Hurricane slams into New Orleans

ND students worry about loved ones in path of violent storm

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

As the Big Easy braced Monday for Katrina — the Category 4 hur­ricane purported to be the most catastrophic event to strike the region in decades — wary New Or­leans natives of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s expressed grave concern for loved ones back home.

Touted in a National Weather Service statement as a "potentially catastroph­ic and life-threatening" event, Hurricane Katrina had already demonstrated its violence by Thursday — claiming seven lives in Florida as a more Category 1 storm. That same statement warned of the storm’s ability to obliterate mobile homes and other “poorly­ constructed dwellings.” Many stable buildings were also labeled as at-risk areas as the National Weather Service warned residents of New Orleans that Katrina also had the capability to cause serious damage to even well­ built structures.

Keeping in touch

Senior Brandon Hall — who lives within the New Orleans city limits — said he has spoken to his family and friends, but with difficul­ ty. Tied up phone lines have made communication difficult, he said.

“I’m spoken with family and friends,” he said. “Some are...

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group introduces new members, vision

Baron says COR will operate ‘efficiently’

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Critics of student govern­ment, take note. If student body president Dave Baron has his way, the Council of Representa­tives' keyword will be “efficiency.”

"COR is the center­piece of the student union,” Baron told representa­tives Monday. “This is an entirely open agenda sort of meet­ ing. If you guys don’t have stuff to talk about, we won’t meet.”

Lizlee Shapell, left, and Dave Baron speak to members of the Council of Representatives Monday night.

New First Year of Studies dean comes from experience

Hugh Page, Jr. replaces Eileen Kolman as chief leader of the University’s award-winning program for freshman students

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

An Episcopal priest, a harmonica player and a blues lyri­cist, a translator of Hebrew texts. An assistant men’s tennis coach, a poet, a theologian and martial arts black belt.

And now dean of the First Year of Studies.

Hugh Page, Jr., a poised man of varied in­terests, steps into his first year of overseeing the program that guides freshmen through their first Notre Dame academic year.

Page said he feels fortunate to have been chosen and believes the position fits his personal aspirations as an edu­cator.

“I see myself as a scholar, as a teacher and as an adminis­trator, and if there is a place within the University where such credentials find that they can be of service, then I’m more than willing,” he said.

Page came to Notre Dame in 1992 to teach in the theology department. In 1999, he was appointed the director of the African and African-American Studies program, and in 2002 he became an associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters.

Page replaces Eileen Kolman, who served as dean since 1990. His appointment rounds out the list of new senior administra­tors that includes University president and provost.

Page saw firsthand the signif­icance of the program — from the advisors’ dedication to the students’ potential — during the summer when he worked with the staff to build student schedules.

“Reading through the files, you hear the stories that indi­vidual first year students tell about their own academic or personal growth,” he said.

They come with such incredi­
INSIDE COLUMN

Golden senior year

Watching the freshmen as they walked around campus for the past week or so — they looked a bit scared the first few days, then a bit more confident as they settled into campus life over the weekend — I was reminded less of how I felt my first few weeks on campus and more of how while this is a new beginning for some students, it is the beginning of an end for the seniors.

As the freshmen were looking forward to an amazing four years here, we just have one precious year of life in our bubble left before we are harshly thrust into the real world.

Luckily for us, before we have to face that reality, we are blessed with what I’m told may be the most amazing year of our lives — senior year, a title that should be not only capitalized but capitalized on. Senior year is a magical time, a year full of firsts, last firsts and very last.

For me in particular, senior year shines ahead of me like a bright promise. Why? Because I had a very special birthday this summer that allows me to enter any of South Bend’s fine establishments legally.

This leaves me in a somewhat unusual situation — I’m that senior who has never been to the South Bend bars. For the past three years, I have been designated driving those lucky ducks of legal age. Fuddler’s, RumRunners, State and Finnegan’s, then sadly sighing, shifting and heading back to my dorm.

I’m even that extremely rare senior who never got out on the legendary Boat. Oh, once last year when I took about 15 people there in the back of a pickup truck. I got up those long stairs and got a peek inside, but my ship couldn’t sail any farther.

But I heard the stories. Fantastic tales of a magical senior year — of penny pitchings, dancing all night, ridiculous pick-up lines and somewhat shady but wonderful bars where everyone could link arms and sing my favorite Bon Jovi, Def Leppard and Billy Joel tunes before making it home at all. And most of all, how I felt my first goodbye before we are harshly thrust into the worst-case scenario began.

Even after the worst of times, I have been able to find a light shining like a beacon of light shining before me like a beacon of light shining in the end, these are the days I will remember for the rest of my life. Senior year glitters.

From left to right, Sophie Alexandrou, Emmanuel Sifakis, Luis Montestruque and Alexandra Garripoli mix at the welcome back picnic for international students Monday. Notre Dame has roughly 1,000 international students from more than 200 countries.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame’s annual Activities Night will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. It is entitled “Business Schools are Partially to Blame for the Corporate Ethics Scandals: Multiple Viewpoints” and will feature several Notre Dame faculty members.

ND Cinema will host the critically acclaimed documentary “Murderball,” about quad rugby Team USA’s bid in the 2004 Paralympics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Centers Cinema Friday and Saturday nights at 7 and 10 p.m.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will face off against Florida State at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Texas at 5 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center.

An exhibit entitled Two Italian Hardboiled: Sports Cars Clad by Scaglioni and Frua will be on display in the Nile Museum of Art Entrance Atrium Gallery until Sept. 18. The exhibit features a 1958 Ferrari and a 1935 Maserati. Admission is free.

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

OFFBEAT

Human cannonball flies over U.S.-Mexico border

JUNA, Mexico — David Smith, Sr., who already holds a world record for the longest distance traveled by a human fired from a cannon, now has another feat on his record.

Smith was shot across the U.S.-Mexico border on Saturday, soaring about 150 feet and landing uninjured in a net in San Diego with U.S. Border Patrol agents and an ambulance waiting nearby.

Although it is against the law for anyone, including U.S. citizens, to enter the country outside an official port of entry, Smith Sr. wasn’t crossing illegally.

Women gives birth in midst of traffic jam

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Eight-and-a-half-months pregnant, Bianca Doucett had been on the road for seven hours in bumper-to-bumper traffic fleeing New Orleans in advance of Hurricane Katrina when her worst-case scenario began.

Stuck on Interstate 59, nowhere near a hospital, she went into labor in Mississippi.

“South of Interstate 59, nowhere near a hospital, she went into labor in Mississippi. There was no way that this was happening,” said the New Orleans resident. “I mean, I was in my auntie’s car, in the middle of all of this traffic and we were evacuating from a hurricane.

“Besides, my due date wasn’t until the beginning of September.”

Doucett’s aunt, Anna Jones, called family members in other cars, and they called 911. Jones put on her emergency flashers and tried to get into the breakdown lane.

“She kept saying that the baby was coming and to hurry, but I couldn’t go anywhere,” Jones said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Guatemalan activist to receive ND Prize

Special to The Observer

Guatemalan human rights activist Helen Mark Chang has been awarded the 2005 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies. The award will be presented Sept. 7 at a ceremony in Guatemala City.

Mark is the founder of Guatemala's Myrna Mack Foundation, which she formed in a quest for justice for the brutal murder of her sister Myrna Mack and for the thousands of other citizens who lost their lives at the hands of the country's military.

An anthropologist, Myrna Mack was stabbed to death Sept. 11, 1990, by members of a military death squad in response to her investigations of the destruction and mass killing of indigenous communities by the Guatemalan military.

Since the Myrna Mack Foundation's establishment in 1993, Helen Mack has succeeded in making significant progress in the fight for human rights, reform of the judiciary system and fortification of the rule of law. In addition, she obtained the conviction of one of the soldiers accused of committing the crime — and several years later, the conviction of one of the three officers accused of masterminding Myrna Mack's murder.

"Ms. Mack is a symbol of the impact one courageous person can have in the political process," said Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame and a member of the prize committee. "Since her sister, Myrna Mack, was brutally murdered by members of the military, she has become an unlikely champion for human rights and justice in a country where that can be a hazardous occupation.

As part of the prize, Mack will be awarded $10,000, with a matching amount donated to the Myrna Mack Foundation. Dr. José García Nova, vice president of the Myrna Mack Foundation, will accept the matching cash award on behalf of the foundation.

Mark is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Swedish Parliament’s Right Livelihood Award, known as an "alternative Nobel Prize." Established in 2000 by the Kellogg Institute, the award is funded by Tho Coca-Cola Foundation. The Notre Dame Prize has been awarded to some of the leading political, civil and religious figures in Latin America.

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Katrina presented New Orleans with a doubly serious situation given both the nature of the storm itself and of the region. With winds upwards of 130 miles per hour and a storm surge exceeding 20 feet, the hurricane fell into powerful Category 4 classification on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale.

The hurricane lost some of its vigor as it battered Alabama, Mississippi and other parts of the Gulf, but still caused heavy damage as a Category 3 storm. Katrina had weakened to a Category 2 hurricane Monday afternoon.

The Big Easy was especially susceptible to Katrina’s immense strength given its geographic makeup. Approximately 70 percent of New Orleans is below sea-level, and therefore, a levee system is used to protect the area from rising waters of the Mississippi River.

But Katrina’s massive storm surges exceeded the height of the levee system. Hall predicted the entire city to be in jeopardy of “serious flooding.”

“The only preventive measure to keep New Orleans from completely submerging is a levee system that is only 18 feet above sea level,” Hall said. “If you can do the math, you know we’re in serious trouble.”

Coping with disaster from afar

As residents of New Orleans grapple with the assured destruction surrounding Hurricane Katrina, students some 800 miles away in South Bend must also deal with the devastation of one of the gravest natural disasters in recent memory.

Cordes said students from New Orleans have kept the lines of communication open when dealing with the hurricane and its aftermath.

“Two girls from New Orleans I know have both told me they’re scared, and one will try to drive home as soon as reasonably possible,” Cordes said. “I’m going to try to talk with more people from New Orleans and help each other out as much as we can.”

Many students have been glued to their television sets.

“I have spoken with [my family] many times, and they had to tell me to turn off the television … I was getting more nervous than they were,” Nolan said. “I am scared that my whole city will be destroyed.”

Cordes said while he is thankful for his own safety and the safety of his family, he too struggles with the unexpected unease that comes with a natural disaster of this magnitude.

“Two of the biggest feelings I have are anxiety and uncertainty — as to how bad the damage and casualties will be since this is an unprecedented storm for New Orleans,” Cordes said. “As a freshman, this event puts my new life and new home in perspective since I don’t know how much of my hometown will still exist.”

Cordes said he visited the Grotto Sunday to pray for his hometown.

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Weakened Katrina floods New Orleans

Hurricane not as harsh as feared but caused massive damage down Gulf Coast

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Hurricane Katrina was not the apocalyptic storm that New Orleans and south Louisiana have been dreading all these years. But it was still a nightmare for the city and a 200-mile stretch of the Gulf Coast.

Some neighborhoods in the Big Easy were submerged up to their roofs. Floodwaters gushed into Mobile, Ala., from casinos. Sailboats were flung across a highway like toys. Dozens of people had to be rescued from rooftops and attics as the water rose through their homes.

And an untold number of people were feared dead.

"I was so happy that the worst-case scenario didn't unfold, but then when I started looking around, you see buildings collapsed or with bricks punched in and it's really kind of sad," New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said.

Katrina barreled into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans around dawn, broke Monday as a monstrous, 145-mph storm, making a right turn at the last minute to spare the Big Easy the doomsday scenario it has long feared. Had Katrina not shifted, hurricane waters could have spilled over levees and swamped the saucer-shaped city in a toxic soup of refinery chemicals and biochemicals.

At least seven people were known to have died in Mississippi and Alabama because of the storm. Because of high water, rescuers could not immediately reach some of the most hard-hit areas in New Orleans and along the Gulf where the storm made landfall.

"Some of them, it was their last night on Earth," Terry Elbert, chief of homeland security for New Orleans, said of people who ignored orders to evacuate the city of 480,000 over the weekend.

"That's a hard way to learn a lesson." Katrina knocked out power to more than three-quarters of a million people in Louisiana from the Florida Panhandle, and authorities said it could be two months before electricity is restored to everyone. Ten major hospitals were running on emergency back-up power.

The federal government began rushing baby formulas, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas, along with doctors, nurses and first-aid supplies. The Pentagon sent experts to help with search-and-rescue operations.

Katrina was later downgraded to a tropical storm as it passed through eastern Mississippi, moving north at 21 mph. Winds were still a dangerous 65 mph.

Forecasters said that as the storm moved north through the nation's midsection over the next few days, it may spawn tornadoes over the Southeast and swamp the Gulf Coast and the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys with potentially ruinous 8 inches or more of rain.

Oil refiners said damage to their equipment in the Gulf region appeared to be minimal, and oil prices dropped back from the day's highs above $70 a barrel. But the refiners were still assessing the damage, and the Bush administration said it would consider releasing oil from the nation's emergency stockpile if necessary.

ISRAEL

Gaza unrest continues despite Israeli withdrawal

Associated Press

JERUSALEM - A lethal arrest raid, a suicide bombing, fresh hand榴弹 exchanges and devastating Hamas video.

So far, that's the follow-up to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's promised Gaza disengagement.

Both sides say they're still prepared to talk, however. Officials said a meeting is possible between Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas when the two are in New York next month to address the United Nations.

And Sharon's withdrawal, ending 38 years of Israeli civilian presence in the Gaza Strip, is likely to have long-lasting ripple effects on Middle East peacemaking that could unsettle some settlers. With the settlers gone, the army is expected to complete its own pullout in the coming days.

"We understand that Mr. Sharon has to show the Israeli people that he is conceding on one side and strengthening his position on the other," Badi Hasein, the Palestinian chief of staff, told The Associated Press.

Local News

Children's hospital to expand

Children's Hospital in Indianapolis plans a $150 million expansion of Riley Hospital for Children, the nation's largest children's hospital. Building 3B will add more clinics for specialty care across the state.

The project, formally announced Monday, would make it one of the largest children's hospitals in the nation. "This bold and ambitious plan is really designed to reach out to children throughout the state," said Dr. Ors Hirsch Beach, Riley's president and chief executive officer.

International News

Pope talks with conservative society

VATICAN CITY -- Pope Benedict XVI met Monday with the head of the ultraconservative group that broke off from the Vatican last week in a dispute with the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, and both sides said they had agreed to take steps to resolve their differences.

Both the Vatican and Bishop Bernard Fellay, superior general of Lefebvre's Society of St. Pius X said the meeting was held in a spirit of dialogue, and that talks had progressed. The meeting comes after a series of public sparring by the Vatican to bring it back into its fold.

Left-leaning Swiss-based society in 1988, opposed to the liberalizing reforms of the 1965-62 Second Vatican Council, particularly its call for Mass to be celebrated in local languages and not in Latin.

He was excommunicated in 1988 after convocating four bishops without Rome's consent and in 1991. All four bishops, including Fellay, also were excommunicated. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the meeting had been with "a desire to arrive at perfect communion.

U.S. blamed for condom shortage

INDIANAPOLIS - An American gunman killed four people here Monday morning, including the man believed to have killed himself early Monday after a nine-hour standoff with police, authorities said.

Police witnessed told them that Freddie L. Crawford, who lived across the street from the Nasir Assembly of God church, exchanged words in the church parking lot Sunday night with church elders and an undercover cop named Wes Brown, who asked Crawford to leave.

Crawford, 54, who authorities said had only a paralysed right arm, returned after church closed and shot Brown, 61, at close range, and then shot and killed the pastor, James Armstrong, 42, witnesses said.

Deputies found both men dead in a grassy parking lot, Hamilton County Sheriff Kenneth Moore said.

Crawford then drove into a intersection, where he shot at a truck towing a horse trailer and then killed the two women in the truck after they tried to flee and hide.

President promises post-storm aid

EL MINA, Egypt - President Bush pledged extensive assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Monday and urged those in areas affected to remain safe until the danger "from this devastating storm" passed.

The government will put a massive emergency assistance program that included rushing baby formulas, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas.
Notre Dame Activities Night

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American Institute of Chemical Engineers
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Marketing Club
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**EU approves Johnson & Johnson acquisition**

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The European Union's competition authority approved Johnson & Johnson's planned purchase of Guidant Corp. on Thursday, clearing the way for the medical device maker to close its $21 billion acquisition of Guidant, the two companies announced.

Johnson & Johnson has been seeking to acquire Guidant for about a year, and its deal was one of the biggest transactions of the year.

Guidant is a maker of heart disease treatment devices. It makes pacemakers and other devices used to treat conditions such as heart failure.

Johnson & Johnson is a New Brunswick, N.J.-based company that makes a wide range of products, from prescription drugs to medical devices.

The approval of the deal by the European Union comes as a relief for Johnson & Johnson, which has been seeking to expand its market share and increase its sales.

The deal will give Johnson & Johnson access to Guidant's portfolio of products, which include pacemakers, defibrillators and other medical devices.

The approval comes as the European Union's competition authority has been more active in recent years, looking closely at deals that could result in reduced competition.

The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2006.
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I’ve gone through,” he said. He has had no sup­port — emotional, financial or otherwise — from his parents. His experience as a gay male at Notre Dame is what set him apart from the droves of other applicants who either admitted to being gay, said Vance Lancaster, executive director of The Point Foundation.

“The fact that Brett decided to go to Notre Dame, and is attending a university that doesn’t recognize the gay and lesbian organization on campus, and is not supportive of gay issues on campus is something that’s I think to his parents,” Lancaster said.

In recent years, Notre Dame has denied requests to recognize AllianceND, a campus gay-straight alliance, as an official student organization. The University also does not include sexual orientation in its legal non-discrimination clause.

However, the University has published a statement, “The Spirit of Inclusion of Notre Dame,” that supports gay and lesbian members of the University community. Notre Dame’s Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs also strives to make homosexual students feel welcome.

Sister Mary Louise Gude, chair of the Standing Committee and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, is thrilled for Janecek.

“Our Notre Dame is a top 20 school, and we have lots and lots of very smart and gifted people that go here,” Gude said. “So it’s no surprise at all that one of our gay or lesbian students would receive this (award). They are a very talented group.”

Janecek’s sexual orientation has been an extra burden on him since childhood. He spent his high school years trying to please his parents by ignoring his passion for the arts. He says he does not have a working relationship with his par­ents — who learned of his homosexuality last October.

“The scholarship gives me emotional backing and acknowledgment of who I am which I just don’t receive from this school or at home,” Janecek said. “It gives me this inner strength and affirmation to stand up and show my strength that I always have had but was just too afraid to show.”

Janecek’s scholarship is renewable for the duration of his undergraduate education. He estimates he will receive $37,000 total. In addition, he will be paired up with one of 51 professional Point Foundation mentors who will serve as a coach, confidant and friend.

“The mentor is responsible for shepherding the student through the college and gradu­ate school period,” Lancaster said. “A lot of the students have been disowned by their parents, so the mentors are there for things like parents’ weekend and for holidays.”

Lancaster noted that more than 40 percent of homeless teenagers are gay or lesbian and The Point Foundation seeks to reach out to them. The organization has experienced tremendous growth since its inception in 2001. The majority of its funding comes from pri­vate donations, and the non-profit organization has bal­looned to be worth over $2.5 million with a $1 million endowment fund, he said.

Janecek attributes its growth to the large number of students in the U.S. who have been “disowned” from their parents. The number is so great, he said, that the founda­tion cannot help them all.

“This year we had more than 2,000 people open up applica­tions — which indicates the scope of the problem,” he said. “There is a tremendous need out there because having the right to an education is the birthright of every young per­son. Unfortunately, a lot of gay and lesbian kids don’t have the opportunity.”

Janecek must maintain a 3.5 grade point average in order to continue receiving the scholar­ship money. He is also required to design and implement a community service project. Janecek’s project is still in the works.

“I’m just standing up and being the example that can help other gay men be happy with themselves,” Janecek said. “I want to show people that it’s OK to be gay, it’s not a terrible lifestyle. It’s who I am. It’s who God made me to be.”

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and has voting rights, while the other three are restricted to speaking. Vijay Ramanan, the Arts and Letters repre­sentative, is the current Academic Delegate.

Crossin, whom Baron described as “excited and enthused,” is a marketing major who headed The Shirt project in 2003-04 and served on the Academic Council last fall.

“The Academic Council needs to make students more aware of what it does — a back and forth exchange, not just reporting,” Crossin said.

Delegates from the schools of engineering and science will be chosen as soon as the college deans submit nomina­tions.

Judicial Council president James Leito introduced soph­omore Peter Van Loon as the nominee for vice president of elections.

“He was a great help to (former Judicial Council pres­ident) Brit (Anderson) in last year’s elections,” Leito said of Van Loon, who previously served on Judicial Board.

Van Loon said he would work hard to maintain attend­ance at Judicial Board meetings during student gov­ernment elections.

“I think there’s a real prob­lem there,” he said, noting that key votes could not be taken due to inadequate attendance.

Although Van Loon’s nom­i­nation met some spoken opposi­tion, the vote was postponed until next week due to a form­ality.

In other COR news:

♦ Chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow said she met with Matt Adams, manager of the Student Business Board, to discuss the problems of the ND Bay Web site, run last year by recent graduates.

Kozlow said she talked with the APS ID* were being fixed, and Baron mentioned the possibility of online ticket sharing.

Oh voted 8-7 to buy ND Bay last spring. The Web site cost student government $5,000, $1,000 of it for a consulting contract.

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ble dreams here, and all of us at the first year want to make sure we do everything to help them realize their dreams.

At freshman orientation, he was able to finally put faces on this group. The orientation went smoothly, he said, and he felt blessed to participate in the experience.

"It's really quite a wonder, I found myself getting sort of choked up on late Saturday afternoon as I was talking to parents and watching the students and realizing what a wonderful place this is," he said. "So it's kind of hard to go through all of those events and not be touched very deeply by what this new beginning means to first year students and what it exemplifies for the University and what it's going to mean four years from now when they all come back to Joyce Athletic center for graduation.

At the orientation, Page addressed students and parents, thanking them for entrusting their education to Notre Dame and encouraging them to take advantage of their time here.

"For students, I wanted them to see the next four years as an opportunity to discover their intellectual passion and to become really responsible stewards of knowledge," he said. "Coming to university involves being an active learner rather than a passive learner... Those are the biggest things I wanted students to get, along with finding time for silence, the opportunity to disengage from the world, from the internet, from IM, so that they can in some sense have the experience of communion with God."

Page encourages the talented first-year class to pursue education outside of the classroom. "I like to be involved in so many things because each of them has taught me something incredibly important about the world, about God, about society and about myself," he said. "There's a certain amount of uninhibited exploration that needs to take place in order for a mind to be fully shaped and in order for a heart to be fully formed."

Dean Kolman, currently on leave from the University, said she has total confidence in the faculty in the largest of colleges, Kolman said. "I think he has a real love of learning and is sensitive to issues of student development."

Eileen Kolman, former Dean of FYS

"At the end of my time as dean," he said, "if we continue to encourage first-year students to become intellectually curious, and open, independent and free-thinking young people with an appreciation of spirituality and pursuit of truth are intertwined, and help to form responsible adults — if we succeed in doing that, then I'll continue to consider my time here to have been a great success."

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice speaks out

Antonin Scalia blasts "judge moralists" in law school speech at Chatham University

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ORANGE, CA — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia blasted what he called "judge moralists" and the infusion of politics into judicial appointments Monday after joining law students in a re-enactment of a 100-year-old landmark case.

Speaking before a packed auditorium at Chapman University, Scalia said he was saddened to see the Supreme Court deciding moral issues not addressed in the Constitution, such as abortion, gay rights and the death penalty. He said such questions should be settled by Congress or state legislatures beholden to the people.

"I am questioning the propriety — indeed, the sanity — of having a value-laden decision such as this made for the entire society... by unelected judges," he said.

Scalia also railed against the principle of the "living Constitution," saying it has led the Senate to try to appoint so-called politically "moderate" judges instead of focusing on professional credentials and ability.

"Now the Senate is looking for moderate judges, mainstream judges. What in the world is a moderate interpretation of a constitutional text? Halfway between what it says and what we'd like it to say?" he said, to laughter and applause.

Scalia didn't make any direct references to the looming confirmation battle for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts, but he did allude to it.

"Each year the conflict over judicial appointments has grown more intense," he said. "One is tempted to shield his eyes from the upcoming spectacle."

Earlier in the day, Scalia was much less serious while re-enacting the landmark 1905 Supreme Court case

Dearborn v. New York with five recent law school graduates, three undergraduates, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer and a Chapman professor.

The original court ruled that a state law limiting bakers' hours violated a bakery owner's liberty and right to due process. On Monday, however, the mock justices overturned that decision in less than 30 minutes of debate.
Of patriots and tyrants

Waldron often comes from the most unlikely of sources. Extremist and semised preacher Pat Robertson quite recently said that something made sense: remove Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. While his call for assassination was certainly too extreme for any of us to agree to, it is important to consider that if the time is right for America to take action in Venezuela, Chavez is a brutal dictator and demagogue who has manipulated a segment of the Venezuelan people in a mad attempt to sustain his own base of power. There is no shame, no legality, no outrage that he will not commit to remain in control.

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Chavez’s victories at the polls have also been marred by reports of electoral fraud. Just last Sunday, protesters of electoral fraud and supporters of reforming the chavista-dominated National Electoral Commission were marching peacefully when supporters of the government assaulted them with rocks and tear gas. This sort of violence is now tragically an uncommon occurrence in Venezuela. My dear friend from Venezuela had two of his friends abducted at a protest and beaten in a van for three hours by the National Guard. Hugo Chavez has done nothing to restrain his dogs and has often condoned and supported the use of violence as a means of political pressure.

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Hugo Chavez’s infatuation with Cuban dictator Fidel Castro and his praise for socialist ideologies are the most disturbing and forbidding signs for what the future might deliver. He is desperately clinging to a failed, marxist philosopy that has never succeeded anywhere else. Chavez is now in a consolidated position to follow step with his hero Fidel and move to nationalize private industry and towards a communist Venezuela. This would not only crush the Venezuelan economy, but would lead to widespread destabilization in the region. Faced with a self-inflicted economic collapse, Chavez would have little choice but to blame the United States.

To overshadow the domestic squall preying, he would likely try utilizing his oil wealth to spread his ‘revolution.’ Venezuela has indeed caused much harm to the region already and helped to prop up Cuba’s failing economy with cheap oil. Securing Venezuela would indeed ensure the security of a key American oil supplier. Chavez has sympathized with leftist rebels in Colombia and given them free reign to operate along his border. This only further complicates the drug war in Colombia and ultimately America. He recently dealt the drug war another blow when he ejected the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency from his country. The danger posed by Hugo Chavez is clear; the solution is not. Assassination is money and carries the danger of causing much blood at the same time. The safest solution would be to remove Chavez without the shedding of blood, yet we do not live in an ideal world and are willing to make decisions based upon realist considerations. However, it should not be disregarded as an option if the alternative involves more blood and suffering.

As a man of conviction within Venezuela is another very undesirable, yet possibly alternative. The United States should begin taking steps to strengthen the opposition in Venezuela (with arms if necessary) and try to convince some of the generals to desert Chavez. If the United States should commit air support and possibly a division of Marines, if need be, the war would be ended swiftly and the opposition could begin the process of rebuilding democracy in Venezuela. The best solution would be the peaceful one whereby Chavez loses the next presidential election. It is the most expedient course for the United States to funnel vast sums of money to the opposition candidate to ensure they get as strong a running as possible. For the interests of peace, pray this last option works. Yet as Thomas Jefferson said, “The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.”

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The latest casualty in the war on civil liberties

The British citizens started Web sites with photos of people holding signs that say, "We are not afraid" and continued on with their daily lives. Americans persist in surrendering rights to the War on Civil Liberties in hope of some protection.

Benjamin Franklin put it most accurately when he said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

As often as this quote is thrown around when the aforementioned laws come up, it is still the most eloquent dissenting opinion to such evasive acts as has ever been stated. It is ridiculous to think that our liberties should be sacrificed for security from threats that we are unable to quantify.

It's best if the collective citizenry of the U.S. keeps a vigilant eye on the government and its privacy invading laws.

Following the adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," leads to the conclusion that it's easier to stop laws from being passed than to remove bad laws.

If we all work together, maybe we'll never have to hear our children say, "When you were young, were we at war with Oceania?"

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Dorm living requires patience — deal with it

Before heading into the dorm door, please heed the following advice: Life in a dorm requires things far from the norm.

But exactly do we mean by this?

Existence in the residence halls brings about situations far different than seemingly normal things before and after it. You will see and do things no apartment or house can offer.

No one can say exactly what those little occurrences will be, but rest assured, years from now you'll reminisce about those dorm days.

Remember the slip-n-slide with those little occurrences that can be a difficult task between neighbors. However, this job can be made one step easier by going into the fire with a good attitude. Don't get all hot and bothered by every little outlandish thing your roommate does. Just deal with it.

If something bothers you enough to the point of screaming, communicate with that other person who is only three feet away. Set up boundaries and guidelines. Your roommate can either be your worst enemy, a compliant close-by neighbor or a lifelong friend. It's never good to make enemies and a quiet companion isn't much fun.

That leaves the third option which is by far the best — view your roommate with an open mind. So what if he looks and smells funny or she wears odd-colored dresses on the first day?

Another thing — dorms are noisy places and this is the norm. Noise is the nature of the beast. Deal with it. Luckily, many of the buildings have thick walls that offer some sound-proof protection, but living in a communal-style dorm means as a community you share the same noise.

Noise affecting your ability to study? A suggestion is to move elsewhere, like the common area or dare we say, the library. Many of us got very little done in our rooms with the distraction of friends and other trinkets, so going somewhere else is the only way to get down to business.

So whether you're an incoming freshman or transfer student, on-campus living for a year can be the time of your life if you choose to head into its fantastical fury with the right mindset. In short, make the most of it.

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For those of you sitting in the back of the classroom, America has initiated another front to its war: Those who double take is over, go back and read that sentence again.

Yes, another front in the War on Terror. This time around, however, there aren't any human casualties as a result of this front. The casualties of this war are the basic rights of our pro gress and us.

The primary cause of these basic infringements is the nascent bastard child of fear. The U.S. Patriot Act.

The Patriot Act was passed in the Senate with only one dissenting vote and passed in the House with a significant majority.

I know some of you are saying, "But hey, there was a caveat clause on that bill, and it was set to expire this year."

Why yes, my friend, you are correct. The sad part of this is that the 11 of the 16 provisions of the Patriot Act are currently under consideration to be passed into law, permanently. Versions of the bill have passed both the Senate and Senate, and are currently being meshed into one cohesive law for President Bush to sign into law.

Some of my friends tell me I'm a little paranoid about the entire ordeal. I don't believe them. Case in point is the latest use by the FBI of the Patriot Act.

On August 26, the FBI used provisions in the Act to demand library records from an institution in Connecticut. That's right, library records. Thankfully, there are organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union to step in.

The ACLU has brought a lawsuit to protect the rights of the citizens involved, but the case is still pending.

If the government feels threatened by a person who is reading books, something is drastically wrong with the policies set forth by our representatives.

To paraphrase a quote from Ronald Reagan, "The scariest words in the English language are 'I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

which in this case, is incredibly true.

If you remember back to September 2001, the citizens of the United States wrote a blank check to the government to fight the War on Terror. On the "Pay to" line, we collectively wrote, "whatever is necessary to make us feel safe again."

Nowhere in our elections did we rubber stamp a progression into the Orwellian state of Big Brother.

Given the tendencies of the current president and Congress, the path the United States is headed down seems far too much like that of represented by Orwell.

Four years later, our rights have suffered the drun­kend foudling of a government bent on "protecting" its constituents. Instead of being relatively safer, we're only further primed by the random code changes in the terror alerts.

We sit frightened on the corner watching England and Spain suffer terrorist attacks. However, unlike the Americans, the Spanish and English don't roll over and let the government take control.

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The misadventures of the title character as he tries to save his friends.

Over the summer, three action games were released for the PSP, hoping to buck the trend. They were all games that held promise, backed by reputable companies popular with gamers. However, of the three, only one is worth the $40 price tag.

The first game released was "Dead to Rights: Reckoning." The "Dead to Rights" series is an established brand name, but it hasn't been a positive brand as of late. The two previous games in the series have received lukewarm praise. To be honest, the story is merely superficial. No character depth is ever introduced, nor does Digital Death ever do more than go from point A to point B. A plot twist is introduced at the end, but it fails miserably to bear any real impact.

The plot should not be the draw for this game, however. The action is clearly the main draw here. On harder difficulty settings, "Dead to Rights" becomes a heavily skill-based shooting feast, with bullet-dodging and slow-motion diving serving up the main course.

But although the action can be entertaining at times, "Dead to Rights: Reckoning" fails to be a worthwhile purchase. On the normal difficulty setting, the game can easily be beat in under an hour. It is a game best left to players who relish cheats and add some replay value, as does the four-player multiplayer mode. "Coded Arms," released within two weeks of "Dead to Rights," has the distinction of being the first and only true first-person shooter on the PSP. "Coded Arms" follows in the vein of "Doom," another popular monster-based first-person shooter. But many problems plague this game and prevent it from rising above mediocrity.

The single player storyline is even more forgettable than "Dead to Rights," if that is possible. Valuable plot information is only revealed in the game manual.

There is too much missed potential in "Coded Arms." It could have been vastly improved by incorporating other characters, perhaps as recurring opponents. The enemies and weapons are repetitive throughout the game. The single-player game's boss battles, which are massive and actually intimidating, are the only positive aspects to the game. It's a shame there are only three of them.

Control is also a hindrance in the game. Aiming can be tricky due to the lack of any auto-aim or target-lock features. This hindrance affects everyone over multiplier play, and it's not much of a disadvantage in multiplayer mode. Multi-player mode is where the game shines, as it supports four-player game modes for an action experience on an adrenaline-pumping level.

The last game released was also the most hyped of the trio, "Death Jr." It was originally supposed to be a launch title for the system, but missed the original release date, so gamers were left to fine-tune it more.

"Death Jr." definitely shows the love and care invested by its developers, as it is by far the best of the three games released and has the most robust gameplay. The story is filled with such weird and interesting characters as Pandora, Digital Death and Death Jr.'s son, the game's namesake. On a class field trip, Death Jr. accidentally releases an ancient evil from a box after Pandora finds herself unable to open the box herself. Failure could mean losing his friends, getting into trouble at school or, most importantly, ticking off his dad. Honest, who would want to tick off Death?

Controlling Death Jr. is a fun experience and surprisingly deep for a hand-held platform game. His weapon of choice, the scythe, can be used in a variety of situations, be it sliding down lines of bullets and climbing up ledges. The scythe can even be used as a pogo stick.

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of the popular sports franchise. This year's version introduces players to create and train their own superstar athlete.

The only drawback to the game is the steep learning curve, and a depth that does not quite match "Halo." But those factors aside, "Conker: Live and Reloaded" is a great experience for action fans. — C-

Halo 2 Map Pack
While not a game per se, the "Halo 2" map pack offers new levels and updates weaponry for "Halo" veterans, giving enough content to warrant heavy consideration. Nine new multiplayer maps round out the "Halo" experience, with updates on classic levels like Wizard and Longest. There are new maps as well, with some standouts being the train station Terminal, and Gemini.

Terminal is a fairly symmetrical level, with train tracks that go through the center of the map. Items are placed near the tracks, forcing players to risk their digital lives to obtain key weapons. It's also highly amusing to see an opponent go flying from the speeding trains.

Most of the content on the DVD can also be downloaded for free off X-Box Live. Already, most of the maps are free, with the remaining maps released free of charge shortly. A "Halo" animated short is also included on the disc, and is worth a look for hardcore fans.

However, the map pack is not worth the disc's $20 retail price. Without Live to download the content, the purchase becomes more worthy of consideration. But for those with Live, there's relatively little reason to pick this up, as the primary content can be downloaded free of charge. — C-

The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction
While saying "The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction," it's almost impossible to not stop and feel awed by the sheer chaos gamers can create. While controlling the Hulk, the gamer gets a great feeling of controlling a multi-ton wrecking ball of destruction. Cars, pedestrians and even buses are sent flying with the tap of a button.

Incredibly impressive is how well the Hulk's animations were designed. Unable to fly, the Hulk travels by bounding throughout the city, off buildings and over rooftops. This creates a fluid, very dynamic mode of transportation, with plenty of realism as the Hulk lands. Land next to or on a car, and the shockwaves sends the car flipping away. Concrete cracks, and people run from the Hulk's arrival in terror. It is truly an entertaining and humorous experience.

However, the gameplay by itself is not necessarily enough for an entertaining game. A decent story was tossed in as well, with rogue government officials and the military breathing down Bruce Banner's neck. The missions aren't incredibly varied, and most of them revolve around the Hulk smashing something. Then again, the Hulk was never really known for eschewing violence.

The closest comparable game is "Spider-Man 2." Both of the games have free-roaming environments that can be manipulated and explored. However, the Hulk's gameplay may have the more immersive environment due to the Hulk's ability to smash and modify his surroundings. Even the skyscrapers can be leveled by the Hulk's power, drastically altering the game area.

For comic-book fans, this game is a must, but anyone else can enjoy Hulk games out of the water in every way. "Ultimate Destruction" lives up to its title. — A-

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Indians have big first inning, keep pace in playoff race

Wickman records his league-leading 35th save after Cleveland outhits Detroit Tigers 4-3, but Indians rally for 7-4 win and move closer to AL wild card.

By TONY GWYNN JR.

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Peralta, Coco Crisp and Ben Broussard goaded in two runs apiece as the Cleveland Indians kept up their late-season surge by outslugging the Detroit Tigers 10-8 Monday night.

The Indians scored a five-run deficit in the first inning by scoring six times in their first five at-bats and improved to a major league-best 19-7 in August.

Bob Wickman, working at only his second save of the year, finished things at 9-4 and in fourth place in his division. Cleveland has moved into a small group of teams chasing the AL wild card heading into the season's final three weeks.

However, the turnaround has not yet erased the imagination of Cleveland fans, who are staying away in large numbers. Attendance was announced as 22,713, but 5,000 tickets were given away.

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Eckstein wins 19th game, Cards beat Fish

MIAMI — Chris Carpenter came up with another gem for the St. Louis Cardinals, and he helped the Philadelphia Phillies, too.

Carpenter became the first 19-game winner in the major leagues and David Eckstein went 4-for-5 with three RBI to help St. Louis beat the Florida Marlins 6-1 on Monday night. Florida missed a chance to tie Philadelphia for the NL wildcard lead.

"If Carpenter hadn't been out there, it might have been easier," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. "He got in a couple of jams, and he got out of them. He was tough in the clutch. That's why he's a 19-game winner."

Carpenter (19-4-1) beat the Marlins for the second time in August and improved to 11-0 in his past 14 starts. He allowed seven hits but only one run in 2 2/3 innings, striking four batters in scoring position.

"I had command of my sinker, command of my cutter and command of my breaking ball, and I was able to throw it when I wanted to throw it and keep them off-balance all night," Carpenter said.

He threw 94 pitches before manager Tony La Russa removed him with two outs and a runner on in the eighth.

"We’re not going to push it," La Russa said. "That was enough for today, and we’ll try to save a few bullets for the next two days." Carpenter will bid for his first 20-win season Saturday at Houston.

Jeff Conine drove in Florida’s run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth, ending a 24-game consecutive scoreless innings pitched by the Cardinals.

Albert Pujols went 0-for-5 for St. Louis, but Eckstein hit an RBI single in the third and tripled home two runs in the fourth. Teammate Larry Walker hit his 12th homer over the center field wall leading off the third.

A.J. Burnett (12-8) lost his second start in a row after winning seven consecutive starts. He gave up a season-high six walks, and four led to runs — including one to Carpenter, a .031 hitter.

Burnett threw 95 pitches in five innings and departed trailing 6-1. He left the stadium without talking to the media.

"Too many baseruns on balls are going to hurt you," McKeon said. "He wasn’t on his game."

McKeon accused most of his annoyance for first base umpire Ted Barrett, who ejected Paul Lo Duca for arguing from the dugout after grounding out in the ninth.

"He was looking for trouble," McKeon said of Barrett. "What is this game turning out to be? It used to be you could argue and have some fun. Today you can’t say a word. We’ve got to sit in the dugout with our Sunday school Bibles."

Arizona 7, San Diego 5

SAN DIEGO — Troy Glaus, Chad Tracy and Shawn Green clearly drove balls out of Petco Park.

Kelly Stinnett’s high fly ball wasn’t quite as clear-cut, leaving the Arizona Diamondbacks with a bizarre inside-the-park home run Monday night as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat San Diego to trim the Padres’ lead in the NL West to four games.

"I’ll take them any way I can get them," Stinnett said. "A home run’s a home run. It doesn’t matter."

Arizona has won three straight following a six-game losing streak. The Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Dodgers, who beat the Chicago Cubs 9-6, are tied for second place.

San Diego fell to 64-46. It’s the latest in a season that a team has led a division with a losing record.

With Tracy hitting his 20th home run, Arizona is the only NL team to have four players with 20 or more. Russ Ortiz (2-4) won for the first time in seven decisions.

Stinnett’s homer with two outs in the fourth, off Woody Williams, followed Tracy’s two-run shot, capping the four-run inning for a 2-1 lead.

Stinnett hit a high fly ball to left field, which Ryan Klesko leaped for at the fence and missed. The ball bounced high into the air and fell back onto the field. Third base umpire Bill Welke stretched out both arms horizontally to signal a fair ball and didn’t give the circular motion indicating a homer.

Stinnett never broke stride as he rounded the bases, and Welke appeared to point to the left field. Klesko, apparently thinking the ball had landed beyond the fence before bouncing back, walked over, picked it up and flipped it into the stands as Stinnett was rounding third base.

Arizona fans sitting in the first two rows in left field said the ball bounced off a strip of chain-link fencing stretched horizontally between the top of the padded fence and a concrete retaining wall.

"It ruled in play," Welke said. "Klesko left the clubhouse before reporters were let in."

"It’s a tough call because I hit it so high and it just came straight down," Stinnett said. "I just knew I hit it high. I didn’t know if it had the distance, so I just ran hard. I got to second and I saw no sign and I kind of let up for a second and then all of a sudden I saw the third base umpire go ‘safe’. So, I started turning it back on and Carlos third base coach Torello at third base was waving me in, so I took off.

"He gave the ‘safe’ sign like it was in the park," he said. Welke said that’s his way of indicating a ball is fair.

Since Welke ruled that the ball did not go over the fence, the decision on how to score it was left to official scorer Bill Zavatski, who called it an inside-the-park homer.

"I saw it hit whatever and bounce up in the air, and Klesko obviously thought it was a home run," Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. "But they said maybe it hit behind the pad on concrete. So they should do something about that."

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IN BRIEF

Manning's injury not serious, QB will not miss action

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Tony Dungy can breathe easier now that Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts offense appear to be fine. Dungy said Monday that Manning's bruised left shoulder isn't serious enough to keep him out of games or practices and that the two-time MVP should be ready when the Colts open the regular season at Baltimore.

"He has been examined, and he's fine," Dungy said.

Dungy said Monday after practice that he mispoke Sunday when he told a local reporter that Manning had undergone an MRI, which he had not.

Manning declined interview requests after Monday's brief practice but was expected to speak Tuesday.

The injury occurred when Denver cornerback Brent Williams sprinted, unblocked, into the Colts backfield and sacked Manning in the third quarter Saturday. The Colts starters did not return after that series, and Manning later did a sideline interview, not mentioning being hurt.

Palmeiro benched due to slump

SAN FRANCISCO — Rafael Palmeiro has lost his job as the Baltimore Orioles' regular first baseman, the result of a prolonged slump that began after he returned from a 10-day suspension for testing positive for steroids.

Mired in a 2-for-22 skid in which he has gone hitless in his last 14 at-bats, the left-handed hitting Palmeiro did not start Monday against Oakland right-hander Kirk Saarloos.

Asked if he saw Palmeiro as the team's everyday first baseman for the rest of the season, Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo responded: "No, I don't, but if I would swing the bat he would be. I don't have a problem with playing everyone that can help us on a regular basis."

Wells loses suspension appeal

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher David Wells will sit out six games for pushing an umpire, failing in his attempt to shorten the suspension on Monday and then blasting Bud Selig for the appeals process and accusing the commissioner of delaying Rafael Palmeiro's steroids suspension.

"I don't know what the point was even having a hearing," Wells said before Boston's game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. "They said I clearly bumped him and sprayed him with spit. That's coming from a guy that works for the commissioner, on what can you do?"

Wells accused Selig of retaliating for past criticism and discipline czar Rob Watson of "turning against the players." He expanded his grievances to include Selig's role in declaring the 2002 All-Star game a tie and for the commissioner's handling of the sport's steroid scandal.

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NHL

Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson responds to reporters at a press conference Monday. The former University of Texas star became the last first-round pick to sign when he inked a contract Sunday night.

Benson ends holdout, signs five-year deal

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — With a five-year contract in hand and an ear-to-ear grin crossing his face, running back Cedric Benson joined the Chicago Bears on Monday and put a drawn-out negotiation behind him.

The fourth overall pick and the last first-rounder to sign, Benson called it "a great relief" and said it "feels good to be here" during a news conference at the team's practice facility.

Terms of the contract were not revealed, but the Bears reportedly had offered between $17 million and $17.5 million guaranteed on a deal that could pay $35 million. The sides agreed to terms Sunday, ending a 36-day impasse. That had just three days after an impromptu meeting between Benson and general manager Jerry Angelo at the practice facility — and less than two weeks after Angelo released a statement saying the team had made its final offer and would start pulling money off the table.

Thursday's meeting was not a negotiating session, but it might have sped up the process.

"This did take a lot longer than what we had anticipated," Angelo said. "We never really found that common ground. Usually, you find that common ground at some point the first couple weeks. We didn't really find anything that we agreed upon for quite some time. That created the long holdout."

Benson took a conditioning test Monday but did not practice. Coach Louie Smith said he will not play in Thursday's preseason game against Cleveland and is questionable for the season-opener Sept. 11 at Washington.

A four-year starter at Texas, Benson ranks sixth on the NCAA's and second on the Longhorns' all-time rushing lists with 3,240 yards. He was the fifth back in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons and his 64 touch-down runs rank third all-time.

Benson was expected to challenge starter Thomas Jones for minutes, but the Bears' plans changed as the impasse dragged on. For now, he's third on the depth chart behind Adrian Peterson, and in his own words, starting "from the bottom."
Saints try to keep focus amid storm

New Orleans preps on road for Oakland preseason game

SAN JOSE, Calif. — With two holes ripped in the roof of their stadium and their city devastated by Hurricane Katrina, focusing on football was not an easy task Monday for the New Orleans Saints.

With New Orleans hit by 145 mph winds, heavy rain and flooding, the Saints were across the country under clear skies at the San Jose State campus, preparing for Thursday night’s preseason game against the Oakland Raiders.

“This has been on everybody’s mind,” said cornerbck Jimmy Williams, who used to play for the San Francisco 49ers. “It was tough to leave their car parked because it’s probably going to be underwater because of the flood to alligators in your house. I never had to worry about that stuff when I played in San Francisco.”

Williams said his wife, Chandra, and two Yorkshire terriers accompanied him on the trip west on the last plane to leave New Orleans on Sunday. She was staying at the home of Raiders offensive lineman Ron Stone, another former 49er.

Other players were uncertain about relatives and friends left behind in the hurricane-bulletin conditions. Most of the players spent Sunday night in their hotel rooms watching television to see what was happening back in New Orleans. Attempts to get phone home were largely unsuccessful because of overloads in the phone system.

“Every time I slept, there was a knock about an hour, if that,” said punt returner Michael Lewis, a New Orleans native. “I watched about everything I could on TV. I had the Weather Channel on all night.”

The storm even ripped two holes in the curved roof of the Louisiana Superdome, where an estimated 8,000 to 9,000 refugees went for shelter. Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said the team was uncertain if the stadium would be ready for the home opener Sept. 18 against the New York Giants.

Coach Jim Haslett was pleased with his team’s work during the 2 1/2-hour practice and thinks it could help the players bond.

“The effort in practice today was good,” he said. “If we can deal with this, we’ll be a better football team in the long run.”

Joe Horn said the team gave the players enough time to move their families out of the city if they chose to. He said he sent his family to Mississippi. He added that despite the tragedy back home, the players need to focus on their jobs and get ready for the season opener Sept. 11 at Carolina.

MLB

Wood to have shoulder surgery

Cubs pitcher’s season-ending operation his latest arm problem

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs right-hander Kerry Wood will undergo season-ending arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder Wednesday and hopes to be ready to pitch by spring training.

With the Cubs nearly out of playoff contention, 7 1/2 games back in the wild card before Monday night’s game with the Dodgers — the team wanted to give Wood as much time as possible for recovery and rehabilitation.

Wood concurred with the decision, general manager Jim Hendry said. Wood was not immediately available for comment.

Wood, who made his first major league relief appearance Aug. 6, was placed on the DL with a shoulder strain from the rotation to alleviate the soreness in his shoulder, was available to pitch Monday night before he was sidelined for the rest of the season.

The surgery will be performed by Dr. Timothy Kremchek at Beacon Orthopedics outside of Cincinnati.

“None of us, including Dr. Kremchek, are anticipating anything significant, but it is a shoulder,” Hendry said, adding that the long-range plan is for Wood to return to the rotation once he recovers.

“I think that is what we all want him to do. I think that’s what he would like to do,” Hendry said.

“If he can pitch pain-free and this ongoing discomfort he’s had after a certain amount of pitches, if that can be rectified, then you are going to have the same guy you are seeing for one inning for seven or eight. That’s really everybody’s priority.”

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, missed the entire 1999 season after elbow ligament replacement surgery. He was put on the DL with a tri-caps injury last season and has been on the disabled list twice this year with the sore shoulder.

Wood is 3-4 with a 4.29 ERA this season. He has started 10 games and made 10 relief appearances. His fastball in relief has been popping in the high 90s, and he’s had no recurrence of the arm soreness, which generally would start after 50 or 60 pitches.

“I certainly don’t think it could be a real significant injury. It’s hard to believe someone could throw 98 mph and have a serious arm problem. He hasn’t had any discomfort at all,” Hendry said.

Trainer Mark O’Neal said it’s not uncommon for a pitcher who throws as hard as Wood and who has thrown as many pitches in the majors to have fraying or irritation in the rotator cuff area.

A cleanup procedure may be all that is necessary. That’s what the Cubs expect.

“We are going to go in and try to find out what is going on,” O’Neal said. “That’s why we are doing what we’re doing — to find out why he does have this breakdown when the pitch count gets up a little.”

O’Neal said if nothing significant is discovered during the procedure, Wood will be ready for spring training after an off-season of rehab.

As a 20-year-old rookie, Wood stunned the baseball world in his fifth major league start when he struck out 20 Houston Astron and pitched a one-hitter. He missed the following season after elbow surgery and then had won totals of 12, 12 and 14 from 2001 to 2003, a year in which when he won two games in the division series against Arizona.

But with his arm problems and those of teammate Mark Prior, the Cubs have not made it back to the playoffs.
**Maroons**

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"For some of these girls, it is their first-ever college volleyball experience," Schroeder-Biek said. "The seniors will be a good environment for my mind off of it, and with it if Odom didn't have done it."

Odom said NFL season.

"Nobody ever died close to me like that, and I kind of dealt with it pretty good. I couldn't deal with his teammates has helped him through his grief."

"I always felt dead tired," Odom said. "I'd go to the sideline, catch my breath and come back out. The first play, I'm dead tired again."

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**Titans' Odom cures sleep apnea disorder**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Antwan Odom finally feels alive.

Thanks to surgery that removed a bone from his nose and fixed a crooked septum in June, the sleep apnea that kept him from sleep apnea days before training camp opened in July. Odom, 23, missed the first three days of camp to be with his family before returning for his second NFL season.

He said Monday that being with his teammates has helped him through his grief.

"Nobody ever died close to me like that, and I kind of dealt with it pretty good. I couldn't deal with him during meetings to keep from falling asleep."

It didn't stop him from racking up 21 sacks, 26 tackles for losses and 40 quarterback pressures in college, and the Titans drafted him in the second round last year with the 57th pick overall.

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Nadal ready to take on New York, U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The love affair begins.

Rafael Nadal and the U.S. Open are made for each other. He is high-energy personified, a New York kind of guy — big, bold and muscular on court, impossible to ignore in his skin tight, sleeveless, Apple red shirt and black tights and red shoes.

The king of clay, who captured the French Open two days after he turned 19 in June, showed in round one of this year's Grand Slam event Monday that he can be just as dominating on hard courts.

Seeded second behind Roger Federer, Nadal unleashed fiery flashes of dominance of a young Jimmy Connors amid a workmanlike 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 rout of hard-serving American wild card Bobby Reynolds on a hot, muggy opening day.

One point demonstrated Nadal's talents and tenacity. He lunged to return a 123 mph serve by Reynolds, a former Vanderbilt player who was so far out of his reach, he was forced to pounce on the ball by using his outstretched right arm and then touch the ground with his left hand.

"He was way out there," Nadal said. "He is high-energy personified, and that's something that you can't ignore. It's very, very important when it comes to winning a championship. I think that even the little things are very important when it comes to winning a championship.

"But it's not enough to win the game," Nadal said. "You have to win the set. You have to win the match. You have to win the tournament. That's the role Nadal grew up playing, and it's one that he has continued to do throughout his career, even when he has faced challenges on court.

"I try to win every point, every game, every set, every match," Nadal said. "It's not enough to win a point, you have to win the game. It's not enough to win the game, you have to win the match. And it's not enough to win the match; you have to win the tournament.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of effort, a lot of dedication," Nadal said. "But it's very rewarding in the end, because you can end up winning a championship.

"I think that's what I've been trying to do throughout my career," Nadal said. "I'm always trying to improve, to get better, to be the best that I can be.

"And that's why I'm always working so hard, because I want to be the best that I can be in the end, because that's what I've been working for my whole career.

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meet. "Our goal is to finish better than eleventh," he said.

Notre Dame returns six of seven regulars from last sea­
son, including front-runners Kurt Benninger, Tim Moore
and Kaleb Van Oosten. The Irish finished 42nd, 43rd, and 96th, respectively, at the NCAA's.

The Irish open the season as the heavy favorite to win the Valparaiso Invitational on Sept. 9. Piane said he is plan­ning to rest Benninger and Van Oosten for the meet in order to have them fresh for the rest of the season and give younger runners a chance to shine in regular season com­petition.

A week later, Notre Dame hosts the National Catholic Championships at the Burke Memorial Golf Course. The Irish have won each of the last ten installments of this meet, which dates back to 1980 and is a fixture in the early part of the schedule. Moore won the event last year, and as one of Notre Dame's fastest runners, is poised to do it again.

Two weeks later, the Irish will host the 50th running of the Notre Dame Invitational at Burke. The meet is one of the oldest continuously run competi­tions in the nation. The Irish will compete with Stanford, the defending champ­ion, for the championship.

The two meets are perma­nent fixtures on the Irish slate. Piane said, which gives Notre Dame two guaranteed home meets a year — some­thing he says is helpful to the team.

Since Burke is a golf course, its trail is almost completely flat, and coaches often worry their teams will fall behind when forced to run on hillier trails. But Piane is not concerned. "You don't have to run hills every day to be good hill run­ner, especially if your kids are good athletes like ours are," the coach said. "But we are working on them."

Piane also said the team will run hills at Tuesday's practice. The Burke course loops around itself several times, criss-crossing around the golf course's nine holes.

Once into October, the Irish gear up for several important post-season meets. First, the pre-national meet will take place on Oct. 15 in Terre Haute, Ind. There the Irish will compete with teams from across the country and be able to judge whether they will stand with regard to the national championship con­testants.

Two weeks later, Notre Dame will travel to Van Courtland Park in Bronx, N.Y. for the Big East Championships. The Irish are defending champions and should be favored to repeat, although Georgetown, who finished only one point out of first in 2004, could present a major challenge.

Paine said the team is excited to run at Van Courtland Park, a venerable course the Irish know well.

Two weeks after the Big East meet, Notre Dame travels to Indiana University for the Great Lakes Regional, a pre­cursor to the NCAA Championships. After that comes the NCAA Championships back in the Bronx, followed by the climax of the season — the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute.

Contestants to win include Colorado, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

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NFL

Maurice Claret, a once standout running back at Ohio State, was cut by the Denver Broncos Monday.

"I think any time you cut somebody in the third round, you feel like you make a mistake," Shanahan said. "When you do that, you make a mis­take and you go on. At least you evaluate it. That's not to say that Maurice doesn't have a chance to go to another football team and make that team and con­tribute. But in a true evaluation of your own organization, when you use a third-round draft choice and he does not make your team, obviously it's not good."

The Broncos had not official­ly announced their cuts as of Monday afternoon. When Claret does officially land on waivers, teams will have 24 hours to claim him and the incentive-laden contract he signed with Denver.

More likely is that Claret will become a free agent, free to negotiate a deal with anyone. "I'm not real confident of anything at this point," Claret's agent, Steve Feldman said Sunday. "We'll see what happens now."

Claret missed about two weeks of practice with a nag­ging groin injury that prevent­ed him from making the trip to Houston, where the Broncos practiced three days and played the Texans in their preseason opener.

When the Broncos returned from the trip, Shanahan was now longer in the mood to defend the player he took a chance on, saying instead that he couldn't evaluate Claret if he wasn't at practices.

Last week, Shanahan said
he planned on getting Claret some playing time Friday in Denver's preseason finale against Arizona. But when Quentin Griffin made his pre­season debut last Saturday against the Cards and showed his surgically repaired knee was healthy, the Broncos knew they had their foursome at tail­back Griffin, Ron DAYNE, Tuatini Bell and Mike Anderson.

Mean while, Cecil Sapp can play tailback and fullback and likely will earn a roster spot.

"I felt so good about the run­ning backs and what they've done," Shanahan said. "I wasn't going to give him playing time and take away from our other four."

Second-round draft pick Darrent Williams said Claret got down about his lack of reps during practices. "I tried to give him encour­agement. At times he was down because he was used to starting," Williams said.

Hardly anyone thought he had a chance to start for the Broncos. That he never played a down, not even in the pre­season, came as a surprise.

"We've made mistakes before," Shanahan said. "We'll make mistakes in the future. Just because we draft somebody in the third round doesn't mean they're auto­maticaly going to be on our football team. We've cut our first-round pick and second-rounders before. You don't feel very good about those scenarios, but they do hap­pen."
just that in Travis Thomas prepares himself during practice on Aug. 19 for Saturday's game against Pittsburgh.

Weis

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Irish 41-38 on Nov. 13, 2004. Weis and his squad will finally get the opportunity Saturday when Notre Dame takes on Pittsburgh at Heinz Field. He intends to focus his attention this week on what plays and packages first-year Pittsburgh coach Dave Wannstedt and his Panthers will run against the Irish.

"If the things you have to do when you get to a game week is you have to get ready to play your opponent in the schemes they use," Weis said.

"This only problem with doing just that in practice is that you can't simulate the speed of the game. Because when you put show teams out there, it's always at a much slower pace then when you're going first team against first-team." To combat this problem, Weis scheduled time for the first-team offense to run against the first-team defense. He also has had each first-team unit run against reserves — resulting in practices that address both the speed of the game and the schemes Pittsburgh will run.

"I think you've got to have enough ammunition on offense and defense to do a lot of different things," Weis said. "Because what I don't want to do is go into a game with a game plan and then all of a sudden get pigeonholed because they do a particular thing different than I expected and not having somewhere to turn to — that's when you get stumped on.

Though Weis' former team, the New England Patriots, faced Wannstedt's Miami Dolphins twice a year while both were coaching in the AFC East, he is still unsure about what to expect from the Panther defense.

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InLas Vegas, he is still unsure about what to expect from the Panthers defense.

"These are people that understand Notre Dame as much if not more than I do, and I'm trying to use them as resources to help guide me in the right direction," Weis said. Just because Wannstedt's approach from the first year he got here to the last year he left was a very educational experience.

"Weis will not use this game to test his true depth." He will run against the Irish.

NCAA Football

Purdue guard files lawsuit

Boilermaker Nwaneri was suspended after fighting a teammate

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue football player Udeme Nwaneri believes the school's decision to suspend him could rob him of his pro football dreams. So he's taking the school to court.

Purdue suspended Nwaneri for a semester after a July fight with teammate Ryan Noblet left Noblet with a broken jaw, and the Campus Appeals Board upheld it last week.

A preliminary hearing in a Tippecanoe County court was scheduled for Tuesday morning. Nwaneri's attorney Courtney B. Justice said he hoped Nwaneri would be reinstated until a formal hearing takes place. They were not seeking damages.

"This is pretty devastating to his chances to do well after college," Justice said. "That's one of the things he's deeply concerned about." Purdue spokesman Brian Zink said the school does not comment on pending lawsuits. Nwaneri said in a statement that he did not want to go to court.

"It is especially hard for me because I love Purdue and I respect and admire my professors and coaches who are giving me a first-class education — in the classroom and on the football field."

Noblet, a 6-foot-6, 291-pound junior, was granted a release from Purdue after the altercation and has enrolled at Arkansas. He was listed as a second-team offensive tackle after Purdue spring practices. Arkansas athletics spokesman Kevin Traimmer said Noblet intends to play football and was scheduled to take a physical this week. He would be ineligible this season because he transferred from another Division I program.

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FOOTBALL

Irish poised for Panthers

Notre Dame eager to kick off season Saturday at Pitt

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

He's moved into his house. He's spoken to students and alumni. He's recruited players.

Irish coach Charlie Weis has done everything he's been expected to do in his first eight months on the job except one thing - coach a football game.

"I'm just looking forward to getting into the season and giving these players the opportunity to go out there and have some fun," Weis said. "Because the last I checked, they didn't have a whole [heck] of a lot of fun the last time [Pittsburgh and Notre Dame] played."

The Panthers defeated the Irish 30-26.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles begin year against Maroons

Saint Mary's and Chicago renew their rivalry tonight

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will begin its season tonight when the Belles take on the University of Chicago in a home scrimmage. The match against the Maroons will continue a recent tradition of opening the season with a scrimmage between the two teams.

The Belles are anxious to return to the court this year, attempting to improve upon last year's six-win campaign. Saint Mary's looks to have an excellent chance of both improving their win total and moving up the MIAA standings.

Junior outside attackers Michelle Turley and Kristen Playko are expected to lead the hitting for the Belles, while Shelly Bender is expected to provide senior leadership at middle attacker. Junior Amanda David will shift positions and handle the setting for the Belles.

Tonight's scrimmage will allow coach Julie Schroeder-Biek the flexibility to try players at different positions and to get a feel for her team's strengths and weaknesses. While her rotations may be different from a regular game, Schroeder-Biek was quick to point out her desire to see the players prepare as though the contest counted.

"I want the players to approach this as they would any other game. I want them to compete," Schroeder-Biek said.

She also viewed this match as an opportunity to work out some early season jitters.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Excitement high about home races

Notre Dame will be at home in two of three Sept. meets

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The men's cross country team has three meets in September. Two of them are at home, and the other is a mere 60 miles away in Valparaiso, Ind.

Coach Joe Piano feels competing early so familiar turf is a good way to prepare for road trips to New York for the Big East Championships and the NCAA Championships.

"The meets progressively get more important as the season goes on," he said.

Piano expects a successful season, as the Irish try to improve on their eleventh-place finish at last season's NCAA National Championship.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Hurricane hits close to Henican

New Orleans native's family stays safe during storm

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

So far, Meg Henican, a native of New Orleans, La., has dealt with hurricane Katrina's battering of her hometown just as she deals with the game of volleyball - calmly.

"It's actually a pretty good distraction - something else to focus on," she said.

"My family has all evacuated. They are doing well ... and most of my friends, too. They are all safe. I haven't really been able to keep in touch with anybody because the phones don't work, so that's a little frustrating, a little nerve-wracking."

Her parents were in town last weekend for the Michigan match, so they decided to stay for the week, long enough to keep their daughter company and to watch this weekend's Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational.

"I try to keep my friends around, and my parents are here," Henican said. "They are here to help me cope with everything."

The senior libero/outside hitter and co-captain is already showing why she was given her title.

Meg Henican goes up for a spike in an Aug. 27 match against Michigan. The Irish won 30-24, 30-18 and 30-26.

By KELLEYfThe Observer

Charlie Weis

Tom Zbikowski, right, and Maurice Crum work on defensive drills in practice on Aug. 17. Notre Dame will open its season Saturday night at Heinz Field against Pittsburgh.

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