	NR
20 Brown	5-1-1	RV
21 James Madison	7-1-0	RV
22 UC Irvine	6-1-1	NR
23 St. John's	6-2-1	NR
24 Colgate	5-0-2	NR
25 UAB	5-3-1	25

MIAA Soccer Standings

team	league record	overall record
1 Calvin	2-0-0	10-0-0
2 Adrian	1-0-0	3-5-0
3 Olivet	1-0-0	3-5-0
4 Saint Mary's	1-0-0	2-5-0
5 Albion	1-1-0	8-3-0
6 Kalamazoo	1-1-0	4-3-0
7 Hope	0-1-0	3-5-1
8 Tri-State	0-2-0	0-8-0
9 Alma	0-2-0	2-7-0

NFL



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens stands by as his publicist speaks at a press conference Wednesday. A police report filed Tuesday night claimed that Owens attempted suicide by overdosing on painkillers.

T.O. denies report of suicide attempt

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens denied a police report Wednesday that he attempted suicide, saying he became groggy after mixing painkillers with supplements.

As if to prove he's doing fine, Owens went from the hospital to catching passes from quarterback Drew Bledsoe within two hours, then proclaimed himself "very capable of going out there and playing on Sunday" — despite whatever happened Tuesday night and a broken right hand.

Owens said the confu-

sion likely stemmed from an empty bottle of pain medication found by his publicist, who was with him at the time and called 911. He said the rest of the pills were in a drawer.

"I was non-responsive when she made that call," Owens said. "She made the call out of her judgment for my well-being."

Appearing in a news conference at team headquarters a few hours after leaving a hospital for what a police report described as "a drug overdose," Owens wore workout gear and no bandage on his right hand. The star receiver smiled and seemed more amused than

peevish at the latest ruckus surrounding him.

Owens, 32, blamed a combination of hydrocodone, a generic form of Vicodin, with all-natural supplements for making him ill.

"It's very unfortunate for it to go from an allergic reaction to a suicide attempt," he said.

Rescue workers arrived at Owens' home around 8 p.m. Tuesday and took him to an emergency room. When word spread, publicist Kim Etheredge said it was an allergic reaction.

But the story shifted Wednesday morning when several media outlets

received a police report — that had yet to be released by the authorities — saying Owens had attempted suicide by overdosing on the painkillers, even putting two more pills into his mouth after an unidentified friend, later identified as Etheredge, intervened.

The police document, first reported by WFAA-TV, said Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time [he] stated: 'Yes.'"

"I was kind of out of it," Owens said. "I can barely even remember the doctors, much less the police officers asking me questions."

IN BRIEF

Chargers safety admits to shipping cough syrup

SAN DIEGO — Chargers strong safety Terrence Kiel admitted to shipping at least two parcels of prescription cough syrup to Texas, DEA officials said Wednesday, a day after the player was arrested at team headquarters.

While Kiel did not tell the DEA his motive, the agency in Texas has found widespread abuse of codeine-based cough syrup mixed with soft drinks or drugs and referred to as "lean," said John S. Fernandes, the special agent in charge of the San Diego office. A pint bottle of "lean" can cost between \$200 and \$325 on the street, he said.

Kiel grew up in Lufkin and played at Texas A&M.

Kiel was arrested on two counts of transporting a controlled substance and three counts of possession for sale of a controlled substance. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday.

Colts punter, ex-ND player apologizes for trash talk

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts punter Hunter Smith apologized Wednesday for adding fuel to a growing trash-talking rivalry between Indianapolis and Jacksonville.

After Indy beat Jacksonville 21-14 on Sunday, Smith likened the Jaguars to a standup comic who uses vulgarity and lacks class.

Smith said what set him off were the personal fouls called against the Jaguars. It was the second straight games between the AFC South foes in which Jacksonville drew multiple penalties for personal fouls.

"As football players, I think it's our responsibility to be models of sportsmanship and on-field integrity to everyone, especially to kids," Smith said. "I get frustrated when I don't see that. We have issues of that on the Colts and it's on every team. I apologize for saying that, it was an off-the-cuff statement."

Burton still focused despite recent success

DOVER, Del. — Even with his winless drought over and a spot on top of the points standings for the first time since 1999 secured, Jeff Burton's sleepless nights likely won't end.

"I haven't lost sleep because I haven't won," Burton said. "I know that's difficult to understand. As miserable as I am sometimes, I'm not good at enjoying the moment. But the positive to that is, I don't relish on the bad either."

The winless streak was bewildering for someone who used to be considered one of NASCAR's more promising drivers: 175 races, no victories, two teams, and one question mark about his spot at Richard Childress Racing.

Burton said the only ingredient needed to turn around his career was the same one he used to pass Matt Kenseth with six laps left to win at Dover International Speedway: patience.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 2 ranked Auburn hits the road to face S. Carolina

Gamecocks will try to end Tigers' win streak

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Steve Spurrier doesn't have the championships or the stars at South Carolina that he did at Florida. Still, Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville took some extra steps to prepare for the crafty ball coach.

The second-ranked Tigers (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) face Spurrier and South Carolina (3-1, 1-1) on Thursday night. With a short work week to prepare for the Gamecocks, Tuberville had his staff study tape of Spurrier's offensive schemes a week ago to get a jump on things.

Extra work? Aren't these the same Gamecocks who were shutout by Georgia and barely held on for a 27-20 victory against Division I-AA Wofford? The South Carolina team that lost 48-7 at Auburn a year ago?

"He's still Steve," Tuberville said. "He is still going to want to do some things a little different. ... He'll try and trick you here and there. He is a fun guy to prepare for."

Spurrier laughs that off. He says he's cut down his playbook just so his team can move the ball a little.

"We couldn't hit anything down field the first couple of weeks so we decided, 'Hey, there's no sense practicing all this all week. Can't hit it anyway,'" Spurrier said.

The Gamecocks showed some signs of life last week with Sidney Rice catching a school-record five touchdown passes in a 45-6 rout of Florida Atlantic.

Auburn, though, is third in the country in scoring defense after surrendering only a field goal in its first two SEC games. The Tigers have beaten 19 of their past 20 league opponents — accomplishing much of that with a salty defense that does not allow standouts like Rice the freedom to make plays.

Gamecock receiver Mike West was a junior college teammate of Auburn corner-back David Irons. West said Irons would likely chatter away at Rice to get him off his game.

Rice, who has 16 catches for 312 yards the past two games, says he's ready. "I don't let anybody get in my head," he said.

All of Auburn's defenders, Tuberville said, will be well

aware of Rice. "He's a guy that can win ballgames for them. He's very dangerous," the coach said. "We'll do a lot of talking about him this week in scouting reports."

This will be the third game that Syvelle Newton starts at quarterback for the Gamecocks. South Carolina had only managed 15 points —

and just five catches and no touchdowns by Rice — in its opening two games with Blake Mitchell starting at quarterback. Since Newton took over, the Gamecocks have put up 72 points and Rice has got his season going.

The Gamecocks will also have pay close attention to David Irons' brother, Kenny, the former

South Carolina back who's become a Tigers star after languishing on the bench at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Irons leads the SEC in rushing yards per game — and he could have a strong desire to add to that total against his former school.

"I think he will look at this as an opportunity to play against some former teammates, go back to where he started. Other than that, after the first few plays it won't make a lot of difference," Tuberville said.

Irons can't wait to see the stadium he last stood in three years ago.

"It's like playing at LSU in Baton Rouge. It's real loud," he said. "At South Carolina, their fans are so dedicated. They're loud whether the team's doing bad or good."

Some Auburn players see the prime-time special as the chance to keep themselves in the minds of poll voters — and college football fans — as the team that belongs in the national title game.

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Tommy Tuberville
Auburn head coach

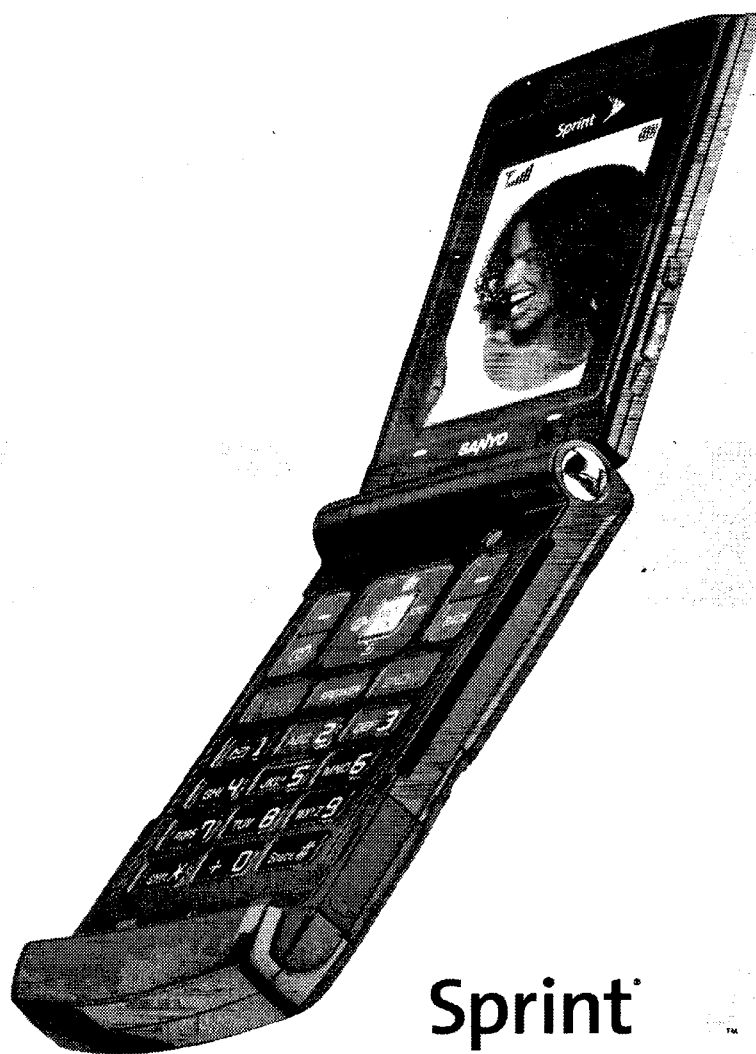
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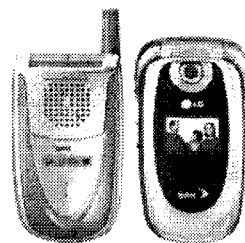


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NFL

Martial arts help Marshall alum

Pennington turns to karate to improve skill

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD — While sitting at home recovering from his second shoulder surgery last winter, Chad Pennington was watching tape of some of his passes. Something suddenly clicked.

"The one thing that the shoulder injury did do for me, and really having two shoulder injuries, it really showed some flaws in my mechanics," the New York Jets quarterback said

Wednesday. "I always thought I used my body well to throw, but I really didn't."

"I was really an arm thrower, and that's why the ball would die on me a lot."

The balls are flying for Pennington now, and he credits videotape and karate for helping him become one of the NFL's top passers this season going into Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts. Always knocked for not having enough arm strength or zip on his passes, Pennington has shown quite a bit more of both this season — even after two shoulder operations.

"My feet somehow weren't planted in the ground when I was throwing and the ball would flutter," Pennington said. "So I really had to look at that, look at some film and break it down. My dad helped me look at that. He's seen me throw for 30 years, so he looked at that, too."

During his rehabilitation this offseason, Pennington focused on rebuilding the strength in his arm as well as perfecting his mechanics. He watched films of John Elway and other strong-armed quarterbacks, and saw that they used their lower bodies and turned their hips more than he had.

So, Pennington incorporated karate into his workouts, thinking it might help.

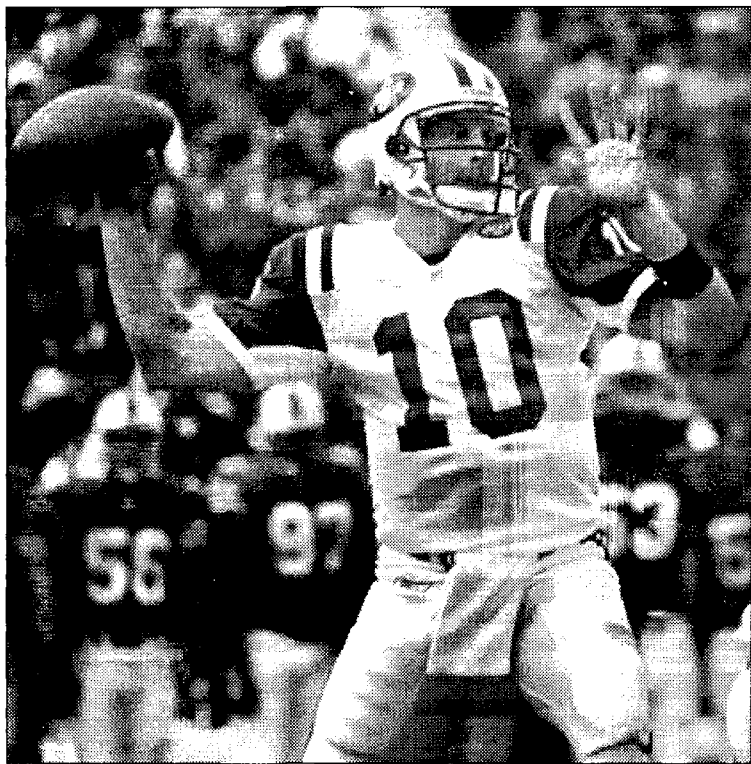
"Throwing a punch is similar to throwing a football," he said. "When you really break it down, and when you really look at it, it's really similar."

While he's far from being a Karate Kid, Pennington still uses martial arts as part of his workout routine.

"What karate has done for me has helped show me how important a good base and good foundation is, how to incorporate those hips and your core to throwing a football," he said.

One karate chop at a time, it's all worked so far. Pennington said he would like to think he's throwing better and with more velocity than he did even before the surgeries.

"If my quarterback likes to think that, then it is that," wide receiver Laveranues Coles said with a smile. "Whatever he says, it is. He gets no discrepancies from me."



Jets quarterback Chad Pennington throws a pass Sunday against Buffalo. The Jets won 28-20. AP

NCAA FOOTBALL

Rice leads Rutgers to unbeaten start

Tailback is fourth in nation with 604 yards

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY — Ray Rice planned to play for Syracuse, a decision he made early in the recruiting process.

But when the Orange changed coaches, Rice had second thoughts — which Rutgers coach Greg Schiano viewed as a second chance at getting the talented tailback to play in New Jersey.

"I got the sense that something might be going on up there around their bowl game," Schiano said. "I said if it happens, we've got to take a run at Ray. As soon as that happened, I called him personally, because we felt we had missed the opportunity because he'd committed so early."

Schiano was the first coach to contact Rice, trying to sell the player on a program that had been languishing at the bottom of Division I-A for years.

Rice hopped on board and quickly became an integral part of the rebirth of Rutgers football. With Rice leading the way, the unbeaten Scarlet Knights (4-0) are ranked for the first time in 30 years and cellar-dwellers in the Big East no more.

"When you meet a coach who really cares about a program, you want to buy into what he's preaching," Rice said. "I came and visited with my mother, and it was an unofficial visit, but he didn't rush us out of there. He had flights scheduled depending on what time I could come. I thought, 'This guy's putting other stuff on hold so he can sit down and talk to me.'"

The speedy Rice ran for 1,120 yards as a freshman last season, and through four games this season is fourth in the nation with 604 yards. He is on a pace to smash J.J. Jennings' single-season school mark of 1,353 yards set 33 years ago.

The rest of the Scarlet Knights are also poised to better last year's breakthrough performance. A season after appearing in their first bowl game in 27 years, the Knights head into Friday's game at South Florida looking to go 5-0 for the first time since their perfect 1976

season.

The addition of Rice to a backfield that already included versatile fullback Brian Leonard has formed one of the country's most potent tandems. Leonard is a bruising runner who leads the team with 16 receptions and is in the top 10 among active Division I-A players in career touchdowns (40), rushing attempts (585), receptions (169), rushing touchdowns (27) and rushing yards (2,352).

Their running styles are as dissimilar as their body types: at 6-feet-2 and 235 pounds, Leonard has five inches and 40 pounds on Rice, whose nickname is "Sizzle."

"He's big, fast and he runs over people," Rice said. "I'm small and short, and quick. He's a great role model. He does it by example, not vocally."

Leonard first saw Rice play at Rutgers Stadium in the Governor's Bowl, a game pitting high school all-star teams from New York and New Jersey.

"He made some awesome plays in that game," Leonard recalled. "I didn't expect him to come in and make the same plays right away in college, but he did."

Their bond extends beyond football.

Leonard, a fifth-year senior from Upstate New York, also considered attending Syracuse but was persuaded by Schiano to help rebuild a program that ended a 25-game Big East losing streak in 2003.

Landing Rice, a native of New Rochelle, N.Y., a suburb just north of New York City that Syracuse has always recruited well, was another sign of the shift in power Schiano has helped orchestrate in the East.

Offensive linemen Pedro Sosa and Jeremy Zuttah, two blue-chippers, turned down offers from more successful programs to stay in New Jersey and play for Rutgers.

Along with center Darnell Stapleton, a JUCO transfer from nearby Union, they anchor a unit that helped Rutgers rush for 1,947 yards last season, the most for a Scarlet Knights team since 1995. Leonard and Rice combined for 1,860.



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NFL

Vick near bottom of passing stats

Falcons quarterback among worst in league

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — This looks familiar: Three weeks into the season, Michael Vick is mired near the bottom of the NFL's passing stats.

His rating: 23rd.

His yards: 28th.

His completions: 47 percent.

"I know everybody is going to look at the stats and say it looks bad for me," the Falcons quarterback said Wednesday after a two-hour practice. "But this is a team game. Everyone has to do their job. And I don't feed into the stats book. I just want to be credited for wins and losses."

In that respect, the Falcons (2-1) are off to a good start, beating a couple of NFC South foes before losing to New Orleans in the emotionally charged reopening of the Superdome.

While the Monday night defeat can easily be attributed to the Saints' passion in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, it raised a common red flag for the Atlanta offense. When the Falcons have trouble running the ball, are Vick and those around him capable of winning the game through the air?

Not against New Orleans. Vick completed only 12 of 31 passes for 137 yards, though his numbers were skewed by at least five drops — including a certain touchdown that slipped away from normally sure-handed tight end Alge Crumpler.

For the season, Vick has connected on 32 of 68 throws for 369 yards, with three touchdowns and one interception. Those numbers look downright puny alongside quarterbacks such as Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, who has thrown for a league-leading 960 yards.

"I'm extremely happy with Mike. It's difficult not to be happy with Mike," Falcons coach Jim Mora insisted. "There's no column on the statistic sheet for dropped passes.

It just shows completions, attempts, percentage and rating. When the receivers drop the ball, the numbers are not going to look as good. And our receivers dropped some balls the other night."

Atlanta's wins over Carolina and Tampa Bay were powered by a dominant running game that prominently featured Vick. But the Saints were not fooled by the shotgun option that so confused the Buccaneers, limiting the Falcons to 117 yards on the ground — less than half of what they averaged in the first two games. Vick, in fact, was the team's top rusher with 57 yards.

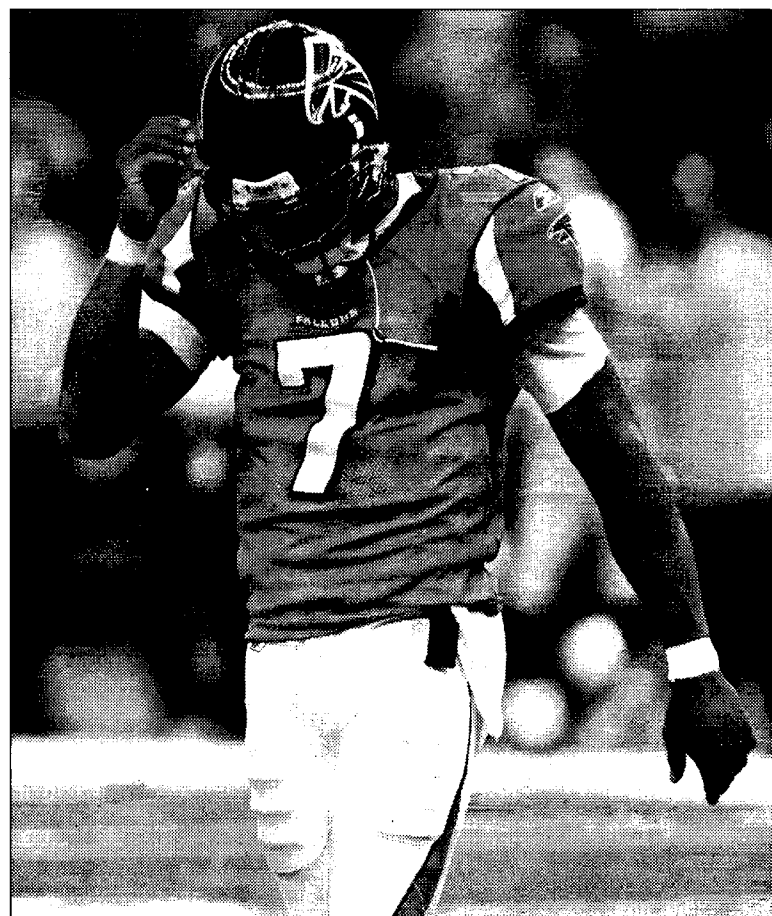
Of course, the Falcons knew they weren't going to put up a rushing average of 279 yards over a 16-game season. The passing game would have to take on a bigger role, and Mora is pleased with Vick's progress in the West Coast-style offense that gave him trouble the last two years.

"It's better, a lot better," the coach said. "It's a lot better from the standpoint of decision-making, timing, breaking down the progressions, knowing where to go with the ball a lot quicker. The problem Monday night was we dropped five passes. And New Orleans covered well. They got their hands in there and knocked a lot of balls out."

The protection for Vick was another concern. The Falcons' undersized line is better suited for the zone blocking schemes of the running game. When playing off their heels, the guys up front often have trouble setting up an effective pocket around No. 7.

The Saints sacked Vick five times and smacked him around on nine passes he did get away.

The Falcons may have gotten away from their running game a little too quickly, trying to catch up through the air after the Saints jumped to a 14-3 lead in the first quarter. And there were more struggles in the red zone; Going into Sunday's home game against the Arizona Cardinals (1-2), Atlanta has gone more than 6



Falcons quarterback Michael Vick walks off the field in the Superdome after a 23-3 loss to the Saints Monday night.

1/2 quarters without scoring a touchdown.

"It is a very real concern, but we feel like we can get through it," Mora said. "We will get through it."

The Falcons have been a run-oriented team since Mora took over as coach in 2004. They led the league in rushing the last two seasons and are on the way to doing it again, which partially explains Vick's ordinary passing stats. He ranked 21st in passing efficiency in 2004, when Atlanta reached the NFC championship game, and dropped to 25th last season.

Vick said he's still getting used to a relatively new group of receivers.

Michael Jenkins is in his second year as a starter. Roddy White is in his second year, period. Ashley Lelie is still learning the offense after being

acquired from Denver during the preseason.

"We're still working hard together," Vick said. "This is really our first year together with the crew we have out there now. We're still working on our chemistry."

And how long will it take to get there?

"It's not going to happen overnight," Vick said. "Maybe it will be all year long. Maybe halfway through the year we'll have it down."

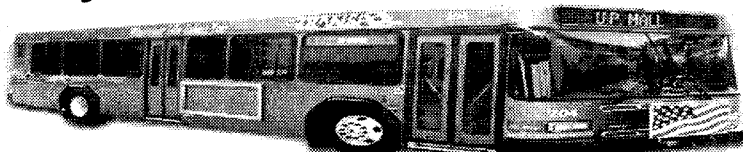
Mora is confident that Vick's passing numbers will look much better by the time the season is done.

"If you take the emotion out of it and just try to gauge where we are, I like the progress we are making in the passing game," Mora said. "It's not reflected in the numbers yet, but it will be as we go through the year."

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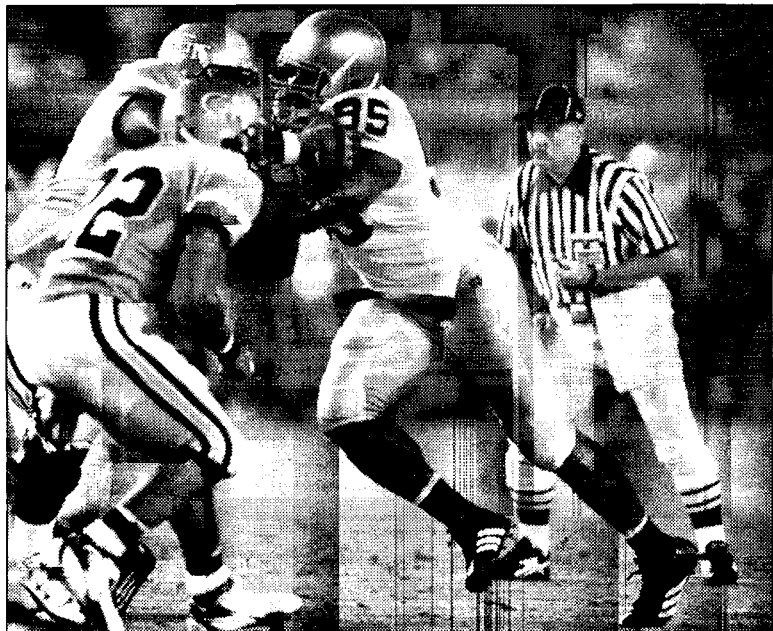


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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Notre Dame defensive end Victor Abiamiri applies pressure against Georgia Tech in the 14-10 Irish win Sept. 2.

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Fields.

Last year Lewis was one of the most dominant teams in Interhall, entering the playoffs as a No. 3 seed. This season the team says it has played well, but the Chicks haven't always seen the results they've hoped for.

"Although the first couple games have been tough, they have been good learning experiences," Chicks captain Mia De La Rosa said. "Lewis is ready to come out and play this weekend."

The Chicks lost a 6-0, season-opening heartbreaker to Howard.

The following week, Lewis took on McGlinn, falling to the Shamrocks 6-0 — a team that Breen-Phillips defeated 25-6 last Thursday.

The Babes' season got off to a rough start after facing several of Interhall's top squads. The Babes fell to last year's champions — Pasquerilla West — in their first game 20-0, the BP defense unable to stop the quick Purple Weasel offense.

But last week, the Babes started to turn things around. The offense used a short-pass strategy to put 25 points on the board against McGlinn, while the defense easily handled the Shamrocks' offense.

Breen-Phillips has a young squad this year, forcing practices to focus on teaching the freshmen the unique game of women's interhall football.

"We have a young group this year," said captain Megan Olhenforst.

"But from our practice we have started to learn how to come together to get the job done."

McGlinn vs. Pangborn

With a young team filled with freshmen, McGlinn has used its practice time to teach its young players the responsibilities for their new positions.

"We have gotten through their heads what their jobs are," McGlinn captain Madeline Boyer said.

The Shamrocks hope this extra practice will help them rebound from a tough 25-6 loss to Breen-Phillips Sunday when they play Pangborn tonight at 9 p.m. on Riehle Field.

"We have worked on running routes and teaching [the freshmen] so they know their jobs more clearly," Boyer said.

Pangborn has good reason to be confident stepping onto the field tonight. The Phoxes' 20-6 win over Howard on Sunday displayed an impressive defensive performance, including five interceptions by Meghan Bescher and a late-starting but potent offensive attack also led by Bescher.

"We have worked on running through the offense in practice in hopes of getting off to a better start than the first half of the last game," Phox captain Katie Riemersma said.

Pangborn does not plan to change much of its defensive strategy.

The Phoxes hope to continue putting pressure on the opposing offense — a plan that has been effective so far this season.

But with the Shamrocks working to improve their own defense, the Phoxes will have to work harder to find the seams against McGlinn.

The inexperienced McGlinn offense has also been practicing hard this week in preparation for Bescher's uncanny knack for the interception.

"I think the offense is more in tune with each other," Boyer said. "We [want] to start off with a bang and give Pangborn a little unexpected competition."

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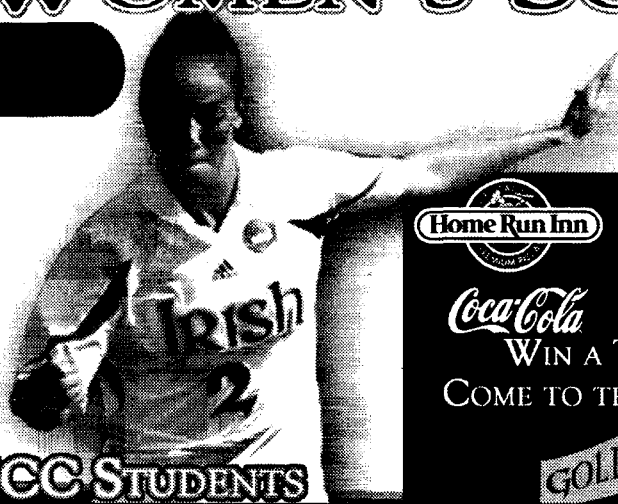
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"Joe Lapira is Joe Lapira. He scores goals," said Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. "He's a one man wrecking crew at the moment."

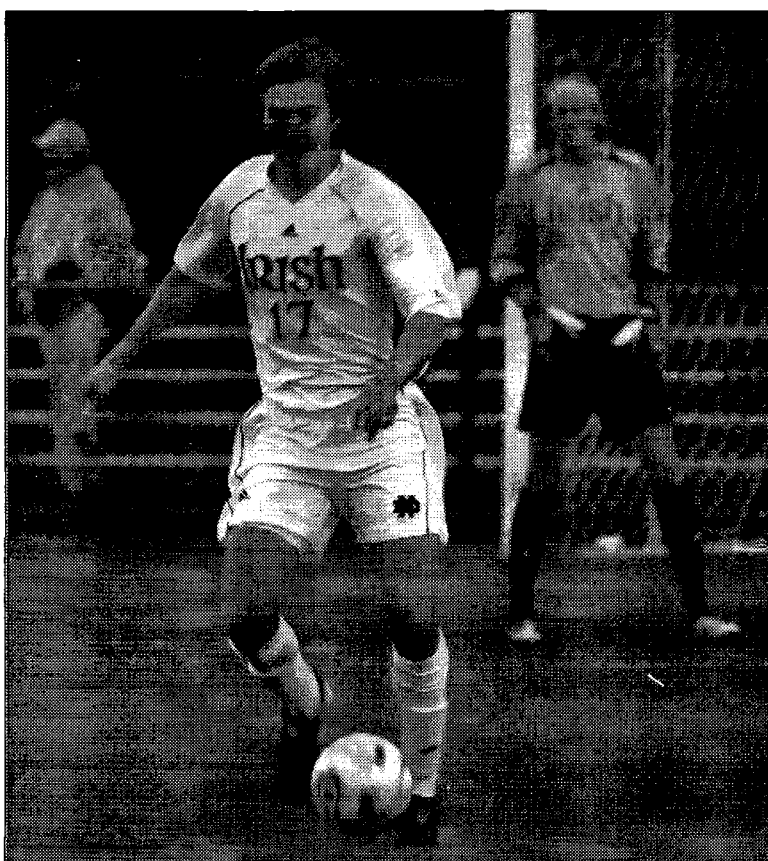
Lapira played the entire first half for only the second time this season. Previously, Clark has elected to use more of a four-man rotation up top with Lapira, Justin McGeeney, Kurt Martin and Bright Dike.

"We wanted to emphasize the game wasn't over," Clark said. "[Lapira] is just such an important player to the team at the moment, and we wanted the team to know that the game was still alive."

It wouldn't be until the 73rd minute that Notre Dame put the game away for good. Senior midfielder Nate Norman scored a brilliant individual goal after he weaved his way through multiple defenders and unleashed a shot into the corner of the goal from just inside the penalty area. Norman, who leads the team in assists, put his name on the scorers chart for the first time this season.

"Once Norman's goal went in, that was it for [Marquette]," Clark said. "There was no way back."

Dike put the finishing touches on the game, scoring Notre Dame's final goal in the 82nd minute. After muscling his defender out of the way to control a ball out of the air, the sophomore forward took a



Irish defender Matt Besler dribbles upfield in Notre Dame's win over Marquette Wednesday at Alumni Field.

touch toward goal and ripped a shot from just inside the 18-yard box into the lower corner of the net.

"We followed up well [from Saturday's win over Pittsburgh]," Clark said. "It was as comprehensive a 90 minutes as we've played all season."

The Irish, who have won two consecutive Big East games, have built up some momentum just in time for Saturday's showdown with Seton Hall. The Pirates are currently in fourth

place in the Blue Division, one spot ahead of Notre Dame.

Notes:

♦ Senior midfielder Ian Etherington did not play in Wednesday night's game after suffering a deep bone bruise against Pittsburgh on Saturday. Sophomore Cory Rellas started in Etherington's place. Clark did not know how long Etherington would be out.

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Goals

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on goal, besting Marquette by a margin of 19-9. Notre Dame leads the Big East in shots with 196. Meanwhile, Marquette — in the Big East cellar with a 1-9-1 overall mark — has managed only 79 shots in its 11 games, while allowing opponents to tally 166.

Notre Dame, conference leader in corner kicks, out-shot Marquette seven to three. For the season, it holds a 79-33 advantage.

Not surprisingly, Notre Dame also holds a slight lead in total goals scored. After Wednesday's four-spot, the Irish — who score in bunches when they score at all — have surpassed West Virginia for the conference lead in goals scored with 22. Going into and coming out of Wednesday night's game, the Golden Eagles have just seven goals — a number one higher than the amount of times they have been shut out.

However, to see goals scored, a game against Marquette might still be the best bet. With 24 goals allowed, the Golden Eagles are at the bottom of the league.

Surprisingly, head coach Bobby Clark didn't label Marquette Notre Dame's weakest opponent.

"I don't think it was the easiest team we've played [this] year," he said. "I think we've actually lost to teams that have been easier than that. ... We lost to UAB, and we dominated that one as much as this one."

For much of the game, Notre Dame's main concern was to avoid putting it into

cruise control against a visibly inferior opponent. Even though the Irish took an early 2-0 lead, Clark left goal-scorer Lapira in the game until the 61st minute. Wednesday marked only the second game — and the second in a row — that Lapira had played the entire first half.

"When you score early, it's easy to get in the mindset that game is over," Clark said. "Suddenly they get a goal, and suddenly the whole thing changes. We wanted to put

the game to bed." The Irish weren't able to "put the game to bed" until the 72nd minute — well after Lapira and fellow starting forward Justin McGeeney had ended their nights.

Midfielder Nate Norman dribbled through a handful of Marquette defenders and fired it in from 15 yards to give the Irish a three-point lead with 18 minutes to play.

"Once that went in, it was no way back [for Marquette]," Clark said.

The Notre Dame bench would not be excluded from putting one past Golden Eagle keeper

Marc Dettmann, and Bright Dike beat him in the 82nd minute for Notre Dame's final goal.

With the way they played and the talent disparities between the two teams, the Irish probably could have put up even more goals Wednesday night.

Clark, however, had no reason to be anything but pleased.

"Let's be honest, I'll settle for four goals," he said, laughing. "If I was guaranteed four goals every week, I'd be happy."

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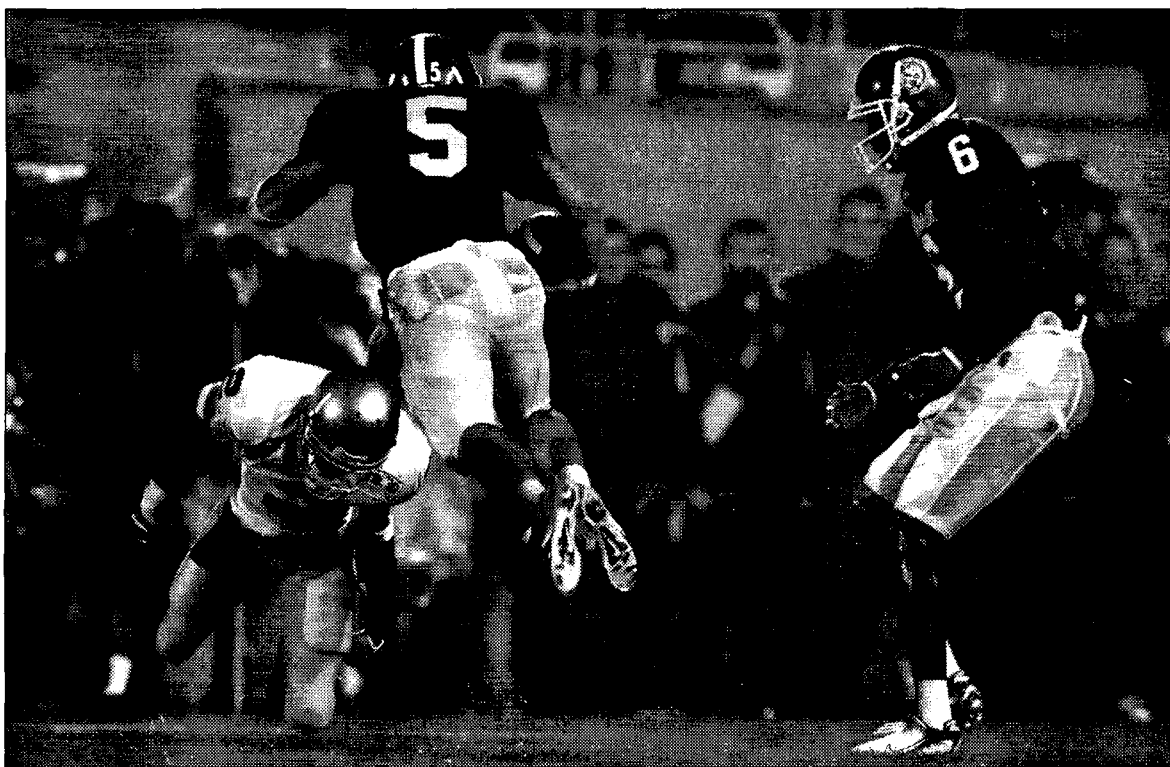
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SKY HIGH



Irish cornerback Darrin Walls, left, dives at Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton, center, during Notre Dame's 40-37 win over Michigan State Sept. 23.

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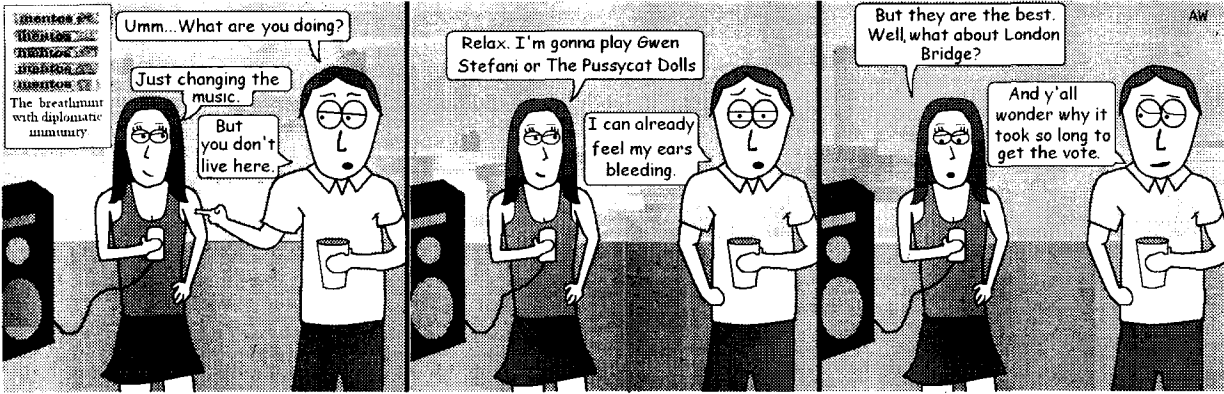
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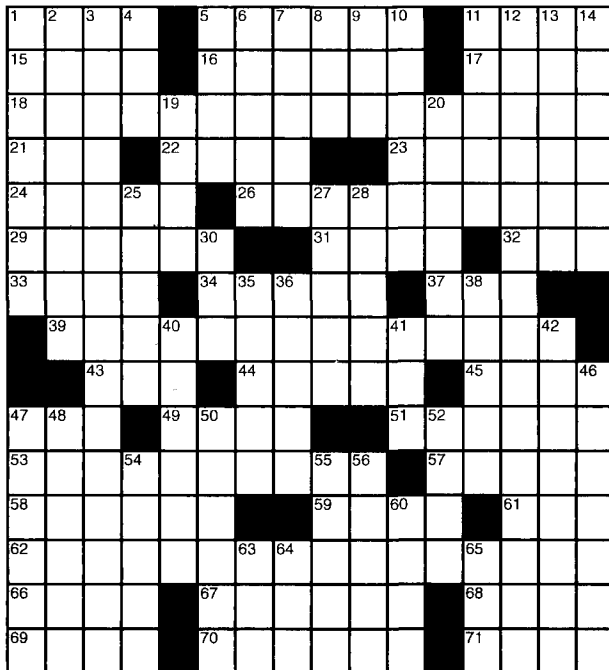
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- ACROSS
- 1 Archie Barker's word before "fatso"
- 5 Spike in low temperatures
- 11 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 15 Declined
- 16 Like some mutual funds
- 17 Say it loud, say it proud
- 18 How to make an answer on "Jeopardy!"?
- 21 Fighting Tigers of the N.C.A.A.
- 22 ___ Freed, the so-called Father of Rock and Roll
- 23 Bread, for one
- 24 Words of concurrence
- 26 King's specialty?
- 29 Classic group of 12
- 31 Certain girder
- 32 Some journalism grads, for short
- 33 Sponsorship: Var.
- 34 Poem title start
- 37 Sydney's home: Abbr.
- 39 How to score in basketball from close up?
- 43 Decryption org.
- 44 Any of the dwarfs in "Snow White"
- 45 Geometrical finding
- 47 Merchandise ID
- 49 Tach readings
- 51 Blush
- 53 Small business person
- 57 Kind of question
- 58 Sojourn
- 59 "Unfaithful" co-star, 2002
- 61 Div. of Scotland Yard
- 62 How the murderer kneels in a whodunit?
- 66 Autobahn sight
- 67 Frank's partner in the comics
- 68 Some pump it
- 69 Margret and H. A., creators of Curious George
- 70 Bagpipe sounds
- 71 Take-out order?

DOWN

- 1 Cut off
- 2 Ion symbol
- 3 Ball field?
- 4 Prefix with meter
- 5 Like some crossings: Abbr.
- 6 Roomie
- 7 Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"
- 8 Chicken on a menu
- 9 Batting instructor Charlie
- 10 Early capital of Macedonia
- 11 In base 8
- 12 Red square
- 13 Drove (around)
- 14 One side in baseball negotiations
- 19 "April Love" composer Sammy
- 20 Rears
- 25 Spars
- 27 Suppress
- 28 Dog treat
- 30 Tofu base



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- 35 Actor Jean-Claude Van ___
- 36 Group mailing tool
- 38 Summer refuge
- 40 Bodega setting
- 41 [This is very annoying]
- 42 Tiger Beat cover subject
- 46 Soother
- 47 Hullabaloo
- 48 Sneak peek, modern-style
- 50 Beat in wrestling
- 52 Got a load of
- 54 Romeo's rival
- 55 Mount ___
- 56 Pee Wee of the big league
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Avril Lavigne, 22; Stephan Jenkins, 42; Shaun Cassidy, 48; Meat Loaf, 59

Happy Birthday: Act swiftly and you'll have no regrets. It's when you decide to flip back and forth that you run into trouble. You can change your direction professionally but don't do so for the wrong reason. Your numbers are 13, 15, 29, 31, 38, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Join forces with someone you love, trust or want to form a partnership with. This is the perfect day to talk commitment, deals or even money issues that may have caused problems in the past. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You aren't thinking too clearly today. Take that as a forewarning. You are likely to be financially impractical if you mix love and money. Someone you meet through work will show interest in you. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try your hardest, do your best and don't let love get you down. You will be emotional, flippant and probably equally to blame for any incident that develops today. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be in a creative cycle so don't waste time arguing with people about what you want to do. Instead, quietly go about your business and present your plans when they are complete. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got everyone's attention so why cause problems for yourself by exaggerating. Stick to facts and everyone will have far more respect for you. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Think about ways to make your life easier -- a better method or service for your home that will ease your workload. Then you will be able to make better decisions and put more effort into doing what's most important. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being wishy-washy will only make people think you are incompetent. Be more assertive. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be inclined to take on too much or promise more than you should. Step back and look at the possibilities. Lots of changes can be expected with friends, children and your professional direction. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keeping secrets will not be your forte today. Be careful not to let someone talk you into doing or saying things you'll regret later. You will disappoint someone if you can't respect his or her wishes. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things will not be as they appear. Don't trust that someone will tell you the truth or that you will be able to ferret out the information you require to make a decision. Sit tight and refuse to let anyone take over. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Things are looking good and a turn of events will put you in a winning position. Money can be made. A commitment to someone you really want to be with will ensure that you spend more time together. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Nothing will be etched in stone. You don't have to stick to a game plan if it isn't working for you. Speak from the heart. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are clever, witty and know how to get what you want. You will go to great lengths to keep the peace and to see that everyone is playing fair. You are strong-willed and determined but don't push others to be the same as you.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

The Finest hope to rebound against Ducks

By KATE DONLIN and SARAH THOMAS
Sports Writers

Farley's Finest seek their first victory of the season as they take on Howard at 7 p.m. tonight at Riehle West Field.

Farley has faced a tough schedule early on in the season, playing both teams from last year's Interhall champi-

onship game — Pangborn and Pasquerilla West — in its opening matchups.

In its first game, Farley lost a 6-0 heartbreaker to the Phoxes in a defensive battle. The following Sunday, the Finest were plagued by penalties and lost 20-0 against a tough Purple Weasel defense.

Despite the rocky start, Farley captain Kim Crehan has been able to take something

positive away from the first couple games.

"The first two games helped us realize what we need to improve on, and we have had a couple practices this week to prepare," she said.

The Ducks say they have improved after their 0-5-1 record last year.

In its opening game, Howard managed to shut out Lewis on its way to a 6-0 victory. The

Ducks realized they needed to spark their offense if they wanted to be successful this season. But despite its best efforts, Howard was unable to contain the quick Pangborn offense Sunday. The disappointing 20-6 result gave the Ducks their first loss of the season.

That won't satisfy the Ducks this week.

"We have mostly been work-

ing on our offense in practice and trying to be more consistent in terms of our attack," Howard captain Catherine Krug said.

Breen-Phillips vs. Lewis

Lewis hopes to reap the benefits of weeks of intense practice when it takes on Breen-Phillips tonight at 8 p.m. at Riehle West

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MEN'S SOCCER

Golden goals

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Unlike many of its games this season, Notre Dame's game against Marquette was never in doubt.

The Irish scored goals on two of their first three shots and never looked back, cruising to a 4-0 victory Wednesday night at Alumni Field.

With the win, Notre Dame improved its record to 6-3-2 (4-2-0 Big East) on the season. By picking up three conference points, the Irish will — at worst — remain alone in fifth place in the Big East Blue Division, and they have a chance to catch either Seton Hall or Providence.

Like many other Irish opponents this season, Marquette was unable to stop Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira. With goals in the second and eleventh minutes, Lapira



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Irish striker Joseph Lapira, right, guards the ball from Marquette defender Mike Carlson in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over the Golden Eagles Wednesday. Lapira scored twice in the victory.

If routs can be called pedestrian, then Wednesday night's contest was certainly a pedestrian game.

Notre Dame (6-3-2, 4-2-0) controlled an outmatched Marquette team, getting two goals from forward Joseph Lapira in the first 11 minutes on its way to topping the Golden Eagles 4-0.

Truth is, Notre Dame had no acceptable alternative but to dominate the Golden Eagles.

Statistically, the two units are on the opposite poles of the Big East record book, and that fact played out Wednesday night.

The Irish dominated in shots

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's, Cusack try to stay successful against Bethel

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After an impressive first half of the season, Saint Mary's will look to continue its success when the second half begins tonight at 7 p.m. at Bethel.

The Belles concluded the first half of the season with a 3-1 win over MIAA opponent Tri-State on Tuesday — improving the team's conference record to 4-2 on the year. Senior Kristen Playko posted 26 digs and a match-high 19 kills to lead the Saint Mary's offensive effort. After a 30-28 win in the first

game, the Belles lost by the same score in the second game before tallying 30-18 and 30-28 victories to win the match.

Freshman Lorna Slupczynski recorded a double-double in the effort with 15 kills and 19 digs. Setter Amanda David also had a strong effort with 57 assists.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek had mixed feelings on the team's performance.

"I like our ability to drive and win," Schroeder-Biek said. "What I didn't like was putting ourselves in that position to have to come back.

"It feels so good to know everyone on the court is working together toward the same goal."

Amanda David
Belles setter

We need to improve our desire to compete from start to finish."

The Pilots improved their record to 8-13 with a 3-1 win

over Grace Tuesday. Junior Erica Bruxvoort led Bethel to the victory with 14 kills, four aces and seven blocks.

Bethel has been very inconsistent so far this season, alternating wins and losses in its last seven games. The Pilots have had a three-game win streak and an eight-game losing streak this season.

Saint Mary's is led by libero Anne Cusack, who was recently named MIAA specialty player of the week. The senior averaged 7.2 digs and 1.2 service aces per game in the Belles' two matches last week. Cusack currently leads the conference with 7.31 digs per game in MIAA play.

The Belles hope their strong bond can lead them to a win over Bethel.

"We have fantastic chemistry," Schroeder-Biek said. "That is a huge strength and it helps to carry us through when we are struggling with our game."

David also emphasized the value of the team's chemistry. "It feels so good to know everyone on the court is working together toward the same goal," David said.

"Having this chemistry helps us to be successful because it gives us confidence in each other during high-pressure moments."

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Jets quarterback Chad Pennington uses karate to improve mechanics, recover from knee surgery.

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Auburn at South Carolina

The Tigers face the Gamecocks in a key SEC matchup.

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Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens denies earlier reports he attempted suicide Tuesday night.

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Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne returns today to practice after the death of his brother.

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Chien-Ming Wang picks up his 19th win as every Yankees starter scored Wednesday.

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