Cable installation complete in all 27 dorms

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Dreams of "Pardon the Interruption," Rachael Ray's recipes and Kristen Cavallari in a swimsuit are now a reality for Notre Dame students, thanks to the University's installation of Comcast cable in all 27 dorms.

The process, which began in December 2005 and continued throughout the summer, went hand-in-hand with the installation of wireless Internet access. Notre Dame made its decision following an investigation into other universities' policies.

"In looking at other institutions, we realized other schools (provided) cable," said Berlo. "We realized that we needed to upgrade ResNet and so we figured we might as well install cable," said Jeffery Andrichik, director of Residence Life and Housing.

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Shappell, Andrichik optimistic

Grab and Go changes, College Readership Program underway

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik wasted no time forwarding the agenda they proposed when the two were elected student body president and vice president last year.

"So far I feel like we've made progress, and it's only the second day of classes," Shappell said.

Their combined experience in student government and the groundwork they laid in the spring and over the summer has allowed them to hit the ground running, she said.

Andrichik said the pair has used its time in office so far to make "some big groundwork" on large initiatives.

"The rest of [the initiatives] we are confident we can accomplish," Andrichik said.

Their administration has already fulfilled its campaign promise to improve Grab and Go options, the pair said.

Last spring, students filled out food preference surveys. Andrichik personally tabulated the results, then worked with Food Services to discuss the cost effectiveness of the top choices.

On Monday, when Grab and Go service opened for the first time this year, students could

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses plans for ’06-’07

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The wheels started turning in the Student Senate Monday as senators gathered for their first meeting of the 2006-07 school year.

University Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo and Associate Director of Ticketing Maja Hansen spoke to senators about changes that were made to the football ticket exchange program — a procedure that allowed students to swap a football ticket from their student ticket booklet for a non-student ticket.

Tickets can be exchanged on the Tuesday before a home game from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gate 10 Box Office at the Joyce Center. In previous years, students could exchange them on Wednesday as well.

Berlo said there has been "rampant abuse" of the ticket exchange process in recent years, as students have sold their tickets for profit on Web sites like Thay.com.

"[Tickets] were getting out into the secondary market," said Berlo, adding that the ticket exchange process was designed to provide tickets for close family members or friends — not strangers on the Internet.

As a result, students who wish to exchange their student tickets for a non-student one must provide the first and last name of the person who will be using their ticket.

"That puts the onus on the student to tell us who is going to use their ticket. ... The other option was to do away with the program," Berlo said.

The ticket office will only exchange 300 student tickets per home game and 750 for the UCLA game, since it is at the Division I-A level.

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By HY PHAM/Observer

Junior Vince Cano, left, and sophomore John Solis take in the Little League World Series on ESPN Tuesday, a cable channel that was recently made available to the Monastery residents.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Temporary townie

I knew it was true when the kind
woman reached over the counter to hand me my bag of newly purchased home acces-
ories. Her blue eyes beautifully pierced through
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I moved into my Saint Peter’s Street a-
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Never did I think I would call Family
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Never did I think I would wander bare-
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twice in one day, but the thing is that I do.

I paint beer pong tables a light blue hue
in my backyard at all times. We do, however, recognize that we
can no longer assume the majority of
my neighbors will be Midwestern Catholic
girls, but I can anticipate the booming base
of the townie.

My roommates and I have named the
roof.

I have a hunge-curted beach chair
randomly upon my roof and played that
I would not become the stereotypical
bankrupt college student, spending seem-

ingly endless funds on
bars,
bills and, of course, new home
décor.

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my neighbors will be Midwestern Catholic
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Quick trips to the Grotto and late nights
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OFFBEAT

Killer raccoons terrorize
dog and cats

OLYMPIA, Washington — A
erie group of raccoons

have taken to car-
ypeep spray to ward
off the masked marauders
and the woman who was
bitten now carries an iron
pipe when she goes outside
at night.

"It’s a new breed," said
Tamara Keeton, who
with Karl Hall started a raccoon
watch after an emotional
neighborhood meeting
drew 40 people. "They’re
urban raccoons, and
we’re not afraid." Tony
Benjamins, whose
family lost two cats, said
he got a big dog — a German
Shepherd-Rottweiler mix —
to keep the raccoons away.

Woman accused of
giraffe heroin smuggling

LAREDO, Texas — A
pedestrian is accused of
trying to smuggle $55,000
worth of heroin into Texas
in her girdle. The woman
from Santa Catarina,
Mexico, whose name was
not released, faced an ini-
tial court appearance
Wednesday on federal
charges of narcotics impor-
tation and possession.

The woman had about
11 pounds of brown heroin
on her when she was stopped
Monday at the Gateway to
the Americas Bridge,
according to a Customs
and Border Protection
statement.

Authorities noticed some-
thing didn’t seem right
about the clothing worn by
the 51-year-old woman.
Officers discovered she was
giraffe, with a powdery
substance sewn inside.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Revised readership program arrives on College campus

Four major papers to be offered as McIlduff, Siefert alter existing setup to meet the need of Saint Mary's student body

By KELLY MAUS
News Writer

A revamped Saint Mary's College Readership Program resumed Wednesday, providing students free copies of the New York Times, USA Today, the South Bend Tribune and the Chicago Tribune.

This year, however, the program has more funding and more features. The program, which is completely funded by the Student Government Association, has increased in cost from $7,500 to $13,000 per year.

"The student government allotment this year increased by five dollars per student, which aided us in reallocating funds to make this project possible," student body president Susan McIlduff said.

"Also, we had underestimated the number of incoming freshmen this fall, which provided us with more student contributions to work with," McIlduff and vice president Maggie Siefert said.

Maggie Siefert conceived changes to the program last spring and worked feverishly over the summer to make sure it would be ready this fall.

"The program was one of our biggest platform goals, so we're glad we could accomplish it right away," McIlduff said.

Perhaps the most noticeable change to the program is the installation of new locking newspaper receptacles that require the use of a student's ID to gain access to the newspapers.

"The new distribution machines were given to the school by USA Today due to our membership with them," McIlduff said.

McIlduff said she implemented the program as part of student government's response to students' strained access to the newspapers.

"There had been a problem in the past with faculty taking the papers before some students had a chance to get to them," McIlduff said.

Siefert said she is confident the new receptacles will meet the students' needs.

"We wanted the student body to be able to have access to current events to help with classes, as well as to become more informed with society," Siefert said.

Funds were relocated to provide this service, McIlduff said. "We want the students to know we have their interests in mind."

"So far today we've had a really positive response from Saint Mary's women," Siefert said.

Senior Carol Schaberg said she hopes "students take advantage of the program."

"Having to use our student ID really directs the program to us and will hopefully let students realize that the papers are there for our benefit," Schaberg said.

The newspapers will be available Monday through Friday at the Student Center, Madeleva Hall, Cushwa-Leighton Library and Le Mans Hall.

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GAZA STRIP

Group admits to Gaza kidnapping

Release of U.S. journalists promised upon liberation of Muslim prisoners

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An unknown militant group demanded the release of Muslim prisoners in U.S. jails in exchange for two kidnaped Fox News journalists, who were shown sitting cross-legged and barefoot on the floor in a video released Wednesday.

The video, which broke 10 days of silence from the kidnappers, marked the first time militants in Gaza have issued demands going beyond the conflict with Israel. The footage also had none of the trappings of locally produced videos, such as flags or masked gunmen, raising the possibility that foreign extremists may have taken root in Gaza.

Palestinian and Israeli officials say al-Qaida has been trying to get into Gaza in the aftermath of Israel's withdrawal a year ago. The Egypt-Gaza border is now rife with smuggling tunnels, and Palestinian militant groups have blown up a border wall to allow people in and out of the area.

In the footage, American correspondent Steve Centanni, 60, of Washington, D.C., and cameraman Olaf Wiig, 36, of New Zealand appealed for help in getting released.

Palestinians and Israel have all condemned the kidnapping. But the official said it "much more likely that this is part of an outside group."

Since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, Islamic militants with direct or indirect links to al-Qaida have sneaked into the territory. "They're now well-rooted in the Gaza Strip," he said.

Over the past two years, Palestinian militants have seized more than two dozen foreigners, usually to settle personal scores, but released them unharmed within hours. The holding of the Fox journalists is the longest so far.

A Palestinian security official close to the investigation said there were several signs that an outside group was behind the kidnapping. He noted the professional quality of the video and the absence of flags, masked gunmen or logos typically seen in videos made by local groups.

The official said it was possible that local militants were trying to divert attention. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with the press.

Border crackdown appears effective

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly all non-Mexican illegal immigrants caught sneaking into the United States this summer compared with last summer.

"Although we're not ready to declare victory — we've got a lot more work to do — it is encouraging and it is something that ought to inspire us to continue to push forward," Chertoff said. The new policy generally does not apply to Mexicans, who are almost immediately returned to Mexico after being stopped by Border Patrol agents, said John Torres, detention and removal director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an arm of Homeland Security.

Most of the more than 1 million illegal immigrants who sneak over the southwest border annually are Mexicans, he said.

Of 2,010 non-Mexican immigrants stopped in the first two weeks of August, only 26 have been released — a 99 percent detention rate, Homeland Security data show.

Moreover, the immigrants are detained for an average of 21 days — down from 90 days a year ago — before they are taken home, Torres said.

Immigrant rights advocates have questioned whether the border crackdown actually deters people from sneaking into the U.S., noting that some illegal immigrants may just be shifting entry points to cross at more remote and dangerous areas.

Disabled children's center closes

NEW ALBANY — Nearly half the students at a New Albany, Ind., center for developmentally disabled children may have moved elsewhere because the school is closing.

State officials in May closed Silvercrest Children's Development Center, which had been open in the community just north of Louisville, Ky., since 1974. It had housed children with autism and other disabilities in noisy and crowded settings until they could be stabilized and return home.

A state study recommended that the center be closed because it is too expensive and outdated and housed children for too long.
A significant component of implementing this plan would be a change to the amending passed by the South Bend Common Council last summer, Shappell said. She said she will work "tirelessly" to change the ordinance, which allows landlords to evict residents after a first noise violation.

Andrichik wants to expand on this community relations initiative by reaching out to nearby Mishawaka. The city wants Notre Dame students to know it for more than just the chain restaurants and stores on Grape Road, Andrichik said. The administration's goals also include what Andrichik calls "common sense issues"—plans discussed during his three years at Notre Dame that have never come into fruition. The duo wants to cultivate stu­dent-alumni connections long before they become vital dur­ing job searches.

"We want to be able to not just student-alumni contact when one side needs the other as opposed to starting it a lot earlier on so it is a much stronger relationship," Andrichik said.

To build these connections, Andrichik proposes student-alumni receptions before home football games this fall. He is also working with the Alumni Association and the Career Center to give students full access to Irish Online, an alumni networking website.

This year, Shappell will sit as an ex officio member of the Alumni Board. She said it is essential that a student repre­sentative be present on the board to increase contact between alumni and current students.

Shappell and Andrichik plan to bring speakers onto campus to address academic issues. The student government will sponsor the Catholic Think Tank of America lectures, now in its second year. Shappell is also organizing a reference to discuss eating disorders, which will take place in February or March.

Calling the plan "ambitious," she said it is important that, as a top-20 Catholic university, Notre Dame searches for a way to prevent this disease.

"We want to ask more pressing questions, looking at what creates an environment con­ducive to eating disorders," Shappell said.

Other bullets on the agenda include improving seating availability for students' football game pop rallies and using classified ads on InsideND for book and ticket exchange.

"To do it, it's going to take everything we put on our platform," Shappell said. Along with Andrichik, Shappell expressed optimism that this is an achievable goal. Sheesty said he continues that Shappell calls a "professional" relationship with University President Father John Jenkins and his administration. Shappell and Andrichik said positive past experiences with Jenkins bode well for continued collaboration this year.

"It seems like an administra­tion that is very open to con­tact and discussion with stu­dents," Andrichik said.

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Concerns plague livestock ID project

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**BUSINESS**

**Businesses relocate post-Katrina**

New Orleans entrepreneurs set up elsewhere; many have no plans to return home

**Associated Press**

Christine McAtee, at her business on Aug. 17, opened her Adventures in Advertising/Insignia company in The Woodlands, Texas, after Hurricane Katrina. (Associated Press)

He had a Sept. 30 deadline for getting a new training facility set up somewhere else, as he had a class scheduled then. So he chose San Antonio. “I was looking for a place relative free of natural disasters, a large city that had easy access to around the country, I needed a place that had good tourism.”

The training facility was in fact a 30,000-square-foot building owned by Mangiaracina’s original lead detection business, the one that spawned the franchise system, was destroyed. With help, he loaded trucks with 7,000 square feet of furniture including Shanghai-style seating, and transported the facility’s contents to Texas, set it up and made his deadline.

**Ford announces production cuts**

Hundreds of workers at Indiana’s auto parts plants could face layoffs as a ripple effect of production cuts by Ford Motor Co.

More than 800 workers at Muncie’s BorgWarner Automotive plant may be put on a weeklong furlough beginning Sunday, and layoffs in the Chicago area could affect workers living in northern Indiana.

Ford said July 26 that it would temporarily shut down 10 assembly plants across North America through the end of this year to cut its fourth-quarter production by 21 percent.

Indiana is home to many automotive suppliers, some of which do business with Ford.

“I know from conversations with suppliers that some are going to take 15 to 20 percent revenue hits” as a result of Ford’s cuts, said Kevin Reale, research director for AMR Research, an industry consulting company.

The biggest hit in Indiana looked to be at BorgWarner, which makes transmission transfer cases for Ford 4-wheel-drive F-150 pickup trucks and Explorer and Navigator sport utility vehicles.

Some 840 hourly workers were told last week the plant would shut down for one week, but Doug Owenby, vice president of operations, said Tuesday the layoff notice might have been premature.

“At this point, we are re-evaluating it based on new information from supplier releases and demand,” Owenby said.

Owenby acknowledged that the Ford cuts would be a “significant blow” to the Muncie plant.

Though Indiana has no Ford assembly plants, many northwestern Indiana residents work at a Chicago assembly plant targeted for temporary shutdown and a stamping plant in Chicago Heights, Ill., that produces body panels for that plant.
Cable
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With the new cable installation initiative no longer allowed to use satellite dishes on campus, "I don’t think (the exclusion of satellite dishes) is much of an issue, especially with the [University] offering cable and the additional cable packages," sophomore Andrew Parnell said.

While some students have had difficulty setting up their televisions, Director of Integrated Communications and Services Steve Ellis said this is not usually due to poor installation. "There have been only a small number of reports [from students] about the cable not working properly, but many times it is not the cable, but the TV," Ellis said. "Most of the calls that we have received have been about how to set up the TV."

Many students are excited about the change. "I think it’s great [having cable in the dorm]," sophomore Ben Johnson said. "It’s not really a distraction because if I didn’t have cable, I would probably be on the computer anyway." Johnson also said knowing he would have cable when he returned to campus influenced his decision to purchase a larger TV.

Some students said that the addition of wireless Internet and cable in the residence halls may influence their decision to stay on campus. "I don’t really see the need to move off campus [since wireless Internet and cable are provided]," junior Jessica Jiminez said.

...Maybe someday schools will be named the ‘new Notre Dames.’"

Don Wycliff
associate vice president
News and Information

The rankings included universities whose top-rate scholastic programs, in tandem with a "population boom" in the nation’s leading scholars, have spurred a "rise in stature nationwide among the nation’s top students, administrators and faculty — edging them to a competitive status rivaling the Ivy League."

"The reason we have attained the level we have is because of our unique strengths," Wycliff said. "We will continue to build on those unique strengths...[and] maybe someday schools will be named the ‘new Notre Dames.’ Other ‘new Ivies’ included Boston College, Colgate University, New York University, Tufts University and the University of Michigan. A school’s placement on the list relied on admissions statistics and interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni. Other publications had similar opinions of Notre Dame as U.S. News & World Report. Washington Monthly magazine, an alternative political publication, ranked Notre Dame No. 13 among colleges nationwide in its September issue.

Editors said the rankings assessed the ‘patriotism’ of various institutions and explored what colleges are doing for the country. The guide targeted Americans concerned about how effectively colleges utilize tax money and how institutions of higher learning prepare students to keep the nation “competitive in a changing world,” the magazine said.

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SOMALIA

Islamic militia reopens seaport

Associated Press

MOGAISU, Somalia — The seaport in the Somali capital reopened Wednesday for the first time in 11 years, the latest sign that the city’s Islamic fundamentalist rulers are trying to restore confidence after more than a decade of anarchy.

Mogadishu International Seaport still must undergo dramatic renovations after so many years of disuse but it is ready to receive commercial traffic, said Sheikh Abdulkadir Ali Omar, a member of the Islamic militia that has taken control of the capital and much of southern Somalia in recent months.

School drops SAT requirements

McLEAN, Va. — George Mason University is becoming one of the nation’s first four-year public universities to drop the SAT and other standardized tests from its admissions requirements for certain students.

High school seniors at with a 3.5 grade-point average and who are in the top 20 percent of their class won’t have to submit an SAT or ACT score with their application beginning this year, said Caren Scoropanos, a spokeswoman for the university.

The school, after a three-year review, concluded that SAT scores are a poor indicator of collegiate success for high-achieving high school students.

Applicants who don’t have a 3.5 GPA will still be required to submit a test score. Students who want to play intercollegiate sports also must submit test scores because the NCAA uses them to help determine eligibility.

“Dozens of private schools have stopped requiring applicants to take the SAT or ACT amid concerns the tests are not accurate gauges of an applicant’s potential for success,” Scoropanos said.

Among public schools, however, George Mason’s stance is somewhat unique.

A number of public universities, including the University of Texas, guarantee admission to students who achieve a certain grade-point average or class rank in high school, negating the need to submit an SAT or ACT.

At George Mason, applicants who do not submit an SAT or ACT score will still be evaluated by the admissions committee and must submit two additional letters of recommendation.

The SAT has come under fire in recent years from critics who feel it is overemphasized and is biased against minorities. However, George Mason, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, found that the SAT was a weak predictor for all races when applied to students with high GPAs.

Flagel said racial and minority issues had nothing to do with the school’s decision.

George Mason University said the method’s eligibility for research was determined by the Vatican, President Bush and others have argued that the premium of stem cells should not be realized at the expense of human life, even in its most nascent stages.

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SUDAN

Darfur refugee camp rape count increases

Associated Press

Khartoum — More than 200 women have been raped in a refugee camp in Darfur in the past five weeks, a sign of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the violence-wrecked Sudanese region, an aid group said Wednesday.

The increased violence came as the U.N. Security Council discussed a draft resolution to replace an understaffed African Union peacekeeping force with a larger, more effective U.N. mission in Darfur, where more than 200,000 people have been killed since 2003.

The number of rapes in Kalma camp — one of Darfur's largest with about 150,000 refugees — was one measure of the increased violence throughout the region. Another measure was a rising number of people fleeing their homes and of attacks on aid workers, said International Rescue Committee, which collected the information.

"This is a massive spike in figures. We are used to hearing two to four incidents of sexual assault per month in Kalma camp," said Kurt Tjomsen of the rescue committee.

The group did not specify who committed the rapes. Refugees in the past have accused pro-government Janjaweed militia of harassing them.

The group's statement echoed a report issued by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a day earlier that said there were thousands of documented cases of women and children abducted or forced into labor or forced sex.

"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen," Annan said. "Girls have been targeted in interethnic conflicts as a deliberate form of humiliation of a group, and as a means of ethnic cleansing."

Violence flared three years ago in Darfur when ethnic African tribes revolted against the Arab-led Sudanese government. Khartoum is accused of having unleashed in response a paramilitary group known as the janjaweed that have been blamed for much of the atrocities.

Measuring the violence in the vast, arid Darfur region has long been notoriously difficult, with pro-government armed groups and rebel factions often barring access to international observers, and Khartoum providing scarce information.

International pressure has been mounting on Khartoum to let a large U.N. mission into the country to resolve the crisis. On Wednesday, four U.S. congressmen ended a trip to Sudan, the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum said. The delegation was led by Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, the embassy said.

The International Rescue Committee statement said more than 50,000 people have been made refugees in recent weeks, joining some two million people previously displaced by the conflict.

Last month alone, nine humanitarian aid workers were killed and 20 vehicles were hijacked in Darfur, the New York-based IRC also said.

The U.N. and several aid organizations have also warned that a peace agreement signed in May between Khartoum and the Sudanese government and the main Darfur rebel group could lead to more violence and a worsening of the humanitarian crisis.

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U.N. mandate divides Mideast

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria on Wednesday urged deployment of an international force along its border to prevent arms shipments to Hezbollah, and Israel called the situation in Lebanon "explosive."

A cease-fire was further shaken by artillery shells and explosions that killed three Lebanese soldiers and an Israeli.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora asked the U.S. to help lift an Israeli blockade on its port and coast, and of their homes and of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the violence-wrecked Sudanese region, an aid group said Wednesday.

The increased violence came as the U.N. Security Council discussed a draft resolution to replace an understaffed African Union peacekeeping force with a larger, more effective U.N. mission in Darfur, where more than 200,000 people have been killed since 2003.

The number of rapes in Kalma camp — one of Darfur's largest with about 150,000 refugees — was one measure of the increased violence throughout the region. Another measure was a rising number of people fleeing their homes and of attacks on aid workers, said International Rescue Committee, which collected the information.

"This is a massive spike in figures. We are used to hearing two to four incidents of sexual assault per month in Kalma camp," said Kurt Tjomsen of the rescue committee.

The group did not specify who committed the rapes. Refugees in the past have accused pro-government Janjaweed militia of harassing them.

The group's statement echoed a report issued by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a day earlier that said there were thousands of documented cases of women and children abducted or forced into labor or forced sex.

"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen," Annan said. "Girls have been targeted in interethnic conflicts as a deliberate form of humiliation of a group, and as a means of ethnic cleansing."

Violence flared three years ago in Darfur when ethnic African tribes revolted against the Arab-led Sudanese government. Khartoum is accused of having unleashed in response a paramilitary group known as the janjaweed that have been blamed for much of the atrocities.

Measuring the violence in the vast, arid Darfur region has long been notoriously difficult, with pro-government armed groups and rebel factions often barring access to international observers, and Khartoum providing scarce information.

International pressure has been mounting on Khartoum to let a large U.N. mission into the country to resolve the crisis. On Wednesday, four U.S. congressmen ended a trip to Sudan, the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum said. The delegation was led by Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, the embassy said.

The International Rescue Committee statement said more than 50,000 people have been made refugees in recent weeks, joining some two million people previously displaced by the conflict.

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Karr’s family seeks top lawyer

Relatives of JonBenet Ramsey’s alleged killer insist he is innocent

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John Mark Karr’s relatives offered up the book and the rights to the family’s story Wednesday in hopes of raising money for a high-powered attorney to defend Karr against charges that he killed 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey.

“They’re not looking for money for themselves,” said Larry Garrison, a producer the family hired to represent them in media deals. “They’re looking to support John’s boys’ college education and to make sure all legal fees are covered.”

Karr remained in a Los Angeles jail Wednesday afternoon awaiting transfer to Colorado, where JonBenet was killed in her Boulder home in December 1996.

Garrison told The Associated Press that no money had changed hands yet with the Karr, and he didn’t want to go into details about the agreement. Karr’s brother, Nate Karr, confirmed that Garrison is now representing the family.

Karr told reporters in Thailand last week that he was present when JonBenet died, but obviously has some emotional problems, he said. He’s always had mental problems,” he said.

His family has insisted Karr killed her, and Boulder prosecutors have not disclosed their reasoning for the split.

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The Associated Press

Dissent plagues the Christian Coalition

Alaska, Iowa and Ohio chapters leave national organization

Associated Press

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The coalition, which claims more than 2 million members, was founded in 1989 by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson and became politically powerful under Executive Director Ralph Reed before he left in 1997.

The coalition remained strong in Alabama, Iowa and Ohio chapters have severed ties with the national organization that announced Wednesday it was separating from the coalition.

“Obviously, this guy has some mental problems,” he said. “He obviously has some emotional problems. He’s always had them.”

Tuesday was the first time Karr ever seen a psychiatrist. He also noted that the family lost touch with Karr five years ago.

“We don’t know what happened in the last five years because they hadn’t talked to him,” Harris said. “They thought he was dead.”

A psychiatrist has met with Karr twice since he was brought to Los Angeles County’s Twin Towers jail Sunday night after a flight from Thailand, said sheriff’s Lt. George Vanecek. At the jail, Karr confessed that Garrison was being duped into thinking he saw Karr every 15 minutes.

Garrison told the AP on Wednesday that, because of a difference of opinion, he no longer is representing Karr’s father Wexford and brother Nate. He said he now represents only Michael Karr, another brother of John Karr, and his wife.

Garrison would not disclose the reason for the split, but suggested it had something to do with Wexford and Nate Karr’s desire to sell the family story.

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Strange bedfellows

Between their normal routines of praying, archery lessons, and flagged-under pants pranks, numerous Christian camps across the country are now incorporating a "science curriculum about God's Creation" into their summertime activities, says a recent Newsweek article. One educational director says the aim is to give the kids enough of a background in the idea that, going back to school and learning about evolution, they will think, "Oh, that sounds goofy!"

Wild-eyed fanatics like these, quipping their subversive fundamentalist views, are going to destroy this country's technological giants as our youth turn away from the study of sciences and revert back to ignorant, primitive religions. Or at least that's what some left-wingers would have you believe.

The article also covered atheist-sponsored camps practicing the same indoctrination with the opposing goal. Some fundamentalist Christians would in turn argue that atheist scientists like these, bent on corrupting the moral character of our children, are hypothesizing them to reject God and hurling them to revel in a libertine lifestyle of drift and hedonism. Which is, of course, equally ridiculous.

Why all the fervor over educational content? Had parents always taken this strong an interest in their children's education, we might see fewer high-school dropouts, decreased gang activity, and a mainstream spike in studiousness. The Islamic fundamentalists are right in their religious faith. Pursuing science need not be seen as a threat to Christianity. Pursuing secular or scientific studies should not preclude anyone from fully practicing their religious faith.

One of the benefits of this article is its acknowledgement that the courts have determined that evolution need not be seen as a threat to Christianity. Pursuing science need not be seen as a threat to Christianity. Pursuing secular or scientific studies should not preclude anyone from fully practicing their religious faith.

James Dechant is a junior English and religious education major. Questions, comments, and ruminations on the liner points of the article, as well as any of the ideas presented, can be sent to jdechant@nd.edu.
Innocent bystanders

The root cause of dumb laws

In Oklahoma, no one may spit on a sidewalk, and females are forbidden from peering over their own hair without being licensed by the state, according to www.dumblaws.com.

Surely stupid, but a little less openly regarded as superfluous, are the bedroom laws such as "It is illegal toッド on public property before you are married," and "Oral sex is a misdemeanor and is punishable by one year in jail and a $2,500 fine."

The fact that these laws are still in the books and at some point made it onto the State Congressional floor is based on a supposed freedom-giving Constitution. The laws do nothing more than make sense if one actually takes the time to think about our freedom in the United States.

In Bangladesh, if we can't marry whomever we want, smoke whatever kind of "cigarettes" we prefer, or import turtles from Bangladesh?

At least we can still drive Hummers and watch Laguna Beach until our ears begin to ozone the last sense of reason and self-respect we had left. If the laws I stated above seem to be outdated and trivial, take a moment to think about the legislation banning homosexual marriage.

It has always been beyond my intellectual capacity to understand why anyone would pass these laws, is concerned with another person's sex life. To me, it is not a matter of protecting the sanctity of marriage, but instead a flight to protect the sanctity of ignorance—ignorance is supported and enforced by governmental and religious sanction.

As I understand it, it is easier to control people if they don't think for themselves. And besides, thinking for yourself can get you into all kinds of trouble, as we have seen in the cases of the many people who have been tried for things called accountability.

I admit that laws such as this would be much easier and much more peaceful if we didn't have to make our own decisions as to what's right.

If people were allowed to reason for themselves, our country wouldn't have so many volumes of laws that combat the freedoms that everyone else has had.

This commitment was shared not just by those born in Lebanon, but also by the foreign students that attended our university in northern Lebanon with a mission to support and protect human dignity and Christian-Muslim understanding throughout the Middle East region.

Unfortunately, two weeks into the program, increasing hostilities between Hezbollah militants and the Israeli army turned the small Middle Eastern nation into a battleground.

Fighting broke out on the same day my classmates and I left for a planned weekend excursion into Syria— just before we were blissfully unaware of the chaos around us until we reached a Syrian passport control officer who gave us the news. We left the University at a 5 a.m., crossing the border not long before the road we had been driving on was bombed by Israeli fighter jets. I spent the next six days outside Damascus, unable to re-enter Lebanon and without most of my possessions before flying home two weeks earlier than I had planned.

I returned home to a hero's welcome from family, friends and acquaintances telling me how they'd spent my feelings and my well-being.

One Balamand senior, a man named Jad, was unable to get a hold of anyone in his home town for days after Israeli rockets knocked out a nearby cell phone tower. One night I saw him, after yet another unsuccessful attempt to get through, sitting in dejection on the stairs in front of our hotel. When he saw me coming, however, he twisted his face into a smile and turned his attention to me. Had I called my parents? Was I scared? Was I excited about visiting some nearby ruins? This man, who for all he knew could have had his home destroyed, was most interested in my feelings and my well-being.

Pierre, a Balamand faculty member who was especially close to English speaking students like me, had an opportunity to leave in the plane ticket from Damascus to Athens, to the safety of his girlfriend's home in Greece. He didn't take it. He stayed with his old friends from Balamand and his new friends, the foreigners he had escorted to Syria.

Greater even than the selflessness they showed was their love for their homeland. Every single Balamand student and faculty member acted as "facilitators" of my study program, which was open to people from all over North and South America but included mostly Mexicans and Canadians. Some of these Lebanese students were scheduled to graduate in late July (a ceremony that was quickly canceled) or at the least sustain, the need for our tax money counteracting the destructive behavior, they increase, or at the least sustain, the need for said tax money. By taking our money in taxes, they limit our economic freedom.

Maybe that is why laws such as this one are still on the books: because legislators don't want to waste their time and ours to prove that the government feels it is their right to micromanage our lives.

For those of you who disagree with me, ask yourself why.

In saying this, I am not implying that you are wrong. If you have a reason based on your own sense of rationale and not on the ideas fed to you by an unknown and unaccountable person, you would have to agree that you are right.

Not right in the traditional sense— that you should agree with what I say. And that you should agree with what you believe that you agree with what reason and common sense leads you to believe.

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AFI’s latest looks from ‘December’ to new year

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Journey immortalized “Don’t Stop Believin’” over two decades ago. And while many have adopted this mantra — including the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox — perhaps no one has kept believing as much as Journey itself.

Founded in 1973 by former members of Santana, Journey became immensely popular in the 1980s with hit singles such as “Open Arms” and “Wheel in the Sky.” The band’s album “Escape” hit number one on the charts in August of 1981 and reached platinum nine times. One of their Escape shows, on Nov. 6, 1981 in Houston, was recorded and aired on MTV and has been recently released on DVD/CD format.

This DVD is a must for any Journey fan, as it showcases Journey in its Steve Perry prime. Lead vocalist Perry contributes his unique voice along with an infectious energy that clearly roused the Texas crowd on that November night. Perry is joined by Neal Schon on guitar, Ross Valory on bass, Steve Smith on the drums and Jonathan Cain on keyboards.

Cain’s role in the show is paramount because his piano notes have the ability to perfectly mimic Perry’s vocal range, most notably on the eponymous first song. When he starts the show, Perry exudes boyish energy and sets the tone for a non-stop barrage of high vocals and guitar riffs.

Many of the songs on the DVD are more unknown and even some unreleased Journey tunes like “Lights” and “Dead or Alive,” but there are plenty of favorites such as “Open Arms,” “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Wheel in the Sky” and “Any Way You Want It.”

There are some lesser known hits later in the disc including “Who’s Crying Now” and a Jonathan Cain piano solo. The concert ends with songs that are more familiar and loved by most audiences.

This disc functions in any CD player, but the real value of the collection is in the accompanying DVD. Seeing the members of the band with long hairdyes and outgeous-looking, ill-fitting clothes gives a sense of the 1980s power rock band functions.

Perry’s extraordinary energy gives him an unswerving speed as he runs around the stage during songs and plays to the crowd. Unfortunately, the concert is about the typical 80s laser, dry ice smoke and erupting fireworks to round out the show. Nevertheless, watching this MTV program from 1981 and comparing it to today’s MTV slate a quarter of a century later shows how much the network has changed over the years.

Also included on the DVD are interviews with various band members during the “Escape” tour, a slide show of the tour and the original television promo for the tour. Although these extras might be enjoyable for the stalwart Journey aficionado, they will likely disappoint the casual fan.

But any Journey fan can eagerly embrace this DVD/CD for its previously unreleased Journey material along with exciting footage of the band and lead singer Steve Perry. Less enthusiastic Journey supporters might find the price for the DVD/CD too steep and opt to purchase a regular CD of Journey hits instead.

The popularity of Journey songs today on the radio and Internet has led to a 2006 U.S. tour and a 2007 tour as well. It’s clear that both the rock and roll community and the band itself won’t stop believing in the power of Journey’s music over a quarter of a century later.

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Journey still ‘Believin’’ a quarter century later

By SEAN SWEANY
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A Winter’s Rain isn’t the only song on Journey’s new album, “Decemberunderground,” that fits the mood of the beginning of the new decade.

The band’s album “Decemberunderground” is the sixth full-length album from the band and has been recently released on Interscope Records. AFI released their seventh album “Decemberunderground” amid talk of yet another shift in its musical growth.

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Any band that has been around for a decade and a half faces the problem of musical growth. This does not necessarily mean the band is losing touch with its roots, but rather changing their sound to fit what the fans think is the right direction and what the band thinks is the right direction.
Without doubt the most famous film of director Alfred Hitchcock's storied career, 1960's "Psycho" remains one of the finest thrillers of all time. Shocking and controversial when released, the movie's ability to shock and scare has dimmed slightly over the years, mostly due to its subject matter — yet that very familiarity is itself a testament to the film's greatness.

Initially, "Psycho" seems to follow a fairly traditional path. A frustrat­ed young woman named Marion Crane (Janet Leigh) impulsively­ straies $40,000 from her job at a real estate office and takes off with the money.

A day later, she decides to stop at the Bates Motel, run by boipsh Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins). He regales her with odd stories about his unseen moth­er before Crane decides to take a shower and goes to sleep.

Then the film unexpectedly twists in on itself and becomes something else entirely.

The plot twist is almost universally known — thanks in no small part to the classic shower scene. Despite the fact on itself and becomes something else entirely. The film's stark black-and-white cine­matography is appropriately creepy (especially in the scenes featuring Perkins), demonstrating Hitchcock's mastery of shadow and darkness.

The only scene that really doesn't work is an overly expositional conclusion that features a psychiatrist whose only purpose is to explain exactly what happened. It's difficult to believe that Hitchcock wanted this scene as he was never known for insulting his audience's intelligence. Thankfully, its presence doesn't fully detract from the greatness of the film. "Psycho" is in many ways the pinnacle of Hitchcock's career, checking in at No. 18 on the American Film Institute's list of The Greatest Films of All Time. When "Psycho" was released back in 1960, it conclud­ed a fruitful and productive decade for the director, a period which included masterpieces such as "Strangers on a Train." (1951) "Bear Window" (1954), "North by Northwest" (1959) and "Vertigo" (1958).

Hitchcock had several inarguable masterpieces over the course of his several decade career (including those men­tioned above), but few have had the staying power and long-reaching influ­ence of "Psycho," which remains his most iconic film and a cinematic water­shed.

Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" will be screened in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Saturday at 3 p.m. as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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By ERIN McGINN

All of the best high school-based films have in common the ability to convey how every aspect of teenage life is inherently funny as well as fascinating to hear. The seriousness of the movie produces that style on purpose — it's just how they talk. There is no stinking self-awareness so the gimmick feels natural throughout the film. The entire cast — adults includ­ed — also behave in this manner. The one adult who is not part of this world is the mother of The Pin, who interrupts a tense discussion of gang warfare and murder to ask if anyone wants milk and cookies in a highly entertaining scene.

Despite its obvious influences, Johnson, in this debut film, has not just set out to re-create the 1940s film noir. In fact, the movie most commonly referenced here is Roman Polanski's classic "Chinatown," the Jack Nicholson film that, while cer­tainly noir-ish, was shot in color and released in 1974.

"Brick" is in color too, and while it maintains the old-school style of profla­nity-free dialogue, it does feature at least one instance of violence that is far more graphic than anything Humphrey Bogart ever stared in — a reminder, perhaps, that the real world is more startling than the romanticized movie versions of mur­der and intrigue from the 1940s would suggest.

"Brick" will be screened on Sunday at 7 p.m. by the Notre Dame film society. All are welcome.

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Ray Durham, center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run homer in the first inning of Wednesday’s game against the Diamondbacks. The Giants held on to their early lead for the victory.

"He didn’t have to take off his mask and come around in front of me like that," Ross said.

The next pitch looked low. Ross raised it back into the strike zone — but Coffey took a couple of steps toward the plate, screamed and waved his arm when Bell called it a ball. He was ejected.

“I think Wally had just enough when Coffey came off the mound,” manager Jerry Narron said.

Ryan Franklin relieved with a 3-1 count on Embreg, threw a called strike that drew a leadoff flyout from the crowd of 24,873, then walked him to force the go-ahead run in and end the drawn-out-at bat.

Florida 9, Washington 7

Miguel Cabrera homered twice and drove in four runs, helping the Florida Marlins complete a three-game sweep of the Washington Nationals with a victory Wednesday night. Cabrera, who went 3-for-4 and scored three times, became the fifth filth active player to reach 200 career home runs before his 24th birthday. He also became the sixth-youngest player overall to reach the milestone.

Dan Uggla, Mike Jacobs and Ian Ramirez also had two hits for the Marlins, who batted around in the first and second innings while taking an 8-1 lead.

Scott Olsen (10-7) pitched six innings, giving up three runs on seven hits, to rebound after his worst outing of the season and steal the win in front of a game losing streak.

Olsen became the third Marlins rookie pitcher to reach 10 victories this season, marking the first time since the 1922 Brooklyn Dodgers — and only had the third time since 1909 — that a team has had three rook­ies with at least 10 wins.

Tony Armas Jr. (9-6) lost only one 2-3 innings for Washington, giving up eight runs — five earned — and 10 hits. It was his shortest outing of the season and the third loss in three decisions against Florida. He is 3-12 with a 5.98 ERA in his career against the Marlins.

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Alfonzo had a go-ahead hit for the second straight game and Benitez, trying to work every day — believe in yourself.

The fading Astros took full advantage of a poor outing from Houston is at 725th career home run Monday against Reds reliever got 11-0 against three decisions against Florida. He is 3-12 with a 5.98 ERA in his career against the Marlins.

Felipe Lopez had three hits, and Austin Kearns, Henry Mateo and Daryle Ward homed re­d for the Nationals, who com­mit­ted three errors and lost their fifth straight.

Cabrera hit a two-run home run in the second to start a five-run inning after manager Felipe Alou said before the game that playing one without a solo shot.

After Escobar’s RBI double gave Washington a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Marlins fol­­lowed with a three-run rally after the first five batters reached base safely against the Nationals.
Thome injured in much-needed Chicago win

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DETROIT — The Chicago White Sox have a game they need and a player they need. They're hoping they don't lose a key player in the process.

Jim Thome limped off the field in the second inning with a hammering injury in a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

The White Sox lost the first two matchups in the four-game series with Joe Crede's two home runs and Jermaine Dye's three-run homer.

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The World Series champions added Thome last winter and maintained their three-run lead after watching him hit .294 with 36 homers and 91 RBIs, they have lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays.

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NFL

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks to throw against the Seahawks in an NFL preseason game in Indianapolis Sunday. Manning traded in his football Monday night to raise money for disadvantaged children.

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Agassi dealt tough hand in final U.S. Open

On the women’s side, unseeded Serena Williams also challenged as she attempts to come back from knee injury

Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Andre Agassi is going to make an extended run at his final U.S. Open — as plenty of fans, tournament organizers and TV executives, not to mention Agassi himself, surely hope — he’ll get his work cut out for him.

Agassi’s path at the last tournament of his career shapes up as a tough one thanks to a draw Wednesday that includes the potential for a second-round showdown against Andy Roddick.

That’s quite a lot to ask,” said four-time U.S. Open champion John McEnroe, who’ll call the tournament for CBS and USA Network. “André’s got it in him, but Baghdatis has got some game. That’s going to be quite an interesting match, because Baghdatis wins people over with his smile and personality — and everybody’s going to be pulling for Agassi.”

Or, as U.S. Open chief Arlen Kantarian put it during the draw ceremony at U.S. head-quarters, Agassi will be “probably the single greatest thing talked about at this U.S. Open.”

The 36-year-old Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam champion, faces Andrei Pavel of Romania in the first round. Pavel is a former top-20 player currently ranked 76th. Agassi has won five of their six previous matches.

If Agassi gets past that, he could face the eighth-seeded Baghdatis, a 21-year-old from Cyprus who was the runner-up in this year’s Australian Open and a semifinalist at Wimbledon.

“If Bagdatis is on and healthy and fit,” said U.S. Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe, John’s brother, “I think that’s a very tough match for Andy to win right now.”

Two rounds later might bring another intergenerational clash — against Roddick, who’ll turn 24 next week, was the 2003 U.S. Open champion and is seeded ninth.

Hampered by a bad back, Agassi is 8-7 in four tournaments this year. No. 8 Martina Hingis (the 1997 champion), No. 3 Maria Sharapova vs. No. 5 Nadia Petrova, No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne (the 2003 champion) vs. No. 7 Patty Schnyder, and No. 4 Elena Dementieva vs. No. 6 Svetlana Kuznetsova, in what would be a rematch of the 2004 final, won by Kuznetsova.

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Nevada football

Nevada installs revolutionary ‘pistol’ offense

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RENO, Nev. — At first glance, it looks like a typical shotgun formation.

But wait a second, that quarterback is much closer to the center than usual. And is that a back lining up behind the QB?

Hmm, that's weird — and very effective.

Hot as a pistol, Nevada's new offensive scheme helped the Wolf Pack to its first bowl game since 1996 last season.

Coach Chris Ault calls it the pistol — a hybrid of the shotgun where the quarterback lines up a few steps behind the center. It allows for two-back and single-back sets, typically with four receivers.

And it's attracting lots of curious coaches. Ault said more than 85 universities, junior colleges and high schools have contacted Nevada or visited to find out what it's about.

"It is THE thing," he said. "And we have great confidence in it and so do the players."

The winningest coach in school history, Ault is beginning the third year in his third stint with the Wolf Pack.

His previous offenses, one dubbed "Air Wolf," were widespread passing attacks, often out of the shotgun.

With Nevada's move from the Big West to the Western Athletic Conference in 2005, Ault decided the team had to improve its running game.

"The feature of the pistol that people don't realize is so beneficial is the north-south running game," said Ault, adding the formation allows the running back to get the ball deeper behind the line than when the quarterback takes the snap from center.

It's a variation of the spread offense schemes such as West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez and Florida's Urban Meyer have adopted to rock the college football.

But Ault — 177-73-1 in 21 years of coaching, all at Nevada — said he didn't seek advice from outside coaches or experts before installing the pistol when spring camp opened last year.

"When I first brought it up to the staff back in January 2005, they were not for it. They thought it was too much of a reach. And I really did, too," he said. "But we were a bad football team. We were 5-7 (in 2004). I just felt it would be worth the investment."

The move paid off last season as Nevada finished 9-3, claimed a share of the WAC title and beat Central Florida 49-48 in overtime in the Hawaii Bowl.

The Wolf Pack finished 14th nationally in total offense averaging 449.3 yards per game and 16th in scoring, with 34.2 points per game. They were balanced, too, rushing for 199.5 per game and passing for 249.8.

But nothing in football is truly new.

San Jose State coach Dick Tomey said the pistol is essentially the old single-wing that teams ran in leather-helmet days.

Hugh Wyatt, a longtime high school football coach in the Portland, Ore., area, said he's shown film clips at clinics of Princeton using a single-wing formation in the early '60s that resembles the pistol.

"It's not as if the fact Princeton was doing it indicates in any way he's copied this thing. It's not likely he ever had any access to the Princeton footage," said Wyatt, who was a personnel director with Philadelphia in the World Football League before joining the WFL's Portland franchise in the early 1970s.

Finally, Booty no longer riding the pine for Southern Cal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John David Booty arrived at Southern California three years ago with expectations so high many thought he would beat out Matt Leinart during the 2003 season.

Of course, no one knew at the time that Leinart would lead the Trojans to a 37-2 record and win a Heisman Trophy during one of the finest careers for a quarterback in NCAA history.

Now, finally, it's Booty's turn, and he's confident he can continue the tradition of winning quarterbacks established at USC by Leinart and 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

"The guys before me have set high standards. That's what I want to do, by winning games," said Booty, a 21-year-old redshirt junior from Shreveport, La.

Booty didn't say a word about the Heisman or any individual awards...just winning.

As a young quarterback, my biggest goal is to have our football team win, not put it in bad situations," he said. "All I can control is what I do."

Booty comes from a football family. His brother Josh was the LSU quarterback in 1999-00, and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU from 1997-99 and at Valdosta State in 2000.

Booty's father was his quarterbacks coach in high school before being fired following his junior year. With that, Booty decided to graduate early and pass up his senior year to enroll at USC.

Booty beat out highly regarded redshirt freshman Mark Sanchez for the starting job. In a show of support, teammates elected Booty as one of the Trojans' four team captains.

He'll get his first test Sept. 2 when USC, ranked sixth in The Associated Press preseason poll, plays its opener at Arkansas.

"I'm not worried about these guys at all," USC coach Pete Carroll said of his young quarterbacks. "Matt followed Carson and was able to get it going. It took Matt about four or five games before he got it rocking."

Southern California redshirt junior quarterback John David Booty throws a pass in practice Tuesday.
ND Volleyball

Young Irish team looks to build on last season

ND ranked preseason No. 21 as Danielle Herndon, the squad's only senior, leads a group of talented underclassmen

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Only days before its 2006 campaign begins, No. 21 Notre Dame hopes it has plugged lineup holes with young talent in order to make yet another Big East and NCAA run.

The Irish dropped nine spots from the American Volleyball Coaches Association No. 12 spot they earned following last year's trip to the NCAA round of 16 and 30-4 record.

The 2005 season included Notre Dame's tenth Big East title in 12 years with a win over Louisville and ended with a 3-2 loss to Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament.

"The outside people are going to say you're young and can't do as well as last year," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "But we have a goal to improve and do better with a large freshman class. It's a really good balance of experienced players and freshmen, and everyone seems real eager to learn and get better every day."

The freshmen will find experienced faces ready to lead the pack as the lone senior, returning starter and captain Danielle Herndon, will share leadership honors with junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk. Stasiuk was selected for the 2006 All-Big East preseason team along with fellow junior Ashley Tarutis after finishing third on the team in kills last season with 325 and averaging 2.93 kills per game.

"[Herndon] hasn't had a strong leadership role in the past," Brown said. "She came in following a class with five players. We had strong leaders in that class and she learned well from watching and observing. Last spring she did a great job of stepping up, giving people direction, telling everyone to stay focused. She became much more vocal."

However, the true test will come Saturday with the season opener at home against Bowling Green, the culmination of a spring season and three weeks of early fall practices and scrimmages spent trying to mesh as a team. From there, the Irish embark upon a rough early season schedule with matchups against several ranked teams.

No. 13 Missouri and No. 6 Santa Clara trek to the Joyce Center to participate in the Shamrock Invitational and play the Irish on Sept. 2 and Sept. 3, respectively. Then Notre Dame will face No. 25 Kansas State at the Northern Iowa Invitational on Sept. 9, before a trip to Tempe, Ariz. for the Sun Devil Volleyball Classic the following weekend.

The Irish finally head to Honolulu for a two-game series with No. 7 Hawaii during Fall Break, before the meat of their Big East slate comes into play.

"I think we have to play some really good volleyball early in the season with those teams before our conference even starts," Brown said. "And once into conference we'll be playing Louisville. I think its good in the fact that we have teams that are ranked or receiving votes."

Notre Dame defeated Louisville 3-1 in regular season play last year and defeated the Cardinals 3-2 to take the 2005 Big East Championship. But at No. 12, the Cardinals received a higher ranking in the 2006 preseason polls than the Irish.

It was Louisville's first year in the Big East, having left Conference USA in the season prior, and the newcomers are already stirring emotions.

"Honestly Louisville is very, very strong being ranked in the top," Brown said. "I know that we're developing as a team and they've been in the conference one year, but we're developing a strong rivalry with them."

The Cardinals and Irish face off Oct. 29 in Louisville, the one-year anniversary of Notre Dame's first victory over its newest conference foe.

But despite the heavy load of this year's schedule and the difficulty that comes in repeating the accomplishments of the 2005 Irish, Brown and her young team have already completed the first step in forging a successful squad — team unity.

"Returning players have done an incredible job of welcoming the freshmen and helping them get along with whatever they need be it the volleyball aspect, or with classes and in their dorms," Brown said. "How we mesh together on the court is very important."

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grabs," Kubinski said.

Earlier this week, Ishan
and Sandman traveled to
Hazeltine National Golf
Club in Chaska, Minn. to compete
in the U.S. Amateur
Championship. Both players
struggled in the first of
two stroke play rounds,
and neither
advanced to
match play. Sandman shot
an 81 Monday
but came back
to fire a 75 in
Tuesday's sec-
ond round.
"Josh made
a very good comeback,"
Kubinski said.
Isham, meanwhile, played
tentatively in the first round
before playing all of the
second with the stomach flu
"the worst round [Isshan]
has played in many, many
years," Kubinski said.

I s h a n
entered the
tournament
with realistic
expectations
of finishing
high on the
leaderboard
but instead
missed the
cut by 13
strokes.
The seniors
do not, how-
ever, have
much time to dwell on their
showings at the U.S.
Amateur.
"I'm sure they will both be
very excited to get the sea-
son started," Kubinski said.
Kubinski said a "good
goal" for his team is to fin-
ish in the national top 25.
He will not, however, go
as far as to predict such an
outcome.
"With such a young team,
I can't have the top 25 as my expectation," he said.
"But it's definitely some-
thing we want to do every
year.
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Violations

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who the player was and what
station they were watching.
Such action violates NCAA
bylaw 12.5.3, which states,
"The student-athlete shall not
make any endorsement,
expressed or implied, of any
commercial product or serv­
ice."

The declaration of ineligibili­
ty did not affect any potential
practice time for any of the
players. Had their respective
teams had a game during their
brief ineligibility, however, they
would have been prohibited
from participating.

Karwoski said he agreed with
the NCAA's reasoning and that
the situation would have been
avoided had
WSBT or any of the athletes
asked compli­
ance before
filming the
"bumps."

"If someone
from the sta­
ton or the
show would
have called
me, I certain­
ly would have
looked into it. ... And we prob­
ably would have come to the
same conclusion."

The athletic department
became aware of the violations
Friday when multiple media
outlets, including The Observer,
contacted Notre Dame compli­
ance officials after running
back Darius
Walker filmed
a "bump" for
WSBT show
during the
post-practice
interview ses­
session the day
before.

Because
Walker's pro­
metal spot
did not air, Notre Dame did not
have to rule him ineligible.

In fact, Notre Dame declared
Zbikowski ineligible despite the
fact that WSBT has not been
able to provide Notre Dame
with the tape of the show that
Zbikowski appeared on, only
supplying the athletic depart­
ment with the unedited footage
from his appearance, which
included bloopers of Zbikowski
trying to film the "bump."

In light of the situation, Weis
addressed media issues with
the players during a pre-sched­
uled team meeting Monday
night.

Karwoski said the best way to
avoid such encounters is sim­
pie.

"Our mantra here is, ask
before you act," he said. "That
helps us out quite a bit."

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coach will have trust in the system, saying she wanted "someone that believes in this place and this team." Dzacz-Caldron said she believes the team can overcome any distraction from the coaching change and get ready for its season-opening tournament Sept. 10.

"We've been practicing on our own [and] we're very excited for the start of the season," she said.

Waldrum echoed these sentiments.
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He said the offense will continue to be the strength of a team searching for its second national title in three years.

"When you lose a player like [Thoralhson] you have to find out who's going to carry that load," Waldrum said. "We're still going to be a very good team offensively. We're going to have a lot of weapons. I think we'll have enough ways to score goals without her.

Sophomore striker Kerri Hans stormed the national soccer scene last season with a 71-point (28 goal, 15 assist) outburst that led the Irish in scoring and marked the fourth best output ever for a Division I freshman, en route to winning national rookie of the year honors as an NCAA second-team All-American.

First-team Big East junior forward Amanda Cinali returns to continue setting up Hans — hoping to improve upon her 17 assists (seventh nationally) while creating opportunities of her own. "Amandas has always been good for us, scoring 10 to 15 goals a season," Waldrum said. "So she's going to be called on to add to that a little bit."

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**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**
1. Clip-ep piece
2. "Nuhh!"
3. Something to haggle over
4. India's first PM.
5. Putter in a play
6. Call from the nursery
7. No longer carry
8. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" get
9. UNR's domain
10. Address starting
11. First bone
12. Baby kangaroo's nickname for mom's pouch?
13. 64 in. (where found)
15. Mowed path
16. Tugboat sound
17. Opening or
18. The London 1st Johnson Space Center
19. "Hey, over here!"
20. Baby
21. Over
22. Wait on
23. Underwater sandbox
24. Dadaist Jean
25. Seat of ancient Mayan civilization
26. Lose to Hi
27. Sword handles
28. Time of one's life
29. Jumps on the ice
30. Great big kiss
31. Aftermath
32. "So be it"
33. Result of hair-splitting?
34. A hypnotist may tell you to do
35. A lot of sligh:
36. Outer limits
37. City in a classic railroad name
38. Safeguard
39. Similar to (bo)
40. 43 Old stories
41. Skiers' series
42. Concorde steward
43. Andy's capital
44. Life jacket
45. Turned blue, maybe
46. Not working
47. Dolt
48. Turned
49. A partnership will affect the outcome of
50. Dolt
51. A partnership will affect the outcome of
52. Mountainier's tool
53. View in an argigram
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**DOWN**
1. Over
2. Wait on
3. Underwater sandbox
4. Dadaist Jean
5. Seat of ancient Mayan civilization
6. Lose to Hi
7. Sword handles
8. Time of one's life
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20. Shippping hazard

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)
- You may have to pick up the slack if a colleague is dragging his or her feet. Don't feel bad—this person will do the same for you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
- You may find it difficult to keep your emotions in check. Don't let minor squabbles turn into major concerns. Be patient, firm and observe. Think before you act.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
- Everything will appear to be going fine, but beware of someone who may be withholding information.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
- Partnerships will take a turn. Someone from your past may confuse you. Travel and learning are areas of success. Information received via e-mail or telephone may alter your future.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
- Don't let things get you down. The more independent you are, the better you will do in the more respect you will earn.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
- An opportunity will present itself to find out information that will lead you to the right direction. Fly a fishing annual approach to something you have done well in the past, you will discover a completely new angle.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
- You have so much going for you, so stop procrastinating and take a chance. A partnership will affect the outcome of something you pursue. A creative idea will take shape if you give it a little thought.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
- Stop yourself before you overanalyze what is going on. Things are not likely to be as they appear. You may deceive yourself into thinking someone is doing you an injustice but it probably won't be the case.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
- Your determination will give you the drive you need to finish what you set out to do today. Your curiosity will get the better of you, especially if you are being stuck in the wrong road today. Lots of good results will take place if you compromise and avoid unnecessary debates.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
- You are always taking care of everyone else's needs; try in some way to change for a change. If someone is uncooperative with your decisions, you may want to reevaluate your relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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ND Athletics

Three athletes reinstated

NCAA calls violations 'secondary,' Zbikowski, Zeller, McAlarney will receive no penalty

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

The NCAA reinstated senior strong safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski and two men’s basketball players after Notre Dame briefly declared them ineligible for their participation in promotional television spots. Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Mike Karwoski said Wednesday.

Karwoski said the NCAA informed him in a phone call around 5 p.m. Wednesday they decided that three players committed “secondary violations” — violations without intent — for their “implied endorsement” of a local television show.

The NCAA then told him there would be no penalties or eligibility consequences for the spots featuring Zbikowski, sophomore forward Luke Zeller and sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney.

“As far as they are concerned, the matter is closed and there would be no penalties involved,” Karwoski said. In a statement e-mailed to the media Wednesday night, Irish coach Charlie Weis expressed gratitude to the NCAA for the quick manner in which the situation was resolved.

“I appreciate the fact this was handled in an expeditious manner by the NCAA as well as our compliance and sports information departments,” the statement read. “I’m glad we have a resolution to this situation and I look forward to continuing our preparation for Georgia Tech.”

Notre Dame had sent a letter to the NCAA compliance office in Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon once declaring Zbikowski, Zeller and McAlarney ineligible and requesting their reinstatement.

The trio’s problem stemmed from separate appearances on the sports talk show “Sports Dogs” that airs on WSHE-TV in South Bend. During their appearances, the players filmed “bumps” — advertisements for the show, during the show, that informed viewers see VIOLATIONS/page 25

ND Women’s Golf

King not retained after 5 years as head coach

Athletic department looks for replacement as fall season nears

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There will be a new Irish leader in 2006.

Notre Dame declined to renew the contract of head coach DeBby King after five years, and a search for her replacement is underway.

Senior golfer Alejandra Diaz-Calderon also declined to comment on the specific circumstances, saying she had not received official word of the athletic department’s decision.

“The administration hasn’t told the team any details why Coach King wasn’t retained,” Diaz-Calderon said. She said she, senior Noriko Nakazaki and sophomore Lisa Maun — three of the team’s returning players — would be involved in the interview process of a new coach.

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ND Women’s Soccer

New-look ND vies for title

Returning, rookie players work to replace Thorlakson, Bohn

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

After losing its NCAA semi-finals match to fellow Congregation of Holy Cross institution Portland 3-1, the Irish again look up to find the Pilots atop the National Soccer Coaches Association of America preseason standings.

If the NSCAA No. 5 Irish are to earn that spot at season’s end, they must find new feet to fill the boots of last season’s Hermann Trophy runner-up Katie Thorlakson. Fortunately for the Irish, head coach Randy Waldrum, now in his eighth season, does not expect last year’s 22-3 squad — which led the nation with 44 goals per game — to miss a step.

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Men’s Golf

Kubinski optimistic for season

Irish coach praises senior leadership, sets lofty team goals

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

With Notre Dame’s line-up still uncertain, Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said he has set high goals for the upcoming season.

Of the five players who will travel to tournaments, Kubinski said he has only decided on two so far. Nine players will compete for the three remaining spots on Notre Dame’s traveling squad.

Senior Cole Isban and sophomore Josh Sandman are penciled in the top two spots, he said.

“Other than that, it’s pretty much up for see GOLF/page 24

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