Participation lags among young voters

Turnout on decline since 1970

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

As the nation and its media gear up for a closely fought presidential campaign, another group — young people — will largely tune out this fall's election drama.

Since reaching a peak in the 1960s and 70s, political participation, and specifically voter turnout, has declined steadily among young people as well as the nation at large.

For the most part, Notre Dame students tend to mirror the national trend of low political involvement, according to political science professor Peri Arnold, whose research focuses on the American presidency.

"Even among relatively sophisti­

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Senatorial campaign, another group

Students may stray from apathy in 2004

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI
News Writer

Touted as a national epidemic, young voter apathy may be slowly eroding at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

As most undergraduates find themselves voting in their first presidential election this November, the level of interest varies, but is rarely at zero.

Alicia Heimann, a Saint Mary's junior and declared Republican, isn't directly involved in campaign­

ing for the candidate of her preference, but emphasized the impact young voters can make.

"Many don't realize how many of us are in our age group, and that their vote can help to make the decision," Heimann

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Students from ND, SMC serve in war

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

For ROTC members of the class of 2004, graduating meant more than just burst­

ing the Notre Dame bubble. Several of last year's grads — who enrolled in the ROTC pro­

grams prior to the September 11 attacks — are now stationed in Iraq, serving their nation in a time of global war.

"When I got out of college, it was peace time in the Reagan years," said Major Gary Masapollo, who just returned from serving a year in Iraq.

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ROTC graduates fight in Iraq

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

A communication error limited discussion to com­

mittee project agendas at the first Student Senate meeting of the year, held Wednesday night at LaFortune.

At the opening of the ses­sion, student body vice pres­i­dent Karla Bell told sena­tors that because an email with information about the proposed new business was never sent, debate and vot­ing would have to be pushed back to next week's meeting.

The issue in question was an amendment to change the name of the Campus Programming Council back to the Student Union Board in the Student Union Constitution. Bell reported that representatives from SUB were prepared to pres­ent their argument and sug­gested that senators should take the extra time to thor­oughly review the proposal.

In their reports, student body president Adam Istvan and chief executive assistant Dave Baron spoke with optim­

ism on student govern­

ment's prospects and poten­tial.

ISTVAN emphasized the successful efforts to imple­

Senator ending debate postponed for SUB

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Laundry, vending prices hiked

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Not until most students are waist deep in dirty laundry do they realize just how pre­

cious quarters are, but with this year's increase in vending prices, spare change has become even more valuable at Notre Dame.

Washing a load of clothes is now $1.50 and drying is $1.00. Each price is increased 25 cents from last year.

Some vending machine beverages have also gone up by a dime.

Price increases on campus are ultimately decided by

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Patrick Murphy, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, is now stationed in Iraq.

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Sophomore Annie Pugel does a load of laundry in Pasquerilla West Wednesday. Laundry prices increased by 25 cents this semester.

VOTING Turnout

Voter Turnout Among 18-25 Year-olds

in Selected Presidential Elections

Turnout of Voting Age Population

in Selected Presidential Elections

1972 1988 1996


50% 36% 32%

63% 51%

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INSIDE COLUMN

Lighting up

It was everything a first time is supposed to be — exhilarating, spurring me on, a bit hypotrichal. Glimpsing the skeletal glances of silent, more experienced lookers, deftly squeezing my eyelids shut, I took a deep breath and lit the match.

My eyes opened to a tiny spark and a rapid prayer: "I'd done it right. I still felt sorely out of place.

Any moment now, I'd be found out as the abortion rights advocate, the "why not" voice on gay marriage, the Christmas-and-Easter churchgoer. My disdain for dogma is only equaled by my fervor for a married priesthood. Lighting up at the Grotto isn't for people like me.

Is it?

Notre Dame wears its Catholicism on the walls of its classrooms, the necks of its administrators, the rising tide of its library. Seeping from the University's roots and pulsing to its core, that much faith can be intoxicating as it is inspiring.

It can also be intimidating. Non-Catholics here — not to mention those who check the box but are less than convinced — are, deliberately or not, an afterthought.

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In their crusading, they have lost the Church's essence.

But unlike the Grotto, the essence refuses to fade. Because at the Grotto, the essence is the whole point. Even for first-timers — exhilaratingly for first-timers — its welcome is universal.

Setting down my candle and backing away, I watched as my flame flickered and ripples. It's not the sort of thing you can sell at a flea market. It's not the sort of thing you buy off the back of a truck.

Sexually frustrated chimp takes up smoking

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PLAN TO VOTE?

Andrew Sheenan
Junior O'Neil
Christina Peiksa
Freshman Lyons
Jamie Blanken
Sophomore Keough
Joey Caracci
Junior O'Neil
Marilana Montes
Freshman Lyons
Sarah Waller
Freshman PW

"Yeah, because it's important to exercise your right to vote.

"Yeah, because I want to make sure Bush wins.

"Only if my absentee ballot comes.

"Yes, I like complaining about politics, and if I want to complain I better vote.

"Yes, I just turned 18, so why wouldn't I?

"I don't really want to but I think I am."

IN BRIEF

The much-talked about Michael Moore documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The No. 2 ranked Irish women's soccer team takes on Stanford University Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in the Adidas Galleria.

An open house for the European Studies Program will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. in 211 Bronson Hall.

Krispy Krome Donuts will be sold from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday on Deltaborto Quad for 50 cents each. All proceeds will go to Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids.

David Pearce Snydar of The Futurist Magazine will lecture on "Extra-Preneurship: Managing to Prosper in Revolutionary Times" from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

The women's golf team will host the Notre Dame Invitational all day Saturday and Sunday on the Warren Golf Course.

Notre Dame will host exhibits of large scale prints by Richard Serra, in the White Museum of Art and the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West, and of photographs by Ansel Adams from the collection of the John and Barbara Flynn name, in the Snite Museum. Both exhibits begin Sunday.

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Facebook.com comes to ND

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

"Someone has requested you as a friend."

This coveted phrase is music to the ears of users of thefacebook.com. It is a new means of communication and is quickly sweeping across the nation.

Thefacebook.com is an online directory that connects college students through social networks. Founded in February 2004 by Harvard junior Mark Zuckerberg, thefacebook has now expanded to 58 colleges and universities, the latest of which—added Aug. 22—is Notre Dame.

Call it the dogbook on steroids. After registering, users can upload their pictures, create profiles and begin adding friends—from Notre Dame or from any other participating university. From there, they can message friends, "poke" another user if he is also logged in, or visualize their social networks (friends, friends' friends, and so on).

Users' profiles can share everything from their political views to their relationship statuses to their current class schedules. For those interested in meeting single conservatives who are like you," said Mike Burke.

Revealing relationship status on a profile can also be a bit personal. Users can post whether they're interested in meeting others for friendship, dating, a relationship, "random play," or even "whatever (they) can get.

Not everyone, however, loves thefacebook. Anne Dalebroux, a Boston College student who has been using thefacebook since May, expressed her growing dislike for the craze.

"It is really stupid," she said. "I think it stretches even the lowest of lows in wasting time.

Whether a curse or a blessing, thefacebook is rapidly spreading. There are over 220,000 network-wide users, and after little more than a year, Notre Dame already has over 1,000.

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College opens revamped service center on campus

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

Saint Mary's community service headquarters received a little aid of its own in its recent renovation from the former Spes Unica Resource and Volunteer center to the Office for Civic and Social Engagement.

And with the new name comes a new attitude.

According to new director Carrie Call, the program's modernized feel will emphasize other aspects of involvement besides individual aid.

"Volunteer work is great, but we wanted to expand the activity and focus of the office," said Call.

This means a greater concentration on community engagement and service learning programs within Saint Mary's courses. Inclusion of service learning means faculty will expect students to get involved in volunteer work to complement and expand the standard learning process.

Business department faculty member Jack Rube requires 10 service learning hours in his Personal Ethics and Corporate Culture course. He said this experience plays a vital role in the understanding of both his course material and in each student's life.

"Service learning's purpose is to expose us to people outside of our comfort zone," Rube said. "It helps us develop compassion for those less fortunate than we are. For some students it's a real awakening.

The OCSE will assist professors in organizing this requirement.

"We help connect faculty to resources in case they want to do service learning," Call said.

The office keeps contact with several downtown agencies, including the Advocacy Center in South Bend, the Center for the Homeless and Saint Margaret's House, a favorite among students.

A psychology professor herself, Call has taught at Saint Mary's for two years and served as a Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership fellow before taking on her directorial position at the OCSE. In her current Social Psychology course, Call offers students the option of participating in the CWIL-sponsored Catalyst Trip over fall break, a 15-student journey to Loveland, Ohio to interact with area women leaders through dialogue and workshops.

The OCSE will soon find a home in the progressing Saint Mary's student center, due to open in March 2005. For now, Call and her crew remain in 20 Le Mans Basement—what was once the college beauty parlor.

The Office now faces a demand for on-campus tutors to assist both Clay High School students and reading tutors to support the "Indiana Reads" program. There are additional South Bend agencies seeking volunteers, and commitment time is not necessarily important, Call said.

"Agencies appreciate one hour per month as well as weekly volunteers," she said. "We want to help fit your schedule.

As with SURV, student transportation is still provided. OCSE volunteers can schedule a pickup or drop-off at a designated time, given they have a valid driver's license and complete the appropriate paperwork.

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tuated kids, there isn't a lot of impetus to vote," he said. Both Arnold and fellow American government professor Leon Roos said they would suspect Notre Dame students to participate and vote at levels relatively comparable to other young people. No specific data about student voter turnout over the decades at Notre Dame were available.

Roos has taught at Notre Dame since 1970 and was a student at Notre Dame in the 1960s.

"I think the high point [of student participation] was the election of 1970," he said.

In making this assessment, Roos cited the Kent State shootings in May 1970 as an event that resonated with college students in particular, and at Notre Dame.

"That was a really galvanizing event on campus," he said.

As a result, Roos said a large number of students became involved in the 1970 midterm elections, especially, and to some extent in the 1972 presidential election.

Shortly after the shootings, Roos became involved with the Committee for a New Congress at Notre Dame. The committee, based at Princeton University, was part of a national effort to involve college students in 1970 congressional campaigns.

"There were literally hundreds of Notre Dame students involved in local elections," Roos said. "That extended to 1972."

Exactly why young people, and the American nation, fail to go to the polls or pay attention to campaign politics in the way they did 40 years ago remains the subject of much debate.

Some commentators claim this trend results from the lack of major, divisive issues — such as the Cold War, Vietnam and civil rights — that galvanized Americans, and young people especially, in the 1960s and 70s.

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Some students said they feel the same way about this year's election.

"I feel like it's pretty important," senior Sean Weller said.

"I don't like the way the country has been going," Weller said. However, Weller, who is from Kentucky, said he didn't think he was registered to vote and did not vote in the 2002 midterm election.

Like Weller, Notre Dame senior Jennifer Manahan said she did not vote in 2002 but hoped to this year.

"I was too late (in 2002)," she said. "I couldn't get my absentee ballot.

In addition to large national issues, Arnold cited the 1971 amendment, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18, as an impor-
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Head scarves ban gets first test
PARIS - School doors open for 12 million French children today, but there is no more to stake this year than back-to-school jitters.

As its controversial ban on Muslim head scarves and other religious signs faced its first test in France's public schools — under the threat of Islamic radicals holding two French hostages in Iraq to press their demand that the law be scrapped.

"I'm not looking forward to it, but I hope this return to school will take place under the sign of freedom," Education Minister FrancoisFillon said Wednesday.

The law forbids all conspicuous religious signs during daily prayers, but the ban on head scarves has been most openly challenged. An estimated 1,000 schools, including some in Muslim-heavy Paris suburbs, have a policy against them.

President Fox urges democracy
MEXICO CITY — Acknowledging the frustration of thousands of protesters, President Vicente Fox spent much of his fourth state-of-the-nation speech Wednesday urging Mexicans to not give up on democracy, saying, "No shortcut to solving interest problems can exist for discouragement." For the second year in a row, Fox acknowledged his government had failed short of its goals. He promised to create jobs and clean up government, especially rampant crime and kidnappings.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pentagon censors videotape
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon censored some footage in public versions of a Humphrey Bogart-themed videotape that cost $70,500 to produce and was intended to teach government employees to respond to citizens' requests for information.

Parts of the training video, "The People's Right to Know," were blacked out and replaced with the message, "copyrighted material removed for public viewing." Defense Department officials said they did so because they worried the government did not have legal rights to some historical footage that was included.

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RUSSIA

Attacks on Russian school

President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday declared a disaster in several Indiana counties hard hit by severe storms in southern and western Indiana that began in early July.

"In essence, war has been declared on us, where the enemy is unseen and there is no front," Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov told reporters before the hostage-taking.

Putin for the second time in a week interrupted his working holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi and returned to Moscow to deal with the unfolding crisis.

President Bush called Putin and "condemned the taking of hostages and the other terrorists attacks in Russia," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said. Bush offered "assistance" to Russia in dealing with the crisis if requested, but that no request had been made so far, the White House said.

At the United Nations, Russia called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council, which scheduled consultations for later Wednesday on the school seizure and other issues.

From inside the school, the militants sent out a list of demands and threatened that if police intervened, they would kill 50 children for every hostage-taker killed and 20 children for every hostage-taker injured.

Kazbek Dzantiyev, head of the North Ossetia region's Interior Ministry, was quoted as telling the ITAR-TASS news agency, "Sporadic gunfire and explosions could be heard throughout the standoff. One girl lay wounded on the school grounds, but emergency workers could not approach because the area was coming under fire, said regional Emergency Situations Minister Boris Dzogoyev.

Hurricane causes evacuation in Fla.

MIAMI — Nearly a half-million people were ordered to evacuate as Hurricane Frances swirled toward Florida on Wednesday just weeks after Charley raked Florida's western coast with 145 mph wind, causing billions of dollars in damage and killing 27 people.

"We've just gone through 2 1/2 weeks of torture trying to get our lives back to some sense of order," said Punta Gorda retiree Tom Hamilton.

Evacuation orders were posted for 300,000 residents in coastal areas of Palm Beach County, and nearly 200,000 were told to leave mobile homes and low-lying areas of Brevard, Martin and Indian River counties, which could be hit by tremendous ocean waves. The evacuation orders were set to take effect Thursday afternoon.
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The opening of the Gender Issues Committee will be looking at, including creating a "Flex 10" meal option, securing a student discount at the Bookstore, looking at the way football ticket are distributed, installing cable and satellites in dorm rooms and increasing the availability of technology in residence halls.

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Laundry

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Food Services, said director David Prentkowski.

"We work with the manufacturers, who recommend prices, but we establish them," he said.

There are 985 vending machines on campus and about 300 sell food and beverages with the rest used laundry and change machines.

"After paying for expenses, machines are quite expensive," said Prentkowski, pointing to the costs of purchasing the machines, products, labor and machine replacement as high expenses. Extra revenue from sales goes to the University's general education fund.

"Adjustments in pricing coincide with the costs we receive," he said. A price increase can occur after high- er manufacturer's suggested prices, increased cost of labor and even increases in employee benefits, such as health insurance.

"It just keeps going up," said Prentkowski. "But we keep pace with the manufacturer. We try not to do it too often."

Junior Elizabeth Goers, who does her laundry in Welsh Hall, said she was "quite surprised" by the price increase.

"I just learned about it when I came down here," Goers said. "It doesn't look like a lot, but I think it will add up."

Prentkowski said it has been several years since there have been price hikes for any vending machines on campus.

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In Brief

Rise in manufacturing activity

NEW YORK — Manufacturing activity rose in August for the 13th consecutive month, but at a slower rate than in July, according to a monthly report released Wednesday by the Institute for Supply Management, a research group. The ISM's index for manufacturing activity stood at 59 in August, 3 points below the 62 indicating to the demands of each job. There are great benefits in using independent contractors are free agents, and, strings, but new pet owners soon find that animal has no serious illnesses or special

Overtake pay creates frustration

Employers take unexpected heat from workers unhappy about overtime policies

"Not every company saw this coming, and I certainly don't think the regulators had a sense that this was going to happen."

Jonathan Suida corporate attorney

"It just feels like, in a sense, I've had something taken away from me. I had that status because I worked my way up."

Mary Porter administrative associate

Stock prices mixed as oil prices climb

NEW YORK — Stocks stagnated to a mixed finish from Tuesday to Wednesday as lower-than-expected manufacturing activity and rising oil prices chilled an early spate of bargain hunting, but technology shares posted modest gains.

Owning a pet can add up quickly

NEW YORK — Kittens and puppies at the pet store or local pound may tug at your heartstrings, but new pet owners soon find that animal companions can also tug at their purses.

Contractors help small business

NEW YORK — Many business owners find there are great benefits in using independent contractors, especially when the work depends on a project-by-project basis. They can hire people with different specialties according to the demands of each job. Using contractors also allows small businesses to save on overhead, because unlike employees, contractors aren't paid benefits. But there are also some drawbacks — independent contractors are free agents, and, sometimes, new pet owners soon find that a pet can add up to a difficult-to-define expense. The changes, which took effect Aug. 23 despite vehement criticism by labor unions, are focused mainly on salaried and white-collar jobs, exempting many such positions from eligibility for overtime pay. Some of the changes are straightforward. Workers earning less than $23,660 a year must be paid for overtime under the new rules, almost triple the old salary requirement. Workers earning less than $100,000 and whose jobs regularly include at least one administrative or professional responsibility will now be excluded from overtime eligibility.

But the new rules, part of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, are complex and leave much to interpretation. Nobody really knows how many workers will be affected, or how they will be impacted. The debate has included estimates that anywhere from 100,000 to as many as 6 million workers will lose overtime eligibility. Estimates of how many will gain eligibility vary from almost none to 1.3 million. It could be some time before the reality becomes clear.

Employers, though, say strong reactions from some workers whose jobs have been reclassified from salaried to hourly status, giving them access to overtime pay — has already created awkward situations. At Missouri, administrators are shifting between 400 and 500 salaried workers to hourly status, eligible for overtime pay. Not one of the school's 19,000 employees is losing the right to overtime, said Ken Hutchinson, vice president of human resources.

The change has generated complaints from many of the affected employers, including administrative associates — the office managers for many aca- demic and administrative associates, and computer workers. A series of meetings held on the Columbia, Mo., campus in recent months drew in faculty members and professors who back them, crit- icizing the administration's plans. "Many have come up through the ranks and finally reached a point where they were considered to be an executive, administrative or profes- sional employee," Hutchinson said.

"The complaints began even before University of Missouri administrators e-mailed more than 6,000 employees at the end of July to confirm what might seem a harmless change soon, the memo said, the change is too. It wasn't what Mary Porter wanted to hear. It had taken her 35 years to climb to the university's ladder, from the copy machine operator's job she started just out of high school, to a position with the salary benefits, and responsibilities. The his- tory of the university, armed with new government rules on overtime pay, pulling the ladder's top rungs out from under her."

"I certainly don't think the regulators had a sense that this was going to happen."
Malaysia

High court overturns sodomy conviction

Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA - Malaysia's highest court overturned the sodomy conviction of former deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim on Thursday and freed him from prison, exactly six years after his firing ignited the country's worst political crisis.

A panel of the Federal Court ruled 2-1 to reverse the chief prosecution witness. Anwar, 57, would be freed, the former deputy prime minister - wearing a neck brace and confined to a wheelchair - exchanged excited glances with family members and gave a thumbs-up sign.

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U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday that Sudan's government has not stopped attacks on "terrorized and traumatized" people in Darfur region and urged the speedy deployment of an expanded international peacekeeping force.

Annan did not say how large a force he wanted, but U.N. diplomats said a U.N. plan presented the African Union for about 3,000 peacekeepers. The 53-nation African organization now has about 80 military observers in Darfur, protecting just over 300 soldiers, monitoring a rarely observed cease-fire signed in April.

Annan's report was called for in a Security Council resolution that was adopted July 30 giving Sudan 30 days to demonstrate it was curbing nomadic Arab tribes accused of killing thousands in attacks on African farm villages and also improving access for aid groups. The resolution reiterated punitive economic and diplomatic measures if Sudan didn't move quickly.

The secretary-general didn't mention or recommend sanctions, which many council members oppose at this point. His call for an expanded international force, by contrast, was likely to get strong support, especially from the United States.

The 15 Security Council members are to be briefed Thursday by Annan's top envoy to Sudan, Jan Pronk, whose observations form the basis of the report's conclusions and recommendations.

"The most critical commitment that has yet to be implemented related to the armed militias which continue to pose a serious threat to the civilian population," Annan's report said. "Attacks against civilians are continuing and the vast majority of armed militias has not been disarmed.”

On the positive side, Annan cited "some progress” by the Sudanese government in improving security, especially from the United States. The deployment of the African Union peacekeepers, by contrast, was given "a serious threat to the civilian population," Annan’s report said. They warned that if the U.S. didn't move quickly, "more was needed to be done."
Apathy
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said. Even with voting power, some students are wary of publicizing their politics. "It seems whenever I try to bring up something political in class, people squirm," Saint Mary’s senior Mercera Payne said.

This squirming could reflect the apathy that has wrapped itself around collegiate youth. Notre Dame junior Peter Quaranto is the student coordinator for the Rock the Vote campaign at Notre Dame believes there is a "tremendous amount of apathy" among college-aged voters.

The Rock the Vote campaign focuses on all collegiate youth and tries to create a climate in which students can talk about issues. "One important thing is to get people to look at the whole spectrum of issues," Quaranto said. Peter Kralovec, a member of the planning committee for the Rock the Vote campaign, works specifically with mobilizing voters.

Kralovec said he too believes it is important to focus on all aspects of politics, not only a few. "Catholic voters tend to emphasize the notion of a seamless fabric of life that only deals with life, choice and abortion," Kralovec said. "Catholics have to start voting on international peace and economic justice."

But many disagree. There are some students who care so passionately about only one issue, it becomes their entire basis for voting. "We’re trying to salvage anything we possibly can," Regina Bowen, company vice president. "It’s horrible in there - a lot of mud."

Further in the day, a woman’s body was found in a wooded area east of the city. After she apparently was swept away while driving, the other victims included two people who may have been part of a human chain trying to reach people stuck inside a van.

The state reported 120 roads remained closed. Many were still under water. At least six bridges were washed out. "There may be a few more, but until the water recedes, we’re not going to know," said Linda South, a Transportation Department spokeswoman. "That’s how bad it is out there."

Virginia flood death toll reaches seven

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Police and fire officials escorted Richmond residents and business owners into their flood-ravaged homes and shops Wednesday, but only to allow them to retrieve pets and essentials such as prescription drugs.

Flooding touched off by the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston on Tuesday left at least seven people dead in Virginia and devastated a historic Richmond district that was the heart of the Confederate capital during the Civil War.

Cleanup and restoration in the Shockoe Bottom neighborhood of restaurants, shops and loft apartments will have to wait a day or more, because the buildings are deemed safe, said City Manager Calvin Jamison. He said 19 of 230 buildings inspected by midday were condemned.

The damage was estimated at a preliminary $15 million and is likely to go higher. Shops and restaurants were a watery, mud-caked mess. Wednesday, and cars that had crashed into each other as they washed down streets were mired in mud or overturned.

A small group of employees of Bowen Building Systems came out of the closed area carrying armloads of hand tools from a company van parked in a condemned garage.

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Bowen Building Systems vice president.
NASHVILLE, Tenn. - John Kerry's speech to the 5,000 members at the American Legion national convention Wednesday was received politely but less enthusiastically than President Bush's the day before.

Kerry focused his speech on what he would have done differently to respond to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and tailored many of his remarks to the veterans, stressing the country's debt to them does not end when the fighting ends.

"You know our duty does not end on the battlefield, it begins there," he said.

Kerry focused on the need for better health care for veterans, which many said was a topic close to their hearts.

"He embodied a lot of concepts that are fundamental," said Ed Lowery, a veteran from Powder Springs, Ga., outside Atlanta.

Lowery said he thought Bush's speech on Tuesday was good, but that Kerry "did a better job [Wednesday] as far as getting his points across. His stage presence was outstanding. He had a whole range of topics I think are all important to us."

Lou Dimmerman, a veteran from Cincinnati, said he thought Kerry's speech was excellent, and added, "but I'm one of the few Democrats here."

"His points were absolutely germane to the Legion, but they all make so many promises to us we don't know if they're really going to come through with it," he said.

Whether Kerry could make good on his promises also was on the mind of Kenneth Dowden of Indianapolis, an Army World War II veteran. The Legion's national headquarters are in Indianapolis.

"I don't see how he's going to do all he said, economically, unless you get back to socialism like the other countries do," Dowden said. "His ideas are wonderful, but I don't think we can do it from an economic standpoint."

Others were less impressed, even on a theoretical level.

"All people have to do is look in the Congressional Record. Everything he promised [Wednesday] he voted against," asserted Ray White, an Air Force veteran from Huntsville, Ala.

James Robinson of Stockbridge, Ga., a retired Air Force veteran, said he liked the speech and intended to support Kerry. He said the war records of the two candidates were irrelevant.

"That's not a factor for me," he said. "I believe more in the issues he [Kerry] presents. The war record, even though I'm a retired veteran, is not a factor. What they're saying and doing for Americans, for my family, are the things that concern me."
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Thursday, September 2, 2004

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Jurors looked on as the defense in Peterson’s murder trial played the video of the dog’s test, made before the dog was involved in the Peterson investigation.

Dog handler Eloise Anderson, of the Contra Costa County Search and Rescue team, had testified that the dog, a Labrador named Trimble, had picked up Laci Peterson’s scent at the Berkeley Marina four days after she was reported missing in December 2002.

The defense is trying to show that scent-sniffing techniques are unreliable and not based on science.

On the video shown by defense attorney Mark Geragos, Trimble, trying to track a subject, is seen wandering in and out of bushes along the road, sniffing the sidewalk and turning in the opposite direction before stopping and barking. The dog later circles back in the opposite direction and the test was stopped. Anderson acknowledged the dog failed the test.

Peterson

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REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A search dog handler who provided key evidence against Scott Peterson acknowledged Wednesday that her canine had failed a videotaped training exercise.

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Mark Geragos, left, Scott Peterson’s lead attorney, leaves the courthouse after hearing new testimony Wednesday.

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Jordan Auditorium

Mendoza College of Business
How Buffy became literature

Peter Wicks

When Oxford introduced English as a degree course in the late 19th Century, Edward Freeman, the Regius Professor of Modern History, objected that while literature may cultivate taste and enlarge our sympathies, it was not appropriate to award degrees in the subject because "we cannot examine in tastes and sympathies". In the absence of objective criteria of assessment, Freeman warned, the academic study of English literature would amount to "mere chatter about Shelley." If only it had.

During the infancy of the discipline the focus was largely historical and philosophical — and hence examineable. That type of criticism never completely disappeared, but it was overshadowed by a series of new critical approaches to literature. This is not the place to list the order of succession, which would resemble the sort of genealogical table found in Genesis — and Structuralism beget Poststructuralism — which even the most pious reader may be forgiven for skipping over. For understanding the malaise in literary studies, knowing the family tree of critical schools is less important than understanding the economy of prestige in academia. Within higher education, and especially at the most eminent universities, hiring and tenure decisions depend much more on published work than on teaching abilities. Those hoping to ascend the ivory tower must publish or perish.

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Apathy fosters apathy

There is a stereotype mumbled about campus that generates a quick response from students saying they do not care about what happens around them. Stereotypes have a funny way of becoming self-fulfilling prophecies.

College embodies a certain culture of experiences that range from sleep, homework and class to parties, alcohol and drugs. Students can participate in either end of the spectrum, but at what level do students care about others when it comes to illegal substances like drugs?

Marijuana and opium are considered "soft" drugs and "hard" drugs are in the same category as crack cocaine and heroin.

Students are pretty clear about their personal choice involving both areas. But at what point does another's choice to partake in such activities become an inhibiting factor to those who choose not to?

For example, let's say a student goes to a party that has marijuana and is offered it. He says no. Does he leave the party because there is marijuana, even if there is alcohol? Or does he stay and not care about what the other person chooses to do with their life?

Because ultimately, when someone says they do not care about another's choice, they are letting that person take whatever they will and if they go downhill with their life, that is their fault.

Regardless, the student would probably stay. He would also prefer that the marijuana wasn't there to begin with and if they are going to smoke, that they would choose to do it in the opposite direction.

Marijuana and opium are considered "soft" drugs and "hard" drugs are in the same category as crack cocaine and heroin.

There is a ridiculous amount of time and energy (and probably money) wasted policing drug use, which is in alignment with the law. Maybe students don't care for that reason, so they don't get caught. That's OK but someone else is.

Students who have any sense of morality and humanity would not let another person waste their life if they felt like it was being wasted. This is not just with drugs, but with homework, driving and alcohol as well.

Otherwise, stereotypes become truth.

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Pied Piper has lost his touch

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Music Critic

For more than a decade R. Kelly has been the King of Chicago R&B. The Pied Piper, the moniker which Kelly currently uses, has more No. 1 hits than any comparable artist of his genre and has won numerous Grammys and Soul Train Awards along the way. Much like his literary counterpart, Kelly has enchanted the public with his music. By exploring such topics as sex, lust, love, gang violence and Christianity, he has gained a diverse following including devout R&B fans and teeeny-boppers. The same man who created the raunchy sex- anthems, "Bump and Grind," "You Remind of Something" and "Foolin' On Yo' Booty" also penned the inspirational hits as "I Believe I Can Fly" and "The Greatest." Still, with so much success, Kelly has had his fair share of problems. The much-publicized R. Kelly Sex Tape from 2000 didn't help his recent indictment for sexual misconduct with a minor. Such transgressions have done much to damage the singers' reputation and ultimately jeopardize his career.

R. Kelly's new work, "Happy People/U Saved Me," represents an emphatic appeal to the public for a second chance. The double CD, unlike his previous efforts, attempts to reconcile Kelly with his fans by avoiding all sexual overtones and ramping up the "I am a sinner and God is good" mantra. The balladry tries his best to let the listener know he is sorry for his mistakes and grateful for the opportunity to redeem himself. Nevertheless, since the CD is so unlike Kelly's other works, one is never really sure if it's a public relations move or an actual movement towards Christ by the Pied Piper.

At any length, the first album, "Happy People," displays why Kelly has clearly lost his way. The album is a collection of 11 songs whose main purpose, as stated by Kelly too many times in the introduction of each song, is to make the listener dance. Nearly every song employs what has become known as the Chicago Chi-beat: a slow relaxed groove reminiscent of some of Frankie Beverly's work. With his songs titled "Love Street," "Love Signals" and "Steppin' into Heaven," Kelly makes it obvious that by loving and "steppin'" everyone can be happy. Despite the subject matter, every track ends up sounding like a remix of the 1970s hit, "Step in the Name of Love" from Kelly's last release, "Chocolate Factory".

The lone standout on "Happy People" is Kelly's tribute to Marvin Gaye, "If I Could Make the World Dance." With its relaxed mellow beat and smooth melody, the song sounds a lot like Gaye's "Mercy Mercy Me." Even the lyrics are reminiscent of Gaye's call to peace: "Picture us in a land / where there is no more war / shakings hands with my brother / respecting my sister / I'm offering a dance that heals / a melody that you can feel / love is the key it takes it you / If I could make the world dance." If only Kelly would realize how to make more songs like this song, he might actually get the listener to dance without having to ask or tell him or her to.

"U Saved Me," the second disc, is what one might consider Kelly's heartfelt apology. Each and every song is a gospel testimony for 2004. They use the lyrical styling often found on Kelly's urban hits while surrounding them with lush contemporary R&B beats and melodies. Many of the songs focus entirely on the power of prayer. For example, "Prayer Changes" tells the story of a family suffering from numerous issues such as alcoholism, domestic violence, marital troubles and difficulties performing in school.

The refrain of prayer changes lets the listener know prayer can make all things possible—even Kelly shedding the old role he embraced as a smooth-talking sex addict.

Overall, "Happy People/U Saved Me" reveals two significant things about Kelly First, even though he is not quite the artist the world knew before the sex scandals, he is still capable of stringing together not one, but two albums that are below his old standards but not bad to listen to. Although the songs on both albums are somewhat repetitive in terms of both sound and message, the message itself will appeal to Kelly's core listeners and will even get a few people to dance. Nonetheless, these albums demonstrate Kelly's difficulty in reconciling his past transgressions and his Christian faith with his pop icon status. No longer is he willing to explore sex in a manner few have ever attempted before or even move R&B in a slightly different direction. Thus Happy People/U Saved Me begs the question: Will the Pied Piper ever be able to redeem himself after leading the children so far astray?

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OutKast not allowed in Kansas libraries

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — The Kansas attorney general has withheld more than 1,600 compact discs from distribution to state libraries because officials determined the albums promote violence or illegal activity, records show.

The albums removed by Attorney General Phill Kline's office were part of 51,000 discs given to Kansas as part of a nationwide settlement to resolve allegations of price-fixing. The CDs included recordings by 25 musicians, including rap artists such as OutKast and Notorious B.I.G., rock bands Rage Against the Machine and Stone Temple Pilots, and even older acts such as Lou Reed and the 1980s experimental group Devo.

The list of albums was obtained by the Associated Press last week through an open-records request.

The American Civil Liberties Union said the decision amounted to censorship.

"What he's doing is enforcing his concept of decency on libraries around the state of Kansas, and that's not his business," said Dick Kurtelenbach, executive director of the ACLU in Kansas and western Missouri. Whitney Watson, a spokesman for Kline, said the attorney general would not discuss the screening of the CDs but said the decision to remove some albums was made to ensure state officials were not disseminating objectionable material.

Watson said the office's consumer-protection and antitrust division vetted the list. In some cases, they were familiar enough with the albums to determine if they had questionable content. In others, they looked up Internet databases of lyrics.

"We don't have the manpower to look at every album and every song lyric, but we feel we removed most of the albums that did not mesh with the values of a majority of Kansans," he said.

Kansas is one of 40 states receiving the free CDs for public libraries as part of a 2002 court settlement with the music industry over claims of CD price-fixing.

Attorneys general in several other states also have screened their CDs, often removing controversial artists or albums including explicit lyrics. Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter removed 3,300 discs, or 5 percent of the 107,000 his state was scheduled to receive.

The Kansas Library Association, which advocates for public libraries, said it had no objection to the attorney general's actions.

"This was very similar to what libraries do all the time," said Rosanne Siemens, the group's executive director. "It wasn't so much an issue of taking things out but determining what would be best. They did remove a big favor by selecting these CDs because there's no way libraries could have said what they wanted."
**ALBUM REVIEW**

The Hives keep rocking in latest effort

By MIKE TENTANN

Some Music Critic

From the depths of Sweden come five men with names like Dr. Matt Destruction, Chris Dangerous and Vigilante Chris. They are led by the energetic Howlin' Pelle Alqvist and they all adhere to a strict dress code of matching black and white dress suits or robot-like dealings of everyday life. If your senior prom with Alqvist fills the album with brash and aggressive wails, he makes himself a candidate for the new voice against normalcy.

The band wastes no time as the album leads off with the strong "Abra Cadaver" (which the guitars of both Carlstroem and Nicolaus Arson work with Alqvist's voice to shatter the mold of corporate America). They wanted to stick a dead body inside of me," he yells.

2000 release, "Veni Vidi Vicious," was more of the punk side of this Swedish band. Containing highly-compacted and very aggressive songs, it is easy to see the influence that both the Stooges and the Clash have had on the Hives. "Tyrannosaurus Hives" features twelve intense songs revolving around the theme of rebelling against the hollow and robot-like dealings of everyday life. Alqvist fills the album with brash and aggressive wails, he makes himself a candidate for the new voice against normalcy.

One of the more interesting songs rounding out the end of the album is "Dead Quote Olympics" in which Alqvist and company urge others to think for themselves, instead of relying on what others have written. "You had enough of their thoughts, have your own," he scolds. "Yes they were smart but they are dead." Alqvist says over more hootie guitar work.

On the whole, the album is violent and abrasive. Sometimes it feels like a band member is going to leap through the stereo and kick you in the head. The rough-around-the-edges style of the Hives fits well with the rebellious themes though, and creates an album that leaves one sweating by the end. Although only about 30 minutes in length, "Tyrannosaurus Hives" packs more punch then some seventy-two minute productions. The Hives go in hard, and then get out, making their point and usually breaking something along the way. Maybe this is the way rock music is supposed to be.

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**Sweden's Concretes craft lovelorn, urban pop**

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI

Some Music Critic

Let's face it: love receives bushels more of the punk side of this Swedish band. "Tyrannosaurus Hives" may be short, but it still packs a stronger punch than other rock albums twice its size.

The result is something imminently memorable, a series of impressions that remain with the listener long after harp and strings dance to a finale to the album's penultimate track "Lonely As Can Be." As far as characterizing the band's sound, musical points of reference include fellow Swedes The Cardigans and Papa's and the Cubs, as well as simple-sly-sophisticated sixties acts like The Mamas and The Papas and The Beach Boys.

If Diana Ross proved panacean to the lovesick generation that spawned The Concretes, these Swedes may indeed have created the cure for romantic maladies of the post-modern age.

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Like he’s a freshman getting ready for his first start, Marlin Jackson can’t wait to go on the field.

After the year he went through at Michigan, it’s understandable.

"Last year I had a lot of off-the-field issues going on," he said, throwing a lot of what is a lot of clarity — just school and football.

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Sanders back in NFL with Ravens

At age 37, Sanders seeks Super Bowl ring with Baltimore

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Deion Sanders insists he didn't come out of retirement for money, accolades or to prove he's still got a wealth of talent at age 37. He wasn't bored, either.

The man known as "Prime Time" ended his voluntary three-year hiatus simply because he wanted to win a third Super Bowl ring — this time with a couple of friends who pleaded with him to help the Baltimore Ravens win another championship.

Wearing a purple jersey with the No. 2 (this customary No. 21 belongs to Pro Bowl cornerback Chris McAlister), Sanders practiced Wednesday with the Ravens for the first time. He then moved to a side field and worked an extra 15 minutes with secondary coach Johnnie Lynn and safety Corey Fuller, who, along with strong safety Ray Lewis, convinced Sanders to return to the NFL.

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MLB

Yankees players still embarrassed by Monday’s 22-0 rout

NEW YORK — When Derek Jeter got home after the historic 22-0 loss to Cleveland, he had no desire to tune in to replays of the latest installment of the Slide of the Yankees.

“I’ve got cable problems in my apartment right now,” New York’s captain said Wednesday, a day after the most one-sided defeat in the 1101-year history of baseball’s winningest team.

Much of New York was shocked by Tuesday night’s loss, which matched the biggest post-1900 shutout margin in the major leagues. The Yankees’ AL East lead, 10 1/2 games on the morning of Aug. 16, was cut to 3 1/2 games over second-place Boston.

“We didn’t win too much in high school, but I don’t remember getting beat like that before,” Jeter said.

Cleveland’s victory is unlikely to wind up as an instant classic on the Yankees’ YES Network, where pinstriped players are treated like gods and opponents are expected to bow to the juggernaut.

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Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter joked before saying he went to bed about 2 a.m., as usual.

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“The going gets tough, the tough get going.”

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner chimed in with another of his statements, part of which appeared on some of the boards.

“Sure, we got punished badly last night, but winners never quit and quitters never win,” Steinbrenner said. “New Yorkers never quit, and we reflect the spirit of New York.”

Combined with the Mets’ 5-0 loss to Florida across town at Shea Stadium, it marked the first time both New York teams were blanked on the same day since Sept. 17, 1989, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Yankees (81-50) have never failed to finish in first place after leading by at least 6 1/2 games.

“We’re not going to fall down on the job.”

“STINKIES” blared the back page of the Daily News.

“WORST LOSS EVER!” read the sports page headline of the New York Post.

On the sign boards outside Yankee Stadium and on some of the scoreboards inside, fans were greeted before the game by various messages, including:

“At Yankee Stadium, where even minor matters are magnified, Steinbrenner took the loss calmly, according to Torre. No blood was visible on the clubhouse carpet, and vultures were not circling above the ballpark. Torre said Steinbrenner spoke with him by phone and offered ‘support, keep-your-chin-up-type stuff.’

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Cleveland Indians centerfielder Coco Crisp, left, stops running as New York Yankees pitcher Orlando Hernandez waits to tag him.

Rather than go out on his 21st birthday against his fathers wishes, he spent a quiet evening studying the effects of grain and hops on the brain.
Kobe Bryant, above, reports for an August court appearance. The sexual assault charges against the NBA all star were dropped Wednesday because the alleged victim refused to testify.

Prosecutors drop Bryant's sex charges

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The Kobe Bryant case collapsed Wednesday as prosecutors said they had no choice but to drop the sexual assault charge against the NBA star because the alleged victim did not want to testify.

With the parents of the 25-year-old accuser looking on, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case under a deal that means no charges will be refiled.

"The people have filed a motion to dismiss this case based on the fact the sole victim at this time is unable to go forward," District Attorney Mark Hurbert told the judge. He said the alleged victim did not want to participate in the trial, including taking the stand.

The woman's attorney, John Clune, said his client has been through an extremely difficult time over the past 14 months and was disturbed by a series of courthouse mistakes that included the release of her name and medical history.

"It is in her sincere belief that when this case ends she does not want to be brought back into the criminal process," Clune told the judge. "The difficulties that this case has imposed on this woman the past year are unimaginable."

Ruckriegle admitted mistakes that could suggest Bryant still faces a federal civil lawsuit filed by the accuser that seeks unspecified damages.

Defense attorneys this week asked the judge to dismiss the assault charge, saying prosecutors had refused to turn over details that could suggest Bryant should be tried.

In a motion made public Wednesday, defense attorney said a forensic expert whom prosecutors had planned to call as a witness had information that "undermined the accuser's allegations and the prosecution's case, and corroborated Mr. Bryant's defense on a central issue — the cause and significance of the accuser's alleged injuries."

In Brief

Pennington signs seven-year extension with Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Chad Pennington agreed to a $64 million, seven-year contract extension with the New York Jets on Wednesday that includes $23 million in guaranteed money.

A source familiar with the negotiations, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that Pennington will average $9.172 million a year. The quarterback, who entered his fifth season, also receives the second-largest amount of up-front money, behind only Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, who got a $34.5 million signing bonus earlier this year.

The total value of Pennington's deal is $64.197 million.

Both of those contracts were negotiated by Tom Condon, who was not available for comment Wednesday. The Jets do not release contract terms.

Pennington had set a deadline of

end of the pre-season, which is

after Friday night's game against

Philadelphia, for a new deal to be

finalized. He did not want negotia­

tions to stretch into the season, nor

did the Jets, who didn't want to

chance losing him as a free agent.

Mourning attempts to comeback this season

EAST BERTONFORD, N.J. — Seven-time All-Star Alonzo Mourning will attempt a comeback with the New Jersey Nets this season, less than a year after a kidney trans­

plant.

"I am feeling great and am excited about attending training camp and possibly resuming my career," the 34-year-old Mourning said in a state­

ment released by the Nets on

Wednesday.

"We look forward to Alonzo joining the Nets in training camp," Nets pres­

ident Rod Thorn said. "Hopefully, he will be able to resume his career and

play at the high level he has in the past.

The center, who had signed with the Nets before last season, played only 12 games before retiring Nov.

24 because of complications from a kidney disease, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. He was diag­

nosed before the 2000-01 season, when he was with the Miami Heat.

 Jail sentence upheld for Dodgers Bradley

AKRON, Ohio — An appeals court has upheld a three-day jail sentence Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley was ordered to serve for driving away while being issued a speeding ticket.

The Ninth District Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that the trial judge did not unfairly sentence Bradley after he pleaded guilty earli­

er this year to a charge of obstruct­

ing official business, a second degree misdemeanor.
Hurricane Frances may postpone FSU-Miami game

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami may have to wait a few days before playing their season opener. School officials were strongly considering postponing the game five days from Monday to Sept. 11 because of Hurricane Frances. They were expected to announce a decision Thursday.

"We'd like to play it, but I'm not sure it's in the cards," Florida State president T.K. Wetherell said Wednesday. Wetherell said evacuations along Florida's east coast would cause travel problems for fans, band members and others heading south to the Orange Bowl. The hurricane also could be moving through Tallahassee on Sunday or Monday.

"I'm not sure we want to be gone with all that going on," Wetherell said. Wetherell said ABC executives and officials from both schools were discussing proposals for rescheduling the game. A likely scenario would move it to Saturday, Sept. 11.

Miami has had two other games postponed because of hurricanes in the last seven years. The Hurricanes had a game against UCLA postponed more than two months in 1998 because of Hurricane Georges, and had one against Temple delayed nearly three months in 1999 because of Hurricane Irene.

The game between No. 5 Florida State and No. 6 Miami was scheduled to be the only prime-time game on Labor Day.

"I hope it still works, but it sure doesn't look good." T.K. Wetherell Florida State president

Frances, a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph top sustained winds, was due near Florida's Atlantic coast late Friday or early Saturday.

The threat of the hurricane forced Hampton and Jackson State to move their season openers Saturday from Orlando's Citrus Bowl to Virginia.

Other Florida schools were waiting to see Frances' progress before deciding what to do about their season openers. No. 11 Florida hosts Middle Tennessee State on Saturday, while Savannah State and Bethune-Cookman play in Jacksonville.

The Florida State League canceled its final three days of games in the East Division, starting Friday, but play in the West will continue. Daytona Beach-Vero Beach playoff games were to start Tuesday, but league president Chuck Murphy said that could change if Frances damages stadiums.

Also Wednesday, the University of Florida men's basketball team postponed a weekend trip to the Bahamas. The trip will be rescheduled after this year.

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Ankiel may be ready for postseason play

Lefty hopes to join team soon after stint in minor leagues

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Next spring, the St. Louis Cardinals expect Rick Ankiel to compete for a spot in the rotation. Next month, he could show up on the postseason roster.

For now, just being in the major leagues is enough for the left-hander whose once-promising career was derailed for more than three years by wild pitches and reconstructive elbow surgery. September serves as bonus time for the 19-year-old phenom with 11 wins and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings to help St. Louis win the NL Central.

"The fact is, we don't win without him," La Russa said.

From the 2000 playoffs, when he threw nine wild pitches and walked 11 in four innings, it's been almost all bad news. He was 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA and 25 walks in 24 innings when he was demoted to the minors in May 2001, and he missed the entire 2002 season with a sprained elbow.

In July 2003, he was 2-6 with a 6.29 ERA at Double-A Tennessee when he found out he needed reconstructive elbow surgery.

Some of Ankiel's teammates are on the lookout for reporters who won't let the past go.

"I think, speaking for myself, if that happens it's going to be ugly in here," center fielder Jim Edmonds said. "I don't think our guys are going to stand for it, and hopefully we won't have to go through it."

Ankiel said, simply: "You know what, let's talk about now."

Last month, the comeback began. In seven starts at three minor league levels he showed he was ready for another shot, going 2-1 with an 0.79 ERA, no wild pitches and only two walks in 22 2-3 innings.

"It's been good and I think the main thing is to make sure I can go out there and throw pain-free," Ankiel said. "It's been going that way and I just want to continue."

The Cardinals will treat Ankiel just as they did Matt Morris in 2000 following his reconstructive elbow surgery, pitching him every few days. Just like Morris then, whatever happens now with Ankiel, 2005 is more important.

"Remember that Matt's future was as a starter, so we didn't want to do anything during that period of reliefing that would take away from him getting into the winter with a full program and being able to come to spring training ready to go," La Russa said. "So that means we're going to watch him closely here and use him hopefully with good sense.

"It's for now and for later." After his ordeal, the present is plenty for Ankiel. He can't daydream about completing his climb with a successful postseason that could help erase his 2000 misadventures.

"I'm not really going to look that far down the road. I'm just going to try to look at now," Ankiel said. "I can't control the past and I can't control the future, so I'll just try to worry about today."

It helps that he's not really needed. The Cardinals had a 15 1/2-game lead and a magic number of 16 in the NL Central going into Wednesday night, so there shouldn't be any pressure.

"It's like a dream, the things these guys are doing day in and day out," Ankiel said. "It's like they haven't slowed down one bit. It's unbelievable for my eyes."

All the better scenario for Ankiel to clean the slate and begin his second career.

"I was always impressed his rookie season," La Russa said. "He was special then and he's special now."
College Athletics

Indiana expected to name new AD

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University President Michael A. McNeely is expected to name assistant athletic director Adam Herbert as the school's athletic director.

McNeely announced the finalists included Army's Rick Greenspan and Wisconsin's James Pollard. IU officials could not be reached for comment.

Earlier this week, search committee chairman Ken Beckley said Herbert was making his decision until several references returned from the Athens Olympics. Beckley did not identify any of the candidates.

Both Greenspan and Pollard would bring strong fundraising skills to Bloomington, where the athletics department faces a $2 million deficit.

Herbert began his college coaching career in 1999 at Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a year later was hired as associate athletic director at the University of California-Berkeley, three years at Hampshire.

Herbert was serving as the school's director of athletics when Michael McNeely retired as president, a position he held for 16 months on the job. Clapacs continued to do double duty after interim President Mary Sue Coleman was appointed. Herbert was to have the job for an additional year in April 2003.

McNeely had replaced Clarence Doninger, who retired at the end of the 2000-01 school year.

MLB

Ichiros total only most since '38

Associated Press

TORONTO — Ichiro Suzuki's 56 hits in August are still impressive — only they're not the most in a month by a major league player in 68 years as originally reported.

According to ongoing research by the Elias Sports Bureau, Suzuki's total is the highest in a month since Jeff Heath got 58 for Cleveland in August 1936.

When Suzuki got his third hit of the game Tuesday night for Seattle against Toronto, he was announced at SkyDome that he had matched the most since Cleveland's Roy Weatherly also got 56 in July 1936.

The Mariners based their information on work by independent researcher David Stephan. Elias, baseball's statistician, found Heath's mark on Wednesday.

"Either way it's phenomen­al," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said. "Fifty-six hits in a month just doesn't happen."

The major league record for hits in a month in unknown, Elias said.

Coincidentally, Heath and Weatherly were longtime teammates in the Indians' outfield. They both made their big league debuts in 1936 for Cleveland at age 21. Heath got off to a great start after joining the Indians in late June 1936. The next month, he got those 56 hits on his way to batting .357 that season.

Heath was a two-time All­Star with Cleveland and posted by his big month, he hit 343 in 1938 with 112 RBIs, and led the AL with 18 triples.

Heath and Weatherly played together in the Indians' outfield through the 1942 season.

With 212 hits through Wednesday night, Suzuki is purs­uing George Sisler's major league record of 257 hits in a season, accomplished in 1920 in 2001.

Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki, right, is congratulated at home plate by Randy Winn after hitting a solo home run on Sunday.

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Cubs defeat Expos 2-1 in 11 innings to lead wild card

National League

Yankees recover and defeat Indians 5-3

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The scorecard was reset to zero, all the runs and hits from the previous day wiped away. Orlando Hernandez and Jorge Posada then went out and restored some order at Yankee Stadium.

A year after Cleveland's offense set records, El Duque limited the Indians to three hits in seven innings and Posada hit a go-ahead, two-run homer that led the New York Yankees over the Indians 5-3 Wednesday.

When Travis Hafner hit an RBI single in the first inning, the Yankees left the bases loaded in the sixth inning before Boston spurred to a four-run lead against Anaheim at Fenway Park, New York's AL East lead over the Red Sox looked to be in danger of shrinking to 2 1/2 games, down from 3 1/2 on the morning of Aug. 16.

But the Yankees, sent to their ninth straight loss with two runs and 13 hits in Tuesday's 8-5 rout Tuesday night, rallied with runs in six of the first seven innings. With Gary Sheffield's grounder to left in the seven and didn't allow a runner to second base the entire inning.

Following Tuesday's shocker, fans were greeted by inspirational messages on Yankee Stadium sign boards and scorecards which read "we're going to get through this. we're going to get tough, the tough get going." Steinfbrner released a statement, part of which appeared on some stadium seats throughout the stadium in what was expected back in April to be a standing-room only crowd.

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American League

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Campus Ministry

what’s happening

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Latino Freshman Retreat
Friday - Saturday
Oakwood

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Saturday-Sunday
Fatima Retreat Center

Sunday 09.05
RCIA Info Session
1:00-2:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

special events

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2:00-4:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

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Lector Workshop
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10:00pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Forth: 71
10:00pm
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Fulfillment, Completeness & Trips to Meijer...
by Brett J. Perkins
Director, Protestant Student Resources & Peer Ministry

Along with those important decisions about just how to arrange your furniture and when to make yet another run to Meijer, another thought might have crossed your mind. Maybe it came to you last Sunday, as you heard the Basilica bells ring out the opening window at the seemingly ungodly hour of 10:00 am. Perhaps it came to you when you were daydreaming in one of your classes, and found your gaze unexplainably transfixed on the Man hanging upon the cross. Or maybe you heard the stomp of men and women heading downstairs toward your hall chapel last Sunday night. Regardless of when it hit you, the question is the same:

“How is God going to fit into my new life now that I’m away at college?”

For many students, given the newfound freedom you have at college, you are no longer under the watchful gaze of your parents. No longer are they close by so as to assure your spiritual nourishment each week. But now what? What will you do now that nobody is “taking attendance”? I propose three responses to the above questions:

Option #1. Do nothing.
Now that your family is out of the picture, cease and desist all faith-based activities, whether out of rebellion, protest against some Church teaching you find particularly unsettling, or simple indifference to organized religion.

Option #2. Conform with the bare minimum.
Make it to Sunday services, barely squeezing in before the Gospel reading. Whatever you do, don’t sing. Daydream through the homily. Receive Communion, but then leave immediately following. From the time you leave the church or chapel, do nothing to deepen your faith until the next Sunday, at which time you might decide to venture back to chapel.

Option #3. Embrace the Decision to Get INVOLVED.
You realize that now is the time for you to take on the yoke of faith for yourself. You realize that at an institution so steeped in faith, the traditional forms of prayer that might be new to you ... the rosary, Bible study, Eucharistic Adoration, Morning Prayer, Vespers, and the like. You also realize that the Lord would be pleased for you to take full advantage of the rich spiritual resources that Notre Dame has to offer you.

As a Notre Dame graduate, I know well the strength that accompanies the rigorous academic programs offered at our university. I know the added burden of trying to maintain a social and extracurricular life. I know the headaches that can sometimes be caused by family and friends, roommates, and residential life in general. But despite all these stresses, a greater question emerges: how well will you maintain your faith during your years at Notre Dame? All the elements you need are here; knowledge, faith, understanding, and a deeper sense of self-loathing. As a Notre Dame graduate, I know well the strength that accompanies the rigorous academic programs offered at our university. I know the added burden of trying to maintain a social and extracurricular life. I know the headaches that can sometimes be caused by family and friends, roommates, and residential life in general. But despite all these stresses, a greater question emerges: how well will you maintain your faith during your years at Notre Dame? All the elements you need are here; knowledge, faith, understanding, and a deeper sense of self-loathing. As a Notre Dame graduate, I know well the strength that accompanies the rigorous academic programs offered at our university.
Tennis

Williams’ outfit catches attention

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Wearing what she described as her “micro-min“ outfit, third-seeded Serena Williams advanced to the third round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Lindsay Lee-Waters.

It was not easy, the former Open champion said. "It was a great test," Williams said. "She hits the living daylights out of the ball. She was killing everything."

Williams said she felt at ease in the first two rounds of the open, relaxed and calm with nothing to lose.

And as for her outfit — a black, studded tank top that revealed her midriff and matching tight shorts — she simply smiled.

"I have another surprise for the next match," she said.

Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo almost got surprised, dropping the first set to Julia Vakulenko, but Mauresmo recovered to win the match 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Mauresmo overcame 34 unforced errors and 10 double faults and finished the match with her fourth ace.

"I started very slow in the first set," said Mauresmo, who won the silver medal at Athens, "I’m looking forward to improve my game because I am not satisfied now."

Gustavo Kuerten, the former French Open champion who was seeded No. 20, was a first-round loser, beaten by Krzysztof Pless 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4). Kuerten was done in by 46 unforced errors.

Earlier, fourth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt began his Open with an efficient 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Wayne Ferreira in the 57th and final Grand Slam tournament for the veteran South African.

Hewitt prevailed comfortably and when it was over, Ferreira, 32, confirmed that he’s done with tournament tennis.

"I’ve been doing this a long time," he said. "It’s difficult to get up and train as hard as I’d like. It’s time for me to move on and do something else." Ferreira made 35 unforced errors and never had a break-point opportunity against Hewitt, the 2001 champion who arrived at the Open coming off two straight championships and has won four tournaments this year.

Just as Hewitt was finishing off Ferreira, Mark Philippoussis was forced to retire in the fifth set against Nikolay Davydenko when his body betrayed him again.

Philippoussis, a finalist at the Open in 1998, has battled a litany of knee injuries. There have been three operations on his left knee and he has synthetic cartilage in the knee he is now using. The knee led to a first-round defeat at the Open against former Rockus, but this time the trouble was in his left hip.

After winning the first set 6-1, Philppoussis split the next two sets 6-7 (3), 6-7 (4), before he called for the trainer. Laying face down on the court, he grimaced as the hip was massaged. He lost the set and it just seemed a matter of time before he would be forced to retire.

Once dismissed as a serious player when he lost 21 straight matches, No. 23-14, he Spadea posted his first win at the Open since 2002 by defeating Lino Iftono 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. He has lost in the first or second round of the Open in each of his four appearances, and despite his 25th birthday coming up at Eastbourne and a quarterfinalist at the Open warmup in New Haven, used effective drop shots and played confident, aggressive tennis to pull off the upset. She was almost flawless on her approaches to the net, winning 17 of 20 points.

Bitten by Patty Schnyder at Athens, Hantuchova looked steadier than she had in her first-round match, when she dropped the first set and then won a second-set tiebreaker to defeat Camille Pin, winning the last two sets in tiebreakers.

There was no need for those kinds of dramatics against Molik.

Hantuchova next plays No. 15 Schnyder, who defeated Ivetta Benesova 6-4, 6-1. In other early matches, No. 31 Maria Vento-Kabchi defeated Julia Schraff 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (2) and No. 19 Ai Sugiyama defeated Gisela Dulko 6-2, 6-4.

Disappointed: Martina Navratilova at both the French Open and Wimbledon this year.

No. 14 Fernando Gonzalez, a double medalist at the Olympics, made a quick exit, losing to Robin Soderling 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (6), 6-1. Gonzalez won the doubles gold with Nicolas Massu and the singles bronze at Athens.

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Sheila Huntley, Anthropology
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Questions

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Kathleen Collins, Political Science
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caught a 59-yard touchdown in which he amassed several yards after the initial reception. They have me in there in all kinds of situations, but I just want to go out there and make plays." Schmidt, a former walk-on who got his start playing interhall football for Zahm Hall, emerged last year as a receiving threat - making 13 receptions for 125 yards - while also showing his skills as an aggressive blocker. He figures to battle Powers-Neal and junior Nate Schicicattano for playing time at fullback this season.

"It's definitely friendly competition between Rashon and I," Schmidt said. "That's not to say we don't try hard and get after each other everyday, but we go out there and our mindset is to go out and play hard and let the coaches decide who plays.

"I'm ready to play. I'm trying to do it all now. They have me in there in all kinds of situations, but I just want to go out there and make plays."

Rashon Powers-Neal
Irish fullback

For this season, though, Schmidt would like to focus more on brawn than brains. "I just want to improve as a blocker, because I know that's something I need to improve on coming out of last year," he said. "I want to improve as a lead blocker and also get a little bit better at catching the ball out of the backfield."

Notes

Josh Schmidt, a former walk-on who started eight games in 2003 as the kicker and punter, was expected to compete for the starting position with sophomore Geoffrey Price.

Notre Dame is tentatively looking at a plan that might increase the number of home games from six to seven, beginning in 2009. Teams such as Nebraska and Ohio State have recently scheduled as many as eight home games in a season, while Notre Dame has maintained its policy of playing a roughly equivalent number of home and away games, but that policy might fall into the right places that they're going to give you a shot.

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Josh Schmidt
Irish fullback

"Corey has been a real delight in our program," Willingham said. "He's willingly improved his knowledge of the defensive scheme and put himself in position, where now if you looked at our linebacking corps, we would have a rotation of four and not just three starters."

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Fullback Josh Schmidt runs through a drill during fall practice. Schmidt was recently awarded a scholarship.

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Adrianna Stasluk passes the ball against Loyola. The freshman played well in the opener.
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Striking first
No. 25 Irish prevail in season opener against Loyola at home

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

It's a start. That's one way Irish coach Debbie Brown might describe Wednesday night's opening victory over Loyola Chicago.

"We were a little inconsistent tonight but I also saw a lot of good things," Brown said after watching her team win the first two games, then lose the third before finally finishing off the Ramblers in a four-game victory at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame appeared ready to steamroll its way to an easy match win as ace Adrianna Stasiuk and Meg Henitcan helped them to take game one, 30-24.

Outside hitter Emily Loomis had two key spikes to put the Irish ahead 14-8 midway through game two as her teammate Lauren Bowers aided the Irish attack with an impressive kill. She extended her whole-body backswings to make solid contact with the ball and send it flying over the net giving Notre Dame a 22-11 lead. The Irish cruised from there to win game two 29-19.

"I thought in game two we came out really, really strong," Brown said. "Emily Loomis was hitting the ball really well, and I thought she showed good promise."

Game three was a totally different story for the Irish as Loyola played with much more intensity than they had in the first two games. Though small and less athletic than Notre Dame, the Ramblers used hustle and strong serving from outside hitter Courtney Ashley to take an early 20-10 lead. Brown took a couple of timeouts to try and rally the Irish, but they didn't work.

Freshman hitter Stasiuk steps up in first college game

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Adrianna Stasiuk doesn't look like a freshman. Judging by her performance against Loyola Chicago Wednesday night, Stasiuk could have easily been mistaken for a seasoned veteran. The freshman starter played fearlessly, diving and pivoting for each corner defenders and her agility and quickness that make the plays. She sets a lot of balls and her serving, passing and defense are all very strong. She's a real steady player all-around."

Stasiuk made an impact in all corners of the court Wednesday night. In addition to serving five aces — the most made by an Irish player since Kristen Kinder had five against Kentucky in 2001 — Stasiuk frustrated the Rambler offense with her presence at the net.

Fullbacks must be multi-faceted for Irish

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
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Fullback is one of those positions that sounds easier than it is. An accomplished fullback has to be multi-talented, able to do much more than just act as a lead blocker.

This is especially true in Notre Dame's pro-style offense, which involves the fullback in a variety of running and receiving plays. The fullback is seen as a safety-valve receiver, or a way to change up the running game — and proficiency in all aspects of the position is key in the Irish offense this year.

"Everyday, I try to get something to work on," said Rashon Powers-Neal, who along with Josh Schmidt was 2003 season. A year ago, Saint Mary's started its preseason against the Maroons and faced them again during the regular season — winning in three straight games.

"Tonight, the score really didn't show what the team was trying to accomplish," defensive specialist Michelle Gary said after the match in which the Belles were swept in three games. "We're just trying to mix it up offensively and find out our strengths."

A few bright spots were especially seen in the play of a couple of much improved juniors. Outside attacker Michelle Turley, who did not see much action last year, had a very good game. Middle hitter Bender also did a great job, picking up right where she left off at the end of last season. Bender ended the 2003 campaign with 510 total