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Law student keeps hurricane blogger

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Second-year Notre Dame law student Brendan Loy's newfound celebrity was the product of an unusual source — his fame sprouted from a Web log, blog for short, created in April 2002.

Before the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, the 23-year-old's blog, brendanloy.com, had a respectable traffic flow of approximately 1,000 Web site hits per day. But in the days leading up to and following Katrina's New Orleans landfall, his count totaled as many as 34,000 hits per day.

Loy, an avid tropical storm tracker since childhood, fol-

lowed the hurricane's path and carefully charted its grave potential days before city and state officials paid such notice. No Nostradamus, the self-described "dork" used what most would deem basic common sense to predict the pending mass devastation.

"The local government and the media did not sound the alarm loudly enough, but my blog did," Loy said. "I didn't make an amazing forecast, I just looked at what was happening with the National Hurricane Center ... I'm not clairvoyant."

Loy said he based his prediction on public information released by the National

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Courtesy of Brendan Loy

Brendan Loy sits in front of the camera at WNDU television station to film a Sept. 7 MSNBC appearance.

Career fair draws 130 companies

Record-high number of firms to attend Notre Dame's annual fall expo

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

Microsoft, Rolls Royce and Capital One are just three of the 130 companies that will make an appearance at today's career fair in the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame's annual fall career expo, which will take place from 4 to 8 p.m., will feature a record-high number of companies, including many new ones, said Lee Svete, director of the Career Center. Internship opportunities, as well as full-time jobs, are available.

"We still have our strong investment bank and accounting firms, but now we have more opportunities for all students at Notre Dame who want to get into the business world," Svete said.

Students with career interests outside of the business world will also find opportunities, due to a "greater diversity of employers this year," Svete said.

Kirkland & Ellis, a prestigious law firm based in Washington, D.C., will be present for students interested in law. There will also be a number of non-profit organizations present, including Teach for America, which hired 45 Notre Dame graduates last year.

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Hurricane impacts grads teaching in South

Former Notre Dame students working for Teach for America help with relief effort

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

When 2005 Notre Dame graduate Melissa Hentges began her two years of service with the Teach for America program three weeks ago in New Orleans, her new pupils made a lasting impression on her.

Seven-year old Bailey Jones, a quiet student with a toothless yet infectious smile, created intricate artistic projects. Jy'Nesha Lewis, a strong-minded six-year old, made sure each day that a hearing-impaired classmate understood what the class was doing. And Jy'Nesha's brother, seven-year old Alvin Batisse, was a natural leader. After months of preparation, Hentges had finally begun her two years of teaching a

class of 30 New Orleans second graders.

Then Hurricane Katrina hit Aug. 29.

Hentges' elementary school, as well as the housing project where many of her students lived, was located near a levee that broke. The school remains under five to seven feet of water, Hentges said.

Hentges is one of four 2005 Notre Dame grads participating in Teach for America in the New Orleans area. One hundred thirty-eight volunteers from the program were originally stationed in the area, but many have either followed the displaced New Orleans students to Baton Rouge and Houston or relocated to safer areas them-

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AP

Donte Percy, 5, sleeps in a shelter for refugees of Hurricane Katrina at Reliant Center in Houston. Many students taught by Notre Dame grads through Teach for America have moved to similar locations.

Oppenheimer's life discussed

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Curious students and professors gathered Tuesday for a lecture on the most destructive man-made weapon, the nuclear bomb, and its creator, Robert Oppenheimer.

The second installment of the lecture series "Thoughts on the Unthinkable: Perspectives on Nuclear Weapons and Warfare" took place last night in the McKenna Hall auditorium and featured historian Kai Bird, a freelance journalist and contributing editor to The Nation.

The lecture focused on Oppenheimer's troubled life, who Bird described as a key player in the creation and policymaking of the atomic bomb.

Bird characterized Oppenheimer, a physicist and government adviser who directed the development of the first atomic bombs,

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SMC Seniors make use of career facilities

Center for Career Opportunities aids students with plans

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

For most Saint Mary's students, the summer seems a long way off. But for many in the class of 2006, the time for entering the "real world" is rapidly approaching.

At the outset of the academic year, Saint Mary's seniors have begun already to plan for life after college with

help from various opportunities the College provides.

To help with that planning, students often turn to the Center for Career Opportunities (CCO). Created by the College to help students transition smoothly from Saint Mary's into the working world, the CCO — located on the foundation level of the Student Center — works with students of all majors to search for jobs, make decisions about graduate school and improve their job-hunting skills.

"We're not really placing

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Historian Kai Bird lectured Tuesday on Robert Oppenheimer and his impact on nuclear weapons.

INSIDE COLUMN

We're all crazy

It happens around this time of year. It sneaks up on us, and before we know it, we're entirely enveloped, and there's almost nothing to be done about it. I call it The Lull. It's when everyone at school looks like a robot. We all go to classes, do the homework, eat, go to sleep, then do it again the next day. Our routines are the cuts that cause our days to bleed into each other.

Joe Piarulli

Wire Editor

To beat the lull, you must first recognize that you have a problem. Hello everyone, my name is Joe Piarulli, and I find myself leading a remarkably boring, schedule-driven, sustenance-based life. Hi, Joe.

You have to break the routine. Snap its back over your leg, and tell it you better never find it hanging out on your turf again. Then kick it in its metaphorical stomach for good measure. As it's said in "The Waterboy", you must "do what Captain Insano does to the bad guy." Become Captain Insano. It's the only way.

There is no such thing as a normal person. Everyone is abnormal. The whole world is an insane asylum. Embrace your insanity, because if you don't, you will always find yourself a victim of The Lull. If you're having one of those weeks in which you see the same people every fifteen minutes, and it seems as though your life is on instant replay, do something ridiculous. Remind yourself that you're alive.

A decent way to break the norm is to stop listening to everyone. Most people don't know what they're talking about anyway. Usually when someone says, "listen carefully," it's because they think that what they're going to tell you is important. As Jack Johnson sang, "What's important to you is not important to me." So when I say, "listen carefully," I mean be careful about the advice you take.

People give advice they aren't using, which probably means it isn't all that great. Would you give someone the pants you're wearing? No, because you're using those pants. You like those pants. You had to get those pants on your own and you don't want someone to have them. So listen carefully, that is to say, be careful about listening.

Another way to escape The Lull is to stop trying to do what you think everyone wants you to do. Stop trying to be cool. You're only as cool as you think other people think you are. Think about it.

Most importantly, amuse yourself. Use your imagination. Think about things that you usually wouldn't think about. The thoughts most worth thinking are the ones other people won't think. If you had Dr. Seuss in your head all day, would you ever get bored? Go back to the days when you used to pretend, because it's just as much fun in college as it was when you were six years old. It's fun to pretend that your room is a mini-golf course, or that everyone in DeBartolo is a zombie and you have to battle your way out before they eat your brains. Yes, people will think you're truly crazy, but that just means you're having much more fun than they are. They are saturated by the lull, but you, my friend, are not.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU PUT ON A WRISTBAND AND WHY?



Rachel Manley
senior
Farley

"Off the pressure' because it can be taken in many ways."



Mary Levy
junior
Farley

"Attitude' to remind yourself to keep a good attitude."



Rob Carroll
freshman
Dillon

"I heart Rob' because I love myself."



Ashlyn Izumo
freshman
Pasquerilla East

"I heart Rob' because he's a hot guy."



Dorian Inzunza
freshman
Keough

"You're not alone' because a lot of times, studying in the dorms, you are alone and you get down on yourself."



Chris Harrington
sophomore
Dillon

"Charlie is my Homeboy' because Charlie is my homeboy."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

A resident of Dillon Hall dressed up in the traditional Teen Wolf costume Tuesday and ran around South Quad to publicize his dorm's upcoming Pep Rally. The event will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in front of the dorm and will include various skits.

IN BRIEF

James McKenna, from the department of anthropology, will be giving a lecture entitled: "Law & ... Sleeping With Baby: A Natural Ecology or a Prosecutable Offense?" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 120 of the Law School. Eric Smithburn will be the commentator.

The 2005 National Conference on Organ Pedagogy, which runs through today at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, features performances, lectures and master classes by internationally acclaimed organists.

The Saint Mary's Student Governance Association is hosting the State of the School Address on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

Fiddler's Hearth is hosting a "halfway to St. Patrick's Day" Irish Fest Friday, Sept. 16 through Sept. 23 to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Irish bands The Sprigs, The Bardic Apostles, The Fenians, Teada, Brock McGuire and local band Kennedy's Kitchen will perform. Fiddler's Hearth is located in downtown South Bend at 127 N. Main. For tickets and information, call 232-2853.

The fifth annual Saturday Scholar Series will begin at 11 a.m. this Saturday in the Hesburgh Center. History professor Linda Przybyszewski will give a lecture entitled "Catholics, Concubines and the Constitution."

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

OFFBEAT

Football player plans to amputate finger

SYDNEY, Australia — An Australian professional football player said Tuesday he plans to have one of his fingers amputated in an attempt to improve his game.

Brett Backwell, who plays Australian rules football for Glenelg, a suburb of the city of Adelaide in South Australia state, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. he has suffered from pain and restricted movement since he broke his left ring finger three years ago.

Doctors had suggested fusing the bones in the finger, but Backwell rejected the proposal.

He said he believed that amputating the finger was the only way to stop the pain and allow him to keep playing.

Robber uses sword to send condiments flying

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A robber swinging a samurai sword sent condiments flying before fleeing with \$32 taken from the frightened lunchtime crowd.

Patrons of the Mudville Grille said the man burst

into the restaurant about 11:30 a.m. Monday, waving a sword and yelling he was holding up the place.

Witnesses said the man whipped the sword across two tables, clearing the tabletops before slamming his hand on the counter.

Several patrons emptied their pockets and the man grabbed the cash and fled in a green minivan. It was later found abandoned with the sword inside.

Police said the van and sword were taken in a 2 a.m. robbery.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH	78	53	77	78	81	81
LOW	60		52	53	58	63

Atlanta 89 / 71 Boston 84 / 69 Chicago 78 / 56 Denver 69 / 49 Houston 92 / 74 Los Angeles 75 / 58 Minneapolis 72 / 54 New York 88 / 74 Philadelphia 88 / 73 Phoenix 97 / 73 Seattle 69 / 54 St. Louis 80 / 63 Tampa 92 / 75 Washington 87 / 72

World-famous organists convene for national conference

Special to the Observer

Internationally acclaimed organists from around the world are convening this week at the Notre Dame for the 2005 National Conference on Organ Pedagogy in the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The conference, which continues through Wednesday, features a host of performances, lectures and master classes by top organ scholars, musicians and craftspeople and celebrates the first year of Notre Dame's O'Malley Organ, which stands in the performing arts center's

Reyes Organ and Choral Hall.

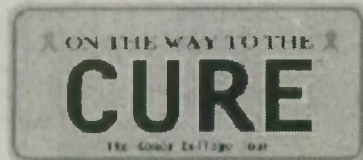
"This has been one of my dreams during my 25 years at Notre Dame," said Craig Cramer, professor of organ and artist-in-residence, who also organized and performs at the conference. "That we would be able to bring people to campus from my discipline

and show them that we have a flourishing organ program and that the University is committed to educating the next generation of organists and church musicians. This is a significant event in my profession and in Notre Dame's decade of the arts."

Presented in conjunction

with the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the conference focuses on the works of Dieterich Buxtehude with particular emphasis on keyboard techniques, improvisation, theoretical issues, performance, practice topics and the historical situation of music in 17th-century North Germany.

The O'Malley Organ was hand-crafted by Paul Fritts & Co. of Tacoma, Wash., and has 2,550 pipes and 35 stops. It was funded through a charitable remainder trust from the late Marjorie M. O'Malley, a member of Notre Dame's Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Letters from 1980 to 1986, who also provided funding for the Holtkamp organ installed in the University's Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1978.



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Notre Dame students have a strong record of success in competing for jobs and internships from companies present at the career expo, Svete said. The number of Notre Dame students hired for internships or full-time jobs with Fortune 500 companies was in the high 60s last year, Svete said.

"I'm worried there won't be enough students for the number of jobs," Svete said. Employers have already posted more than 450 jobs on Golrish, an online NACELink recruiting system.

Notre Dame's career expo compares favorably with other colleges and universities, Svete said.

"For our size of an institution, we're on the larger scale side," she said, referring to the number of companies attending.

While gas and energy prices can have an effect on the number of companies attending, Svete said the recent spikes have not yet adversely affected Notre Dame.

Svete recommended that students interested in attending the fair "dress conservatively, on the professional side" and bring copies of their resume. Students are encouraged to research the companies they are interested in before they go to the expo, and a list of all those attending can be found on the Career Center Web site.

"I looked up companies on the Career Center Web site, but I'm going to check out everything there," said Claire Berezowitz, a senior environmental science and political science major.

Svete also recommended students approach company tables at random, even if they have never heard of the employer. CH Robinson, for example, is a transportation logistics company that has opportunities available for students interested in working in an international firm.

Svete encouraged students of all years to participate, and said the fair gives undergrads good experience for their later career searches.

Many students are going to the fair with the intention of finding an internship.

"I'm going abroad next semester so it's really important to look for an internship for this summer now," said junior political science and marketing major Julie Putnam.

The expo is sponsored by the Career Center and the Mendoza College of Business.

The Engineering Career Fair was held Tuesday.

James Ehlinger, a senior computer engineering major, went to the engineering industry day Tuesday night.

"I focused on three or four companies there but looked at all of them. I'm looking for a full time job for next year," he said.

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Hurricane Center and computer models.

"The main point is not that I made the prediction, but rather why I was the lone voice in the wilderness," he said.

As early as Friday, Aug. 26, Loy knew of Katrina's capacity to be an "unprecedented cataclysm that could kill as many as 100,000 people in New Orleans," he said.

Days before landfall on Aug. 29, Loy posted dozens of entries on his blog informing readers of the chaos to come — well before the media realized the enormity of the situation.

"August is a slow news month and Friday afternoon is the most boring news time imaginable," said Loy, who studied print journalism as an undergraduate at the University of Southern California. "On Friday when the computer model shifted, the media was asleep at the switch. On Saturday, the Drudge Report — which pro-

vides the mainstream media with some of its information — still had a headline up that read 'Hurricane Heads for Florida.'"

Loy said what was happening off the Gulf Coast Friday did not fit the "pre-fabricated storyline" of the hurricane hitting Florida. Furthermore, he said the media made a second error Saturday when local press hesitated and opted to wait for absolute certainty.

"Even though the media tends to be sensationalist, [media outlets] also did not want to panic people after previous false alarms," he said. "But in New Orleans, there was no time to delay an evacuation given the specific circumstance."

When mainstream media finally began to meticulously cover the threat Katrina posed to New Orleans on Sunday, it was too late, Loy said.

Recently, Loy faced a

media blitz of his own when television, radio and print journalists from all over the world scrambled to speak with him. Last week, media powerhouses such as the

New York Times, MSNBC and BBC Radio featured stories on Loy and his now-famous blog.

Loy said the Times of India contacted him Tuesday for an interview.

"I think [the media attention] will definitely die down, but you never know," Loy said. "I'm probably at minute 14 in my 15 minutes of fame."

But although Loy said he is enjoying the recognition, he admitted there is some "tension" because it came out of such a disaster.

"I wish it never happened, but it did, and I'm glad people were able to make good use of the information in my blog," he said. "In the media, big news is almost always bad news. Dan Rather made

his career on the JFK assassination and Aaron Brown on 9/11."

Loy said despite the recent attention, he still plans on going into law and his endeavors in blogging will remain a hobby.

"With journalism, on a day of crisis — that's the day you have to go in for work away from your family," Loy said. "I prefer a more-stable, less crisis-oriented job [than journalism], but all six-figure offers will be seriously considered."

While some Americans complained of adversary journalism and excessive finger-pointing following coverage of Katrina's aftermath, Loy said it has been decent.

"For the most part, the aftermath coverage has been good," he said, "but there's been too much focus on the federal government, and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin has not gotten enough flack. He's probably the single most responsible person."

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Teach

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selves.

While Bailey, Alvin and Jy'Nesha are safe in the Houston Astrodome, Hentges does not yet know the location of many of her students, or as she calls them, her children.

"It has been very emotionally trying to realistically think about the possibilities for my children and where they may or may not be," she said.

Although her original school will not reopen in the foreseeable future, Hentges has elected to join the Greater New Orleans Recovery Corps-Houston. This group is a division of Teach for America's

"emergency corps." which will serve displaced New Orleans students in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; St. John's Parish, Louisiana; and Houston, Texas. New Orleans corps members had the option of either joining the Recovery Corps or being reassigned to another region in the country.

"I knew that I wanted to continue serving New Orleans students," she said. "I felt that it was the best way in which I could serve them. New Orleans corps members will help to bring normalcy back into the lives of the displaced children of New Orleans."

Teachers in the Houston branch of the Recovery Corps are assisting with the relief efforts in the Astrodome as they wait to be assigned new

"When you see people stepping up in these exceptional circumstances, it shows even more commitment."

Megan Hagerty
Teach for America

schools.

Megan Hagerty, one of Notre Dame's Teach for America campus campaign managers, applauded the decision of New Orleans corps members to continue serving their newfound community in this time of fear and loss.

"I feel like it's a big decision to do something like TFA especially because the individuals who do it are people who have lots of other options," she said. "So first doing it and then turning that around and maintaining that commitment, and having that sense of compassion, it's amazing that they would stick with it after such extenuating circumstances."

While this perseverance is indicative of the teacher's strength and values, it may also be traced back to the spirit of Notre Dame, Hagerty said.

"You hear that Notre Dame has this huge commitment and focus on service, and

even though this is often shown in a day-to-day way among students, [TFA] is a real-life application," she said. "When you see people stepping up in these exceptional circumstances, it shows even more commitment."

The sense of community on Notre Dame's campus and the availability of service opportunities in the surrounding areas did contribute to Hentges' passion for the Teach for America program, she said.

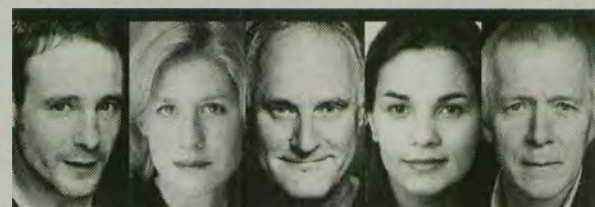
"Notre Dame's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks during my freshman year helped me to recognize the importance of community and hope during a tragedy," Hentges said.

To overcome this tragedy, the displaced students of New Orleans must continue to live with the same hope that they displayed before the hurricane, Hentges said.

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If you are interested in being a member of the "Chimes" Editorial Board please attend.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Six-nation talks resume after recess

BELJING — North Korea insisted Tuesday it will not give up its right to civilian nuclear programs, raising questions about the possibility of a breakthrough as six-nation talks aimed at persuading Pyongyang to abandon its atomic weapons resumed after a five-week recess.

Envoys from China, Japan, Russia, the United States and the two Koreas clasped hands together at a state guesthouse in Beijing before continuing the fourth round of talks since 2003 that have so far failed to resolve the standoff.

Last month, negotiators took a break after a record 13 days of meetings ended without agreement on a statement of principles on the North's disarmament.

Britain rules cease-fire to be void

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A major outlawed Protestant group in Northern Ireland has abandoned its 11-year-old truce and is an enemy of the peace once again, Britain declared Wednesday in a long-expected verdict against the Ulster Volunteer Force.

The British governor, Peter Hain, said he has received sufficient evidence that the UVF — an underground group supposed to be bolstering Northern Ireland's Good Friday peace accord with a 1994 cease-fire — committed four killings this summer and launched multiple gun and grenade attacks this week against the police and British army.

Hain's Northern Ireland Office said in a statement that UVF members' violence "amounted to a breakdown in their cease-fire" and meant that, as of midnight, Britain no longer accepted it as valid.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush recognizes government fault

WASHINGTON — President Bush for the first time took responsibility Tuesday for federal government mistakes in dealing with Hurricane Katrina and suggested the calamity raised broader questions about the government's ability to handle both natural disasters and terror attacks.

"Katrina exposed serious problems in our response capability at all levels of government," Bush said at a joint White House news conference with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

Roberts evades Democrats questions

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice nominee John Roberts repeatedly refused to answer questions about abortion and other contentious issues at his confirmation hearing Tuesday, telling frustrated Democrats he would not discuss matters that could come before the Supreme Court.

"I think nominees have to draw the line where they are most comfortable," said Roberts, who also sidestepped questions about civil rights, voting rights and the limits of presidential power in a long, occasionally antagonistic day in the witness chair.

He did say past Supreme Court rulings carry weight, including the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973. But the principle of court precedents allows for overturning rulings, too, he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Controversial Catholic School opens

ROLLING PRAIRIE, Ind. — An embattled, conservative Roman Catholic religious order has enrolled 18 seventh- and eighth-graders in its newly opened third U.S. boarding school for boys interested in the priesthood.

The Legionaries of the Priest said the minor seminary, called Sacred Heart Apostolic School and located on a 51-acre campus 20 miles west of South Bend, plans to add a grade level each year with an ultimate goal of 100 to 120 students, order spokesman Jay Dunlap said.

Katrina causes energy crisis

Bush officials concerned about natural gas shortages for coming winter

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — It may take months to resume fully natural gas production after Hurricane Katrina, top Bush administration officials said Tuesday while expressing worries about shortages this winter.

Unlike with heating oil and gasoline, there's little ability to make up the difference with imports.

"There are concerns about the supply of natural gas," Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said Tuesday, a week after an agency in his department predicted that natural gas prices in some parts of the country will be 71 percent higher than last winter.

Bodman and Interior Secretary Gale Norton took a helicopter tour of the Gulf to observe the damage to oil platforms and flew over the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, the terminal where huge oil tankers drop off their cargo in deep waters miles offshore.

Evidence that the recovery of the region's oil production facilities is incomplete, at least half a dozen tankers were anchored near the port waiting to drop off their cargo. The facility, known as the LOOP, returned to full operation last weekend.

Norton said that 90 percent of the Gulf oil platforms will be capable of production by the end of the month. But she emphasized that there is widespread damage to onshore facilities that will hamper production beyond then.

Bodman and Norton visited one of the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, where the government is providing several refineries with oil to make up for supply losses. They then went to an



Residents in Gulfport, Miss., watch as machinery removes debris collected from inside their hurricane-damaged homes on Tuesday.

Exxon-Mobil refinery near Baton Rouge, La., which has needed government oil to continue production.

Bruce March, the refinery's manager, said that about 20 percent of its crude is coming from the government stockpile. The refinery, the second largest in the country, scaled back production briefly after the hurricane hit, but it now is again in full production, March said.

Norton said that 58 percent of Gulf oil production remains shut down, as does 38 percent of the region's natural gas production.

Both Cabinet members

expressed concern about upcoming supplies of natural gas. About one-third of the Gulf's natural gas production has been disrupted.

Bodman said that "there is less known" about the extent of damage to underwater natural gas pipelines and it's uncertain when those facilities will be up in full operation. He said it could be several months before the region's natural gas system recovers.

While the loss of oil production is being made up from government reserves and foreign supplies, there is no such backstop for natural gas.

"We don't have an

international market" that the country could rely on for additional supplies as it does with oil, Norton said.

Last week, the Energy Information Administration estimated that natural gas prices would soar this winter because of the hurricane, including increases as much as 71 percent in parts of the Midwest.

Bodman and Norton met with senior executives from two dozen energy companies Monday evening in Houston. The executives said they needed government help in arranging for housing for thousands of employees as they struggled to

Unions blame city for L.A. blackout

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Workers who accidentally triggered a massive lunchtime blackout were upgrading the city power system during peak daytime hours because the city was "cutting corners" and reluctant to pay higher wages at night, a union official claimed Tuesday.

City officials denied the allegation, and one City Council member questioned whether the outage was an intentional move by the union to pressure the city in an ongoing contract dispute.

Almost 2 million people, from downtown Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, lost power Monday

for as long as 2 1/2 hours. Traffic lights were out, elevators stopped, police were alert but said terrorism was not suspected.

The shutdown came after a Department of Water and Power crew incorrectly cut several control lines at a receiving station in the Toluca Lake area of the San Fernando Valley.

Ron Deaton, the utility's general manager, said it was an honest mistake by technicians.

"That's all there is, there ain't no more," Deaton told officials at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The workers were installing automated monitoring controls to provide department officials with immediate

information about the status of its system.

Brian D'Arcy, an official with the union representing 8,200 utility workers, said technicians should have done the work at night, when power usage is lower and there is less potential for wide-scale shutdowns. Night work means higher wages, though, and the city didn't want to pay, he said.

"They're cutting corners," said D'Arcy, business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18. "They shouldn't have done it in the middle of the day when people are coming back from lunch and turning their computers on."

Seniors

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people in jobs," said Mike Sanders, the director of Indiana Careers at SMC. "While that's not our responsibility, we help them find out what they're interested in."

Senior Lindsey Lozmack, a communications studies major, has used the Center's resources to find direction.

"You know what's out there," Lozmack said of the working world, "but you don't really know what you're going to like."

Although she has submitted her résumé to a number of companies nationwide due to opportunities provided by a summer internship, Lozmack consults the CCO's director Jeff Roberts about her future career path.

"He really helps you sort out your priorities," she said.

To aid students, the CCO offers multiple career fairs, workshops and internship opportunities each semester. The CCO's best assets are the ones that help graduating Belles start their own professional network, Roberts said.

"The Center was really helpful," said senior Kate Keating, an elementary education major. "I brought in my résumé and they helped me tweak it, which was how I

landed my summer internship with Chicago Public School and my job for next year."

"Go Belles" is an online system that allows SMC students to enter their résumés into a national referral system, posting the résumés of Saint Mary's seniors for hundreds of employers across the U.S.

Another tool available to Saint Mary's students is alumnae of the College. A database, called the Alumnae Resource Network, was created to feature 5,000 accessible Saint Mary's alumnae, Roberts said.

A student can search by her major or a specific geographic area and gain access to hundreds of Saint Mary's graduates and their contact information. This allows Belles to get in contact with women in the same field or same part of the country in which they themselves are interested, Roberts said.

"It's not really meant for them to give you a job," says Sanders of the ARN. "It's meant to start networking."

Students will be able to speak to alumnae about careers at "Grace Under Fire," a panel discussion to be held Thursday, Oct. 13., in the Stapleton Lounge.

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IN BRIEF

Deficit to be below last year's record

WASHINGTON — The federal deficit, with one month left in the budget year, is running well below last year's record pace, thanks to a surge in tax collections.

In its monthly budget report, the Treasury Department said Tuesday that the August imbalance came in at \$49.98 billion. For the first 11 months of the budget year, the deficit totals \$352.6 billion, 19.4 percent below the level of red ink for the same 11 months in 2004.

The government recorded a \$24.6 billion surplus in September 2004 that left the total deficit for 2004 at \$412.8 billion, a record in dollar terms.

The Bush administration is expecting a surplus for this September as well that will lower this year's total deficit to a projected \$333 billion, down from the \$427 billion the administration had forecast last February.

Trump outbid in property auction

ATLANTIC CITY — The world's most famous real estate developer bid \$25 million Tuesday for the 2.5 acres of beachfront property in Atlantic City where the Trump World's Fair Casino once stood. Housing developer Bruce Toll bid \$25.15 million.

Trump once proposed building a 62-story, 4,600-room hotel and casino on the site. But earlier this year, when his company Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts entered bankruptcy protection he agreed to auction off the land and give the proceeds, plus \$17.5 million in cash, to his creditors.

Trump said by telephone on Tuesday that he did not see being outbid as losing.

"I'm really happy because I wanted to get a really good price for the stockholders," he said. "Whether I got it or not was not that important to me."

A few months ago, it seemed like keeping the land was a priority, even though it is no longer allowed to house a casino. In July, Trump won the right to start the bidding at Tuesday's auction at \$14.2 million — nearly twice the \$7.5 million at which the land was appraised.

Toll, a co-founder of Toll Brothers Inc., the Horsham, Pa.-based land developer, said he only became aware the property was available about a month ago.

Feds defend 9/11 relief program

Small Business Administration praises own \$5 billion effort, omits critical report

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing a congressional inquiry, the Small Business Administration said Tuesday it believes it followed the law during its nearly \$5 billion lending effort to help small companies recover from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

To make its case, the agency distributed one audit that praised some of its work while omitting a second report by the same congressional auditing agency that criticized the SBA's post-Sept. 11 relief work.

The SBA was responding to an Associated Press story last week that found numerous loans went to small businesses that neither knew they were getting — nor wanted — loans designed for economic victims of the terrorist attacks.

AP reported companies hundreds of miles from the devastation of ground zero — from a Utah motorcycle dealer to an Ohio Subway sandwich shop — had received SBA-backed loans without being aware they had been drawn from the Sept. 11 relief programs.

"After 9/11, the SBA was doing all it could to help small businesses, not only in the areas directly affected by the terrorist attacks, but across the country as well," SBA chief Hector Barreto said. "We are confident the SBA implemented the program in the way Congress intended and did so in an open and above-board manner."

Barreto described the AP report as "sensational and distorted," without citing any specifics.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, chairwoman of the Senate Small Business and Entreprene-



Small Business Administration Chief Hector Barreto defends the SBA's actions Tuesday after facing a congressional inquiry.

urship Committee, said the apparent abuse of the program was "nothing short of an outrage." Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., also called for investigations.

The SBA circulated an August 2004 report by the Government Accountability Office, Congress' auditing arm, that concluded the SBA had followed its rules in one of the lending programs.

"No qualified loan applicants for SBA disaster relief after the 9/11 terrorist attacks were

denied loans," the SBA said.

But the audit it cited was undertaken in response to complaints that more should have been done for affected businesses. The report also only looked at lending procedures under SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which accounted for slightly more than \$1.1 billion in direct government loans.

Many of the loans cited in the AP story came from the SBA's Supplementary Terrorism Activity Relief (STAR) program, which

accounted for roughly \$3.7 billion in guaranteed loans that were distributed by banks.

The SBA's press release also omitted a second GAO report, from January 2003, that rapped the agency for using "inconsistent and subjective measures" to gauge the success of its disaster-relief efforts.

"The inadequacies of SBA's measures are especially evident when considered in light of the agency's performance in responding to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," the second report concluded.

Strike, debt pressure Northwest

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Northwest Airlines said Tuesday it chose not to make \$42 million in debt payments in recent days, suggesting the carrier is conserving its cash ahead of a potential bankruptcy filing.

Northwest's board planned to meet Wednesday morning to decide whether to file, said Will Holman, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association union, which has a member on the board.

The carrier, whose mechanics have been on strike since Aug. 20, said it also must make a \$65 million pension contribution on Thursday or risk having a claim made against its assets, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Typically, such defaults could trigger other debt covenants that would force a bankruptcy. Two other major U.S. carriers — United Airlines and US Airways — have entered Chapter 11 since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Northwest, which is flying through the strike by mechanics, has said previously that bankruptcy is a possibility. The company has raised its \$1.1 billion target for annual labor cost savings to a new, undisclosed figure, as rising fuel prices have battered the airline.

Northwest said it began hiring permanent replacement mechanics on Tuesday.

About 200 union mechanics rallied at their strike headquarters near Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where their leaders told them Northwest's fill-in maintenance operation can't last.

"If we stay strong, if you don't cross that picket line, the company will have no choice but to contact us," said Jim Young, chief negotiator for the Aircraft

Maintenance Fraternal Association.

Ted Ludwig, president of the union's Twin Cities local, also urged strikers to stick together.

"If you want to work at a nonunion place, go to Wal-Mart. Don't go back in here," he said, jerking a thumb over his shoulder at a Northwest maintenance hangar.

The two sides haven't met since early Sunday, when mechanics walked away from an offer that sought even more concessions than they rejected before striking.

In a letter to the union late Monday, Northwest urged union leaders to allow a vote on the airline's latest offer. But mechanics at Tuesday's rally didn't appear unhappy that their leadership wasn't sending them an offer. When Young asked the crowd whether anyone wanted to vote on the last proposal, they roared, "No!"

Feerer victorious in NYC primary

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fernando Ferrer teetered on the edge of victory Tuesday over three other Democrats competing in their party's primary for the chance to wage an underdog campaign against Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire Republican who enjoys broad support in this overwhelmingly Democratic city.

With all but 10 precincts reporting, Ferrer had 40 percent of the vote, ahead of U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's 29 percent. Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields had 16 percent, and City Council Speaker Gifford Miller had 10 percent. Fields and Miller conceded their losses.

Ferrer needed 40 percent to avoid a runoff with Weiner, and the outcome might not be known for several days until every vote is counted, including more than 25,000 absentee ballots. The winner goes into the general election on Nov. 8 against Bloomberg, who is more popular than all four Democrats in recent polls.

Also on the New York ballot, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau defeated former judge Leslie Crocker Snyder, a no-nonsense former judge who raised the 86-year-old incumbent's age and eight-term tenure as campaign issues. Morgenthau was the model for the fictional TV prosecutor Adam Schiff on the program "Law and Order."

Ferrer's run is his third try for mayor after losing the primary

in 1997 and a runoff in 2001 to then-Public Advocate Mark Green. The primary that year was supposed to take place on Sept. 11, but was rescheduled in the chaos of the terrorist attack. Green eventually lost to Bloomberg, who was considered a longshot until he was endorsed by Rudolph Giuliani as the fires still raged in the ruins of the World Trade Center.

Ferrer, the former Bronx borough president, would be the city's first Latino mayor if elected.

A potential runoff between Ferrer and Weiner promised to be lively. While all four Democrats largely avoided attacking each other leading up to the primary, there were occasional tangles between the two men.

As votes are counted, the two are not likely to waste precious time, campaigning as if there will be a runoff, which would be held Sept. 27.

Some Democratic leaders were concerned a runoff would divide the party and weaken their chances against Bloomberg, who is buoyed by shining approval ratings.

Not to be upstaged, Bloomberg threw an election night party in Brooklyn, even though he did not face a challenger in the primary. To cheers of "Four more years," he addressed supporters at the celebration.

"Someone told me there was a primary contest going on tonight, is that right? I love primary night, especially when I don't have one," Bloomberg cracked.

Nuclear

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as a victim of McCarthyism, the FBI and the destruction of the weapon he created. The last part of the lecture concentrated on how Oppenheimer's fears and theories on proliferation are still relevant in the post 9/11 world.

"He is today a metaphor for all the dilemmas and predicaments we encounter today," Bird said.

Bird specifically cited the current Bush Administration's advocacy of unilateralism, which Oppenheimer spoke against.

Bird also drew parallels between Oppenheimer's trial and his loss of civil liberties. In 1954, Oppenheimer was suspended from his position as chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission because of charges that he was associated with Communists. He was accused of using illegal wiretaps and officials worried he was a security threat.

Bird tried to have the audience understand Oppenheimer's troubled mindset. He often described Oppenheimer as pacing or mumbling.

The lecture concluded with a question and answer session. A spirited debate arose between Bird and Fr. Wilson Miscamble of the

history department about President Truman's motives for dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Miscamble contested Bird's assertion that the Japanese were already successfully defeated when the bombs were dropped.

Bird was chosen to speak because of his expertise in the area of nuclear warfare, history professor John Soares said.

"Kai Bird has written a number of books ... that have made an important contribution to our knowledge about some of the most important figures in American politics and diplomacy during the Cold War," he said.

Bird recently co-authored "American Prometheus," the first full-scale Oppenheimer biography. It was researched and

written for about two decades and includes evidence from many recent documents.

The lecture series takes place during the first semester on Tuesdays at 7:30 in McKenna Hall.

The series' goal is to provide different perspectives from people of all fields of expertise. The first lecture of the series was given by Harold Agnew, who worked under Enrico Fermi during the Manhattan Project. Other guest lecturers include a Russian professor, physicists and political scientists, among others.

The series is sponsored by the College of Science, the Department of Physics, the Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values, the Center for Social Concerns and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics.

One upcoming high profile speaker is David Kay, who was directed by President Bush to search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in June 2003.

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PUERTO RICO

More prisoners go on strike

Group of terror suspects have been refusing food for over a month

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — Nearly 40 more detainees have joined a hunger strike at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp for terror suspects, bringing the total to 128, an official said Tuesday.

Eighteen prisoners have been hospitalized, including 13 who are being fed by tubes, said Capt. John Adams, a spokesman for the detention center. The five others are receiving intravenous fluids.

Thirty-nine prisoners have joined the strike since Friday, Adams said. He said the num-

ber of hospitalized detainees had reached 22, but four were returned to their cells after their conditions improved. All are being monitored by doctors at the camp in eastern Cuba, he said.

"Everyone is stable at this time," Adams said. "If their

condition appears to weaken, they will be brought to the hospital and either fed intravenously or nose fed."

The prison at Guantanamo holds about 500 prisoners from 40 countries. More than

230 others have been released or transferred to the custody of their home governments. The detainees are accused of ties to the al-

Qaida terrorist network or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime. Most have been held for more than three years without charge.

The military has said the latest hunger strike began Aug. 8, with 76 detainees were refusing meals.

Lawyers from the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said detainees were angry because the military allegedly reneged on promises to comply with the Geneva Conventions if the prisoners ended a previous hunger strike.

Sgt. Justin Behrens, another Guantanamo spokesman, denied that the military had reneged on any promises. He said each cell block has chosen a prisoner to talk with military authorities about conditions at the camp.

"Everyone is stable at this time."

John Adams
Guantanamo Bay
detention center
spokesperson

NETHERLANDS

Dutch millionaire's daughter kidnapped

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Armed men broke into an upscale Amsterdam home and kidnapped the daughter of a millionaire whose fortune came from selling chemicals, including to Iraq in the 1980s, police said Tuesday. Her children were left unharmed.

Police said the gunmen stormed into the home of Claudia Melchers, 37, late Monday and took her away. They said they were treating it as a kidnapping.

Melchers, who runs a catering company, is the daughter

of Hans Melchers, who owns Melchemie Holland BV, which supplied chemicals to Iraq in the 1980s. It was unclear whether the kidnapping was related to the company's business dealings.

The woman's two young children were left in the house in a southern Amsterdam neighborhood, police said. The kidnappers bound and gagged a neighbor who was in the house, and he was later freed by one of the chil-

dren.

"At this moment we don't know where she is," police commissioner Willem Woelders told Dutch NOS television. "Anybody who has information about where she is should contact us so we can get her home safe."

Police circulated a photograph of Claudia Melchers and sealed off the house.

Melchemie has been at the center of accusations in the Dutch media of illegally supplying banned chemicals to Iraq in 1984, but it has denied intentionally violating export restrictions.

A statement posted on Melchemie's Web site acknowledged overlooking a chemical that could be used for poison gas in an export deal with Iraq but said the company recalled the shipment before it reached its destination.

It called the shipment "a one-time mistake" for which it paid a fine currently equivalent to more than \$55,000. In 1989, it supplied chemicals to Iraq that were not under any international bans, the Web statement said.

Melchemie had \$76 million in sales in 2002. It is wholly owned by Hans Melchers, who inherited it in 1986. He is one of the country's richest men, with a fortune estimated at \$500 million, according to the business magazine Quote.

No one answered the telephone at the company's listed number following the police announcement.

Kidnapping for ransom is rare in the Netherlands. The most famous case was the abduction of beer tycoon Freddie Heineken in 1983, for which the kidnappers were paid \$10 million. The two kidnappers were released after lengthy prison terms, and one was killed last year in a gangland-style shooting.

In 1998, Hansje Boonstra-Raatjes, then a 62-year-old socialite and estranged wife of the chief executive of Royal Philips Electronics Co., was kidnapped and later found beaten and handcuffed. No ransom was demanded.

At least three other high-profile kidnappings were reported in the 1980s, including the 1987 kidnapping and murder of grocery multimillionaire Gerrit-Jan Heijn, who was murdered even as his company, Ahold, paid a ransom then worth \$3.7 million and 1,000 cut diamonds.

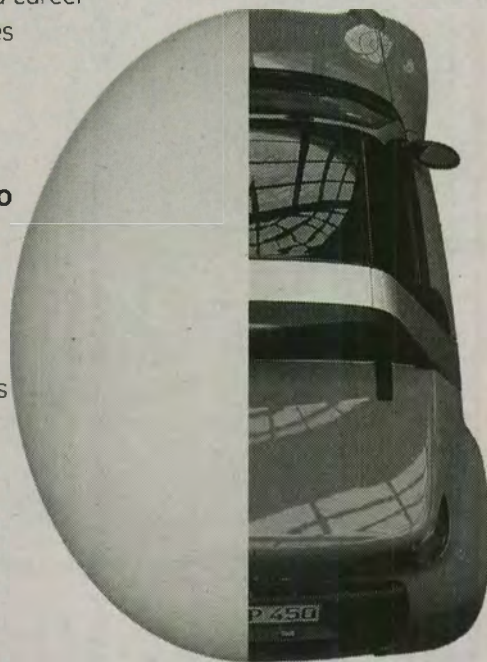
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UNITED NATIONS

Annan disappointed in reform document

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday adopted a watered-down document on poverty, human rights and U.N. reform for world leaders to approve at a summit this week, after shedding many of Secretary-General Kofi Annan's most ambitious goals during weeks of bitter debate.

The compromise 35-page document is supposed to launch a major reform of the United Nations itself and galvanize efforts to ease global poverty. But to reach a consensus, most of the text's details were gutted in favor of abstract language.

A definition of terrorism and details on how to replace the discredited U.N. Commission on Human Rights were not included. U.S.-led efforts to overhaul U.N. management have been diluted, while nuclear nonproliferation isn't mentioned at all.

"Obviously we didn't get everything we wanted and with 191 member states it's not easy to get an agreement," Annan said. "All of us would have wanted more, but we can work with what we have been given, and I think it is an important step forward."

Annan had gambled that by calling the summit — the largest gathering of world leaders in history — he could push through a list of sweeping U.N. reforms and refocus attention on the Millennium Development Goals, a set of targets for reducing poverty and disease by 2015.

But diplomats said they had lowered their expectations in the last few days because the issues were too contentious. Still, they called the document a breakthrough after so much debate, especially because many had started the day pessimistic that they would have an agreement at all.

Several were pleased with the creation of a peacebuilding commission and a long section on development. That includes a mention of the desire by "many developed countries" to spend 0.7 percent of their gross national product on development.

"Don't expect Rome to be built in a day, it wasn't," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said. "Against the difficulty of this negotiation, its complexity, this is a very substantial gain."

The outgoing president of the General Assembly, Gabon's Jean Ping, presented the compromise Tuesday afternoon in hopes of bridging the deepest divides and moving away from bitter line-by-line negotiations that had bogged down the debate.

Ambassadors including John Bolton said the document was just a step in a long process. It leaves many details for the U.N. General Assembly to settle in the coming months.

"It would be wrong to claim more than is realistic and accurate about what these reforms are," Bolton said. "They represent steps forward, but this is not the alpha and the omega, and we

never thought it would be."

Though Annan said he was mostly satisfied, the document was a significant step backward for him. In March, when he had unveiled his proposals, Annan had urged world leaders to expand the size of the Security Council, come up with a definition of terrorism and accept that they have a "responsibility to protect" those being killed, which requires collective action.

And last week, a committee investigating the scandal-tainted U.N. oil-for-food program had called for wide-ranging management reforms. The committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, said that the United Nations would need a complete overhaul to tackle programs like oil-for-food in the future.

But efforts to expand the council were abandoned because of longtime national differences. "Responsibility to protect" was whittled down to nations' obligations to protect their own citizens. The document says nations should "make all efforts" toward a convention against terrorism but doesn't try to define it.

Annan called the failure to mention nonproliferation the biggest letdown. The United States had vehemently objected to focusing on disarmament by major powers rather than on the

spread of nuclear weapons among rogue states and terrorists, leading to deadlock.

"The big item missing is nonproliferation and disarmament," Annan said. "This is a real disgrace."

He did not mention countries that got in the way of the initiatives he sought.

"There were spoilers also in the group. Let's be quite honest about that," Annan said. "And I

must say that during this process in the last couple of weeks, I think some delegations focused on the trees and missed the forest."

The diplomats' inability to agree to a stronger document disappointed non-governmental organizations. They faulted Cuba, Pakistan, Egypt, Iran, Syria, the United States and Venezuela as the nations that created the biggest obstacles.

Rights groups also fear that leaving the tough decisions to the 191-member General Assembly, where even seemingly innocuous initiatives can stall for years, is the quickest way to sink Annan's agenda.

"There is very little to celebrate in the latest UN Summit outcome document," Nicola Reindorp, head of Oxfam's New York office, said in a statement. "We wanted a bold agenda to tackle poverty but instead we have a brochure showcasing past commitments."

Cuba and Venezuela were the only two countries which formally expressed reservations against the document. They protested that the document was pushed through the General Assembly before it was translated from English into the five other official U.N. languages, a violation of U.N. protocol.

GERMANY

Rumsfeld seeks NATO takeover

Defense Secretary denies rumors that United States is leaving Iraq

Associated Press

BERLIN — NATO should ultimately take over anti-terrorism operations in Afghanistan handled by the U.S.-led coalition, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday, but he refused to set a timetable for drawing down American troops.

Speaking to reporters at the beginning of a two-day NATO meeting, Rumsfeld also rejected suggestions that the United States might begin pulling troops out of Iraq by the end of the year, saying the departure would be determined by what is occurring in that country.

"It's all condition-based," Rumsfeld said.

Affirming that position was the British defense minister, John Reid.

"We are in Iraq for as long as it takes to solve the problems in Iraq," Reid said, "until the job is done."

More detailed talk was stifled by fears about increased violence accompanying parliamentary elections in Afghanistan scheduled for this coming weekend, as well as the upcoming elections in Germany, where some have openly opposed any increased combat missions for NATO.

Afghanistan's elections come four years after the U.S. invaded the country to overthrow the Taliban. Insurgents have vowed to disrupt the balloting.

Rumsfeld said NATO's move to take on a larger role in Afghanistan, including drug interdiction, will be a key topic of discussion throughout the

meeting.

"Over time it would be nice if NATO would develop counterterrorist capabilities which don't exist at the current time," he said.

NATO has 11,000 mostly European troops providing security in northern and western Afghanistan. Around 19,000 U.S.-led troops cover the south and east.

NATO plans to expand slowly its peacekeeping role and eventually take primary responsibility for security in the country. Thirty-five countries have troops in Afghanistan, including a number of non-NATO nations.

Under the NATO plan, German troops will take the lead role in the north, Italians in the west, British in the south and Americans under NATO command in the east. French and Turkish troops will lead in Kabul — working alongside Afghanistan's fledgling army and police.

Rumsfeld said he is also urging his defense counterparts to find ways to increase the military flexibility of NATO's forces and the financing for the alliance. Several countries put limits on the military activity their forces can engage in as part of NATO, such as limiting where they can go or what type of combat force they can use.

Rumsfeld declined to single out which countries he felt posed problems. He said there are 17 pages of edicts limiting where troops can go and what they can do.

"Different restrictions on

national forces makes it enormously difficult for commanders to have the flexibility to function," said Rumsfeld.

In addition, he said a funding increase is needed because some smaller countries have lower defense budgets or must plan their spending so far in advance that it makes it difficult for them to respond quickly to changing military needs.

Rumsfeld said he hopes that changes in the structure of NATO will eventually allow the alliance to reduce some of its forces in Kosovo as well.

Rumsfeld plans to meet privately with several of his colleagues Wednesday, including Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said the U.S.-led coalition needs to reconsider the way it is fighting Taliban-led rebels. His comments came after six months of fierce battles that have left more than 1,200 dead.

"We and the international community, the coalition, must sit down and reconsider and rethink whether the approach to the threat of terrorism that has [been] taken is the absolutely right one," he told British Broadcasting Corp. in an interview broadcast Tuesday.

He suggested combating the problem where "terrorists are trained" but declined to elaborate.

Afghan officials say many insurgents train in secret bases in neighboring Pakistan, despite denials from Islamabad.


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Owners get homicide charge

Louisiana Attorney General investigates 34 nursing home deaths



Bodies were gathered in the Chapel at Memorial Medical Center, Baptist Campus in New Orleans Sept. 5. Memorial Medical Center is also being investigated by the Attorney General.

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — The husband-and-wife owners of a nursing home near New Orleans were charged Tuesday with negligent homicide in the deaths of 34 people during the flooding unleashed by Hurricane Katrina.

The case represents the first major prosecution to come out of the disaster.

The owners of St. Rita's Nursing Home in Chalmette "were asked if they wanted to move [the patients]. They did not. They were warned repeatedly that this storm was coming," Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti said.

"In effect, their inaction resulted in the deaths of these patients," Foti said.

Salvador A. Mangano and his wife, Mable, surrendered and were jailed on 34 counts of negligent homicide. Each count carries up to five years in prison.

The attorney general said he is also investigating the discovery of more than 40 corpses at flooded-out Memorial Medical Center, in New Orleans' Uptown section.

The victims at St. Rita's died Aug. 29, the day the hurricane hit, and on Sept. 6, at least 14 unrecognizable bodies were still inside the nursing home, the New York Times reported last week.

St. Bernard Parish Councilman Ricky Melerine said the water rose three feet in 15 minutes that morning and then even faster, the Times said.

Several men tried to rescue the nursing home's residents by floating them out on mattresses, and others were able to walk to a school, the Times said. In all, the home had about 60 residents.

There were apparent efforts to fight the incoming water inside St. Rita's. A table was nailed against a window and a couch was pushed up against

a door, the Times said. There was also evidence that water had reached the roof.

The owners had an evacuation plan as required under state law and a contract with an ambulance service to evacuate the patients, but they did not call the company, Foti said.

They also turned down an offer from St. Bernard Parish officials who asked if the nursing home wanted help evacuating, he said. The home is about 10 miles southeast of New Orleans in an area of heavy devastation.

Foti said the bodies have not all been identified and he was not sure how many of the victims were patients or staff.

"They had a duty and a standard of care to people who could not care for themselves," Foti said of the owners. "If you or I decided we are going to stay, we do it of our own free will. ... The people at the nursing home don't have that choice."

Bush consults China's Hu about Korea, Iran

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush sought China's help to stop nuclear weapons programs in North Korea and Iran and won a pledge from President Hu Jintao on Tuesday to step up pressure on Pyongyang for progress in six-nation negotiations.

The two leaders met here on the eve of a resumption of talks in Beijing aimed at persuading North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons.

Bush said his discussions with Hu ranged from how to prevent an avian flu pandemic to economic matters and feared nuclear proliferation in North Korea and Iran. He seemed pleased when Hu said, "We stand ready to step up our communication and cooperation" to gain fresh progress in negotiations with North Korea.

Without elaboration, Bush said he planned to raise human rights abuses in China with Hu. For his part, Hu bluntly asked Bush to "join the Chinese side in safeguarding peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait" and said "it is inevitable that we may have some frictions" over trade as Beijing has a massive surplus.

Bush met with Hu at the end of a busy day of diplomacy stretching from the White House to the United Nations. The president, at a news conference in Washington, issued a stern warning to Syria about alleged involvement in Iraq and vowed the United States will not waver from its commitment in Iraq.

Consumed by Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts for two weeks, Bush pivoted to foreign policy for a meeting of more than 160 presidents, prime ministers and kings at a summit on combating poverty and reforming the United Nations. Bush is

to address the General Assembly on Wednesday.

Bush has had a testy relationship with the U.N., portraying it as a bloated bureaucracy slow to address global problems. Criticism of the United States is common, particularly over the war in Iraq and Bush's refusal to sign the Kyoto treaty on global warming. Bush arrived here with the lowest approval ratings of his presidency and the perception that his administration had mishandled hurricane relief. He said he took responsibility for whatever had gone wrong.

Bush met privately in a hotel suite with Hu, making his first visit to the United States as his country's leader. The White House is concerned about China's growing economic and military might and its voracious thirst for oil — a factor in rising U.S. gasoline prices.

The Bush administration is seeking the support of China, Russia and India to bring Iran before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions for its suspected nuclear weapons program. Iran suspended uranium conversion and enrichment activities last year but resumed them last month. Iran's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, warned of serious consequences if the Security Council considers sanctions.

Bush raised eyebrows at his news conference by appearing to give Tehran a green light for a peaceful nuclear program.

"Some of us are wondering why they need civilian nuclear power anyway. They're awash with hydrocarbons," the president said. "Nevertheless, it's a right of a government to want to have a civilian nuclear program." But he went on to say there must be guidelines and "one such guideline would be in such a way that they don't gain the expertise necessary to be able to enrich."

China has a massive surplus in trade with the United States. Last year's U.S.-China deficit hit a record \$162 billion, the largest imbalance ever recorded with a single country.

Hu promised to "work hard" to address the trade imbalance and said China will protect the intellectual property rights of American companies — a major concern of U.S. firms.

"What I would like to stress here is that China does not pursue a huge trade surplus in trade with the United States," Hu said.

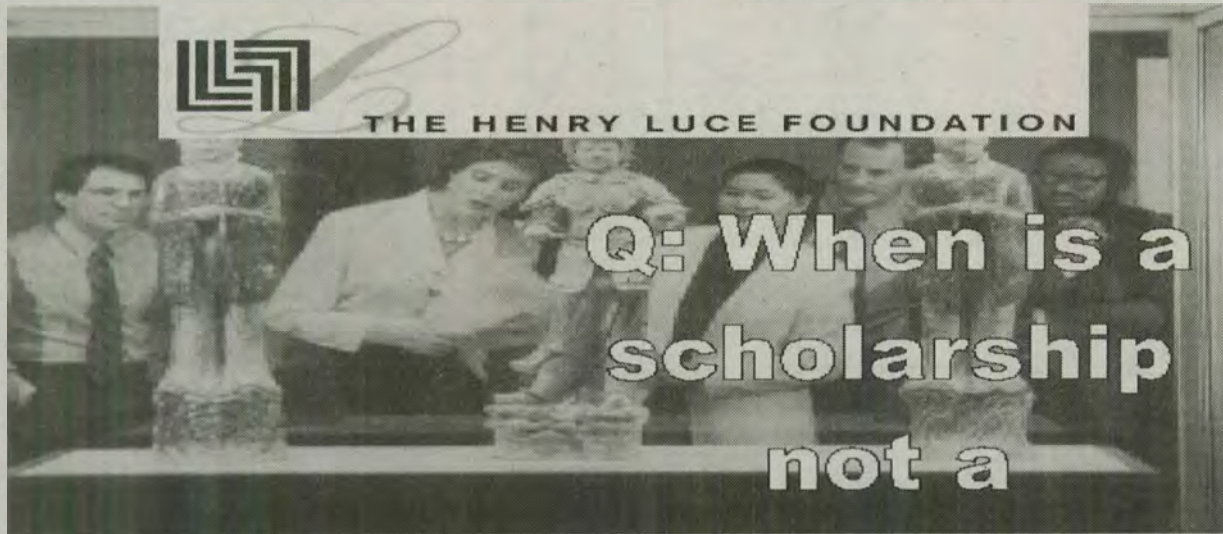
Bush began the day at the White House, meeting with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani. Once again, the two leaders refused to set a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

"Today, American and international presence in Iraq is vital," Talabani said.

"We will set no timetable for withdrawal, Mr. President," Talabani added.

"What I would like to stress here is that China does not pursue a huge trade surplus in trade with the United States."

Hu Jintao
President of China



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Good job hunting

I suppose Notre Dame does a good job of filling us with enough anxiety and terror concerning our post-grad life. The barrage of Career fairs, expos, seminars and practice meetings is starting to drive me a little crazy especially now that I am a senior. Thus, instead of getting asked about my future plans by my family members and underclassmen who thought I was a senior, I get asked the fateful query almost every day.

Every time someone asks about my future plans, I think about that scene in Good Will Hunting where Matt Damon tells Robin Williams he wants to be a shepherd and have a flock to tend. That option is looking sweeter every day — a quiet life, working with things that do not talk and basically making my own hours. Hmmmm. Then I remember I do not like sheep and return to reality.

For anyone preparing to enter the Career Fair this eve, I would like to share with you my philosophy of post-grad, whether you like it or not.

First rule: Have your own standards. It is your life and your decision. We should get excited at a job prospect. Work is so central to our "selves." Through our labor we not only take care of ourselves, but also get a chance to contribute to our world, and if we are lucky, can be creative and express ourselves. So the questions we should be asking ourselves — what would make me most happy to do? Can this job allow me to

innovate within the ranks?

Second rule: Do not fret over the resume. This kind of only applies if you are going to get some face time with the employer. I think it is so much more impressive to convey yourself with expressive and genuine stories of your experiences. Think to those rare jewels you have in your life, the times where you shined, conquered or failed miserably but picked yourself up valiantly. Laying those babies out there to employers will be so much better than a fancily worded resume or a robotic set of responses.

Third rule: Do not feel like you have to go to every Career Center event. Instead, try having a few heart-to-hearts with friends, clergy, faculty and others on campus about this job process. The people you end up flying with — whether it's the lefty justice crowd or young Fortune 500-ers — know stuff about jobs and programs that might fit you, since they know you.

Fourth rule: Check out the labor conditions. This may be easy to overlook, but it is vital. Ask if an employer or program offers health insurance. Find out what kind of starting hours are expected of you. Wonder if this company is currently being boycotted or having labor abuses. We are all going to be invited to sign the Pledge of Social Responsibility, which affirms we will take the teachings of social justice and responsibility with us beyond Notre Dame to our careers and lives. Apparently, from our marketing image, we are a school with a "Higher Education," so we should emerge from that to work for places that uplift human dignity, social justice and the common good.

So, I shall not be attending tonight's career fest for two reasons: no career that fits my standards would be there and I am

really not that anxious about post-May 2006. I am taking a more relational approach: looking at what is in front of me, talking to friends and guides about possible options and making connections through my existing social networks. Also, I have got one definite job in the bag already. Jealous much? Seriously, I do have a good prospect if a want it and I never wrote a single resume, did a single nervous interview or any of that other song and dance. I reached into my own network of relationships, told good stories about myself and was serious about making my preferences known.

So do not freak out about this career stuff; resourceful people who know other people of like interests should not have a problem getting something together. Yet, I do not want to assume most of my readers have personality and grace, so if you are one of those people, do not go to the Career Fair. Instead, go to LaFortune or Legends, mingle, meet some people and grow some social skills and backbone. It would be far worse to leave college with a job, but no style, personality or sense of self. Mock interviews will not teach you how to live and interact; we each have to force ourselves to learn that lesson. And do not sell your soul for a huge paycheck. Working 100 hours a week for a fortune is not what I call living; it looks more like dying.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unruly fans hurt everyone

I am profoundly disappointed to read of the inappropriate and classless behavior of a group of Notre Dame students at the recent Notre Dame/Michigan game (Andy Schor's Sept. 13 letter to the editor). I attended the Notre Dame/Pitt game two weeks ago and was appalled by similar behavior from the Pitt students. There were many Notre Dame fans around me who behaved admirably. Many of my friends who are Pitt fans that were scattered around the stadium were similarly impressed with the behavior of Notre Dame fans and students that had made the trip to Pittsburgh. I was in the process of preparing a letter to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh regarding the Pitt students' behavior, but now I have no credibility to do so, and I am ashamed to be an alum of a University whose students, alumni and faculty take pride in the Catholic tradition. Maybe all the people who have complained about the ad emphasizing Notre Dame's Catholic tradition will have their wish answered when Notre Dame decides to pull the ad because the University does not believe that the Catholic tradition depicted in the ad accurately reflects the values of its current students because of the behavior of a group of students.

There is a more practical and tangible effect of the inappropriate behavior described in previous letters to the editor. In any given stadium, there can be anywhere from 5,000 to 20,000 potential employers, not to mention the television audience. I commented to the fans sitting near me at the Notre Dame/Pitt game that the Pitt students' inappropriate and crude behavior will come to mind every time I see a resume with University of Pittsburgh listed under Undergraduate Education. I hope the students

responsible for the poor behavior at Michigan think about the effect their behavior has had on themselves, their innocent classmates and the legions of alumni around the world. Any Notre Dame alumnus will tell you that we often have to defend Notre Dame to its detractors. Previously, the detractors have been jealous of all that Notre Dame has to offer to those of us lucky enough to be able to attend the University. Now, we are faced with the indefensible, inexcusable, inappropriate and crude behavior of a small but vocal few that have cast a pall on what otherwise could be an exciting season for Notre Dame football which ultimately would benefit the University, its students and alumni.

I enjoy the excitement of Notre Dame football and all the rivalries with worthy opponents like Michigan, and I encourage healthy support of the competition by fans of both competitors in any football game. I'm glad that the inappropriate behavior was limited to a small minority of the Notre Dame student body. I believe, however, that those responsible for the poor behavior owe an apology to their fellow students, Notre Dame alumni, faculty and administration and to the fans of the Michigan Wolverines. I look forward to attending several games this season and hope that the experience won't be marred by childish behavior from individuals that are expected to be sufficiently mature to leave home and attend college in preparation for being productive and valued members of society.

Anthony Watson, M.D.
alumnus
Class of 1987
Sept. 13

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ability is of little account without opportunity."

Napoleon Bonaparte
former French emperor

Curbing grade inflation

Previous installments of this letter discussed the University's mode of management and its public image, both issues your administration might want to address as it gets underway. We turn next to the problem of grade inflation.

Kenneth Sayre

Guest Columnist

Evaluating academic work by grades is relatively new on the educational scene.

First came grading on a percentage scale (0 to 100). By the late 1930s, most American schools had shifted to letter grades representing ranges of percentages (e.g., A for the top 5 percent). An early step toward grade inflation occurred when the bottom two-thirds of the percentage scale was dropped, and passing grades began at about 70 percent.

By the 1990s, grade inflation had become rampant across the nation. In 1997 the median GPA at Princeton was 3.42 (a high B+), and 46 percent of the grades at Harvard were As and A-s. Between 1995 and 2004, the percentage of Notre Dame undergraduates earning bachelor degrees with honors (GPA of 3.4 or more) increased from 33 percent to 54 percent.

Few serious observers doubt that average grades at colleges and universities are steadily rising. But there are serious debates about why this is occurring, and about whether or not it is a good thing. The position one takes in these debates depends upon what one considers to be the purpose of grading in the first place.

Some teachers view grades as an incentive for the development of student potential. If substantial advance is shown by the end of the term, then a high grade is called for as a fitting reward. In the event that the majority of the students in the class show substantial development, then the majority have earned an A level grade. If not given to modesty, the instructor might take the high class average as a sign of his or her success at inspiring students.

Another view is that grades measure a student's achievement against fixed norms that hold regardless of time and circumstance. Rising GPAs accordingly indicate rising levels of achievement.

This might be due to more intelligent students, better high school education or more effective teaching by college professors. Passing out a larger proportion of A level grades when this happens is like issuing more driver's licenses as more candidates pass the tests. Anyone should be rewarded who meets the basic requirements.

From yet another perspective, grades are unsuitable as measures of student achievement. More appropriate are written evaluations tailored to individ-

ual students. Instructors inclined toward this view may welcome grade inflation as a sign that the current grading system is undergoing self-destruction.

A more traditional view of grading is keyed to the conception of higher education as a stepwise development of personal skills. In disciplines like mathematics, skill at the higher levels comes only after certain elementary stages have been mastered. In humanistic disciplines like philosophy, similarly, basic skills of critical thinking and conceptual analysis must be acquired before the student can move ahead to study at more advanced levels. Comparable examples can be found in the performing arts, such as music, dance and theater.

With this latter view of education in place, grading can be seen as a means of evaluating a student's readiness to move on to further stages in the educational process. In any discipline worth studying, some students will learn more quickly than others. This means that some students will progress further than others by the end of the term. Grading in this context is a matter of distinguishing among (1) students eminently qualified to go on, (2) those meeting basic requirements for advancement, (3) those needing additional study and (4) those unsuited for further work in the field.

While some educational theorists today might reject this use of grading as too rigid and competitive, it is a use in which several key sectors of society have a vital interest. For example, universities rely on grade comparisons in admitting students for graduate training, and businesses rely on grades in selecting among candidates for highly responsible positions. Beyond this, there is the use of grades by the students involved in evaluating their own progress in a given field. From the perspective of uses like these, grade inflation has undesirable consequences.

To see why, we should note first that the term "grade inflation" is a misnomer. In economics, inflation is a matter of prices rising generally for basic commodities. Goods remain differentiated in monetary value, but come at higher purchasing prices across the board. The equivalent in an academic context would be something like C work receiving Bs, B work receiving As, A work receiving double As, and so on until top work receives As several times over.

What actually happens in academic grade inflation, however, is that A remains the top grade toward which the others converge. Where a group of students once would have been evaluated across a scale ranging from F through A, grades rise until a comparable group is evaluated in shades of

just B and A. What has happened is not really grade inflation (the top grade is still A), but grade compression instead.

Grade compression is undesirable for numerous reasons. The basic problem is that it results in a loss of information. Whereas in most classes there is a discernable difference between C and B level work, that difference drops out when students performing at both levels receive a B. A consequence is that parties depending on grades as indicators of achievement — graduate schools, businesses, individual students themselves — can no longer rely on them as a basis for discriminating evaluation. The predicament is something like trying to determine body temperature with a thermometer calibrated no more finely than by even degrees (94 degrees, 96 degrees, 98 degrees, etc.).

Loss of information of this sort has long-range consequences that are even more dire. An educational system unable to distinguish superior from merely above-average achievement will fall behind in the international competition for leadership in science and technology. In the political arena, similarly, democracy of any sort worth preserving depends upon habits within the community of clear thinking and sound judgment that are instilled by philosophy and other critical disciplines. The requisite training will not be forthcoming in educational systems incapable of distinguishing several different degrees of individual achievement.

For reasons such as these it is crucial that grade compression in the nation's colleges and universities be reversed, or at least arrested. And this requires a clear conception of the causes underlying the problem. While improved student performance might contribute to some extent, there are other causes that are probably more influential.

According to some qualified observers, grade inflation got underway in the late 1960s as a result of the Vietnam War. Since good academic standing was a condition of student exemption from the draft, teachers stopped giving low grades as a show of concern. Similar motives are at work today as teachers assign higher grades to make their students more competitive in a tight job market.

A more direct influence, perhaps, is the intrusion of market forces into the academy. Within the last decade or so, a college degree has increasingly come to be viewed as a product for which customers (students and their parents) pay a very substantial amount of money. Customer satisfaction hangs on the quality of the product, which from this perspective amounts to an out-

standing GPA. Professors accordingly feel increasing pressure to pass out grades that make the product they are delivering appear worth the price spent acquiring it.

In most colleges and universities today, there are ways in which displeased customers can show their dissatisfaction. One is the Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs) administered toward the end of each term. While many studies have been done of factors that influence evaluation of teachers by students, often with uncertain results, it has been found consistently that the teachers who grade leniently receive higher evaluations from their students in turn.

Beyond that, students understandably tend to gravitate toward courses in which they can expect high grades. Since both low TCE scores and low class enrollment affect chances of promotion and tenure, there is an intense pressure on young faculty to be generous in grading.

One thing your new administration might do in response to the looming threat of grade compression is to undertake a thorough study of how it is perceived by your faculty. This study should cover perceptions both of the extent of the threat and of steps that might be taken to counter it effectively. The study should be designed primarily by faculty with extensive classroom experience, perhaps with the assistance of specialists in the construction of surveys.

Pending results of appropriate faculty consultation along these lines, there are at least three stop-gap measures that might be taken to bring grade compression under control. One is to conduct faculty workshops on the purpose of grading, in hopes of reaching some kind of consensus among teaching faculty. Another is to revert to a grading system based on percentages, which should be less prone to inflation than letter grades (not all members of a class can be in the top 50 percent).

A further step is to rethink TCE procedures from the beginning. Realistically speaking, it is counterproductive to subject teachers to pressures of consumer satisfaction. TCEs in their present form register little more than student approval, and on-the-spot approval is not a measure of teaching achievement. Evaluation of TCEs is treated in the final installment of this letter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for the smoking ban

I understand Mr. Ronderos' opinion in his Sept. 13 column concerning the proposed smoking ban in St. Joseph County. In fact, I believe it may go too far, but that does not mean that it should not exist.

Both of my parents are smokers and have been for quite some time. I love them very much, but I cannot love their habit of smoking. They have smoked for nearly all of my life. My father has tried very hard to quit many times and is in the process of making another attempt. They know it's unhealthy and have frequently warned me not to "light up." They have done their best not to smoke around me. As a result of their smoking, I have developed sports-induced asthma. Though this is not life-threatening by any means, it has made it difficult for me to participate in sports that involve running for extended periods of time. Also, there are times when I am around others and am asked if I smell smoke. I have no choice but to reply that my parents smoke, to their skeptical responses of "Yeah, right."

Mr. Ronderos spoke of frontiersmen having "a fierce zeal to control their own

fate." I, too, have that zeal. As nearly everyone desires, I want to live as full a life as possible, not to be cut down early by lung cancer caused by second-hand smoke. I do not want to be forced to inhale the tar and other chemicals that cigarettes contain. I also do not want to be thought of as a liar because I profess that I do not smoke even though I smell like the very vice that I despise.

I believe that smokers do have the right to smoke if they so choose. If one tries to link that with one of Thomas Jefferson's unalienable rights, the pursuit of happiness, I have to ask one question: If stealing from my neighbor would make me happy, why is that illegal, while smoking is not even thought of, though it also violates my neighbor's right to the pursuit of happiness?

Josh Uniewski
freshman
Dillon Hall
Sept. 13

DVD REVIEWS

'Hustle' delivers martial arts masterpiece

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Stephen Chow is a creative genius. His films have a pure, original quality that is not often found in modern movies. "Kung Fu Hustle," his latest movie, is also perhaps his best one yet.

The setting is Shanghai during the 1940s. The previous gang that reigned over the region, The Crocodile Gang, has just been replaced by the notorious Axe Gang. The sequence in which they come to power is both amusing and visually inspired to watch, a trait that defines the rest of the movie.

Parallel to the Axe Gang plot is that of lowlife thug Sing, played by director Stephen Chow, and his sidekick Bone, played by Chi Chung Lam. They are two small-time thugs who are trying to prove their own notoriety and join the axe gang.

The two try to pull a scam at a small slum complex, and inadvertently involve the Axe Gang with the complex's affairs. From there, it becomes obvious that no one is as they seem.

"Kung Fu Hustle" is a masterpiece. The back of the DVD case claims that

it's a mixture of "Looney Tunes" and "Kill Bill," but even that description does not do the movie justice. It is quite simply like no other movie that has come before it. Even Chow's earlier works, while imaginative and creative in their own right, don't quite match the creativity found in his latest offering.

"Shaolin Soccer," Chow's previous work, was impressive. The very notion of combining soccer with computer rendered martial arts may have seemed abstract, but it was pulled off to great effect. In a scene at the beginning of the DVD, Chow references "Shaolin Soccer" in a humorous way, giving fans of his work a treat.

The video and sound are of the utmost quality, as can be expected from a Sony Classics release. It is a good thing too, as this is definitely a movie that appeals to the senses. The sheer imagery within the movie is worth at least a glance.

In regards to sound, however, there is one complaint. Many film purists prefer to watch movies subtitled with the original language track playing. Normally that is a judgment call, but in regards to "Kung Fu Hustle," that would be a mistake.

The subtitles are some of the worst to ever grace a video, often having very little to do with what is actually being said. The dubbing is done much more effectively, and one can only assume its closer to its source material.

The special features are also up to the Sony



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Sing (Stephen Chow), top, a small-time thug, fights his way to notoriety in the Hong Kong film "Kung Fu Hustle," which was released on DVD in August.

Classics standard, with enough to please any DVD aficionado. The commentary is good, as it contains not only the director but several of the stars giving their insights and stories about the film.

"Behind the scenes of Kung Fu Hustle" is an amusing documentary behind the movie, also starring some of the film's stars.

There are the standard deleted scenes and bloopers as well, some of which are good for a laugh. There is

also an interview with Chow conducted by Ric Myers, a martial arts film author. It's a good way to round out the movie, completing it with some solid extras.

"Kung Fu Hustle" should be watched by anyone who is interested in films. The movie is such an unusual, visceral experience that it would be a shame to miss it.

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Kung Fu Hustle

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Korea's vengeful dish best served 'Old'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

Park Chan-wook's "Oldboy" ("Oldboy") demonstrates that Korean films are suddenly at the creative forefront of world cinema. Few films are as bold and strange, as its revenge story unfolds unpredictably into something much larger and more bizarre.

Screened at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival, "Oldboy" marked a new high in Korean cinema as it surpassed the standard Park set with "Joint Security Area" four years prior.

The film's labyrinth plot begins innocuously enough, opening with Oh Dae-Su (Choi Min-Sik), an ordinary businessman, who gets drunk on his daughter's birthday. Oh Dae-Su is suddenly and mysteriously abducted. He spends years in a small room, being taken care of by unknown forces.

Eventually he is let out into the world and immediately begins seeking revenge on his tormentors. This sets in motion the second act, which seems like a straightforward revenge plot. It is not

until the shocking final act that the depth of the film's perverse logic becomes clear and "Oldboy" elevates itself into something far more than the sum of its parts. Its logic, while twisted, ultimately works and grants "Oldboy" a satisfyingly jarring conclusion that stays with the audience as few thrillers can.

Like a Tarantino film, "Oldboy" is able to transcend its pulpy origins thanks to the directorial panache of Park Chan-wook. Park's previous film "Joint Security Area" opened to critical acclaim and helped bring the director international notoriety.

He brings the same energy and creativity to "Oldboy." The film is fantastically stylized and almost cartoonishly excessive, but the film's melodramatic style largely works.

Much of the film's success can be attributed to lead actor Choi Min-Sik, whose staggering performance is the glue that controls the picture and holds it together. Choi runs a gamut of emotional and physical trials with conviction, which makes the more difficult aspects of the picture somewhat easier to handle. Among his highlights as a performer are a tracking shot in which he brutalizes a gang, and a scene involving an octopus that cannot be adequately expressed in words.

Gang Hye-jeong is also quite good as Oh Dae-Su's love interest Mido — her innocence and beauty provide a counterpoint to his crazed thirst for vengeance. Yu Ji-tae, as



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Oh Dae-Su (Choi Min-Sik) prepares to threaten a gang that is trying to thwart his efforts at finding out who imprisoned him in the Korean film "Oldboy."

Lee Woo-jin, the film's antagonist, brings a melancholy sadness to a role that has a startling amount of depth.

The DVD, as expected, has English subtitles to complement the Korean Dolby Digital 6.1 EX track. There is also an English dub track that should be avoided at all costs. Additionally, there is a commentary track from Park and cinematographer Jeong-hun Jeong, an interview with Park and some deleted scenes with optional director's commentary. Though these features are all engaging, enough interest in the film may lead to a

better DVD somewhere down the line.

It's difficult to categorize a film like "Oldboy." The film is often difficult to watch, but it has such confidence and bravura that it's impossible to ignore. It is a significant milestone for Korean cinema and its key director, Park Chan-wook, who asserts himself as one of the world's premier talents.

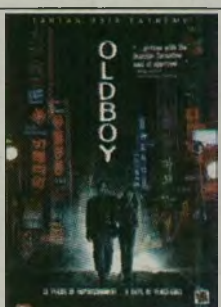
"Oldboy" is recommended, but try not to eat anything before watching it.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Atypical horror film fails to deliver scares

By ERIN MCGINN
Scene Critic

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" sets itself up for failure before the audience even begins to watch the movie.

Had the title been changed, so as not to include "exorcism" in the title, it arguably could have fared better. However, as soon as any movie-goer hears the title, William Friedkin's bar-setting "The Exorcist" is immediately brought to mind, and comparisons between the two movies are inevitable. As a horror film, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" pales in comparison to the fear evoked in "The Exorcist," but it is successful as a courtroom drama, bringing to the forefront the debate of science versus religion.

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" is based on the true events surrounding the German college student Anneliese Michel, who in the 1970s was the subject of one the rare exorcisms sanctioned by the Catholic Church in modern times. Following the exorcism, Anneliese died of starvation and as a result her parents and the priests involved in the exorcism were put on trial for negligence leading to manslaughter.

In this film, Emily Rose (Jennifer Carpenter) leaves her rural town in order to attend the city college on a scholarship,

where she begins to show signs of possession. The local pastor, Father Moore ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind's" Tom Wilkinson), is called in after Emily returns home, as she is unable to function within the college setting. He receives permission from the archdiocese and the rituals of exorcism are performed, eventually leading to Emily's death.

The movie's main emphasis is not on the events leading up to, and surrounding, the exorcism itself, as in "The Exorcist," but instead on the trial of Father Moore. Laura Linney ("Mystic River") plays the agnostic defending attorney of Father Moore, whose own beliefs are called into question as the trial progresses. The scenes of the actual possession and exorcism are shown through flashbacks as the events are recounted at the trial.

While the movie brings to light numerous thought-provoking questions of the issues surrounding faith versus science, the film never really seems to reach its full potential. The character development of Emily Rose leaves much

to be desired, and there were some poor decisions made regarding her scenes of possession. While they definitely had the potential to be truly terrifying, and at times almost are, they usually fall flat, mostly due to the subtitles.

When Emily starts speaking in tongues,



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Erin Bruner (Laura Linney), middle, and Ethan Thomas (Campbell Scott) debate a point with Judge Brewster (Mary Beth Hurt) in "The Exorcism of Emily Rose."

the filmmakers provide subtitles for her, which caused the audience to react with laughter rather than fear. The film also skims the surfaces of other points that could have used better development. The viewer is led to believe that Laura Linney's character is beginning to experience some of the signs of possession, but that plotline never really goes anywhere.

Another area that could have been further developed, and would've been highly interesting, concerns the reaction of the Catholic Church. In both the film and the real-life incident, the Church backed out and refused to defend its priest, to whom it had given permission for the exorcism.

This is mentioned only briefly in the movie, though it was an intriguing point that would've benefited from more attention.

While "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" definitely stands apart from other movies in its genre, it never manages to stand on its own two feet.

Audiences looking for a typical horror movie are sure to be disappointed, and those looking for a taut courtroom drama will be less disappointed, but still not entirely satisfied.

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The Exorcism of Emily Rose



Director: Scott Derrickson
Writer: Paul Harris Boardman
Starring: Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson, Campbell Scott and Jennifer Carpenter

'Gardener' lacks consistency and focus

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

"The Constant Gardener" is one of those films that sweeps through with such bristling force that it can fool critics into thinking it's a great picture. It's not.

Its director, Fernando Meirelles, is without doubt a great talent — his previous film, 2002's "Cidade De Deus" ("City of God") is easily a masterpiece, a term not to be thrown around lightly — yet he seems to be at the root of the problems with "The Constant Gardener," as his hyper-kinetic style and heavy-handedness seem ill-suited to the material.

The plot concerns low-level diplomat Justin Quayle ("The English Patient's" Ralph Fiennes), who meets and swiftly marries a radical named Tessa (Rachel Weisz). The film opens with her murder before flashbacks begin to unravel the mystery surrounding her death. Quayle's investigation eventually unravels a grand conspiracy that Tessa was trying to uncover, which involves pharmaceutical companies and their testing on African natives.

Jeffrey Caine's much-lauded script is more problematic than it initially appears. Hanging a love story around a larger, grander framework is nothing new ("Casablanca" did it back in 1942), but the suddenness of the relationship — Tessa and Justin sleep together mere hours after meeting and are married

only a few days later — is jarring and mutes its impact.

Additionally, the dichotomy between characters (the good guys are really good and the bad guys are really bad) is startling and insulting in a film so socially and politically aware. Its faux-cinema veritae style would indicate that there is a large amount of truth behind the fiction, but the implausibility of the antagonists dampens "The Constant Gardener's" credibility. That actor Bill Nighy (the aging rock star from "Love Actually") plays the grand villain only aggravates the problem, as it is difficult to take him seriously after seeing him in so many comedic roles.

Somewhere between playing and all-that-is-good Jesus Christ all-that-is-evil Lord Voldemort, Ralph Fiennes found the time to play all-that-is-ordinary Justin Quayle. The former English

Patient seems right for this role, a Hitchcockian character who becomes a victim of circumstances as he unravels the grand conspiracy.

Weisz is also quite good as Tessa, whose radical

idealism is offset by human vulnerability. The best performance in the film, however, may belong to Peter Postlethwaite (one of the cinema's very best character actors), who is perfect in a too-brief role as a semi-crazed doctor whose motives are nebulous at best.

Comparisons to a director's previous work are often inevitable, especially when that director's last film was as stunning as "City of God." That picture was a tour de force in the best sense of



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Tessa (Rachel Weisz), a radical activist, and her husband Justin (Ralph Fiennes), a low-level diplomat, share a moment together in the Kenyan desert.

the term, and "The Constant Gardener" takes the same kitchen-sink approach, but with more mixed results. Whereas "City of God" was ultimately invigorating in its dynamic style, "The Constant Gardener" is exhausting. Its focus is all over the map and it runs too long at 130 minutes, though there are moments of brilliance scattered throughout, most notably a stunningly effective late-film raid.

Ultimately, that lack of focus dooms "The Constant Gardener," which isn't as

emotionally riveting as it wants to be. It is a good film, but not a great one, despite the critical hubbub surrounding its release.

Meirelles will make better pictures than this, and odds are that he has another masterpiece or two up his sleeve, but those looking for "City of God Part II" won't find it in "The Constant Gardener."

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The Constant Gardener



Director: Fernando Meirelles
Writer: Jeffrey Caine
Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz, Bill Nighy and Peter Postlethwaite

DPAC PREVIEW

Singing for the present

Three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby set to perform Friday

Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

STORY BY PATRICK REIDY

Bruce Hornsby stormed onto the music scene in 1986 with his triple-platinum album "The Way It Is." This Friday night, he graces the stage and piano of the Leighton Concert Hall at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, heralding an evening of music that is sure to please audiences both young and old.

Three Top 20 hits from "The Way It Is," including the No. 1 title track, launched Hornsby to the 1986 Grammy for Best New Artist. He went on to sell more than 10 million records and has earned Grammys for Best Bluegrass Recording and Best Pop Instrumental.

A pianist and composer, Hornsby has challenged the parameters of the mainstream music world, as well as his own creative boundaries, finding inspiration in a wide array of musical influence including jazz, pop, classical, bluegrass, rock and vaudeville. His songs never cease to be lyrically clever and musically formidable, permitting listeners inter-

pretive space to judge each masterpiece according to their own taste and perspective.

"I always wanted my music to have a real strong sense of place," Hornsby said on the biography section of his official Web site. "And I've always wanted to find a place in my music to express good playing also. I'm someone for whom playing the instrument well is really important."

The Observer was unable to contact Hornsby for this article.

His music, both old and new, sends a strong message that Hornsby practices what he preaches, and he practices well.

One of pop music's most in-demand sidemen, Hornsby has played with the likes of Bob Dylan, Don Henley, Bonnie Raitt and Willie Nelson. From 1990 through 1992 he was also a part-time member of the legendary rock band the Grateful Dead, with whom he performed more than 100 concerts in America and Europe.

Recently Hornsby has recorded with Eric Clapton, Sting, Elton John and others in the production of his latest album, "Halcyon Days." Evoking hopes for the future and memories of the past, Hornsby reflects on life with children and what it means to be a child.

"Most of this record is really influenced by me being a parent," Hornsby said on his site. "So much of it was written based on my experiences as a parent, worrying about my kids. It's inspired by trying to put myself in their shoes. It's tough to be a kid."

Combining with Elton John in "Dreamland," Hornsby sings a 21st century lullaby to his and all sons dealing with problems of self-esteem. "Gonna Be Some Changes Made," in Hornsby's words, "is about any bumbling idiot who can't seem to get his [stuff] together." The album speaks to those with families and those without alike, telling of trials and errors in dealing with those you love and those you live with.

In his first trip to the DPAC, Hornsby

looks to treat fans to an evening of old and new, resting on his laurels only so far as his own musical talent and ambition will permit.

The musical capacities of the Leighton Concert Hall will be tested through a diverse repertoire packed with hits like "Every Little Kiss" and "Mandolin Rain," music that will have fans both dancing in their seats and soothed into a state of peaceful ease.

Any question of Hornsby's devotion to his audience and performance is readily answered by the singer.

"To be creative, spontaneous in the moment and make music in the present tense, that's what we're all about," he said. "I never liked to play the same thing every time ... I think of my songs as living beings that evolve and change and grow through the years."

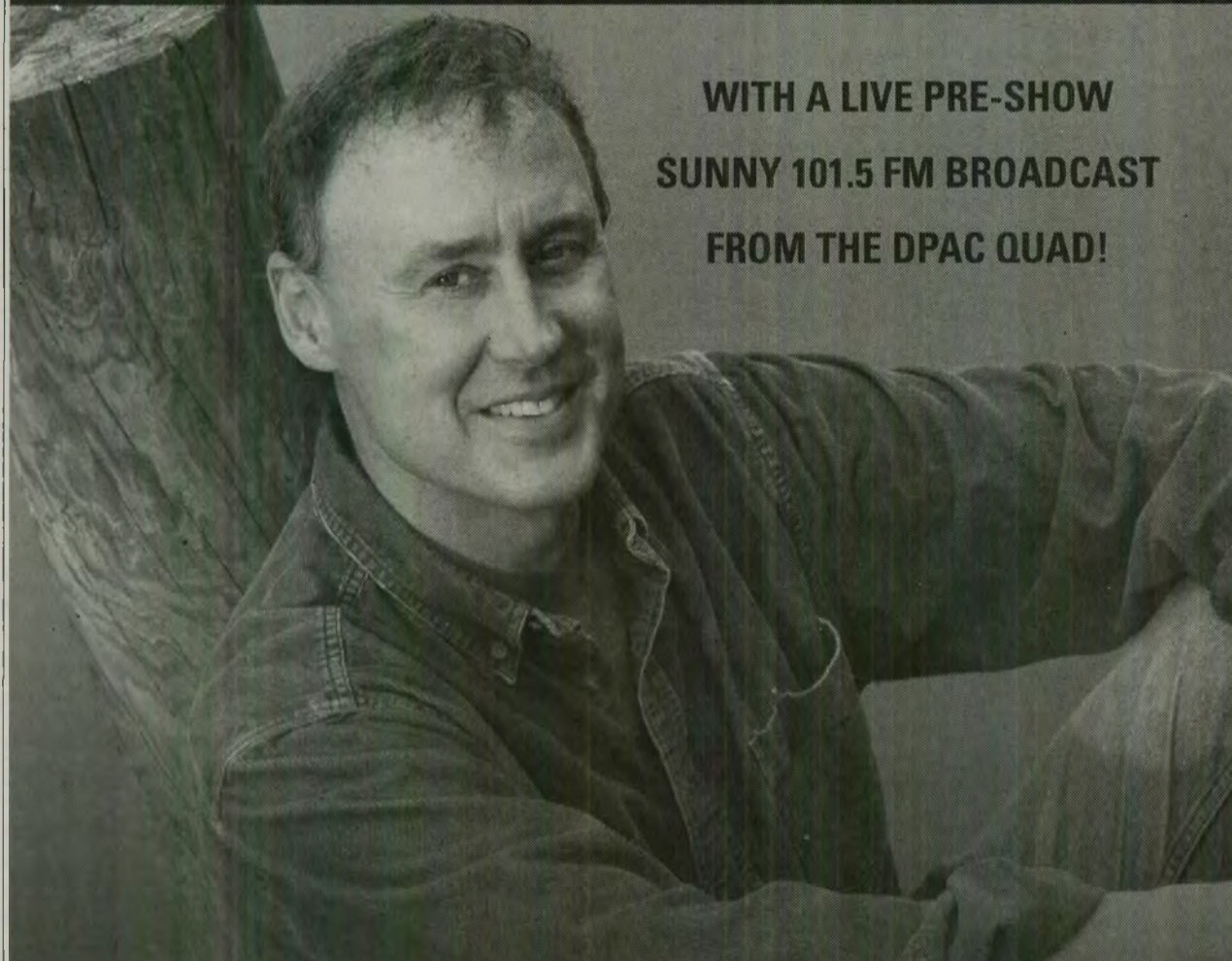
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MLB

Yankees score 17 runs in win over Devil Rays

Five-run second inning lifts Blue Jays over Red Sox; Indians maintain Wild Card lead with defeat of Oakland

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jason Giambi hit his 30th homer and drove in five runs, helping the New York Yankees rout the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 17-3 to nudge closer to first-place Boston in the AL East.

Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada had four RBIs apiece, and the Yankees climbed a season-high 19 games over .500 to pull within 2 1/2 games of the Red Sox.

Jaret Wright (5-2) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings, winning his third straight decision since coming off the disabled list Aug. 15. He had no decisions in his previous three starts.

Giambi had a three-run homer in the first and a two-run single in the sixth, when New York scored seven runs and batted around for the third time in the game.

The Yankees finished with 20 hits, 18 of them singles. After getting just 12 homers and 40 RBIs during an illness-filled 2004 season, he has reached 30 homers for the sixth time in his career and driven in 79 runs.

Matsui went 4-for-4 with a two-run double and two-run single.

Posada drew a bases-loaded walk in the first, then followed with a RBI single in the second and two-run single in the sixth.

Tampa Bay has been a troublesome opponent for the Yankees, winning 11 of 16 games between the teams before Tuesday night to put a crimp in New York's bid for an eighth consecutive division title.

New York manager Joe Torre tinkered with his batting order, moving Alex Rodriguez into the No. 2 hole, hitting Giambi third and placing Gary Sheffield in the cleanup spot for the first time this year. The moves paid immediate dividends.

The Yankees scored five times in the first and added five more runs in the second, with the first seven batters reaching base in each inning against Doug Waechter (5-10) and Dewon Brazelton.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Yankees scored at least five runs in the first and second innings for the first time since a 14-7 win at Cleveland on July 24, 2002.

Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4

The Philadelphia Phillies' young players again outdid Atlanta's heralded rookies.

Mike Lieberthal drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the sixth inning, leading the Phillies to a victory over the Braves.

The Phillies remained one game behind Florida in the NL wild-card race. They have won two straight over East-leading Atlanta and four of five overall since being swept by the Astros last week.

"We're relaxed, we're not panicking and we're not getting overly aggressive when we're down," said Billy Wagner, who earned his 34th save in 37 chances with a scoreless ninth.

One night after Eude Brito pitched six scoreless innings in his third career start, the Phillies again got contributions from their youngsters. Rookie Ryan Howard homered and doubled, and Chase Utley drove in two runs.

Gavin Floyd couldn't match Brito's performance, but kept Philadelphia in the game, allowing four runs in five innings in his eighth big-league start.

"Surprised? Not really," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "As long as they stay focused on what they're doing, they can do some good things for us."

Kenny Lofton went 3-for-3 with a triple and scored twice for Philadelphia.

Andruw Jones had a three-run double for the Braves, increasing his NL-leading RBI total to 124.

Toronto 9, Boston 3

Keith Foulke seemed to sum up Boston's night when he plunked Eric Hinske.

Gabe Gross hit his first home run in nearly a year during a five-run second inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Boston Tuesday for their ninth win in 13 games against the Red Sox this season.

Hinske yelled at Foulke after the reliever hit him in the seventh, one pitch after Shea Hillenbrand's RBI single gave the Blue Jays an 8-3 lead.

Foulke, who has struggled since he was activated from the disabled list on Sept. 1, allowed two runs and two hits in one inning.

Boston's AL East lead over the second-place New York Yankees

was cut to 2 1/2 games with another disappointing loss to Toronto, which is 72-72.

Cleveland 5, Oakland 2

The lights went out for a while before Ben Broussard restored power for the Cleveland Indians.

Broussard's second homer of the game, a tiebreaking three-run shot in the eighth inning, sent Cleveland to a victory over the Oakland Athletics and kept the Indians in control of the AL wild-card race.

Cleveland was down 2-0 in the seventh when Broussard hit a two-run shot.

The Indians started Tuesday with a one-game lead over the New York Yankees for the wild card. They moved 2 1/2 games ahead of the Athletics.

Kevin Millwood (8-11), who hasn't gotten any run support all season, didn't get any runs until the seventh. He allowed one run and seven hits while lowering his league-leading ERA to 3.02.

The Indians turned a season-high five double plays, including one in the ninth when closer Bob Wickman took the return throw at first while tumbling over the bag. He finished up for his AL-leading 40th save.

With the score tied 2-2, Travis Hafner singled with one out in the eighth off Justin Duchscherer (6-4) and Victor Martinez singled. One out later, Broussard hit a towering shot to right that didn't seem to want to come down.

Right fielder Nick Swisher parked under it on the warning track, and leaped at the wall. But the ball barely cleared his glove, landing in the first row of seats to give the Indians a much-needed win in their playoff push.

Florida 4, Houston 2

An unusual call against Houston pitcher Wandy Rodriguez helped boost the Florida Marlins' lead in the NL wild-card race.

Juan Pierre walked in the seventh inning when umpires said Rodriguez touched his mouth with his hand while on the mound, and Paul Lo Duca followed with a tiebreaking, two-run homer that sent Florida victory over the Astros.

"It was a bad call. It was a wrong call," Astros manager Phil Garner said.

Josh Beckett (14-8) struck out eight over 7 1-3 innings against



Hideki Matsui hits in the first inning of the Yankees' victory over Tampa Bay Tuesday. Matsui drove in four of New York's 17 runs.

his hometown team, and Carlos Delgado homered for the second straight game, becoming just the ninth player to hit 30 homers in nine straight seasons.

Florida, which was out of 9-6, opened a one-game lead over Philadelphia in the wild-card standings.

Mike Lamb and Adam Everett homered for the Astros, who lost for the fourth time in five games and dropped 1 1/2 games behind the Marlins.

With the score tied 2-2 and one out in the seventh, Juan Pierre worked the count to 3-2 against Rodriguez (9-8). Before the next pitch, third base umpire Bruce Dreckman cited Rodriguez for making contact between his hand and mouth or lips, a violation of baseball's rules, and called ball four.

Garner and Rodriguez argued in vain that the pitcher had merely touched his nose.

"He didn't go to his mouth on the mound," Garner said. "He was simply sweating profusely on his face and was wiping it away."

Washington 4 New York Mets 2

Hector Carrasco hung right in there against a pitcher with 598 more starts.

Carrasco filled a hole in

Washington's rotation with a gutsy effort, and the Nationals used a three-run third inning to beat Tom Glavine and the New York Mets.

Brad Wilkerson, Marlon Byrd and Preston Wilson each hit an RBI single to help Washington win the opener of a three-game series between teams barely on the fringe of the NL wild-card race.

"We got it done tonight. We struggled through it, and nothing ever comes easy for us. The bullpen did a good job," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said.

Gary Majewski (4-3) pitched two scoreless innings for a victory, the Nationals' second in seven games.

But Robinson wasn't around to see the end of it — he was ejected for the third time this season in the sixth.

Substitute left fielder Marlon Anderson homered and threw out Byrd at the plate for the Mets, who lost for the 13th time in 16 games. They just returned home from a 2-8 road trip to Florida, Atlanta and St. Louis that almost certainly dashed their playoff hopes.

With right-hander John Patterson recovering from a sinus infection, the Nationals needed to get creative.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC looks to slow Razorback rushing attack

Arkansas will pose a different challenge for the Trojan defense

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California is gearing up to face the leading rushing team in the country, and Sedrick Ellis smiled at the thought of it.

Ellis, a 6-foot-1, 285-pound sophomore, is the successor to standout nose tackle Mike Patterson in top-ranked USC's defensive line, and he's ready to get down and dirty in his second collegiate start when the Trojans (1-0) entertain Arkansas (1-1) in their home opener Saturday night.

In USC's season-opening 63-17 victory Sept. 3 at Hawaii, Ellis and his running mates up front spent most of their time chasing quarterbacks because the Warriors threw 49 passes and netted 60 yards on 21 rushing attempts.

That being the case, Ellis was involved in only one tackle. He should have many more chances against Arkansas, which averaged 338.5 yards on 47 carries in beating Missouri State 49-17 and losing to Vanderbilt 28-24.

There isn't a nose tackle on earth who wouldn't prefer stuffing the run over chasing a quarterback.

That being the case, Ellis looks forward to playing Arkansas and the opportunity to make his mark.

"You have to have a certain

amount of confidence in yourself," he said. "If you don't have that confidence, you're not going to do what you're supposed to do."

Ellis was used sparingly as a redshirt freshman last year, making just two tackles. He won the starting job by performing impressively in spring practice.

Lining up next to Ellis is LaJuan Ramsey, a 6-3, 290-pounder who's replacing Shaun Cody at defensive tackle. Ramsey didn't play much last year, either, and also made only two tackles.

"They're gone," Ellis said, referring to Patterson and Cody.

"They've been teaching the young guys the way to do it. I more than welcome that challenge. Right now, it's LaJuan's and my challenge to replace them. I do realize there's a focus on the defensive line. I think we'll be fine."

It has to help to have a pair of returning starters up front in defensive ends Lawrence Jackson and Frostee Rucker.

USC coach Pete Carroll is glad his team will play a running team like Arkansas after a pass-happy team like Hawaii.

"It's a big switch. It's a big change for us. We go from A

to Z on the spectrum," Carroll said. "It will pose a different stress on our defense. There are many more teams like Arkansas who will mix their running game and their passing game."

The Razorbacks passed for 312 yards in their first two games — 292 by Robert Johnson and another 20 by Alex Mortensen.

Carroll pointed to missed tackles as his team's biggest problem in the Hawaii game.

"We just over-ran some stuff. We've worked on it," he said. "Hopefully we'll do better. We've certainly stressed that."

Carroll said there's a sense of relief about coming off a bye week and knowing his team plays on each of the next 10 Saturdays.

"It's really time

for us to dig back in, do things the way you know how to do them so we can undertake the challenges of the season," the coach said. "I'm not real settled where we are."

Perhaps he will be after this weekend. He'd better be, because the Trojans figure to be challenged the following two Saturdays with road games against unbeaten Oregon and No. 18 Arizona State in their first Pac-10

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Pete Carroll
USC head coach



Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Matt Leinart will lead the No. 1 Trojans against Arkansas Saturday in USC's home opener.

action.

Carroll realizes several highly regarded teams including Michigan, Ohio State, Iowa and Oklahoma have already been upset victims this month.

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USC, trying to become the first football team ever to win

three straight NCAA championships, brings a 23-game overall winning streak and 21-game winning streak at the Coliseum into Saturday night's game.

The Trojans have a 37-3 record since the start of the 2002 season and are 43-9 since Carroll took over as coach a year earlier.

A crowd of at least 85,000 is expected to attend the home opener.

HURRICANE KATRINA

White Sox Charities raise \$100,000 for hurricane victims

Sports world quick to offer aid to those affected by Katrina

Associated Press

Chicago White Sox Charities and the team's fans donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Audience Auction, Sox Split raffle and donations from fans, employees and staff brought in more than \$40,000 during the recent homestand against Kansas City and the Los Angeles Angels. Chicago White Sox Charities donated almost \$60,000.

"None of us will ever understand the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, which has affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans," White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said. "Our heart goes out to every person touched by this tragedy, and we feel humbled to be able to offer our support."

The donation is part of efforts by Major League Baseball and its clubs to raise \$3 million for hurricane relief.

Outfielder Jermaine Dye and catcher Chris Widger recorded public service announcements that will be broadcast at U.S. Cellular Field through the end of the season. Autographed player items, including two White Sox jerseys, will be auc-

tioned online. Outfielder Aaron Rowand donated \$2,500 from his nomination for the 2005 Roberto Clemente Award to the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross.

In other Katrina developments:

Tory James and three other Cincinnati Bengals grew up in the Gulf area where Hurricane Katrina has scattered their families and destroyed their homes. Greg Brooks and Chris Henry grew up in the New Orleans area. Reggie Myles is from Pascagoula, Miss., where

his family rode out the storm.

"I'm still trying to get them to come up and stay with me, but they won't," Myles said. "It's home, their roots, their whole lives. It's kind of hard for me knowing that this has happened and my parents won't leave and there's nothing I can do to get my people up here. It's hurtful every day, stressful."

Derek Fisher, Tamika Catchings and Shareef Abdur-Rahim will join more than a dozen NBA and WNBA players in a caravan

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of 20 tractor trailers that will depart Jackson, Miss., and deliver supplies to Hattiesburg, Biloxi and Gulfport. The men's and women's National Basketball Players' Associations are organizing the event, called "Operation Rebound."

The University of South Carolina will collect money for relief efforts at Saturday's football game with Alabama. Cash donations will be accepted at the gates of Williams-Brice Stadium before kickoff. Half the money will go to the American

Red Cross' local efforts, the rest to South Carolina Cares, which helps those who have relocated.

The Oak Tree Racing Association, equine artist Fred Stone and top jockeys will join forces at Santa Anita on Oct. 1 to raise money for hurricane relief.

Stone's artwork will be available at reduced prices, and jockeys Eddie Delahoussaye, Kent Desormeaux and Gary Stevens will be among those autographing the art. Proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

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NCAA Men's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Indiana	3-0-1	396
2	New Mexico	4-0-0	381
3	UCLA	2-1-0	342
4	North Carolina	4-0-0	338
5	Connecticut	4-0-0	311
6	Virginia	2-0-1	292
7	Maryland	3-1-0	281
8	California	3-0-1	269
9	Wake Forest	3-1-0	267
10	St. John's	2-1-1	262
11	Duke	3-1-0	238
12	Creighton	2-0-1	229
13	Santa Clara	3-1-0	225
14	NOTRE DAME	3-1-0	216
15	Akron	4-0-0	185
16	UC-Santa Barbara	2-1-1	150
17	Fairleigh Dickinson	4-0-0	121
18	Memphis	3-0-0	103
19	Ohio State	3-1-0	79
20	Boston College	3-1-0	71
21	Washington	2-1-0	68
22	Alabama-Birmingham	4-0-0	52
23	Clemson	3-0-1	45
	CA State-Northridge	2-0-1	40

NCAA Women's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	points
1	North Carolina	6-0-0	394
2	Penn State	6-0-0	375
3	Portland	6-0-0	372
4	Santa Clara	4-0-1	351
4	NOTRE DAME	5-1-0	342
6	UCLA	5-1-0	326
7	Florida	4-1-0	281
8	Duke	4-0-1	271
9	Pepperdine	5-0-0	248
10	Florida State	6-0-0	242
11	California	5-0-1	216
12	Boston College	4-0-0	204
13	Virginia	3-2-1	179
14	Texas A&M	3-1-1	169
15	Wake Forest	4-1-1	166
16	Wisconsin	4-1-1	163
17	Connecticut	4-2-0	132
18	Marquette	6-0-1	92
19	Illinois	3-1-2	89
20	Stanford	2-2-1	84
21	California Poly	5-0-1	72
22	Nebraska	4-2-0	63
23	Michigan	2-1-2	63
24	Utah	6-0-0	53
25	Texas	2-1-1	47

Women's Soccer MIAA Conference Standings

team	conf.	overall
Alma	2-0	3-0
Hope	2-0	3-1
Calvin	1-0	2-1
Olivet	1-1	1-3
Albion	0-0	0-2
Kalamazoo	0-1	1-2
SAINT MARY'S	0-1	1-2
Tri-State	0-1	2-2
Adrian	0-2	1-4

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NFL



Chiefs running back Larry Johnson (27) turned himself in Monday after an altercation over the weekend with his girlfriend. Johnson was charged less than two years ago for aggravated assault.

Larry Johnson cited for domestic assault

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Larry Johnson turned himself in to police Monday night after an altercation he had with his girlfriend early Saturday at a bar, the latest in a series of troubles with the law for members of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Police Department spokesman Darin Snapp said the Chiefs running back was cited for domestic abuse assault. Johnson posted bond and was released, with a court date set for Sept. 20 on the municipal charge.

Snapp said the girlfriend

came into the bar and saw Johnson with a different woman. The 25-year-old girlfriend, of Overland Park, Kan., saw Johnson and walked the other way, Snapp said, but Johnson text messaged her on her phone and asked her to meet him downstairs.

The running back then grabbed the woman by the arm and pulled her to the front door, Snapp said, where Johnson asked the manager to make her leave. The manager said he couldn't do that.

Snapp said Johnson became irate after his girlfriend confronted his date. The running back grabbed

the victim by the shoulders and shoved her, causing her to fall onto the floor, the police report said.

The girlfriend told The Kansas City Star, in a story on its Web site, that the police report was wrong and denied that she was pushed or dragged to the door. Snapp said the woman told police she didn't want Johnson arrested, but instead just wanted the incident documented.

Friends convinced the woman the next day to file a police report after seeing bruises on her arms, Snapp said.

The accusations come less than two years after

Johnson entered a diversion program for allegedly brandishing a gun during an argument with an ex-girlfriend at his home. He was charged in December 2003 with aggravated assault, a felony, and misdemeanor domestic battery.

Under terms of the diversion Johnson was required to complete 120 hours of community service, attend an anger management course and stay out of trouble for two years.

Johnson County prosecutor Paul Morrison said if it's determined he committed a criminal act, his office would file a motion.

IN BRIEF

NBA players raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims

A handful of professional basketball players are going to spin the Wheel of Fortune to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Carmelo Anthony of Denver, Ray Allen of Seattle, Baron Davis of Golden State and Luke Walton of the Los Angeles Lakers are among 15 NBA and WNBA players teaming up with the television game show "Wheel of Fortune." The players will tape shows Thursday for the game show's NBA week, airing Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

Each player will be partnered with a fan from their team's city, and the fans will play for cash and NBA-themed prizes.

The players will compete for their favorite charities and for the Red Cross, with a minimum of \$100,000 of their winnings going to help Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The contestant from the team with the week's highest total winnings will

win a trip to the 2006 NBA All-Star game in Houston.

Damon will return to Red Sox lineup this Thursday

TORONTO — An MRI of Boston Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon's left shoulder Tuesday showed no structural damage.

Damon didn't play in Boston's 6-5 win in 11 innings over Toronto on Monday night. He has been playing with discomfort since injuring the shoulder on a slide against Baltimore on Sept. 4.

"The report was as good as it could be," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "Structurally there is no damage. I think he bruised that area. He's got some swelling."

Francona said Damon will remain in Boston for treatment while the Red Sox finish their Toronto road trip. Boston returns home to play Oakland on Thursday.

"Even if he can't [play] the news is good. He's going to be OK," Francona said.

Gamboa returns to baseball, this time in minors

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The questions are fewer now, the notoriety gone. Tom Gamboa is back on the baseball field, not in the majors, but managing in the minor leagues and finding peace and success away from the spotlight.

"Time has a way of healing all that," he said.

Gamboa now manages the Los Angeles Angels' Double-A affiliate, and his Arkansas Travelers have reached the Texas League championship series in his first season.

His life, once so hectic, has returned to normal.

In fact, when Arkansas outfielder David Gates found out Gamboa had been hired, a friend needed to remind him of the name.

"He was like, 'You remember on TV a few years ago?'" Gates said. "I was like, 'Oh, OK.'"

Gamboa had been in baseball for almost 30 years.

HURRICANE KATRINA

High school football to continue for evacuees

Associated Press

DALLAS — Damien Allen tugs at his tight pants after each play, struggling to stretch a size L into an XL.

The other players are wearing shorts. But not most of the evacuees, who quickly pieced together their uniforms scavenging through leftovers in a sweat-scented equipment closet. Only some of the 13 found shorts and a few must share helmets.

Monday was their first football practice at Madison, the designated high school for students still living in mass downtown shelters nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina. They practice wearing colored paper bracelets that grant admission back to their cots and free meals — orange for Reunion Arena, neon pink for the convention center.

None are superstars or fixtures on recruiting watch lists. Head coach Ronald Johnson figures maybe two can contribute at the varsity level.

Twice as many signed up last week, but they disappear once they find homes and leave the shelters. Fifteen passed physicals Friday and two moved to suburbs by the weekend. Johnson doesn't see many of the kids whose parents he met at the shelters, where Johnson and his staff navigated through a grid of cots in search of signed waiver

forms.

"Two more will probably be gone by tomorrow," said Johnson, who can only identify a handful by their first names.

He doubts that some played football in New Orleans, even though many brag of throwing touchdown passes and anchoring defenses back home. One drill and Johnson knows better. If he's unsure, he quizzes them: What's a double-team block? When pulling right, which foot leads?

Sophomore Michael Bridgewater played linebacker at Higgins High School near New Orleans. His mother brought Michael and two cousins to Reunion Arena after they could no longer afford staying at a Motel 6. He can't reach his girlfriend and doesn't know what happened to an uncle and four of his cousins.

He's also, if he stays at Madison, an option at fullback.

"I'm homeless right now, but that's the last thing on my mind," Bridgewater said. "I'm living in a shelter. I never thought in a million years I'd be living in a shelter. But don't feel sorry for me. Encourage me. That's why I'm out here."

The evacuees stick together. They play catch during water breaks and crowd around leafing through a stapled playbook on the sideline. They seldom mingle with the other players.



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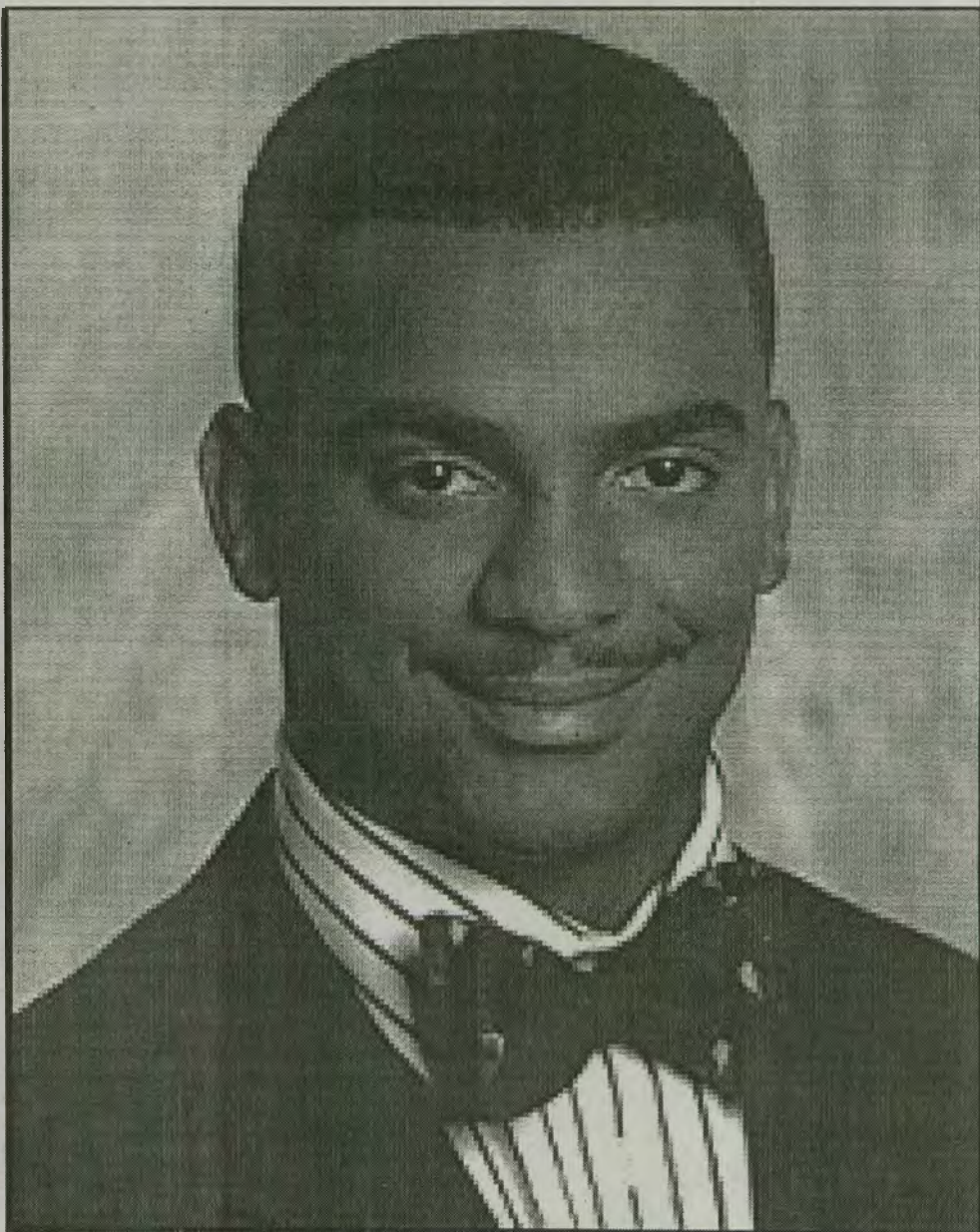
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GAMING

E-sports represent a new trend in gaming

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is "frags per round" going to be the batting average of the 21st century?

Professional computer gamers certainly hope so.

Players of Counter Strike, a popular title in competition at the U.S. finals of the World Cyber Games last week, count their prowess in how many enemies they can shoot to pieces, or "fragment," in a frantic two-minute round of virtual gunplay.

Time and demographics, boosters say, argue for videogame tourneys becoming the next big spectator sport in the United States, where more than 108 million Americans now play computer games, according to the Yankee Group.

They're already garnering big-name sponsors.

"Kids in the early 1900s were playing baseball in dirt fields. Kids today are playing computer games" says Jason Lake, an Atlanta real-estate lawyer who owns two teams of pro gamers, totaling fourteen players, some of whom did battle last week.

For a non-gamer, the competition at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom can't have looked too exciting.

Pale young men crowded around computers on the floor as the cyberspace-based action unfolded on big-screen displays

overhead, accompanied by a play-by-play announcer rattling off things like "Schwan's gonna be hiding behind a big box there, waiting for them to come up, and it's 7-0 for the counterrorists on this map."

Only about 4,000 spectators showed up at the Hammerstein, organizers said, but more than 63,000 followed the games live on the Web.

Even more significantly, more than a million people around the world have tried to qualify for the final, to be held in Singapore in November. That's mostly a sign of the acceptance that computer gaming (or e-sports, as promoters like to call it) has gained in the rest of the world.

Just 40,000 of that million were Americans.

In South Korea, where the World Cyber Games is based, three cable channels broadcast competitive gaming around the clock and some of the country's approximately 200 professional gamers bask in rock star-like fame.

In the United States, "there are rock stars already, but the mass market doesn't know about them," says Robert Krakoff, president Razer Group, which makes computer mice and is a major sponsor of the games, along with Intel Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co.

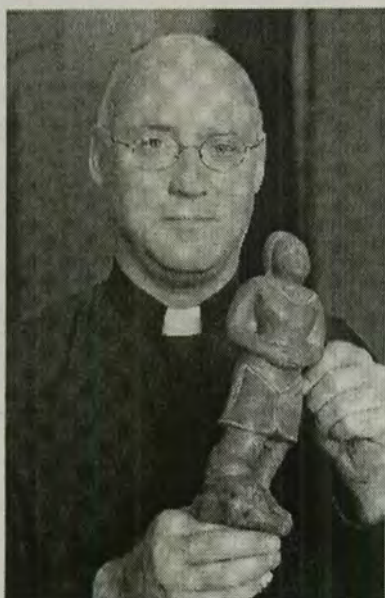
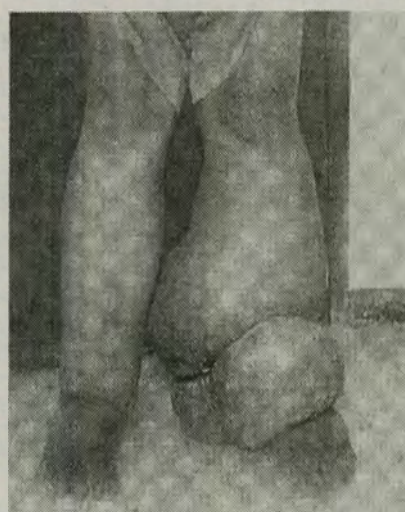


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Cahill

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weekend, he was named Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

"I wouldn't say it's anything more than just a reflection of the overall defensive efforts in those games," Cahill said, calling the recognition "an overall defensive award."

Cahill earned the starting spot in goal after a heated summer and preseason battle between the four keepers on the Irish roster.

"We've got two, really we've got four good goalies on the team, with the two freshmen and the senior, Justin Michaud," he said. "It's good to have a fire burning under you all the time and I don't ever really imagine myself becoming content because there's always someone there pushing me to get better."

Cahill excelled in prep soccer in his hometown of Louisville, Ky.

"He was first spotted at our elite camp over the summer," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. Cahill was a three-time All-Star at the camp. "He caught our eye ... he's come in and done a first-class job."

Standing tall at six and a half feet, Cahill has a natural size advantage.

"As a goalkeeper you certainly cover more real estate if you're big, so he covers a fair amount of real estate," said

Clark. "He's got a big wingspan."

Fortunately, Cahill has managed to avoid two common pitfalls of tall goalies: awkwardness and struggling with balls on the ground.

"Quite often tall people, they're not always as well-coordinated, as athletic, and Chris is one of those fortunate people, not only is he big but he's well coordinated," Clark said. "He's a very good athlete, he's quick on his feet and he can move. He's obviously good with high balls, with balls in the air, but he's also very, very quick at getting down for low balls."

The Knott resident claims to have had his nerves under control before stepping on the field for his first collegiate game time.

"I think I was nervous, definitely, but it was a good sort of nervous," he said. "It was a nervous energy that I think I needed, I think it's a good thing to be a little bit nervous — if you're not that's when you've got something to worry about."

Fortunately, Cahill has had the guidance of excellent goalie coach Brian Wiese, one of Clark's assistant and a coach who focuses on guiding Notre Dame's traditionally outstanding keepers.

"Brian's done a great job with this one," Clark said. "He did a good job with [last year's goalie Chris] Sawyer as well. ... He does a fabulous job with

all the goalkeepers."

Cahill appreciates Wiese's expertise as well.

"As far as a coach he's everything you'd want," said Cahill. "He takes us through every single day and whatever we need, he's got us on our toes working on our weaknesses. It's no use practicing the things you're good at."

Michaud has also helped keep the Irish defense steady.

"They both worked hard and one of the most pleasing things for me was to watch at half-time Justin was out warming up Chris, getting ready," Clark said. "He was a rival and they both work so well to help one another and to improve each other."

This goes with another of Cahill's observations: the team-first attitude of the Irish.

"I was definitely confident," he said of his first times in goal, "because I know that the guys in front of me are going to make the job as easy and as simple as possible."

To Cahill, though, it's not just the defense stepping up and making stops so he doesn't have to. Unity is a huge factor in the past success of the Irish and in their future hopes.

"I feel like our team is 25 guys that are all best friends, so whatever we're doing it's as a team and there's really just an unbelievable amount of unity on this squad," Cahill said. "From top to bottom every single person contributes ... everybody's got a positive attitude and it's one of the really strong points on our team, that bond that everybody has."

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DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Goalkeeper Chris Cahill makes a save against New Mexico on Aug. 20. The 6-foot-6 goalkeeper won the starting job this fall.

the team as a family — "that's too cliché," Cahill said — he pointed out that what keeps him going are "his boys."

"You're always motivated to go out and play your best because you don't want to let your teammates down," he said.

But Clark will need Cahill to step into a leadership position for the Irish to see success and realize their goals for this season.

"I think at the moment he's just been establishing himself as the goalkeeper, now he has got to become a leader," Clark said. "I think it's really important that a goalkeeper does become a leader in the backfield and I think it's something he's starting to realize and something he's really starting to work on."

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Golf

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Per the team's goal, players' scores improved as the week-end progressed. They attributed the improvement to getting comfortable with the greens and to their adjustment to the pressure of playing against such formidable opponents.

"I think it's good for smaller schools to play bigger competition every once in a while," co-captain Kristen Fantom said. "Also, once we got over getting used to the greens we were able to get down our scores."

Today is the first outing when results will count in the standings as the Belles attempt to defend their MIAA crown for the fourth straight season. Rivals Olivet and Albion, along with host Calvin College, look to challenge the Belles as they attempt the

four-peat.

The outing will be played at Calvin's home course, the Thornapple Pointe Golf Club, located just east of Grand Rapids.

The course is relatively short, measuring only 5,302 yards. This should play to the advantage of the Belles, who are known for their excellent short game and work around the greens.

The Calvin outing is the first of three regular season outings the Belles will participate in, before heading to the MIAA championships, slated for the weekend of Oct. 7-8 at the Bedford Valley Country Club.

Getting the regular season off on the right foot is essential to another successful season on the greens, and the Belles are looking for a very solid performance today and the rest of the season.

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McKnight

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McKnight's 5-yard touchdown catch opened scoring and proved the difference maker in the final score.

To fill the vacant wideout spot, coaches will simply slide the depth chart up a name. Quarterback Brady Quinn has thrown to eight different players, including four wide

receivers, already this season.

And though no one would qualify McKnight's production as replaceable, the Irish are certain they have the personnel to substitute into the game and maintain efficiency.

"Next guy goes in," Weis said of his plan to adjust. "That's all that happens. It's always been that way. It's the only way I know."

"Once again, I hate to keep on going back to the past, but I've always come from systems where [if] one guy goes out, just plug the next guy in." So far this season, indications are Weis will be able to continue the methods he learned in New York and New England with this team.

The Irish lose McKnight, who has caught five balls for 69 yards and a touchdown. But remaining are starting wideout Maurice Stovall (four catches, 44 yards), deep threat Matt Shelton, who according to Weis is getting closer to 100 percent health, and the team's leading wide receiver, Jeff Samardzija (seven catches, 86 yards, two touchdowns).

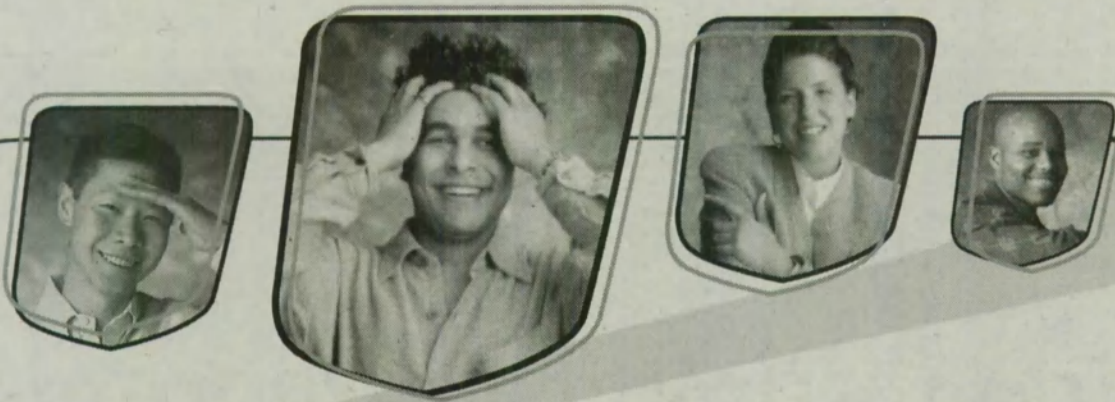
Running back Darius Walker and tight end Anthony Fasano have eight catches each to lead the team, but in the wide receiving corps, Samardzija has distinguished himself as a clear primary option for Quinn.

"Jeff has great athletic ability and ball skills," Weis said. "He's been a perfect complement in the system, along with the other receivers we have."

"I think at this point, Jeff has been the one who has been open based off the coverage schemes. I think Brady has done a nice job of getting the ball in his hands."

Samardzija is on pace to make almost 40 catches this season, which would be more than twice the amount of grabs he made in 2004 (17).

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Belles return to home field

Team faces physical, tough play of MIAA rival Albion College

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles will return to their home turf today from an extended tour of preseason tournament exhibitions and early MIAA road games to tackle the physical play of Albion College.

Saint Mary's did not finish the road sojourn with the best record (1-3 overall, 0-1 MIAA), but is confident that the change of scenery and the welcome embrace of the Belles' campus will spark a much-needed victory.

The schedule for the Belles is not an easy one to play, with home and away series with Hope. The women lost to Hope 2-0 in that series road game last weekend. There are also Calvin, Alma, Olivet and Tri-State, all of which bring the Belles a unique challenge on the field. As a result every game won is crucial — making those games played at home that much more significant in the long grind of the fall season.

"Albion always brings a strong, physical team,"

Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "The fact that we are on our field for the first time will help us set the tone."

The tone they hope to set will undoubtedly be an offensive one, as the Belles have managed to net four goals for the season to date, with all four coming in a 4-3 double overtime victory over SUNY-Brockport in the season opener. The three straight shutouts imposed on the Belles have not come as a result of a lack of ability on the offense; Mackenzie has repeatedly praised the strong play of her attackers and midfielders.

The players have taken it all in stride as well, realizing the meat of the season is still ahead of them.

"Every game we have played we have seen some really good stuff," midfielder Carrie Orr said. "We have played some of the best teams around. We know that and we think we can play with anyone."

The competition level has been high so far this season. The Belles faced DIII national contender Illinois Wesleyan and one of the top MIAA teams in Hope College.

Albion will continue this trend in Belles opponents, as it is also a perennial contender in the MIAA.

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Carrie Orr
midfielder

"They are usually one of our toughest competitors, they are usually very aggressive," Orr said. Last year Saint Mary's split the season series, coming away with a 2-0 win at home and a 3-2 overtime loss on the road.

The whistle will kick off the Belles' home season at 4 p.m.

on Wednesday, a start that the Belles hope will get them started on the right track once again.

"It is always much more fun to play at home, you have got your fans and everything," Orr said. "We are really looking forward to it. We are ready to bring out a lot of energy for the game."

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been lifting her game the entire season."

Saint Mary's seemed poised to take a two games to none lead as they led 24-19 late in the second game. Weak serve reception proved to be the Belles' demise, however. Olivet (2-7, 1-0) was able to take advantage of Saint Mary's mistakes, using a 9-1 run to take a 28-24 lead and holding off the Belles for the win.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team eased up at the end of game two.

"We relaxed. We need to work on our killer instinct and drive toward the finish," she said.

The Comets of Olivet were energized by their win in game two and came out with more emotion in the third game. A 7-4 Belles lead was quickly erased by a 6-1 Comet run. Saint Mary's was able to tie the game at 16, but inconsistent play again proved to be the Belles' Achilles' heel as they lost 14 of the game's final 21 points.

The final point summed up a frustrating night for Saint Mary's. A Comet player dove and dug a ball that seemed destined to be a Belles kill, sending it across the net and into the open court for a miraculous Olivet kill.

Schroeder-Biek talked about her team's need to be mentally tough after setbacks like these.

"We had a lot of highs and

lows tonight," she said. "Ultimately we need to be consistent. We had some players getting down after some misses. You need to have a short term memory and have the confidence to dig in and bounce back."

The Belles were able to tie the match by playing their most complete game of the match in the fourth. Saint Mary's tightened up their defensive play and used a 7-0 run to take a 23-14 lead on their way to a game four win.

The fifth game was tight early, but Olivet surged ahead with a 7-0 to extend their lead to 13-5. They held off a late Belles charge to claim the victory.

Despite the loss in the match's final game, Schroeder-Biek was pleased with her team's approach.

"I told them to play like a winner and stay aggressive," she said. "Normally when we get into a close game we play safe. I thought we played aggressive at the end, but again it was our serve reception that struggled. We'll be working on that this week."

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Saint Mary's and ended a seven-game losing streak for Olivet.

The Belles will look to bounce back from Tuesday's difficult loss when they travel to Concordia, Ill. Thursday for another game of their season.

"You need to have a short term memory and have the confidence to dig in and bounce back."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

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FOOTBALL

Down but not out

McKnight out with leg injury for MSU

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's leading receiver from last season will be on the sidelines for the team's first home game Saturday.

Rhema McKnight will not play against Michigan State in the first home game of his senior season due to a leg injury he suffered in Notre Dame's 17-10 victory at Michigan last weekend.

McKnight led the Irish last season with 42 catches for 610 yards and three touchdowns.

"Although he's day-to-day ... he's going to miss this week's

game," coach Charlie Weis said in a noon press conference Tuesday. "We'll revisit him again next week, but he's not lost for the season like all the rumors [claim]."

Weis disclosed McKnight had a "slight procedure" done on his leg, without providing details. But he assured coaches will keep a daily eye on the receiver to observe his progress.

"If you asked [McKnight] how he was doing, he would say day-to-day anyway," Weis said.

McKnight caught two balls for 18 yards against Michigan before injuring himself, and both came on the offense's 12-play, opening game scoring drive that lasted just 2:58.

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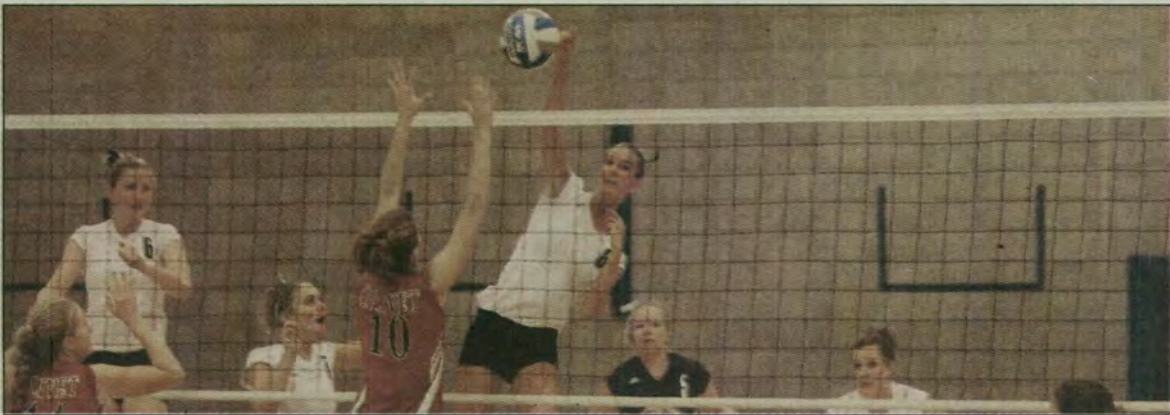


Wide receiver Rhema McKnight celebrates in the arms of guard Dan Stevenson after catching a touchdown

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Olivet takes win over Saint Mary's in five matches



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Middle hitter Shelly Bender spikes the ball against Olivet Tuesday night. The Belles lost in five closely-played matches to their MIAA rival.

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Consistent play may not always be exciting, but in the end, it wins games.

Unfortunately for the Saint Mary's volleyball team, it lacked consistency Tuesday and fell to Olivet College in five back and forth games, 25-30, 30-28, 30-23, 21-30, 15-9.

The loss was particularly disturbing for Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, as she felt her team was a victim of its own mistakes.

"We hurt ourselves more so than any one of their players hurt us," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles (4-7, 0-2 MIAA) looked strong early in the match, taking control of the first game by jumping out to an early 6-1 lead. Michelle Turley paced Saint Mary's with her strong hitting. Her play propelled the Belles to a win in the first game. Schroeder-Biek took notice of Turley's stellar play.

"She is a strong player," Schroeder-Biek said. "She played well over the weekend and has

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SMC GOLF

Belles hope to bounce back after past losses

By JUSTIN BELTZ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's looks to bounce back today after a challenging performance last weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational as they travel to Calvin College for the first of three MIAA meets this season.

Over the weekend, the Belles competed against Division I competition for the

first time all season, and as expected, it was a challenge.

Adding to the difficulty of the competition was the fact that senior captain Nicole Bellino was forced to withdraw. She is expected to play in the match today.

Even though the Belles brought up the rear of the field last weekend, they were certainly not blown out by the competition.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Cahill named to award list

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Filling the cleats of an All-American goalkeeper isn't an easy task, but all 6-foot-6 of Chris Cahill is proving to be up to the task.

The junior goalkeeper, who did not see action for his first two years with the Irish, stepped into goal at the beginning of the season and won the starting spot. After posting his first two shutouts last

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DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Chris Cahill makes a throw against New Mexico on Aug. 20. Cahill was named this week's Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

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