**Dishes no longer at Alumni**

**Satellites result in dorm damage, costing Notre Dame thousands to fix**

Alumni Hall dished out a ban on the installation of satellite television in its dorm rooms following an incident. Associate Vice President for Residence Life William Kirk said the university "several thousand dollars."

By KATIE PERRY

Alumni Hall resident assistant where the problem arose — said the incident involved both the fire protection system and the satellite systems erected by the students in his section.

"The exact cause has not been discerned directly, but the smoke alarm system in Alumni was damaged significantly," Breslin said. "The satellite hook-ups may have played a part in the damage as wires were run near current smoke alarm wires. But this has not been ascertained."

Breslin said the control boards connecting Alumni to the Notre Dame firehouse also faced significant damage, however the exact numerical value of this damage was not released to hall staff.

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**Male minority at SMC excels**

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By MEGAN O'NEIL

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**Student Senate**

By MADDE HANNA

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Dear Diary

I’ve kept a journal since I was in the fourth grade. Now that I am nearly twenty years old, the notebooks fill up half a bookshelf in my bedroom. Looking back on them provides a glimpse of what used to matter and what actually does. And I realize how quickly things can change.

When I was ten, I wrote about how much fun my friends and I had on the school bus, I wrote about my favorite books and family vacations. And I spent many, many pages writing about Matt Peppercorn — the "hot" eighth-grader who I loved from afar — behind glasses, braces and a shy smile.

In high school I wrote about new friends, old friends, lost friends. I wrote about getting my driver’s license — and getting in my first car accident — and laughing with friends until I could hardly breathe. Senior year I thought a lot about the future. The thought of change was frightening. I filled pages with questions: What college should I go to? What if I miss home too much? How will I say goodbye? How will I make new friends until I could hardly breathe.

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CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets a typographical error in an announcement for the Fall 2004 edition of The View. While the event will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Psychology Building on Tuesday, September 1, the correct date is Thursday, September 1, 2005.

Offbeat

BRITISH FOLK: Britain finds venomous centipede in house

LONDON — Aaron Ballek expected to find a tiny mouse rustling behind the TV in his apartment. Instead, he found a venomous centipede that somehow hitched a ride from South America to Britain.

"Thinking it was a mouse, I went to investigate the sound. The sound was coming from under some papers which I lifted, expecting to see the mouse scamper away," the 32-year-old psychotherapist said Wednesday. "Instead, when I lifted the papers, I saw this prehistoric looking animal skitter away behind a stack of books."

He trapped the 9-inch-long creature between a stack of books and put it in a plastic container.

The next day he took it to Britain’s Natural History Museum, which identified the insect as a Scolopendra gigantea — the world’s biggest species of centipede.

Police find shooting on only a rope

ST. PAUL — A gory scene staged for a low-budget horror movie proved a little too realistic for police. When officers were called to the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, looking down Sunday night about a possible shooting, they found a parked car with what looked like brain matter and blood on the front seat, dashboard and windows — but no victim.

Police began knocking on doors and found Lance Hendrickson, the car's owner. He was OK.

The scene had been staged by Hendrickson, 23, and his friends for their horror movie, "Summer School," he told officers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Inside Column

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE A GUY IN AN ALL GIRLS ENVIRONMENT?

Nick Mamel | senior off-campus
Bill Kiobasa | senior off-campus
Jim Yesnak | senior off-campus
Henry Borne | HOSMC professor
Chris Tarnacki | junior O’Neil
Mike Ortiz | junior O’Neil

Nicholas Mamel asks, "It doesn't bother me. I don't even notice it."
Bill Kiobasa responds, "It's a nice change of scenery."
Jim Yesnak says, "It's kind of hard finding a restroom."
Henry Borne muses, "They make you feel right at home."
Chris Tarnacki muses, "Now I know what it feels like to be a minority."
Mike Ortiz responds, "Welcome to my world."

IN BRIEF

The Office of International Studies is joining forces with the International Student Services and Activities Office to launch the first annual Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale to sell handicrafts from around the world on campus during International Education Week in November. Students interested in volunteering can attend the organizational meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Coalition Lounge on the 2nd Floor of LaFortune.

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 Center's Browning Cinema Friday and Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are $5 for faculty and staff and $3 for all students.

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The third technological
goal, the wireless network in
the residence halls, should be
completed this spring along
with the cell phone recep­
tion, Poorman said.

But he was quick to point
out the downside of the new
developments — construction
in the residence halls.

"We might all break our
souls for a little inconven­
ience," Poorman said.

In addition to these three
concrete projects, Poorman
discussed several larg­
er goals origi­
nating from S t u d e n t
Affairs, most currently
in the research
stage.

With plans to build four
new dorms on the hori­
zon, the qual­
ity of resi­
dence life is one theme
Student Affairs is exploring.
Poorman said. A 15-month study using surveys and
focus groups was conducted along with a two-year study
conducted by an outside con­
sultant.

Associate Vice President for
Student Affairs Ann Firth
said the University had hired
an architect from St. Louis
who specializes in campus
projects to take a look at Notre Dame's situation.

"We've gone from the big
strategic plan to the Future
of Residence Life Plan to the
Residence Master Plan," Firth
said.

While no date has been
assigned for the beginning of
construction on the new
dorms, Firth said the University is now dealing
with "the nuts and bolts" of the project. Poorman said
collection was contingent
on how long it takes to raise
the money through a capital
campaign.

Another long-term goal is
Residential Scholars, which
Poorman described as a "real
simple, low maintenance"
project being tested in
St. Edward's
and Welsh Family Halls,
designed to increase fac­
ulty-student relationships
outside of the class­
room.

In addi­
tion, task
forces have been estab­
lished to examine graduate and pro­
fessional student needs, the
spiritual lives and needs of
students, residence hall staff
training and recruitment, employer perspectives of
Notre Dame students and
graduates and student gam­
bling.

"Gambling has become
a huge issue on college cam­
puses," Poorman said.

"We're beginning to see the
hazards of gambling problems.
And since I teach undergrad­
uates, I think it's safe to say
there's probably a significant
gender divide on this issue.

While he did not classify
Notre Dame students' gam­
bling habits as a crisis,
Poorman said he hoped to
follow the lead of other uni­
versities and "try to be
slightly ahead of the issue."

The Stepan Center is yet
another aspect of Poorman's
plan. He said he wants to see
the easily recognizable build­
ing replaced with "a more
serviceable facility." Soon, he
expects to have "a very gen­
eral rendering of what the
building might look like."

Poorman was also quick to
praise Student Government
representatives, especially
student body president Dave
Baron and vice president
Lizzi Shappell, for their
ongoing dedication and hard
work on initiatives like the
Gender Relations Center, the
TRANSPO deal, the NDBay
acquisition and the upcoming
inauguration for University
President Father John
Jenkins.

"These people have not
been sleeping, I want you to
know," Poorman said. "In
seven years, no administra­
tion has hit the ground run­
ing as well as David and
Liz.

And the University is run­
ing right alongside them.
When Poorman came to the
end of his outline, he seemed
to be searching for some­
thing more to add.

"I guess other than that,
there's not much going on," he
said, laughing.

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access and some light.

"All the windows [of the hotel]
are gone, but we are in
the inner core and will probably
be OK but wet in the end," the
pair wrote Monday. "The building
shook a few times when it was
hit by something, but EMT have
inspected and feel we are safe
here still, or at least safer."

Later Monday, after the eye
of the storm had passed, Zachman
and Chambers wrote again to
assure colleagues of their safety
and expressed gratitude.

"There is major debris in
the street, lots of windows broken,
trees uprooted, a few crushed
cars that we can see," they
wrote.

The hotel staff had been "mag­
ical" toward its stranded guests,
the women said, and had pro­
vided food.

Saint Mary's Italian depart­
ment chair Nancy D'Antuono,
who spoke with Zachman by
phone at 5 p.m. Tuesday, said
the two women had been
instructed to fill their bathtub
with water before the storm hit
and to use it for hygienic pur­
poses.

"They are hardly in the most
elegant circumstances," D'Antuono said. "They were
in good spirits, they were just tired
of the heat, the worry, and the
inconvenience.

They hoped to be able to leave
the city soon either by plane or
bus by Wednesday morning, the
women said.

The situation grew increas­ing­
ly dire, however, when two lev­
es, designed to protect the New
Orleans from ocean swells, gave
way Tuesday flooding 80 percent
of the city.

Images showed hurricane vic­
tims wading through chest-deep
water on the famed Canal
Street. Aggressive looters broke
windows and stole off with
goods, often in plain sight of
police officers and state guards­
men, the Associated Press
reported.

Early Wednesday, Zachman
and Chambers wrote and said
they were still unable to leave
the hotel.

"The flood waters keep rising,
so things aren't all that great," they
wrote. "We probably won't get out for a few more days.
There was one road out last
night, but it may or may not be
there this morning. Yesterday
we almost got out, but the busses
were flooded. It is hot and
smelly but we are still eating."

In their last communication
with the College Wednesday
afternoon, they said they did not
anticipate being able to leave
any time soon.

"It is looking like it will be
a long time before we can
leave," they wrote. "The water con­tin­
ues to rise and we are pretty low
on the evacuation list.

Joe Miller of the psychology
department said students in
Chambers' class were being
instructed to keep up with the
work assigned to the syllabus. If
she has not returned by Monday,
she said, other professors will
cover her classes.

Various professors were filling
in for Zachman until she
returned, Spanish professor has
Quinteros said.

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"As long as the installation of dishes can be accomplished safely and in no way damages University property or obstructs University activity, they have generally been permitted." — William Kirk

Winning numbers will be listed in The Observer tomorrow and posted outside of the SUB office at 201 LaFortune by 8 a.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for SUB to provide a great service to the student body, while at the same time promoting this year's promising football season." - Jimmy Flaherty

Lottery
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All three men said they would recommend taking a class at Saint Mary's.

"I'm not sure most of the girls are won­dering why I'm becoming a high school teacher," said Kelvin. "I have a higher opinion of students, I feel like I miss out on some of the more male aspects of teaching, especially in today's society where you hear about allegations from students about teacher misconduct," he said. "I think males in education are held to somewhat of a higher standard. This aspect is missing from a lot of classes — but it can be picked up in field work and by asking questions."
New Orleans mayor: thousands dead

Engineers continue to repair levees; evacuees leave Superdome for Houston

Associated Press

Hurricane Katrina probably killed thousands of people in New Orleans, the city where U.S. authorities said Wednesday — an estimate that, if accurate, would make the storm the nation's deadliest natural disaster since the 1920s.

"We know there is a significant number of dead bodies in the water," and "other people dead in attics," Mayor Ray Nagin said. Asked how many, he said, "Minimum, hundreds. Most likely, thousands."

The frightening estimate came as Army engineers struggled to plug New Orleans' breached levees with giant sandbags and concrete barriers and authorities drew up plans to clear out the millions of dollars of people left in the Big Easy and quickly abandon the flooded-out city. Many of the evacuees — including thousands now staying in the Superdome — will be moved to the Astrodome in Houston, 150 miles away.

There will be "a total evacuation of the city. We have to. The city will not be functioning for two or three months," Nagin said. He predicted people will not be allowed back into their homes for at least a month or two.

Nagin estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people remained in New Orleans, and perhaps as many as half a million. He said 14,000 to 15,000 a day could be evacuated.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, began moving on one of the largest search-and-rescue operations in U.S. history, sending in helicopters with drinking water and other rescue supplies along with the hospital ship USNS Comfort, search helicopters and elite SEAL water-rescue teams. American Red Cross workers from across the country converged on the devastated region in the agency's biggest-ever relief operation.

Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast on Monday just east of New Orleans with howling, 145-mile winds. The death toll has reached at least 110 in Mississippi alone. But the full magnitude of the disaster had been unclear for days; Louisiana has been putting aside the counting of the dead to concentrate on rescuing the living, many of whom were trapped on rooftops and in attics.

If the mayor's estimate holds true, it would make Katrina the nation's deadliest hurricane since 1900, when a storm in Galveston, Texas, killed between 6,000 and 12,000 people. The death toll in the San Francisco earthquake and the resulting fire has been put at anywhere from about 3,000 to 4,000.

State officials said the mayor's figure seemed plausible.

Lt. Kevin Cowan of the state Office of Emergency Preparedness said there is no way to determine with any accuracy how many died. He noted that since hundreds of thousands of people had been rescued from roofs and attics, it could be assumed that there were lots of others who were not saved.

"You have a limited number of resources, for an unknown number of evacuees. It's already been several days. You've had reports there are casualties. You all ran the math," he said.

A full day after the Big Easy thought it had escaped Katrina's full fury, two levee breaks and spilled water into the streets Tuesday, swelling an estimated 80 percent of the bowl-shaped, below-sea-level city and inundating miles and miles of homes.

IRAQ

Hundreds of Shiite pilgrims die in stampede

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Panicked by rumors of a suicide bomber, thousands of Shiite pilgrims broke into a stampede on a bridge during a religious procession Wednesday, crowding one another or plunging 30 feet into the muddy Tigris river. About 800 died, mostly women and children, officials said.

Hundreds of lost souls lumbered the two-lane bridge while children and livestock were swept below, trying to reach dry land. The tragedy was a fresh reminder of the start of the Iraq war.

Many bodies were pulled from roof's and rooftops, officials said. The Associated Press has not seen bodies or containers with bodies.

And the stampede was "an eating suicide attack," was among the crowd," said Fadhel All, 28, barefoot and soaking wet on the riverbank. "Everybody was yelling, so I jumped from the bridge into the river, swam and reached the bank. I saw women, children and old men falling after me into the water."

The crowd was on edge because of the 110-degree heat, a mortar barrage near the Shiite shrine where they were headed and the ever-present fear of suicide bombers, officials said.

People said they had been in the mortar barrage three hours before the stampede, the U.S. military said.

Police later said they found no explosives at the bridge — either on any individual or in any cars parked nearby. Instead, poor crowd control and the climate of fear in Iraq after years of bullets, bombings and bloodshed appeared largely to have caused the horrific carnage.

Marchers jammed up at a check-point at the western edge of the imams bridge, which has been closed to civilians for months to prevent movement by extremists between the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah and the Sunni district of Azamiyah across the river.

"This tragedy was the direct result of terrorism; hundreds of innocent people, mostly women and children, have died because of the fear and panic the terrorists are sowing in Iraq," NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said in a statement. Defense Minister Sadoon al-Dulaimi, a Sunni, said three suicide bombers were stopped Wednesday some distance from the shrine, but "blew themselves up before reaching their destination."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington that he was not aware of any evidence that the stampede on the bridge was caused by a suicide bombing.
Health threats grow for New Orleans hurricane victims

As a public health catastrophe unfolded Wednesday in New Orleans, hospitals in the Crescent City sank further into disaster, airlifting babies without their parents in other states and struggling with more sick people appearing at their doors.

Dangerous, unsanitary conditions spread across the city, much of which now sits in a murky stew of germs.

"We're ready for patients and we can't get them. We just can't get them out," said Knox Andress, a pediatric surgeon.

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The federal government declared a public health emergency for the Gulf Coast region, promising 40 medical centers with up to 10,000 beds and thousands of doctors and nurses for the hurricane-ravaged area.

In a stunning example of how desperate the situation has become, 25 babies who had been in a makeshift neonatal intensive care unit at New Orleans Ochsner Clinic were airlifted Wednesday to hospitals in Houston, Baton Rouge, La., and Birmingham, Ala. Many were hooked up to battery-operated breathing machines keeping them alive.

Their parents had been forced to evacuate and leave the infants told where their babies were with up to tens of thousands of doctors and nurses for example of how Orleans, hospitals in the Clinic desperate the situation Wednesday lifted Wednesday for the Gulf coast.
Gas prices soar in aftermath of Katrina

Government may loan oil, relax environmental restrictions; motorists in dilemma

Associated Press

Gasoline prices leaped nationwide Wednesday as key refineries and pipeline operations crippled by Hurricane Katrina, crimping supplies and forcing refiners to ramp up the amount of fuel delivered to retailers.

To boost supplies, the U.S. government said it would loan to refiners facing shortfalls and relax environmental restrictions on the type of gasoline sold during summer.

Crude futures prices fell but remained close to $60 a barrel.

Just how bad the situation becomes for motorists is uncertain because most are facing pump prices in excess of $3 a gallon in a growing number of markets, depending on how quickly crude oil can be restored to Gulf Coast refineries and pipelines, analysts said.

Flooding may have left some important refinery equipment submerged and it will be days before a full damage assessment is completed, industry officials and analysts said.

Some signs of hope emerged Wednesday. The Colonial Pipeline Co. said it would restore partial service with help from diesel generators that will allow it to begin shipping gasoline, heating oil and jet fuel from Houston to markets up and down the East Coast. A Transportation Department spokesman said Wednesday the Plantation Pipe Line Co. would restore partial service on its East Coast lines Wednesday night as well as that company was expected to be fully operational by late Thursday.

Similarly, the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, through which 10 percent of all U.S. oil imports flow, said generators would enable it to gradually resume partial service.

"Every little bit is going to help," said oil analyst John Kilduff at Fastmarkets USA in New York.

A significant amount of oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico remains shut and reports of damaged-up platforms and missing rigs continued to trickle in as companies conducted aerial inspections of offshore facilities.

Onshore, wholesale gasoline suppliers have begun capping the amount of fuel they sell to retailers in certain markets to make sure retailers do not take delivery of more fuel than they actually need. Analysts said that while shortages have been reported in a small number of markets, they do not believe the problem is widespread and they cautioned motorists not to top off tanks out of fear.

With retail gasoline prices surging, BP said it would donate 10 percent of all profits during summer.

"They've been poising it as soon as we get the OK," Lilly spokesman Edward Sagarbel said.

Lilly also pledged to match dollar-for-dollar contributions made by employees. Indiana-based WellPoint announced Wednesday it would donate $500,000 to the Red Cross, and match 50 percent of contributions from its employees.

"It is very important to organize support for relief efforts as soon as possible, to ensure that relief agencies will have the resources they need to carry out the massive task at hand," WellPoint CEO Larry G. Glasscock said in a statement.

Drug maker Wyeth of Madison, N.J., planned to donate antibiotics and nonprescription pain relievers, health care giant Johnson & Johnson provided $250,000 worth of kits containing toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, as well as pallets of pain relievers and wound care supplies.

Drug maker Merck & Co. planned to send antibiotics and hepatitis A vaccines to protect those facing contaminated waters.

"Our commitment is open-ended," said Merck spokeswoman Janet Skidmore.

Illinois-based pharmaceutical company AbbVie Laboratories Inc. is giving $2 million cash and at least $2 million in nutritional and medical products.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said initial corporate donations to the relief efforts could total more than $100 million.

Hank Goldstein, chairman of Giving USA in Glenview, Ill., said individual and corporate donations combined could reach $1 billion.

Companies donate millions to hurricane relief aid
Legislators end impeachment

Associated Press

MANILA — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's congressional allies dealt a major blow Wednesday to efforts to oust her, using their dominating majority — and the opposition's absence — to toss out all three impeachment complaints against her.

Opposition legislators cried foul and warned that the country's third "people power" revolt loomed. They watched the events unfold on TV, like the rest of the country, after walking out a day earlier from the House justice department committee hearing on the complaints.

But despite clashes between riot police and anti-Arroyo demonstrators outside Congress that injured 11 protesters, there was little sign that allegations of Arroyo rigging last year's election were generating the emotion — or masses — that fueled the peaceful ousters of dictators Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 and Arroyo's predecessor, President Joseph Estrada, in 2001.

"I hope the public will receive it favorably," said pro-Arroyo Rep. Rodolfo Antonino. "If the opposition claims that this was railroaded, it was not railroaded. They were the ones who walked out.

The opposition did indeed claim it was railroaded, saying the committee hearing was a well-orchestrated sham. Pro-Arroyo lawmakers claimed the opposition was using its own theatricals, calling the walkout a desperate, premeditated attempt to trigger street protests.

Opposition spokesman Rep. Francis Escudero said the impeachment charges are now "life support," adding "Our country is now on life support because the issues would not be foreclosed."

The opposition held slim hopes of still getting 29 signatures — one-third of the House of Representatives — that are needed to send the case directly to the Senate for trial. It claims it has signatures short.

The committee vote culminated two rancorous days, starting with Tuesday's walkout. The opposition claimed the case was being killed unfairly, without getting a real hearing, on the strength of the administration dominance in the House.

Arroyo's allies first voted to exclude two of the three impeachment complaints, including one crafted by the opposition accusing her of three major offenses, including betraying the public trust.

That left the original complaint, which is widely considered to be the weakest — and which the opposition claims was crafted two months ago by a pro-Arroyo ally as a safeguard against possible impeachment. Only one impeachment charge can be filed against an official in a year.

After rejecting suggestions that the complaint was legally faulty, the committee voted 49-1 that it could not be pursued legally, in part because it would require using illegal wiretaps as evidence.

Pro-Arroyo lawmakers broke into applause, some shaking each other's hands.

The opposition fumed.

"This is the saddest day perhaps in Congress," said leftist Rep. Teodoro Casino. "This is brazen. The people have no other choice but to take to the streets because that is the only place we can resolve all these questions raised here."

TV video showed police pushing back rain-soaked protesters with fiberglass shields and hitting them with wooden truncheons, including women sprayed on the road. A protester, blood oozing from his head, was escorted away by companions. Some demonstrators fought back with stones.

Popular televangelist Eddie Villanueva, a failed presidential candidate, urged the opposition to exhaust constitutional means of pressing the charges against Arroyo, but warned that people would have no recourse but to take to the streets if the charges were dismissed on a technicality.

"If they kill this — the flight of principal lawmakers today or tomorrow, in front of God and history, it's justified for the Filipino people. They could not be stopped from going to the streets." Villanueva said.

FRANCE

President calls for changes in capital

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac said France must build more public housing and renovate crumbling apartment buildings, an urgent response to three fires that recently burned through run-down Paris lodgings and killed scores of African immigrants.

Police, meanwhile, were preparing to evacuate the capital's most dilapidated apartment buildings and hovels for squatters this week.

At a Cabinet meeting, Chirac told Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to draw up plans to renovate run-down apartment buildings — a response to the blazes that killed a total of 48 people since spring, most of them African immigrants.

"Faced with this situation, we must act," Chirac said, in comments relayed by government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope. "What's urgent is to ensure the safety of people living in precarious housing."

The latest fire occurred Monday as flames swept through a dilapidated building in central Paris, killing seven people, including a 6-year-old boy. His desperate mother threw him from a fifth-floor window.
Supreme court candidate will be deciding vote on abortion, campaign finance, religion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts, backed by Sandra Day O'Connor, is polished and popular, with a warm plainspoken style and surprising depth.

When it comes to substance, however, the two have differences that will nudge the divided court to the right if, as expected, Roberts is confirmed to succeed the retiring O'Connor.

The differences have been illuminated in thousands of pages of documents from Roberts' time as a lawyer in the Reagan administration and the first Bush administration and as a federal appeals court judge. They reveal a man likely to fall in line with his mentor, conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, more often than O'Connor did during her 24 years on the court.

Although Rehnquist and O'Connor agreed on about three-fourths of the court's cases, they parted company on some of the country's hottest issues. With O'Connor's departure, the court is divided 4-4 on abortion restrictions, campaign finance limits, discrimination laws, and religion.

Roberts will be questioned next week at Senate confirmation hearings about those matters and others. Until then, his previous work provides the main insight into where he will stand on issues before the court.

For example, documents show Roberts' support for prayer in public schools and national identification cards and a provision over extended death penalty appeals. He advocates broad power for the White House and disparaged state efforts to combat discrimination against women.

Roberts referred in one memo to the "abortion tragedy" and helped write a legal brief that argued for overturning Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 abortion case. And as a judge, he embraced police authority in car searches, a day of those stands him at odds with O'Connor — and in line with Rehnquist — and illustrate the high stakes of the national identification Supreme Court in 11 years.

Of the nine justices during O'Connor's tenure, seven were appointed by Republican presidents. One of them, John Paul Stevens and David H. Souter, often vote with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, appointed by Democratic President Bill Clinton. O'Connor, a moderate, was the pivotal vote, shifting between the majority and the conservative foursome headed by Rehnquist.

As the first woman justice, O'Connor voted to uphold Roe and has been influential in women's issues. Earlier this year, she wrote a 5-4 decision that expanded the scope of the Title IX gender equity law. Rehnquist, who hired a law Roberts at a law clerk in 1960, disagreed with the ruling.

Rehnquist and O'Connor also were sometimes at odds on religious issues. O'Connor's vote has helped the court bar government officials from erecting Ten Commandments displays for religious purposes. The two justices also differed on whether to prohibit sleep-in invocations at public school graduation ceremonies and student-led prayer at football games.

Roberts said in 1985 that it "seems indefensible" that the Constitution prohibits a moment of silent reflection or even silent prayer in schools. With Roberts on the court, "we will see a lessening of whatever separation of church and state is left," predicted Marcia Hamilton, a former O'Connor clerk who teaches at Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law. O'Connor's departure leaves the court evenly split in another area: affirmative action. She supported it in some instances. In his Reagan-era writings, Roberts seemed unsympathetic to what he called "quotas."

Richard Garnett, a Notre Dame law professor and former Rehnquist clerk, predicted only minor changes with Roberts, 50, replacing the 75-year-old O'Connor.

"When people say there will be seismic change in affirmative action and religion, I think that's just smoke."

Richard Garnett Notre Dame law professor

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While two top Bush administration officials talked to Sheehan the first day, the president did not during her Crawford stay — although he said that he sympathizes with her. Hiding in Crawford, two days early, so he could monitor federal efforts to help hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast.

While dozens of protesters packed tents and anti-war banners Wednesday, a few tents remained so at least two Veterans for Peace members can keep. Campers there 24 hours a day until the war ends, said Carl Rising-Moore of Indianapolis.

"What happened here has created a shift of conscience on a global basis. It's famous. It needs to be remembered," Rising-Moore said. "And President Bush spends an incredible amount of time here."

Mother tours U.S. in protest

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — After a 26-day vigil that ignited the anti-war movement, Cindy Sheehan took her daughters on the road Wednesday, while a handful of veterans pledged to continue the campaign off the lead­ing to President Bush's ranch until the war is over.

Rather than heading home to California, the mother of a 24­year-old killed in Iraq boarded one of three buses heading out on tour to spread her message.

"This is where I'm going to spend every August from now on," Sheehan said as she smiled and waved through a bus window, after hugging dozens of fellow protesters.

"We're going to stop in 25 states during the next three weeks, then take Sheehan's "Bring Them Home Now Tour" to the nation's capital for a Sept. 24 anti-war march.

Sheehan had vowed to stay in Crawford until Bush's month­long vacation ended or until she could question him about the war that claimed the life of her son Casey and nearly 1,900 other U.S. soldiers. She missed a week of the protest because of her mother's stroke.

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Allied terrorists demand trial through hunger strikes

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — Scores of detainees have started a new hunger strike at the U.S. prison for terror suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, demanding to be put on trial or released, human rights lawyers said Wednesday.

Many have been held more than 3 1/2 years without charge or access to lawyers. Most were captured in the Afghanistan war, suspected of ties to al-Qaida or the ousted Taliban regime that sheltered the terrorist network.

The Gitmo hunger-striking detainees allege the Pentagon reneged on promises to bring the detention camp into compliance with Geneva Conventions if they ended a hunger strike this summer involving up to 200 of the 500-plus detained men from some 40 countries, the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said.

The military said only 22 prisoners were involved in the first strike. An attorney with the center, Gitanjali Gutierrez, said the Pentagon "hid evidence of the hunger strike and prisoner abuse from visiting senators and the public."

"Prisoners are now prepared to die in an effort to receive a hearing and humane treatment," Gutierrez said.

Spokesmen for the detention mission at Guantanamo could not immediately be reached for comment. Several telephone calls in the public affairs office there rang without response.

There was no immediate response to e-mail messages. A Pentagon spokesman referred a reporter to the military's Miami-based Southern Command, which said comment could come only directly from Guantanamo.

Detainee Binyam "Benjamin" Mohammed al-Habashi said the military promised that if they stopped the June-July hunger strike "they would bring the prison into compliance with the Geneva Conventions."

That strike ended July 28, but nothing had changed by Aug. 11, said Mohammed, an Ethiopian refugee detained in Pakistan in 2002.

Mohammed said some 150 detainees began refusing meals at the beginning of August and were joined by another 60 on Aug. 11. He told his lawyer he had planned to start his fast Aug. 12.

"I do not plan to stop until either die or we are respected. People will definitely die," he said.

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FAITHPOINT

Thursday, September 1, 2005

LIVE IT!!!

All across campus, ND students are living out their faith. Teams of students sing their hearts out in the Basilica and in the dorms, prepare and lead Campus Ministry retreats, share in small Emmaus groups, and set a great example for all of us.

We've all been touched by the example of somebody who confidently lives out his or her call as a Christian witness. Starting next week, this section will introduce you to different ND student leaders of faith.

Let us know who out there is making a difference!

Send nominations to Brian Vassel at bvassel@nd.edu

Catholic Q&A

What's in a name?

After the white smoke rose from that chimney in Rome last April, the whole Catholic world held its breath in anticipation of the announcement of the newly-elected pope, the 265th universal pastor of the Catholic Church. Just after it was announced that our new pope was indeed that prelate and theologian formerly known as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, we heard the name under which he would serve as pope: Benedict XVI. Why that name? Why do popes even change names?

The first occasion of a pope changing his name upon his election was in 533, when an elderly Italian priest by the pagan Roman name Ratzinger selection was chosen to replace his given name. Pope John II wisely realized that governing the Catholic Church under the name of "Pope Mercury" might indeed raise eyebrows, specifically at a time when the persecutions Christians suffered under pagan Roman leadership were still very fresh in the collective Christian memory.

Thus the tradition of selecting a new name, while not compulsory, was installed upon the office of Pope. Cardinal Ratzinger selection of "Benedict XVI," though, demonstrated a good bit more, perhaps most notably a clear break with the recent past. By choosing a completely new name (as opposed to John Paul II), Benedict communicated to the world that he would indeed "be his own man," and not simply follow in the shadows of his predecessor.

At his first appearance the day of his election, Benedict XVI explained further his decision: "I wanted to call myself Benedict XVI to bind myself to the venerated Pope Benedict XV (1914-1922), who guided the Church in a troubled period because of the First World War. He was a courageous and authentic prophet of peace and worked with valiant courage first to prevent the drama of war and then to limit its nefarious consequences." He continued, "In his footsteps, I want to place my ministry at the service of reconciliation and harmony among individuals and peoples, deeply convinced that the great good of peace is, first of all, a gift of God.... May God bless Benedict XVI and his ministry!"

Send your questions to Brett Perkins at Perkins.26@nd.edu

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What's Up?

TODAY 9/1

Iron Sharpen Iron Ministry (ISI)
Kick-off
3:30 Co-Mo 10PM

FRIDAY 9/2 - SATURDAY 9/3
Asian/Asian American Freshman Retreat
Sacred Heart Parish Ctr.
Latino Freshman Retreat
Sacred Heart Parish Ctr.

SUNDAY 9/4

"What If I'm Not Catholic?" Protestant Student Welcome Session
Co-Mo Lounge 3-4PM
RCIA Information Sessions for Candidates, Catechumens, and Sponsors
330 Co-Mo 1-5PM
Confirmation Program Information Session
330 Co-Mo 2-5PM

Tuesday 9/6

FOUR: 7
Ministry Kick-off
FRER FOOD - 7 PM
@ Field House Mall
Worship - 8:30 PM
Cavanaugh Hall Chapel
Lector Workshops
Basilica 8:30PM
Eucharistic Ministry Training (mandatory if interested)
Basilica 10PM

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NORTH KOREA

Show serves as Kim propaganda

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Koreans are flocking to their capital to view performances of a mass gymnastics event that is the highlight of government propaganda efforts aimed at inspiring support for the Kim dynasty.

Some 300,000 people have traveled on special trains and buses to watch what the North calls a "mass game" that opened Aug. 15 on the 90th anniversary of the country's liberation from Japan's colonial rule.

With 100,000 performers, the event features synchronized acrobatics against the backdrop of an entire side of a stadium being used as a mosaic where children turn colored pages in books to form giant pictures and animation.

Before it closes in mid-October, an estimated 10 percent of the country's 23 million population are expected to have seen the event.

Experts say this year's performance is the largest such spectacle in three years, causing North Korea watchers to speculate that the show could signal a major policy announcement — as was analogously done in the past — or whether it is simply intended to shore up support among citizens who have suffered years of starvation.

The performance might be a prelude to a ruling party convention this fall, said Jeong Sun-ho, a professor at Seoul's Chonangang University. His view mirrors long-running speculation that the party could meet for the first time in 25 years when it celebrates its 60th anniversary — and that ruler Kim Jong Il could designate his successor.

"Convening a party convention this year would be meaningful as it coincides with a series of internal and external hardships," he said.

Kim had put the country on a similar-sized show to mark the anniversary of the birthday of founding North Korean leader Kim Il Sung, the father of Kim Jong Il, who remains the country's "eternal pres­ident" despite his 1994 death.

That year, North Korea is said to have conducted massive nuclear tests that have exacerbated tensions.

As a man, a man, as a father, as an Ossetian, we all should feel guilt," Taimuraz Mamurov, North Ossetian leader, said in an interview with foreign jour­nalists.

Dying carnations rested on windowsills next to burned tim­ber, which burned graffiti of the victims have hung on the lirst day of the gymnasium decorated with a mosaic of victims who died as hostages.

"As a man, as a father, as a resident, as a man, we all should feel guilt," Mamurov said in an interview with foreign jour­nalists.

Russian people remember terrorist school siege

Associated Press

BESLAN — Anguished relatives of 333 children who died in a school siege a year ago said Wednesday the memory of those who lost their lives has helped them learn from the tragedy and they warn persistent corruption has led to similar attacks in the future.

"If this isn't corrected, there will be a repeat," said Taimuraz Mamurov, head of the Beslan Mothers' Committee and a representative of the group that will fly to Moscow on Friday to meet Putin and address government officials.

Also, a video obtained Wednesday by the Russia Today News Television News shows notorious Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev — whose people massacred and imprisoned the attack — and several other fighters at their forest camp said they were preparing for the raid.

The edition shows a man known as the Colonel, who allegedly led the raid, as an inter­viewer asks him if he is longing for Allah. He responds yes. Another frame shows a fighter in glases, a beard and dressed in fatigues who resembles Abu Dzeit, a Kuwaiti national and alleged al­-Qaeda liaison who was killed by security forces in February.

There was no way to immedi­ately verify the video's authenticity or exactly when it was shot. But some people in it appear to be from the same Rus­sian for­ces for­mation for the role of the attack, and the summer-like appearance of the runway made the move believable.

Thousands of Ossetians were expected to be in Beslan for the ceremony this year, but Putin was unwilling to allow Ossetians to participate.

"We're not ready for what happened," Beslan, said. "He is the guarantor of our security, and our security and therefore, the responsibility (for Beslan) lies with presidents' first and foremost."
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The Independent Daily Newspaper Among the Elites of Notre Dame and Saint Mary
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The new gateway on Notre Dame Avenue may remind you of the entrance to a national cemetery. But it also reminds students that their University has lots of money, including the 19th largest endowment and a tuition that rises with the best of them.

This year, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.5 percent. Notre Dame tuition, room and board (TRB) rose 6.6 percent, from $37,100 to $39,552. Spending from the $3 billion Endowment covers one-sixth of the University’s total expenditures. But student tuition and fee income provides nearly 60 percent of the University’s operating revenue. Since 1999, TRB increased by 39 percent, while the CPI increased by only 16 percent, but the University increased its financial aid by 151 percent. Notre Dame, through its excellent Financial Aid office, commits to meet the financial needs of every student, but that generally includes the student’s commitment to take loans, whether federal or private. A loan is “financial aid.”

A 2005 Cato institute study concluded that increases in federal financial aid enabled universities, beginning around 1980, to expand their research and building programs, relying on federal loans to pass the costs on to students. As federal loan availability rose, the major universities raised their tuition, then lobbed for increased federal loans, then raised tuition, and so on. The loan burden deters non-wealthy students from attending universities that play the tuition game. “At the most selective private universities across the country, parents of freshmen are doctors than are hourly workers, teachers, clergy members, farmers or members of the military combined.”


Notre Dame is far from the worst offender. But it has used federal loan programs to expand its plant and to pursue Research Greatness while shifting the cost to students through tuition rises beyond the inflation rate. During the past 18 years, 27 new buildings were erected and 20 major renovations of other buildings took place. The end of the building binge is not in sight. The inevitable high-rise parking garage will symbolize Notre Dame’s conversion to a crowded urban-type campus. We lack empirical evidence of any ability of our leaders to reject any big donation for any building project.

In 1978-79, when Notre Dame first proclaimed itself “a National Catholic Research University,” the Notre Dame TRB was $5,180. Aligned for inflation, using the CPI, the 1978-79 total, in 2005 dollars, would now be $15,470. In real money, the TRB is now more than 2.5 times what it was when Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Prestige. In 2004-05, the average need-based University scholarship, given to the 44 percent of undergrads who qualified, was $16,740, bringing the total amount a student normally would have to pay for cash, loans or work, down to $20,340, or $4,970 more than the 1978-79 TRB in real money.

The primary historic mission of Notre Dame was undergraduate education in the Catholic tradition, with research in an essential, complementary research component. In the sciences, it is an important part of Notre Dame’s mission. But the research enterprise ought not to be the tail wagging the dog.

Our leaders act in what they see as the best interests of Notre Dame. Any criticism, even of policies, not persons. But the burden of loans, required to finance the research enterprise, tends to cramped Notre Dame grads to forego graduate education or community service and to defer marriage. It can make it difficult for those who do marry to remain open to having children.

Notre Dame has been criticized at times for being the Ivy League. Princeton, however, has a policy that Notre Dame ought to emulate. Princeton informed its incoming class of 2009: “Since ... 2001-02 ... no Princeton aid student has been required to take out a loan to pay for his or her education. The amount that a student normally would have received is replaced by increased Princeton grant. Our ‘no loan’ policy was a bold step in the opposite direction from a national trend whereby student loans had grown to 60 percent of all aid and a typical student was borrowing nearly $20,000.”

Princeton’s TRB is $38,297. In 2004-05, 608 students, or 52 percent of the Princeton aid students, received scholarships averaging $26,100 for a total scholarship aid of $15.9 million. Students can obtain loans to cover unexpected expenses. But the basic aid package is “no loan.”

Princeton is not Notre Dame. It is smaller, with 6,836 students, including 4,676 full-time undergrads. Its endowment in 2004 was $9.9 billion, 3 times Notre Dame’s. Notre Dame, however, has a unique ability to bring huge sums cascading into its coffers for special purposes. Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, should take the lead to enable its grads to serve the common good, and the good of their families and the Church, without a disabling student debt. To a regrettable extent, Notre Dame is investing instead in bricks, mortar and ostentation. Notre Dame has a higher purpose. Our leaders ought to consider the Princeton approach.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

What will the Notre Dame football team’s regular season record be?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.”

Douglas Adams
author
Solidarity at Notre Dame is more than just a word

I am sure that for many of us the happiness of being back together for a new academic year at Notre Dame has been somewhat compromised by the death, suffering and destruction that is currently affecting people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The situation affecting the people of New Orleans is certainly dramatic because of the indigenous people who are probably most directly affected by this tragedy. Foremost in our thoughts and prayers are the families of our students, their friends and many of our alumni. We are mindful, too, of the Alliance for Catholic Education teachers who live and teach in areas affected by hurricane Katrina, and the students, colleagues and families they work with in such a different way.

Our Notre Dame Community always finds ways not only to remember people affected by violence and loss in our prayers, but also by sharing our financial resources with them. In past years, we have been moved by the tsunami in Asia, floods in Bangladesh and hurricanes in Haiti. We know that our gift is surely small, and even if it is not, in the face of such need, but we understand that to act with solidarity and compassion for those who suffer enables us to deepen our own sense of discipleship as a community of faith.

I believe that our heart was always touched by anyone affected by illness or especially the poor.

This weekend, all monies collected in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and donations that have been made to the Basilica through the "poor box" will be sent in their entirety to Catholic Relief Services, the ACE communities, and to Holy Cross Ministry in the south at New Orleans. I have asked the rectors to take up a special collection at the residence hall Masses on Sunday night that will be used in the same way.

I know that you will pray for this special intention and be generous with your donation, and I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Finally, and on a different topic, I want to offer a word of welcome to the first year students who have joined us for the first time within the past few days. After a full week of class, it probably feels like you have already been here for a long time. But I know that for many of you it is the fulfillment of long held dreams, and for all of you it will be an opportunity to enter into the many-faceted and wonderful realities that make Notre Dame a family and an outstanding Catholic educational institution.

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As I watch news coverage of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I can't help but think of last December's tsunami. Like the natural disasters that have hit coastal areas of Southeast Asia, Hurricane Katrina has reminded us of the incredible power of Mother Nature. With or without warning, first and third-world nations alike are unable to escape nature's wrath.

While the effects of both events are largely the same — destruction of property, economic downfall, poor sanitation, loss of human life and all of which have the greatest effect on the poorest of us — the difference in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is one of community. The global community is silent.

Now, it seems to me that after the tsunami, there was a great deal of talk about being united in our humanity and coming together with the common goal of saving human lives. Are residents of the Gulf Coast not human? Perhaps they are lower down, as Michael Moore, David Gelles and the Daily Show would have us believe: they are American.

Why does the world feel led only by the United States to do in to the victims of the tsunami, and yet remain silent toward our dis ease? Granted, the U.S. is not a global superpower as Japan was after its earthquake. We have much of the infrastructure needed to pull off a massive dis as ter relief effort, yet I have not heard reports of any significant foreign dignitary offering higher condolences of our loss. While communi ties are unsure of what to do, they are still stranded on roofs or in attics, the chances of survival of the standing water is likely and yet the global community looks the other way.

When the U.S. donates money and manpower to disaster relief efforts, the U.N. responds with criticism: the U.S. was too stingy with its pledges, wasn't quick enough in fulfilling the pledges, or some other load of babylon. What ever happened to, "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth?" No one should ever be criticized for giving. Yet this is the response that the U.S. has given accustomed to and from the international community: damned if we do, damned if we don't.

The apathy of the global community to our disaster is utterly insulting to the damnation of our American's lost. December. If disaster bothered the world in December, why not now? I don't expect a massive global contribution to the Katrina relief effort, but it is too much to ask for acknowledgment of our loss, or at least a break in the anti-Americanism?

Sarah Harward
class of 2005

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Viewpoint

Act with respect

As a 1994 alumnus, I write to any of our students who attended the Notre Dame-Football game last Saturday, and particularly to the ESPN College Game Day broadcast. To Alabama, this game day chose our Nebraska game as its site, I was set on during the broadcast. At the close of the show, Lee Corso predictably commented on the silliest Cornhusker hat imaginable, and I couldn't help but ask myself, "What do we stand for?" Unpredictably, one of our students — green T-shirt and all — threw a plastic beer can at the referee. I promptly threw beer all over Craig Fowler, and he was visibly upset. I was humiliated minutes later to be introduced as a Notre Dame graduate, and absolutely furious that one of our own would act so disgracefully.

It is an honor that ESPN chose us, yet again, as their showcase this Saturday. Treat one another with respect, or this time may be the last.

Stephanie Joyce
class of 2003

Aug 31
Staind's latest effort retreats beaten path

By BOB COSTA
Some Critic

When Limp Bizkit front man Fred Durst ushered Staind onto the national music stage in the late nineties with inclusion on the Bizkit-fronted “Family Values” tours and albums, he made Staind lead singer Aaron Lewis a hero to angry nu-metal fans who saw the band as the second coming of Alice in Chains.

The subsequent success of Staind's breakthrough album “Break The Cycle” in 2001 yielded not only an expanded fan-base and radio hits (“It’s Been Awhile” and “Mudd”), but also numerous copycats in the alt-metal genre. Since then, radio has been proliferated by Staind rip-offs like Nickelback’s “Puddle of Mudd” and 3 Doors Down.

That's enough maudlin lyrics and heavy guitar riffs posing as serious alternative rock to make Eddie Vedder puke.

Yet on Staind's recently released album "Chapter V," the band does nothing to revitalize a genre that was really just a revitalization of grunge. Staind sticks to the same formula revealed on "Break The Cycle" and their 2003 album, "14 Shades of Grey." Even with a wife and two children, Lewis sounds like the same disgruntled twenty-something reading out of his diary. Lewis' lyrics are extremely personal, and the man keeps grudges with old lovers like Nickelback’s Kenoreno, he can't seem to let go and embraces the pain. He fuels his music, but at times truly limits the band from moving past the wallowing of their first three albums.

The album's third track, "Paper Tunesk," reveal the soaring choruses, crescendos that makes Arcade Fire, and the band's "Lone Wolf" instead of a cohesive rock outfit.

Another factor that diminishes the power of "Chapter V" is that it is just too slick in its production values. This is a band that gained notoriety for releasing a live and acoustic song ("Outside" featuring Fred Durst) to the radio that was gritty and sweltering in its own simplicity.

At their core, these guys can't balance Metallica-lite or Nirvana gone metal. They need to be raw, surging through albums and concerts with a miserable intensity. That intensity is heard on certain tracks of "Chapter V," specifically the ballad "Take This" and "Schizophrenic Conversations," the swelling rocker that positions Lewis in a comfortable lyrical position — talking to himself.

Lewis is a talented vocalist, a fact that even the limited range of his songwriting can't diminish. On "Everything Changes," Staind fans will want to use their cell phones or lighters during a show. The band turns down the volume for a bit, letting Lewis sing instead of yelling to be heard over the noise. Since "Chapter V" is presumed to be just the fifth chapter in not only Staind's career but in the never-ending saga of Aaron Lewis' depression, fans can only hope by the next chapter, the man finds some redemption.

As music fans witness acts like Limp Bizkit, Papa Roach and Cold Fall out of relevance, one has to wonder whether this may be the last of Staind. "Chapter V" is an album made for the true believers in nu-metal angst. If you don't buy into the precepts of the genre, the album is just an unoriginal take on one man's sorrow and recognizable three-threes.

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First full album shows Arcade Fire's potential

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Funeral," the first full-length album from the Montreal indie rock band, Arcade Fire, reveals the unusual sound that has been the band a huge following around the world.

The innovative band uses a variety of instruments and a large number of multi-talented members to make songs that fuse many different types of music. The album is varied, interesting and unexpected, and it, unlike many albums, gets more enjoyable the more you listen to it.

The title of the album comes from the fact that several band members experienced the loss of family members while making the album. The themes of loss, love and redemption are prevalent in songs like "Une Annee Sans L'Amour" and "In The Backseat." The album's information is even set up to look like the program from a funeral.

Arcade Fire manages to make the somber themes that pervade their album sound hopeful and uplifting while still providing a vivid sense of the emotions about which they sing. Songs like "Rebellion (Lies)," "Crown of Love" and "Neighborhood #1" ("Tunnels") reveal the soaring choruses, crescendos that makes Arcade Fire, and the band's "Lone Wolf" instead of a cohesive rock outfit.

"Funeral" introduces listeners to Arcade Fire, a promising indie-rock band. The metaphorical journey through the soul is a common theme in their songs.

Funeral
Arcade Fire
Merge Records

Recommended tracks: "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)," "Rebellion (Lies)" and "Crown of Love"

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Strong sophomore album cements rapper’s status

By TAEO ANDREWS

Most rap songs can be sorted into different Lemonade-like categories. I’ll take Gratification of Drug Withdrawal for my money. Just like Eminem’s The Eminem Show, Coldplay’s latest, A Head Full of Dreams, is an album that defies genre labels. It’s a unique and refreshing blend of rock, pop, and electronic influences. The album’s sound is far more interesting than the band’s previous efforts, which leaned heavily on the alt-rock sound that defined the band’s early years. Instead, this album features a variety of styles, from the poppy “Yellow” to the more experimental “The Hardest Part.”

The album’s strength lies in its ability to balance emotional depth with catchy hooks. Tracks like “AAnimate” and “Adventure of a Lifetime” showcase Coldplay’s ability to craft memorable songs that also deliver powerful emotional messages. The band’s signature harmonies are still present, but they are complemented by a more diverse range of instrumentation, including strings and electronic samples.

Despite some backlash from fans who were disappointed by the band’s departure from their signature sound, A Head Full of Dreams has proven to be a commercial success, debuting at #1 on the Billboard 200 chart. It’s a testament to Coldplay’s ability to reinvent themselves and continue to evolve, while still maintaining their signature style.

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CD Reviews

Martin’s lyrical sophistication drives ‘X&Y’ to success

By KELLY DUOOS

Coldplay’s summer release has already familiarized pop music consumers with two successful radio singles. At this point, interest in a third single would be exhausted by virtue of the band’s previous hits. X&Y, their latest album, is a departure from the band’s usual sound, focusing on more acoustic and minimalist arrangements. The result is a more contemplative and introspective album that showcases the band’s maturity and growth.

The album begins with the powerful opening track “ chefs to the album’s emotional climax – and that this formula doesn’t seem repetitive or contrived – is the
dominant theme throughout the album. Coldplay’s ability to write an album that explores the complexity of human relationships and the search for meaning is truly impressive.

Each track on X&Y is unique and thought-provoking, with lyrics that range from personal reflections to global concerns. The album’s overall message is one of hope and redemption, despite the sometimes dark and melancholic themes.

British rock quartet Coldplay has enjoyed immense success for all of their albums, and X&Y is no different. The album’s lead single, “Fix You,” has become a anthem for the band’s fanbase, and its powerful message of love and forgiveness resonates with listeners around the world. The success of X&Y is a testament to Coldplay’s ability to craft meaningful and memorable music.
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Millar snaps homer drought to help Sox win

**Royals blank Twins in pitchers’ duel; Orioles shut down Blue Jays**

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Millar hit two homers and David Ortiz hit his fifth in five games on Wednesday night, helping the Boston Red Sox rally from a big deficit for the second consecutive night and beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6.

Millar hit 43 home runs in the previous two seasons but had hit only one since a two-homer game on June 4. Still a popular player in the clubhouse, the outspoken and sometimes goofy first baseman had been losing fans at Fenway Park ever since.

But he led off the second with a shot to tie the game at 1, then a two-run drive that gave Boston its first lead.

Tim Wakefield (14-10) allowed five runs on six hits and a walk, striking out five to fall behind 5-1 before retiring the sixth batter he faced.

Mike Timlin allowed Alex Gonzalez’s sacrifice fly in the ninth before earning his fourth save.

Casey Fossum (8-11) allowed six runs on seven hits and two walks in 6 2-3 innings, striking out five. The Devil Rays, who took a 5-0 lead off Curt Schilling before losing 6-5 on Tuesday, led 5-1 through three this time before coming back for their 18th win in its last 19 games at Fenway.

Doug Mirabelli led off the fourth with a homer to make it 5-2, then Bill Mueller singled and Gabe Kapler doubled. Alex Cora followed with an RBI groundout and Johnny Damon hit a sacrifice fly to make it 5-4. Ortiz homered to lead off the fifth and the tie score at 5-5. It stayed that way until the seventh, when Fossum hit Manny Ramirez with two outs. Jesus Colome relieved him and gave up Millar’s towering shot off the soda bottles above the Green Monster to break the tie.

**Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0**

Bruce Chen and Chris Ray combined on a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

Miguel Tejada, Jay Gibbons and Eric Byrnes homered for the Orioles, who lost 10 of their previous 11 games and held a 1-1 tie after Chen’s first-inning perfection.

Chen (11-8) only allowed Aaron Hill’s infield single to first in the inning and second baseman Kelly Shoppach’s two-base single in the eighth. First baseman Chris Gomez and Chen appeared to be unsure who would field the grounder, allowing the batter to reach.

Chen then retired 18 straight batters until Koskie’s hit. He struck out seven and walked one in eight innings.

Baltimore’s Rafael Palmeiro didn’t need his one-hit single the day after he inserted earplugs into his ears to prepare for the game. Palmeiro didn’t play.

**Royals 1, Twins 0**

The Kansas City Royals found an opponent in play as bad as them.

Emil Brown singled home Denny Hocking with one out in the ninth to lead off the victory Wednesday over Minnesota Twins, which lost a Twins’ record of 13 hits this season.

It tied for the most hits by a major league team in a shutout loss since the divisional play began in 1969, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, and it was the most the Royals allowed without giving up a run.

Royals manager Ron Gardenhire said, "I think we do — 13 hits and not score," Kansas City outfielder Terrence Long said.

Twins’ previous record for hits in a shutout was 12 in a 1-0 loss to the California Angels in 1975. The Royals shut out opponents on 10 hits four times.

Minnesota had runners at second and third with one out in the ninth but pinch runner Brent Abernathy was thrown out at third after Mike MacDougal’s pitch to Michael Ryan sailed to the backstop.

Abernathy started to come back to the dugout, a possible error, but catcher Paul Phillips’ throw beat him.

"If he knew it was going to bounce right back to the catch­er, he’d have a crystal ball," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "They throw a ball away and it still worked out for them today.”

Ryan then took a called third strike. It was the second straight game every Twins starter hit safely.

“When you have 13 hits and you’ve got no runs, there’s not many explanations for it,” Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

“We were all over the basepaths. They even throw a wild pitch and it bounces right back to the catcher.”

“I’ve seen some of the things they’ve had to endure and I’m sure they feel they finally got a good break, and they did.”

Hocking singled off Matt Guerrier (3-0) leading off the ninth, and reached second when third baseman Terry Tiffere misplayed a grounder by Chip Ambrose. Terry Mulholland relieved and struck out Matt Stairs, before Brown grounded a single just inside the bag at third.

MacDougal (3-4) pitched the ninth for the Twins, and the Royals, who had a 19-game losing streak earlier this month, ended a five-game skid.

“This one’s tough,” said out­fielder Jacque Jones, who was involved in three double plays. “I take a lot of blame.”

The Twins’ play was reminis­cent of the way the Royals have stumbled around all season while compiling a major league-worst 43-83 record.

Their five wins in August were one better than the team-record low for any month.

“I’ve been here three months and I’ve seen just about everything I needed to see,” said Royals catcher Buddy Bell.

Roysters starter Mike Wood gave up eight hits and two walks in six innings but kept the Twins scoreless with the help of double plays in the first, second and fourth.

Runners at first and second and one out in the fourth, Tiffere grounded to first baseman Joe McEwing. He threw to second but lost the ball. Jones, who had singled leading off the inning, tried to score from second but was cut out at home by Wood, who had cov­ered first.

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**Boston Red Sox Kevin Millar belts a two home run home run off Devil Rays’ pitcher Jason Colome in the seventh inning at Fenway Park Wednesday, Millar also hit a solo home run in the second inning.**

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**Baltimore Orioles’ Miguel Tejada makes the throw to first for a double play after hitting Blue Jays’ Aaron Hill out at second base during the second inning in Toronto.**

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Phillies blast four homers off Pedro in win

Hermida grand slam not enough; Pettitte dominant for Astros

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Philadelphia Phillies overpowered Pedro Martinez and remained on top in the NL wild-card race.

Chase Utley hit two of Philadelphia's four homers off the New York Mets' ace, Brett Myers pitched seven strong innings and the Phillies bounced back from an early deficit for an 8-2 victory Wednesday night.

Ryan Howard and Mike Lieberthal also connected for Philadelphia, which stopped a three-game skid and sent New York to its fourth loss in 12 games. The Phillies (71-62) began the day tied with Florida atop the wild-card standings.

Martinez (13-6) had a 2-0 cushion at snug Shea Stadium and a chance to push the Mets ahead of their NL East rivals — but he couldn't do it. The four home runs he gave up matched a career high, set twice in consecutive starts for Boston in June 1998. Martinez gave up five runs and eight hits in seven innings, dropping to 1-3 in his past seven starts.

Myers (12-9) allowed six hits and struck out seven, improving to 4-1 in his last 10 starts. He has yielded only three runs in 14 innings at Shea this season, going 2-0 in two starts.

One night after blowing a lead, Iguchi Urbina struck out two in a perfect eighth to preserve a 2-1 advantage. Bobby Abreu added a two-out, two-run double off Heath Bell in the ninth, and Pat Burrell had an RBI single.

Philadelphia's Kenny Lofton made two over-the-shoulder catches in deep center in the sixth, saving at least one run. With the score tied at 2, Lieberthal led off the seventh with his 11th home run. Utley added a two-run shot to center for No. 21 on the year and his third multihomer game this season.

Cardinals 10, Marlins 5

Florida's Jeremy Hermida became the first player in more than a century and only second ever to hit a grand slam in his first major league at-bat, connecting in the seventh inning off the St. Louis Cardinals' Al Reyes in the Marlins' loss Wednesday night.

The only other player with a grand slam in first major league at-bat was William "Frosty Bill" Duggleby, who did it for Philadelphia at home against the New York Giants in the second inning on April 21, 1898, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Elias was not able to determine whether Duggleby was a pinch hitter.

Hermida, an outfielder whose contract was purchased from Double-A Carolina earlier in the day, was just the third player to hit a slam in his first game joining Duggleby and San Francisco's Bobby Bonds. Hermida batted for pitcher Brian Moehler with Florida trailing 10-0 and connected on the third pitch he saw in the big leagues.

He swung at a fastball, took a ball low, then homered over the right-field wall, a drive estimated at 373 feet.

The 21-year-old Hermida moved briskly around the bases after the homer, yet after returning to the dugout and slapping hands with several delighted teammates, he did not acknowledge long, loud cheers from the sparse crowd that acknowledged his hitting his eighth HR.

It was his father of seven Barry Bonds, the father of seven-time MVP Barry Bonds, made his major league debut for San Francisco on June 25, 1968, and homered against Los Angeles. Elias said. Bonds grounded out in the third inning at Candlestick Park, was hit by a Claude Osteen pitch in the fifth, then homered off reliever John Purdin.

Only a few thousand people in the announced crowd of 26,656 remained to Hermida's hit. The Marlins' top pick in the 2002 amateur draft and the 11th pick overall, he remained in the game as Florida's left fielder to start the eighth inning.

Astros 10, Reds 0

Andy Pettitte allowed four hits in seven innings and Brad Ausmus drove in four runs as the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

Pettitte (13-9) struck out four and walked one, improving to 10-2 in 14 starts since June 20. The left-hander lowered his ERA to 2.50, tied with Washington's John Patterson for third best in the National League.

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer for the Astros, who remained a half-game behind the Texas Rangers in the NL wild-card race.

Brandon Claussen (9-9) lost for the first time since July 23 against Milwaukee. He had gone 5-0 in six starts since the longest win streak by a Reds pitcher this season.

Claussen allowed only two hits in the first four innings before the Astros bunched five consecutive hits to score four runs in the fifth.

Lance Berkman led off with a double and Lane hit his 20th home run for a 2-0 lead. Chris Burke and Adam Everett each singled and Ausmus drove them home with a double to right-center.

Ausmus tried to stretch the hit to a triple and was called out on a close play at third, which manager Phil Garner argued.

Claussen lasted 5 2-3 innings and allowed four runs on eight hits.

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Several big names advance easily at U.S. Open

Strong wind gusts and intermittent rain mark day at the Open

NEW YORK — Heat and humidity are expected at the U.S. Open. Ditto for the airplanes that scream overhead on their way to and from nearby LaGuardia Airport.

But a gusting, swirling wind was something else.

"I don't think I've ever practiced in these conditions," fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters said Wednesday. "It was so tough out there."

Gusting up to 36 mph, the wind picked up anything that wasn't nailed down. Plastic bags and hats danced across the courts, and the wind played tricks with even the simplest of shots.

The only thing that held steady was the score. Top-seeded Maria Sharapova needed only 49 minutes to win 6-1, 6-2 over Dally Randriantefy, while Clijsters notched another straight-set victory, 7-5, 6-0, over Colombian Fabiola Zuñiga.

Wimbledon winner Venus Williams beat Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 today, "I was really, really frustrated," Zuñiga said. "I couldn't follow up on his first round victory. Gilles Muller couldn't follow up on his stunning upset of Andy Roddick on Tuesday, losing in doubles with American partner Robby Ginepri.

"It was so windy today," Sharapova said. "I'm really glad I had a piece of chocolate cake last night, otherwise I would have been blown away. It made me heavier."

Two-time champ Serena Williams and French Open winner Rafael Nadal took the court for the evening matches.

The first two days of the Open were steamy, with several players struggling. The wind made temperatures Wednesday more pleasant, but brought a new challenge.

"The wind was definitely a test today," Venus Williams said. "It's easy to stumble and easy to self-destruct in those kinds of conditions."

Added Hewitt, "It was one match you just wanted to get under your belt, get into the tournament and get back into the locker room as quickly as possible."

Hewitt had won five of his previous six meetings with Costa, but the two haven't played each other since 2002. No matter. Hewitt raced out to an early lead, dropping only two points as he took the first three games of the first set, and Costa never recovered.

The 2002 French Open winner had only two break points the entire match, and couldn't convert either. Hewitt, on the other hand, converted seven of 11 in the first set, including three in the last set. He had 23 winners to Costa's nine, and only 17 unforced errors. Costa made 35 errors, double-faulted five times and had no aces.

"Today was really, really difficult," Costa said. "I just couldn't get in my rhythm, and he was much more confident with the wind, for sure."

Costa has now lost in the first round at his last five Grand Slam events. He missed Wimbledon with a knee injury that required surgery, and the 36-year-old said after the match that retirement is an option.

"I want to finish this season and then decide," he said. "If I finish, I finish altogether. I can't play only on clay."

It doesn't seem to matter where Clijsters plays these days. Victories in her last two tournaments gave her six titles already this year, best on the WTA Tour. She improved to 51-6 with her win over Zuñiga.

If she keeps playing this way, Clijsters might finally break through for her first Grand Slam title.

"Even when I was injured last year, when I started playing again, you get motivated," said the Belgian, who missed the Open last year after wrist surgery. "It motivates you to work hard because you know that those girls, they're working every day hard to get back, to be strong.

"I know I had to put in twice the effort if I wanted to come back. It's not just one player. It's the whole group that keeps you motivated and hungry to play tennis."

A day later, the Open was still buzzing about Roddick's loss. A champion here only two years ago, Roddick looked as if he was going to cruise to an easy victory over Muller. He was up 5-2 in the first set, and had a chance to serve it out at 5-3. Instead, Muller broke him, then held his own serve.

Suddenly, it was Roddick on the defensive against the left-hander.

"I just felt like the whole time, I was trying to find something as opposed to just having it," Roddick said, still looking dazed an hour after the match ended.

"Twenty-four hours ago, I was really optimistic about my prospects here. I'm in a little bit of shock right now, to be honest."

"I'd give anything to go back four hours right now."

Heaping insult onto the sting of the loss, it was Roddick's 23rd birthday Tuesday.

"I don't really remember a loss where I've, umm, felt this bad afterward," he said.

Many observers really did take his mojo. It was the first time Roddick had gone out in the first round since his Open debut in 2000.

Roddick was seeded fourth and is one of the world's best on hard courts. Muller, meanwhile, is ranked 68th, playing in his first Open and can, by his own admission, get a little "crazy" during matches. He beat Nadal at Wimbledon and reached the finals at a tournament in Los Angeles last month, only to turn around and lose in the quarterfinals in Washington three weeks ago.

But he never got flustered against Roddick.

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Kim Clijsters makes a return against Fabiola Zuñiga at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Wednesday.
**Shockley can finally say Bulldogs are his team**

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — D.J. Shockley spent four years watching from the sideline, sitting through endless meetings, waiting for his chance to take over as Georgia's starting quarterback.

Now, after showing intangible patience, the moment is finally here — and Shockley suddenly feels like it snugged up on him a little bit.

He'll probably have trouble sleeping the night before Saturday's opener against Boise State. He knows the butterflies will be swirling in his stomach when he goes out for the opening snap. He worries about being so pumped up that he overthrows his first pass by 20 yards.

"In the past, I knew I was only going to play one or two series a game. There's not too much pressure on you when it's like that," Shockley said. "This is different. You know everything is going to be on you."

But Shockley's grateful teammates have his back, determined to make his first — and only — season as the starter a memorable one.

"I'm playing this whole season for him," safety Greg Blue said. "I don't want people to look at him like he's the reason we lose."

Shockley won his teammates' implacable respect by deciding to stay at Georgia for his entire college career, even though he spent most of it backing up David Greene.

Many other players would have transferred — after all, Shockley was one of the nation's highest-rated quarterbacks coming out of high school — and the thought did cross his mind.

In the end, Shockley chose to play for the Bulldogs. Or, most accurately, he accepted one season as a redshirt and three others as a spuriously used second-stringer behind Greene.

"That man has my respect for staying here," Blue said. "I cared about the program. I cared about my teammates. We're going to fight for him all the way."

Shockley will be under intense scrutiny the entire season. After all, Greene was the winningest quarterback in major-college history, leading the Bulldogs to their first Southeastern Conference title in 20 years and three straight Top Ten finishes.

If the Bulldogs fail to maintain that level of success, Shockley will surely get much of the blame. He got a taste of the high standards he'll be expected to meet in the final regular-season game of 2004.

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"I couldn't believe the Georgia Tech fans were shouting at me," Greene said. 

"I thought we were playing pretty well, and I couldn't believe they were booing me."

Greene said he expected to be booed by the Georgia Tech fans — at least some of them.

"I knew I was going to get booted, but I didn't think it would be as bad as it was," Greene said. "But my teammates and coaches supported me. They told me I wasn't going to let that affect me."

Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley, left, evades Georgia Tech defender Gerry Wilkinson during the first quarter of the Bulldogs' 19-13 victory Nov. 27, 2004 in Athens, Ga.
**Men’s Soccer Top 25**

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- **Colts’ linebacker suspended for season**
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- **The 32-year-old shooting guard was courted by Miami, Phoenix, San Antonio and Minnesota. Each team sent representatives to Chicago to make a pitch to the veteran guard. Miami was considered the favorite, because the Heat could offer the full $5 million midlevel exception and the opportunity to play with Shaquille O'Neal.**

- **Owens pursuing a career in the music business**
  - ATLANTA — If Terrell Owens has another falling out with the Philadelphia Eagles, he’s got his own business to fall back on.
  - T.O. has muscled into Atlanta’s thriving â€” and hip-hop scene with Deity South Studios. No, the five-time Pro Bowl receiver isn’t getting behind the mike, a la Deion Sanders and other forgettable athletes-turned-singers. Get this, Owens prefers to stay in the background when it comes to music, providing a place where artists can lay down their own tracks.
  - "It’s an opportunity for artists to perfect their craft," Owens said in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this summer at his studio. "They’re getting their grind on, and I respect that. I want to help them be successful."

- **Wells sorry for comments made towards Selig**
  - BOSTON — Boston Red Sox left-hander David Wells apologized Wednesday for comments he made this week criticizing commissioner Bud Selig for his handling of baseball’s steroid problems.
  - "I understand that I was wrong in my statements about these issues and for that I apologize," Wells said in a statement issued by the players’ association after Wells met with baseball officials.
  - "Now that I have had this opportunity to sit down and discuss the issues, I better understand the procedures that go with steroid testing."

- **Wells lashed out at Selig after losing his appeal of a six-game suspension on Monday, saying the commissioner “isn’t doing a thing” about steroids.**
  - The pitcher, who called Selig an “idiot” in a spring training interview with the Hartford Courant, accused Selig of retaliating for his past comments in handing out the latest suspension.
David Grimes waits for questions during freshman media day Aug. 21. He will return kicks Saturday against Pittsburgh.

"There are three key ingredients of Chase — he's smart, tough and fast," Weis said. "You can't coach speed. Either you have it or you don't. When you're smart and you have some experience, it gives you a chance to be out there. His experience gives him a fighting chance to edge some of those others out."

In addition, special teams coach Brian Polian felt the sense of security Anastasio gives the Irish coaches contributed to his selection.

"Chase is not afraid — he'll hit it up in there," Polian said. "He's got ball skills, and we trust him as a person. We trust his judgment. Chase was a guy that hung around all camp, and at the end, he's still there because he does things right."

While Anastasio will once again take care of kickoff returns, a new face — freshman David Grimes — will be returning punts this season.

"I think he's got good speed — he's an agile guy," Polian said. "Obviously, he's a receiver, so he's got ball skills. All of those attributes will help him be a punt returner."

While the selection of a freshman to return punts on national television in his first college game raised several eyebrows, Polian doesn't believe Grimes' inexperience will be a factor.

"It wouldn't matter if it was David or anyone else back there, when it's the first game, you're always nervous — whether it be a fifth-year senior or a freshman," Polian said. "No matter how much pressure we put on these guys in practice, you can't recreate the pressure you feel on a game day. We try to create as many high-pressure situations as we can, but ultimately, when the lights go on, it's a little bit different. It's part of the deal."
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more offense, they have switched from a flat-four back on defense to a three player zone defense. The fourth defender has been shifted to midfield to put the solid middle of the Belles' lineup at five players strong.

Last year the team's strength lay in its defense, allowing more than two goals in only one game. The shift for more offense will not likely affect the strong defensive tendencies, as the midfielders will play a large role in support.

Saint Mary's welcomes another interesting change that has not been common in recent years - a returning head coach.

Before this season, the Belles had a new head coach for the past five years.

Coach Caryn Mackenzie will prow the sidelines for a second year. She is described by her players to have a fire that drives them to succeed.

"She is really a dynamic coach, always brings some real energy to practice," Culbertson said. "She is really knowledgeable and has a lot of background in the game."

"She is just what we need," Orr said. "She has a pretty clear plan and having her out there for a second year is great.

"This year is going to be a lot easier because we are comfortable with her and her style of coaching."

Mackenzie is described as being disciplined — an attribute the Belles feel is an important part of their team.

The key to victory for the players will factor into the mental part of the game. They are confident that even if they are scored upon, they won't allow any pressure to be lifted.

"We are really quick and athletic," Orr said. "Setting the tone in each game is what we are going to need to do."

"We are going to try and build their confidences, utilize them, and make them feel a part of the team," Culbertson said. "We are going to lead by example."

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Irish kick returner's family OK in wake of devastating storm

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Sports Writer

Two days before his first game with the Irish, former walk-on defensive back and starting kick returner Brandon Harris has had other things on his mind this week. The New Orleans native has family where Hurricane Katrina hit, a storm reportedly has claimed thousands of lives. But everyone is okay, Harris said Wednesday night, saying his family evacuated before the storm.

"I'm not sure what the status of our home is right now," Harris said. "But my parents, sister and grandmother are in Shreveport and they'll know pretty soon about our house."

Harris said although he doesn't know about his house, he is most concerned with his family being all right.

"It's on the west bank," he said of his house. "I'm not sure what that area's like now, but I heard there were some problems with the levee system breaking. I don't know if the levee broke by our house or what the water level is around there, but I'm hoping my house is OK. But most importantly my family is OK. My sister was telling me [it] may be a couple of weeks before they can go back."

Harris said he will continue to try to keep his mind on preparing for Pittsburgh the next few days.

"It's pretty tough," he said. "I just have to stay focused — keep my mind on what I'm doing."

Dress list finalized for Saturday

Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Wednesday that he had finalized the list of players going to Pittsburgh, filling out the 15 spots he said were open for players to earn.

However, since Notre Dame is independent, the Irish can dress as many players as the coaching staff deems necessary. Weis said it would be about 70 for Saturday's game.

"We've filled up the bus," Weis said. "Those guys knew that the only way they were going to get on the bus is if the tempo was picked up. We had enough guys to go to the game without them, but we've filled the bus."

At least five of the 15 spots are filled by freshmen, Weis said. He also said he is taking four players from the scout team after initially wanting to take two.

"I leave some travel spots for the scout team players of the week," Weis said. "The chances they play in a game are very, very small. But I think if a guy goes and busts his butt all week, he deserves to travel just as much as those guys playing every down."

Designing in advance

Weis said he figures out what plays he is going to run before the game, although he doesn't script too much because it makes it harder to adjust to the defense.

"I don't script 25 because I don't think you can stick to 25 plays," Weis said. "I think that if you script to 25 it doesn't give you a chance to react to what they're doing and all of a sudden it's halftime and you haven't made any adjustments."

"I try to keep it to about 15. And there's times when it's not working I don't get through those 15 either."

Under the lights one more time

Tonight the Irish will practice from 7 to 9 p.m. under the lights of Notre Dame Stadium. It will be their last practice before the season opener.

"Tonight's going to be tense it down and key it up before the game," Weis said. "I'm not out there to kill them tomorrow. I want there to be no excuses to how fresh we are."
NEW ORLEANS — With the situation in the smelly and sweltering Superdome becoming ever more desperate, authorities have found a new home for the building's nearly 25,000 hurricane refugees: the Astrodome in Houston.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided about 300 buses to transport the refugees, and the first caravan of buses was expected to leave for Houston on Thursday. The mayor said military cargo planes were en route as a backup just in case the bus system is inadequate and the roads are too flooded.

"It's unsanitary, it's hot, those people haven't had showers or baths in four to five days," Mayor Ray Nagin said Wednesday.

But word of the move to Houston came as Nagin had grim news for refugees desperate to see what is left of their homes: "The city will not be functional for two or three months."

It was not immediately clear how long the refugees will be in Houston, 350 miles from New Orleans. "We're buying time until we can figure something out," said William Lokey, chief coordinator for FEMA.

The Astrodome's schedule has been cleared through December for housing evacuees, said Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry. The building no longer is the home of a professional sports team — the Houston Astros left in 2000 and the dome is now used for events such as conventions, concerts and high school football games.

Phillip Triggs, 40, wasn't keen on the idea of being forced to Texas. "As far as the idea of going to another state, no, man, this is my home," he said while catching a breath of fresh air. "My family is here. My home is gone. For us to be going through what we're going through, we're just not ready for this."

Cots and blankets for up to 25,000 people were being set up on the Astrodome's floor. Knowing that the people would arrive tired, frustrated and disheartened, shelter organizers began planning activities that might help take the evacuees' minds off their troubles, such as free trips to museums and amusement parks.

Organizers plan to use Astrodome kitchens and locker rooms to keep refugees fed and clean, but they said they realize it won't be easy because the arena was not built to handle so many people.

The situation at the Superdome was quickly worsening: the air conditioning was out, toilets were broken, and tempers were rising.

"I'm ready to get away from here. Anybody in their right mind would be," said David Ellis, a construction worker who was on the ramp outside the Superdome, escaping the oppressive conditions.

The dome is still surrounded by flooded streets, and the floodwaters are threatening the generators providing electricity for the remaining lighting. There has been no air conditioning and only limited lights since power went out during the hurricane Monday.

"It has to be tomorrow. I don't think they can take it," he said. "People are waking up to me in tears."

 Authorities began evacuating people with medical needs and the elderly from the Superdome on Wednesday afternoon. They are not being taken to the Astrodome.

The Astrodome helped put Houston on the map four decades ago. It still stands but is dwarfed by Reliant Stadium, the newly constructed home of the NFL's Houston Texans. The Astrodome opened in 1965, 10 years before the Superdome in New Orleans.)
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well as a member of the Soccer Buzz "elite team of the week." Against New Hampshire on Aug. 19, Hanks earned her first hat trick — scoring three goals in a 13-minute stretch.

Two days later on Aug. 21, she added four more goals — her second hat trick of the season putting her one shy of the Notre Dame record — in the team's shutout of Vermont.

She also joined three other Irish players to have scored four goals in a game, including teammates Katie Thorlakson who did it in 2004 against St. John's. Scoring goals is no recent discovery for the Texas native.

In two seasons at Allen High School, Hanks scored 47 goals. And while with the Dallas Texans club team, the freshman earned two USYSA Golden Boot awards. She was also the leading scorer on the Under-19 National team, scoring 22 goals in 30 games.

Hanks could not be happier about how this early part of the 2005 season has gone, both from an individual point of view and also how she has worked with her teammates.

"It's just awesome to get what I've got so far and gotten done," Hanks said. "But I couldn't have done [so well] without my teammates. So I have to thank my teammates for everything they did for me too."

Hanks is also excited to be part of such a strong team that has achieved so much already, but she realizes the added pressure that it puts on her to live up to expectations and perform well on the field.

"I'm really excited that I came here and got to join the national championship team," Hanks said. "It also puts pressure on you to continue to do well, and hopefully repeat."

"Its awesome but its also nerve racking as well, I still have roles to step up to."

Such roles include helping out Katie Thorlakson on defense.

"I have to hold [the] line of Katie out," Hanks said. "I mean everyone is going to mark her so as long as we can both work together and stuff, and with the other forwards then it will be better."

Despite Hanks' accomplishments early on this season, Hanks, who joined the team last spring after training with the U.S. Under-19 team, feels that she has adjusted well to playing with the Irish. While she still has a lot to learn, she is comfortable with the progress she has already made in the young season.

"I think I've adjusted pretty well. I mean obviously I still have a lot to improve on and a lot to learn but I think from a transition point of view I've done pretty well," she said.

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Besler. Only two games into his Irish careers, the trio has already made significant contributions to Clark's squad.

In the opening exhibition game against New Mexico, Traynor entered the game in the second half and played superb defense for the remainder of the double overtime tie. His performance impressed the Irish staff to such an extent they inserted the defender into the starting lineup for today's exhibition contest with Michigan.

Dike also impressed in the season opener, providing fresh legs during the two overtimes. The forward then recorded two shots on goal against the Wolverines.

Besler did not see action against New Mexico, but entered the Michigan game at the beginning of overtime. The midfielder made the most of his opportunity, finding Ian Rellas for the game winning goal and his first collegiate assist.

The strong early play of these freshmen came as no surprise to Clark. The coach knew entering the year that he had a talented group of newcomers.

Traynor starred at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, Mo., earning all-state honors his junior and senior year. Clark has been extremely pleased with Traynor's poise in his first two games.

"Jack's just very calm and very cool," Clark said. "He makes good decisions with the ball. He's just a smart player."

Like Traynor, Dike also garnered all-state honors in his senior year of high school at Edmond North High School in Edmond, Ok. His most impressive performance may have come in the state championship game of his junior season. With his team trailing 1-0 at intermission, Dike responded with three second-half goals to secure the state title.

"You've got to think quicker. It's not club soccer anymore," Dike thinks that his superior size gives him a distinct advantage at the forward position. Clark agrees with the freshman's assessment.

"He's fast and he's strong," Clark said. "He gives us something that maybe we haven't had up front—a big, strong attacking threat."

Not to be outdone, Besler also enters Notre Dame with a stellar resume behind him. He led Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Kan., to the 2005 state title and received all state honors. StudentSportsSoccer.com named Besler the 16th best midfielder in the nation for last year's senior class. Clark liked his strong and heady play against Michigan.

"Matt came on and was brilliant actually in the game against Michigan," Clark said. "He played smart and sensible soccer. It was great to see him get the assist on the winning goal."

But the early success has not come easy for the freshmen. Each player has had to deal with the significant jump in level of play from high school and club soccer to the collegiate game.

"It's a whole different game," Dike said. "You've got to play faster. You've got to think quicker. It's not club soccer anymore."

Besler echoed Dike's statement, saying he didn't realize how significant the adjustment would be.

"Obviously everyone says it's bigger, stronger, faster, but you don't really realize it until you get up here," Besler said.

The three players are pleased with their early accomplishments, but remain focused on team goals. The Irish coaching staff expects to receive continued strong play from the trio along with contributions from the four other members of the freshman class — defender Kyle Dagan, midfielder Cory Rellas and goalkeepers Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt.

"If we're going to win the national championship, we are going to need eighteen players that are going to contribute, not just eleven," Clark said.

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I'M THURSDAY!

ALREADY HERE!

AND WHERE'S

THE BAND AND

EVERYTHING?

OH, I'M SORRY

SIR. THERE'S NOT

A FOOTBALL

GAME HERE FOR

A FEW WEEKS.

CAN I STILL LET

DRINK AND

SMELL AT THE

GROUNDS?

Yeah, I think

it's open. Go nuts.

RUSUY

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P.S. Hey,

Mary?

What was

the surprise

answer, as

suggested by

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cartoon?

Yesterday's

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Answer:

GIVEN
CARGO
DAHLLA
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JOHN GRAVES

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is the perfect time to set your mood on what you want and go after it. You will be able to convince anyone you encounter to help you. A creative project will turn out better than you anticipated. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Trouble is brewing, so deal with it before it gets out of hand. Your stubborn attitude will make matters worse, so leave your ego at home and be prepared to compromise. Don't talk aside the wrong way. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be creative today, intuitively knowing when to make your move. A romantic connection will turn out to be an asset in more ways than one. This is not the time to sit back and let others take

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may find yourself sitting in a rather precarious position if you have been outmaneuvering in emotional matters at home. You may own an aynsity. Don't put it off, the longer you ignore the problems, the worse things will become. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be confident and do your thing today. You will be in the spotlight and will attract someone who can make your life easier. Change your routine and you will feel rejuvenated. ***

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything will turn in your favor today if you present your idea and do your own thing. Your professionalism will captivate the interest of someone in a position to help you. Don't question your ideas. ****

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Trouble is brewing, so deal with it before it gets out of hand. Your stubborn attitude will make matters worse, so leave your ego at home and be prepared to compromise. Don't talk aside the wrong way. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be creative today, intuitively knowing when to make your move. A romantic connection will turn out to be an asset in more ways than one. This is not the time to sit back and let others take

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may find yourself sitting in a rather precarious position if you have been outmaneuvering in emotional matters at home. You may own an aynsity. Don't put it off, the longer you ignore the problems, the worse things will become. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be confident and do your thing today. You will be in the spotlight and will attract someone who can make your life easier. Change your routine and you will feel rejuvenated. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the initiative. Get involved at whatever level you can with something that interests you, and you can make a difference. Continue some of your open-minded things with to join you. **

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Fresh and kicking

Kerri Hanks netted seven goals in her first two games this year

By BOBBY GRiffin
Associate Sports Editor

In the first two games this season, Notre Dame dominated its opponents 11-1 and 6-0. Not surprising, considering the defending national champion Irish return 13 out of 15 starters.

What is surprising, however, is that much of that offense in the first two contests came from a player who was not a part of last year’s squad.

Freshman Kerri Hanks scored seven goals in the first two games, and because of that, she does not need to worry about being the new girl any longer.

Then again, to those who followed the Irish program, that’s the last thing Hanks has ever been.

The Notre Dame forward recently was named the Big East Player of the Week after her weekend series in Vermont. She was also named the Notre Dame’s match against the Mexican national team April 22. Hanks was recently named national player of the week by Soccer America.

Irish forward Kerri Hanks dribbles during Notre Dame’s match against the Mexican national team April 22. Hanks was recently named national player of the week by Soccer America.

ND MEN’S SOCCER

Frosh set the pace for Irish

By KEVIN BRENNAN
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Loss of seven seniors offset by welcome return of head coach

By KYLE CASSILY
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With the departure of seven seniors from last year’s team, the Belles must come to grips with this fact and rely on new leadership and an influx of young talent. The women will have to play a large role in propelling the Belles to victory.

Sophomores Sarah Dulfee and Justine Higgins will couple with incoming freshman Lauren Ilton, Whitney Fron and Mandy Thomson to set the tone.

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FOOTBALL

Irish focus on the details

Coaches predicting special teams will make impact at Pitt

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

With all the focus on new Irish coach Charlie Weis, an offense loaded with returning starters and a defense — particularly the secondary — riddled with inexperience, special teams have been lost in the fray as the Irish get ready to kick off the season Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

"I told everyone from the time I've gotten here how important I've felt the role of special teams was at this place," Weis said at the end of training camp.

Leading the Irish special teams unit against the Panthers will be running back Travis Thomas.

"The runway choice by the coaching staff for the special teams captain was Travis Thomas, and he'll become a tri-captain for the first game against Pittsburgh," Weis said. "He's playing on all of our coverage teams, he's done a great job, showed a lot of toughness, and I think that he exemplifies what I've been looking for in special teams players."

With all the changes surrounding Notre Dame football, Weis will be sticking with many of last season's key contributors.

A year after D.J. Fitzpatrick hit 11-15 field goals and posted a 41.8-yard punt average, he will once again handle the kicking and placing duties.


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Over 25,000 storm survivors to be moved

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Irish receiver Brandon Harris, a native of New Orleans, says family is fine but unsure about his house.

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D.J. Shockley finally takes the reins as Georgia quarterback with the support of his Bulldog teammates.

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Kim Clijsters and other big names advance amidst windy conditions at the U.S. Open.

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Houston’s Andy Pettitte improved to 10-2 over his last 14 starts.

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Kevin Millar hit two home runs to lead the Red Sox over the Devil Rays.

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