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## Delays plague cell service improvements



Temporary cell phone towers stand behind South Dining Hall and at other locations around campus to give students better reception.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Editor

The University's initiative to improve cellular telephone service on campus hit a roadblock this summer, delaying the project's completion date and forcing cell phone users to rely on temporary mobile transmitters for service.

The cellular antenna system project was supposed to be completed by the start of the school year, but that was before officials learned they had to get state approval to add antennas to older buildings on campus, said Dewitt Latimer, chief technology officer in the Office of Information Technologies.

"Any modification to a building [more than 45 years old] done by a cell phone carrier ... must go through an approval process with the state historical preservation office," Latimer said, recalling the information his office learned after they finalized the locations for the antennas. "It caught us all off-guard."

Latimer said all antenna sites but one have now been approved and work on them has resumed. But the approval process set the antenna project back about six weeks, Latimer said.

The University announced last spring that it had entered into agreements

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## University cuts dorm telephones

*Students have option to purchase room line*

By AMANDA MICHAELS  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students returning to the dorms this semester will be greeted by technology improvements, including cable jacks and solid cell phone reception. There is one Old Faithful, however, that is absent — the blinking red light of the room phone.

Beginning after spring residents moved out in May, the telephones located in every dorm room were systematically removed from the halls and many sold in the end-of-the-year charity "yard sale" in the stadium, "From Old to Gold."

This move came after the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) found that only a very small percentage of on-campus students regularly used their room phones, according to Steven Ellis, the director of Integrated Communications Services at OIT.

"We'd found that roughly 80 to 90 per cent of the telephones were not used in the dorms," Ellis said. "With a large number like that, it's an obvious [decision]: If they're not using the phones, then why are we putting them out there?"

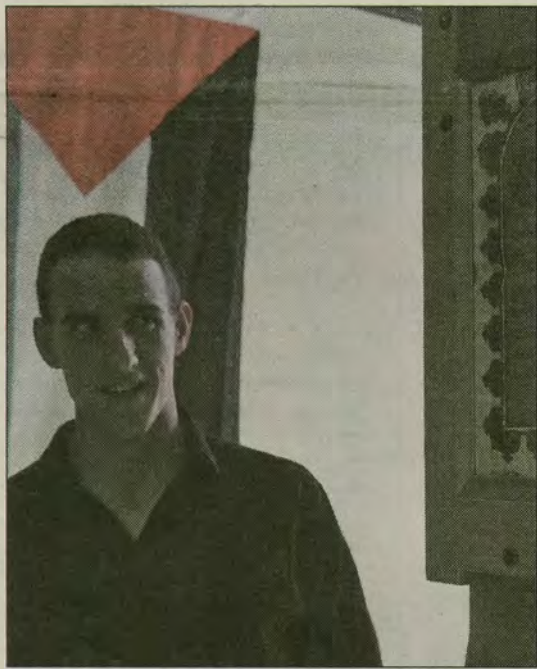
Students will now rely on their personal cell phones, most of which are expected to have improved reception after the addition of 16 service antennae across campus is completed.

For those without cell phones, or who have use for a room

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## ND evacuees return from Lebanon

*Professor helps family escape conflict, student makes own way home*



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Junior Joe Janke was forced to leave Lebanon when Israel began bombing the country.

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

When Israel bombed Lebanon on July 12, Ramzi Bualuan's week of hell began.

His wife and children were near Beirut when the conflict broke thousands of miles from where he was, in South Bend.

"Unbelievable," the computer science and engineering professor said last Wednesday, shaking his head slightly. "Oh, my God. Awful."

Bualuan, paralyzed by helplessness, watched the crisis unfold on his TV screen.

But junior Joe Janke was in the thick of the chaos, cool and unconcerned.

"I didn't think it was serious at all," Janke said Sunday. He had spent three and a half

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Notre Dame professor Ramzi Bualuan plays with son Marc, recently returned from Lebanon.

## Opening mass begins new year

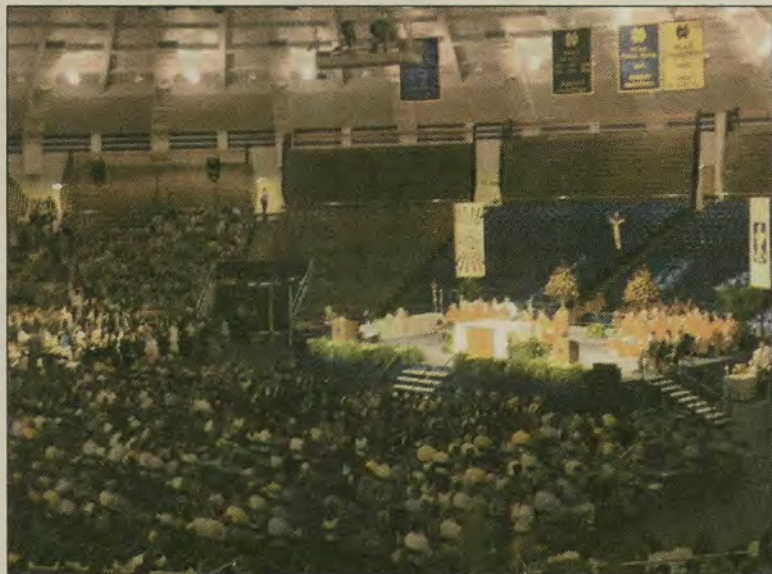
By JENNIFER METZ  
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Faculty members, staff and students filled the Joyce Center yesterday for the celebration of Notre Dame's traditional Opening Mass, led by University President Father John Jenkins.

Though groups from each residence hall sat in separate sections of the JACC, they listened together to the words of homilist Jenkins and University Provost Thomas Burish.

The three readings, from Acts 1, 1 Corinthians and the Gospel of Luke, spoke of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of

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University President Father John Jenkins and Provost Thomas Burish address the Notre Dame community at mass Tuesday.

## Football ticket lottery proceeds smoothly

By MAUREEN MULLEN  
News Writer

Over the course of two hours yesterday morning, an estimated 2,200 Notre Dame seniors waited outside the Notre Dame Stadium box office to purchase their season student football ticket booklet — with members of the junior class eagerly waiting to follow.

Tuesday was the first day of this year's student ticket distribution. The process ran "very smoothly" according to Joshua Berlo, Director of Ticket Operations for the University.

Berlo said Notre Dame's present ticket distribution process

resulted from collaboration between the Student Activities Office and the Athletic Department.

Though the current process has been in place for the past several years, Berlo said this is the first year two classes of students will receive tickets on a single day. Between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. yesterday, the senior class received their tickets, and juniors had their chance starting at 1 p.m.

The ticket distribution process is organized by a lottery system in which most students are familiar. On Monday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., stu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Warning, Freshmen

Watch out freshmen, the Man is trying to exploit you. And no, I'm not talking about a creepy old man hiding in the bushes near Saint Mary's Road. I'm talking about Notre Dame's own employees trying to shake you down for your hard earned cash.

**Ryan Sydlik**

*Wire News Editor*

You've probably been given advice about getting to bed at a decent hour, going to class, getting to know your roommate and when and where to study. But one thing that no one ever told me when I was a freshman was how to save a few bucks.

Well, you won't have to suffer through that. I am feeling very generous today.

There is a large building called the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore. You will probably hear your friends describe how that place is wiping them out. Don't be a fellow victim.

The one useful thing student government has ever done throughout its history is to require the Bookstore to post its books online. Take advantage of this.

There are plenty of Web sites on which you can buy books. Ebay, Half.com, Froogle and MySimon are a few of the great places to go.

The bookstore will post signs to scare you away from doing this, claiming that you will buy the wrong books or that you be the victim of outright fraud.

But being that you probably have an SAT score above 1350, I'm sure you are competent enough to spend just a little time to check that you are buying the right book from a reputable source.

And of course, there is NDSP. In September, NDSP has a bike auction in which they auction off bikes that people had a good reason for abandoning on campus.

Expect decrepit bikes to go for a value equal to their original sale price, and expect bikes that are actually in good shape to be quickly snatched by local bike sellers who do this for a living.

If you do find a cheap bike, keep in mind that you could likely pay for it in the end with your medical bills due to its poor condition.

It could even be a big conspiracy. You buy the bike and severely injure yourself. Then NDSP officers keep their jobs by giving you a MEDEVAC.

Nevertheless, a bike can be a very useful thing on campus, and you will never accumulate parking tickets when using one. Some students buy \$40 dollar kids bikes at Wal-Mart and look silly.

But if you are looking for something better, you could also go to a local cycle shop to get a good one or even buy one online along with your books.

Just stay away from Stepan Dome on that day.

You are paying over \$40,000 to go to ND. You need not pay more.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS YEAR?



**Robert Wilson**  
sophomore  
Dillon

"Demolishing Michigan State and USC!"



**Pat Jackson**  
freshman  
Dillon

"The Michigan game."



**Diego Silva**  
freshman  
Dillon

"Five-on-five Bookstore basketball."



**Lindsey Hough**  
freshman  
Howard

"Getting to know the girls in the hall better."



**Alexandria Miller**  
freshman  
Howard

"Football!"



**Melissa Dondalski**  
freshman  
Howard

"Meeting lots of cute Notre Dame guys."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Even University President Father John Jenkins came out to join the festivities at Tuesday's Opening Mass Picnic, held on the DeBartolo quad. Jenkins laughed and spoke with a group of freshmen from Keenan Hall, while around him members of the Notre Dame community enjoyed the food and entertainment.

## OFFBEAT

### NY priest protests \$115 parking ticket

NEW YORK — A mission of mercy at a hospital turned costly for a priest who violated the 11th Commandment: Thou shalt not park illegally. The Rev. Cletus Forson, of St. Andrew the Apostle Church in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, was ticketed last month when he responded to an emergency call from a parishioner afraid her mother would die without receiving the sacrament of the sick.

Forson is now protesting the \$115 parking ticket,

although city officials seem unlikely to absolve him.

"On humanitarian grounds, the law should not be interpreted and applied so stringently that it will prohibit a religious leader from doing his work," the priest said.

### Kitten gets wedged in car dashboard

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Curiosity didn't kill the cat. But a kitten got stuck behind the dashboard of a woman's SUV after climbing through a hole in the glove compartment.

The woman went to the

Rockaway Township Municipal Building for help after food wouldn't lure the tabby out.

Rockaway Township animal control officer Dan McDonald and veterinarian Steven Hodes tried to grab the cat. But the frightened animal just crawled deeper into the dash.

The vet managed to inject the kitten with an anesthesia and they pulled the drowsy feline out unharmed without having to dismantle the dashboard.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Summer Shakespeare cast, directed by William Brown, present Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" on the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show continues its run tonight at 7:30 p.m. and goes until Sunday. Tickets are \$20 to \$35 for faculty, staff and seniors, and \$12 to \$15 for all students.

"Late Night Grill" takes place tonight at 9 p.m. on the Fieldhouse Mall, featuring student performances and providing audience members with free food.

The Student Activities Office is sponsoring a "Movie and Milkshakes" night in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight at 9 p.m. The movie "Memento" will be screened, while free milkshakes are handed out.

As part of the Summer Classic Film Series, "The Leopard" will be screened Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for all students. The film is in the Italian language with English subtitles.

On Friday night at 8 p.m., The Show 2006 presents artists Third Eye Blind and Common in concert in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The performance is limited to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with valid student IDs. Tickets are \$10.

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## Repairs made to SMC water-damaged dorm



KATE FENLON/The Observer  
Saint Mary's students Marcia McDonell, Katie Thompson and Allie Greene play Frisbee in the newly tiled Holy Cross Hall.

By KELLY MEEHAN  
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Repairs were made over the summer to the damaged floors and ceilings in Holy Cross Hall that came after scorching summertime temperatures caused the sprinkler system to malfunction at approximately 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 16.

College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said the sprinklers went off in the attic of the residence hall when temperatures reached 150 degrees — the point at which the system was set to disengage.

The intense rush of water burst through the attic and leaked all the way to the basement on the building's south end, causing major structural damage in the hallways of the third and fourth floors. McDonald said the water did not structurally damage any dorm rooms.

The Notre Dame Fire Department quickly arrived on the scene and no

one was injured during the incident, McDonald said.

Approximately 130 Fine Arts Camp and Summer Academy campers and counselors and student summer residents were living in the building at the time, and were forced to relocate to LeMans Hall for the duration of their time at the College.

McDonald said repairs were made to the building and it is now deemed structurally sound. The only visual impact of the incident is the tile used to replace the usually carpeted hallways. The carpet was removed to avoid the growth of mold and will hopefully be replaced during fall break, McDonald said.

The College has added additional ventilation to the attic and set the new triggering temperature to 200 degrees to avoid a recurrence of this incident, McDonald said.

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## South Bend tour draws freshmen

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While most Notre Dame students spent Monday afternoon settling into their rooms and preparing for the start of the academic year, over 100 freshmen boarded Transpo buses for the first-ever "Explore South Bend Tour."

Freshman Jarrod Castro-Mendoza said the tour, which focused mainly on the downtown area, gave him a better impression of South Bend than he had coming into college.

"When I came here in the spring...all I saw was the really bad parts of town when I was leaving the city," Castro-Mendoza said. "[The tour] made it much more positive."

Now that he is aware of entertainment options available in the city, he said he may return with friends to some of the restaurants and museums he spotted.

The Senate Community Relations committee (CRC), Mayor Steven Luecke's office and the city of South Bend sponsored the tour with the common objective to welcome the new freshmen class to the community and to give them information about things to do beyond campus limits.

Mikki Dobski, director of communications and special projects for the mayor's office, said she has received

positive feedback regarding the tour's inaugural run.

"Everybody seemed to have a good time and good questions," Dobski said.

It was an excellent opportunity for the mayor's office to reach out to Notre Dame students, she said.

"I think we were showing students the kind of places that they were looking for, in terms of restaurants, food, and entertainment," Dobski said.

Freshman Amy Kruger signed up for the tour to see the city she would be living in for the next four years. Kruger said she was impressed by South Bend, but was hesitant to recommend the tour to freshmen next year due to the lengthy amounts of time spent on the buses. Kruger recommended event organizers make the tour more interactive in the future.

CRC chairman Josh Pasquesi estimated 160 people showed up for the approximately two-hour tour.

"I think that overall it went great," Pasquesi said. "We are happy with the numbers and we are definitely going to keep doing it next year."

At the conclusion of the tour, the freshmen enjoyed local pizza and were treated to free fondue from the South Bend Chocolate Café. Luecke and student body president Lizzi Shappell welcomed the freshmen and encouraged them to take

advantage of what South Bend has to offer.

"My message [to the freshmen] was just to engage themselves in the South Bend community, because it is easy to become comfortable living in the Notre Dame bubble," Shappell said.

Luecke gave a brief history of the city and discussed how South Bend and Notre Dame can be partners. He invited students to contact his office to get more information about how they can get involved in the community.

Both the mayor's office and the CRC are enthusiastic about making the "Explore South Bend Tour" an annual event. Dobski hopes to meet with the student government at some point in the coming school year to assess the success of the event and discuss ways to improve the tour for next year.

Dobski said she wants to keep the tour length to a reasonable time, but also thinks future tours should include a stop at local attractions like the Farmer's Market, and should take students through more neighborhoods. Dobski also suggested expanding the initiative to give separate tours to new graduate students and parents.

"What we want to do is sort of open the gates to what's available beyond campus," she said.

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# Fair provides off-campus advising

By LAURA BODIEN  
News Writer

Notre Dame's second annual off-campus fair, Monday, drew off-campus students searching for football tickets, free food and advice on living outside the University bubble.

Former student body president Dave Barron and current student body president Lizzi Shappell jump-started the program last year in response to concerns voiced by the Board of Trustees report of an off-campus Security.

"We were looking at a way to get information out from NDSP (Notre Dame Security/Police) and the South Bend Police," off-campus senior Josh Paquesi said.

Pasquesi has organized the fair for two years running and estimates this year's turn out to be near 100 percent of eligible students.

"We had more vendors this year and therefore more free stuff which is always good," he also noted.

"It was great," off-campus senior Kristin Schwarz said.

"The information on meal plans was extremely helpful."

In addition to a presentation on meal plans, tables by NDSP, the South Bend Police, Sex Offense Services and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education were set up to raise student awareness of security in the community. Among other things, students were informed on how to be responsible neighbors.

Students were drawn to the popular booths run by Jimmy Johns and Papa Johns, but everyone flocked to the tables handing out football ticket applications.

"Everyone loves a mini-Jimmy John, but I think people were most zoned in on the football," Schwartz said.

While the students waited, businesses promoted their wares to new potential customers.

"We wanted to inform students about convenient locations for nearby necessities," Pasquesi said.

Meijer, Target, Fun Tan, Salon Rouge and Dominoes were among those present.

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## Service

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with Cingular and Verizon to boost cell phone service on campus. Sixteen "stealth" antennas are being placed around campus to achieve "five bar" coverage anywhere outdoors, Latimer said. The antennas are two-and-a-half feet tall and about 18 inches wide, and are on light poles, building facades and rooftops on campus.

Only Verizon and Cingular customers will benefit from the new antennas. Cingular customers can count on better coverage by the beginning of October, but Latimer couldn't say when Verizon's work will be completed. Ideally, it will be finished sometime this fall.

In the interim, Cingular and Verizon have constructed temporary mobile transmitters to make up for the delayed activation of the stealth antennas. Cingular has three transmitters on campus (at South Dining Hall, McKenna Hall and Stepan Center) and Verizon has one (at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore).

The closer you are to these mobile transmitters, the better reception you'll get, Latimer said.

"I know students have a very vested interest in this," Latimer said. "I'll be sending out an update as soon as we progress through the project to let the student body know how we're doing."

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Dewitt Latimer  
OIT chief technology officer

OIT officials walked through more than 40 buildings on campus to select the optimal locations for the stealth antennas, which will boost coverage without affecting "the aesthetic value of the University," Latimer said.

Verizon already has a tower on Warren Golf Course, so the company will only be using six of the 16 stealth antennas.

Cingular and Verizon are bearing the entire expense of the project, Latimer said, even though the University has been working closely with the companies all summer. Latimer called the agreement between the University and the cell phone companies "cutting-edge."

"We think more and more universities will embrace wireless as part of their infrastructure," Latimer said.

But the project won't improve cell phone service for students who don't use Cingular or Verizon.

Latimer said he has been fielding complaints from these students.

"We are willing to work with any of the carriers, but each of them have to go through their own internal approval process to make sure the investment is worth their while," Latimer said, adding that students should direct their complaints to their cell phone companies.

"It's the carrier's responsibility," he said.

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## Lebanon

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weeks studying Arabic at the Lebanese American University when the bombings began.

"I don't know that it was ever so dangerous to be at the university."

Still, Janke knew when it was time to leave. And Bualuan knew that he had to get his family out.

So Janke and the Bualuans — wife Ghada, four-year-old Roy and two-year-old Marc, all visiting Ghada's mother in Aley — all joined the flood of foreigners trying to leave Lebanon.

For Janke, the decision was easy — get back to Cairo, where he had spent spring semester through Notre Dame's program in Egypt. If he had waited for the Marines to come and evacuate Americans to Cyprus, he would have been forced to leave his belongings in Cairo and cancel his flight home.

So he found a way to get to Syria, where friends of an acquaintance would pick him up. But when those plans fell through at the last minute, Janke chose to go it alone.

"I was just kind of stuck," he said. "It was 8:30 at night, and I'm like, 'I'm either going to get evacuated, or I'm going to go.' And I just left."

His 52-hour journey started with a series of cabs — Beirut to the Lebanon-Syria border to the Syria-Jordan border to Amman, Jordan — followed by a bus to southern Jordan, a ferry to Egypt and another bus to Cairo.

All the way bargaining — even bribing — in Arabic.

"I was actually pretty proud of that," Janke said of the deal he struck with a man to get him through the Lebanon-Syria border. "That was pretty useful. ... At the Syrian border, there's like six different places you have to go."

Taxis, he said, were easy to find — for those willing to pay.

"I mean, it depends on how well you speak Arabic, if you try to speak Arabic, if they think they can rip you off," he said. "It's completely variable."

Bualuan's family also made their way out of the country by taxi after several days had passed and the situation had yet to improve.

"The first few days, we weren't sure," Bualuan said. "... It was one of those, 'OK,

maybe it will only take two, three days kind of thing, we're not sure how long this will last, so let's wait it out.' But soon we found out it looked like it was going to take longer."

Once France and Italy started to evacuate their citizens, Bualuan decided they had to act.

"Of course, there was no way for me to get there," he said. "Everything was closed."

He threw himself into investigating the various options for his wife. He called the US State Department multiple times, but only got "generic" information that he had already found online.

The sea option, led by US Marines, would have taken his wife and children on a nine-hour trip from Beirut to Cyprus. But Ghada Bualuan was told she needed to have three days worth of food and water before board-

ing, Ramzi Bualuan said, and there was no guarantee of what would happen once the family got to Cyprus.

Instead, he began to arrange for a series of taxis to carry his family to Amman, Jordan, where they could take a plane to Abu Dhabi, where Ghada Bualuan's brother lives.

"By car is actually less safe, but at least you have control over every minute of your trip," Ramzi Bualuan said. "Nine hours on the boat, nothing you can do. By car, you can decide, 'I don't want to continue, I want to go back.'"

The family made it to the Lebanon-Syria border and took another taxi to Damascus, then to Amman.

"Lebanon is seven hours ahead. So the day they left, I mean, I spent a whole night at my laptop, my main phone, my cell phone next to me," Bualuan said. "If you look at my phone bill, July 22 is maybe easily 40 phone calls, one after another. Unbelievable."

He met the family in Abu Dhabi, where they stayed for several days to unwind.

While the younger son was seemingly unaffected by the experience, Bualuan said his

four-year-old knew something wasn't right.

"At first my wife tried to tell him, 'Those are fireworks,'" he said. "But he told her right way, 'They don't sound like fireworks.'"

Since being home, his son has begun to draw "machines" instead of houses and trees, Bualuan said.

"Then he'd draw something next to it and say, 'This is the noise the machine is making,'" Bualuan said. "The planes he saw flying ... It's crazy, crazy."

Janke also made it out of Lebanon smoothly, despite

*"I don't think it was a bad decision at all. I never felt my safety was compromised in an Arab-speaking country. I would do it again. I didn't have a bad experience during the entire trip."*

Joe Janke  
junior

dealing with a mess of exits and entries at the different borders. Once in Cairo — which he reached by ferry — Janke got a hotel for two nights, worked with Anthony Travel to move up his flights and flew to Frankfurt, Germany.

Then it was back to Humbird, Wisconsin via flights to Newark and Minneapolis.

Communication with his parents — who Janke described as "calm people" — consisted of sporadic e-mails sent from various Internet cafes, he said.

Most people would likely have been overwhelmed by the experience, but a nonchalant Janke said he wouldn't change a thing.

"I don't think it was a bad decision at all," he said. "I never felt that my safety was ever compromised in an Arab-speaking country. I would do it again. I didn't have a bad experience during the entire trip."

Bualuan, who is originally from Lebanon, said he will go back to visit his parents once the country is stable.

"It all depends," he said. "If the United Nations can put in a strong enough force to stabilize the region, if other parties involved can follow what the resolution asked them to do, but you know, both sides have been violating all those resolutions for so many years..."

"But I'm still hopeful, I'm still hopeful."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Airline plotters appear in court

LONDON — Eleven suspects charged in an alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound airliners appeared in court for the first time Tuesday, and the eight men who faced the most serious charges were ordered held until next month as detectives press on with their investigation.

The accused were brought into a courtroom in groups, and peered out at the packed room from behind thick glass that stretched almost to the top of the high ceiling.

Each wore gray sweat pants and white jail-issued T-shirts or sweat shirts, with the exception of Cossar Ali, the only woman charged, who wore a vibrant, royal blue hijab and glasses. They spoke only to confirm their names, addresses and dates of birth.

### Olmert remains firm on blockade

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Tuesday that Israel has no plans to lift its air and sea blockade of Lebanon until an international peacekeeping force takes up positions along the Syrian border and at Beirut's airport.

Israeli officials said Olmert wasn't issuing an ultimatum. But the tough stance appeared to be an attempt to put pressure on the international community to send a powerful force willing to disarm Hezbollah, which fired thousands of rockets into northern Israel during 34 days of fighting.

Olmert laid down his position in a meeting with U.N. envoy Terje Roed-Larsen, who is in the region to discuss implementation of a U.N.-brokered cease-fire that ended the war between Israel and Hezbollah. Diplomats are still trying to hammer out final details, including the peacekeeping force's precise responsibilities.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### 19 TSA employees inhale fumes

MINNEAPOLIS — A security checkpoint and two nearby ticket counters were closed for several hours and 19 people were taken to hospitals Tuesday after screeners at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport complained of irritating fumes.

One traveler was treated at the scene, but 19 others — all employees of the Transportation Security Administration, American Airlines or US Airways — were taken to local hospitals after they complained of nose, ear or throat irritation. The injuries were considered minor.

Air travel was unaffected. American and US Airways set up a makeshift ticket counter, and five other security checkpoints were available.

### Reports mark Katrina anniversary

NEW ORLEANS — No less than a half-dozen reports on the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort are being released to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the storm — and nearly all criticize the sluggish pace of the response.

The reports document a host of problems, from the still-unfinished levees to the plight of small businesses and the city's continuing racial divide.

"It's a pretty bleak picture," said Minor Sinclair, who heads the U.S. regional office of Oxfam America, a charitable organization.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Police officers killed on bicycles

OVINGTON, Ind. — A van struck bicyclists riding to raise money for families of officers who died while on duty, killing a state trooper and a retired police chief and injuring another cyclist, police said.

The van, which was providing support to the bicyclists and was marked with a large banner that read "Caution Cyclists Ahead," spun into the group after being hit by a box truck on Indiana 63 near the Indiana-Illinois state line, police said.

Those killed were state police Lt. Gary Dudley and Gary Martin.

# Iran ready to talk about nukes

*State run media says the nation is unwilling to budge on uranium enrichment*

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran said Tuesday it was ready for "serious negotiations" on its nuclear program, offering a new formula to resolve a crisis with the West. A semi-official news agency said the government was unwilling to abandon uranium enrichment — the key U.S. demand.

Iran delivered its written response to a package of incentives offered by the United States and five other world powers to persuade Iran to roll back on its nuclear program — and punishments if it does not. The world powers, the five permanent U.N. Security Council members plus Germany, have given Iran until Aug. 31 to accept the package.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, said Washington will "study the Iranian response carefully" but was prepared to move forward with sanctions against Tehran if it was not positive. The White House held off commenting until it had studied the text. The European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, said the document was "extensive" and required "a detailed and careful analysis."

Iranian officials offered no details of the response, but it appeared geared at enticing those countries into further negotiations by offering a broad set of proposals vague enough to hold out hope of progress in resolving the standoff.

If the Iranians leave the door open to halting enrichment as talks progress, that would drive a wedge in the Security Council between the Americans, British and French on one side and the Russians and Chinese on the other. Last month, Russia said the Council was in no rush to pressure Iran, striking a more conciliatory tone than the United States.

Tuesday's announcement was the latest development in the yearlong standoff over Tehran's nuclear program. Iran says it wants to master



IKONOS satellite image purports to show the Natanz nuclear facility. Iran's refusal to allow access to the site could seriously hamper U.N. nuclear weapons inspections.

the technology to generate nuclear power. But critics say Iran is interested in uranium enrichment because it can also be used to make the fissile core of nuclear weapons.

The current drama is playing out in the wake of fears that the ability of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon to withstand 34 days of Israeli bombardment has emboldened hard-liners in Tehran to risk a showdown with the Americans, who are bogged down in neighboring Iraq. There has also been speculation in the West that Iran encouraged Hezbollah to provoke the Israelis to distract attention from its nuclear ambitions.

Iran has pursued a confrontational stance on the nuclear issue since the elec-

tion of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last year. The hard-line president has used the nuclear issue to encourage a sense of national pride among Iranians by standing up to the United States and other Western countries.

On Tuesday, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, hand-delivered his government's response to ambassadors of Britain, China, Russia, France, Germany and Switzerland — which represents U.S. interests — nine days before a Security Council deadline for Iran to halt uranium enrichment or face economic and political sanctions.

Larijani refused to disclose whether the response included an offer to suspend uranium enrichment. But the semiofficial Fars news agency reported that Iran

rejected calls to suspend "nuclear activities" — or uranium enrichment — and "instead has offered a new formula to resolve the issues through dialogue."

The state-run television quoted Larijani as telling the diplomats Iran "is prepared as of Aug. 23rd (Wednesday) to enter serious negotiations" with the countries that proposed the incentives package.

The Iran official news agency reported that "Larijani said Iran's answer has logically, fairly and constructively addressed demands of the proposed package, recommending the P5+1 group to return to the negotiation table immediately despite the false atmosphere created against Iran that it was buying time."

## VIRGINIA

# Virginia Tech suspect arraigned

Associated Press

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. — A jail inmate who was the object of a manhunt that enveloped the Virginia Tech campus following the slayings of a deputy sheriff and a hospital security guard was arraigned Tuesday on capital murder and other charges.

William Morva, 24, was held without bond and was arraigned from jail via video conference for security reasons, Montgomery County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Chandler said.

Morva was recaptured without incident Monday afternoon in a thick briar patch near campus and not far from where a county sheriff's deputy was shot and killed earlier in the day.

The deputy, Cpl. Eric E. Sutphin, was among officers searching for Morva, who had escaped from a hospital Sunday morning. Hospital security guard Derrick McFarland was slain and a sheriff's deputy was injured during the escape.

Morva was arraigned on charges of capital murder, assault on a police

officer, escape and use of a firearm in a felony. Charges in Sutphin's slaying will be filed later, Blacksburg Police Lt. Joe Davis said.

Morva's brother, Michael Morva, 26, was charged with aiding in his brother's escape, according to Cpl. Kris Weaver. He also was charged with marijuana possession.

Sutphin's colleagues and members of the community paid their respects to the fallen officer Tuesday by laying bouquets of flowers, cards and notes on his cruiser, which was parked outside the jail.



## Tickets

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dents visited gate B of the stadium and received their lottery number.

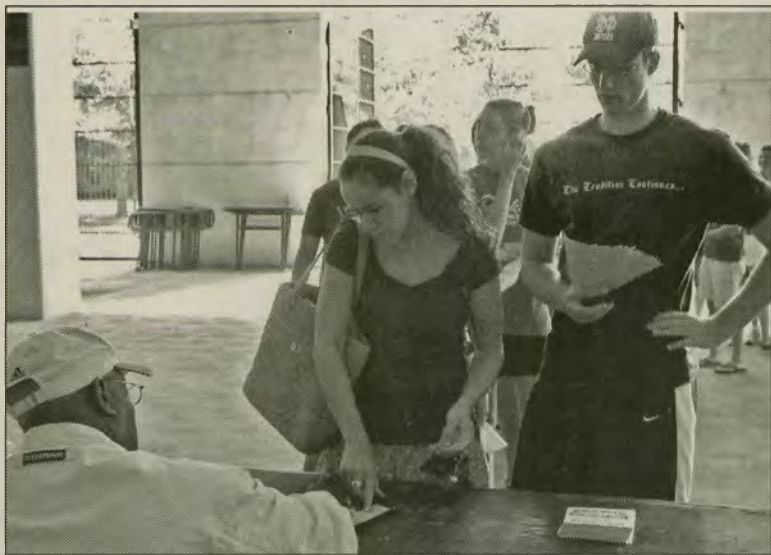
Berlo said an estimated total of 10,000 students — including graduate students and students from Saint Mary's College — picked up lottery numbers. Later that evening, during halftime of the men's soccer game, two magic lottery numbers were drawn — one for undergraduates, and another for graduate students. The undergraduate number was 26 and the graduate number was 337.

Tickets were sold Tuesday first to those who held lottery numbers closest to the magic number that had been drawn the evening before. Berlo said the system was created to efficiently serve students without the chaos of a "first come first serve" format.

Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel, said Tuesday morning went so well because of student and staff familiarity with the process.

"Because we've been doing this the same way for some time now, students are in the groove," Gagnon said. "Students participate in the process more intelligently each year."

Gagnon said while he was overseeing the ticket distribution during the morning, he spoke with several seniors who asked



Saint Mary's junior Cailene Pisciotto, left, and Notre Dame junior Tony Crosser stand in line to receive lottery numbers Monday.

why the university did not move towards a computerized distribution system.

"The answer to that is that the ticket office has created a process that works with student input," he explained. "For a change like that we would not go forward without student input, and most students like the process as it is."

Most students from the junior class in line Tuesday afternoon seemed to agree with Gagnon.

Knott Hall resident Jacques Nguyen reached the front of the line at around 1:45pm with lottery number 1162, after waiting only 10 minutes.

"Things seem to be going pretty smoothly," Nguyen said. "Ushers

have been helpful."

Stanford Hall resident Chris Howson experienced a longer wait than Nguyen, as he arrived at the stadium with a group of friends when sales reopened at approximately 1 p.m.

As he and his friends neared the front of the line, Howson explained, "We've been waiting about 40 minutes, but we expected this to take time."

Today sophomore undergraduates and graduate, MBA and law students will have the opportunity to purchase tickets, with freshmen to follow on Thursday.

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## Mass

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truth and unity. This idea was the theme of both Jenkins' homily and the welcome speech Burish delivered after communion. Both stressed the idea of Notre Dame as a place that brings many different people together as one whole, with the mission of giving love to others with the help of the Spirit.

Jenkins began by advising the students to "reflect on different kinds of spirits," those that draw students, faculty and members of the human race as a whole to different things — he emphasized particularly the diversity of the University's community. These differences appear manifold and disconnected from each other, he said, but are in fact connected by a spirit that is "part of our nature as human beings."

However, Jenkins differentiated between two different spirits, one with a lower case "s" and one with a capital "S," the latter being the Holy Spirit that guides us but is "not from us." This Spirit can be distinguished from others because it only leads to the truth and guides to a "profound and generous love," Jenkins said.

This love, Jenkins said, should be expressed to neighbors, and in the spirit of this love for humanity, students should reflect upon those in developing nations whose daily lives are a struggle.

He continued, citing various examples of such that globalization has brought to the spotlight, such as genocide in Sudan and the conditions in Haiti, Peru and Bangladesh. Jenkins mentioned the upcoming academic forum entitled "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," on Sept. 14 as a place where students can get involved in a discussion about these issues.

Burish's address cited the University as a place of conversation, where different people join as one to engage each other. He advised first year students that they "only have one beginning ... and this is it."

He urged all students to formulate goals for themselves and their time here, splitting these goals into four distinct categories — family, friends, school and faith. Burish asked the crowd of thousands to consider how they would like members of each of those categories to remember them four years from now.

The Mass closed with the singing of the Alma Mater, a tradition that inspired members of the incoming class.

"It was a very moving first experience to see the student body swaying and singing all together," freshman Laura Burdick said.

A picnic on DeBartolo quad followed the celebration, featuring live music from Emerson Hart, lead singer of the band Tonic, as well as other forms of entertainment.

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## Phones

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phone, an opt-in telephone service is available. Students who request a dorm phone through the Office of Residence Life and Housing will pay a \$161 per semester fee for the service. Though Ellis could not provide the exact cost the service used to run the students, he said the system is "revenue neutral" for the University.

Ellis said as of last week, only 60 students chose to opt-in to the plan. This number does not, however, include dorm Resident Assistants, who are required to have the service by ResLife and therefore receive it for free.

Also new are the public phones in hallways of every dorm — at least one per floor, depending on the dorm configuration, Ellis said. Students can use these to call any campus number for free, and can also use them for long-distance calling if they have a pre-paid phone card. The hallway phones, however, cannot receive

calls, according to Ellis.

To keep up a standard form of connection in lieu of the dorm phone disappearance, every student, regardless if they are living on or off campus, has been given a five-digit voice mail box number that can be accessed from any phone. The number previously used to call up voice mail — familiar to many students as 4-7474 — will still be employed to either check voice mail or leave a message in another voice mail box. A student will keep the same number throughout their tenure at the University.

"The [voice mail] service is free of charge, so if students decide they want to use it, it's there," Ellis said. "However, the University will be using [the voice mail boxes] as a method of communicating with students, so they really need to set up their mail boxes."

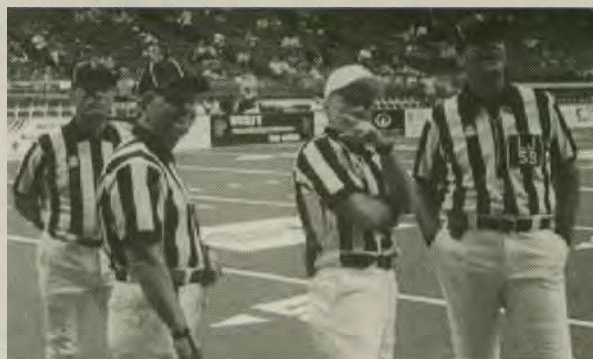
With the transition out of the traditional dorm phone system, Ellis said Notre Dame is on "the leading edge" for changes in university communication — changes he said have, so far, met with silent approval.

"We've not really had any

feedback [about the phone removal] at all, and if there were problems, we would definitely hear about them. It's been surprisingly quiet, so I take that as a vote of 'fine with us,'" Ellis said. "The transition has gone remarkably well so far — just let me find some wood to knock on."

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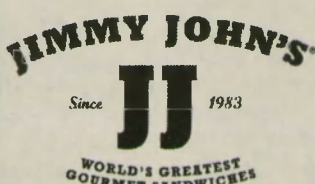


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AMEX	1,415.58	+12.73
NASDAQ	2,150.02	+2.27
NYSE	8,364.24	+2.54
S&P 500	1,298.82	+1.30
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,181.17	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,902.60	-12.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.03	+0.01	38.43
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.49	-0.09	18.34
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.86	-0.04	4.63
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.91	-0.50	25.62
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+1.62	+0.04	2.51

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.17	+0.01	4.811
13-WEEK BILL	+0.20	+0.01	4.965
30-YEAR BOND	-0.28	-0.01	4.95
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## IN BRIEF

### Manufacturing jobs brought to NC

RALEIGH, N.C. — A Fort Wayne, Ind., company that makes parts for heavy equipment will bring 96 jobs to Surry County and invest \$4.7 million in a new plant there over the next three years, officials said Tuesday.

Ottenweller Co. Inc., a supplier of fabricated welded and precision machined parts, will receive a \$75,000 state grant if it meets its job creation goals.

The expected average weekly wage at Ottenweller will be \$600 a week. The average weekly wage in the county in northwestern North Carolina is \$480.

"The ability to be close to our customers in the southeast, and North Carolina's business friendly atmosphere, made the decision to locate our plant in Surry County an easy one," said Michael Ottenweller, president of Ottenweller Co. Inc.

### Stocks advance despite Iran worries

NEW YORK — Bullish comments from Advanced Micro Devices Inc. led Wall Street higher on Tuesday, helping offset fresh political worries over Iran's nuclear ambitions.

An executive at the world's No. 2 chip maker behind Intel Corp. told news services the company hopes to capture 40 percent of the global market for computer processors by 2009. Along with an upgrade from Bear Stearns, AMD shares surged 6.5 percent — bringing technology stocks along with it.

However, with light volume, Wall Street wasn't able to make a more robust advance as geopolitical concerns kept investors at bay.

European Union leaders were expected to get an official response from Iran this afternoon over their offer of incentives to persuade the nation to halt uranium enrichment. Iran's top nuclear negotiator did not say if his government was willing to abandon nuclear aspirations, but did commit to "serious negotiations" over the dispute.

"There a lot of geopolitical risk out there, and investors are trying to figure out where things are going with Iran," said Scott Merritt, a U.S. equity strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management. "The market is pretty schizophrenic, it doesn't know what to pay attention to right now."

# Firms take competitors to court

*Businesses accuse other companies of relying on illegal immigrant labor*

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Frustrated by lax enforcement of immigration law, businesses are taking their fight against illegal immigration to court, accusing competitors of hiring illegal workers to achieve an unfair advantage.

Businesses and anti-illegal immigration groups said the legal action was an attempt to create an economic deterrent against hiring illegal employees.

"We see the legal profession bringing to this issue the kind of effect it's had on consumer product safety," said Mike Hethmon of the Immigration Reform Law Institute, a Washington D.C.-based group backing the efforts.

In the first of a series of lawsuits, a temporary employment agency that supplies farm workers sued a grower and a two competing companies on Monday.

Similar cases claiming violations of federal anti-racketeering laws have yielded mixed results. The California lawsuit is believed to be the first based on a state's unfair-competition laws, legal experts said.

Santa Monica-based Global Horizons claimed in the lawsuit that Munger Brothers, a grower, hired illegal immigrant workers from Ayala Agricultural Services and J&A Contractors. All the defendants are based in California's farm-rich Central Valley.

The suit alleges that Munger Brothers had a contract with Global Horizons to provide more than 600 blueberry pickers this spring, but nixed the agreement so it could hire illegal immigrants.

"Competitors hiring illegal immigrants is hurting our business badly," Global Horizons President Mordechai Orian said. "It's to the point that doing business legally isn't worth



Atchariya Fouenglung, a legal migrant, whose job was arranged by Global Horizons through the U.S. guest worker program, picks oranges on a farm in Orange Grove, Calif.

it."

Ayala Agricultural Services manager Javier Rodriguez had not seen the suit but said the company does not hire undocumented immigrants.

"If somebody doesn't have a green card or work documents, we don't hire them," he said.

Munger Brothers lawyer Theodore Hoppe said the contract with Global Horizons fell apart because the laborers they provided couldn't pick blueberries at the rate the company had promised. He said Munger Brothers hired workers through temporary agencies, which had the responsibility to hire legal workers.

J&A Contractors did not immediately return calls

seeking comment.

With an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States, undocumented workers are a large part of the nation's work force.

But immigration law enforcement at work sites is limited. In fiscal year 1999, authorities arrested 2,849 people at work sites compared with 1,145 arrests last year, according to the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

To prove competitors hire illegal immigrants, businesses could use public records involving prior violations, testimony from former employees who have worked alongside illegal immigrants, and recovered W-2 tax forms

that show people working under fake names and Social Security numbers, said David Klehm, the lead lawyer for cases in Southern California.

Companies planning to file additional lawsuits include farms and factories that depend heavily on immigrant labor, Klehm said.

Legal experts said the cases could be difficult to win. Under the California statutes, plaintiffs must prove a competitor directly harmed their business.

"Unless you've got smoking gun evidence, it's hard to tie economic loss of one business to another's practices," said Niels Frenzen, a law professor at the University of Southern California.

# Federal Reserve warns of rate hikes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Federal Reserve official's warning about a possible resumption of interest rate hikes rattled Wall Street Tuesday, wiping out an early advance and leaving stocks narrowly higher by the close.

The comments by Chicago Fed President Michael Moskow unnerved investors looking to revive last week's rally after having collected profits on Monday. Retailers and other sectors dependent on consumer spending stumbled after Moskow said, "some additional firming of policy may yet be necessary to bring inflation back into the comfort zone within a reasonable period of time."

The Fed left interest rates unchanged earlier this month after raising them 17 straight times. Wall Street has rallied since then on hopes this would be the end, but one analyst said Moskow's comments could be "putting out a trial balloon" to gauge the market's reaction to a continuation of rate hikes.

"The market has discounted the likelihood of another rate increase by about a 20 percent chance for the next meeting" in September, said Scott Merritt, a U.S. equity strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management. "He might want to get that up to 50 percent to get more flexibility. If expectations get too high or low, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke can't really go against it or he'll lose credibility."

The Dow Jones industrial average

dipped 5.21, or 0.05 percent, to 11,339.84 after been up more than 38 points early in the session. Advancers beat decliners in relatively light summer trading on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Broader stock indicators edged higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.30, or 0.10 percent, to 1,298.82, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 2.27, or 0.11 percent, to 2,150.02.

Bonds held their ground, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.81 percent from 4.82 percent. The dollar maintained its gains against other major currencies, while gold prices edged lower.



## UKRAINE

# Russian jet crashes, killing all aboard

Associated Press

SUKHA BALKA — A Russian passenger jet crashed during a thunderstorm just minutes after sending a distress signal on Tuesday, killing all 170 people on board, including dozens of children.

Emergency officials said preliminary information led them to believe that weather — not terrorism — caused the Pulkovo Airlines' Tu-154 to plummet to the ground in what was the third passenger plane crash involving Russia's aviation industry this year.

"Nobody survived," Mykhaylo Korsakov, spokesman for the Donetsk department of the Emergency Situations Ministry, told The Associated Press.

Ukrainian officials said a storm with high winds, driving rain and lightning was raging through the region at the time. Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Irina Andrianova, citing information from her Ukrainian counterparts, said the plane was likely hit by lightning.

Korsakov said the pilot asked to make an emergency landing before disappearing from the radar screens at around 2:30 p.m.

The Tu-154 was en route from the Russian Black Sea resort of Anapa — a holiday destination popular with families — to St. Petersburg when it ran into trouble. Two minutes after the crew sent a distress signal, it dropped off the radar, said Russian emergency official Yulia Stadnikova.

Residents of Sukha Balka, a village north of Donetsk and some 400 miles east of Kiev, found part of the plane's tail section and still-burning pieces of debris in a swampy field. Television footage showed scorched, smoldering land covered in small pieces of wreckage. Thick white smoke hung over the debris.

Of the 170 people on board, 45 were children, Pulkovo Airlines deputy director Anatoly Samoshin told reporters at the St. Petersburg airport. The list of passengers, most of whom were from St. Petersburg, appeared to include many families.

Investigators were searching for the flight data recorders commonly called black boxes.

Samoshin said the pilot decided to climb about 3,300 feet to try to get above the storm. But as the plane ascended from 29,500 to 36,000 feet, the pilot sent the first distress signal. Later, the pilot sent two more distress signals, the last from 9,800 feet, he said.

Ukraine Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Igor Krol told AP that a fire broke out on the plane at 32,800 feet and the crew decided to try to make an emergency landing.

"The only known fact is that the weather was bad, there was a strong thunderstorm and poor visibility," Ukrainian emergency official Leonid Kastorsky told Russia's NTV at the site of the crash.

The crash occurred just two days before the second anniversary of near-simultaneous explosions on two planes over Russia. Those explosions, which killed 90 people, were blamed on Chechen terrorists.

Both Russian and Ukrainian officials said nothing indicated Tuesday's incident should be blamed on terrorism.

The crash "was not a terrorist attack," said Leonid Belyayev, acting director of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry in St. Petersburg.

The 16-year-old plane had flown 5,600 miles since its last maintenance checkup, and was not immediately due for another check, Samoshin said. Pulkovo is among Russia's largest airlines.

The plane "was falling down like a petal," one unidentified woman told Russia's Channel One, waving her hand from side to side. "It was floating, it circled around, then it went down and then there immediately was an explosion ... and smoke started rising."

Zhenya Donets, a 16-year-old villager, said he saw the plane hang in the air for a moment, before corkscrewing to the ground.

"There were fragments of the plane and bodies were lying among them. There were children there too. Many bodies were burning, we tried to put the fire out, but all people were already dead. It was a terrible sight," he said.

The crash was the third major incident involving Russia's aviation industry this year. It came less than two months after an Airbus A-310 of the Russian airline S7 skidded off a runway and burst into flames on July 9 in the Siberian city of Irkutsk, killing 124 people.

On May 3, an A-320 of the Armenian airline Armavia crashed into the Black Sea while trying to land in the Russian resort city of Sochi in rough weather, killing all 113 people aboard.

Russian-made Tu-154s are widely used by Russian airlines for many regional flights.

## IRAQ

# Hussein accused of genocide

*Emotional testimonies about Anfal campaign mark second day of trial*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Survivors described a chemical weapons attack on their villages in testimony Tuesday at the trial of Saddam Hussein, telling of poisonous clouds of gas that killed children and blinded residents during a military offensive against Kurds in 1987.

Saddam's co-defendants insisted that the Anfal campaign, in which tens of thousands of Kurds were killed, was directed only at Kurdish guerrillas and Iranian troops in northern Iraq during the bloody Iran-Iraq war.

Saddam faces charges of genocide in the trial, which completed its second day Tuesday. Six co-defendants are in the dock with him over the 1987-88 Anfal campaign, in which troops swept across parts of northern Iraq, destroying villages.

Two survivors told the court about an April 16, 1987 attack on the Kurdish villages of Basilan and Sheik Wasan — believed to be the first time Saddam's regime used chemical weapons on Iraqi citizens.

"The villagers were blinded and they were vomiting — only God knows what it was like that night," said Najiba Khider Ahmed, a 41-year-old woman from Sheik Wasan. She described being held in a detention camp for nine days, where her brother and niece disappeared.

"During those nine days, it was like the apocalypse. Even Hitler didn't do this," she said, breaking down into tears repeatedly. "Saddam Hussein used to shout about 'the Iraqi People.' If we were his people, why did he bomb us with all sorts of weapons?"

She said she had two pregnancies after the attack — the baby in the first was born with skin peeling off, and the second miscarried, born with malformed limbs, which she blamed on the gas attacks.

Another survivor, Ali Mostafa Hama, said the chemical bombs let off "greenish smoke. It was if



Chief Judge Abdullah Al-Amiri addresses the courtroom as he presides over the second day of Saddam Hussein's trial.

there was a rotten apple or garlic smell minutes later. People were vomiting ... we were blind and screaming. There was no one to rescue us. Just God."

Hama, wearing a traditional Kurdish headdress, said he saw a newborn die during the bombardment.

"The infant was trying to smell life, but he breathed in the chemicals and died," he said, speaking in Kurdish with an Arabic translator.

Throughout the testimony, Saddam and the defense lawyers insisted the two had been coached in their testimony — with one lawyer asking how Ahmed, who said she was illiterate, could specify that Russian-made Sukhoi warplanes carried out the bombardment.

"Who told you to say these things?" Saddam asked Hama at one point.

Two of the defendants addressed the court and insisted Anfal was targeted at Iranian troops and allied Kurdish guerrillas in northern Iraq.

"The goal was to fight an organized, armed army ... the goal was not civilians," said Sultan Hashim al-Tai, who was the commander of Task Force Anfal and head of the Iraqi army 1st Corps.

He said civilians in the areas

where Anfal took place were "safely transported" to other areas, including the northern city of Kirkuk.

The orders in the campaign were "to prevent the Iranian army from occupying Iraq at whatever price," al-Tai said. "I implemented them precisely and sincerely without adding anything or exceeding my powers."

"I never turned a blind eye to any violation," said al-Tai, who later served as Saddam's last defense minister, up until the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that toppled the regime.

Sabir al-Douri, the director of military intelligence at the time of Anfal, said "the Iranian army and Kurdish rebels were fighting together" against the Iraqi army and that Anfal aimed to clear northern Iraq of Iranian troops.

He insisted the Iraqi government faced a "tough situation" and had to act because the area where the Iranian-allied guerrillas were located had dams that, if destroyed, would flood Baghdad. He said civilians in the Anfal region had already been removed.

"You will see that we are not guilty and that we defended our country honorably and sincerely," al-Douri said.

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# Charter schools fall behind

Report shows public school students performing better in math, reading

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Charter school opponents got a boost Tuesday from an unlikely source: the Bush administration.

President Bush has been a big supporter of charter schools — public schools that are usually free of many of the regulations that govern traditional schools.

Nevertheless, a study by the Department of Education found that fourth graders in traditional public schools were doing better in both reading and math than students in charter schools.

"We welcome the release of this data," said Nancy Van Meter, deputy director of the American Federation of Teachers, which has been critical of charter schools. "We've been calling for it for two years."

Charter school foes said the findings show that the schools are a failing experiment that drains resources from traditional public schools. Charter school supporters called the report flawed and outdated and said charter schools improve public education by creating competition.

Fourth graders in regular public schools scored an average of 5.2 points better in reading than students in charter schools on the 2003 National Assessment of Educational Progress test. Students in traditional schools scored an average of 5.8 points better in math, said the report by the National Center for Education Statistics, an agency of the Department of Education.

Mark Schneider, commissioner of the NCES, said a small

staff and other priorities had delayed release of the report.

"The fact that this is 2003 data being reported in 2006 is something that I'm not proud of, frankly," Schneider told reporters.

He cautioned against reading too much into the report's findings.

"This was a pilot study and not meant to be definitive," Schneider said. "What does this report say to a parent? Not much, frankly."

The NCES studied fourth-grade math and reading scores at 150 charter schools and 6,764 traditional public schools nationwide. At the time, there were nearly 2,700 charter schools in 36 states. There are now more than 3,600.

The test scores were from the 2003 National Assessment, a test given to students across the country.

The report offered some good news about charter schools: Reading scores at charter schools in central cities serving mostly minority students were comparable to scores at traditional public schools. However, math scores at such charter schools still lagged behind those at traditional schools.

"On average, they're not doing harm," Schneider said.

Van Meter said the report confirms research by the teachers union showing that charter

schools are not improving education in America.

"It says that they were not able to deliver on their promises on a consistent basis," Van Meter said.

Nelson Smith, president of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, said the report was flawed because it did not measure academic progress over time. He said many students enter charter schools after struggling in traditional schools, only to improve their test scores over time.

He also noted that many charter schools in the study had been operating only a short time.

"It takes charters a year or two to get their sea legs, and then their performance goes up," Smith said.

The Center for Education Reform, which supports charter schools, issued a list of studies showing that charter school students in several states outperform students in traditional public schools.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said, "Many charter schools are still relatively new, and we need to examine how they improve student performance over time for a better picture of how they compare to traditional public schools."

"These schools are pioneering new classroom strategies that will help us raise achievement in all our public schools," she said.

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**Nelson Smith**  
National Alliance for Public Charter Schools president

# Karr appears in court, declines extradition

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John Mark Karr, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and handcuffs chained around his waist, waived extradition to Colorado on Tuesday to face murder charges in the slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey.

Karr spoke only briefly during a two-minute court hearing to confirm his decision. His blank expression changed only once when he slowly closed his eyes as the judge recited the charge of first-degree murder.

Although his public defender and a former defense attorney described Karr as eager to go, it was unclear when the 41-year-old teacher would be transferred. The Boulder County sheriff's deputies would not discuss travel plans and Los Angeles jail officials said they had not yet been contacted about a transfer.

Deputy Public Defender Haydeh Takasugi, who represented Karr in the hearing, said he was concerned about having to appear in court wearing jail attire rather than civilian clothes.

"It's going to taint any potential jury pool out there," Takasugi said. "He was upset at that."

Karr's face has flooded newscasts since he was named a suspect in Bangkok last week in the long-unsolved slaying of the 6-year-old beauty pageant queen, who was found strangled in the basement of her Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996.

Prosecutors have not disclosed their evidence against Karr, and his family has said he was at home in Georgia at the time of the slaying.

Karr told reporters in Thailand before he voluntarily flew to Los Angeles on Sunday that he was not innocent in JonBenet's slaying, explaining only that he was present when she died and that her death was an accident.

In addition to first-degree murder, the charges against Karr in a sealed probable-cause arrest warrant include felony murder, first-degree kidnapping, second-degree kidnapping and sexual assault on a child.

The felony murder charge means prosecutors are either

accusing Karr of killing JonBenet during the course of a sexual assault or kidnapping, or that he was present while someone else killed the girl.

Felony murder carries the same penalties as first-degree murder: either life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty.

"It's a perfect insurance policy for the prosecution in Colorado," said former Denver prosecutor Craig Silverman. "Even if a jury were to somehow buy that this was an accident, any death during the commission of a kidnapping or sexual assault is first-degree murder regardless."

Jamie Harmon, an attorney who represented Karr when he was charged in 2001 with possessing child pornography in Northern California, downplayed Karr's comments about the slaying.

"A confession is a legal term ... and the statements taken from Mr. Karr are primarily sound bites," Harmon said outside court. "We have no idea what the context of the comments may be."

Harmon also said Karr was injured by aggressive camera crews in Thailand and has three bruised ribs and bruises on his body.

Harmon said she and another attorney, Patience Van Zandt, would be advising Karr "in some capacity" but that she would not be accompanying him to Colorado.

"He wants to go now," Harmon said. "Mr. Karr has been portrayed by the media as of late as being mentally unstable, attention-seeking, unwell, mentally unwell. And he is none of those things. He is anxious to have an opportunity to address the allegations against him, to be portrayed in a more accurate and complete way."

The attorney said Karr was "not subject to ready categorization or easy answers."

"You've heard the expression, 'He marches to the beat of a different drummer?' John Karr marches to the beat of a different drummer," Harmon said.

She described him as intelligent and unusual.

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## Dig out the fanny packs

Last spring, while shopping in Chicago over Easter Break, I made the purchase of a lifetime: a fanny pack. For about a month I had been complaining to my friends and family that I was in dire need of a "hands free," stylish accessory that could be used to transport necessities (keys, ID, lipstick, etc.) across campus, or even across Michigan Avenue. A purse was too big, and a backpack too bulky. The only logical choice was the infamous fanny pack, completely out of style since the early '90s (that is to say if it was ever once considered "in vogue"). Needless to say, my life since the revival of the "hip bag" has never been the same.

Although many of you may have no desire whatsoever of digging out your neon, nylon fannies from the basement or treasured memory box, or even purchasing a new one, we all have something about us just wanting to break free. Whether it is material or ideological aspects being hoarded within our self-conscious psyches, the world is being sheltered from whom some of us really are. These ideas and creativity are no longer to be carried inside of us, but rather on the outside, hands free, for the world to see.

Instead of a fanny pack, maybe you are more of a pocket protector wearer, and long to keep your oxford shirts from receiving ink stains. But, ashamed and embarrassed to put the protector in your pocket, you suffer from the oblong navy blue ink blot on the upper left corner of your new, starched shirt.

Or perhaps you would rather discuss a

new mathematical formula than watch Monday Night Football. Well, the time is now to bust out the fanny packs, pocket protectors and calculators, all of which may have caused you years of ridicule in high school. The bad news is your shirts are still stained, and your fanny pack may no longer fit around those Freshman Fifteen hips — but the good news is we are no longer in high school.

In college, and especially at a place like Notre Dame, we are allowed to start off with a clean slate. The nicknames, the embarrassing moments and the fashion don'ts are all erased clean. So what if you dropped your retainer in the trash can after lunch, missed sixth period digging through the trash cans and had to explain to your teacher in front of your peers why you had to miss class? The suffering is over. The humiliation? Eliminated. It is time to finally embrace who we truly are.

In high school, I felt restricted from expressing myself completely out of fear of being rejected by friends, boys, even the Catholic community. However, in the past year I have decided that I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime here at Notre Dame to be me. We are at an institution where academic and spiritual growths are promoted. Through discussion in the classroom, as well as conversations with our peers over dinner, we are allowed, and encouraged, to express ourselves freely. And the best part is, in doing so, we make new friends, learn about each other and gain a new appreciation and insight of our world. Faith, style, beliefs and opinions will not always be similar to those of our friends, the government, or religious teaching, yet those are the traits that

define each and every one of us. By expressing these differences, we will not only learn about others' personalities and beliefs, but also will strengthen and define our own personalities and beliefs.

Notre Dame and its students have been criticized as being overwhelmingly Catholic, white, wealthy and conservative. While it may seem that many students do fall into one or more of those categories, as a whole those accusations are not necessarily true. Being that many of the students do share the same politics, religion and economic background, we are challenged even more to embrace the differences we do have. No one wants to be just another stereotype.

While we all share much in common, not one of us is exactly the same. Therefore, express your differences and embrace those of others. Our school, country and personal well-being will benefit immensely. There is no greater liberating experience than shedding our masks and growing into our own unique mold.

We would never learn, or grow, if we all just conformed to government, religion and popular fashion. Currently our world, and, even more so, our country, are in desperate need of new ideas. Therefore it is our duty, for the sake of mankind, to be ourselves. Stand up for your beliefs, express your ideas and strap on the fanny pack for the "hands free" mission of being true to yourself.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh."

Voltaire  
French writer



## What's switchgrass?

As a college student whose primary means of transportation are his old monogrammed Notre Dame sandals, last year's astronomical increase in the price of gasoline hasn't affected me much. When I moved out to D.C. for the spring semester, I walked and used the Metro to get around. So it was quite a surprise to me when I came home for Easter and it cost me almost forty dollars to fill my gas tank. Even though I was inclined to blame my local gas station for the cost, the truth



**Jonathan Klingler**

*Forward the Revolution*

behind higher gas prices is found in the fact that crude oil is a globally traded commodity which has to react to the demands and instabilities of markets around the world.

For the last few years, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has held back the growth of crude production to increase profits. This means that the growth of crude supply is unable to keep up with the growth of crude demand in developing nations. As workers in China and India are able to purchase cars for the first time, they enter the gas market, bidding against Americans for the next available gallon of fuel. This imbalance of supply and demand leads to higher prices for all crude oil traded on the world market.

Despite the undeniable fact that recent price increases are caused by the explosive economic growth of China and India and the desire of Iran, Venezuela and Russia to make as much money as possible from their limited crude supplies, some policy makers have decided that a windfall profits tax on American oil companies would help rectify the problem.

According to supporters of the windfall profits tax, or WPT, such a measure would add billions to federal revenue and prevent big business from extorting working families. Critics claim that taxing oil companies for being successful leads to decreased oil production and refining capacity due to the perceived lack of returns on investment.

Luckily for us, we are able to look back at the 1980s to examine the effects of the WPT. According to the Library of Congress, the WPT actually decreased domestic oil production by as much as 1.27 billion barrels and increased our dependence on foreign oil as increased marginal costs led to decreased extraction of oil from American wells. The increase in oil imports due to the WPT as well as the many exemptions in the WPT led to actual revenues being about \$80 billion instead of the projected \$393 billion return. The utter failure of this provision to collect revenues and isolate American oil prices from the world market led to its repeal in 1988.

Considering the fact that recent increases in oil prices exist because of

foreign problems in supply and demand, I believe it would be a horrible idea to reinstate a policy which increases our dependence on imported oil. Increases in oil costs are a threat to the stability of the consumer gasoline market, and energy companies are investing significantly in biological renewable fuel technology.

As gas prices soar, the energy company that can first provide a cheaper fuel to consumers will be able to make great profits, and corporations are racing to get products ready for market. Shell Oil recently invested \$45 million in Iogen, a Canadian technology company, to build the first cellulosic ethanol plant in North America. Oil companies know that their days are numbered, and are investing their "windfall profits" into new forms of energy so that they will be able to thrive once gasoline becomes too expensive for most consumers.

Corn-based ethanol has long been championed as gasoline's successor for consumer energy needs. Politicians and energy companies have occasionally claimed that the U.S. will be able to grow all of its energy through corn-based ethanol. Unfortunately, using a food product like corn to produce ethanol would mean that a massive increase in corn consumption for ethanol production would lead to like increases in corn prices because of greater demand for corn to make ethanol.

A far better alternative to corn-based ethanol is cellulosic ethanol. Stalky cel-

luloid plants like switchgrass can grow in currently unused pasture lands, and many have no significant commercial use today, so there would be no concurrent inflation in prices. Additionally, the cheaper costs of switchgrass compared to corn would make cellulosic ethanol almost twenty cents cheaper per gallon than corn-based ethanol. The National Resource Defense Council argues that an investment of \$2.1 billion in cellulosic ethanol research and product development could make the US energy independent by 2050. As an added bonus, switchgrass makes an excellent shelter for field animals. David Hamilton of the Sierra Club says that cellulosic ethanol is environmentally friendly, and could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 billion tons per year.

It is very rare that the Sierra Club and Shell Oil agree on anything. Sure, oil companies are making record profits, but they are investing those profits in new technologies that will lower fuel costs, help the environment and aid farmers. I say don't look a gift horse in the mouth — feed it switchgrass.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Trans fat danger at dining halls

After a phone call to ND Food Services, I learned that the fry oil at Notre Dame dining halls is unnecessarily dangerous to your health, thanks to trans fat. The trans fat remains in our food despite the overwhelming evidence that trans fats contribute significantly to a wide variety of diseases, and the fact that replacing it with normal vegetable oil has relatively little impact on the taste and cost of the food.

Monkeys fed trans fat vegetable oil grew 30 percent bigger bellies than monkeys fed an equivalent diet of normal vegetable oil that contained the same overall number of calories and grams of fat (<http://www1.wfu.edu/bmc.edu/News/NewsArticle.htm?ArticleID=1869>). According to the Wake Forest University study, the trans fat monkeys also developed signs of insulin resistance and diabetes. The researchers concluded that the "apple" body shape associated with increased risk of diabetes and heart disease may be amplified by eating trans fat such as partially hydrogenated vegetable oil.

A recent Harvard study entitled "Trans fatty acids and cardiovascular disease," published in the April 2006 New England Journal of Medicine, estimated that between 30,000 and 100,000 premature coronary heart disease deaths occur annually in the U.S. as a result of unnecessary trans fat consumption. Other studies have shown that trans fats increase the bad LDL cholesterol while decreasing the good HDL cholesterol, and that the combined effect on the ratio of LDL to HDL cholesterol is double that of saturated fats.

In 2004 the journal Nature reported preliminary evidence of trans fat's harm to the brain. Dr. Ann-Charlotte Granholm did a study comparing rats on a diet of 12 percent normal vegetable oil with rats on a diet with an equivalent amount of trans-

fat. Rats on the trans-fat diet learned tasks more slowly and made more errors. Granholm said that the trans fat rats were five times worse at the learning tasks than those eating the normal vegetable oil.

While Notre Dame drags its feet, some fast food companies have responded to this overwhelming evidence. Wendy's has replaced the trans fat oil with normal vegetable oil in their fryers. Years ago McDonald's promised to remove half of the unhealthy trans fats from their fry oil (but has yet to do so). Many bagged potato chips, cookies and other baked goods are now trans fat free, as corporations responded to the research and public concern. Kraft removed trans fats from their Oreos in 2003. Why use trans fats, Kraft reasoned, when the food tastes pretty much the same with normal vegetable oil? The financial costs of using normal vegetable oil are not much higher, but the health costs of the trans fats are very high.

Notre Dame spends a huge amount of financial resources on the well-being of its students. I find it baffling that they do not spend a relatively small amount of money to replace the trans fats in its fryers and baked goods, given the great benefits to the future health of its students. The Notre Dame Dining Halls and Notre Dame Food Services (Reckers, ND Catering, etc.) should replace the trans fats in its fryers and baked goods. The change would extend the lives and health of many Notre Dame students (not to mention faculty, staff and visitors), enabling them to contribute more of their rare gifts to the world, and thus better fulfill the Notre Dame mission.

Sean Walsh  
grad student  
Aug. 20

### U-WIRE

## Independent student media in question

Gannett Media is a heavyweight in the newspaper industry, with papers under its ownership as far-flung as Guam's Pacific Daily News and the Old Pueblo's Tucson Citizen. It shouldn't have come as a surprise that, in looking to expand its territory and offerings, the corporation recently acquired a student newspaper: Florida State University's FSView.

Though this acquisition passed largely unnoticed by most media outlets — the purchase of a small paper by a big one ceased to be newsworthy long ago — it has sent shockwaves throughout the student media community. Some editorialists wondered if the purchase would limit the student paper's ability to publish "edgier" pieces that a corporately held paper would balk at. Whether or not the new owners will actually keep their commitment to hands-off management remains to be seen. Others bemoaned the gobbling-up of yet another small operator by a big power. But is all the concern anything more than a knee-jerk reaction against corporate America?

The owners of the Tallahassee Democrat, the Gannett-owned Florida paper that bought FSView, insist that even the students who work at the paper will notice no change in daily operations. Whether or not the new owners will actually keep their commitment to hands-off management remains to be seen.

However, the ownership of student media by a corporate power does

come with a few benefits. For example, it is likely that Gannett's ownership will mean additional legal assistance for FSView — perhaps allowing the paper to provide its readers with greater access to controversial information.

But in order to preserve the independence that student publications hold so dear, it is important that Gannett honor its promise to maintain significant distance from FSView's editorial functions. More importantly, however, students who read the newspaper should be aware of the forces that bring them their news. In time, it is likely that a new, independent newspaper at Florida State will arise to compete with FSView; students ought to choose their campus news source accordingly.

We live in a free-market system: for better or worse, corporations can legitimately purchase newspapers. What remains to be determined is our response. Yes, it's easy to feel frustrated at the pervasiveness of corporate control. But the jury's still out on the overall impact that Gannett's ownership of FSView will have on the independence of student journalism.

No matter who owns a newspaper — from Gannett to Arizona Student Media — it is the readers' role, right and duty to be conscious of the news source when they read the paper.

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# THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

STORIES BY THE OBS

The old adage that more money doesn't mean a better movie proved true this summer. Blockbusters, sequels and indies arrived in cineplexes, many of them coupled with high box office expectations. The success of these summer films was mixed, as usual, producing pleasant surprises, major disappointments and everything in between.

## THE GOOD

Four of the very best films of the summer. At least two of the movies were major surprises, while one was from a can't-miss studio in Pixar and the other featured the cinematic directorial debut of heralded TV pioneer J.J. Abrams ("Lost," "Alias").

### Cars

Although it holds the appearance of a typical child's cartoon, Pixar's latest endeavor is more than just an animated movie — it is a tribute to the faded mystique of Route 66.

Not quite up to par with Pixar's past films, "Cars" makes up for the lack of wit and tight dialogue with incredible animation and attention to detail, especially through the recreation of the mom-and-pop stores along America's most legendary highway. Owen Wilson lends his vocal abilities and infectious energy as star racer Lightning McQueen, who discovers there's more to life than winning races. When Lightning finds himself waylaid in the dusty town of Radiator Springs on the famous Route 66, he gets a lesson in ethics and personal accountability from the town's locals, who include the voice talent of Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt, George Carlin and Michael Keaton among others. "Cars" is an enjoyable and visually stunning movie.

### The Devil Wears Prada

Concocted not unlike the cappuccinos Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) grabs each morning, "The Devil Wears Prada" is a short but potent blend of froth, spice and substance.

Recent Northwestern grad Andy, seeking a career in journalism, finds herself working in New York City at the mercy of Miranda Priestly (a fantastically wicked Meryl Streep), editrix in chief of Runway magazine and unquestioned empress of her publication. Streep is eerily convincing as a woman who has sacrificed her personal life on the altar of a Kenneth Cole spread, and Hathaway has officially perfected her role of the doe-eyed brainy chick. Kudos are also due for casting rising star Adrien Grenier as Andy's neglected boyfriend. The film's appeal lies with Hathaway's everygirl sensibilities. The makeover montage in particular is both funny and sweet, a credit to Hathaway's talent in making Andy more of a sympathetic character than a cliché. Finding its niche with an audience forgotten by Superman and the X-Men, "The Devil Wears Prada" is a cute little film with more than one surprise up its sleeve.

### Little Miss Sunshine

All eyes were on "Little Miss Sunshine" after Fox

Searchlight purchased it for a record \$10.5 million at Sundance. As a refreshing indie to cap off the blockbuster summer, the film proved that it may have been worth the buzz.

Abigail Breslin is America's new child sweetheart. She stars as Olive, a little girl with big dreams and big glasses whose family embarks on a road trip so she can compete in the titular beauty pageant. Greg Kinnear and Toni Collette star as Olive's parents and Steve Carell acts against type as the suicidal gay uncle. Breslin stole the show with her chubby cheeks and girlish smile. Olive is no beauty queen, but her mother wisely states that you've got to let Olive be Olive. The ensemble cast believably portrayed a family at a crossroads, right down to the confused teenager, ambitious father and overwhelmed mother. "Little Miss Sunshine" wrapped sweetness and sadness into a yellow VW van, and captured the psychological hardships of the American family.

### Mission: Impossible III

Another entry in the summer of sequels, "Mission: Impossible III" returned Tom Cruise to the screen as Special Agent Ethan Hunt. In the film, Hunt is forced out of semi-retirement to save the world from yet another diabolical madman, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman ("Capote"). After John Woo's "M:I II" flopped, producers turned to young phenom director J.J. Abrams of "Lost" fame to helm the third installment.

Abrams and his team of writers revitalized the franchise and brought back a slick, cool, spy-like feel to the "Mission: Impossible" series. Alongside headliners Cruise and Hoffman, "M:I III" featured a solid cast that included Billy Crudup and Laurence Fishburne. The strong acting coupled with extravagant special effects to create a non-stop, edge-of-the-seat thrill ride for moviegoers. "M:I III" took advantage of a May release date when there were few other major films and quickly reached blockbuster status while earning its distinction as the best of the three "M:I" films.

## THE BAD

These films range from films that were huge disappointments to films that were just, well, bad. "Nacho Libre" wasn't exactly "Napoleon Dynamite II" while "The Lakehouse" brought together the stars of "Speed" in a plodding romantic drama.

### The Da Vinci Code

The biggest problem with "The Da Vinci Code" is that it's only as good as its source material, which is to say not very. The major problems with the film — lack of character development, inconsistent pacing and undercooked plotting — are all problems with Dan Brown's original novel. Thankfully, and to its credit, the film replaces Brown's horrendous prose with director Ron Howard's far more graceful moving camera.

Howard is surrounded by talent which includes Tom Hanks, Audrey Tatou, Ian McKellan and Jean

Reno, but much of the talent has difficulty translating the cal faux-intellectual ideas, best to cover it up with lush

"The Da Vinci Code" was a secutive summer blockbuster, the major difference between "Cinderella Man" is that it's actually good. Its globe-trotting turned heroic adventurer movie to another venerable movie "Jones" it is not. At least that

### Lady in the Water

The tagline for "Lady in the Water" is "A happy ending for the prospects of its tale." Shyamalan. But the filmmaker's disaster following his last Village and "Lady in the Water" remains an exercise in shot film with many of the made his first three films meek, quirky protagonist Paul Giamatti. But the Shyamalan's past efforts is root for Heep's redemption, believe in a fairy tale where the magic accept a my struggling to grasp halfway safe bet that Shyamalan's not commercially viable project the pet project that "Lady" that can only be a good new ing young director, who just renowned for his ability to for audiences bored of ha Until then, the clock is Shyamalan's own success st

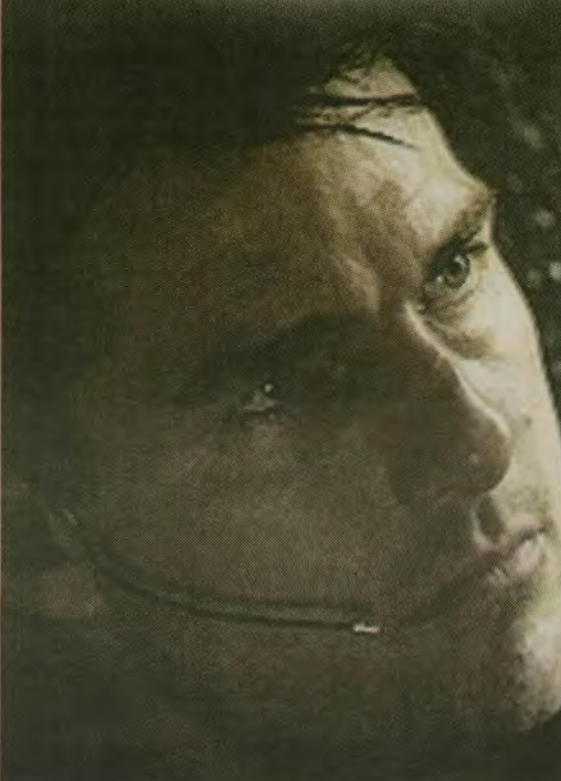
### The Lake House

The (not very) anticipated Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock impress. An alternative to summer months, "The Lake House" a lack of chemistry and involving the time-space con

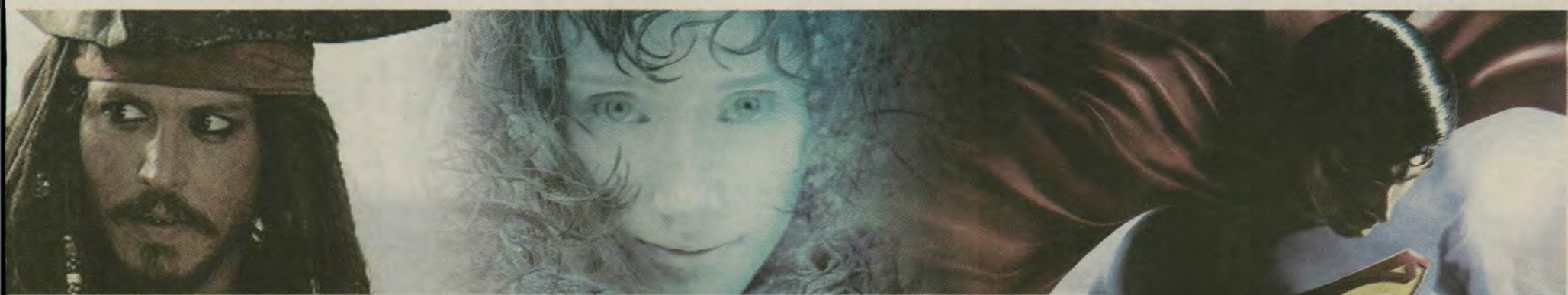
In the film, Alex (Reeves) take in an old-fashioned lake house two years apart with as lovely as ever and could tree with ease and grace. In ance is a lot like a tree — s dazzled in "Speed," but did as much in this latest proje "House" needed a speeding b tract from this lackluster att

### Nacho Libre

Writer/director Jared Tussler ("Napoleon Dynamite") teamed up with Black to make this comedy a







## BAD & THE UGLY

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box office success, the end product failed to live up  
to expectations.

"Nacho Libre" had its best moments mostly  
thanks to Black's comedic talent, but the rest of the  
film failed to impress. Nickelodeon Films signed on  
to produce and promote the film, perhaps leading  
to childish humor that can often turn away adult  
viewers. Even though "Nacho Libre" ended up as a  
disappointment, positives included Jack Black's  
ever funny acting abilities along with a strong per-  
formance from the young, gifted actress Ana de la  
Reguera. For Hess, only time will tell whether he is  
a one-hit-wonder director or can establish himself  
as a prominent Hollywood filmmaker.

#### X-Men: The Last Stand

There are moments in "X-Men: The Last Stand"  
that boggle the senses and the mind. Sadly, these  
moments more often than not boggle in a negative  
and uninspiring manner.

As the third movie in an already successful comic  
book trilogy, there were both high hopes and expec-  
tations that "X3" would rake in box office gold. The  
movie was billed as an "event movie," but the only  
events were needless story points and characters  
that were never developed or resolved. Bryan  
Singer, director of the first two "X-Men" movies, left  
"X3" to film "Superman Returns" and Brett Ratner  
("Rush Hour 2") stepped in to finalize the series.

While Singer's talent did not help "Superman  
Returns," it was sorely missed in "X3." The first two  
films artfully combined character-driven story-  
telling with excellent special effects, but "X3" relied  
solely on mind-blowing effects, leaving a story that  
was just mind-numbing. Significant characters like  
Rogue were pushed aside in order to feature as  
many mutants as possible without expounding on  
backstories or character development. "X3" served  
as a functional film instead of the masterful climax  
to a trilogy befitting mention among the likes of  
"Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings."

#### THE UGLY

A mixed bag and often exactly what is expected  
from summer blockbusters — light, cheap entertain-  
ment that is almost immediately forgotten. While  
some feel like wasted potential, these films were  
effective diversions on hot summer days.

#### Clerks II

After the abysmal "Jersey Girl," Kevin Smith  
returns with "Clerks II," a film that is not up to his  
past accomplishments, but still worthy of the name  
"a Jay and Silent Bob movie."

Brian O'Halloran and Jeff Anderson return as  
Dante Hicks and Randal Graves. Their quirky rela-  
tionship has its moments, but the originality and  
carefree nature of the first film did not translate  
well in the sequel — mostly because of its narrative.  
"Clerks II" has a story while the original consisted

of two guys hanging out and talking about every-  
thing from girls to construction workers in "Return  
of the Jedi." Where "Clerks" had witty dialogue and  
biting sarcasm, "Clerks II" focuses more on the  
story involving the surrounding characters. How-  
ever, Jay and Silent Bob are as lazy as ever and  
make funny jokes at the expense of other charac-  
ters — just about everything one would expect from  
them. "Clerks II" is a funny film but not one that  
deserves a high spot in Smith's filmography. He has  
made a funny and acceptable return. However,  
"Clerks II" is just too little too late.

#### Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

The second movie in the popular trilogy smashed  
box office records over the summer. Director Gore  
Verbinski sent Captain Jack Sparrow, Will Turner  
and Elizabeth Swann on a quest to retrieve the  
Dead Man's Chest from Davy Jones (Bill Nighy).

Highlighted by the crazy antics of Johnny Depp,  
top-notch special effects and action scenes, "Dead  
Man's Chest" sailed to become the highest grossing  
Disney film ever and one of the top films of all time.  
Despite hauling in a treasure chest of money, some  
reviews of the film were tepid due to its long run-  
ning time, slow plot development and cliffhanger  
ending. These criticisms were tempered with hopes  
that the third film would resolve plot holes and  
bring a stronger conclusion. When the final film of  
the "Pirates" trilogy arrives in theaters next sum-  
mer, studio execs hope to couple the assured finan-  
cial windfall with the critical success earned by the  
first "Pirates" film.

#### Superman Returns

Brandon Routh looks a great deal like the late  
Christopher Reeve, but he doesn't display as much  
of Reeve's charm and charisma in this update of the  
Superman saga. Bryan Singer at once paid tribute  
to the older films, while creating new ground for  
the franchise.

Although Kate Bosworth (Lois Lane) and Routh  
are both unexciting in their portrayals, Kevin  
Spacey gives an enjoyable performance as Lex  
Luthor. The CGI effects are stunning, and the whole  
movie is beautiful to watch. Even with an unimagi-  
native storyline and a few lackluster portrayals,  
"Superman Returns" is still an exciting event.

#### Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

It is impossible to watch "Talladega Nights" with-  
out evoking 2004's "Anchorman." Both were creat-  
ed by writer/director Adam McKay and Will Ferrell.  
"Nights" may feature cars instead of news report-  
ing, but it uses the same approach to comedy — a  
random collection of sketches tied together by a  
loose plot. The only real difference is that the  
"Talladega" plot is thinner — much thinner. The  
cast's comedic improvisation carries the film, but  
the initial script could have used a great deal more  
work. The supporting cast is impressively funny,  
especially Sacha Baron Cohen as Ferrell's arch  
rival, a gay, French Formula 1 racer.





## DPAC SPOTLIGHT

## Summer Shakespeare returns to the Dome

*Annual summer program features "The Comedy of Errors"*

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Dromio of Ephesus (Conor Woods), left, discusses the happenings of an eventful day with his master, Antipholus of Ephesus (Joe Garlock) in front of a brothel.



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Dromio of Syracuse (Steve Haggard) contemplates the confusion that surrounds himself and his master. The confusion only escalates as the play continues.

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

Summer Shakespeare 2006 is wrapping up another successful season, capped off this weekend with the last performances of Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors." Billed as "The Professional Theatre In Residence at the University of Notre Dame," the program is now in its sixth year.

Summer Shakespeare grew out of a course called "Shakespeare as Performance" taught by Dr. Paul Rathburn, which had a performance — rather than academic — emphasis. The first production of Summer Shakespeare in its current incarnation was "The Taming of the Shrew," which was performed at Washington Hall in 2000.

"The original [plan] was to hire a couple of professional actors to work with a largely student company," Jay Paul Skelton, Ryan Producing Artistic Director, said. "Students could get the opportunity to work side by side with professionals to learn how an actor or a director in the professional world would look at Shakespeare as a performance text, rather than simply as a text."

This philosophy has informed Summer Shakespeare throughout the decade, as it has grown and evolved over the years into a program that consists of three distinct, but interconnected, shows — the Mainstage Production ("The Comedy of

Errors"), the Young Company (Plautus' "The Brothers Menaechmus") and ShakeScenes (collected scenes from Shakespeare's canon). The program has grown into a major production that involves more time, resources and people than ever before.

"This year, the program has nine equity contracts, 20 Young Company members, a Young Company production, specific training classes for the Young Company members and outdoor performances in different communities," Skelton said.

ShakeScenes is an outreach program intended to increase involvement the community. According to Skelton, it consists of about 100 members of the South Bend and outlying areas, ranging from ages seven to 70.

Unlike the Mainstage Production and The Young Company production, ShakeScenes is not a unified play, but is rather a series of ten to 15 minute scenes from Shakespeare's oeuvre.

The Young Company production this year, Plautus' "The Brothers Menaechmus," features several Notre Dame students in addition to regular Young Company members. The play, written sometime in the third century B.C., served as the primary inspiration for Shakespeare's "The Comedy of

Errors." "The Brothers Menaechmus" features Conor Woods, Kevin McCarthy, Luke Cieslewicz, Margaret Robenalt, Andrew Roth, Tashi Thomas and Patrick Vassel, all of whom are current Notre Dame or St. Mary's students.

The Mainstage Production this year is Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," directed by William Brown. As one of the earliest — if not the earliest — plays in the Bard's oeuvre, it is also the shortest (in actual number of lines) and one of his funniest.

The Bard's version of "The Brothers Menaechmus" and follows a series of mistaken identities as two sets of twins try to find each other. Both sets of twins are in the same town on the same day — unbeknownst to their counterparts — as the townspeople mistake one set for the other.

Although "The Comedy of Errors" does employ no less than eight professional actors, it also utilizes members of the Notre Dame community.

"This year is special in that we have three Young Company members in major roles," Skelton said.

Those three are Conor Woods (Dromio of Ephesus), Joe Garlock (Antipholus of Ephesus) and Angela Aiea Sauer (Luciana), all students or former students at Notre Dame.

"I believe that those three individuals

in those three roles are the most high-profile in the show," Skelton said. "Students haven't been as integrated into the show as much in the past as they have this year."

The cast is filled out by a mix of community members and Young Company members.

As another mark of increased community involvement, this is the first year in which all costumes were constructed at Notre Dame. As in the past, they were designed by Theatre professor Richard E. Donnelly, but this year they were constructed entirely in the costume shop, managed by Jane Zusman.

Though Summer Shakespeare is split into these three shows, the goal this year is to incorporate all three aspects into a singular experience, as opposed to a focus primarily on the Mainstage Production.

"What I've tried to do is help the program arrange itself in such a way that each piece of it is more involved with each other rather than be distinct and separate entity," Skelton said.

Though two of those pieces have concluded, "The Comedy of Errors" will be performed through this weekend. Student tickets can be purchased at the DPAC box office for prices between \$12 and \$15. More information can be found at <http://shakespeare.nd.edu>.

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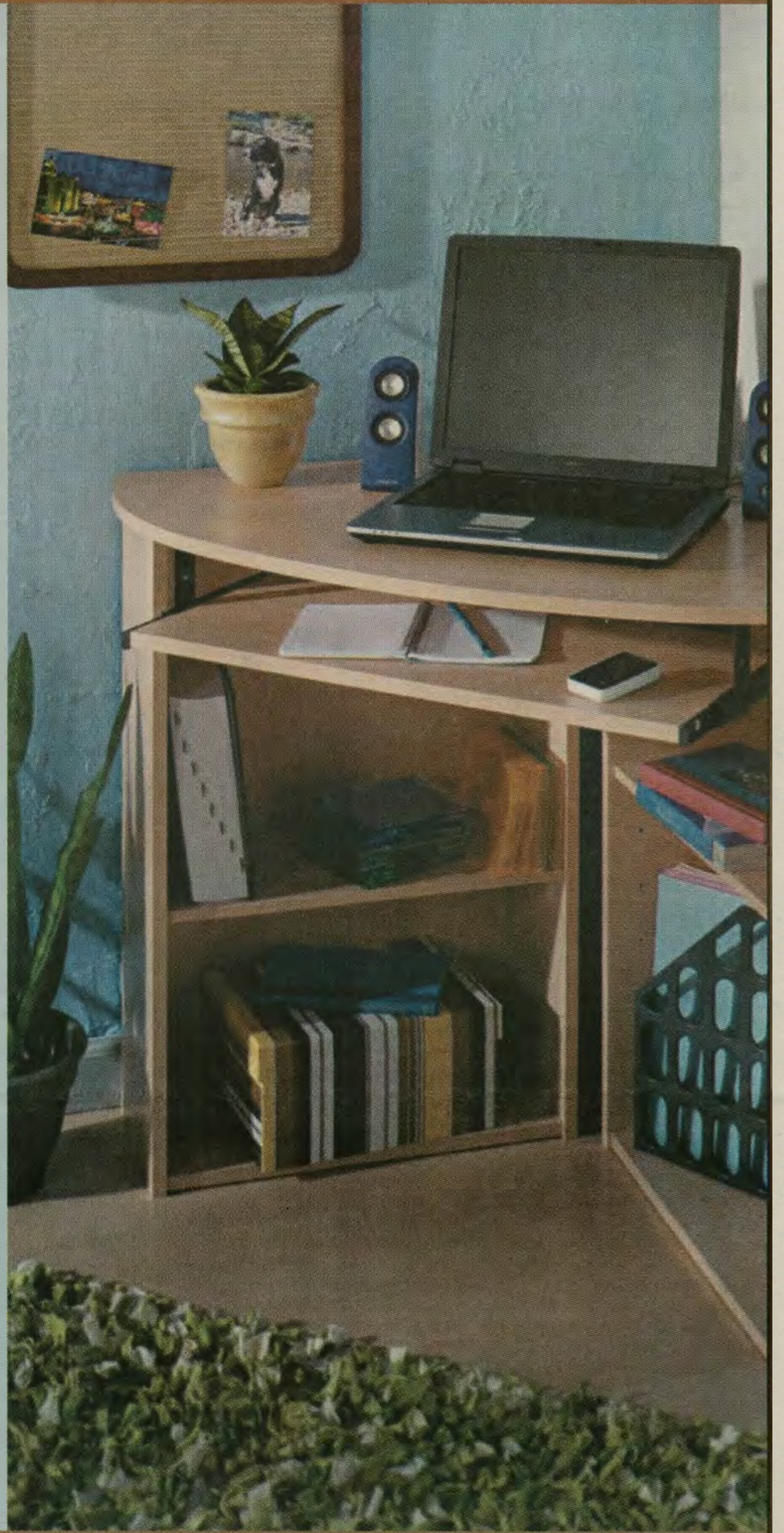
Luciana (Angela Aiea Sauer), left, confuses Dromio of Syracuse (Steve Haggard) for her brother-in-law's servant and Dromio's twin brother, Dromio of Ephesus.



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Conor Woods (Dromio of Ephesus), left, and Joe Garlock (Antipholus of Ephesus) rehearse a scene from "The Comedy of Errors," a process which began in July.





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## MLB — AL WRAPS

# Rogers, Tigers whitewash ChiSox in 4-0 win

*Victory guarantees Detroit its first .500 season in over a decade, opens 7.5 game lead in AL Central over White Sox*

Associated Press

DETROIT — Kenny Rogers shut down the slumping Chicago White Sox, giving the Detroit Tigers their biggest lead in the AL Central in almost two weeks and guaranteeing their first .500 season in more than a decade.

Rogers dominated for seven innings and was backed by Marcus Thames' solo homer and RBI triple in Detroit's 4-0 win over the White Sox on Tuesday night, its second straight victory in a possibly pivotal four-game series.

The World Series champions, who got just five hits, have lost six of eight, falling behind Detroit in the division by 7 1/2 games, the biggest the gap since after play on Aug. 11.

After losing nine of 12, the Tigers (81-45) ensured their first non-losing season since 1993 and improved their chances of reaching the playoffs for the first time since 1987.

Detroit won the series opener 7-1 with another sensational start by hard-throwing rookie Justin Verlander, then the 41-year-old Rogers followed up with a crafty night on the mound.

Rogers (13-6) gave up four hits, walked only one and struck out two over seven innings, his third straight strong outing quieting talk of his history of struggling after the All-Star break.

Fernando Rodney pitched the eighth, putting the first two on before getting an out, and the ninth.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was relegated to watching much of the game on TV.

He was ejected after arguing from the dugout in the second inning for shouting at plate umpire Dan Iassogna when he called a second strike against Juan Uribe with two outs. Iassogna signaled that Guillen was ejected, and the manager came out of the dugout to have a face-to-face argument that was so intense that the veins on the umpire's neck were bulging and the manager's head was bobbing.

After a double play got him out of a two-on, one-out jam in

the first, Rogers retired the side in order the next three innings.

## Orioles 6, Twins 3

Rookie Nick Markakis homered in his first three at-bats, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins Tuesday night.

Markakis homered in the first, third and fifth innings off Carlos Silva (8-11). Seeking to become the 16th player in major league history to hit four in a game, he hit a short fly ball to left in the sixth against Willie Eyre.

Markakis was left standing in the on-deck circle at the conclusion of the Baltimore eighth.

It was the first multihomer game for Markakis, who became the 18th Oriole to hit three in a game — the first since Albert Belle in July 1999. Since moving to the No. 2 spot in the lineup, Markakis has hit six homers in six games.

He now has 11 home runs this year, and his 3-for-4 performance raised his batting average to .306.

Brian Roberts and Corey Patterson also connected off Silva, who allowed six runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings. He has yielded 30 homers this season.

Adam Loewen (4-4) gave up singles to four of the first six batters, then retired 21 straight before being removed after eight innings and 108 pitches. The rookie left-hander struck out seven and walked none.

After going winless in his first nine appearances, Loewen has won four of his last six starts. The eight innings was the longest of his brief career.

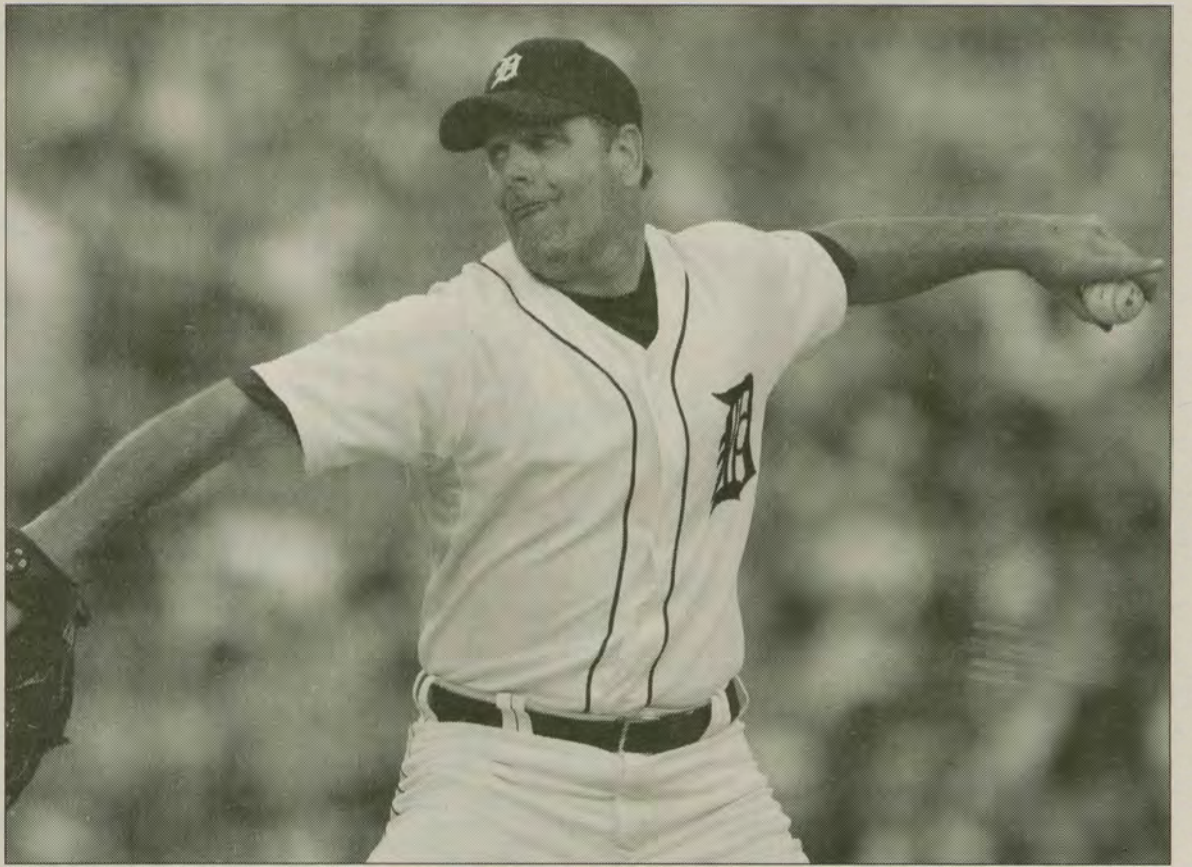
Minnesota got a pair of runs in the ninth off LaTroy Hawkins, and Chris Ray got the final out for his 29th save in 31 chances.

The loss ruined Minnesota's bid to gain ground in the wild-card race. The Twins started the day a half-game behind the Chicago White Sox and four games ahead of Boston.

## Blue Jays 4, Athletics 3

A day after manager John Gibbons tussled with pitcher Ted Lilly, the Toronto Blue Jays played peacefully and beat the Oakland Athletics.

A.J. Burnett won his fourth



**Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers eyes the plate and delivers a fastball Tuesday against the White Sox. Rogers threw seven shutout innings in Detroit's second consecutive win over Chicago.**

straight start and Vernon Wells homered to lead the Blue Jays to a victory Tuesday night.

Before the game, Gibbons said he overreacted when he tangled with Lilly near the dugout during Monday's game.

The A's tied an Oakland record for the biggest comeback victory by rallying from a 8-0 deficit on Monday, but their win was overshadowed by the scuffle between Lilly and Gibbons.

In July, Gibbons challenged Shea Hillenbrand to a fight after the infielder wrote on the clubhouse bulletin board that the "ship is sinking." Hillenbrand declined to fight, and was later traded to San Francisco.

Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi said Gibbons' job was more secure than ever after the Hillenbrand confrontation. Asked if that is still the case, Ricciardi said it is.

But Ricciardi thought Gibbons made a mistake in confronting Lilly near Toronto's dugout.

"In hindsight he probably

should have just went to the corner of the bench. I think he knows that too," Ricciardi said.

Burnett (6-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. B.J. Ryan pitched 1 2-3 innings for his 28th save in 32 chances.

Wells' two-run homer off Brad Halsey (3-4) in the fifth gave Toronto a 4-1 lead.

## Devil Rays 5, Rangers 3

Rocco Baldelli and Ben Zobrist hit consecutive sacrifice flies in the seventh inning, helping the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Texas Rangers Tuesday night.

Baldelli's flyball off Vicente Padilla (12-8) tied it at 3, and Zobrist drove in the go-ahead run on a drive to center. Travis Lee extended lead to 5-3 with an eighth-inning homer of Ron Mahay.

Shawn Camp (5-1) struck out two in a perfect seventh.

Seth McClung earned his second save despite loading the

bases in the ninth. McClung allowed back-to-back singles to Ian Kinsler and Gerald Laird and walked pinch-hitter Matt Stairs before retiring Michael Young on a game-ending flyout.

Young hit a two-run single for the Rangers, who have lost the first two games of a four-game series against the Devil Rays. Texas started play 6 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics.

Scott Kazmir struck out eight in six innings, allowing three runs, four hits and one walk. It was his third start since missing almost three weeks with left shoulder inflammation, and he is winless in six starts since a 2-0 two-hitter over Boston on July 3.

The 22-year-old left-hander, became the Devil Rays' career strikeout leader with 378, breaking the mark set by Victor Zambrano (372). Kazmir was acquired from the New York Mets for Zambrano in a four-player deal on July 30, 2004.

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## Associated Press Top 25

	team	points	prev.
1	Ohio State (35)	1558	4
2	NOTRE DAME (10)	1470	9
3	Texas (8)	1411	1
4	Auburn (3)	1395	14
5	West Virginia (6)	1354	5
6	USC (3)	1345	2
7	Florida	1178	12
8	LSU	1144	6
9	California	975	25
10	Oklahoma	960	22
11	Florida State	949	23
12	Miami (FL)	893	17
13	Louisville	844	19
14	Michigan	824	NR
15	Georgia	743	10
16	Iowa	720	NR
17	Virginia Tech	614	7
18	Clemson	479	21
19	Penn State	386	3
20	Nebraska	332	24
21	Oregon	324	12
22	TCU	257	11
23	Tennessee	215	NR
24	Arizona State	182	NR
25	Texas Tech	181	20

## USA Today Coaches poll

	team	points	prev.
1	Ohio State (28)	1,487	4
2	Texas (11)	1,378	1
3	NOTRE DAME (9)	1,348	11
3	USC (1)	1,348	2
5	Oklahoma	1,320	22
6	Auburn	1,206	14
7	West Virginia	1,202	6
8	Florida	1,054	16
9	LSU	1,037	5
10	Florida State	874	23
11	Miami (FL)	839	18
12	California	798	25
13	Louisville	785	20
14	Georgia	784	10
15	Michigan	778	NR
16	Virginia Tech	591	7
17	Iowa	519	NR
18	Clemson	493	21
19	Penn State	406	3
20	Oregon	373	12
21	TCU	270	9
22	Nebraska	261	24
23	Tennessee	216	NR
24	Alabama	210	8
25	Texas Tech	198	19

## Women's Soccer Top 15

	team	prev.
1	Portland	1
2	UCLA	3
3	Penn State	2
4	North Carolina	5
5	NOTRE DAME	6
6	Florida State	4
7	Santa Clara	7
8	Virginia	8
9	Texas A&M	11
10	California	9
10	Boston College	10
12	Duke	16
13	Illinois	20
14	Tennessee	15
15	Cal State Fullerton	12

## TRACK & FIELD



Olympic sprinter Justin Gatlin races in the 100-meters during the Daegu International Athletics Competition in Daegu, South Korea September 23. Gatlin agreed to an eight-year ban from the sport after testing positive for steroids.

## Gatlin banned from track for eight years

NEW YORK — Sprinter Justin Gatlin agreed to an eight-year ban from track and field Tuesday, avoiding a lifetime penalty in exchange for his cooperation with doping authorities and because his first positive drug test was deemed an honest mistake.

He will forfeit the world record he tied in May, when he ran the 100 meters in 9.77 seconds. At age 24, the lengthy ban would all but knock Gatlin out of competition for the rest of his life.

Gatlin tested positive in April for testosterone or other steroids, five years after his first positive test, which was for medicine to

control attention-deficit disorder. Under the World Anti-Doping Agency code, a second doping offense calls for a lifetime ban.

But Gatlin reached a compromise with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which levies doping penalties in America. Under terms of the compromise, he can still appeal to an arbitration panel in the next six months to have the term reduced.

He cannot, however, argue that the test was faulty.

"To his credit, it's recognition that the science is reliable," USADA general counsel Travis Tygart told The Associated Press. "Instead

of wasting a bunch of resources attempting to create smoke where there's not any, he's acknowledging the accuracy of the positive test, and in exchange for his agreement to cooperate, we've recognized the nature of his first offense."

The first offense occurred while Gatlin was in college. He stopped taking the ADD medicine a few days before competition, but it did not clear his system. He received a two-year ban for that test, which was reduced by a year because of the "exceptional circumstances" of the offense.

"The nature of Gatlin's first offense for use of his

medication puts this violation in a unique category," said USADA chief executive officer Terry Madden.

Gatlin has said he didn't know how steroids got into his system this time.

One of his attorneys, John Collins, said Gatlin would spell out his case at the arbitration hearing. He would not discuss strategy.

"The last time this happened, he went to the panel and explained he neither cheated nor intended to cheat," Collins said. "This time, we'll explain the full stack of circumstances and everything around it and, hopefully, we'll get a similar result."

## IN BRIEF

### Glavine learns he will not need shoulder surgery

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine does not need surgery on his troublesome left shoulder and will be able to rejoin the New York Mets' rotation in seven to 10 days.

Glavine felt coldness in his left ring finger after a start last week, triggering fears that a blood clot might have developed that could end his season — or possibly, his career.

An angiogram Monday showed that no invasive procedure is needed.

"The test showed that the symptoms are caused by an old injury to an artery probably caused by pitching," the Mets said in a statement Tuesday. "The scar tissue from that old injury occasionally causes blood clots to form in Tom's finger. The condition is not serious and will be treated with baby aspirin and other medication to help his circulation."

A news conference was expected at Shea Stadium before Tuesday night's game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I was relieved to hear the news," Glavine said in a statement, "First and foremost to hear that the condition is not serious, but also to hear that I can get back to doing what I love to do relatively quickly."

### Pacers reacquire forward Harrington from Hawks

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers finally completed a sign-and-trade deal with the Atlanta Hawks for forward Al Harrington on Tuesday.

The Pacers acquired Harrington and center John Edwards in exchange for a 2007 first-round pick. Harrington spent the first six years of his career with the Pacers before spending the last two in Atlanta.

"We've had Al before," Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said. "He was a good player for us when we had him the first time. He comes back with more seasoning. Most importantly, he fits in with what we're trying to do at this point."

Walsh and team president Larry

Bird considered Harrington one of the summer's top three free agents, along with Ben Wallace and Peja Stojakovic. The 6-foot-9 forward averaged 18.6 points and 6.9 rebounds for the Hawks last season and was the central figure to the Pacers plans to recover from a 41-41 season that ended with a first-round playoff exit.

### Diamondbacks trade Shawn Green to Mets

NEW YORK — Outfielder Shawn Green was traded from the Arizona Diamondbacks to the New York Mets on Tuesday night, giving the NL East leaders one more big bat as they gear up for the postseason.

Two team officials familiar with the trade confirmed the deal to The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade had not been officially announced.

It was not immediately known what the Mets traded to get the 33-year-old Green.

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## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## AC Milan, Liverpool advance to first round

*Two-time champion Benfica moves on with 3-0 win over Vienna*

Associated Press

MILAN — AC Milan and Liverpool advanced to the first round of the European Champions League on Tuesday along with Benfica and Hamburg SV.

AC Milan, a six-time champion whose berth was in doubt because of Italy's match-fixing scandal, won 2-1 at Red Star Belgrade on goals by Filippo Inzaghi and Clarence Seedorf to win the home-and-home, total-goals qualifier on 3-1 aggregate.

Originally, AC Milan qualified for the Champions League by finishing second in Italy's Serie A last season.

But it was penalized 30 points in last season's standings, moving it down to fourth and forcing it into the third round of qualifying. It will be penalized eight points in this season's Serie A standings.

Juventus was stripped of its last two Serie A titles and demoted to Serie B, and its Champions League berth was taken away.

After AC Milan built a 2-0 lead, Dusan Djokic scored for

Red Star in the 80th.

Liverpool, which won its fifth title in 2005, tied Maccabi Haifa 1-1 at Kiev to advance on 3-2 aggregate. The game was moved by the Union of European Football Associations to the Ukraine capital because of the current conflict in Israel.

Peter Crouch headed in Liverpool's goal in the 54th minute, but Roberto Colautti tied it nine minutes later after Brazilian midfielder Anderson dribbled past four players and his shot was blocked by goalkeeper Pepe Reina.

Benfica, a two-time champion, won 3-0 at visiting Austria Vienna to advance on 4-1 aggregate, getting goals from Rui Costa, Nuno Gomes and Armando Petit.

Hamburg SV tied 1-1 at Spain's Osasuna following a 0-0 draw at home and advanced on away goals.

The German club, which won the title in 1983, fell behind on Carlos Cuellar's goal in the sixth minute, then tied the score in the 74th on Nigel De Jong's goal off Rafael van der Vaart's cross.

Eleven more qualifiers are set for Wednesday, and eight four-team groups for the first round will be drawn Thursday.

## TENNIS

## Davenport opens title run

*Veteran begins defense of Pilot Pen title with victory in straight sets*

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Lindsay Davenport started slowly but finished strong Tuesday in a straight-set win over Katarina Srebotnik as she began her title defense at the Pilot Pen.

The seventh-seeded Davenport managed just two points in the first two games before recovering for a 6-3, 6-3 win.

"I just got off to a little bit of a slow start, but from love-2, I lost just one more game that set," she said. "Overall, it was a good performance considering the amount of time I've played the last six or seven months."

It was the only the ninth match of the year for the former No. 1 player, whose battled injuries throughout the season. Bulging disks in her back sidelined her in March and a concussion sustained from a fall at her Los Angeles home kept her out of Wimbledon. She's banking on a solid outing at New Haven, the final hard-court tuneup before next week's U.S. Open.

"This was really my target tournament, so I'm happy with the goal of coming here and winning a match and playing better," she said. "I feel like I've improved a lot over the last couple of weeks and I feel like I'll learn a lot from this and hopefully carry it with me."

Davenport charged out to a 3-0 lead in the second set with pinpoint passing and a solid service game. She appeared on the verge of cruising into the second round until Srebotnik, ranked 23rd in the world, dug in. Down 4-1, Srebotnik survived three break points, holding serve on a cross-court winner. But she was unable to break Davenport and has now lost all three head-to-head meetings.

In other women's action, Mara Santangelo went from lucky loser to upset winner, beating eighth-seeded Anastasia Myskina of Russia in three sets.

Ranked No. 40 in the world, the 25-year-old Italian won a spot in the women's draw despite losing in the qualifiers when Dinara Safina pulled out of the tournament with an elbow injury.

Santangelo lost the first set 4-6 before taking the next two, 6-3, 6-4. Down 15-40 in the final game, she was able to serve out the set.

"I tried to push harder (on) my serve," she said. "It was not easy from 15-40. I'm very happy."

In the men's draw, American Mardy Fish's run ended in a three-set, second-round loss to fifth-seeded David Ferrer, who beat the American 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5).

It was the third meeting between the two and the first time the 13th-ranked Ferrer has beaten Fish.

Neither yielded serve in the final set, with Ferrer having the best chance of breaking Fish in the ninth game. But Fish hung on, saving a break point in the three-deuce game. Ferrer screamed and slammed his racket in frustration.

He gathered himself and jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker. Down 6-3, Fish saved two match points before sending a backhand wide.

"It was important today to stay in the match and not to lose focus," Ferrer said through a translator.

Fish is ranked No. 60 in the world and rejoined the ATP Tour this year after spending most of the 2005 season sidelined with injuries to his left wrist.

"I take that as a positive and know I can play with a guy right there who is in the top 10 or top 15 in the world. The guy is obviously in form and we both played some good tennis in the third set."

Svetlana Kuznetsova, the women's fifth seed, also avoided an upset, showing some stamina in the process. In her second consecutive three-set match, she outlasted Tatiana Golovin of France, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4.

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## FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# King James refuses to guarantee American title

USA improves to 3-0 in group play with 114-95 romp over Slovenia, as LeBron scores 19 points and Elton Brand adds 16

Associated Press

SAPPORO, Japan — After the United States whipped Slovenia 114-95 Tuesday night, LeBron James was asked if he would guarantee a FIBA world championship.

"No way," James said with a chuckle. "It's too far away."

But after three double-digit victories, the idea of the U.S. winning its first world championships since 1994 isn't far-fetched.

The U.S. has won its first three Group D games — against Puerto Rico, China and Slovenia — by an average of 20.3 points. It hasn't trailed after half-time.

The Americans face their sternest test in group play Wednesday night against Italy, which improved to 3-0 with a comeback victory over Senegal on Tuesday.

"We're improving every game," forward Shane Battier said. "If we can continue to play the defense we've shown in stretches for longer stretches, we're going to be in very

good shape for this championship."

The victory over Slovenia clinched a trip to the second round, which was seen as a foregone conclusion.

Captain Dwyane Wade had 20 points to lead the U.S. in scoring for the second game in a row. Wade is the team's top scorer, averaging 19.7 points per game.

LeBron James added 19 points, Elton Brand 16 and Carmelo Anthony 14 for the Americans, who shot 56 percent from the floor.

Point guard Chris Paul had nine assists and two turnovers. Kirk Hinrich led the U.S. with seven rebounds.

Sani Becirovic scored 18 points to lead Slovenia, which had five players in double figures.

The U.S. used a potent combination of defense and 3-point shooting to blow the game open.

Three-point shooting had been one of Team USA's few flaws in the first two games. The Americans shot 33 percent

from beyond the arc against Puerto Rico and 30 percent against China.

On Tuesday night, their long-range shots finally started to fall. The U.S. went 7-for-11 on 3-point shots [64 percent] in the first half and finished 10-for-20 [50 percent].

Battier went 3-for-3 from beyond the arc and James and Antawn Jamison each hit two of four.

"It's a totally different thing when they're hitting 3-point shots," Slovenian swingman Bostjan Nachbar said. "When they make 3s, you can't pull the defenders in and hope for rebounds. That opens the lane, and then they're really tough to stop."

At the defensive end, the U.S. struggled to stop the Slovenians in the early going but quickly adjusted. Slovenia had its biggest lead — 21-16 — with 2:45 to play in the first quarter when the Americans went on an 11-0 run. During the spurt, the U.S. forced three turnovers in less than two minutes.

With four NBA players, the Slovenians weren't awed by Team USA. But they needed to take better care of the ball to have any hopes for a massive upset. They also needed to hit 3-point shots to stretch the American defense.



USA guard Dwayne Wade snaps to attention and salutes the American crowd during Tuesday's 114-95 win over Slovenia.

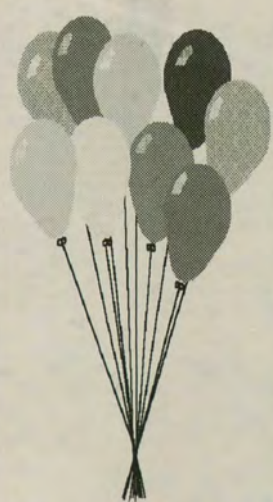
Slovenia made only two of six 3-point shots in the first half and finished 6-for-15 [40 percent].

"Tonight in the first half, our defense was the best it's been," U.S. assistant coach Jim Boeheim said. "We held them to two 3-point shots in the first half. That's a big statistic, I think, for us. That and forcing turnovers. Those two things

are why we were ahead at half-time. And when you force turnovers you get easier shots at the other end."

The U.S. harried Slovenia into 16 first-half turnovers, which led to 22 points, many of them on dunks. Slovenia finished with 25 turnovers.

In the first three games here, the Americans have forced 64 turnovers.

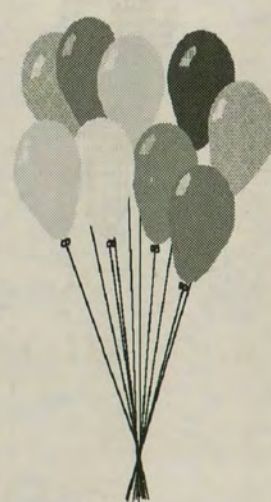


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## NFL

# Simon undergoes surgery

Indianapolis defensive tackle has arthroscopic work on left knee

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Indianapolis defensive tackle Corey Simon is likely to miss a couple of more weeks after having arthroscopic surgery on his injured left knee, but was hopeful he could return for the regular-season opener.

"It was just that, after the second opinion, we thought it was best to go that way," he said. "So we took care of it."

Simon hasn't practiced since banging his knee Aug. 4.

Colts coach Tony Dungy had only said that the Colts were considering surgery for the former Pro Bowl defensive tackle who signed a five-year deal last September.

Dungy expects Simon to return the week before the Colts play their final preseason game against Cincinnati on Sept. 1 but hasn't decided whether Simon would play.

"He's really targeting opening day," Dungy said Tuesday.

At 300 pounds, Simon is the biggest player on a defensive line that is undersized by most NFL standards. Known as a run-stuffer, Simon is expected to play a major role in the Colts' defensive tackle rotation that also includes Montae Reagor and Raheem Brock, a converted defensive end who is moving full-time to

tackle this season.

Simon plans to sit out Saturday against New Orleans and if he misses the Cincinnati game, it would mark the second straight year he's missed the entire preseason. The Colts first regular season game is Sept. 10 against the New York Giants.

In 2005, Simon held out in a contract dispute with Philadelphia before the Eagles finally released him Aug. 28. Four days later, the Colts signed the former Pro Bowl selection — hoping he would be the final piece to their Super Bowl puzzle.

But skipping meaningless games does not concern Simon.

"The preseason is great," he said, smiling. "It's the preseason, you know."

The question now is how long it will take him to get to 100 percent.

He reported to camp significantly lighter and admittedly in better shape than last year, and he acknowledged that it

would take some time for him to get back in football shape.

"I'm definitely ahead of the curve from where I was last year," he said. "I think I was playing pretty well, practicing pretty well and keeping the weight off. The only bad thing is that nothing gets you in shape for football but football."

Despite Simon's absence, the Colts got some good news Tuesday on the injury front when Reagor returned to practice for the first time since Aug. 3. Second-round draft pick Tim Jennings, a

cornerback, also practiced for the first time since being placed on the physically-unable-to-perform list July 31. Jennings had been kept out after having surgery on his right ankle this spring.

And quarterback Jim Sorgi's injured right shoulder is not as serious as initially feared.

Although Sorgi wore a sling around his throwing shoulder, Dungy said the Colts did not expect Peyton Manning's backup to miss much time.

*"It was just that, after the second opinion, we thought it was best to go that way."*

**Corey Simon**  
Colts defensive tackle

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Painter feels pressure as Purdue quarterback

Sophomore starter to follow in footsteps of Griesse, Dawson, Brees

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Strong-armed sophomore Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter knows he's under pressure to guide the Boilermakers back to respectability after a 5-6 season.

Painter said he looks forward to the challenge at a program that has produced an impressive list of quarterbacks that went on to NFL success, including Bob Griesse, Len Dawson, Gary Danielson, and more recently, Drew Brees and Kyle Orton.

"It's an honor to be a part of this tradition," he said. "There's been a lot of great quarterbacks around here, and to be in the same sentence as some of them is really great. I hope I can perform half as good as they did. If I can do that, I think I can be successful."

He wears the same No. 12 as Griesse, who 40 years ago led the Boilermakers to a Rose Bowl win over USC. Purdue will wear throwback uniforms in the season opener Sept. 2

against Indiana State to honor Griesse's 1966 team.

Coach Joe Tiller benched Brandon Kirsch in favor of Painter midway through last season. After a slow start, Painter closed the year by leading Purdue to three straight wins. Kirsch left the program after last season, making Painter's transition easier.

"I sense that Curtis is more comfortable today in his role than at any time last year," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said. "I think his confidence has improved, and I think that's through reps and experience. I think the fact that the guy who he has replaced is not here is hopefully good for him."

Painter finished with 932 yards passing and 251 rushing last season. He isn't expected to carry the team, but the 6-foot-4, 230-pounder has the potential to do it.

"He's not going to lose a game for us," Tiller said. "Now as he matures and gets older, he can win a lot of games for us. But for right now, he performs at a level we expect, he's pretty level-headed and a good decision maker."

An offense of spread passing with an occasional option play won't change much for Painter, who likes what the option does.

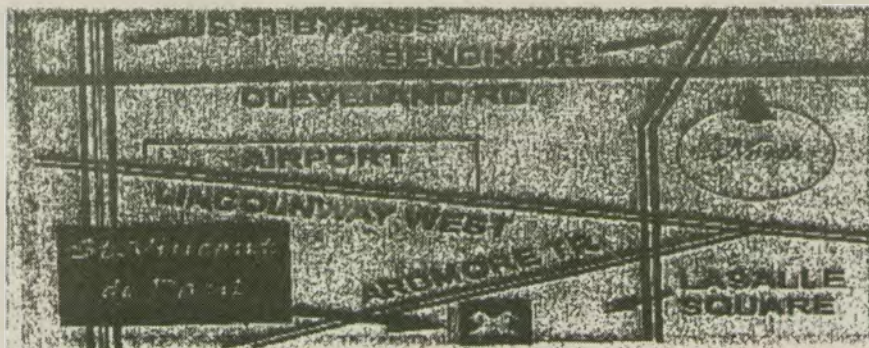
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## Pinkett

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better decisions had a program like this been around when I graduated from college," Pinkett said. "When I got my first NFL paycheck, I would go to the ATM machine and take out the maximum amount just because I could. I went into a store to buy one suit and ended up buying seven."

Poutre, who started his own business while he was a sophomore at Hartford and made \$250,000 profit before the start of his junior year, reminded students about fiscal responsibility.

"I spent the \$250,000 really fast," he said. "I bought two cars and even a racehorse. If I have saved that money, it would be worth close to a million dollars today."

Despite his youthful indiscretion, Poutre's business acumen allowed him to become financially independent by age 40 and semi-retire as a coach and adjunct professor at Hartford.

"Playbook for Life" originated in March 2005 after The Hartford surveyed student-athletes and found that 75 percent wanted more information about financial planning. The company came to Pinkett, who was selling insurance for them at the time, and asked if he would be "team captain" for their financial planning education effort.

To help get "Playbook for Life" off the ground, Pinkett put together a group of former college athletes who had become successful in other endeavors to give presenta-

tions around the country. The group, called "Team Hartford," is made up mostly of former student-athletes who did not play professionally.

"I'm sort of the aberration," said Pinkett, who played seven years in the NFL for the Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints.

Since its inception, "Team Hartford" has written a booklet — an actual "playbook" for personal finance — which its members hand out for free at all its presentations. The booklet is also available online at [playbook.thehartford.com](http://playbook.thehartford.com).

"The language in the booklet is practical and there are things you can get out of it, whether you are an incoming freshman or an outgoing senior," Pinkett said.

The program was initially aimed only at student-athletes but has been expanded in recent months to include regular college students.

"What we discovered over the past year or so is we realized the information is relevant to all students," Pinkett said. "A lot of college students think, 'Well, when it happens I'll take care of it, but, in reality, if they would start doing the things we talk about in the book while they're still in college, it would make their lives a lot easier.'"

Pinkett was a two-time All-American at Notre Dame and holds 13 Irish records. In addition to his work on "Playbook for Life" at The Hartford, he works as a football analyst for Westwood One, contributing color commentary for Notre Dame radio broadcasts.

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Defensive line coach Jappy Oliver talks to Victor Abiamiri, far left, as his players run through drills during a March 24 practice. Three players receiving scholarships are defensive linemen under Oliver.

## Pride

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him to miss the season.

Senior defensive tackle Derek Landri said he was happy to have Leitko as a possible backup during the game.

"He's right back where he left off," Landri said after the team's practice Tuesday.

Defensive coordinator Rick Minter said Leitko and Cullen could bring an important vocal leadership role to the team, even if they do not start on a defensive line that features returning veterans

Landri, Victor Abiamiri, Chris Frome and Trevor Laws.

"That kind of leadership is something we look for from all the seniors," Minter said.

Unlike Leitko or Cullen, Chervanick is listed as an offensive lineman, but has seen most of his action on the defensive side of the ball.

The fifth-year senior played in four games during the 2005 season, made two tackles and caused one quarterback hurry. Chervanick made one special teams appearance, while earning the rest of his playing time at defensive tackle.

The only player out of the

four who is not a predominantly defensive lineman is Jansen, who took over long snapping duties last year starting with Notre Dame's 34-31 defeat to USC.

Now a junior, Jansen has been a reliable fixture on long snaps, successfully converting all 62 attempts he made during the regular season.

All four will return to the practice field Wednesday as Notre Dame continues its third and final week of fall camp with another late-afternoon session on Cartier Field.

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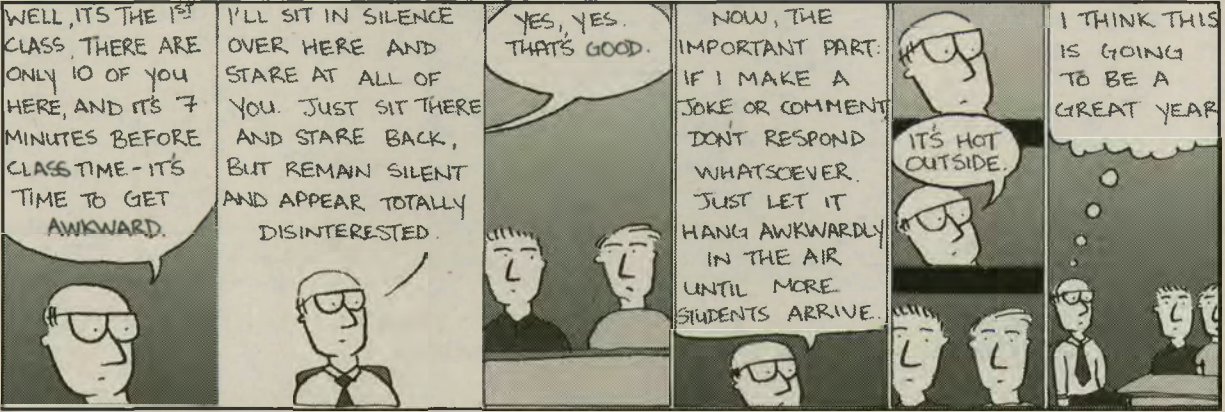
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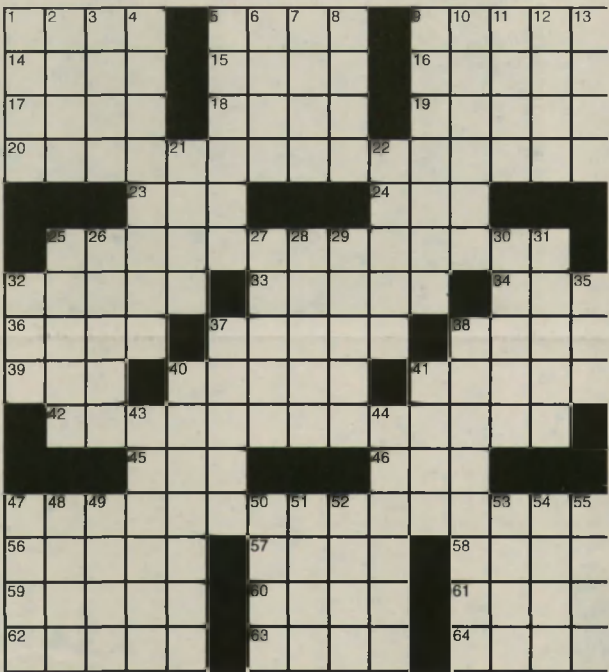
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't disagree with anyone today. Do things with the people you know best, not with colleagues or competitors. Don't get into a debate with someone intent on making you look bad. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Act on a hunch today and you will prove your value. Love and romance are looking good. Your ability to know how to please and what to do will be uncanny. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can expect to have problems today if you decide to address emotional issues. It may be hard to keep these worries to yourself, but you will have a much better understanding later in the week of how to handle things. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Believe and you can achieve. You are moving fast and furiously in a direction that should take you to the next level with regard to whatever or whoever you are dealing with. Look forward today, not back. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may want to check your bank account before you spend money. There is a chance you underestimated how much you actually have. Don't consider lending cash to anyone. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You must follow your own instincts, even if someone tells you differently. Today is your day, so muster up all the confidence you have and show everyone what you are capable of doing. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** There is plenty going on, but you're being left out. Let down your guard and make a move into the fast lane. There is a big difference between being a spectator and being a participant. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Although you may suffer some minor setbacks, you can make things happen today. Your basic instincts will lead you in the right direction, as long as you are prepared to deal with the unexpected. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Try to incorporate both into your busy schedule. Don't let your temper slow you down or lead you astray. \*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make changes at home and to your personal life that will contribute to your emotional well-being. Get back in the swing of things, meet new people and get on with your life. Don't dwell on past mistakes. \*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Not everyone will agree with you, but as long as you are adaptable, everything will eventually fall into place. Finish something you have left undone for some time. Once you begin tidying up, you will feel better. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You love to help others and engage in social activity, but you know your limitations. You are sophisticated, bright and a wonderful storyteller. You will always stand up for what's right.

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## SMC GOLF

# Well above par

*Saint Mary's ranked third by Golf Digest*

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

Princeton. Yale. Harvard. These are just a few of the world-renowned universities with whom Saint Mary's finds itself ranked in a new Golf Digest article.

The national publication recently released its annual ranking of top schools for female student-athlete golfers. Saint Mary's was ranked third, behind Princeton and Yale, in the list that noted schools where the student-athletes are "excellent students first, golfers second, [providing] the absolute best education and an opportunity to play."

Harvard and Trinity (Texas) rounded out the top-five. Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) rival Trinity College joins the Belles as the only other Division-III Team to earn top-five honors.

Factors considered in the rankings were adjusted scoring average, player growth, academics, climate, coaches and

facilities. Saint Mary's earned the highest possible marks for academics, followed closely by player improvement. Saint Mary's had higher marks than Yale, Dartmouth, Brown and Penn for its academics.

Saint Mary's athletic director Lynn Kachmarik was pleased with the new rankings.

"Everyone associated with our golf program and entire athletic program has been working hard for years to bring this kind of credibility and national recognition to SMC," she said. "I have never been more excited or proud to be at Saint Mary's than I am right now."

Saint Mary's has enjoyed unprecedented success from its student-athlete golfers in the past both on the course and in the classroom. In 2003, Saint Mary's golfer Stefanie Simmerman became the college's first national champion when she captured individual medalist honors. More recently, Megan Mattia finished No. 18 last year at the NCAA Championships after winning MVP honors for the MIAA conference.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton has led the team to four consec-

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## Golf Digest Rankings

Top Colleges for female student-athlete golfers

"For juniors who are excellent students first, golfers second, these schools provide the absolute best education and an opportunity to play."

1. Princeton
2. Yale
3. Saint Mary's
4. Harvard
5. Trinity (Texas)
6. Pennsylvania
7. Amherst
8. Linfield
9. Wellesley
10. Columbia

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## FOOTBALL

# Past great returns as speaker

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

When he got his first NFL contract, former Notre Dame running back Allen Pinkett was not careful with his money.

Now he's making sure other recent college graduates don't make the same mistake.

Pinkett is touring colleges around the country preaching a message of responsible spending, retirement savings and debt management with The Hartford Financial Group's "Playbook for Life" project.

On Monday, Pinkett stopped at Notre Dame. Along with Hartford University golf coach William Poutre, the former Irish great gave a presentation for almost 150 senior student athletes in the morning and another for a smaller group of regular students in the afternoon at the Career Center in Flanner Hall.

"I would have made a lot

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Irish win with second half surge



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Senior midfielder Greg Dalby maneuvers around two defenders during a Nov. 18, 2005 2-0 victory over Western Illinois.

By ERIC RETTER  
Associate Sports Editor

Second-half goals by forward Bright Dike and Nate Norman lifted No. 15 Notre Dame to a 2-0 victory over St. Francis Monday night as the Irish concluded their perfect preseason.

Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark was pleased with his team's effort in the second and final exhibition.

"We had the best share of things, it was a good game," he said.

The game remained deadlocked throughout the first half despite a 7-3 Irish advantage in shots on goal.

Notre Dame finally broke through in the second half after midfielder Andrew Benton deflected a Kurt Martin corner kick to Dike in the 63rd minute, and Dike was able to beat St. Francis goalkeeper Justin

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## FOOTBALL

# Four players earn full scholarships

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame had the scholarships available, and Irish head coach Charlie Weis had three linemen and a long snapper in mind.

On Monday, Notre Dame's athletic department announced that defensive linemen Casey Cullen, Travis Leitko and Dan Chervanick, and long snapper J.J. Jansen would receive football scholarships for the 2006 season.

"The four players were surprised with their scholarships at a private team meeting conducted at the conclusion of Monday's practice," the athletics press release said.

Cullen is a 6-foot-1 senior who forced two fumbles last season on special teams. He began his career as a reserve linebacker, but switched

before the 2005 season and played in all 12 of Notre Dame's games last season.

Cullen also earned a one-year scholarship last season for his "commitment, dedication, work ethic and performance during spring and fall camp," according to a Notre Dame press release from Aug. 22, 2005 — nearly one year to the day before earning his second such scholarship.

The other three have taken different routes to obtaining their scholarships.

Leitko was a scholarship player from 2002 through 2004, but was not on the Irish roster in 2005. He returns to Notre Dame this year after leaving for the 2005-06 school year for academic reasons. The aerospace engineer struggled with a form of attention deficit disorder that forced

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