Malloy speaks out on Ramadan

Government has not provided reasons for revoked visa

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A week after the Notre Dame community learned that a revoked visa would prohibit Tariq Ramadan from teaching here this fall, University President Father Edward Malloy expressed growing frustration as he, Ramadan and Notre Dame remain the dark about specific charges against the scholar. "The effort that we've been involved in over since has been to find out why," Malloy said Monday.

"And it says in the regulations that if somebody's denied a visa, they have a right to know who denied it and what the grounds were," Ramadan has not received an answer to either question, Malloy said. Neither the Department of Homeland Security, which requested the Islamic scholar be barred, nor the State Department, which formally rescinded his visa, has provided a rationale or identified the agency that made the final decision.

"If isn't that we haven't talked to different parts of the government — nobody is willing to step forward and say 'I was the one,' or 'Our agency was the one responsible,'" Malloy said. "I honestly don't know who has a right to "Sea of Green" in Notre Dame Stadium. In fact, the new color of The Shirt, the Kelly green, although the shade is slightly different from the green, remains the dark about specific charges against the scholar. "The effort that we've been involved in over since has been to find out why," Malloy said Monday.

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Students fight fires, help the community

Clay Fire program combines work and service

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

"Imagine the rush of interhall football combined with the compassion of one's service project. On the surface it may seem like an oxymoron, but to Notre Dame students who participate in the Clay Fire Territory Student Firefighter Program, the two make a perfect mix."

Sponsored by the Clay Fire Territory, the program trains students to become volunteer firefighters in South Bend. After completing an application and interview, interested students participate in a yearlong training process. They meet every Wednesday and one Saturday a month to learn about first aid, equipment use, fire prevention and customer service.

"I became more and more interested and passionate as I went through the training," said Malloy. "It's a great opportunity for Notre Dame students who want to be part of the community and give back."
INSIDE COLUMN

Just popularity?

As the elections of November draw nearer, we college students of Notre Dame have to make a very important decision and choose between two men. This choice will affect us, our families, our country, and our world. A decision that carries so much weight is not one to be trivially decided. Therefore it is not surprising that students all over campus are doing whatever they can to prepare themselves to make an educated decision for the best candidate in the upcoming election. From reading books and columns on issues to watching Michael Moore movies, as students at Notre Dame there is a lot we can and probably will do to prepare ourselves for the election of 2004, but what about the rest of the country? The "Rock the Vote" program is known across the country for encouraging their target audience of young adults to vote for anyone or anything thing, but just get out their vote. This is terrible. Informed or not, the decisions being made by our government affect every person and all should have a say in who is making those decisions. Therefore, if the general public should be voting based on the candidate that would improve their personal life, should "stars" and Hollywood in general be so vocal about their opinions regarding the election?

The "Vote for Change Tour", including Dave Matthews Band, The Dixie Chicks, James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Pearl Jam and R.E.M. (just to name a few) began this month and consists of a series of concerts in support of John Kerry. Natalie Portman shows her support for Kerry in her t-shirt logo. The Bush supporters do not seem to be so well known, the only "pop-star-status" supporter that I've heard about is Jessica Simpson and, well that is it.

While these stars are entitled to their opinions, as any person in any profession would be, whether they are a Hollywood actor or a famous musician, is it right for them to publicly campaign their personal beliefs to very influential crowds of people? People emulate the stars in their day to day lives and clothes choices — but is the idea of political responsibility for the future leader of our country? Voting is important for everyone to do, but does a candidate with more "popular" friends really deserve a better shot at the votes from the millions of Dave Matthews Band fans, just because Dave Matthews Band likes him better? I don't think so. I have not decided who I will vote for in the coming election, as I am sure many of you have not either, but whatever you choose, make it your choice — and do keep listening to Dave Matthews Band.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SHIRT?

Bridget Meacham
McClain junior

"It looks like Joe Montana is wearing a diaper."

Mike Gigante
Standford junior

"It's really green!"

Tom Ruskiewicz
Knoth junior

"It looks like one of those cheap ND knock-off shirts from K-Mart."

Anson Fraser
Krouth freshman

"I like the shirt. It's nice and colorful. It gets the job done."

Noreen Sherred
Regina freshman

"I don't know who a being a first-year student. I really didn't like it when I saw it. I liked last year's better."

Rae Smith
North Dining Hall manager

"I think they're attractive. It's good to see them on the student. It shows about a loyalty to Notre Dame."

OFFBEAT

Alleged bank robber seeks directions

BOSTON — Paul Michael Callahan was a bank robber in search of a bank, according to police. First thing Monday morning, he allegedly tried to rob a cop shop at Boston University thinking it was a bank.

Boston police said he walked into the shop and passed a note to a store employee asking for money. When he was told the shop wasn't a bank, Callahan asked for directions to the nearest Fleet bank branch, police said.

About 40 minutes later, he allegedly robbed a Fleet branch — but came away with less than $200. On Monday afternoon, Callahan allegedly held up a Citizen's Bank, making off with $2,500. But a bright red dye pack exploded as he fled in his truck, which got a flat tire not far away.

More Than 80 Birds Found at Ind. Home

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Animal control officers found more than 80 birds inside a home filled with bird droppings and have ordered the owner to find new homes for them.

IN BRIEF

Attend the lecture "MISUNDERSTANDING, Incompetence, and Deception: An American History" today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 319 DeBartolo Hall. The talk will be given by Stanford University professor Richard White and is part of the Dilschneider Lecture Series in History.

The Office of Human Resources will offer free blood pressure and body fat screenings to Notre Dame faculty and staff Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Security Building.

Come see Michael Moore's much-talked about documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11." It's being shown Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema atteDeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Check out the No. 2 ranked Irish women's soccer team as they take on Stanford University Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in the Adidas Classic.

Listen to a panel discussion on "Economic, Operational and Ethical Implications of Outsourcing/Offshoring," which takes place Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium. The panel is part of the O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

Check out the European Studies program at an open house to be held Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in 211 Bronson Hall.

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

Students plan, prepare for year's activities

By CAITY SCHNEEMAN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives held their kick-off meeting last night as all 12 members met to discuss their respective organizations' agendas for the year.

Off-campus representative Dave McGowan described his plan to more closely connect off-campus Notre Dame students with the on-campus community. Details included a possible Web site, which would be constantly updated with Notre Dame activities and community service opportunities.

"We want to do some good things for people off campus so they don't feel like the forgotten step child," said McGowan.

Liz Cain, co-chair of the Hall Presidents Council, expressed her organization's concern that competition between residence halls is too high. Cain said HPC would encourage cooperation between presidents.

Student body president Adam Istvan said he was recently contacted by Rock the Vote, an organization that brings youth into the political process and register as many voters as possible. Istvan said he will work with Rock the Vote to set up a Notre Dame Rock the Vote Web site.

In other COR news:

- Chief Executive Assistant Dave Baron described his analysis of the new student government constitution and showed the group a flow chart of student-run organizations. "COR is the centerpiece of the new constitution," said Baron.
- Also mentioned was the possible consolidation of clubs across campus. JR Garcia, Club Coordination Council Representative, discussed the possible consolidation of some of the over 200 campus clubs.

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Board of Governance

Group discusses history, new year

By KELLY MEHAN
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance held their first meeting of the year Monday.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White welcomed Saint Mary's new president Carol Mooney and talked about the history and background of the College.

"These pictures remind us that we will lead this history together," White said. "We must show respect, and keep in mind that others have led us to guide here, for they see our ambition. We are called to lead with our talents."

White later discussed the first draft of the new BOG constitution. She asked board members to edit their contributions and be prepared to vote on the changes in the next few weeks.

Treasurer Molly Welton said the excess money the board had expected would not be available since the enrollment decrease resulted in a budget cut.

Sophomore Sisters mentor Susan McElhuff, chief of staff, also said freshman elections would begin in the next few weeks.

"Hopefully we can spread the word and get some really great freshmen involved with BOG," McElhuff said.

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approximately 11:10 p.m. Friday. The second incident involved the arrest of the Holy Cross student around 4 a.m. Saturday. A group of three males, including the arrested Holy Cross student, vandalized the back door of an apartment located in Turtle Creek and fled when the police arrived.

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know who was responsible. It’s hard to say. I’ll gladly admit there could have been good reasons for it, but we don’t know what those reasons are and so we’re doing the best we can in the face of the unknown.”

The unknown, as Malloy sees it, remains extensive. Not only did the decision drop “out of the blue” in July, he said, but speculation from both sides has overshadowed the facts in the weeks since.

“This is somebody we’ve hired, we thought was a good hire, we had good reason for it,” Malloy said, while praising the professor as “a legitimate conversation partner” in the dialogue between religious ideologies.

“I think it’s an appropriate role for us to play,” he said. “I hope we can be a part of that conversation. I hope it’ll happen, we’ll get government approval … but right now, it’s stalled.”

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more excited about the volunteer job as I learned about the ins and outs of being a firefighter,” junior Bertram Keolsch said. “The program lets one become involved with the real world, which is a much needed step from the ND bubble.”

After the first year, the program requires firefighters to train two nights per month in addition to 24 hours a month spent in the station. At this point, the students don their uniforms and respond to calls ranging from medical emergencies to car accidents and fully-fledged fires.

For a select number of juniors and seniors who are considering a career in firefighting, the Clay Fire station provides a place for them to live free of charge in exchange for working 10-12 hour shifts per month. The program has had a significant impact on its members.

According to Captain Brian Kazmierzak, who is the training officer and manager in the program, “we have had many students in the past go through this program and end up pursuing careers in fire and emergency medicine.”

Kazmierzak said the program encourages both students with previous firefighting experience and those who are new to the field and want to learn more.

Keolsch was one of the students who had no previous experience and said he first learned of the program last year at Activities Night.

“I decided to apply, never having previously given any thought to being a firefighter,” he said.

Of all the program’s aspects, Keolsch said he best enjoys serving the community while learning job skills and appreciates the camaraderie around the station.

“I really enjoy working together with everyone in the department and I am always amazed how much there is to learn and how much I can learn,” he said.

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NATO troops detain suspect
KABUL, Afghanistan — Investigators probing a deadly car bombing in the Afghan capital questioned a man detained at Kabul airport with traces of explosives on his hands, officials said Monday, while U.S. authorities warned all Americans in the capital to be inconspicuous.

NATO officials said they are not ruling out any suspects, including al-Qaida.

Hospital officials said 10 people were killed, including three Americans. The company confirmed that three of its American employees were among those killed.

NATO troops grew suspicious of a man on the grounds of Kabul airport on Sunday, spokesman Lt. Col. Ken Mackillop said.

After finding explosives on his hands, NATO turned the man over to Afghan authorities on Monday. The man was not identified.

Journalist held hostage in Iraq
PARIS — A French journalist being held hostage along with a colleague in Iraq called on French President Jacques Chirac to give to his militancy a day in court before a deadline set by the captors.

"I appeal to the French people to go to the streets...because our lives are threatened," journalist Georges Malbrunot said in English on the video shown late Monday on the Al-Jazeera television station.

The video was broadcast hours after France insisted it would go ahead with the ban on Muslim head scarves in schools, standing firm against scrapping the law just as France prepares to go to the polls on Sunday.

"I don't think you can win it. But I think you can create the conditions that those who use terror as a tool are less acceptable in parts of the world," he told NBC. Kerry said the struggle was "absolutely" winnable.

Kerry's opening line of remembrance to the Sept. 11 attacks included a remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks by whimpering the "to" of "to rebuild the World Trade Center" the White House.

"This fight against terrorism takes decisiveness, not contradiction," said Bernard Kerik, a former New York police commissioner who worked for the Bush administration helping to rebuild the Iraqi police force.

"Most importantly, it takes courage and inspirational leadership in the White House. There are two candidates in this race, but only one fills those needs," Kerik added.

Bush had been expected to deliver a speech in New Hampshire on Monday and Monday, officials said.

Bush campaigned in New Hampshire on Tuesday since he opened its four-day gathering in the war on terror.

"We have to establish who's in charge," said Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

As Johnston, the department's undersecretary, disagreed with the report's conclusions. In testimony earlier this year, he said that the new standards and guidelines have been set for determining whether applicants are suitable to be in the job.

Also Monday, the Department of Homeland Security released its annual report Tuesday.

Iraq

Rebel cleric calls for end to fighting
BAGHDAD — Rebel cleric Mufaddal al-Sadr wants his followers to end their uprising against U.S. and Iraqi forces while forming a political movement, senior al-Sadr officials said Monday.

Iraqi officials have backed off other commitments in the past, but a trend of political cooperation has emerged. Hussein said new laws will be drafted to give the Shiite clerics' followers the effort to build a peaceful democracy.

The announcement came amid conflicting reports on Iraq's vital oil exports. Iraqi oil officials and the government of Iraan's state oil exports were shut down after a rash of pipeline attacks. However, world oil prices decreased as traders said other reports suggested some oil was still flowing.

"The exact number is classified and the military said a roadblock attack on a U.S. military convoy just outside Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, killed a U.S. soldier and wounded two. A total of 974 U.S. service members have died since military operations began in March 2003, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

Associated Press
SUDAN
Country asks for UN reprise

Associated Press

AL-FASHER — As a U.N. deadline expires for Sudan to ease the crisis in Darfur, the situation on the ground remains bleak: Villagers forced from their homes by gunmen on horseback still crowd in for food at displaced, and reports the Sudanese military is bombing villages nearby. The Sudanese government, which has been given the United Nations to rein in Arab militia in the region, appealed Tuesday to the Security Council to make a "reasonable decision."

"Of course, we are concerned," said Mustafa Osman Ismail told Associated Press Television in Khartoum, the capital. "We wish the relationship with the government will not be the way of confrontation. We hope it will be in the form of cooperation."

His remarks came as a U.S. State Department official assessed conditions for thousands of displaced people in Darfur. At least 155 Nigerian soldiers arrived, swelling the ranks of an Arab-dominated government forces in the region, in protest of the State Department's failure to help Sudan after it was unable to find a bank in the Arab-dominated government forces kept its embassy open in the United States for African affairs, Sudanese military is bombing villages nearby. The Sudanese government, which has been given the United Nations to rein in Arab militia in the region, appealed Tuesday to the Security Council to make a "reasonable decision."

The Security Council will meet Thursday and consider whether the government is doing all it can to disarm the Arab militia.

Known as Janjaweed, the militia are blamed for killing and raping black African villagers and for driving more than 1 million people from their homes, sparking what the United Nations has called the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

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Constance Bery Newman, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, touched down at Al-Fasher airport in a U.N. World Food Program twin-engine plane. She was briefed by aid agencies and U.N. officials before touring Abu Shouk camp, home to some 30,000 villagers driven from their homes in 18 months of fighting between government troops and rebels.

Ismail refused to meet with Newman, who visited a classroom in the camp, where students sat in the shade on mats to learn about basic sanitation and the importance of clean drinking water. She later watched as aid workers inoculated babies against measles.

Newman declined to speak with journalists during the visit. At Abu Shouk camp, on the outskirts of Al-Fasher, residents have begun to build mud walls around their straw and tarpaulin shelters, and simple fences from scrub and tree branches, replicating conditions in their villages.

Some have planted vegetables and corn outside their huts, and a small market thrives on the edge of the desert settlement.

At Zam Zam camp, 12 miles away, local butchers sell freshly slaughtered goats. Some displaced still have enough cash from last year's harvest of crops, such as tobacco and sorghum, to buy better food than the wheat, oil and salt rations provided monthly by the aid agencies.

They have their own donkeys and some children wear clean clothes and ride bicycles. The less fortunate wear keys and some children wear about a sequin-studded raincoat. Some displaced still have enough cash from last year's harvest of crops, such as tobacco and sorghum, to buy better food than the wheat, oil and salt rations provided monthly by the aid agencies.

The U.S. Congress and U.N. officials accuse the government of trying to crush the rebellion by backing the Janjaweed - allegations Khartoum has repeatedly denied.

"They even have back packs, like baby ones, so you can carry the dog around," said Li Shufang, proud owner of a Pomeranian. "I thought about getting one, but I figured my husband would say I was silly."

The world's major pet product suppliers are targeting China, betting on pet enthusiasm to drive big sales.

"China is very much an emerging market," said Mike Cusack, a director at Budducks, an Australian maker of specialized pet shampoos, vitamins and other products. Cusack, who was in Shanghai for a pet goods exhibition, had barely pointed out products he thinks might be big hits in China: doggy breath freshener, sun screen and cat laxatives.

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Leadership suffers at Google

Internet search engine's corporate governance is named shareholder unfriendly

Associated Press

NEW YORK — All the hype over Google Inc.'s initial public offering is allowing one important tidbit about the company to get lost in the shuffle: Its corporate governance is anything but shareholder friendly.

Google may tout itself as being a company for the people, but such things as its two-tiered stock system and a board of directors largely packed with insiders tell a much different story.

So much for its corporate motto "Don't be evil." Its corporate ways may be a different story.

Investors, however, don't seem to be focusing on its governance shortcomings at least for now. Since the Internet search engine's surprise IPO-undated debut on the Nasdaq Stock Market last Friday, the stock has mostly traded above $100, a gain of more than 25 percent from its IPO price.

But ignoring this issue could be a mistake.

"When evaluating a company, its fundamen­
tals and values should be primary, and there is no question that they should also look at risk through a corporate governance prism, too," said Scott Keesler, its Internet equity analyst at Standard & Poor's.

That's just the way things have to go in the wake of all the business scandals. Companies are now under intense pressure to shore up their governance structures and that their business dealings aren't tainted by conflicts of interest.

With so much attention on this issue, Google's decisions seem all the more surprising.

I n s t i t u t i o n a l Shareholder Services, which advises big investors on governance, gives the online search firm a minuscule 0.2 percent score on its corporate governance quotient. By its analysis, if Google was part of the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, its governance practices would rank last.

Among the most troublesome areas: its estab­lishment of a dual-class capital structure with unequal voting rights. Shares held by its founders, executives, directors and employees represent about 83 percent of the voting power, and carry 10 votes each vs. the one vote per share given to common stockholders.

And since a majority of the super-voting shares are held by Google's two founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, it has significant influence over all matters requiring shareholder approval.

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Former Atlanta mayor indicted

ATLANTA — Former Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell was indicted on racketeering, bribery and wire fraud charges following a five-year federal investigation into corruption during his years at City Hall, officials said Tuesday.

Campbell, who was mayor from 1994 to 2002, is accused of accepting tens of thousands of dollars in illegal campaign contributions, cash and favors and other improve­ments in exchange for city contracts.

The indictment, unsealed Monday, accuses Campbell of "a pattern and practice of misconduct and illegal acts" that included seeking money from people doing business with the city to line his own pockets, in part to support his gam­bling habit, including repeated trips to casinos.

Campbell, who has called the fed­eral probe a witch hunt, stood with his hands clasped in front of him as authorities listed the charges against him at a news conference.

"They're lies from beginning to end," he told reporters afterward, visibly angry. "The only thing that's correct in this indictment is the spelling of my name."

Ten people who worked for Campbell have been convicted of corruption. Some were members of Campbell's staff, including top aides: others had business con­tracts with the city during his tenure.

The indictment was handed down by a grand jury Aug. 18, but was immediately sealed. Campbell's mother died the next day, and authorities said they delayed announcing the indictment out of respect for the family.

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Man kills wife, child, then himself

Associated Press

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A suspended police officer under criminal investigation shot his wife and 9-year-old son, then killed himself, police said Monday.

The bodies of Officer Michael Waleskowski, his wife and son were found in upstairs bedrooms of their Waterford Township home following a fire Sunday morning, but Robert Gerds, administrator for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office, said all three died from gunshot wounds to the head.

Waterford Township Deputy Police Chief Dale LaCroix said Waleskowski was under criminal and internal investigation for allegations of theft. He said the officer had been suspended, but would not give any more details.

"We believe that Officer Waleskowski killed his wife, his son and then himself," LaCroix said.

Officials would not say what role the fire played. Dennis Storrs, the township fire chief, said only that it was likely flammable liquids were in the home.

Waleskowski was a five-year veteran of the police department in Waterford Township, about 35 miles northwest of Detroit.

San Francisco lawyer goes on trial

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Russian emigre Nikolai Tehin put himself through law school and apparently obtained the American dream after three decades of lawyering: a 73-foot yacht, a seemingly endless fleet of luxury cars and an $8 million home.

But the rags-to-riches saga ended in federal prison for the now-disgraced and disbarred attorney, Tehin's fraud trial began Monday with jury selection.

Tehin faces up to 20 years in prison on 15 counts of mail fraud, money laundering and related felonies for allegedly defrauding scores of clients.

"This a cautionary tale on how one must be careful when you go from being a very poor immigrant to a person who is dealing with sums of money which were incomprehensible to their clients," U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said after Tehin was arrested at his home last year.

"Nikola, Tehin is accused not just of breaching that duty in the most egregious way, but of violating federal law to enrich himself at the expense of the people who trusted him." "A spokeswomen for Ryan's office didn't return a telephone call placed late Friday."

Harold Rosenthal, Tehin's lawyer, conceded Tehin grossly mismanaged his clients' money and caused a lot of suffering for his former clients and others.

"This was a crime, he is dealing with sums of money to spiral out of control. 'This is a cautionary tale on how to deal with money and talent.' Rosenthal said. "It's a cautionary tale on how one must be careful when you go from being a very poor immigrant to a person who is dealing with sums of money which were incomprehensible to their parents." According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Tehin began his alleged fraud in 2001 when he took about $1.3 million owed to dozens of low-income tenants he represented in Napa and Squandered it on personal and professional expenses. The clients, many of them migrant farmworkers from Mexico, had sued their landlord for failing to keep rental units habitable. Public interest lawyers enlisted Tehin to win the landmark settlement.

FBI continues inquiry into Pentagon analyst

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two high-ranking Defense Department officials have been briefed by FBI agents investigating a Pentagon analyst suspected of passing U.S. secrets about Iran to the Israeli government, officials said Monday.

The recent briefings of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Douglas Feith, the undersecretary for policy, could indicate that the yearlong FBI probe is nearing a conclusion. No arrests have been made or charges announced.

Investigators were forced to accelerate activity in the case when news stories about it began appearing Friday, according to two law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity because the probe is ongoing. The publicity also may have hampered the ability of investigators to follow key leads and provided warning to potential targets, they said.

The central figure in the investigation is Larry Franklin, a Middle East analyst who works in Feith's office. Franklin was described by law enforcement officials as cooperating with the FBI. He has not responded to telephone messages seeking comment.

Investigators are trying to determine whether Franklin passed highly classified material about Bush administration policy on Iran to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the major Israeli lobbying group in Washington, and whether AIPAC in turn passed it to Israel.

AIPAC has acknowledged that the FBI has interviewed some of its employees but strongly denies any wrongdoing.

"We've cooperated in this investigation. We think there is nothing to it," said AIPAC attorney Nathan Lewin.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Monday that meetings between Israeli embassy employees in Washington and U.S. government officials are common-place, and that the two governments routinely share secrets.

"Israel and the United States have intimate ties ... and the information being exchanged is much more classified than the information being exchanged.

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### GET INVOLVED, GET ACTIVE

All current Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students are invited to join us for our annual Notre Dame Activities Night. Hundreds of clubs and organizations will be represented to meet and sign-up new members, distribute information and share their plans for the year. Don’t miss it.

### NOTRE DAME STUDENT CLUB OFFICERS:

If your club does not appear on this list and you would like to participate in Activities Night, please contact the Student Activities Office as soon as possible at 531.7308.

### ACTIVITIES NIGHT IS COORDINATED BY THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE AND COSPONSORED BY RECSPORTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS AND CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL.
Blessed are the Republicans?

Peter Quanzo

A Call to Action

You may have been skeptical before, but it is now certain: God wants George W. Bush to be President of the United States of America. At least that is what Dubya and his followers want you to believe. This week, Tom Ridge, Dick Cheney and all the good, ol' boys con-vine on New York to tout Dubya's character. The announced theme of this Republican National Convention is "Fulfilling America's Promise: Building a Safer World and a More Hopeful America," however there is another theme that Karl Rove wants us to digest: "Blessed are the Republicans." In his term, President Bush has used religious language more than any presi-dent. When asked his favorite philos-opher in 1999, he answered Jesus. Bush has reportedly pro-claimed that God would not vote for Clinton. Com-mitment, he has become an instant favorite of many "religious" people because he is per-ceived as a "man of faith." Now as Bush and company attempt to gain another four years, they have sent out letters to church leaders across the country, listing duties, including "Send your Church Directory to your State Bush-Cheney '04 Headquarters" and "Identify another, conservative church in your community who we can organize for Bush." While I certainly do not question the commitment of President Bush to his faith, I wonder if that faith is often used as a political tool. President Bush loves to wear his faith on his sleeve and focus on issues in a religious manner — which he uses to divide as opposed to really addressing the problems — but he speaks not of many of the teachings of his favorite philosopher, Jesus. Thus as he and his deleg­ates congregate in New York City, I thought we might evaluate just how well President Bush has read the teachings of his favorite philosopher, particularly Jesus' teachings on the Sermon on the Mount. For at the end of the day, if President Bush wants to bring faith into the public sphere, we have to ask the question: How blessed are the Republic­ans? The B of Matthew, Jesus provides clear teachings on his message to his disciples then and now. The first Beatitude reads, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." Applying that to today, President Bush and his party would claim their administration has created a culture of responsibility and opportunity for the poor. Unfortunately, quite the opposite has occurred as more than four million Americans have fallen below the poverty line, creating a total of more than 35 million people in poverty. Even more troubling, Bush has consistently sided with management over labor, resulting in a swelling of the "working poor." In a country that cares a great deal about unemployment rates, a job is no longer a insurance to leave the ranks of poverty.

A second Beatitude reads, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." In this saying, Jesus speaks about all who suffer from illness. Again, Bush pro­claims that he has created a more efficient and more caring healthcare system, but the realities suggest otherwise. Over the last four years, the number of Americans without health insurance has increased by more than four million to a horrid total of more than 45 million Americans. According to Paul Krugman, a professor of economics at Princeton, Bush's plan of creating policies that encourage individuals to pay more for medical expenses helps the wealthy, while increasing the ranks of the uninsured. He writes that the "government must assume more of the risk to reduce socially wasteful spending and make employment-based insurance an easier path to get." In other words, Bush's policies will only create more for those who mourn without resources to comfort them.

Finally, a third Beatitude that is rele-vant proclaims, "Blessed are the peace-makers, ..." for they shall be called sons of God." The Bush foreign policy, in reac-tion to the appalling acts of '91, has been to build and utilize American military might to overthrow rogue regimes. Yet, these policies have contributed to a less safe, more hostile world. Only through a comprehensive military, eco-nomic and political approach that unites the world to address the roots of terror-ism and enforce rule of law will we over­come terror. The Iraq war, a war of choice that was sold to the American people on completely false premises, has only hurt America's image in the world and its ability to effectively defeat terror­ism. Of course, the saddest part is the thousands dead from the war.

This week throughout the RNC, different speakers will attempt to persuade you because he possesses a strong character of faith. Yet if we have the courage to get outside the "bubble" and face the realities, we may see that the last four years have ushered in a time of great hopelessness for the poor and marginal­ized of our society.

So before the Republicans proclaim Jesus' teachings in the current global atmosphere of hatred and violence, we are the poor church leaders. If we see that we cannot become the disciples of a political party that does not live up to its holy pre­ponderances.

Peter Quanzo is a junior political sci­ence and international peace studies major. Quoting Talib Kwek, who rocked the JACC last weekend, "Ask Him why some people go to live in a trailer, cuss like a sailor ... just to get by ... I let them know we miss you, the love is unconditional. Even when the condition is criti­cal, when the love is there." Buy his new record, "Beautiful Struggle." Contact Peter at pqv@nd.edu.

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Letter to the Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opposing gay marriage

As someone who opposes gay marriage, or gay "marriage," I would like to respond to the mischaracterizations offered by Michael Poffenberger.

First of all, I have to admit I cannot speak for everyone who opposes gay marriage. However, I think I understand us as a group better than Michael Poffenberger does, though he seems to be quite willing to generalize about us as a group. I would very much like to be convinced that we are not trying to interfere in the lives of homosexuals. I am not trying to deny any rights, real or perceived, to homosexuals. I am trying to preserve a moral distinction between traditional marriage — which, however abused, is still holy — and something which is unacceptably perverse. Considering an example I came across recently. There is a couple out who own and run a bed and breakfast. They are deeply religious, and will only offer rooms to married couples. They do not want to perform any marriage at their property. This is not only their moral right, but their legal right too. Gay marriage became law, though, they would be legally compelled to provide rooms for the religiously unmarriageable. The article made no mention of what they think of sodomy, but if they are appalled by fornication, I think I could make a safe guess.

Finally, I would just like to point out the hypocrisy of people like Michael Poffenberger, who claim to want respect and tolerance for all, but who can never seem to level慈悲 judgments against anyone. According to him, if you oppose gay marriage, then you: are insensitive to the suffering of the poor; are guilty of hyperconsumption and celebrity worship; blame homosexuals for all the problems in the world etc. Then there is his treatment of the Church, which, because of a very small percentage of its priests — many of whom, it turns out, were themselves homosexual — have abused children, may not perform a task it was commissioned for, to condemn sin and call all to repentance. I wanted to point out this entire argument, because I saw all the time as an undergraduate, and I am sure it will be repeated over and over in these pages and elsewhere.

Peter Ramsey Class of 1995

Judging the Sophomore Class Council's effectiveness

I have to question Christian Hoeffel's intent in his Aug. 27 letter. He begins his letter by questioning how the Sophomore Class Officers have handled their positions so far. However, he ignores anything that the Council has actually done and focuses completely on their choices for the rest of the Class Council.

Hoeffel brings up very well, by addressing "one of the most active and successful committees in our class council," he was denied the opportunity to serve his class again. Worst of all, he was replaced by someone "without previous council experience." Well, if Hoeffel could have done such a wonderful job leading the Spiritual Council last year without any experience, I have the utmost confidence in anyone who chooses to serve as a freshman with no experience.

The final point of Hoeffel's letter is that, because the dorms are not evenly represented, the Class Officers must have filled the positions with those whom they think of as deserving. However, I would like to point out this hypocrisy, because I saw it all the time as an undergraduate. It is possible that new members could have done such a wonderful job leading the Spiritual Council. It is possible that new members of the council possess the necessary abilities to be effective.

If the dorms mention how the representation of one dorm is uneven. First of all, I'm sure if someone from one of the dorms that is not represented had a concern, the council would listen to it. Furthermore, Hoeffel is assuming that to get a fair cross-section of students from Notre Dame's campus you need to have each dorm represented. That is simply not true, because dorm assignments are completely random, you could fill every Class Council position with people from a single dorm and still have a diverse group of qualified people.

The final point of Hoeffel's letter is that, because the dorms are not evenly represented, the class officers must have filled the Council positions with their friends. Therefore, the Council is not objective enough to lead efficiently. The ticket he worked on, however, would not have done this. I'm sure that, had the ticket Hoeffel worked on been as objective as the one he feels is unfair, he would have had a spot on the Council on the grounds that he is their friend and that would make their leadership more effective.

It is only one week into the new academic year. It is far too early to be judging the Sophomore Class Council's effectiveness. However, if the Late Night Grill at any indication, we are in for a great year.

Ryan Bevans Fisher Hall Sophomore Aug. 30

Does Notre Dame really have a homophobic student body?

Notre Dame is a beautiful place with beautiful people, who may, according to the Princeton Review's rankings be the most homophbic in the nation. It is an accusation that would give even the most optimistic Notre Dame some cause for pause. To not get a little defensive would be to shoul­der a load of lasting burden, given to us by a representative — however fair — 300 stu­dents.

The Observer's Editorial response to this ranking in Friday's paper challenged the students to prove the ranking wrong, to treat all persons with respect regardless of an adherence to any one Catholic doctrine. I agree. However, The Observer also criti­cized the Princeton Review's polling methods, and twice seems to imply that there are actually only 300 students here who believe that the University might have a ways to go, at least before we can honestly descend that homophobic scale.

"Three hundred stu­dents who perceive such a large problem on this campus are 300 too many" and "1000 minds could change far more," the article reads.

Does The Observer want to have its homophbic and deny it too? Even if these "300" state­ments are just tools of the PRJ­ century meant to downplay the results, they are questionable for an article attempting to make a serious case against the Princeton Review rankings, for instance, could ultimately be helpful in achieving more harmonious cam­pus attitudes.

1. Twelve of the top 20 schools listed as "least accepting of alternative lifestyles" are Christian schools, eight of those schools standing again on their grounds "for religious or moral reasons" in a "reasonable basis" top 20. This could be an indi­cation that doctrinal influence in this case should not be taken lightly.

2. The Observer's opinion — that the University actively discriminates against any individuals, regardless of what doctrine says is a strong case for ignoring the polls. The Observer's opinion should never be given the impression that the University actually actively discriminates against any individuals, regardless of what doctrine says. The University should never enter the Notre Dame community. Our nation was founded upon certain doctrines of freedom and liberty, but we do not throw these aside as mere words when we praise our nation as a leader in freedoms and lib­erties, nor do we discard them when making a case that the U.S. may not be living up to its own orig­inal expectations.

A much broader question should be raised. Does the Catholic Church or any of its members or institu­tions, if there is a prob­lem — homophobia — the worst possible solution is to ignore or defend the very law that says its root is "an abomination." To refuse the church that the doctrines may be the problem is to ignore that the top five schools given this mark are Christian-affiliated, as well as over half of the top 20.

2. Four of the top five schools — Notre Dame, Baylor, Grove City and Wheaton — and seven out of the top nine offer only single-sex housing to stu­dents living in campus dorms. The top five on-campus living at these schools is high at around 70 percent.) Single-sex dorms pre­serve a social environment in which heterosexual preference is often not always a major underlying motivation for such segregation.

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Nathan Origer Tisch Hall Aug. 30

Questioning integrity

Although I agree with many of the points that Michael Poffenberger makes in his August 30 comment, as well as with his general argument, I am bothered terribly by some of the things that he said. In some respects, he would have to agree that Poffenberger sees some lack of credibility in order to criticize those either whom he dislikes or with whose policies he disagrees.

In criticizing the "right-wing ideologies" he makes statements that rely both on unconfirmed, accusations and a blatant disregard for recent public speeches. Jack Ryan, so far as he or Poffenberger knows, never forced his wife to commit sex acts in public. Rather, Jeryl Ryan accused her husband of this misconduct. He denies this. Whether he or not the presidential ticket or simply a politically charged attempt at appeasement moderates and liberals within the Republican party, Vice President Cheney recently publicly broke rank with the administration on the subject of gay mar­riage.

The point that Mr. Poffenberger makes about Church in its current state may hold some true, but he adds a dangerous point, one that easily could lead to an absurd premise.

Yes, the Church has been, in many cases, lax in its responsibilities regarding sex abuse scandals. Yes, the Church was wrong on slavery, and may be wrong about homosexuality, but that the Church is right on this one is, too, arguing that the Church may not have the authority to lecture on sexual responsibility because of its own problems a dangerous prece­dent. Would Mr. Poffenberger argue that because of various failings of the federal go, who is not fit to exercise any authority with regards to these particular matters? Such an argument easily could call for disorganization anarchy as the only remaining solution.

In short, Mr. Poffenberger argues an important point on the whole; however, some of the state­ments that he makes threaten its credibility and cast a shadow of doubt on his integrity.

Ryan Breais Fisher Hall Sophomore Aug. 30

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Tuesday, August 31, 2004

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Martial Pazner off-campus
Successful sequels headline summer season

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Wise

Sequels
Sometimes it seems that Hollywood’s mantra is, “If something works once, keep doing it until it stops making money.” Staying true to this philosophy, the defining feature of this summer’s movie lineup was cinematic déjà vu, also known as the sequel. It wasn’t just the usual gang of big-budget blockbuster sequels that had sequels but instead was a trend that spread across all film genres. We’ve seen the expected sequels like “Spider-Man 2,” “The Bourne Supremacy,” “Shrek 2,” and “Alien vs. Predator,” which was an interesting hybrid of characters from the “Alien” and “Predator” films. The fact that Hollywood recycled ideas and characters is not surprising, but what is surprising is that most of the sequels put out this summer were as good, if not better than the originals, which was shocking.

Disappointing Box Offices
Sometimes it seems like they can’t fail. Whether they have a bigger budget or bigger star or a character that already has been successful, these movies have just seemed destined to top the box office. Unfortunately, even these seemingly perfect films can be unsuccessful, and like all tragedies, it is usually due to one fatal flaw. Failure in movies is often measured monetarily but for film going, real public failure is when a movie just isn’t as good as you had anticipated. “The Stepford Wives” had an all-star cast, but it could have overcome the curse of being a remake. “Troy” had beefcakes Brad Pitt and Eric Bana fighting in skirts, a formula that would seem to appeal to everyone, but when you try to make an ancient Greek classic into a popcorn movie, you usually don’t please anyone. “King Kong” and the same history against Hollywood problems as “Troy,” played by Naomi Watts and her kin was very much over. With the exception of “Mean Girls,” it was a slow season for the teen genre. “Sleepover” barely made a blip at the box office; Hillary Duff’s “A Cinderella Story” was forgettable, as was the Olsen Twins’ “New York Minute.” “White Chicks” aimed for the Adam Sandler audience and missed. The only effort at the bathroom-humor-driven teen comedy, “Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle,” while not a failure, revealed an end of an era.

Big Indie Movies
This was the summer of the underdog, and we’re not just talking about the characters in Spider-Man again. Independent films had a huge summer at the box office, both critically and commercially. One of the most interesting documentary films of the year, “Fahrenheit 9/11” became the most successful documentary history, and the current underground favorite “Napoleon Dynamite” has proven that independent films not only can make back their cost in box office revenue, but can also beat the biggest movies at the box office. Other films such as “Saved!”, “ Garden State,” the recent directing cut of “Donnie Darko” and the foreign film “Hero” have had major success this summer, and have changed the way the public looks at summer films. Hopefully, the success of these independent films will let us expect less “The Day After Tomorrow” and more “Super Size Me” in summers to come.

The Demise of Teen Movies
There was a stretch of time when teen movies could not fail. It produced the “American Pie” trilogy, launched Freddie Prinze Jr. into superstardom and made prom seem like the pinnacle of existence. The summer of 2004 revealed that the era of Jason Biggs and his kin was very much over. With the exception of “Mean Girls,” it was a slow season for the teen genre. “Sleepover” barely made a blip at the box office; Hillary Duff’s “A Cinderella Story” was forgettable, as was the Olsen Twins’ “New York Minute.” “White Chicks” aimed for the Adam Sandler audience and missed. The only effort at the bathroom-humor-driven teen comedy, “Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle,” while not a failure, revealed an end of an era.

What Happened to August?
Throughout June and July, it seemed like the good movies coming out would never stop. Major films were duking it out for the top of the box office, and the general public was winning. Once August came, all of the movie sources seem to have dried up. Where we once had “Spider-Man 2” fighting “The Bourne Supremacy” and “Harry Potter” for the No. 1 spot in the box office, we now have “AV” and “The Exorcist: The Beginning” beating everyone hands down. Maybe the studios are afraid that school and work will suck off a lot of viewers, but, when do we need new, good movies as an excuse not to do our work more than at the beginning of the school year?

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Martial arts epic tops weekend box office

Jet Li stars in the foreign-language, martial arts epic “Hero.” The film earned $37.8 million over the weekend to debut in the top slot of the box office.

Associated Press

“Hero.” Jet Li’s acclaimed martial-arts epic, vanished giant snakes, serial killers and a gang of superbabies to debut as the top weekend film with $17.8 million US at the box office in Canada and the United States.

“Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid,” a sequel to 1997’s monster serpent flick, opened in second place with $13.2 million US, according to studio estimates.

The weekend’s other new movies debuted weakly. The serial killer tale “Suspect Zero,” starring Aaron Eckhart, Ben Kingsley and Carrie-Anne Moss, came in at No. 10 with $3.4 million US.

Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2,” a follow-up to the 1999 kid flick, finished at No. 11 with $3.3 million US.

The previous weekend’s No. 1 movie, “Exorcist: The Beginning,” tumbled to fifth-place with $6.7 million US, a steep drop from its $18.1 million debut.

Overall, the top 12 movies grossed $84.7 million US, virtually unchanged over the same weekend a year ago.

With Hollywood’s summer movie wrapping up over Labor Day weekend, the industry will finish slightly ahead of summer 2003’s revenue record of $3.9 billion US. But factoring in higher admission prices, the number of tickets sold will lag a bit behind last summer.

“Hero,” nominated for the foreign-language Academy Award for 2002, is director Zhang Yimou’s saga of China’s first emperor, 2,000 years ago. The film stars Jet Li, Maggie Cheung, Zhang Ziyi, Chen Dao Ming, Tony Leung Chiu-Wai and Donnie Yen, a lineup of Asian superstars that distributor Miramax calls “Asia’s own A-list Chinese films.”

“It obviously hit a nerve and certainly bores well for Chinese films and foreign-language films,” said Rick Sands, chief operating officer at Miramax, which opened Hero in 2,031 theaters, unusually wide for a foreign-language movie. “We believed in the movie and went for it.”

Presented in Mandarin with English subtitles, Hero twists through several fight scenes, its balletic grace rival that of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, the 2000 martial arts hit.

“We talk about the dog days of August, but maybe these are the days of opportunity for certain types of films to do well after the blockbuster onslaught of early summer,” said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. “There is a time when competition is a lot less fierce, and a movie like “Hero” can take advantage of that.”
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Exposure is key in ‘Open Water’**

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN  
Scene Critic

As soon as the closing credits of "Open Water" concluded and the house lights of the theater came up, a teenage girl immediately blurted, "That was the stupidest movie I have ever seen!" It's the only verbal audience response to a movie I had encountered during the entire summer, with the exception of people cheering at the end of "Fahrenheit 9/11" (and I could go on forever about those people).

I'm sure many people felt the same way this girl did, and I blame the marketing techniques unleashed on "Open Water." The audience was made to think this movie I had encountered during the summer got off to a terrific start, was a lot of disappointment, including "Aliens/Predator films have managed to combine history to delve. With all that to feed off, it would seem the next movie in the series would not be too hard to pull off. Apparently it was. "Open Vs. Predator" is a very different film from the preceding ones. The xenomorphs (Aliens) have been changed and no longer adhere to rules established in the previous Alien films, as have the Predators. The result is a bore.

But it's not just the fans who will find this movie lacking. Much like the summer's earlier movie "The Chronicles of Riddick," this movie does little to humanize the characters beyond the obligatory introduction scene. Instead, the human characters seem to be on screen only for fodder. The plot for this film is so negligible that it will disappoint both hardcore fans and those who have never seen a single movie from either franchise.

Of course, the average person probably won't go see the movie for the human element. The two aliens are both represented well through computer graphic imaging and costumes. The fight scenes between the two, much like those seen last summer in "Predidy Vs. Jason," are the highlights of the movie.

Sadly, the fight scenes are nowhere near long enough nor is the rest of the movie as engaging. The normally obligatory action scenes, which should have been used to make the audience more sympathetic with the human characters, seem to have been replaced with bits serving little function. They only seek to turn the movie from 25 minutes to 101. It doesn't bode well when a slasher like "Freddy Vs. Jason" turns out to be more interesting than a movie with as much franchise history as this one. For those that care little for either franchise series, there's nothing else to know. There are slightly entertaining fight scenes, but the rest of the movie is a bore.

However, fans of the series should be happy, as there will be a "director's cut" of the film when the DVD is released. The movie was trimmed heavily so that it would get a PG-13 rating, the first to do so in either of the preceding movies in these series. The director's cut promises to restore many of those missing scenes, and hopefully the spark this movie missed will be found within the DVD. As it stands, this movie is a very poor way to end either franchise.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Disappointments abound in creature brawl**

By MARK BEMENDERER  
Scene Critic

Moviegoers were treated to films this summer covering the entire spectrum. The summer got off to a terrific start but unsuccessfully tried to match those initial movies. Between the movies that held huge potential and those that were hyped as the next blockbuster, there was a lot of disappointment, including "Alien Vs. Predator," directed by Paul W.S. Anderson.

Hardly any movie came out this summer that could have matched the amount of franchise history this film carried with it (the possible exception being "Spider-Man 2"). The Alien/Predator films have managed to create a large cult within the cinematic world, one large enough to have created numerous sequels, video games, comics and novels based on their respective worlds. The movies have had fantastic talent at the helm, such as directors James Cameron, Ridley Scott and John McTiernan.

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**Open Water**

Director: Chris Kentis  
Writer: Chris Kentis  
Starring: Blanchard Ryan, Daniel Travis and Saul Stein Hoffman

The ocean filming left, and an Alien face off in a ritualistic, bloody brawl in "Alien Vs. Predator," a film which pits the two creature franchises against each other.

Photo courtesy of blanchardryan.com

Married couple Susan (Blanchard Ryan) and Daniel find themselves stranded in treacherous, shark-infested water in the low-budget film, "Open Water."
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs jump out to half-game lead in wild-card race

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Gregg Maddux threw seven shutout innings for his 302nd career win and also drove in a run, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 5-2 win over the Montreal Expos.

Maddux (13-8), who became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach the 300-win mark on Aug. 7, scattered five hits, struck out two and walked none.

LaTroy Hawkins got one out for his 20th save of the season.

The Cubs improved their record against the NL West this month to 13-4 after taking three of four from the Giants.

B shiny Bonds was not in the starting lineup a day after he hit two of the three long home runs in Turner Field history. He pinch-hit in the ninth and grounded out against Roman Colon (1-0) to end the inning.

Chipper Jones began the day saying he was thinking about his third son, but was in the dugout by the sixth inning when his right knee gave out on a sharply hit ball by Ricky Ledee for a game-tying triple.

"Not bad for an old man," said the 46-year-old弗拉明戈 after his second triple of the season. "You might never see that again."

Marlins 6, Mets 4

The Florida Marlins are trying to make their move in the NL wild-card race.

Damingo Acevedo, starting because of an injury to Luis Castillo, hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh inning, and the Marlins beat the New York Mets 6-4 to extend their winning streak to four.

"It’s a good position to be in," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said before the game. "We’re fortunate enough to hit six games with one of the leaders, the Cubs. We’ve got our own destiny in our own hands."

Florida (67-62) moved five games over .500 for the first time since June 29. Last year, the Marlins surged with an 18-8 record in September and went on to win the wild card and their second World Series title in seven seasons.

"I sure hope that we have the same type of September we did last year," McKeon said. "If we do, we’ll be in pretty good shape."

Houston broke it open with a four-run seventh, including Berkman’s two-run double and Ausmus’s run-scoring single.

Berkman scored when Dunn failed to catch Kenji Drane’s sacrifice fly for the third RBI of his high school career lead, moving a half-game ahead of the NL West.

Bill Hall hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth off Jon Lieber for the third win in his last four starts.

With two outs in the seventh, Jason Kendall singled, chasing Hendrickson. Adams relieved and allowed a single to Jack Wilson before Ward hit his 14th home run of the year to give Pittsburgh a 5-0 lead.

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Borchard’s homer longest at U.S. Cellular, Sox win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Joe Borchard set a small crowd abuzz with the longest homer in the 14-year history of U.S. Cellular Field.

But some small ball — a bunt and aggressive baserunning by Timo Perez — were just as big Monday in helping the Chicago White Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-8 in a wild interleagueGregg
d game.

“I just put my head down and started running. I could feel it was going a long way. I didn’t know how far it would go,” Borchard said.

The second-inning drive to right-center off Brett Myers cleared the bleachers and landed in the middle of a concourse — an estimated 504 feet from the plate. The previous longest homer at the ballpark that opened in 1991 as new Comiskey Park, was a 495-foot shot by Frank Thomas two years ago against the Twins.

“Complete shock,” Borchard said after learning of his feat.

“He crushed it,” Myers said. “It definitely was an impressive shot.”

The White Sox took a 7-6 lead in two runs in the sixth off Roberto Hernandez (2-5) to make a winner of Mark Buehrle (12-8).

“Aaron Rowand hit a two-out single off Hernandez to tie it and scored the go-ahead run when third baseman David Bell and Hernandez collided trying to field Perez’s bunt single,” Borchard said. “I had a feeling he might try it. We were thinking along the same lines and it worked out.

Rowand made it 9-6 in the eighth with his 20th homer, a two-run shot off Todd Jones.

Jim Thome hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off Shigeru Takaichi, but the closer struck out Doug Glanville for his 14th save in 15 chances. Earlier in the game, Perez got caught in a rundown but scored when he knocked the ball out of Bell’s glove at third and then raced home.

“I never had that happen before,” Bell said. “I should have had two hands on it or got a better grip.

So, Bell was in the center of two of the game’s pivotal plays on a rather manic Monday.

“When games like that happen and you win, it’s OK. But you lose, it’s kind of frustrating. You think of things you could have done differently,” Bell said.

“It was a good bunt and I yelled probably a little too late and he (Hernandez) already committed. I think either one of us would have had a chance to throw him out, but I think I just let him know too late.

The game was a makeup of a June 10 rainout and the White Sox’s victory clinched interleague bragging rights for the Sox this season, 127-125.

“It was some weird stuff happening — a few defensive plays, some on our part, some on their part,” Myers said.

After Borchard’s homer put the White Sox up 3-2, the Phillies came right back with a 5-3 lead. Jason Michaels homered, Bell had an RBI double, and Placido Polanco had a sacrifice fly.

Tigers 9, Royals 1

Craig Monroe homered twice and drove in five runs, and Nate Robertson threw his first career complete game in the Detroit Tigers victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Ivan Rodriguez added a two-run homer for the Tigers, who snapped a four-game losing streak and sent the Royals to their 10th loss in 12 games.

Robertson (12-7) allowed one run and six hits in becoming the first Tigers left-hander to win 12 games in seven years.

He had seven strikeouts and no walks.

Monroe gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead in the second with his second homer in two games, siding with a 3-1 pitch from Mike Wood (2-7) to left.

Rodriguez, who missed the previous three games with flu-like symptoms, hit a two-run shot off Wood in the third to make it 4-0. It was Rodriguez’s 17th homer and the 1,000th run he has scored in his career.

Facing Wood again in the fifth, Carlos Guillen and Carlos Pena walked, Monroe hit a 1-0 pitch 408 feet over the fence in left to make it 7-0. The left fielder has hit safely in 15 of 17 games with seven home runs, 18 RBIs, seven doubles and 16 runs scored. He’s hitting .379 in the stretch.

Calvin Pickering hit a long home run — his fourth — off Robertson in the fifth.

Guillen added a two-run double off Matt Kinney to cap the scoring.

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Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle hopes a new conference will bring new challenges.

It would be a welcome change from the Big East, where teams rarely threw Rolle's way the last two seasons — and for good reason.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound defender has become one of the nation's best cornerbacks. He has the size and strength to jam receivers at the line and the speed to run with them down the field. He could have left school early for the NFL but returned for his senior season and will anchor No. 6 Miami's revamped defense.

He thinks the decision, coupled with the Hurricanes' move to the Atlantic Coast Conference, could give him more opportunities to make plays.

"Maybe teams will try me and feel they can get something my way," said Rolle, one of four returning starters on defense. "I hope so. Then I can prove them wrong."

Miami begins the season next Monday night against No. 5 Florida State at the Orange Bowl. It's the team's third meeting in 11 months, so the Seminoles are well aware of Rolle's ability. When they played in January, P.K. Sam caught a 10-yard pass against Rolle on the Seminoles' first offensive play, then didn't have a reception the rest of the way.

Rolle was nearly as good against Pittsburgh's Larry Taylor, an All-American who led the nation in interceptions in 2002 and 2003, and were back on top last season when they gave up 143.5 yards a game.

Some of that can be attributed to Rolle.

"Once he gets his hands on you, it's pretty much over," teammate Kelly Jennings said. "That's the key to him. This year, everybody will see what he can do."

Rolle played the last two seasons in the shadow of safety Sean Taylor, an All-American who led the nation in 2003 with 10 interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns. Rolle had two interceptions and seven pass breakups.

"I really don't know much about the ACC, but I'm looking for a tougher schedule and more competition," he said. "I'm looking for more balls coming my way. I love challenges."

Rolle was arrested in July in the Miami neighborhood of Coconut Grove on two misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct and on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer. Not only was Rolle suspended for four games, but he had to face his father, the chief of police in Homestead.

"There's not a single day that goes by that I don't think about it," Rolle said. "To be arrested and be in handcuffs in front of my father, that was a terrible experience for me. That's something I never want to face again."

Prosecutors chose not to file formal charges. The state attorney investigator the complaint and decided that the physical contact between Rolle and the officer was "merely incidental." Coker reinstated Rolle the same day.

"Someone's going to pay for it, and I know it's going to be the opponents on the other side of the field," Rolle said. "They're going to pay for what I felt every single day. Someone's going to feel my hurt, someone's going to feel my pain."
Hurting Colts just looking for healthy bodies

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Dominic Rhodes and Gilbert Gardner watched Monday's practice at the Colts complex, but at least they were around. The same could not be said of Joseph Jefferson or James Mungro.

Just two days after defeating Buffalo 30-17, Indianapolis' quickly expanding injury list was clouding the decisions Colts coach Tony Dungy must make this week.

"It will be interesting," Dungy said of the team's cuts. "It's thrown some monkey wrenches in there."

The Colts have to trim their roster to 65 by Tuesday after­noon and have to be down to 53 players by Sunday afternoon. With the mounting injuries, the Colts aren't just evaluating their own players — they're also looking for replacements.

The Colts have now lost their top three returners and two key backup running backs in the last two weeks. It started with Troy Walters' broken arm Aug. 21 against the New York Jets. Dungy said last week that Walters, the team's top punt returner and a key receiver, would miss at least three months.

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Patricks have easier ride

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New England's chances of winning the AFC East again cer­tainly improved when it acquired Corey Dillon to be the heavy-duty running back the Patriots haven't had since Curtis Martin left after the 1997 sea­son.

They got even better when ever­thing went wrong in Miami. After winning two Super Bowls in three seasons, New England was set to enter the season as the AFC East favorite in any case, probably a good bet to become only the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years.

But it certainly didn't hurt when, in short order, Miami lost running back Ricky Williams to retirement, wide receiver David Boston to a knee injury and was forced to trade defensive end Adewale Gontueye after failing to reach an agreement on a con­tract. That left the Dolphins, projected as the second-best team in the division, facing the prospect of their first losing sea­son since 1998.

The New York Jets and Buffalo figure to be respectable, but aren't close to the Patriots. The last time it won the Super Bowl, after the 2001 season, New England slumped to 9-7 and missed the playoffs.

That's not likely this time — coach Bill Belichick, who contin­ues to mix veteran role players and youngsters, just won't per­mit it. And Belichick and per­sonnel director Scott Pioli draft wonderfully, with six rookies playing a major role last season. There's no reason to think this year's class, led by 330-plus pound nose tackle Vince Wilfork won't be almost as good.

It starts for the Patriots, of course, with Tom Brady, the sixth-round draft pick in 2000 who has been the MVP in New England's two Super Bowl victo­ries, both won on last-second field goals by Adam Vinatieri. Brady has become a facsimile of his boyhood idol, Joe Montana, a quarterback with seemingly unspectacular physical skills who does nothing but win.

Brady went through eight home games last season without throwing an interception in a system so simple that it some­times looks like pitch and catch.

"We don't really have many plays, other than a screen, where the ball has to go to a designated guy, for the most part," Belichick says. "The quar­terback reads the coverage and tries to throw to the area of the coverage where it is the weak­est, and our receivers at that point have to do two things: get open and catch the ball."

Sounds simple. But very few other teams can do it that way.

And this season, they have Dillon, disgruntled in Cincinnati but happy to be with a winner, to put even more pressure on defenses. He was relegated to backup duty last year, but had never failed to gain more than 1,000 yards in his first six NFL seasons despite playing on one of the NFL's worst teams.
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NASCAR legend ready to stop driving

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace will retire after the 2005 season, saying he is concerned about getting hurt and wants to leave at the top of his game. His decision was influenced by the death of rival Dale Earnhardt in a Daytona 500 crash in 2001.

“I kind of got to me,” Wallace said Monday at a news conference at the Daytona International Speedway complex. “It made me feel nervous. It made me think hard about it.”

The 48-year-old Wallace has won 55 races. He made his NASCAR debut in 1979 and has won almost every major race except the Daytona 500.

“This is my last shot at the Daytona 500,” Wallace said. “The Daytona 500 is still the granddaddy of them all. It’s the race I haven’t won and I’m going to try my damnedest to win it.”

Wallace, who drives for Penske Racing South, intends to stay in racing as a team owner and mentor for younger drivers after he retires. Brothers Mike and Kenny and 17-year-old son Stephen are drivers.

“Wallace was hired by the Full House Productions-owned Chip Ganassi Racing to drive for him. McMurray is rumored to be the replacement for Wallace in 2006, but currently drives for Chip Ganassi Racing.”

Wallace also plans to do TV commercials tied to his corporate sponsorships with Miller Brewing Co. and other companies.

“It’s hard for a great driver to say, ‘Look, it’s time,’” said Roger Penske, majority owner of Penske Racing South. “But I think that’s the position of a great driver to say ‘I know when it’s time for me to move on.’”

Wallace became a full-time competitor on the circuit in 1984, when he was rookie of the year. He claimed the series national driving title in 1989 and finished runner-up for the championship in 1989 and 1993. His most recent victory was in April in Martinsville, Va.

“It’s time. I feel it,” Wallace said, referring to his retirement decision. “I know I’m doing the right thing and I feel good about it.”

Wallace is the first veteran driver to announce such plans.
The potential jurors filled out the surveys Friday, and lawyers began questioning them individually behind closed doors Monday after District Judge Terry Ruckriegle rejected a request to let the media listen in.

Ruckriegle said he wanted to let the media listen in on the questioning to the prospective jurors to feel the prospective jurors' right to privacy and Bryant's right to a fair trial outweigh the First Amendment right of access. Bryant, 26, who appeared at the courthouse Monday, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee at a Vail, Colo., resort last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star could get four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to $750,000.

Prospective jurors were asked about their impressions of pro basketball players, and whether they believe wealthy people are treated better by the courts. The questionnaire asks candidates how they feel about interracial relationships, marital infidelity. Bryant is a married father of one. He is black; his accuser is white.

Richard Gabriel, a Los Angeles-based trial consultant with Decision Analysis, said the questionnaire probably does not provide an accurate glimpse of arguments that will come up at trial. "It probably has more to do with what one side anticipates the other side's themes and issues are going to be and wanting to clearly find out if people are going to be amenable to it," he said.

In all, the jury pool consists of 276 Eagle County residents — 205 who filled out questionnaires Friday and were called back for more questioning, and 71 who were added on Monday. Jury selection will be private until at least Wednesday, when reporters will be able to watch through closed-circuit television. By then, the jury pool will probably have been whittled down considerably.

Opening statements are expected Sept. 7.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys argued against opening the questioning to the media, saying potential jurors might be inhibited in answering questions.

Media attorney Steve Zansberg noted Bryant's right to a fair trial but said the media and the public have a right to access under the First Amendment. The judge, however, disagreed.
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No challenge will be too great for you this year, although at times you will feel overwhelmed. You will have what it takes to make things happen, so go after your dreams. Nothing will be easy, but nothing will be out of reach either. Your numbers are 2, 9, 17, 26, 48.

**ARI**E**S** (March 21-April 19): Avoid getting involved in other people's business. Focus on money and investing in yourself and you will be much better off.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will be in the right frame of mind to impress whoever you deal with today. Your loyalty and desire to do something to help others will prove to your friends that you have what it takes to make things happen.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Limit to advice you receive about professional matters, but use your own discretion and don't buy into a pie-in-the-sky idea.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Nothing should be too much trouble for you today. You will have some wonderful ideas today and the backing you need to get things moving.

**LIO** (July 23-Aug. 20): You can expect to experience a rather sudden turn of events with your money matters. You will be given an opportunity you probably shouldn't turn down.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will find it difficult to contain the way you feel. Don't hold back -- when you have to say it and will make a difference in your current relationship.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you work with will be moody and unpredictable. The more solid and responsible you remain, the better you will look to superiors or clients.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel for business or pleasure should be on your mind today. Everything you learn today will help you understand yourself and others better.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get the go-ahead before following through with one of your ideas. Sudden changes at home may take you by surprise.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't tell yourself that you can do it. You can handle far more than you realize. You will attract someone who will influence your future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to look back in order to move forward. Consider your aspirations and check out what it will take to get you where you want to go.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): By being affectionate, understanding and compassionate you will discover it is easier to deal with the people in your life today. Let the trivial things go and focus on what really counts.

**Birthday Baby:** You are caring, sensitive and always thinking of others. You are affectionate, and your strong sentiments will guide you positively throughout your life.

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**Football**

**Back under the lights**

Irish looking forward to starting season against BYU

By JOE HETTLER
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Saturday can’t come soon enough for Notre Dame.

After three weeks of fall camp, which started Aug. 10, the Irish began their first game week practice schedule of the season Monday with the opener against Brigham Young just five days away.

The Irish did not practice Monday, which is usual during a game week. The team will practice today, Wednesday and Thursday before leaving Friday morning for Provo, Utah. Once out west, the Irish will have a walk-through Friday before Saturday night’s 8:15 EST kickoff on ESPN.

After practicing and scrimmaging against each other, Notre Dame’s players are eager to face a real opponent.

“The spring game was nice and all with the scrimmages and practices and whatnot but your working against the same team,” Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. “So it’s going to be fun to get out there and play against another team and see how well you’ve improved since the spring. Notre Dame also opens on the road for the first time since a 2001 27-10 loss against Nebraska. The Irish did beat Maryland at the neutral site of Giants Stadium 22-0 in 2002. “People kind of look at away games as a big disadvantage, but I think it’s just more fun,” Quinn said. “I like having more pressure put on you [and] having more odds against you.” Quinn said his experience as a freshman – playing in road games against Michigan and Purdue in the 2002 season – helped prepare him for BYU’s environment.

“It’s completely different playing an away game in college than it was high school,” Quinn said. “I know what to expect now. You get out there early, and [the fans] are heckling you a lot.”

The Irish are 97-13-5 all-time against each other, and are 28-2-2 in their 36 road opening contests.

Besides being on the road, the Irish also must deal with a nationally-televised night game. The Irish are 3-1 under the ESPN.

**ND Women's Soccer**

Boland healthy and ready to captain Irish

Irish forward has suffered knee and ankle injuries through her career

By DAN TAPETILLO
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Mary Boland’s college career did not begin when she was recruited by the Irish four years ago. It began at the age of 16. But in 2001 she wore an Irish jersey for the first time when she played in a high school all-star game at Alumni Field, and she knew there was no other future choice.

“I got chills when I put on that jersey,” Boland said. “It just represented something that I knew I wanted to be a part of. It is a program of excellence.”

To Boland, Notre Dame was the perfect school. “It has the best of both worlds, great academics and an unbelievable soccer program,” Boland said.

She got her start in soccer at the age of seven and had the opportunity to play for the U-19 women’s national team. The program gave Boland the experience to play against international teams and allowed her to visit other countries such as Holland and Germany.

Boland credits the experience with making her both a well-rounded person and player. “It was an incredible opportunity that I got to play,” Boland said. “I would not have had the opportunity to see the world.”

After returning from her soccer journey around the world, Boland quickly joined the Irish the summer prior to her freshman year.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said her talent was recognized and that she is a class.

**Women's Basketball**

Freshmen will make impact on squad

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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One was the 2004 Gatorade Nevada Player of the Year, another scored 39 points in one game as a freshman in high school and the other coached the f r e s h m a n t r i o of Charei Allen, Tulyah Gaines and Melinda D’Amico could bring more than just depth to this year’s Irish.

“I think all three freshmen can contribute,” Mays said. “I’m really excited about this class.”

It is a class that was ranked No. 13 in the nation by Blue Chip Index. Each player averaged over 20 points per game in her senior season.

Allen, who hails from Monessen, Pa., averaged 26.1 points, 10.5 rebounds, 5 assists and 6.2 steals per game in her final sea son. The 5-11 guard was named first-team all-state three years in a row, and Street & Smith honorable mention All-American all four years at Monessen High School. This included her freshman year, when Allen scored 39 points in a postsea son game, a conference record. Allen, ranked No. 27 by Blue Star Index, should compete for playing time this season, along with fellow guard Gaines.

“We’re really excited about Tulyah (Gaines) and Charei and our young guards,” Mays said. Each player was a leading scorer in their respective conferences, with Gaines averaging 10.5 points per game in the Ohio Valley Conference.

**At a Glance**

- Running back Ryan Grant and linebacker Mike Golosby are ready to play after returning from injuries.
- Colts are battling injury problems at the season opener nears.
- Miami cornerbacks Adriel Rolle helped ACC will bring tougher competition.
- Serena Williams advances to the second round of U.S. Open with a win over Sandra Kleinsena.