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St. Joseph County debates going smoke-free

Public hearing held to discuss possible ban on lighting up in public

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

It was standing room only in the St. Joseph County Council chambers Tuesday as residents took part in an intense debate over a proposed smoking ban that would outlaw lighting up in almost every public venue within the county limits.

The public forum allowed residents to voice their opinions to council members about the highly controversial issue that will likely be voted on this fall, council member Mark Root said.

"I'm just trying to get the facts [about the ordinance]," Root said. "I'll go home, look through the information, but my opinion is not going to change tonight. It's a long process."

He said in his area 91 percent of residents support the smoking ban.

"I want to represent the community," he said. "I've been doing what I can."

Residents from the health care industry defended the ban — citing secondhand smoke as the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

But several Michiana bar and restaurant owners said the ordinance would not only hurt their businesses, but also infringe on their rights.

"The greater issue is freedom; I dispute the definition of a public place in the ordinance," said Ken Donnelly, a St. Joseph County resident and restaurant owner. "A

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Above, sophomore Chris Hoos smokes outside of Cavanaugh Tuesday. At right, junior Tim Falvey speaks at a meeting about the proposed smoking ban.

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Students have mixed reactions to proposed legislation

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

A proposed law in St. Joseph County that would ban smoking in specified public areas ignited fiery opinions on both sides of the issue and left Notre Dame's small population of student smokers fuming.

Area residents discussed and debated the pending legislation — which would prohibit smoking in restaurants, private businesses, sports arenas and other public areas — at a public hearing held Tuesday in South Bend.

No official polls have been conducted to estimate the approximate percentage of student smokers at the University, though numbers appear low. But despite their diminutive numbers, student smokers at Notre Dame have vocalized their anger and frustration over the proposed bill.

Sophomore Dan Toler called the ban "ridiculous."

"All over the country, people are trying to tell me how to live my life," Toler said. "It's my body, and I should be able to smoke where and when I like. I'm tired of the government telling me what's good for me."

For many smokers, like sophomore Nick Cottingham, the ban came to no surprise.

"I know there have been similar bans around the U.S. and I figure it's a matter of time before they are all over the country," he said.

In 1998, Boulder, Colo. became the first U.S. city to outlaw smoking in public places. Three years later, California implemented a similar bill and instigated a wave of copycat legislation across the nation on both state-wide and region-wide levels.

Today, dozens of cities like Lexington, Ky., Lincoln, Neb. and Austin, Texas maintain smoke-free environments in specified public areas. Nine states have

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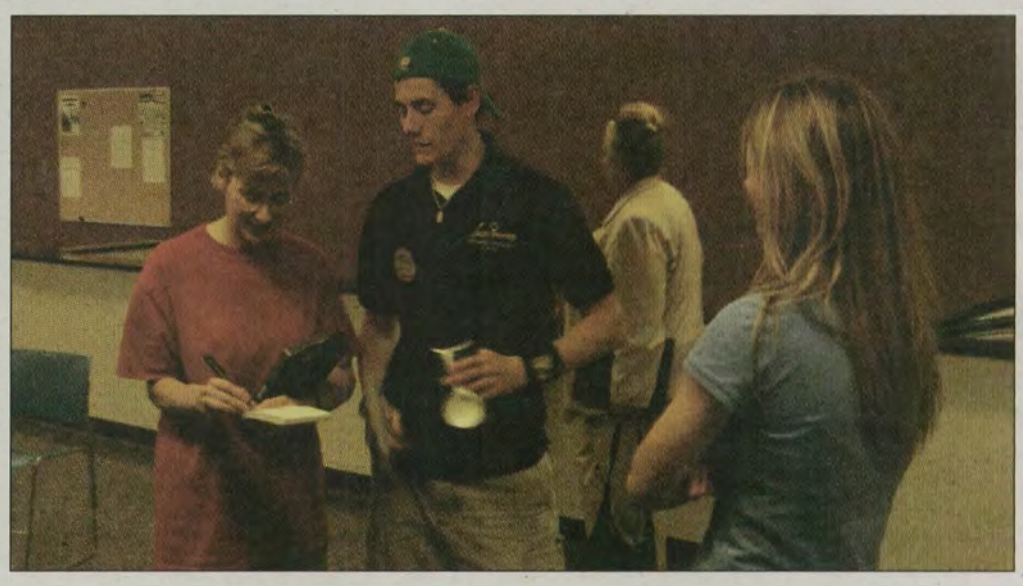

FACULTY SENATE

Group gathers at first meeting

Members address TCEs, academic freedom and the Legion

Observer File Photo

Faculty Senate members said Tuesday that students often demonstrate vulgarity at home basketball games.

By MADDIE HANNA AND JOHN THORNTON
News Writers

Faculty Senate chairperson Seth Brown wasted no words in telling members the primary goal for the group's first meeting of the year — agenda setting.

"I'm going to set the mood, if you will," said Brown, who began with "the charge" to the Faculty Senate included in the University's Academic Articles.

This charge, Brown said, gives the Senate great liberties in the issues it chooses to pursue.

"In many ways, this is an extremely broad mandate," Brown said. "Areas where

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SMC students threatened on popular facebook site

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Women at Saint Mary's recently received threats on the popular college Web site facebook.com, a College security official said.

In an e-mail, Head of Security Patty Rolens warned students that some women have received both threats and abusive e-mails. The facebook.com system had even been infiltrated by Belles impersonators in order to gain personal information about its students.

"In this high tech age we live in, there is someone who is even more high tech and can find ways to misuse the multitudes of information that the Internet provides," Rolens said.

Rolens also highlighted the importance of keeping passwords private and logging off all computers, especially those in public places, in order to avoid identity fraud or misleading information.

Keith Fowlkes, Director of Internet Technology at Saint Mary's, repeated Rolens' warning.

"I echo her [Rolens] remarks and would strongly advise caution and common sense whenever communicating with anyone online," he said.

Fowlkes stressed that giving out personal information such as pictures, telephone numbers, or addresses both at school and at home are dangerous even at what seems to be an innocent organization such as facebook.com.

Many women at Saint Mary's have taken Fowlkes and Rolens' advice.

Freshman Beth Casciari removed her personal information after, "being contacted using my information by people I didn't even know."

Freshman Brigid Fenlon removed her information from facebook.com because she often received calls from individuals she did not know.

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Inside Column

Embarrassing moments

Kelly Meehan

News Production Editor

We all do stupid things. Things that make us cringe, cry or even want to curl up and die. Sometimes we do these things with the best of intentions, other times they are embarrassing accidents, and on occasion these incidents may be the result of the consumption of too much alcohol.

Take for example a friend of mine, who shall remain nameless, who had my house number stored in her phone instead of my cell phone. Just today she called me wanting to meet up for dinner. Thinking it was me who answered, she yelled, "Hey girrrrl! Where you at?" On the other end was my unsuspecting mother who responded by saying. "Excuse me?" My friend immediately realized her error when my mom informed her that I was at indeed not at home, but instead at college.

Another friend of mine was in a rush the other day to visit her crush. While getting ready she was rather indecisive in what shoes to wear. While hanging out with some friends in her crush's dorm room, someone pointed out that in her rush to get ready she had put on two completely different sandals and had not noticed her fashion blunder the entire night.

I have laughed hysterically at a friend who performed an entire choreographed dance to the song "Getting' Low" playing loudly from a nearby car in Main Circle after having too many drinks on her birthday.

Some embarrassing moments are more common than others. We have all seen someone completely wipe out on ice while rushing to class during the winter, talk badly about someone who is in the same room as them or drop their tray in the dining hall.

I have seen a friend run his head completely into a street sign while walking down the sidewalk in Rome, I have cringed when wind has gotten the best of a girl's loose fitting skirt and been witness to many incidents happening due to mistaken identity.

We all performed these crazy, ridiculous and absurd actions during some point in our life. It is best to just laugh it off and realize your friends will stop talking about it someday. So stand strong and support your friends after they embarrass themselves — because that has been or will be you at some point. Just remember you have given plenty of people something to laugh about.

Oh, and I guess I have failed to mention anything embarrassing that I have done. Well, trust me I have done plenty of stupid things — some I regret, others not so much. If you would like to know the details, I guess you will just have to ask my friends.

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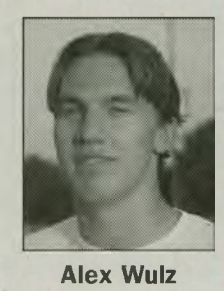
Question of the Day: *What do you think of the proposed St. Joseph County smoking ban?*

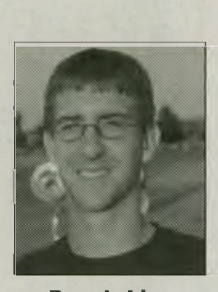
Ryan Bailey
sophomore Fisher
"We'll see how it turns out."

Eric Buell
senior Keenan
"Sounds like they're trying to nip cancer in the butt."



Alex Wulz
sophomore Stanford
"It's about time."

Val Allen
freshman Lewis
"I never did like smoke with my food."



Derek Lipp
sophomore Keenan
"It's a good idea that promotes general health and comfort."

Erin Ramsey
freshman Pangborn
"It will help keep my lungs clean."

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Father Peter Rocca leads a prayer service dedicated to the victims of Hurricane Katrina Tuesday in the Basilica. Such a service will occur every evening at 6:30 p.m. for the next eight days.

Offbeat

Girl captures gator after watching television show

TARENTUM, Pa. — Crocus, a 2-foot pet alligator escaped from his backyard enclosure, but was captured by a girl who used what she learned on a nature TV program.

Nicki Hilliard and several friends saw the animal swimming in the Allegheny River.

Hilliard said she learned how to catch the animals safely by watching the television show "Crocodile Hunter." The secret is to grab the animal's snout and hold its mouth closed.

The kids put the animal in a beverage cooler and took it to the police station, where it was locked inside a cell until owner Belinda Thomson arrived to claim it.

Thompson said neighborhood cats opened the fence in her back yard, enabling Crocus to escape.

Unique L.A. school offers mule training

LOS ANGELES — Sugar the mule was anything but sweet. She bit her owner, kicked him and dragged him around his corral. "At first I could do things with her, but she slowly turned on me," said Will Green, a 43-year-old warehouseman, who bought Sugar and a two-acre Mojave desert spread to lead a life of packing and hunting.

"It's these animals; they're very smart. When you don't know, it gives them a window of opportunity to take over."

This summer, Green hauled the cranky creature to what is believed to be the nation's only mule school at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, a Los Angeles suburb.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Notre Dame and the University of Guadalajara student teams will present reports of their 2005 summer internships in Mexico on **Thursday** at **3:00 p.m.** in **C-103 Hesburgh Center**. The summer internships are part of a U.S. Agency for International Development grant received by the Mendoza College of Business and the Kellogg Institute. Students interested in 2006 summer internships in Mexico are invited to attend.

A conference titled **"Capture Gamma-Ray Spectroscopy and Related Topics"** will take place **all day through Friday** in the **McKenna Hall auditorium**. The themes of the conference include Nuclear Structure, Nuclear Symmetries, Nuclear Astrophysics and Instrumentation, Facilities and Applications of Nuclear Science.

The tri-military branches of ROTC will sponsor a **Patriot's Day ceremony Friday** at **7 a.m.** next to the **Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool**. The event will feature speaker retired **Lieutenant Colonel Douglass R. Hemphill**, a former Notre Dame professor of Military Science and current academic advisor in the Mendoza College of Business. The public is invited to attend.

An exhibit entitled **Two Italian Hardbodies: Sports Cars Clad by Scaglietti and Frua** will be on display in the Snite Museum of Art Entrance Atrium Gallery until **Sept. 18**. The exhibit features a **1958 Ferrari** and a **1955 Maserati**. Admission is free.

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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SMC plagued with voicemail problems

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Technological headaches have been plaguing the Saint Mary's campus the past few weeks as the telecommunications and information technology departments have struggled with an outdated voicemail system.

The voicemail system on campus is provided by NEC Electronics, which recently released an update to the voicemail system that the College purchased two years ago.

"We were scheduled to have an update on voicemail software and hardware," said Keith Fowlkes, director of Information Technology. "The software support has been dropped for the current version by the company, and we have been forced to upgrade.

The company was supposed to upgrade to the new software two weeks before any students returned to campus, but failed to do so."

Failure on the part of NEC to provide the College with the necessary upgrade forced a return to the old voicemail system, Fowlkes said.

"We had to go back to the old software, which has terrible problems with the management software which we were already aware of, as was the company," he said.

Despite these setbacks, all voicemail should be functioning now.

Fowlkes said that all voicemail boxes should have been working since last Tuesday..

Many students and faculty members around campus were not even aware that the voicemail system was not working.

"I was not even aware that there was a problem with the voicemail system," junior Laura Corke said. "I use my cell phone for almost all of my calls and barely use the phone in my room so there hasn't been a necessity for me to set it up yet."

"We are looking into other options right now, such as other voicemail companies that are more reliable."

Keith Fowlkes
director
Information Technology

Susan Baxter, a professor in the communication and performance studies department, said her voicemail is fully functional.

"My voicemail has been working just fine. I had trouble setting it up because I moved my office, but I called information technology and they walked me through it," she said.

The College plans to continue to use the system without updates for now since work has been done to make it functional. Fowlkes said he advises any students and faculty who continue to have problems to contact telecommunications for assistance as he attempts to find a better service.

"We are looking into other options right now, such as other voicemail companies that are more reliable," he said.

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ND researcher leads cancer study

Special to The Observer

A team of scientists led by a Notre Dame cancer researcher has found further evidence that an antipsychotic drug also may help prevent chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

Rudolph Navari, director of Notre Dame's Walther Cancer Research Center, has been leading a team of researchers from the Indiana University and University of Kentucky Medical Schools and the Walther Cancer Institute's Hoosier Oncology Group in a study of a drug called olanazapine for the control of chemotherapy's most common side effects. Olanzapine, which carries the brand name Zyprexa, has been used since the mid-1990s to treat schizophrenia and other psychoses.

In a Phase I study, the researchers found that when olanzapine was added to the standard mix of drugs used to relieve nausea and vomiting given to patients prior to receiving chemotherapy, there was essentially no nausea or vomiting in the 24-hour period following treatment. Olanzapine also prevented nausea and vomiting during the week after chemotherapy if it was given daily for two to five days.

"Our recently published Phase II study reinforces the findings of the Phase I study and provides further evidence that olanzapine is safe and highly effective in controlling acute and delayed chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting," Navari said. "The response to olazapine and control of nausea was equal or greater than in the Phase I study."

Navari points out that one class of drugs used historically to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting is corticosteroids.

"Corticoteroids can be very effective, but they have many side effects and we worry about using them for as long as five or six days," Navari said. "In a recently completed but unpublished study, we substituted olanzapine for corticosteroids and demonstrated that it was as effective in controlling nausea and vomiting without the side effects. It appears that we can probably replace corticosteroids and effectively use olanzapine for three or four days."

Navari points out that using olanzapine to control chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting is an "off-label use" for the antipsychotic drug. However, he notes that many drugs on the market are currently being safely used for off-label purposes.

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Faculty

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faculty involvement is appropriate could mean all areas of the University. I encourage you to think broadly and creatively."

Brown instructed the Senate's four subcommittees — Academic Affairs, Administrative, Benefits and Student Affairs — to "raise new issues and decide which are most pressing."

Although he acknowledged the benefits to being independent from the administration, Brown said greater integration with University government processes would give Faculty Senate more "resonance."

"There are structural opportunities to change," he said.

Brown encouraged members to consider the possibility of expanding the Senate's influence in addition to their individual committee agendas.

Gail Bederman, who filled in for Student Affairs committee chair Philippe Collon, said the committee would focus on three issues: student teacher course evaluations (TCEs), student academic freedom and student discourtesy at Irish basketball games.

> *"What would Jesus think of the Leprechaun Legion?"*
>
> **Kelly Jordan**
> **committee member**

The TCE issue was originally brought to Faculty Senate's attention by student government. After last year's discussion about making TCE results public to students ended inconclusively in Faculty Senate, Bederman said the question shifted to an external committee headed by associate provost Dennis Jacobs.

But Student Affairs committee members did not know what progress the external committee had made. Committee member Barry Keating said the Mendoza College of Business conducted a separate analysis with results that differed greatly from those of Institutional Research.

"If that's really the case, do we really want to give the numbers to the administration for what they use it for? To the students, for what they use it for?" Keating asked. "Because I don't think we know what the numbers mean."

Bederman vocalized the committee's confusion resulting from the conflict.

"It sounds like we're not entirely clear on this," she said. "We need more information."

Student academic freedom was the other hot-button issue presented by the Student Affairs committee. Bederman questioned whether Notre Dame students even have academic freedom as defined by the American Association of University Professors.

"People who come from public universities know what kind of freedom they have," Bederman said. "You come here, it's not clear what freedom students have."

Bederman cited last year's controversial Vagina Monologues and Queer Film Festival, two productions that provoked questions about academic freedom at Notre Dame.

"FTT [Film, Television and Theatre], they're getting a lot of flak," Bederman said. "Serious flak."

But other committee members were hesitant to stir the ire of the administration.

"The bees might swarm," committee member Bob Howland said.

The other item the Student Affairs committee decided to explore was the issue of student vulgarity at Notre Dame basketball games. Committee member Kelly Jordan said he did not feel comfortable taking his daughter to games anymore.

"When the opposing players are introduced, at one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S., the unanimous response is 'sucks,'" Jordan said. "What would Jesus think of the Leprechaun Legion?"

In other Faculty Senate news:

◆ Bederman and fellow Student Affairs committee member Ramzi Bualuan were elected to the two delegate positions on the Campus Life Council for the 2005-06 academic year.

◆ Student Affairs committee member Kevin Misiewicz was elected to the Traffic Appeals committee for the 2005-06 academic year.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Child survives airplane crash

MEDAN, Indonesia — A 5-year-old boy given up for dead in a plane crash in Indonesia that killed 148 people has been found in a hospital and reunited with his parents.

Investigators sifted Tuesday through the charred wreckage of the Mandala Airlines' Boeing 737-200, trying to determine why it slammed onto a crowded street in Indonesia's third-largest city, creating a path of destruction as it plowed into houses, cars, and pedestrians.

The dead in Monday's crash included 101 passengers and crew and 47 people on the ground. Sixteen people aboard the flight survived, including 5-year-old Pento Panjaitan, who had been traveling to Jakarta with his father.

Chirac politically vulnerable

PARIS — Jacques Chirac's hospitalization for a vascular problem in his eye has been described as minor, but it appears to have galvanized possible successors and caused a media uproar about the naked ambitions of Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy.

The 72-year-old president, who has clocked more than four decades in politics, seems less likely than ever to run for re-election in 2007.

Chirac, primed on the notions of grandeur dear to his mentor Charles de Gaulle, has always left open the possibility of seeking a third term, a way to gain leverage over rivals.

But the president has been weakened in recent years by a series of political setbacks, most recently the "no" victory in France's May 29 referendum on the European constitution. The president had staked his political honor on passage. Now, he is as politically vulnerable as he has ever been.

NATIONAL NEWS

Roberts, Bush mourn Rehnquist

WASHINGTON — John Roberts had thought he'd be arriving at the Supreme Court this month as a new associate justice, ready to don a black robe and make history alongside his mentor, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. Instead, on Tuesday he helped carry Rehnquist's casket up the marble steps of the court.

Roberts, teary-eyed justices and a somber President Bush led a long line of Americans paying their last respects to the chief justice whose conservatism helped turn the high court toward the right over the past three decades.

The stone-faced Roberts was one of eight pallbearers who struggled at times to get Rehnquist's flag-draped casket into the court's Great Hall and onto the Lincoln Catafalque, the structure used for President Lincoln's coffin.

Army base security in question

WASHINGTON — A labor union is reporting significant security problems at seven Army bases where federal contractors are guarding the gates, freeing up soldiers to serve in Iraq.

Based on interviews with 15 current and former guards, the Service Employees International Union says job screening is often inadequate and that security checks at the gates are frequently cursory because staffing levels are too low.

LOCAL NEWS

Plans to quicken South Shore train

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Aiming to speed up travel times, the managers of northern Indiana's commuter rail line are reviewing plans to allow for faster boarding of cars so that passengers can be whisked to their destinations with fewer delays.

The plans for the South Shore rail system are evolving at a time of rising ridership on the trains that run from South Bend across LaPorte, Porter and Lake counties into Chicago.

With gas prices at record highs, a growing number of motorists are riding the trains.

Bush wants $40 billion more

President to request additional funding to cover next phase of Katrina relief effort

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush intends to seek as much as $40 billion to cover the next phase of relief and recovery from Hurricane Katrina, congressional officials said Tuesday as leading lawmakers and the White House pledged to investigate an initial federal response widely condemned as woefully inadequate.

One week after the hurricane inflicted devastation of biblical proportions on the Gulf Coast, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the total tab for the federal government may top $150 billion. At the same time, senators in both parties said they suspect price gouging by oil companies in the storm's aftermath.

Relief and recovery needs will be the "number one priority for the foreseeable future," pledged House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas as Congress convened after a five-week vacation.

Republicans and Democrats alike heaped criticism on the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the government's front-line responder agency for national disasters. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi told Bush to his face at the White House that he should fire the agency's director, Michael Brown. "The president thanked me for my suggestion," the California Democrat said afterward.

Stung by earlier criticism, Bush invited congressional leaders to the White House for an afternoon meeting, then dispatched several Cabinet officials to the Capitol to brief rank-and-file members. "Bureaucracy is not going to stand in the way of getting the job done for the people," Bush told reporters.

House and Senate committee chairmen announced investigations, while House Speaker Dennis Hastert suggested a bipartisan House-Senate probe. "We're ready to get going," he said.

AP

A Marine reservist, who was part of a volunteer search and rescue team in Elysian Fields, New Orleans, helps rescue a man from a roof top on Tuesday.

Whatever their plans, lawmakers took largely symbolic actions on their first day in the Capitol since the storm — the Senate expressing condolences to victims of the storm and the House observing a moment of silence.

Bush did not specify at the meeting with congressional leaders how much he would request for additional relief. A $10.5 billion down-payment approved last week is "being used at an increasingly rapid pace. We're readying a second installment now and a precise number is currently being determined," said Scott Milburn, an Office of Management and Budget spokesman.

The congressional officials who said the total could be as high as $40 billion from Congress did so on condition of anonymity because it was not clear when the formal announcement would be made. Reid said he expected a request in the range of $40 billion to $50 billion.

The unprecedented scope of the destruction swiftly shot relief and recovery items to the top of Congress' autumn to-do list.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. put off planned votes on elimination of the inheritance tax, a GOP priority, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the need to address hurricane-related difficulties would further postpone action Bush's long-delayed call for overhauling Social Security.

At the same time, Frist, like Bush, made clear Republicans want John Roberts confirmed as the nation's 17th chief justice in time to take his seat before the Oct. 3 opening of the Supreme Court's term. Hearings on Roberts' nomination open next Monday.

IRAQ

Talabani says Saddam owned up

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's president said Tuesday that Saddam Hussein had confessed to killings and other "crimes" committed during his regime, including the massacre of thousands of Kurds in the late 1980s.

President Jalal Talabani told Iraqi television that he had been informed by an investigating judge that "he was able to extract confessions from Saddam's mouth" about crimes "such as executions" which the ousted leader had personally ordered.

Asked about specific examples, Talabani, a Kurd, replied "Anfal," the codename for the 1987-88 campaign which his Patriotic Union of Kurdistan maintains led to the deaths of about 182,000 Kurds and the destruction of "dozens of Kurdish villages."

Those villages included Halabja, where thousands of Kurdish villagers were gassed in 1988.

However, Abdel Haq Alani, a legal consultant to Saddam's family said Saddam did not mention any confession when he met Monday with his Iraqi lawyer.

"Is this the fabrication of Talabani or what? Let's not have a trial on TV. Let the court of law, not the media, make its ruling on this," Alani said.

Saddam faces his first trial Oct. 19 for his alleged role in another atrocity — the 1982 massacre of Shiites in Dujail, a town north of Baghdad, following an assassination attempt there against him.

The Iraqi Special Tribunal has decided to conduct trials on separate alleged offenses rather than lump them all together in a single proceeding.

Saddam could face the death penalty if convicted in the Dujail case, the only one referred to trial so far.

Hearing

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restaurant or bar is private property. Joe's bar belongs to Joe. Let's go for freedom, that's the American way."

If passed, the ordinance would ban smoking in nearly every indoor facility in St. Joseph County.

At Notre Dame, smoking is already prohibited in all buildings, stadiums and University-owned vehicles. Should this ordinance pass, smoking would be outlawed nearly everywhere at the University — from construction sites to bus stops to dorm courtyards.

Popular student bars like Corby's and the Linebacker — which allow anyone over the age of 18 to smoke in the facility — would be exempt from the ordinance, but restaurants would be subject to its provisions.

Hospital executives brought overhead slides to the forum as proof of smoking's harmful effects.

"As CEO of a large organization that is smoke-free, the greatest job we have is to role model the behaviors we want to see in our community," said C.E.O. of Memorial Hospital Philip Newbold.

"Let's pass this ordinance and get this community out of the lists of one of the worst places to live in America."

Patrick Kane
Notre Dame senior

"We need this ordinance to send a message and create an environment that supports Hoosiers."

Mary Rice, a lifelong smoker and opponent of the ordinance, said her habit did not negatively affect her seven daughters as they grew up — six of whom were varsity athletes at Notre Dame.

"It is absurd to say that because someone smells a cigarette that they're going to get lung cancer," she said. "Let me tell you, let's do the common sense thing and stop this almost complete Nazism that we're seeing."

The proposed ban comes after seven years of work on the part of the Healthy Communities Initiative — a group dedicated to making smoking a socially unacceptable behavior, said Amy Clifford, who spearheaded the project.

"The initiative is meant to reduce and prevent people from smoking in the first place. It's a multi-faceted approach to the healthcare epidemic," she said. "Quitting smoking is one of the most important things an individual can do to improve their health."

The debate heated up when Notre Dame senior Patrick Kane took the stand.

"We [restaurant and bar owners] are just trying to make a living."

Rocco Zappia
sports bar owner

"I need to make a decision of where I will live when I graduate. I have to tell you, I have a pretty easy decision to make — why live in an area where my health takes a backseat to nicotine addicts?" he said. "Let's pass this ordinance and get this community out of the lists of one of the worst places to live in America."

Sports bar owner Rocco Zappia, who says his livelihood depends on the success of his business, spoke out after Kane was finished.

"This guy [Kane] wants to blow his horn, woop dee doo," Zappia said. "He's marketing major — until he owns his own business he doesn't know. We [restaurant and bar owners] are just trying to make a living."

As of January 2004, five states — California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine and New York — and 72 municipalities in the United States had passed laws that prohibit smoking in almost all workplaces, restaurants, and bars, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

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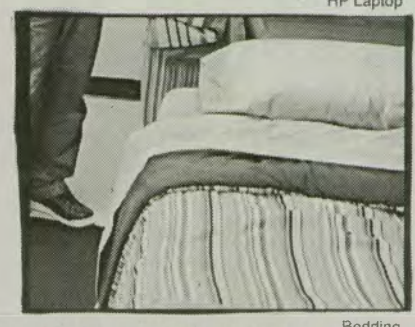

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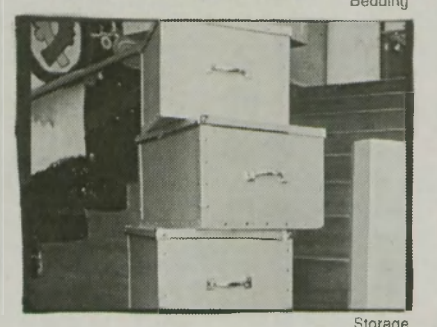

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IN BRIEF

NBC News president resigns

NEW YORK — NBC News President Neal Shapiro has resigned after four years.

His exit was widely expected, and he reportedly had been negotiating his departure for months.

Steve Capus was named acting president by NBC Universal Television Group boss Jeff Zucker, who in June promoted Capus from "NBC Nightly News" executive producer to senior vice president of the network's news division, which includes MSNBC.

A former producer of ABC's "PrimeTime Live," Shapiro went to NBC News in March 1993 to pick up the pieces as executive producer of "Dateline NBC" after that newsmagazine was mired in a scandal over a rigged report on the dangers of GM pickup trucks.

Bringing credibility to the broadcast, he oversaw its expansion to several nights a week as it won awards and robust ratings.

He was named NBC News president in June 2001. Under his tenure, ratings leader "Nightly News" made a smooth transition of anchormen from Tom Brokaw to Brian Williams late last year.

But Shapiro's term was also marked by audience inroads for ABC's "Good Morning America" against a major profit center for NBC, "Today." Meanwhile, MSNBC has continued to fare poorly in ratings against its cable-news rivals, CNN and Fox News Channel.

Gas prices deter holiday traffic

NEW YORK — Labor Day traffic slowed around the country as drivers lucky to find gas stations open paid over 30 percent more than before Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast refinery and pipeline operations a week ago.

Pump prices are starting to level off, but analysts say the dramatic rise in gasoline costs has forced consumers to begin rethinking everything from vacation travel plans to how much they can afford to spend for food, clothing and restaurant meals.

Drivers paid an average of about $3.20 a gallon for unleaded regular on Monday, up $1.35 from a year ago, and 75 cents more than they did before the hurricane, according to Randy Bly, director of community relations for AAA Auto Club South.

Evacuees strain state budgets

Lawmakers opt to help displaced Katrina victims now, sort out the bill later

Associated Press

AP

A volunteer from John Brown University helps New Orleans evacuees with their belongings following the family's arrival at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly camp Tuesday.

Hurricane evacuees seeking food stamps in Texas started as a trickle and quickly turned into a torrent — eight applications the first day mushroomed to more than 26,000 within four days. To varying degrees, the same story is playing out around the country as state and local governments take in Gulf Coast refugees by the thousands, taxing social programs that in many cases already were stretched thin.

Minnesota, already working to absorb a wave of roughly 5,000 Hmong refugees from Laos, is preparing for up to 3,000 Katrina victims while still feeling budget cuts in health assistance and job training that have taken effect since 2001.

"We're not what we were five years ago," said Marcia Avner of the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits. "And the reality is, private charity cannot make up the difference."

In Oklahoma, Gov. Brad Henry spoke for many Tuesday when he talked of a desire to be helpful tempered by the concern that "we don't want to stretch ourselves too thin."

"We know it will be a strain," he said. "I think we will be OK."

In many places, concerns about cost were taking a back seat to the impulse to help, at least for now.

San Francisco was moving ahead with plans to house at least 300 Katrina evacuees despite warnings that the city could lose out on federal money by responding too quickly to a Red Cross request for help.

"We're taking these 300 whether we get reimbursed or not," said Annemarie Conroy, director of the city's Office of Emergency Services.

That thought was echoed across the country, in South Carolina, which prepared to take in as many as 18,000 refugees.

"The cost associated with this is kind of secondary at the moment," said Chris Drummond, a spokesman for Gov. Mark Sanford, adding that the state still remembers the help it got when hit by Hurricane Hugo in 1989. "We're going to return the favor."

Each state is coping in its own way. Arkansas' governor wants to tap the state's $100 million budget surplus; Tennessee is dipping into its rainy-day fund, at least temporarily; Massachusetts was working on an emergency spending bill.

And states are counting on significant help from the federal government, which approved a $10.5 billion down payment for hurricane relief last week. Congress is likely to approve far more in the days ahead, including assistance targeted for housing, health care, education and other needs.

Texas expects the Federal Emergency Management Agency "to reimburse us 100 percent for everything," said Robert Black, a spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry.

But the notion that Washington would pick up the tab for all hurricane-related costs seemed a bit rosy.

Lilly asks insurers for claim money

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. wants its insurers to cover half of the $1 billion it has set aside to pay product-liability claims involving the company's top-selling drug Zyprexa.

The amount Lilly seeks from the insurers was confirmed this week by the Indianapolis-based drug maker, which is suing five of its insurers to force them to pay. Previously, the information had been partially detailed in court records.

A $500 million payout by insurers would help cover the $1.07 billion Zyprexa-related write-off Lilly took in the second quarter regarding claims over the popular anti-psychotic.

Four of the insurers are fighting Lilly's lawsuit, filed in March in federal court in Indianapolis. They argue Lilly bought liability coverage for Zyprexa in 2000 without disclosing that it knew then the drug could cause harmful, diabetes-related side effects in some users.

Hiding that information was "egregious" behavior by Lilly and voids the coverage, the insurers say in court motions.

The insurers argue that if they had known about Zyprexa's serious side effects, they "would not have agreed to insure Lilly at all, would have excluded coverage for Zyprexa ... or would have provided insurance coverage to Lilly on terms and conditions substantially different."

"Lilly knew Zyprexa represented a serious liability exposure to it and to any insurer that provided coverage to Lilly," said SR International Business Insurance Co., one of the companies Lilly is suing.

The others are North American Specialty Insurance Co., Winterthur Schweizerische Versicherungs AG, Gerling-Konzern Allgemeine Versicherungs AG, and ELCO Insurance Co.

All but ELCO have refused to pay claims Lilly has submitted to reimburse it for legal bills and other costs related to Zyprexa product-liability litigation.

ELCO said it should be dismissed from the lawsuit because ELCO has not refused to pay claims it has gotten from Lilly. Based in Bermuda, ELCO is a Lilly fully-owned subsidiary.

Lilly sued its own subsidiary because "we are obliged to treat ELCO as an arm's-length independent entity," Lilly spokeswoman Joan Todd said.

The five companies provided $400 million in coverage that Lilly wants them to honor, Todd said. Lilly is in arbitration talks with additional insurers that provided the remaining $100 million in Zyprexa liability coverage, she said.

Smoking

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passed similar laws prohibiting cigarette smoke in restaurants, bars and other indoor locations.

Sophomore Francis Smith said there are "absolutely" no advantages to the ban.

"Though Notre Dame doesn't have too many smokers, I imagine South Bend has its fair share," he said. "Because of that, the local economy is going to be hurt by people no longer coming to bars."

"It seems to be a trend in America nowadays to treat smokers as lepers and this [ban] is just one sign of it."

Francis Smith
sophomore

In addition to criticism that the proposed ban will negatively influence the local economy in South Bend and the rest of St. Joseph County, detractors said the legislation would deter the American value of choice and eliminate certain personal freedoms.

One organization on campus that has expressed deep opposition to the ban is the College Libertarians of Notre Dame. In addition to citing negative economic implications, members claim the bill is a direct threat to some of their "most fundamental Constitutional rights."

"As defenders of freedom, individual rights, and personal choice, we believe that owners of private establishments such as bars and restaurants should have the right to decide whether they will allow or prohibit smoking on their property," co-president Catherine Kent said. "The public would support or protest the decision of the establishment owner with their patronage."

Kent said both smoking and refraining from smoking are individual freedoms which should not be infringed upon.

"Smoking is a personal choice; it is true that second-hand smoke can have negative effects on people who are continually exposed to it for long periods of time," she said. "From that same reasoning, however, working in or eating at a bar or restaurant that allows smoking is also a personal choice."

But for sophomore Timmy Falvey — a fervent supporter of the ban — cigarette smoke and its associated health hazards take precedence over the economic and political implications of the proposed bill.

"Smoking killed my grandfather, who battled the symptoms of emphysema for many years before he passed," Falvey said. "I have never been much of an activist, but in response to situations such as this, it is my patrimony to take the issue head on and turn the negative into positive."

Falvey, who attended Tuesday's public forum, said the legislation's rewards would be "conspicuously apparent."

"[The ban's main advantage is] clear air inside various public venues for those of us who choose to exercise our freedom not to smoke," he said. "Indirectly, it sends a message to those who inhibit my right to breathe clean air that their decisions are not agreeable."

Toler said the ban would likely only benefit non-smokers who tend to ostracize the minority population of smokers at Notre Dame and elsewhere.

"The people who fake a cough when I pass them on the quad, or give me weird looks," Toler said, "they're the only ones who will find 'advantages' to this bill."

Smith agreed that smokers are often confronted with feelings of scorn or contempt from the non-smoking public.

"It seems to be a trend in America nowadays to treat smokers as lepers and this [ban] is just one sign of it," Smith said.

Although student smokers were passionate in their opposition to the bill, many were also disenchanted and felt there was little they can do to reverse the growing number of smoking bans.

"It's my body and I should be able to smoke where and when I like."

Dan Toler
sophomore

"Nobody cares what I say or do anyways, since I'm a smoker," Toler said. "My plan is to do the same thing I do at home, where a similar ban exists, which is just to ignore it. If someone wants to fine me, they can be my guest, but I'm not giving up my right to smoke just because a bunch of stuffed-shirt politicians say I have to."

Cottingham said he was "too lazy" to take any action against the proposed law.

"I rarely go to any restaurants that allow smoking anyway, and I'm not old enough to go to bars, so I'm not too worried about it," Cottingham said. "[Also,] there's nowhere on campus that you can smoke indoors anyway."

Smith was also apathetic concerning action against the ban.

"I really [couldn't] care less what happens in this city," he said.

But Kent and the College Libertarians were much more proactive in their efforts to "ban the smoking ban." Co-president (and Observer Viewpoint columnist) Scott Wagner wrote a letter to the South Bend Tribune encouraging citizens to vocalize their opposition to the proposed law.

Both Kent and Wagner attended the public hearing to voice their own concerns and distribute information to those in attendance. Kent said they will also collect signatures from Notre Dame students and submit them in the form of a petition to the county commissioner's office prior to the official vote.

Hartung said if the bill goes through, the county should plan to create "adequate, accessible, and fair smoking areas."

"Everyone knows that [smoking] is an addiction and they better take that into account," he said. "Otherwise, they are going to have a lot of really irritable people now with more time on their hands with which to protest."

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Facebook

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"I took my cell phone off facebook because on weekends I would get random phone calls from numbers I didn't recognize asking if I wanted to hang out because they saw me on facebook," Fenlon said.

Some students said they have always been cautious of the Web site.

"I always make sure never to accept any friend invitations from people I don't know," freshman Lisa Anderson said. "I did that a couple times and ended up removing them because I got IMed randomly by people I didn't know through anything other than facebook."

Saint Mary's students have been experiencing similar problems with students receiving threatening and abuse emails through internet chat rooms.

"Not everyone is as nice, cute and funny as they may sound online," Rolens said. "You should never make plans to meet a 'friend' in person."

Students have also reported stolen credit card information and unknown e-mail attachments that are used to track a student's information.

Rolens and Fowlkes stressed that students understand that personal information should be private and exposing such information is dangerous, especially to people that they have just met or have not met at all.

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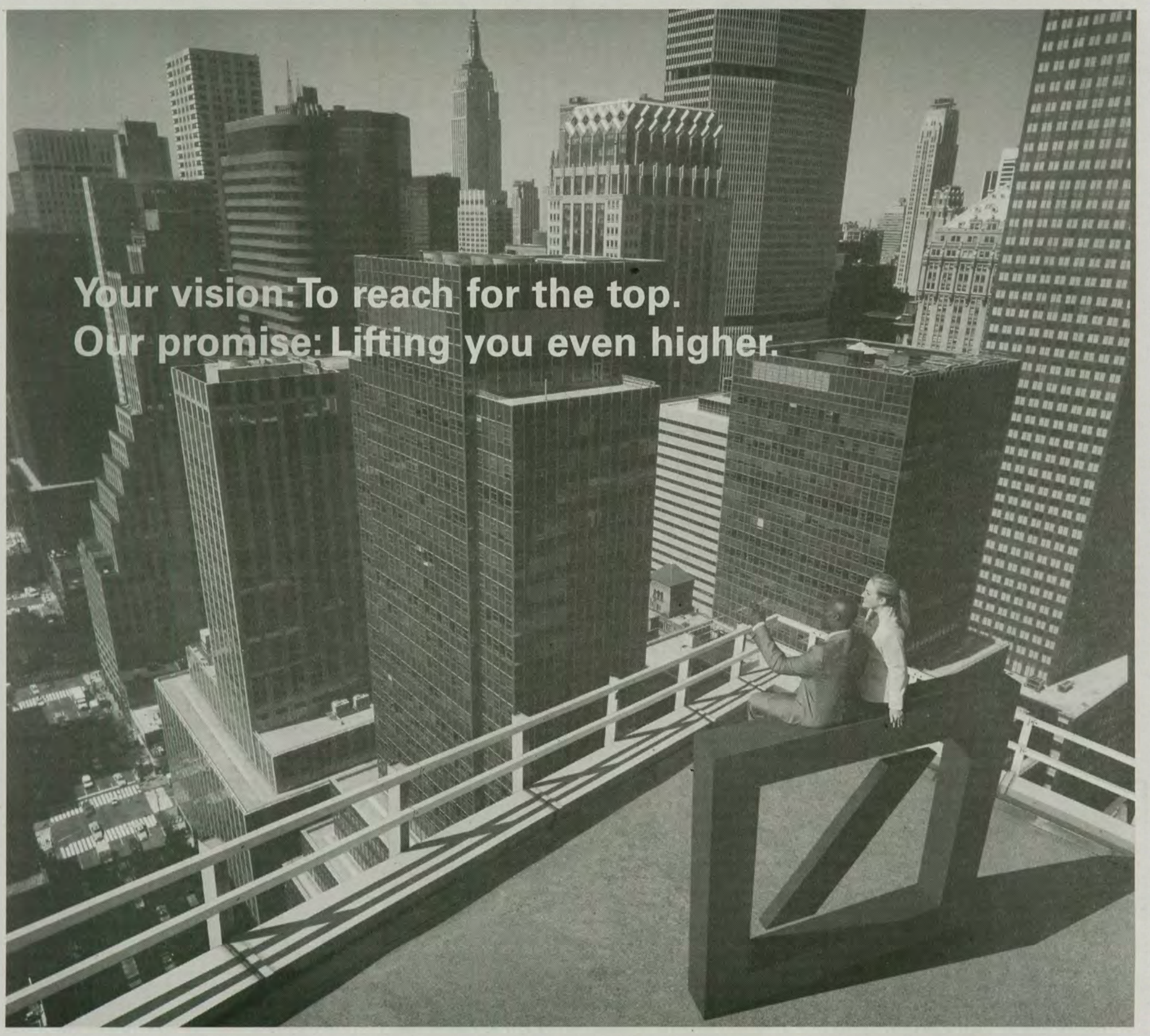

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Hurricane Katrina was only a warning shot.

While it is true that tropical storms and hurricanes have been laying waste to coastlands throughout recorded history, and that they will continue to do so forever, in the last century two critical factors changed, which may conspire to make the upcoming century one of unprecedented natural turmoil. First, the average temperature of the world's oceans has increased by more than 1 degree Fahrenheit, and is still rising. Second, the government of the United States has decided that it is invincible.

These two factors are not independent. The government has expended considerable effort (and distorted many scientific studies) in order to avoid the short-term economic impact of a corrective reduction in greenhouse gases. Unwilling to admit to its mistakes and allow for this correction, the United States — along with a handful of other recalcitrant nations — permits the causes of global warming to perpetuate unchecked. But this short-term focus has blinded the United States to the larger economic, cultural and humanitarian costs of ignoring global warming. .

Hurricanes are fueled by the evaporation of warm water, and ocean temperature is one of several critical factors influencing the frequency and severity of these cyclonic storms. New computer simulations from the NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory predict that increased ocean temperatures consistent with what we expect from global warming will, over time, produce an upward shift in hurricane intensity. The model predicts fewer category 3 and low category 4 storms, and significantly more storms in the high category 4 through category 5 range.

In our politically and economically driven naivety, we have been acting under the faulty assumption that any change made to the global climate can be offset by some yet-undiscovered scientific or technological advancement, and that until such an achievement is made, we will be able to cope with any negative side-effects produced by the global weather system. But the earth's oceans and atmosphere are not stable heat sinks of unlimited capacity, they are elements of a superchaotic system that can barely be predicted, let alone controlled. As much as we do know now, we are still only beginning to understand the negative impacts of altering global temperatures.

The realities of the past week and a half have made us intensely aware of just how fragile our communities are, and just how unprepared the United States is for any large scale natural disaster. Being an isolated event, the intensity of Hurricane Katrina was not, in all likelihood, a product of global warming. However, over the next century, the ferocity of this storm will be equaled and surpassed many times by storms that are fueled by global warming.

We witnessed the devastation of Hurricane Mitch in Central America, and we saw the rage of a tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Now the formerly great city of New Orleans and many adjacent communities have been savaged by natural forces, and we have finally tasted some of the death that other nations have known at the hand of nature for years. It is time for us to realize that we are not invincible, and that damage to the world's weather system will hurt the United States as much, if not more, as any other nation. We must understand our own fragility.

It is true that the economic costs of reducing greenhouse gases enough to slow or reverse the process of global warming are nontrivial. However, these costs pale before the price, in money, in culture and history and in human life, that would have to be paid if the frequency of the most powerful hurricanes were to increase as much as the NOAA simulations predict.

No one wishes to see another Hurricane Katrina, for — at this moment — we are lucid to the fact that we are not ready to face the worst that nature can throw at us, and perhaps we never will be. Therefore we can no longer condone actions that risk altering the climate of the planet to the degree that storms like Katrina become commonplace.

We owe this much to the living survivors of Katrina and to the many dead: that we will always respect the forces that struck them; that we will understand the limits of our own power over nature; and if there is anything we can do to prevent a worsening of these natural disasters — including spending the money necessary to curb greenhouse emissions — we will do so.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Race is an issue

It's been a while since I've seen so many falsehoods packed in a single letter, as I did when I read Matt Hamilton's Sept. 4 letter, "Race on the Levee." Paul Krugman is probably already consulting Hamilton for his next New York Times column.

Why is it any surprise, when the overwhelming majority of whites, who are disproportionately wealthier than the blacks, left New Orleans, which was 67 percent black before the evacuation? How is it not "Third World" to have locals indiscriminately machine-gunning policemen and rescue workers? (It sounds pretty indistinguishable from Mogadishu to me.) Who is Hamilton to complain about the consensus opinion of the locals, who, unlike Hamilton, were actually there when it happened?

As for pointing fingers, of course two-thirds-black New Orleans' mayor, who is black, had nothing to do with the cleanup fiasco, other than bumping his cronies to the head of the evacuation line. Neither did the New Orleans police chief, who is also black. (Note the highest per-capita murder rate and most corrupt police department in America including Washington, D.C., and less than a quarter of the city's murders resulting in a conviction — before Katrina.)

Neither did the Louisiana governor, who is white, and whose decisive votes came in David Duke's most loyal parishes, thanks to a last-minute race-baiting ad against her Indian-American opponent. Luckily for her, though, she's a Democrat. Maybe we need to review the criteria here? We need someone who's white, male, Republican, powerful and preferably rich ... I've got it: "Bush to New Orleans: Drop Dead." Has a nice ring, doesn't it?

Finally, since Hamilton has no problem with looting, somebody should give me his address. (I'll take care of the U-Haul.) And if he says I'm too rich to deserve everything he's worked for, I'm sure there are plenty of meth tweakers and crackheads — er, "dispossessed people" in South Bend who are just as deserving of those household appliances and possessions as Hamilton is. Just think of "the human dignity, the self-government and the triumph in the face of adversity!"

I don't mean that all dispossessed people are addicts, just that some are (and thus not necessarily deserving of indiscriminate aid or loot).

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"The first duty of a revolutionary is to get away with it."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal, examine thyself

With the Roberts confirmation hearings about to begin, and another Supreme Court nomination coming soon, there is most definitely going to be a good amount of debate about pressing social and legal issues, as well as plenty of hysterical screeching. And yes, the Democratic Party will once again show that its core value is abortion on demand.

I hate to bring up such a loathsome topic — I sincerely do hate to — but only the most ignorant could fail to realize that abortion is the underlying cause of all the controversy regarding the Roberts nomination, and all that we are going to see surrounding his confirmation and the forthcoming nomination. What makes the controversy more poignant, and more relevant to Notre Dame, is that Roberts is Catholic.

A few weeks ago, Mario Cuomo, former Democratic governor of New York and sometime Catholic theologian, trotted out his patented and tired "personally opposed but ..." argument at an appearance debating the Roberts nomination. Briefly stated, that argument is that while he himself is deeply troubled by abortion and considers it, as a good Catholic, a terrible sin, he cannot impose that belief on others. Of course, I highly doubt he, or any of the other Catholic liberals who trot this line out, are in fact quite opposed to the horror that is abortion. But let me be generous and gullible and take him at his word.

My questions for him, and for any like-minded liberals at Notre Dame, are these:

1) is your personal opposition to abortion a religious belief simply because it is something the Church teaches?;

2) how come so many of you have no problem imposing your other beliefs — such as opposition to the death penalty — on the rest of the public, many if not most of whom disagree with them?

Regarding the first question, consider another hideous act: rape. Now, the Church opposes rape, and I oppose rape. Does that mean my opposition to rape is somehow a Catholic belief of mine? There are certain teachings of the Church, like condemnations of murder or exploitation, which deal simply with the natural law. All human beings with reason, Catholic or not, should recognize these moral truths, and most societies do.

Then there are the other moral teachings, such as the command to attend Mass, which only make sense in light of revealed truths. If I prohibit you from murdering my niece, I am not imposing my Catholic values on you, even though the Church would agree with me. If I forced you to fast on Good Friday, however, I would be guilty of such an imposition. Such a distinction should be very clear.

I opposed abortion before I was Catholic, and if, God forbid, I cease being Catholic, I imagine I will still oppose abortion. If there is any connection at all between my hatred of abortion and my (weak) Catholic faith, it is not that I hate abortion because the Church tells me to. If anything, it is the other way around — my hatred of abortion makes it easier for me to believe that the Church is what it claims to be.

When people like Mario Cuomo and John Kerry speak of their opposition to abortion as somehow a personal religious belief, I am led to wonder whether they are so morally crippled that they would not even realize the evil of it were the Church not to point it out to them.

Yet as I mentioned already, they are often only too eager to impose other Catholic social doctrines on the public, and even to use religious language in doing so. This, of course is hypocrisy, but nobody ever seems to call them out on it.

Many of you, when you stand up for the unborn, will have sneering liberals snarl at you and tell you to go back to church, and to put your rosaries away. But when you stand up for the poor, however, those same liberals leave you alone, even congratulate you. Why is defending the unborn somehow a religious value while defending the poor is not? The Church is consistently on the side of both. Maybe one of you liberals can explain that to me and to the rest of us.

Gregory Pio
alumnus
class of 1999
Sept. 6

Ban the smoking ban

Following a disturbing trend among local governments, the St. Joseph County Council is considering a proposed ban on smoking in "public places" — namely private establishments such as restaurants and bars. Not only is this type of legislation misguided, we believe it exemplifies the worst of petty dictatorships that are currently slithering across the United States.

The argument that banning smoking saves lives is misleading. In 2004, over 42,000 people died from driving on American highways. Every two hours, a person is killed by fire. However, we have yet to hear of any local government initiatives to ban either driving or fire. This is true because such initiatives would be absurd, and the proposed smoking ban is no different.

The issue is not a health issue. It is an issue of the government vs. the property rights of business owners.

Smoking is a personal choice; it is true that second-hand smoke can have negative effects on people who are continually exposed for long periods of time. From that same reasoning, however, working in a bar or restaurant that allows smoking is also a personal choice. In fact, despite what the St. Joseph County Council would have us believe, there are over 130 local restaurants that have already opted to be "smoke-free." These restaurants, easily found online in the "Healthy Community Smoke-Free Dining Guide," have freely chosen to disallow tobacco smoke without the coercion of an overzealous County Council.

The authority to ban unhealthy behavior on private property is a dangerous power to grant any government, especially a local government. First, smoking is illegal in bars. Next, it is illegal in parks — outside. Soon, police may be knocking on our doors to make sure we do not smoke at all. Is that the future we want for America?

Contrary to popular belief, there are alternative methods of encouraging smoke-free establishments. Offering incentives, such as tax breaks or a streamlined licensing process, is a viable option that is more conducive to promoting smoke-free businesses while simultaneously preserving the liberties of business owners. Reducing restrictive bureaucracy and lowering tax barriers would encourage major economic development in the area, which in turn would lead to more jobs and opportunities — in short, a healthier community.

Therefore, we the undersigned believe that the people of St. Joseph County and members of the St. Joseph County Council should oppose this legislation. St. Joseph County needs more economic growth, not more laws.

College Libertarians
University of Notre Dame
Sept. 6

The fury in all of us

As popular news media these days are saturated with images of refugees fleeing destroyed homes and servants providing solace and hope to those afflicted by natural disaster, one must contemplate difficult questions. These queries range from the divine to the political. How would a good God permit such suffering? Why was the federal government so tardy in its relief response?

After a short time, however, our modern American sensibilities prohibit such investigation and demand that constructive energies be directed toward providing aid rather than probing difficult realities. Those who deny "sensible" responses and continue their questioning are considered irresponsible, insensitive and even irreverent.

Yet, I believe that at a time like this, national unity and support must mean more than simply sending checks and resources to folks that need them. While that activity is paramount and cannot be ignored, assistance in a time of crisis often demands that leaders lend their voices to the troubling truths that lay beneath the rubble.

While cursory television coverage chooses to focus narrowly on the malevolent behavior of a few, harsh societal facts go unnoticed. Why it is that much timidity surrounds the assertion that most of the refugee population affected is not only African-American but also low-income? Is there something fundamentally wrong about making this claim? Such a statement would be irrelevant if its emphasis was solely descriptive.

Unfortunately, however, a claim of this magnitude penetrates a substantive truth about the reality of race relations in the United States, and inner cities in particular. Do you know, for example, that close to one-third of New Orleans lives below the poverty line? If I were to tell you that 93 percent of the students at schools in the city are African-American, what would you think? Does it trouble you that residents living up-river on higher ground tended to survive the flooding while those living down-river in shoddy housing units tended to succumb to the water's fury? Would it be unreasonable to add that the former demographic was largely middle-income and white, while the latter was mostly lower-income and black?

Reflect and permit the anger of these truths to motivate your actions in a positive way.

If popular news is going to continue to cheapen its coverage of this disaster through narrowly framed images and rigidly censored programs (Kanye West was silenced, by the way, for his assertion on NBC's victims' tribute program that President Bush does not care about blacks), then our collective responsibility as citizens is to reflect on this tragedy in a more honest, constructive way.

Many will construe my words as politicization of a non-political issue; know that we are the first to say that concern for the victims, regardless of wealth and color, should be primary. Our concern should always motivate our positive actions for those who suffer, and I think that it is operating right now.

Paul Kralovec
senior
off-campus
Sept. 6

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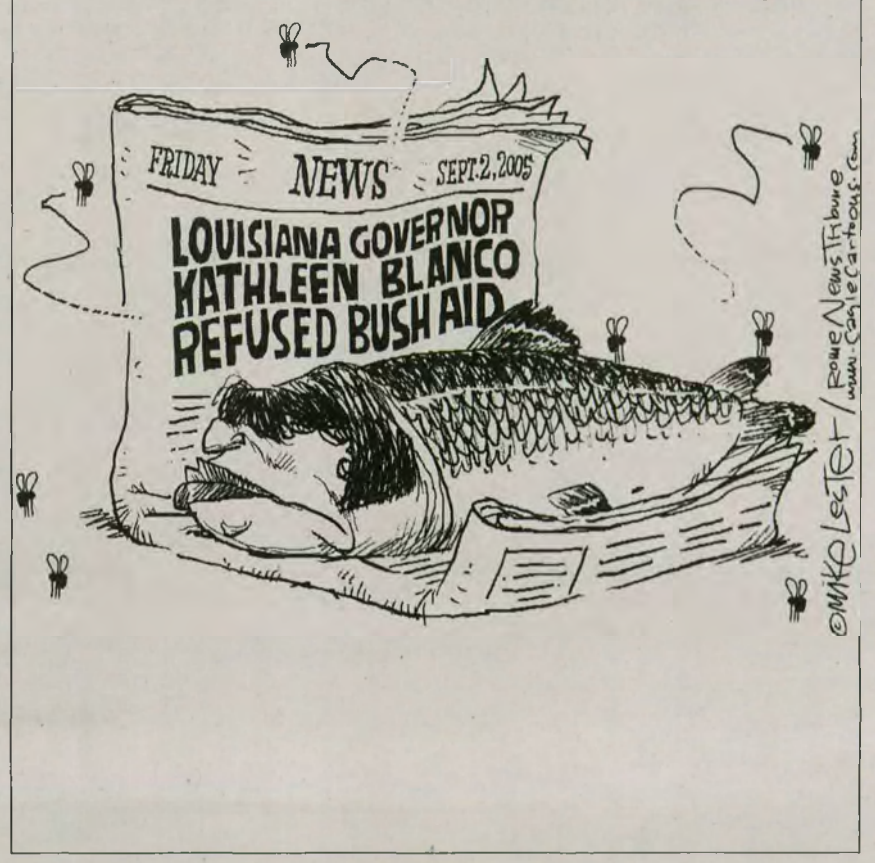

DVD REVIEW

Second season of the O.C. captures California dream

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

Common rooms in dorms all around campus will be full tomorrow night as the new season of "The O.C." kicks off, but for some students, the "O.C." parties started a couple of weeks ago — on Aug. 23, to be exact.

That was the day the DVD for season two of "The O.C." was released, the day fans were huddled around their TVs discussing whether they should start at the beginning or flip right to their favorite episodes.

In its first season, "The O.C." introduced the characters, and welcomed fans into their soap-opera world. However, it was during season two when fans really became a part of that world. They saw different sides of the characters emerge, relationships develop and fall apart and more complex storylines unfold. They hung on the edge of their seats each Thursday, waiting to see the preview for next week's episode.

Whether they love or hate them, the connections fans made with the characters on the show during the second season are part of what makes "The O.C." such a popular show. The connections might be purely physical, like ever evolving debate between guys about who is hotter — Marissa, Summer, or maybe even Kirsten.

For some fans, the obsession may go a little deeper. On any given Friday, someone walking around campus is bound to hear girls discussing the perfection that is Seth Cohen, and what off the wall comment he made on last night's episode.

No matter what it is about the show that draws people in, it's safe to say they're hooked and can't seem to get enough. With Season two out on DVD, fans can now get their "O.C." fix any time, any day.

The relationships during the second season explain a lot about "The O.C." There were love triangles that revolved around comic books, bisexuals and a possible pregnancy. Affairs were commonplace among the "adult figures" in Newport Beach, and even the strongest relationships were put to the test. However, throughout all of the drama, the characters still gave the audience things to smile about.

The episode titled "The Chrismukkah That Almost Wasn't" showed that almost everyone in Orange County has a little heart. Throughout the season, Ryan tried hard to show his heart when his older brother, Trey, came back into his life. But no matter what he did, Trey kept messing up, which made for a great cliff-hanger ending for season two.

Although some of the show's principal cast may not be on their way to winning Oscars, there was an obvious improvement in acting ability and experience during season two. Ben McKenzie (Ryan) and Adam Brody (Seth) continued to build the character friendship that was the original platform for the show. Kelly Rowan also rose to the challenge of turning her character, Kirsten, into a struggling alcoholic in the second half of the season.

One of the best parts of season two was the amazing musicians that were recruited to appear in various episodes. Bands such as The Walkmen (who played at Notre Dame last year), Death Cab for Cutie and Modest Mouse played shows at the Bait Shop, the beachside music hotspot, and received tons of amazing publicity while they were at it.

The extensive season two DVD set features plenty of great special features, including one section called "O.C. — Obsess Completely," fans can get an inside look at some of the musicians "The O.C." has hosted. The section also shows great in-depth interviews with the cast, as well as the producer of the show, Josh Schwartz.

Another section of special features, titled "Gags and Goofs," begins with an interesting black and white piece showcasing many of the "kissing scenes" filmed through out season two. This doesn't seem to be something fans would expect to find on the DVD, but adds a nice touch to the compilation.

"Beachy Couture," the final section of the special features, gives an inside look on the fashion world of "The O.C." People who watch the show and play close attention to what each character is wearing will love to learn how the wardrobe designers choose what they do for each scene. In this section, Adam Brody explains how he is "just trying to get away with stuff that's not lame." It seems like he may be on the same designer wavelength as his character.

The season two DVD is every O.C. fan's "California dream," with plenty of great special features to keep enthusiasts busy. With enough episodes, affairs, scandals and heartbreaks to keep someone occupied for days, it's a great addition to any pop-culture collection.

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The O.C.
Complete Second Season
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THE O.C. 101: A DIP IN ORANGE COUNTY'S POOL

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

It's amazing how a five-note melody can halt the bustling activity of LaFortune, if only for a moment.

When the lively piano chorus of Phantom Planet's "California" blares through the big-screen televisions, students break out of their studying trances and either smile, hum along gleefully or roll their eyes with frustration. For the naysayers in that latter camp, it's going to be a long, grating couple of months.

With the season three premiere of "The O.C." less than 48 hours away, expect to hear the "California" refrain routinely. Still, it's never too late to take a dip in the Orange County pool. As the campus' O.C.-obsessed fanatics settle back into the world navigated by Ryan, Seth, Summer and Marissa, O.C. first-timers still have a chance to join the reveling. With the first and second seasons of the show readily available on DVD, the zany misadventures of Orange Country are only a couch away.

In the meantime, there are plenty of reasons why "The O.C." steals away hearts and oh so many hours of precious studying time on this campus.

OK, so the show's principal cast of colorful characters didn't start off as the most original troupe in television history. But it has made plenty of strides in fleshing out once one-dimensional archetypes and grabbing a vice grip on the attention spans of its viewers.

Throwing in a fair sprinkling of marriages, divorces and heart attacks helps jumble the interwoven plot points into a highly addictive potpourri.

But the heart of the show lies with its other young protagonist, Seth Cohen (Adam Brody). A comic-book geek, Seth divides his time between spouting off pop-culture quips and chasing after his life's mission: roping in Summer (Rachel Bilson), the girl of his dreams. He alternatively succeeds and fails at this exercise over the course of the show's seasons, alternatively leading to a chorus of cheers and catcalls from fans. Plus it's a joy hearing Seth banter back and forth with Ryan in true brotherly fashion, complete with quick witticisms.

Sandy Cohen (Peter Gallagher), Seth's dad, is another gem in the television landscape of primetime dramas. A public attorney and all-around good guy, Sandy's character lends a carefully balanced dynamic to a show that constantly goes off the deep end with Seth and Ryan's misadventures. Watching him deal with his wife Kirsten's growing alcoholism problem during season two firmly tugs at the heartstrings. There's certainly a reason why Sandy was ranked 25 in TV Guide's 2004 list of the "50 Greatest TV Dads of All Time" (which is no small feat considering the relative youth of the show).

Any plot device used on "The O.C." would easily last half a season (or more) on any other show. No matter how contrived they seem, such as Marissa's infamous lesbian fling from season two, plot devices in "The O.C." rarely last more than four episodes.

This ends up being both a blessing and a curse. Disappointing and cringe-worthy plot devices are swept under the carpet quickly. There was probably dancing in the streets from the O.C. fan nation when Oliver, a deranged Marissa stalker, was swept away in fewer than six episodes.

The show's music scene is almost universally praised as one of the best on television. Whether it's snagging a new song off Coldplay's latest album weeks before its release or helping boost small indie bands into the national spotlight, "The O.C." sets musical trends long before the average radio station. Plus, it's helped the show's producers release four soundtracks highlighting the show's musical prowess.

When "The O.C." premieres Thursday night at 7 p.m., there will probably be plenty of alert, captivated faces around campus. With an open mind, it'll probably only take a few days for an O.C. late-comer to fall in love with sunny Orange County.

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Marissa (Mischa Barton), left, Summer (Rachel Bilson), Seth (Adam Brody) and Ryan (Ben McKenzie) form the young nucleus of the popular Fox drama.

Graphics by GRAHAM EBETSCH/The Observer

OBSESSED COMPLETELY: THE O.C. ON CAMPUS

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

"The O.C.," while wholly unrealistic in its sheer degree of scandal, may just be the perfect escape from the stress and studying of college. The difficulty of balancing life at school seems less serious when you see that Julie Cooper is being blackmailed with a secret porn tape from her past, Ryan's ex-con brother Trey is involved in a drug deal and Kirsten's drinking problem is spiraling out of control. "The O.C." manages to blend sensationalism with the right degree of sensitivity and humor, and this mixture is causing a stir around college campuses every Thursday night.

While the show supposedly focuses on people in high school, the potent combination of sex, scandal and friendship has helped it transcend the traditional boundaries of age to find a huge spectrum of collegiate fans. The adventures of the Cohen-Cooper-Nichols clan are in no way realistic, but that may just be the reason why the show is so successful.

"O.C." parties are a common occurrence on campus every Thursday at 7 p.m. Whether the parties consist of die-hard fans, people looking for a reason to socialize or students desperate for a study break, the show is quickly becoming an almost mandatory weekly event.

"You don't have to think when you watch it," junior Tiffanie Spencer explained. "It's very obvious, but it's drama that's very interesting."

The show, while heavily a favorite among females, has a strong male following that isn't just watching to see Mischa Barton in a mini skirt. It is not uncommon to see large groups of males gathered together on Thursday nights in common rooms around campus.

Second year law student Steve Duvernay described his ritual.

"I'm a purist, no distractions," he said. "Usually it's just a couple of us in someone's living room absorbing the greatness that is 'The O.C.'"

As is the case with most massively popular shows on television, a drinking game has evolved around the program. Things like a person wearing a bikini at a party, the appearance of a luxury car, characters getting in a fight or wearing a very short skirt are all justifications for taking a drink.

There are several groups on the facebook Web site at Notre Dame devoted to "The O.C.," such as "If You Talk During 'The O.C.,' I Will Kill You at the Next Commercial" and "Seth Cohen is the Man." There are also several groups devoted to disliking the show as well, including the "Anti-'The O.C.' club" and "Help, My Name is _____ and All of My Friends are Obsessed with 'The O.C.'"

Some schools have taken the show to a new level, as "The O.C" watching club at the Boalt Law School at UC Berkley reveals. They created "The Sandy Cohen Fellowship," a scholarship in honor of the fact that fictional character Sandy Cohen, played by Peter Gallagher, supposedly attended the law school. Donations can be made at http://oc.boalt.org/.

"You don't have to think when you watch it. It's very obvious but it's drama that's very interesting."

Tiffanie Spencer
junior

The show started out with the unfavorable distinction of debuting as midsummer programming — which usually doesn't last through the fall season — on FOX as well as being the first show ever written or produced by creator Josh Schwartz. Not only did it surpass all expectations, but it became enough of a cultural presence to take over magazine covers, create fashion trends and garner the current scion of "it"-ness, Paris Hilton, for a cameo in the first season

One of the major influences that "The O.C." has had on pop culture and college students in particular is with regard to its soundtrack choices. Music is featured prominently on the show, and it makes a point of using songs from bands that rarely get radio play.

The show has used music from a wide variety of underground bands such as the Dandy Warhols, the Super Furry Animals, Rilo Kiley, Bell X1, Jem, Eels and Beck. The Bellingham, Wash. band Death Cab for Cutie, a favorite of Seth Cohen (as well as his portrayer, Adam Brody), has received a huge boost in popularity due to the show and even performed in various episodes during the show's second season.

A few bands have even gone beyond merely being background music and have performed on the show, including Rooney, Modest Mouse, the Thrills and the Walkmen.

The show has become such a major launching pad for music that even established groups like Coldplay and the Beastie Boys have gone so far as to use the show to premiere songs from their latest albums.

"While 'The O.C.' isn't exactly deep or complicated, that might be just the reason that college students enjoy it," Duverney said. "There's the combined element of fantasy and schadenfreude, which I think is a key element to the show's success."

Sometimes between the calculus homework, reading entire novels and cramming for tests, everyone just needs an hour-long trip to the less academic and more melodramatic world of Orange County.

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The ensemble cast of "The O.C." is set to return for more sex, scandal and melodrama in the show's highly anticipated third season. The first episode of the upcoming season premieres on Thursday at 7 p.m. on Fox.

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Sandy Cohen
The liberal, east-coast lawyer with formidable eyebrows stands out among the Orange Country crowd. Sandy Cohen works to save kids as a public defender, must deal with his slightly unhinged family and yet still manages to get in a few hours of surfing between cases and crises.

Kirsten Cohen
The matriarch of the Cohen clan, Kirsten has to deal with a variety of family problems, from her wild sister Haley to her hard-nosed father Caleb. She is usually the rock of the family, but she also has a tendency to be a workaholic and has a penchant for Merlot that gets out of control and leads to stronger drinks such as straight vodka.

Ryan Atwood
After stealing a car with his brother, Ryan avoids juvenile hall by being taken in by Sandy Cohen and his family. He must adjust from being from the wrong side of the tracks in Chino to the vastly wealthy world of Orange County.

Marissa Cooper
Rich, beautiful and incredibly messed up, Marissa somehow manages to be the perfect high school student while at the same time being a delinquent who almost dies in Tijuana, steals from department stores and drinks in the bathroom.

Seth Cohen
An inspiration to geeks everywhere, Seth is a skinny, indie music loving comic book fan and somehow manages not only to get extremely attractive girls like Summer and Anna to like him but to actually fight over him.

Julie Cooper
Call her "The Dragon Lady" or "The Wicked Witch of the West Coast" but few characters can pull off having affairs with their daughter's ex-boyfriends, having porn tapes in their past or have catfights at their bachelorette parties quite as fabulously as Julie Cooper.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Inspiring 'Murderball' aims at the heart

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

It's rare today to find a film that can both jar the mind and stir the spirit. In a summer that gave the American public both the "Deuce Bigalow" sequel and the mind-numbing "Stealth," a film as gritty and satisfying as "Murderball" is running — or rolling, rather — against the grain.

The documentary, directed by Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro, showcases the sport of quadriplegic rugby, affectionately nicknamed "murderball" by its devoted players for the fierce intensity with which the game is played. Equipped with specially built wheelchairs that look like they were welded by a cross between the "American Chopper" crew and a demolition derby expert, two teams zoom, throw and check their way across a regulation basketball court in a four-period match.

Murderball

Directors: Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro
Starring: Scott Hogsett, Bob Lujano, Scott Hogsett and Joe Soares

Power is ultimately the name of the game, however, as a full-on smash between players is all but encouraged to be victorious.

The film opens with a series of short interviews with members of the U.S. national quad rugby team, captioned by name only — Hogsett, Andy, Zupan — and describing how they came to be paraplegics. These interviews are spotted throughout the movie, giving people a glimpse into the lives of men forever changed by a car accident or a wrestling match gone wrong. Getting to know the players lends the film a hard-earned human side that is skillfully balanced with the gruff nature of the sport itself.

Overall, the movie tracks the American team as they progress from the world championship in Sweden to the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. On another level, however, is the real story — the battle between the teams from the United States and Canada, which centers on one man: Joe Soares.

Eight years prior, Joe sat at the top of the quad rugby world, leading the American team to victory in the 1996 Games. Following a messy battle with the American coaches, however, Joe and his bruised ego made a deal to coach the Canadian national team, beginning a rivalry which has reached full blast by the time the film opens.

Joe is loud, abrasive, and mesmerizing — when he's on the screen, the audience is drawn to his explosive temper and blazing stare, just to see what he'll do next. It takes a heart attack halfway through the film to loosen Joe up, but it is the intensity and drive of Joe and the respective teams that hallmarks the cutthroat competition, and draws the viewer in.

Photo courtesy of indyfilmfest.org

Quadriplegics win the bronze medal in the 2004 Paralympics in Athens. These athletes are the focus of this year's compelling documentary "Murderball."

Where the film really shines, however, is in the smaller moments that address what life is like when someone's limbs are nearly useless. Listening to Bob Lujano describe a dream in which he's flying, limbs intact or watching goateed team leader Mark Zupan bring murderball lessons to a local hospital's newly disabled, hits the heart in a quiet but affecting way.

The film is definitely not humorless, however: one sequence involving a sexed video for paraplegics is particularly memorable. It's the revelation of the tough ordinariness of the players' lives, as well as their athletic strengths, which blows the mind of the audience, destroying any preconceptions.

Guilt, bitterness, reconciliation, power, strength, anger and love: all are expressed in the faces and lives of these unknowing titans on wheels, and the result is one amazing way to spend 85 minutes.

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Documenting the dirtiest joke in 'The Aristocrats'

By ERIN MCGINN
Scene Critic

"The Aristocrats" is one of the funniest movies of the year, which is no small feat considering that it is little more than a documentary about a single joke. Penn Jillette (of Penn and Teller) and Paul Provenza's film is the filmic equivalent of a one-trick pony, but the trick itself is entertaining enough to carry through its 89 minutes. "The Aristocrats" is obscene and offensive, but the joke itself (and those telling it) is funny enough to overcome its perverse single-mindedness. More than anything, "The Aristocrats" is hilarious.

"A man walks into a talent agent's office with his family and says, 'Have I got an act for you!' The talent agent replies, 'So what do you do?'" So begins "The Aristocrats," a film that documents a joke that has been handed down from comedian to comedian since the days of the old burlesque shows, but is rarely told on stage and is traditionally told only amongst comedians. The next part of the joke varies, allowing for improvisation, and the only requirement in telling the joke is that it be as offensive as possible.

The Aristocrats

Director: Paul Provenza
Starring: Jason Alexander, Hank Azaria, George Carlin, Drew Carey, Whoopi Goldberg, Trey Parker and Bob Saget

There is no nudity and there is no violence, but Jillette and Paul Provenza managed to create a documentary vulgar enough to not be rated. "The Aristocrats," features numerous comedians performing and analyzing the same joke, but is not for the light-hearted or those with weak stomachs.

The joke, originally from old burlesque shows, is known as being the most coarsely perverse ever performed, and traditionally is told only amongst comedians. While giving away the joke would ruin some of the film's impact, the variations that accompany it are diverse enough that it remains fresh, vile, and funny some hundred years after it was first told.

For those able to withstand the joke, which in its most tame version contains references to incest, bestiality, necrophilia and bodily fluids, the movie is uproarious. Paul Provenza and Penn Jillette spent two years documenting as many versions of this infamous joke as possible, cornering comedians like Drew Carey, Whoopi Goldberg, Susie Essman and Paul Reiser whenever and wherever possible.

Other note-worthy comedians include Drew Carey, Andy Dick, Carrie Fisher, Whoopi Goldberg, Gilbert Gottfried, Chris Rock, Sarah Silverman, Jon Stewart and dozens of others. Seeing Bob Saget, who references his role on "Full House," perform the joke is reason alone to see the movie. The results are surprising, and often take their humor to places that may make sensitive viewers uncomfortable.

Far more than just a re-telling of a joke, "The Aristocrats" traces its history and tries to answer the question of why such an obscene joke is undeniably funny. By exploring the origin and path of the joke, the filmmakers sidestep the potential for cinematic staleness. This segment is fascinating, as it explores how a joke changes (or largely stays the same) over the years.

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Fred Willard participates in the retelling of a notorious joke passed down from burlesque clubs in director Paul Provenza's documentary "The Aristocrats."

Since the film is such a focused documentary, the normal criteria of review are, for all intents and purposes, dispensable. The movie is essentially about comedians entertaining other comedians without regard to the more sensitive public, which is pointed out in the film itself. Some of the comedians, such as Chevy Chase, actually held parties of which the only purpose was to tell the joke, where one single telling lasted for nearly an hour and a half.

Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the creators of "South Park," even created an animated segment featuring the show's characters specially for this movie.

"The Aristocrats" is simply one of the best and funniest movies of the year. For all its obscenity, it is a pointed and effective documentary about the nature of the "dirty joke" as told by comedians throughout the year. For those who can withstand its vulgarity, "The Aristocrats" is highly recommended.

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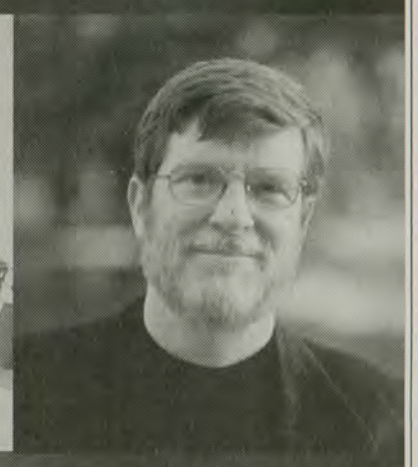

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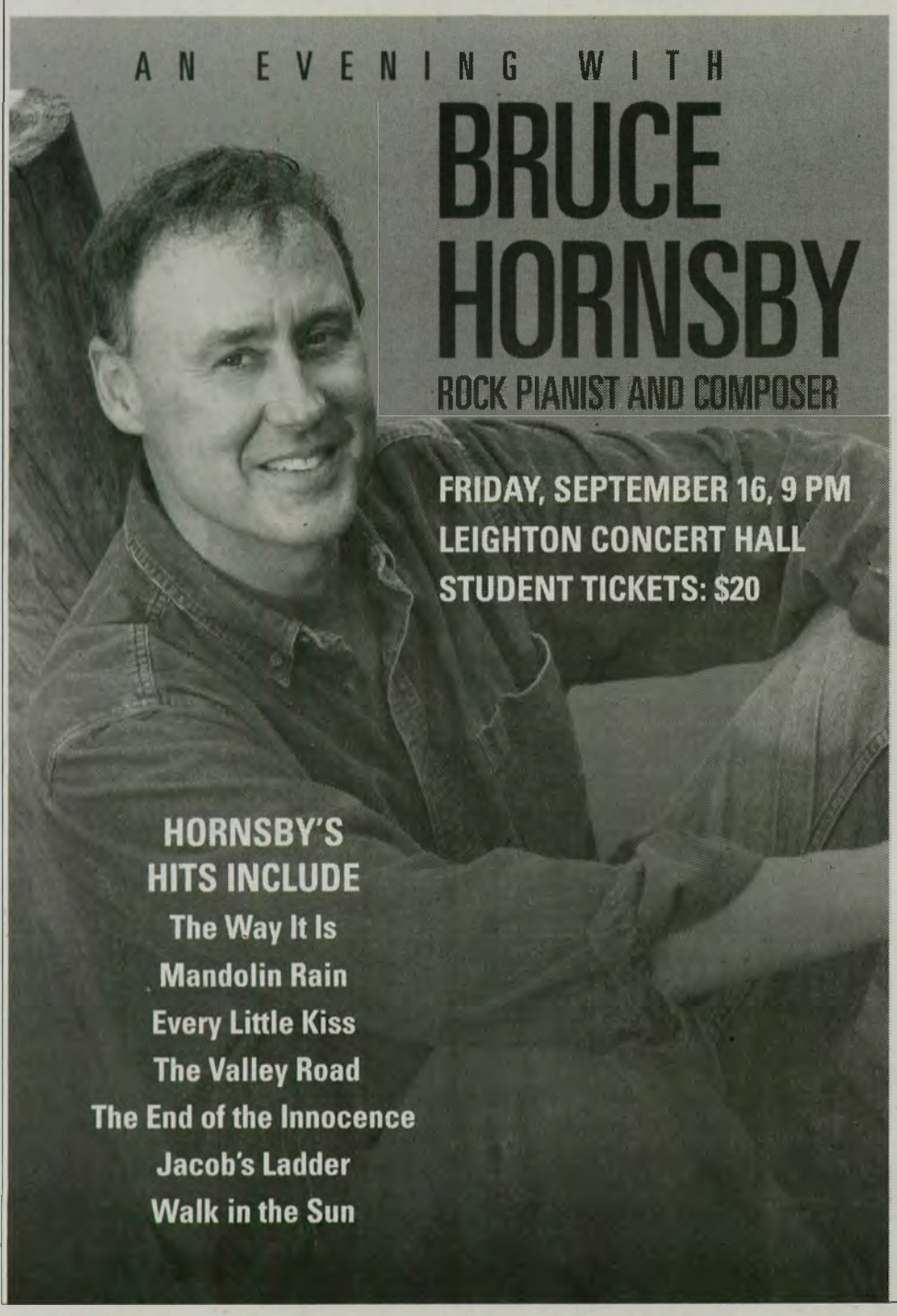

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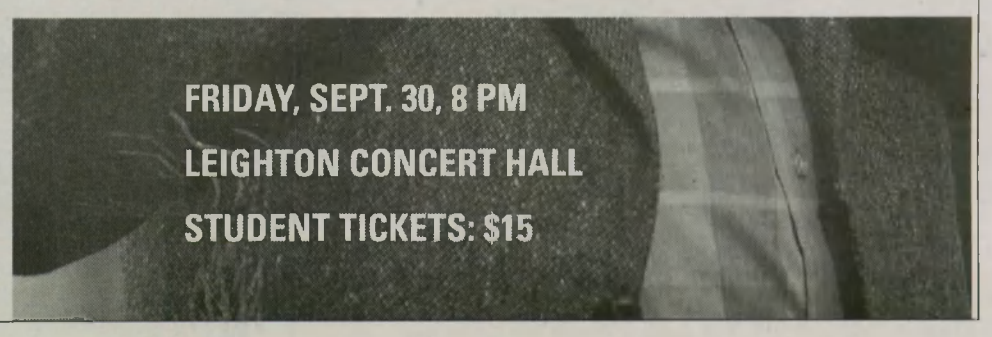

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HURRICANE KATRINA

Tulane athletes to 'carry torch'

Wherever its home, Green Wave plans to keep playing, give hope

Associated Press

DALLAS — Tulane athletic teams displaced from their New Orleans campus by Hurricane Katrina will be based this fall at five different universities.

The Green Wave student-athletes will live and attend classes at schools in Texas and Louisiana. The teams will stay together and play under the Tulane banner.

"Our community needs hope," athletic director Rick Dickson said Tuesday. "Our student-athletes represent hope for them.

"They will carry the torch and be the face, and display the name of Tulane University and the New Orleans community until we are able to come home and do that on our own campus."

Still, Dickson said the initial objective was to provide education, housing and meals to 243 athletes.

"Then, we'll put the logistics of the athletic piece together next," he said.

Tulane's football team, which has been working out at SMU in Dallas, is moving later this week to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, about 230 miles north of New Orleans.

The players will enroll in classes there that begin next week.

The men's basketball team, along with the volleyball, swimming and diving and women's soccer teams, will be at Texas A&M.

The women's basketball team and the baseball team will go to Texas Tech. Rice will host the tennis teams, and SMU will be the temporary home for the golf teams.

"We wanted to do what we could to help," Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne told Dickson during a conference call Tuesday. "We'll treat your athletes just like they were our own."

AP

Tulane football players arrive at their Dallas hotel Tuesday afternoon. The sport, they say, gives them a needed distraction.

Byrne, Rice athletic director Bobby May and Texas Tech AD Gerald Myers said their schools were prepared to host the teams as long as needed. They also could accommodate Tulane teams playing home games on their campuses, the three said during the call.

Most of the Tulane athletes would be enrolled at the schools Tuesday or Wednesday, Dickson said.

The only Tulane team that won't take part in its scheduled season this fall is cross country.

Men's and women's track don't compete until the spring semester.

Tulane's season-opening football game at Southern Mississippi, which also was affected by the storm, was postponed until after Thanksgiving.

The Green Wave's first game is Sept. 17, a home game against Mississippi State that was supposed to be played in the Superdome.

Dickson said he wasn't sure where the game would be played.

"Our preference is to first identify a home-away-from-home venue for our football team," Dickson said. "The possibilities, there are more than a handful right now.

"We haven't weighed in on any of them at this point, and we haven't ruled any of them out."

Among the possibilities are playing on the Louisiana Tech campus or at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, La. Louisiana Tech and Tulane share three common home dates, all in October.

U.S. OPEN

Federer struggles, but wins — again

Top seed beats Kiefer, advances to quarterfinals of tourney

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer sneered, tossed his racket in disgust. Horror of horrors, he lost a set.

For most of the U.S. Open, the defending champion and top seed had seemed to sleepwalk through his matches, playing only as well as necessary, waking up and painting lines when pressed. He made up shots as he went along — a sprinkling of aces at various speeds and angles, a backhand pass that got him out of trouble, a volley that came out of nowhere between yawns.

That was enough until he got into a little trouble against Nicolas Kiefer on Tuesday. Suddenly Federer had a reason to elevate his game and stir some emotion. Now he swept in toward the net, pounded winners from the baseline, stopped wasting time and effort.

Under just the hint of pressure, Federer produced his best tennis of the tournament to beat Kiefer 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4 and land safely in the quarterfinals. Match point was a masterful final stroke — an inside-out forehand crosscourt that Federer tucked neatly in the corner, far from Kiefer's reach.

"Federer's play, for him, is like a B, B-plus, which for anyone else is an A-plus," former champion John McEnroe said after leaving the broadcast booth. "For him, he hasn't really played as well as he's capable of. He's been unsettled a couple of times. Today was one of those matches. Sometimes you don't play your best, but the real champions win when they're not playing their real best."

The 24-year-old Federer lost only one set on the way to his third Wimbledon title two months ago, and that also was against Kiefer, who gives him tough matches but can't quite win. Federer has beaten the German six straight times, four of them this year.

After losing the second-set tiebreaker when he netted a backhand half-volley, Federer found himself in difficulty at 3-3 in the third when he faced double break point at 15-40. His answer: a 120 mph service winner to save one break point, a brilliant backhand crosscourt pass to save another. Kiefer made two errors after that and his opportunity was gone.

"That game was huge, absolutely," Federer said. "I was not so happy the way I was playing, especially in the second set. Third was getting better, especially after that pass. I really felt that shift in momentum. I took advantage of that. In the fourth set, I started to feel like I'm really in control again where I didn't feel that way at all before. I had the feeling actually momentum was all on his side."

Like an artist standing back to admire his work, Federer watched a replay on the giant screen of the backhand pass that saved break point.

"I knew the moment I hit it that the ball is going to be in," he said. "I knew that he's not going to be there, and I knew that I'm back in the game, back in the match. I knew the importance of that shot. It was important from then to hold and not let it slip away. So I did well there."

As dominant as Federer has been on grass the past few years, he's no less the ruler of hard courts.

He's won 32 straight matches on the surface and is 42-1 on it this year.

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NFL

Coroner: Herrion showed evidence of heart trouble

Official declares cause of death for late 49ers offensive lineman

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Thomas Herrion had heart disease and evidence of previous heart trouble when he collapsed and died after a preseason game last month, an official in the Denver County coroner's office said Tuesday.

The coroner's findings confirmed the beliefs of Herrion's family and friends, who were certain drugs played no role in Herrion's death Aug. 20. Herrion's heart condition was caused by factors that are often nearly undetectable, though fairly rare in a 23-year-old athlete in good physical condition.

"It really squashes all the speculation regarding his death," said Frederick Lyles, Herrion's agent. "They appear to be very thorough in their analysis. Hopefully, now people really get off the idea that these guys are overweight, or that drugs or steroids were involved in any way."

Herrion had ischemic heart disease, with significant blockage in his right coronary artery that caused the death of heart muscle, according to Amy Martin, a forensic pathologist and deputy coroner in Denver. Herrion's heart was slightly enlarged, a condition that could be related to anything from heart disease and high blood pressure to heredity.

Martin also said the autopsy revealed scar tissue from a recent episode in which blood was restricted to his heart — but Herrion probably didn't even realize it.

"From the time that he died, something happened a week or so earlier," said Martin, who found microscopic evidence of organizing heart necrosis.

"Whether he was aware of that was not clear. There are a lot of instances where people have heart attacks and are not aware of them, especially when your jobs requires you to do things that require you to get hurt. He may not have thought much about it."

Herrion weighed about 335 pounds at the time of his death, Martin said. The 6-foot-3 athlete was roughly comparable in size to dozens of NFL linemen — and the 49ers believe Herrion's cardiovascular fitness was outstanding.

Drug screens on Herrion's blood and urine found only atrophine, a drug administered when medical personnel tried to revive him. There's no indication Herrion's enlarged heart was caused by high blood pressure, Martin said.

Lyles spoke to Herrion's mother after the report was released.

"She's having some roller-coaster days," Lyles said. "She was really happy with the outcome. She's just trying to get some closure, and this will help."

The ebullient lineman, a favorite among his teammates, was on the field for San Francisco's final touchdown drive in a 26-21 loss to Denver, playing exceptionally well and joking with team staff members after it was over.

"Thomas passed all the tests at the beginning of the year, and that's what makes this a shock to everybody."

Eric Heitmann
49ers offensive lineman

Players had just finished reciting the Lord's Prayer in the locker room after the game when Herrion collapsed. Though team doctors and medics immediately reached the lineman and took him to the hospital, he couldn't be saved.

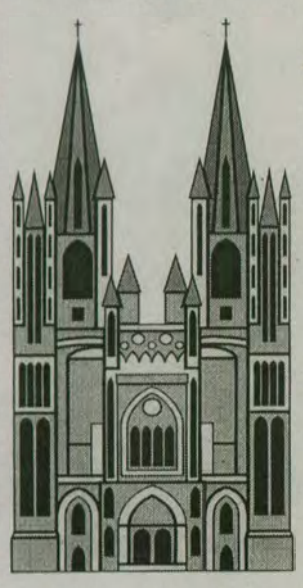
"I'm definitely shocked and surprised that someone so young and also in such good shape as Thomas Herrion could have a heart attack," said 49ers offensive lineman Eric Heitmann, one of Herrion's friends. "Thomas passed all the tests at the beginning of the year, and that's what makes this a shock to everybody."

All NFL players receive complete medical exams from their club, including evaluation of their cardiovascular systems, EKG tests, blood tests and chest X-rays, according to the league's collective bargaining agreement. Stress tests are given at the discretion of the clubs' physicians, though the 49ers' medical staff wasn't available to reporters Tuesday.

Herrion repeatedly passed all tests with the 49ers, the club said earlier.

"Our medical experts have not had an opportunity to review the report," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "But based on what we know so far, this may be a case of an unfortunate hereditary condition that is not easily detected, even by the regular and thorough cardiac screening used by NFL clubs. Unfortunately, even young people can be struck without warning by a heart attack."

Herrion, a second-year pro who grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, played two successful college seasons at Utah. He spent part of last season on the San Francisco and Dallas practice squads and also played this spring with the Hamburg Sea Dogs of NFL Europe.



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MLB

Bonds endures tough workout, hopes to return

Coaches, teammates agree the slugger looks impressive

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Barry Bonds put in a rigorous workout Tuesday, but the San Francisco Giants slugger was not activated off the disabled list.

Bonds was on the Dodger Stadium field well before his teammates, lightly running the bases, shagging fly balls, taking some swings and doing cutting drills under an intense sun. Later, he took his turn with the rest of the Giants in the batting cage.

Bonds will be evaluated Wednesday morning at the Kerlan-Jobe Clinic, team spokesman Blake Rhodes said.

The 41-year-old slugger has yet to play this season while recovering from three operations on his right knee since Jan. 31.

He has been in Los Angeles for two months rehabbing his knee and practicing his hitting.

"We waited a long time, so if we wait another day or two or three, it's OK," Giants manager Felipe Alou said.

Bonds also worked out Monday, but Alou got his first good look at the slugger in action in the outfield Tuesday and made observations.

"His swing is intact," he said. "The hand-eye coordination is intact. The bat is ready. The other stuff, I don't want to get into."

Bonds impressed Alou by fielding several line drives hit by a coach.

"I saw balls that were hit where he had to run and stop. I didn't see much favoring in the knee," Alou said. "He's so much better than he was in spring training. That was a real workout."

Bonds told reporters Monday that he didn't know when he would return. On Tuesday, Bonds wasn't talking to reporters, Rhodes said.

Bonds' No. 25 jersey hung in his locker and he sat munching half of a grilled sandwich before his second round in the batting cage.

Pitcher Noah Lowry is eager to see Bonds return to the lineup for the Giants, who had won six straight going into Tuesday night's game against the Dodgers.

"We've been trying to battle this whole year without that major factor," he said. "Having him in our lineup is only going to help us. He's the best player in the game."

If and when Bonds returns, it will likely be in a pinch-hitter's role.

"He'll probably pinch-hit for anybody in the lineup," Alou said.

Alou and Bonds chatted in the manager's office after his one-man workout, and Alou said they discussed "possibilities."

"He's still in the hands of the trainers and doctors," Alou said. "When we're given the green light, we'll stick him in there."

Also Tuesday, a Giants player told The Associated Press that Bonds tussled with pitcher Jason Christiansen in the clubhouse lunchroom at SBC Park earlier this season in a dispute about one of Bonds' trainers.

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Noah Lowry
Giants pitcher

The player, who witnessed the June altercation but spoke on condition of anonymity because he did not want to talk publicly about an incident between other players, said Christiansen was frustrated with Harvey Shields, Bonds' personal stretch man now employed by the team.

"I don't think punches were thrown," the player said. "It was more grabbing. It was regarding one of Bonds' trainers, Harvey."

Shortly after the scuffle, Bonds left for Los Angeles, so many of his teammates had not seen him until they arrived Monday for the three-game series against the Dodgers.

"He looks pretty good," Lowry said. "It's exciting to see him back in uniform, back in the locker room."

You wonder how he's doing."

AP

Prior to his team's Tuesday game with rival Los Angeles Dodgers, Barry Bonds slams into the outfield wall.

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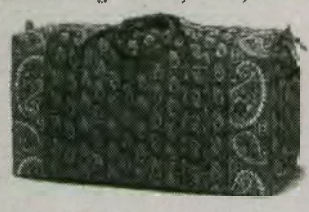

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2	Texas (4)	1-0	1,541
3	Michigan	1-0	1,360
4	Ohio State	1-0	1,301
5	LSU	0-0	1,291
6	Tennessee	1-0	1,280
7	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,253
8	Iowa	1-0	1,146
9	Georgia	1-0	1,131
10	Florida	1-0	1,129
11	Florida State	1-0	1,064
12	Louisville	1-0	911
13	Purdue	0-0	740
14	Miami	0-1	710
15	Arizona State	1-0	553
16	California	1-0	514
17	Georgia Tech	1-0	459
18	Oklahoma	0-1	375
19	Boston College	1-0	372
20	NOTRE DAME	1-0	345
21	Texas Tech	0-0	274
22	TCU	1-0	254
23	Virginia	1-0	232
24	Fresno State	0-0	221
25	Clemson	1-0	164

College Football
USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Southern California (60)	1-0	1,547
2	Texas (2)	1-0	1,462
3	Michigan	1-0	1,337
4	Tennessee	1-0	1,268
5	LSU	0-0	1,203
6	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,201
7	Ohio State	1-0	1,178
8	Iowa	1-0	1,120
9	Georgia	1-0	1,036
10	Florida	1-0	1,030
11	Florida State	1-0	1,022
12	Louisville	1-0	794
13	Purdue	0-0	741
14	Miami	0-1	679
15	Arizona State	1-0	589
16	Oklahoma	0-1	545
17	California	1-0	454
18	Boston College	1-0	416
19	Texas Tech	0-0	366
20	Virginia	1-0	304
21	Georgia Tech	1-0	300
22	Alabama	1-0	245
23	NOTRE DAME	1-0	165
24	Fresno State	0-0	152
25	Auburn	0-1	138

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Louisville	0-0-0	3-1-0
Seton Hall	0-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	1-0-0	2-1-0
Saint John's	0-0-0	2-1-0
South Florida	0-0-0	2-1-0
Rutgers	0-0-0	2-1-0
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Connecticut	0-0-0	2-2-0
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MLB

Texas at Minnesota 12:10 p.m., ESPN
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United States vs. Guatemala 9:00 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING

AP

Cyclist Lance Armstrong leaves a doping control bus during the 2003 Tour de France. The seven-time Tour winner, who retired after this year's race, is considering making a comeback for the 2006 Tour.

Armstrong won't rule out return to racing

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — After winning his seventh Tour de France title, Lance Armstrong stepped off the winner's podium in Paris and into retirement, declaring, "I'm finished."

Six weeks later, he's already talking about a comeback.

Recently engaged to rocker girlfriend Sheryl Crow, Armstrong issued a statement Tuesday confirming that he's contemplating a return to competitive cycling in part because he knows how much it would rankle French media who believe his record of seven straight Tour wins is tainted by drug use.

"While I'm absolutely enjoying my time as a retired athlete with Sheryl and the kids, the recent smear campaign out of France has awoken my competitive side," Armstrong said. "I'm not willing to put a percentage on the chances, but I will no longer rule it out."

When he retired, Armstrong said he was looking forward to time away from the grueling months of training and six-hour rides around the countryside.

He planned to spend a few days "with a beer, having a blast" with time dedicated to playing with his three young children from his first marriage.

But he's been dogged in recent weeks with allegations of performance-enhancing drug use. On Aug. 23, the French newspaper L'Equipe reported it had evidence that six of Armstrong's urine samples from the '99 Tour tested positive last year for the blood booster EPO. The substance was banned in 1999, but there was no reliable test at the time.

Armstrong has angrily denied the charge, saying he was a victim of a "setup."

He first hinted of a comeback in an interview Monday with the Austin American-Statesman. An Armstrong spokesman on Tuesday said the comments were a joke, but within hours, the cyclist confirmed it was possible.

"I'm thinking it's the best way," to anger the French, he told the newspaper. "I'm exercising every day."

Dan Osipow, manager of Armstrong's Discovery Channel team, seemed to be caught off-guard by Armstrong's comments, but said the cyclist appears determined to protect his legacy.

IN BRIEF

Bonds, pitcher Christiansen involved in clubhouse scuffle

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds tussled with pitcher Jason Christiansen in the clubhouse lunchroom at SBC Park earlier this season in a dispute about one of the slugger's trainers, another player told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

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Shortly after the scuffle, Bonds left for Los Angeles, where he spent more than two months rehabilitating his troublesome right knee following three operations since Jan. 31. The 41-year-old slugger, third on the career home run list, rejoined the Giants on Monday for their game at Dodger Stadium and hoped to be activated this week.

McClendon fired by Pirates

PITTSBURGH — Lloyd McClendon was the first Pittsburgh Pirates manager brought back after four consecutive losing seasons. One loss away from a fifth such season, the Pirates decided they wanted someone else running the club.

McClendon, an aggressive former player known for his competitiveness and frequent run-ins with umpires, was fired Tuesday after averaging more than 90 losses since 2001 for a perennially non-contending team.

Bench coach Pete Mackanin will be the interim manager for the rest of the season.

The talent-thin Pirates, who only this season began a concerted effort to rebuild with youth, were 55-81 going into Tuesday night's game against Arizona and were tied with Colorado for the NL's worst record.

Devils' defenseman Stevens retires

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Devils defenseman Scott Stevens announced his retirement after more than two decades in the NHL on Tuesday, saying a year off showed him that he could live without hockey.

"I think the game is more mental than physical. You have to be in tremendous shape, but you have to want to do it in your head," the 41-year-old player said. "At this point in my career I didn't think I could put the mental parts there every day, and that's a big part of playing this game."

General manager Lou Lamoriello said Stevens, a 13-time All-Star who won three Stanley Cups with the Devils and played more NHL games than any other defenseman during his 22 seasons, has "been an integral part of all the success we've had."

SMC GOLF

Mattia leads team in weekend tournament

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Senior Megan Mattia led the way for the Saint Mary's golf team this past weekend, shooting an 81 in the final day of the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational and coming in at 25th place overall. Mattia's efforts helped the Belles to achieve an 11th-place finish in their first competition of the year.

The team got off to a somewhat slow start on Saturday, and they were in 12th place after the first round. Nearly all of the golfers saw improved scores on Sunday as everyone adjusted to the course. The improvement allowed Saint Mary's to overcome regional-competitors St. Joseph's-Indiana at the conclusion of the tournament.

One disappointing factor for Saint Mary's was that the Belles were beaten by MIAA opponent Olivet College. Although the defeat does not affect conference standings, the Belles, who have captured the MIAA title for three years in a row, did not like to see themselves finishing eight strokes behind their opponent.

Mattia has been an integral part of the Saint Mary's golf program for the past three years, gaining MIAA honors and showing continual improvement in her scores. The past weekend marked the fourth and final appearance that Mattia would make at the Bulldog Invitational, and the senior is not upset to be done with that particular event.

"I've played that course for four years ... I didn't really like it so I'm glad not to have to play it again," said Mattia.

But the weekend did provide Mattia with a basis for improvement during her last season with the Belles.

"I played pretty solid," she said. "I've been practicing pretty hard [but] there is still room for improvement."

For someone who has been on a winning team her entire college career, losing to Olivet was not easy to swallow. But Mattia has her mind on continued improvement both individually and as a team, and is confident that she and her peers will be able to make her last season a success.

"Individually I just want to play really well, to make first-team all-conference, to keep improving [and] score well," Mattia said.

But, at least for the next week, the only thing the Mattia, as well as the rest of the Saint Mary's team, has to deal with is to be the only Division-III team represented at Division-I tournament. The Belles will make the short trip over to Notre Dame this weekend to compete in a two-day competition with a host of D-I schools. The competition will probably be the most difficult for Saint Mary's all year, but the Belles are looking forward to the challenge.

"I think we're all pretty nervous for it but we hope to play well," said Mattia. "It's an honor just to be invited."

Mattia will most likely continue to be one of the leading factors on the Saint Mary's team, and the Belles can count on the senior to provide low scores this weekend and for the rest of the season.

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off the 2005-06 hockey season by Jackson, where the big-name guest mingled with players and fans alike.

Bowman is widely considered one of the greatest hockey coaches of all time, a label shared with his mentor and winner of eight Stanley Cups, Toe Blake. Bowman learned the ins and outs of the NHL game from Blake as a junior coach for the Montreal Canadiens.

No other coach in history has won more NHL games than Bowman, nor has any drunk from the Cup more times — nine total, five with Montreal, one with Pittsburgh, and three with Detroit. And he goes about it all with the right attitude.

"I think the most important attribute a person can have is his or her own attitude, just because I've seen a lot of situations where I've had to make decisions on players, whether to keep them or whether to play them or whatever the reason is, and it came down usually to attitude," Bowman said. "I think the individual attitude of the person is probably 90 percent of the battle of being successful."

Bowman described his climb up the professional coaching ladder, starting as a coach in the Montreal Canadiens junior system and culminating with his final Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002.

"I had the feeling that maybe I should get out on top while I can," Bowman said, describing his decision to leave the hockey world after 2002. He now spends time traveling with his wife and winters in Florida, where he catches many Tampa Bay Lightning games.

Bowman littered his tale with anecdotes of people who have influenced him and funny tales from the ice. One night as coach of the St. Louis Blues, Bowman set a curfew for his players. He then grabbed a stick and gave it to the bellhop promising $10 an autograph that the bellhop got after the curfew. The next day in practice he had six autographs and showed the awestruck curfew-breaking icers their mistake.

Throughout the speech, Bowman made reference that his success has been aided by a strong ownership supporting his moves.

"They [the owners] wanted to have good teams," he said. "They left no stone unturned. That and the fact that I did the job for a long time. It was a lot easier the last decade coaching than it was in my first."

Bowman had nothing but praise of Jackson.

"He's a well-experienced guy," he said. "He knows how to get a team together. It's going to take some time, but he has a lot of good ideas."

In a pre-speech closed gathering, Bowman spoke of the challenges Jackson faces in turning around the Irish.

"You have to figure out the best way to win with what you've got," he said. "There are different ways to win. You can't change overnight; you can't just bring players in when you have a college team. He's been at Lake Superior State, they were not a hockey power, but he made them a hockey power."

The legendary coach concluded his speech with a reflection on his entire career and what it has meant to him.

"You have to have passion to do your job," Bowman said. "I never thought of it as a job; I've had other jobs, but have had no better feelings than in coaching when you take 25 guys and reach that pinnacle of success."

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Schroeder-Biek spoke highly of the Hope team.

"They have a strong winning tradition at Hope. They have good hitting, and they don't give up; they always compete," she said. "We've had a good rivalry with them."

If the Belles are to reach their goal of moving up the MIAA standings, they must win home contests in league play, especially against quality opponents like Hope. The Belles were 5-11 in the MIAA last season, 3-5 at home. Schroeder-Biek spoke of the importance of notching a win in the first conference match.

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Rivals

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played OK in the first game and we're going against one of the top teams in the country, that's the story."

Notre Dame-Michigan is one of the most storied rivalries in collegiate history. From Harry Oliver's 51-yard field goal to win the 1980 game to Darius Walker leading the charge in his first collegiate game last season, this matchup has always been exciting.

But Weis, who debuted as a head coach with a 42-21 drubbing of Pittsburgh last weekend, does not plan to let the rivalry aspect of this game interfere with what he has to do.

"Not to downplay it, but it's no different to me this week as it was last week," Weis said. "I'm just worried about going into 'The Big House' and trying to win the game. I have no emotions at all about Notre Dame versus Michigan."

And the football starts with Michigan's potent offense, led by two sophomores — quarterback Chad Henne and running back Mike Hart, the Big Ten Freshman of the Year last season. Tight end Tim Massaquoi was first team All-Big Ten last season, with 18 receptions for 184 yards.

"They have a lot of weapons," Weis said. "Obviously as you look at the options on offense, it's very formidable."

And as a result, Notre Dame will face a tough challenge in just its second game of the season, in Michigan who comes off a 33-17 win over Northern Illinois in its opener last week.

"Let's face it, this is a tough opponent," Weis said. "We're going to have to play very well to have a chance to win the game. And you can't rest on your laurels and feel good about yourself because you played a good opener. You have to be worried about Michigan because if not, you're going to get your butt kicked."

The Irish, meanwhile will prepare to play at Michigan Stadium, where they have had little luck in recent trips to Ann Arbor. In 2003, the Irish lost 38-0 as Chris Perry ran for 133 yards and scored four touchdowns for the Wolverines. The Irish have not won at Michigan Stadium since 1993, and the Wolverines have a 16-game home winning streak coming into Saturday's game.

"I think the interesting thing about this coaching staff is that they approach each game the same, regardless of who we're playing," running back Darius Walker said. "We have our goals set as to what we need to do."

And with over 100,000 fans expected at "The Big House," Weis has planned special drills for the Irish to practice dealing with the noise.

"You have to practice silent snap count in case you can't hear," Weis said. "We dedicate one day, probably Thursday, where you blare noise so loud you can't hear. You'll barely be able to hear the quarterback give you the play in the huddle. That's the best way to prepare people to handle the noise and to concentrate when you can't hear anything."

But the Irish will have to do much more than just handle the noise if they are to win Saturday.

"We know Michigan is going to be a challenge and we are going to have to play a lot better than we did last week to win this game," Weis said.

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rants some consideration," Weis said. "I think it's great for our players to get some respect for how they play, but it all comes down to how we play this week. We'll see where we're rated after we play Michigan. The only issue at hand is Michigan."

Talking to Tommy

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr coached New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for four years at Michigan from 1995-99. Weis coached Brady for four years as the offensive coordinator of the Patriots. However, although Brady told the Boston Herald Monday that he would be pulling for his alma mater, Weis is not concerned about his former protégé.

"I talked to Tommy multiple times last week and I think that right now he's just worried about the Raiders," Weis said of Brady, who plays in his season opener for the Patriots Thursday night. "I don't think he's spending a lot of time talking to anyone from Michigan or Notre Dame right now. He's just concerned about beating the Raiders Thursday night. And I know Tommy, and I can promise you that's what I'm doing."

And Weis said that through Brady, he has gotten to know head coach Lloyd Carr.

"I have an affinity towards Michigan through my relationship with Tommy over my years with the Patriots and I've grown a great respect for Coach Carr and his staff," Weis said.

Bowman speaks to Irish

NHL coach Scotty Bowman, who holds the NHL records for wins and winning percentage, spoke to the Irish Tuesday for about five minutes. He was in town to be the keynote speaker at Notre Dame hockey's "Drop the Puck" dinner Tuesday night.

"It was a great experience," running back Darius Walker said. "He's a wonderful coach and his track record speaks for itself."

Instant replay thoughts

Weis said Tuesday that after reviewing the game tape he didn't have any big gripes with the use of instant reply, although he thought Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko's fumble shouldn't have been overturned via replay.

"I thought that most of the calls were right," Weis said. "The only one that I thought was close, I thought the one play was a fumble. But I could be wrong — it was close. I thought instant replay for the most part was correct. I thought the officiating for the most part was right on. I have no complaints."

Instant replay is different in college, as coaches do not have the ability to challenge a play as they do in the NFL.

"You take the pressure off the coaches [in college]," Weis said. "I'd like to see it where the pressure is on the coaches, rather than waiting for an official upstairs [to decide if a play is reviewed]."

Weis and Carr

The relationship between the two head coaches is one that dates back to when Weis was an assistant coach under Bill Parcells with the New York Giants and New York Jets.

"I have a lot of respect for the whole staff and their associate head coach Fred Jackson is a very close friend of mine. He's a friend of mine come Sunday, enemy until then," Weis said.

Carr invited Weis to speak at his spring coaching clinic a few years ago as well.

"I've known Charlie quite a while," Carr said. "We had him in here, as a matter of fact, a couple years ago to speak at our [coaching] clinic. I like him, and I have a lot of respect for him."

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Kickoff

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a strong outing last weekend in the Marietta College Classic, knocking of SUNY-Brockport 4-3 in double OT and losing to Marietta 1-0 in a close game.

"We just want to go out there and go at them strong," Higgins said. "Coach [Caryn Mackenzie] just wants us to play with high energy and play our best game."

Illinois Wesleyan knocked off Belles' rival Hope College on Saturday1-0. The Titans outshot Hope 13-4 and controlled every aspect of the game.

The Belles split last season's games with Hope, winning 2-0 and losing 3-2. The close proximity with which the Belles and Illinois Wesleyan both played Hope should portend for a closely fought game.

But it all comes down to the Belles executing on one of Mackenzie's team goals — maintaining mental toughness on the road. Mackenzie wants her players to not focus on what happened in the past, but focus on what her team needs to do at the moment, to maintain the high energy she feels her team possesses.

Saint Mary's will take the field at Illinois Wesleyan at 7 p.m. today.

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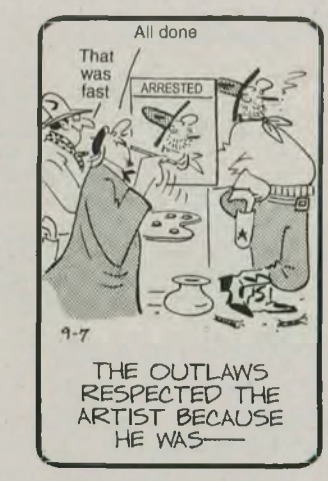

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33 Perils for spelunkers
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51 Obsequious sort
55 Dis's partner
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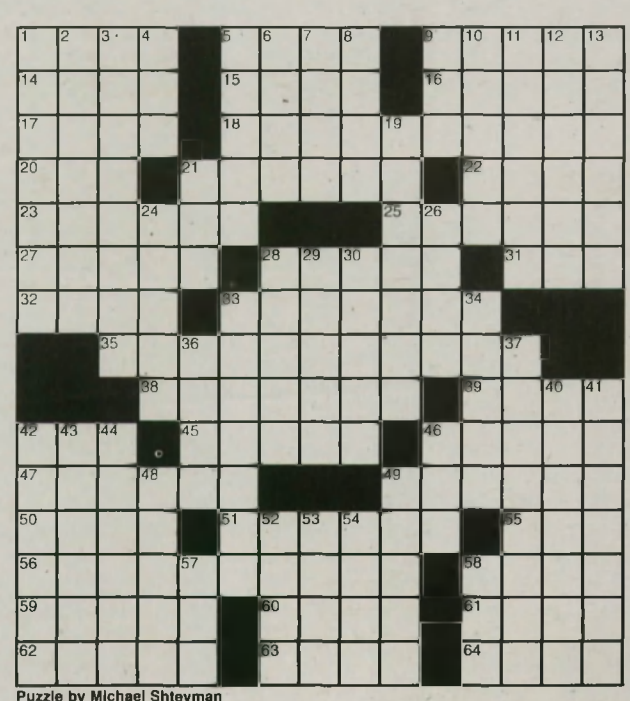

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FOOTBALL

Making some noise

Weis glad that focus returns to team and its goals this week

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Last week it was Charlie versus Dave. This week it's No. 20 Notre Dame versus No. 3 Michigan.

One week after Notre Dame's Charlie Weis and Pittsburgh's Dave Wannstedt made their debuts as collegiate head coaches, the focus is finally on the football game.

"I had become such a distraction going into the game and I think now we're past that," Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "I think now the fact that we

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Left, Darius Walker scores one of his two touchdowns in a 28-20 win over Michigan in September 2004. Brady Quinn runs against Pitt in the 2005 season opener Saturday, a 42-21 victory.

Irish leap to No. 20 in AP poll and No. 23 in USA Today

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After Saturday's 42-21 win over then-No. 23 Pittsburgh on the road, the Irish earned a spot in both the Associated Press and USA Today polls. They are ranked No. 20 in the Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the USA Today poll.

However, Irish coach Charlie Weis isn't getting caught up in the rankings after only one game and a matchup with No. 3 Michigan on the horizon for Saturday.

"We've played one game and we played fairly well, so it war-

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take on Hope for first conference match

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Belles of Saint Mary's will take their first step toward an MIAA crown when they host Hope College tonight in the conference opener for both teams.

The Belles (1-3) are coming off a tough weekend at the Elmhurst College invitational. The team lost its first three contests to Elmhurst, Wisconsin-Oshkosh and St. Scholastica before defeating Blackburn for their first victory of the season. Despite the results, Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was pleased with her team's play.

"I'm very excited about how we played over the weekend," she said. "We faced great national level competition and we competed with them. They didn't run over us. If anything this weekend built our confidence."

Practice sessions this week were focused on improving areas where the Belles struggled during weekend play, with a special emphasis on serve reception. Schroeder-Biek felt her team would become sharper in all areas as the season continued.

"They did a good job playing together," she said. "Now we just need to tighten everything up. We also need to get everyone more experience."

Hope (3-1) enters tonight's contest having won three games at the Wisconsin-Whitewater tournament over the weekend. The Flying Dutch's lone loss came at the hands of Wisconsin-Whitewater, who is currently ranked No. 8 in the country. Hope split two contests with the Belles last season, with each team winning on their opponent's home floor. Hope finished last season in fourth place in the MIAA, three places ahead of the Belles. Coach

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HOCKEY

Bowman speaks at event

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Irish hockey coach Jeff Jackson pinches himself every morning when he approaches campus and spots the Golden Dome gleaming in the early sun, just to remind himself how lucky he is. And everyone in attendance to hear legendary professional hockey coach Scotty Bowman speak at Notre Dame's opening hockey banquet on Tuesday night couldn't help but have the same reaction in the presence of a man so influential to his game.

Bowman was asked to speak at the Drop the Puck Dinner to kick

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Scotty Bowman, shown here directing Red Wings players in 2002, was the keynote speaker at Tuesday's hockey dinner.

SMC SOCCER

Team set to take on DIII defending champions

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The Belles will enter uncharted waters this evening as they travel to face Illinois Wesleyan in the final tune-up game before MIAA play begins this weekend against Hope College.

The Titans of Illinois Wesleyan are a much tougher opponent than Saint Mary's is used to facing in regular conference action. They are defending Division III national champions and play in the highly regarded College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, earning an overall 14-6-1 record.

Illinois has won 10 straight CCIW titles, but due to heavy senior losses from last year is now ranked second in CCIW pre-season polls.

"I think they have some really fast forwards," midfielder Justine Higgins said of the dangerous Titans. "It's a really good experience because I think they are tougher than most teams in our conference."

The Belles are coming off of

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC GOLF

Mattia leads team with 81

Megan Mattia led the Belles this weekend in their first tournament.

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CYCLING

Lance Armstrong, retired and recently accused of using steroids, could make a comeback already.

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MLB

Barry Bonds remains on the disabled list, although he's practiced with the team.

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NFL

Lineman died of heart problems

A coroner said that Thomas Herrion's death was due to heart disease.

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HURRICANE

After the campus was ruined in Hurricane Katrina, Tulane will play home games at five different universities.

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U.S. OPEN

Federer survives scare, advances

The top-seeded tennis player lost a set today, but kept his cool to win the match.

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