Junior Patrick Grainey, right, instructs freshmen in a summer seminars, said of Educational Immersion and fall break. Numerous incidences of vehicle break-ins and theft have left many off-campus residents feeling frustrated and unsafe. Senior Thomas McCall awoke this weekend to find his car window smashed and his golf clubs stolen from the trunk of his car, which was sitting in the driveway of his house on a quiet area of Juniper Road. "They didn't take any of the electronic equipment," said McCall, who lives on Juniper Road near Welworth Street and Whitefield Road. "They only took my golf clubs.

McCall said he lives in a residential area, and his neighbors said such break-ins "do not usually happen" on their street. The South Bend Police Department told McCall a similar break-in — where only golf clubs were taken — happened the same night. And police say it will probably happen again.

When Houser reported his incident to the South Bend Police Department, officers told him that "they would hit again during home football games, before Christmas, after Christmas and then again at the end of the year." The police officer recommended residents to secure their vehicles.

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Summer training benefits University ROTC participants

By BRIDGET KEATING

As senior Ryan Larson landed in Fort Lewis, Wash. for his Army leadership assessment camp, he felt prepared for the challenges that lay ahead. "I felt ... confident that the training program at Notre Dame prepared me for success and knew I'd face few surprises."

Now back on campus for the academic year, course work and busy schedules pale to compare to the rigors of the challenges Larson and his fellow Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) faced during the summer. Students enrolled in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at Notre Dame balance a full course load with physical and classroom military training, as well as extracurricular involvement — and the work continues when school is out of session.

While most students digress from such a demanding schedule during the summer months, ROTC cadets and midshipmen dive into various required and voluntary training and leadership programs in preparation for futures in their respective branches. Each branch participates in competitive programs that allow students from colleges across the country to gather to demonstrate their abilities. Often summer results are factored into a formula that contributes to placement upon commissioning.

Major Gary Masapolli likened Army summer commitment to the "bowls games" of Army ROTC. The most crucial step for any AROTC student is the completion of Warrior Forge Assessment Course (LDAC), he said.

Notre Dame AROTC focuses heavily on cadet readiness for camp because camp scores can amount to half of their entire four-year grade, Masapolli said.

In addition, scores influence a cadet's selection opportunities upon commissioning. Strong Scholar Athlete Leader profiles include a high academic record — including military record — as well as placement in athletics, community service and other activities. To ensure solid performances from Notre Dame participants, current juniors prepare for futures in their respective branches.

Service seminars attract hundreds

By MEGAN SENNETH

For many Notre Dame students, fall break is their first chance to escape the rigors of college life but for others, the class-free week is the perfect time to give back to their community.

This year, the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) received about 320 applications for its fall break seminars, said Angela Miller-McGrath, director of Educational Immersion and the Appalachia Seminar. The turnout impressed Miller-McGrath, who hopes for even more applicants for the winter

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members establish task forces, set goals

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Concerns ranging from students safety to gambling and alcohol abuse were raised at the first Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting of the year Monday. To manage and address these pressing issues the CLC created three task forces — Conduct Awareness, Student Concerns and Student Voice and Input — and one ad-hoc committee regarding student safety matters to organize its approach to this year's student affairs agenda.

Student body president and CLC chair Lizzi Shappell started the meeting with introductions and explained the council's job and how it operates to new members.

"This body's purpose is to advise [Vice President for Student Affairs] Father [Mark] Poorman," Shappell said. "In bringing rectors, administrators and faculty to the table, I personally believe that it encompasses student life, but from different perspectives." Most of the work of the CLC gets done on the task force, Shappell said. Last year, she
INSIDE COLUMN

Not just crab cakes

Quick! Name one thing about Maryland. Let me guess. You either said crab cakes or football. Right? Because that's what we do. Hey, it was in a movie, and movies don't lie, do they? Well, as a Marylander, I can tell you right now that was way off the mark. We don't "do" football. We do lacrosse. And ju-jitsu, if you want our official state sport. But it's okay if you didn't know that, because not many people do. They don't care about Maryland. It's just that goofy looking state shoved between Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Oh, we're near D.C., but as a Baltimorean, I hate D.C. But if you go back far enough, to the colonial age, you may remember that we Marylanders were the first to allow Catholics to live freely, so about 85 percent of you reading this owe us a big thank you. Or at least a little wave on your way passing through.

Move forward in time to 1817 and the Constitution. This is the beginning of Maryland's obscurity as even Delaware passed us. Of course you're going to be the "First State" — you're right next to Philly, and you only have three counties. Let it go.

Now we go to 1814, the Battle of Bladensburg. If you didn't know, this is when the Star Spangled Banner was written, so every time you sing that song, you're praising the bravery of Marylanders. But most of the time, that gets left out of the story too. I still blame Delaware.

Have you ever wondered why our football team is the Ravens? That's right, kiddies, it's because a corrupt political machine bought Edgar Allan Poe's vote multiple times in exchange for alcohol — so much so that it left him dead in a gutter. And since we're good people, we buried him in one of our church graveyards and named a team after one of his poems doing there in the first place? He was passing through on his way from Richmond to Philadelphia.

In the 20th century, Maryland was blessed with two of the greatest teams in sports history: Johnny Unitas' Baltimore Colts and the Orioles of 11-time World Series champions. Fortunately, the Colts snuck out to Indianapolis in the dead of night, and the Orioles are now one of the worst franchises in sports. Oh well.

At least our crab cakes are good.

Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitzpa5@nd.edu.
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SECTION OF THE OBSERVER?

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Jay Fitzpatrick, Sport Writer

"Question of the Day is the funnest section."

"Editorials, because it's something new everyday."

"Question of the Day, so I can see my picture on it."

"Scenes. The writers do a good job."

"Comic section — Jockular. It cracks me up."

"Question of the Day It makes my day"

Zahn Hall's stuffed moose head mascot, Ignats, hangs in the basement lounge, keeping close watch over residents and guests.

OFFBEAT

Woman crashes while teaching dog to drive

BELLEZ - A woman in Hobokin, the capital of north China's Inner Mongolia region, crashed her car while giving her dog a driving lesson, the official Xinhua News Agency said Monday.

No injuries were reported although both vehicles were slightly damaged, it said. The woman, identified only by her surname, Li, said her dog "was fond of crouching on the steering wheel and often watched her drive," according to Xinhua.

"She thought she would let the dog 'have a try' while she operated the accelerator and brake," the report said. "They did not make it far before crashing into an oncoming car."

Xinhua did not say what kind of dog or vehicles were involved but Li paid for repairs.

Man sends pornographic pictures to ex's family

DEBARTOLO, Mo. — A southeast Missouri man will go to jail for breaking into his ex-wife's e-mail and sending pornographic pictures of her to her former employer.

Alfreed Seals, 47, of Cape Girardeau, pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor tampering with computer data, and was sentenced to 20 days in jail.

Seals gained access to his wife's e-mail account without her consent, then e-mailed the woman's family a Web site link and message stating: "something nice to see," according to a probable-cause statement.

The link took users to a collection of several pornographic pictures Seals took of the woman when they were married.

In Brief

Student Activities will host its annual Activities Night tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 in the Joyce Center.

"Goodie and The Feel Alikes" will perform at Legends at 10 p.m. Thursday. The show is free for students.

Chicago's "Howl at the Moon" dueling pianos will perform at Legends at 10 p.m. Friday. ND, SMG or HCC student ID required for admission.

"An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is $6 for general public, $5 for faculty, $4 for seniors and $3 for students.

The Suite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican migration to the United States through a multimedia exhibit that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum's O'Shaughnessy Galleries. Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance gallery.

The sixth annual Saturday Scholar Series will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, "More Than a Movie: Assessing 'The Da Vinci Code'" will be held, as always, three and a half hours before kickoff on Sept. 9 in DeBartolo 101.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Group welcomes new SMC faculty

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance lauded the success of its opening events Monday during its first meeting of the semester and welcomed new faculty members.

Student body president Susan Mcllduff thanked committee members for their attendance at the all-school Mass held at the Church of Loretto Sunday and welcomed them back to campus.

"The all-school Mass was a huge success and we had a great turnout," she said.

Student Activities Board president Claudia Toth cited the high turnout of the Jamaica Shaka as another example of the success of the events.

Many Holy Cross and Notre Dame students commented on the large turnout this year, Toth said.

The revised Saint Mary's readership program — which kicked off Wednesday — is off to a good start, McLlduff said.

McLlduff asked the board to welcome professor Jill Vihtelic to the position of interim vice president and dean of faculty and two new associate deans, Dr. Joseph Incandela of the religious studies department and Deb McCarthy of the science department.

She also asked the board to welcome President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson to campus. Johnson comes from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

In other SMC News:
- Saint Mary's activities night is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8.
- Residence Hall Association president Amy Dardinger said the Twilight Tailgate is Thursday, Sept. 7 from 2 p.m. to 9 and will be hosted by the Student Activities Board.

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Grant funds biologist's research

Lodge helps assess invasive species in Great Lakes region

Special to The Observer

The eight Great Lakes states have an estimated 3.7 million registered recreational boats, which is one-third of the nation's total number. An estimated $16 billion industry, recreational boating is a key beachhead for invasions of invasive species into the United States. Ships arrive at Great Lakes destinations from ports throughout the world, often bearing non-native species in their ballast water. The water is then discharged into the lakes.

Recreational boaters subsequently use the Great Lakes, unaware that in the process invasive species are now residing on their boats and trailers. The boaters later introduce the species into other inland waterways they use for recreation.

Lodge notes that researchers will first rank the major ports of the world in order of the threat they pose as a source of invasive species to the Great Lakes.

This risk assessment will be based on environmental similarity, such as salinity and temperature, and on the identification of potentially harmful species that inhabit ports that researchers will analyze the past and existing ship traffic among high risk ports and the lakes.

The researchers also will develop novel genetic technologies to conduct real-time monitoring of selected, high-concern harmful organisms in ballast water of ships entering the Great Lakes. Working in conjunction with Hsu-Chia Chang of the Notre Dame Center for Microfluidics, Lodge and fellow Notre Dame biologist Jeff Fedor hope to develop a hand-held "lab on a chip" that could rapidly and accurately detect invasive species in ballast water samples.

"We can then derive a risk assessment for individual ships entering the Great Lakes, based on the past ports of call of each ship, the species known to occur in those ports and the presence of any species detected by this hand-held genetic probe," Lodge said.

In the final phase of the project, researchers will use network modeling to select several pilot locations that will most cost-effectively slow the spread of targeted invasive species. The project team will test the effectiveness of a series of intervention strategies, including educational activities, inspections and boat washing stations to help slow the spread of invasive species already established, but still spreading, among inland lakes and rivers.

Lodge points out that the forecasting and prevention effort involves a diverse team consisting of researchers, private stakeholders, relevant industries and state and federal agency partners.

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throughout the year. At the start of the school year, seniors, who have already completed one camp—serve as mentors to the incoming class.

Masapollo said Notre Dame consistently produces cadets that score high above the national average.

Field Marshal Michigan, one of the many training steps, allows leaders to create camp- nies, allowing senior cadets to lead and test the students. Masapollo said these leaders are like a "coaching staff" that prepares the team by incorporating "game-like scenarios.""Batallion executive officer Ryan Larson recently completed the DAC and attended the coveted Reckedo Badge — a honor awarded to a small number of cadets who exceed standards in all areas.

"Our curriculum focuses on the cadets' education; notably those aspects most pertinent to DAC success," he said.

Back on campus, Larson and other cadets are making small changes to everyday practices to strengthen the fabric of campus life. Air Force ROTC must successfully complete field training on the DAC. This year's program combines basic training with cadet training and leadership development where detailed evaluations affect future placement.

The DAC program for the coming year includes strict schedules, intense physical training and high standards of military decorum. The DAC curriculum serves as a launch site for a large number of students failing to complete the camp.

Notre Dame AFROTC prepares cadets with labs that require the utmost attention to physical demands — and even drills on how to properly make a bed. Such training is a stepping stone to leadership positions for juniors returning to campus.

Notre Dame has a good reputation not only as a school, but also as a unit that is looked up to," said Captain Amy Bellenbaum, commandant of cadets. Senior John Paul Adrian, cadet wing commander, is one such example. After completion of field training, Adrian qualified to return as a training assistant and was placed in a leadership role.

"I wish I could go back," said cadets like Adrian who return to assist "foster their respect on the officer level."

For those in Naval ROTC, summer programs evolve from year to year, beginning with a four-week indepen- dent activity within the CLC (Command, Leadership and Character) program, said Capt. Paul O'Sullivan, head of the M a r i n e s A g e n c y.

Summer programs are spent on a cruise in the middle of the world on a variety of Navy vessels with responsibilities growing with experience. Midshipmen learn rank, military lifestyle, teamwork and leadership skills.

Midshipmen spend a week in each of the various out- setups of the Navy, including the M a r i n e C o r e. Senior Erin Smith, naval battle command officer, worked with the French Navy.

"We get to learn how our alliances really work, the things that they have to offer and share with our perspective," she said.

Despite the language barrier, she observed differing relationships among officers and enlisted men compared to the U.S. Navy. Captain Mike Neller said summer training is important because it helps foster "real" leadership and "real" life in the fleet at Notre Dame.

"Midshipmen go out and experience it themselves," he said. "It puts everything in perspective.

"Summer cruises ... are invaluable because you are in the actual fleet and get first-hand experience to a textbook or PowerPoint cannot convey."

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I m b e l l e n b a u m said the Task Force on Student Conduct Awareness was formed as part of the response to recent assaults committed on Notre Dame Avenue and in a neighbor- hood watch area. She wants to work with the University to facilitate catering to campus.

Some students have been concerned that they are not the best investment for an ad-hoc program. Ludwig emphasized that the program is crucial, especially for freshmen. She wants to work with the students to ensure they have a positive experience. She is working with the student affairs department to create a comprehensive program.

Candace Theriot said the program is a great deal because of interaction with active duty Marines who share their experience in various events and experiences. She also cited the benefits of "getting experience," which she called "appalling.

The program strengthens the "hard calibers students that Notre Dame is trying to attract the individuals who are committed to serve their country."

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led the Task Force on Student Conduct Awareness this year.

The Task Force on Student Voice and Input is dedicated to coordinating and communicating which CLC members reinstated this year.

The Task Force on Student Voice and Input found the University and explored the pos- sibility of implementing a referral system for students who want to be involved in committees. The committee met with College Dean Jim Lewis to discuss the idea. Lewis said the committee was very interested in the possibility of creating a referral system for students who want to participate in committees. A referral system for students who want to be involved in committees would be a way to ensure that students who are interested in the process are contacted and have the opportunity to participate. The committee agreed to meet later in the semester to discuss the possibility of implementing a referral system for students who want to be involved in committees.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Shiite, Iraqi forces clash: 40 dead
DIWANJAH, Iraq — Shiite militiamen battled Iraqi forces for 12 hours Monday, leaving at least 40 people dead and undermining the government's strategy to rein in an anti-U.S. insurgency that has seenBesides the southern conflict that saw at least 19 people die in two suicide car bombings in Baghdad — one outside the Interior Ministry and one on a line of cars waiting for fuel at a gas statioint the weekend in separate fighting. Basra, Iraq. 

British seeks suspect's extradition
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan is considering a British request for the extradition of Rashid Rauf, who was arrested earlier this month as part of an alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound jetliners, the Foreign Ministry said Monday. 

But the district attorney vowed to keep Karr under investigation, saying he might be exchanged ... between the crumbling house and the tragic case of JonBenet Ramsey. 

LOCAL NEWS
Plane crashes into pond; pilot dead
INDIANAPOLIS - An oral surgeon died in a plane crash Monday after his maternal uncle was stabbed to death. Indianapolis Oral Surgeon Robert Edess, 2004 American Medical Association personal representative, was pushed into another car by a twisted fascination with JonBenet. 

Lebanon

Kofi Annan calls for cease-fire
U.N. chief urges Hezbollah to free captured soldiers, Israel to lift blockades

Associated Press

BOURBON, Colo. — Prosecutors abruptly dropped their case Monday against John Mark Karr in the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, saying DNA tests failed to link him to the crime despite his insistence he sexually assaulted and strangled the 6-year-old beauty pageant winner. 

Just a week and a half after Karr's arrest in Florida, Scruggs was convicted of risk of injury to a child's suicide.

Prosecutor: Karr's DNA not a match

ANNA,” Annan said. “The peacekeepers are not going to house to house searching for weapons. This is not their responsibility.”

Annan was booned by residents as he toured the devastated Dahiyeh neighborhood in the Hezbollah stronghold of south Beirut. He was greeted by giant posters with photographs of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and one that had a caricature of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice with Vatican's teeth and blood dripping from the mouth. The U.N. chief, accompanied by Saniora and a Hezbollah legislator, walked for about 50 yards before the protest became noisy and unfriendly. 

Annan got back into a car, which drove slowly through the assembled residents with security men running alongside. Geir Pedersen, Annan's personal representative, was pushed into another car by a twisted fascination with JonBenet who confessed to a crime he didn't commit. 

“The people would not be able to establish that Mr. Karr committed this crime despite his repeated insistence that he did,” District Attorney Mary Lacy said in court papers. 

The 41-year-old schoolteacher will be kept in jail in Boulder until he can be sent to Sonoma County, Calif., to face child pornography charges from 2001. 

The district attorney vowed to keep pursuing leads in JonBenet's death. 

“JonBenet is not a closed case.”

Karr was never formally charged in the slaying. In court papers, Lacy defended the decision to arrest him and bring him back to the United States for further investigation, saying he might have otherwise fled and may have been targetting children in Thailand as well.

Lacy said Karr emerged as a suspect because the child's body was stuffed into a doll and it was thought to be the first time a parent had been convicted over a child's suicide.

LEBANON

Annan was critical of both sides, he also provided a chance for a line of cars waiting for fuel at a gas sta-

"Defate the line ... there will be no disarma-

ment, but it's up to the International Force for Southern Lebanon to clear the road ahead, said Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora.

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"JonBenet is not a closed case." 

Karr was never formally charged in the slaying. In court papers, Lacy defended the decision to arrest him and bring him back to the United States for further investigation, saying he might have otherwise fled and may have been targeting children in Thailand as well. 

Lacy said Karr emerged as a suspect because the child's body was stuffed into a doll and it was thought to be the first time a parent had been convicted over a child's suicide.

lebanon to disarm the Shiite guerrillas of Hezbollah without the agreement and participation of those two governments.

Israel responded quickly and negatively to Annan's call for an end to the blockade, which is intended to keep arms from being shipped to Hezbollah.

An official in the office of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert reiterated that the blockade will remain until the international force takes up positions along Lebanon's borders and entry points. He said Hezbollah continues to try to smuggle weapons into the country.
Ivy Tech president to leave after 23 years

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The president of Ivy Tech Community College said Monday he will step down, the third Indiana public college president this year to announce his departure.

Gerald L. Lamkin, 70, became president of Ivy Tech in 1983. He helped transform it from a vocational school to the state’s community college, which enrolled more than 69,000 students.

“I’ll see campuses this fall, up 7 percent from a year ago. He plans to step down on June 30, 2000.”

“My time at Ivy Tech has been the most rewarding times of my life,” Lamkin said in a news release. “We have made tremendous strides in establishing an effective and enriching community college system for the state of Indiana.”

Ivy Tech took over the state's community college system last year. State leaders hope the school will help a higher education system that most students push toward more expensive four-year campuses at Purdue and Indiana universities.

“In order for the state to retain its economic and workforce development goals, Ivy Tech must be in a position to provide the training and education that is needed to prepare thousands of Hoosiers for the jobs of the future,” Lamkin said. The third Indiana public college president to announce he would step down.

Manuel J. Peck, Jr., said earlier this month that he would retire from Purdue University next summer. Indiana University President Adam Herbert told troopers in January that he would not return when his contract expires in 2008.
MARKET RECAP

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**IN BRIEF**

Rates decline at Treasury Bill auction

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills fell in Monday’s auction, with the six-month bill dropping to the lowest level since mid-June.

The Treasury Department auctioned $17 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.9375 percent, down from 4.975 percent last week. Another $16 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 4.970 percent, down from 4.975 percent last week.

The three-month rate was the lowest since these bills first went on sale at 4.957 percent in mid-June.

The three-month price was $9,874.62 while a six-month rate was 4.925 percent on June 12.

Whitman said eBay does not expect the partnership to affect its financial performance this year or next.

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**Oil prices decrease; stocks rebound**

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded Monday as energy prices fell on signs that Tropical Storm Ernesto won’t hit the Midwest, as investors grew optimistic about a series of major economic reports later this week.

Retail and transportation stocks rose as investors believed lower oil prices would stimulate economic activity. The drop in energy prices also massaged concerns that this week’s data on consumer confidence, job growth, and manufacturing might show the economy is slowing faster than expected.

The market’s advance came amid light summer volume, which is expected to remain thin until after Labor Day.

Investors did get a handful of company announcements Monday, including Google Inc. and auction Web site eBay Inc. forming an advertising alliance.

Meanwhile, Kinder Morgan Inc.’s board agreed to take the natural-gas pipeline operator private, and Western Refining Inc. said it was acquiring Giant Industries Inc.

“The message of this week is if a tree falls in the forest, and there’s nobody there, will it make noise?” said Larry Fuerzzi, a trader with Mennon Financial’s The Boston Co. Asset management. “The market is just looking to head up, not get taken down, and sets up the table for September.”

The Standard & Poor’s 500 added 66.09, or 0.52 percent, to 1,301.78 — near a three-month high. Powering the index were components Altria Group Inc. and PepsiCo Inc., which touched on historic highs, and Coca-Cola Co. coming within pennies of a 52-week high.

Other major stock indicators also advanced. The Dow jumped 67.96, or 0.60 percent, to 11,352.01, recovering somewhat from last week’s loss of 0.86 percent. The Nasdaq composite index, also near a three-month high, picked up 20.41, or 0.93 percent, to 2,160.70. Bonds were mostly flat, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note at 4.80 percent from Friday’s five-month low of 4.79 percent. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

SAN FRANCISCO — In a deal between two of the Internet’s most prominent properties, Google will be begin selling advertising for Web auctioneer eBay outside the United States and help buyers quickly ring an online merchandise button.

The arrangement announced Monday promises to introduce “click-to-call.” Web users can connect to a broader audience and potentially spice up its reputation as a means of more quickly connecting online consumers with advertisers.

It would allow potential buyers to call eBay merchants or Google advertisers by clicking a link on a Web page.

“We have a chance to create a whole new way for buyers and sellers to connect and to create what we hope will be a significant revenue stream for both eBay and Google,” eBay Inc. Chief Executive Meg Whitman said in an interview last week.

Google Inc. CEO Eric Schmidt said the agreement with eBay is “likely to go on for many years,” but he would not disclose the terms of the deal or what it might mean for the Mountain View-based search engine’s bottom line.

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Whitman said eBay decided to give Google’s advertisers access to its international auction sites after choosing Yahoo for its domestic advertising because Google was competing Internet search engines respective strengths and how they mesh with eBay’s assets.

The deal represents the latest advertising win for Google. Earlier this month, News Corp. agreed to make Google the exclusive search partner for most of its sites, including the popular online hangout MySpace.com. Later this year, Time Warner Inc.’s AOL agreed to sell a 5 percent stake to Google in a $1 billion deal that extends and deepens the ties between the two.

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Schmidt and Whitman said they would begin testing some of their joint services early next year.

Last year, eBay bought the Internet phone service Skype.

Google has its own messaging and Internet-based telephone service, Google Talk. Both services are free, but in the partnership, though details were not disclosed. eBay does plan to rely on Google’s international presence to build a worldwide market for Skype, too.

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**New calling service facilitates online shopping; Internet giants hope to expand market**

Google, eBay to advertise jointly

**Associated Press**

An employee walks outside the eBay headquarters in San Jose, Calif. Google Inc. announced Monday it will sell advertising for eBay outside the United States.

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Student loan troubles

The student loan problem has gotten so bad that several major universities, not including Notre Dame, are finally doing something dramatic about it. According to the National Student Loan Survey, average undergraduate loan debt in 2002 was $18,900, up 66 percent since 1997. Graduate students incurred an added $31,700 in average debt, an increase of 51 percent since 1997. Graduates of law or medical schools carried an average of $91,000 in total debt.

In response to the problem, several schools are using university funds to reduce or alleviate that loan burden for students with demonstrated need. Harvard does not ask parents earning less than $60,000 a year to contribute to their child's education. At Yale and Stanford, the figure is $45,000. The University of Pennsylvania replaces loans with grants for students from families with incomes under $50,000. Virginia, Brown and other institutions are taking similar steps.

The most creative is Princeton University. In 2001, Princeton became the first university to replace loans with grants and a campus job for all students with demonstrated need. Six hundred and thirty-three first-year students qualified for aid, six hundred seventy-four members (or 55 percent) of the entering class of 2009 received such aid. The average scholarship was $28,100, with $18,900,000 in total scholarship aid. The average family income of aid recipients was $93,950, with 225 below $40,000 and 124 more below $60,000. Princeton is smaller than Notre Dame and has a much huger endowment. Notre Dame's excellent Financial Aid Office tries to help students, including an effort to reduce the loan portion of need-based aid by replacing loans with scholarships. But a major element continues to be the student loan. It is fair to suggest that Notre Dame should emulate the no-loan concept openly and aggressively. Notre Dame's undergraduate tuition rate for 2006-07 rose 5.4 percent over last year for a new total of tuition and average room and board (TBR) of $42,137. The rate of increase is lower than in the previous three years, but it is higher than the 4.2 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2003 to 2006. While some bemoan the rise of college tuition, the CPI does measure what it costs the students and their families to live.

In 1979-80, before Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Prestige, TBR was $5,180. Adjusted for inflation by the CPI, the TBR now would be $16,255 instead of $42,137. The federal student loan program began modestly in the 1970s as a supplement to means-tested federal grants. It expanded as Congress succumbed to pressure from the universities to finance the ever growing costs of educating the borrowing students. Notre Dame's TBR began to skyrocket after it began to describe itself in 1978 as a "National Catholic Research University." Notre Dame followed the lead of the major universities in using the expanding federal loan programs to finance its research enterprise. As the loan limits went up, so did tuition. The universities lobbied for higher limits, but even tuition again in response and so on. The process contin-

ues in varied forms today. Recent studies, including one from last December by Allan Carlsson of the Howard Center, document the obvious impact of student debt on marriage and childbearing. A national Creighon University study of young married couples, published in 2000, asked respondents to state 42 issues that "might be problematic during the early years of marriage." For all respondents, "debt brought into marriage" ranked third. Among respondents under age 30 and among those married one year or less, it ranked first. For very Catholic reasons, Notre Dame should be in the forefront in the war on student loan debt. Heavy loans narrow a graduate's career, marriage and family options. Examples abound of young lawyers compelled by debt to forego, or leave, lower-paying positions as public defenders, disability advocates and prosecu-

tors. Alumni in other occupations could tell similar stories. Our leaders' pursuit of a Research Reputation has unjustifiably inflicted this loan burden on non-wealthy alumni of Notre Dame. Our leaders have a duty to relieve that burden at least for present and future Notre Dame students. Notre Dame should be a leader, not a follower, in affording its grads the freedom to choose to contribute to the common good in their career and family choices.

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An invalid assumption

William McAllister’s points on the lack of planning in regard to Iraq (“The War on Errortism,” Aug. 25) are occasionally well made, if a bit rhetorically overemphasized. And though I appreciate the fact that a more benevolent attitude toward the Middle East problems is attractive, I would suggest that he fails to take into account two major issues and that the fact that the Muslim world has been opposed to the West as long as it has existed. Though U.S. foreign policy may exacerbate this animosity, it in no way causes it. Second, McAllister suggests in essence, that the liberalization of the Middle East will bring about changes necessary to end the above conflict. Assuming that the Muslim world were to pursue such an idea, highly doubtful, I would offer both Iraq and Palestine as evidence that when given the opportunity to dem­ ocratically choose a government, they tend to choose reactionary and backward-looking governments.

The assumption made is that the Muslim response necessitate immediate ration­ alization that should be dealt with in the same way that, say, Canadian, British, or Greens should. Any time spent reading the state­ ments of Mahmud Ahmadinejad should cast serious doubt on that assumption.

Though I too believe that our cur­ rent solution for dealing with Islamophobia is sub-optimal, I also believe that this is a conflict in which diplomacy and other “soft power” projections are of lesser value than it would be if dealing with more civilized nation-states. We cannot “gain the trust” of a region that views us as infidels who need to be “reeducated.” Any serious for­ eign policy suggestion for the region must take that into account.

Ryan Davidson
graduated student
off campus
Aug. 27

One and a half million Americans suffer from peanut allergies, many of which are severe and can induce poignant reactions resulting in extreme difficulty in breathing. Such reactions necessitate immediate Emergency Medical care.

The recent lack of labeling in North Dining Hall, a bite of a peanut butter cook­ ie and a freshman with a tongue beginning to swell and throat beginning to close, was the first of its kind to my trip to the ELL this semester as a resident assistant. Spooning multiple tablespoons of Benadryl and giving pats on the back don’t always do the trick.

Regular chocolate chip cookies (without peanut butter) had sat on an identical tray in the identical spot only the day prior to the incident. Yet on Saturday, the seemingly identical chocolate chip cookie facade befell the deadly (and not very pleasing to my palate) peanut butter flavoring.

Signs are not difficult to make. I have them all over my section: Flush the toilet. Peanut Butter.

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Comedic Shakespeare performance no ‘Error’

Summer presentation brings wit, pizazz to ND

For his sons he bought a pair of identical twin boys, whom he named Dromio. However, he believed that he is someone else.

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

Summer Shakespeare’s interpretation of “The Comedy of Errors” was a splendid look at the humor in life.

One of Shakespeare’s funniest and most farcical plays, “Errors” is a wonderful respite from the humdrums of reality and the rollicking pace and slight irreverence of Summer Shakespeare — the professional theatre in residence at Notre Dame — complement its century bridging humor.

One of Shakespeare’s earliest works, “Errors” takes the premise of mistaken identity between twins from the works of ancient Roman playwright Plautus. The Bard builds on Plautus’ original work and turns it into a boisterous play that lets love, jealousy, slapstick and a strong helping of coincidence wreak havoc in the day of several citizens and visitors to the city of Ephesus.

The play opens as Egeon, an aged merchant of Syracuse, is led to his execution for trespassing on the city of Ephesus. Egeon manages to save one pair of boys, but his wife, his second son and the second Dromio were lost. Egeon raised his remaining son, but lost him years later when he went looking for his brother. Now in search of his family he ends up in Syracuse, sentenced to death. Moved by the tale, the Duke allows Egeon one day to raise the money to buy his life.

Meanwhile, Antipholus of Syracuse has unknowingly arrived in the same city as his father along with his man Dromio. He sends Dromio away to deposit some money only to have Dromio return claiming he needs to go home to dine with his wife, of which Antipholus has none. Little does he know, this is not his Dromio, but that of his brother, a prosperous man of the city, who is married. Chaos ensues as the brothers and their servants are repeatedly mixed and paired with the wrong people, to the point where they think only witchcraft or insanity could explain their situation.

By the end of the day, man has mistaken master, wife mistaken husband, and nothing but merry chaos has orchestrated their interactions, but the love of both family and sweetheart set all to rights.

Ironically, “Errors” opens not with a laugh or even a smile, but with an imminent execution and story of tragedy. The play is the epitome of using comedy to battle the pitfalls of life.

This basic concept coupled with the simple appeal of the character’s antics allows it to be as entertaining to a 16th century audience as the 21st century audience that sat in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this August. The cast did not hesitate to fall full force into the boisterousness of Shakespeare’s play. Led by director William Brown, it blended modern comedic elements to make Shakespeare’s humor resound while refraining from diluting the potency of his dialogue with too many gags.

Still, such touches as having Luciana read Paul’s “Letter to the Ephesians” or having the executioner hug Egeon because he feels sorry for him, make this performance a little bit more their own.

The cast’s performance was complemented by the work of scenic designer Todd Rosenhall and costume designer Richard E. Donnelly. Both implemented strong colors and mostly simplistic geometric patterns that reflected the light-hearted and energetic tone of the play.

“Errors” was the only one of Shakespeare’s plays to follow the three classical unities of Aristotle’s “Poetics,” and the simple, operational, and bold set maintained a strong “unity of place.” As an added bonus, the crew constructed a working fountain in the center of the stage that the actors could make use of to look into, splash and even walk through.

“Errors” was a wonderfully energizing play and Notre Dame’s Summer Shakespeare did it full justice. The audience walked out smiling, thoroughly enjoying a night of Shakespeare.

While “Errors” finished its run in the DPAC, make sure to catch next year’s performances by Summer Shakespeare, which runs from mid-July to late-August.

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Affable O'Brien lights up predictable Emmys

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

It's official. Conan O'Brien is the Billy Crystal of the Emmys. In only his second time hosting the awards show, the late-night personality opened with a comedic montage that put him in the television shows "House," "Lost" and "The Office," did a song and dance number about the sorry state of NBC, and introduced his refreshing new clear glass container that would run out of oxygen if the awards ceremony ran over three hours.

The last shuck was a running joke throughout the telecast, with Newhart pounding on the walls in "panic" during commercial breaks. Fortunately, the show ran on time and Newhart was released in order to present the award for Outstanding Comedy Series.

After last year's somber ceremony in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, this year's show was filled with light-heartedness, laughter and Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise jokes.

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Sanchez leads Pittsburgh over Chicago with three hits; Cleveland beats Toronto behind Sizemore's hot bat

**Pirates shortstop Freddy Sanchez rounds second base during Pittsburgh's 11-6 win over Chicago Monday.**

Byrd (9-6) didn't make it into the first inning of his previous start, giving up nine runs three earned and eight hits at Kansas City on Wednesday. He escaped with a no-decision after the Indians, trailing 10-1 after the first inning, rallied to win 15-13.

This right-handed stager stayed around just long enough to get a cheap win, allowing three earned runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

Fernando Cabrera worked two scoreless innings, Rafael Betancourt pitched the eighth and Tom Mastny hit a batter in the ninth, before getting his fourth save in four tries.

Sizemore's 20th homer put the Pirates ahead 4-3 in the sixth.

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PITTSBURGH -- Freddy Sanchez had three hits to raise his NL-leading batting average to .349, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs Monday night in a matchup of the teams with the poorest records in the National League.

Chris Duffy had three hits, three runs and a pair of RBIs. He lost to the Pirates 8-0 on May 2 in Chicago.

The Cubs (54-87) went ahead when Pierre hit the third pitch of the game for his second home run, but Pittsburgh (51-81) took the lead for good on Jason Bay's two-run homer in the bottom half.

Duffy, Jose Bautista and Sanchez hit RBI singles in the third.

Adam LaRoche walked Bay with the bases loaded and no outs in the fourth, Paulino hit a two-run single off Glendon Rusch. Bautista's RBI single made it 9-1 in the fifth.

Chicago closed in the sixth on Lee's two-run single and Michael Barrett's two-run double, which chased Snell.

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**NEW YORK -- The New York Mets have won a lot of games this season with their power. They showed once again Monday that they don't need to go long to win, paradoxically a disputed single into a big inning.**

Carlos Delgado, David Wright and Paul Lo Duca drove in two runs apiece and the Mets pushed across six runs in the third inning of an 8-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

New York, which had homered in nine straight games before Monday, has won nine of 10 to increase its NL East lead to a season-high 1 1/2 games over the second-place Phillies.

"It's nice to know that you can manufacture runs and also hit the home runs out of the park," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "It's always nice to see a different twist every once in a while, and when we attack teams that way we're real tough."

Ryan Howard hit his NL-leading 47th homer and Pat Burrell had a two-run drive for Philadelphia. Howard homered in all three games of the series and has seven homers in his last 15 games against the Mets.

"We made a couple of little mistakes, but little mistakes have been hurting us and they did today," manager Charlie Manuel said.

Manuel was ejected in the third inning after an unusual sequence led to a reversed call that hurt the Phillies. Wright hit a sacrifice fly in the third and first and third, and bounced a pitch from Jamie Moyer (1-1) up the line. Third-base umpire Randy Marsh said it was foul and Randolph came out to argue.

The umpires huddled briefly in the infield and changed the call, giving Wright an RBI single and putting runners on first and second.

"It's something I've never seen before and might not see again," said Wright, who also hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Manuel was ejected after arguing the call, giving Wright an RBI single and putting runners on first and second.

"I just looked at it 10,000 times in there," Manuel said afterward. "It didn't hit the bag. You can see space between it and the bag. We got three or four umpires on it."
**USA Today Football Top 25**

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**Georgia takes LLWS Championship**

Columbus, Ga., pitcher Kyle Carter, left, celebrates with second baseman Josh Lester just after winning the Little League World Series Championship 2-1 over Kawaguchi City, Japan Monday.

**In Brief**

**Bonds’ trainer faces further jail time**

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Cody Walker hit a two-run homer off ace Go Matsumoto, Ryan Carter struck out 11, and Columbus, Ga., beat Kawaguchi City, Japan, 2-1 to win the Little League World Series championship game on Monday. It was the second straight American victory in the Series, coming on the heels of Ewa Beach, Hawaii’s 1982-83 win over a team from LitMus, Ltd. Carter’s hits to the sixth and final inning. With two runners on, he got Ryoya Sato to hit a weak bouncer to Josh Lester at second for the last out of the game. That prompted the Georgia-leaning crowd to erupt in cheers, chant “USA! USA!” and wave American flags. Columbus players rushed toward Lester, skipping up and down in celebration and tossing their gloves to the sky.

Then they posed on the mound for a group picture with a banner that proclaimed them “World Series Champions” as their gloves were strewn across the infield. Columbus’ rally was nearly thwarted by Carter’s mistake on the bases. Carter took off from first on Lester’s single to center but didn’t heed the stop sign thrown by manager Randy Morris at third. He was nailed at home for the second out, sliding into the catcher’s shin guards well short of the plate. It didn’t matter, because Walker then hit his opposite-field shot over the right field fence. Lester pumped his fist as he rounded third, and Morris got so excited as Walker circled the bases that his hat fell off. Jubilant teammates greeted Walker at the plate. A sign in the Columbus cheering section read, “Georgia, Not Just Peachses.” Now, it’s also home to the best team in Little League baseball.

**Around the Dial**

**Tennis**

U.S. Open, 11 a.m., USA

**MLB**

Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m., Comcast Chicago

**Bonds’ trainer faces further jail time**

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds’ personal trainer was on his way back to Tuesday morning after being held in contempt of court for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the Giants slugger.

Greg Anderson could remain behind bars for more than a year while the grand jury investigates Bonds for perjury and tax evasion, regarding income from sales of his sports memorabilia.

Anderson, who has appeared five times before two federal grand juries without answering pertinent questions, was held in contempt of court for two weeks last month but was released when that grand jury’s term expired.

“Sometimes sitting in the cooler for a long time may have a therapeutic affect and may change his mind,” U.S. District Judge William Alsup said during the rancorous, hourlong hearing after which authorities whisked Anderson into custody.

**Roddick opens strong at U.S. Open**

NEW YORK — Andy Roddick gave a fist pump toward coach Jimmy Connors, and walked off the court with his arms and head held high. This time, he still has more tennis to play at the U.S. Open.

Roddick bounced back from last year’s stunning first-round upset, overpowering Florent Serra 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 Monday and drawing encouraging claps from Connors.

“It was a hell of a day for the top players on both sides,” said Roddick, who has struggled might have been the biggest step yet toward the American’s career.

**Bourdais wins Montreal Grand Prix**

MONTREAL — A victory by Sebastien Bourdais on a track at which he has struggled might have been the biggest step yet toward the Frenchman’s third straight Champ Car title.

“It was a hell of a day for the championship,” the jubilant Bourdais said Monday after winning the Montreal Grand Prix while his closest pursuer in the points failed to finish.

The race started Sunday in a steady rain, but was halted after six laps because of a downpour at the 2.704-mile Circuit Gilles Villeneuve track. A.J. Allmendinger took the lead from pole-winner Bourdais on the second turn when the Canadian nearly spun off the slippery circuit.
Quarterbacks sign with new squads


Associated Press
Kerry Collins and Jeff George are back in the NFL.
Collins, who spent the last two seasons with Oakland, signed with Tennessee, which decided it needed more experience after trading away Steve McNair.
Coach Jeff Fisher said Collins met with offensive coordinator Norm Chow for about an hour and would be at practice Tuesday. Fisher said Billy Volek remains the starter for now, with rookie Vince Young backing him up while Collins learns the offense.

George, meanwhile, signed with the Raiders, although he hasn't thrown a regular-season pass in the NFL since 2001.
Both are former first-round draft picks. George was the first overall pick by the Colts in 1990 and Collins was Carolina's first-ever pick, fifth overall, in 1995.
Collins went 7-21 as the starter in Oakland the past two years, but became a salary cap casualty saving the Raiders $9.2 million. He completed 302 passes for 3,759 yards in 2005 and 20 touchdowns, but was sacked 39 times and threw 12 interceptions.
The 11-year veteran Collins has started 145 of 152 games and played for Carolina, New Orleans, the New York Giants and Raiders. He has thrown for 33,637 yards, 173 touchdowns and 166 interceptions in a career that includes leading Carolina to an NFC championship game and the Giants to a Super Bowl that they lost to Baltimore.
"This is a team that I feel I can contribute to and make an impact in," Collins said. "I've had opportunities to go different places. This was the one that I've really been targeting. I'm just glad it worked out for me."
George played for the Raiders in 1997-98, starting 23 games. George played with the Colts from 1994-96. He was in Atlanta from 1994-96, then spent two seasons with Oakland and one with Minnesota before joining the Redskins in 2000.

Chiefs’ Holmes out for squad’s first six contests

Head injury could end Kansas City running back’s career

Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes, who hasn’t practiced at all in training camp, now will miss at least the first six weeks of the regular season and his career is in doubt.
Kansas City put the three-time Pro Bowl running back on the physically unable to perform list Monday. He will be out for a minimum of six weeks, then the Chiefs will have 21 days to activate him.
Holmes, who turns 33 in October, missed the last nine games of the 2005 season after taking a hit from San Diego’s Shawne Merriman that caused trauma to the head and neck, and doctors still haven’t given him medical clearance to practice or play.
"Obviously, he’s not prepared to play at this point," said coach Herm Edwards. "You never know where his career’s at right now. Only he knows that. That’s between be and the doctor.

While Holmes was gone, Larry Johnson took his job with a spectacular nine-game spurt that ended in a team-record 1,750-yard rushing season.
Under league rules, Holmes will be on the PUP list a minimum of six weeks, and then the Chiefs will have 21 days to activate or release him.
Edwards declined to speculate whether Holmes is at the end of his career.
NFL

Owens discusses $9,500 fine

Receiver claims he ‘overslept’ Friday’s team meeting

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens overslept. That’s it.

He insists he wasn’t late for work Friday to send a messages to his bosses, test his boundaries or anything else his critics might think.

And, get this: He says it’ll probably happen again, even if he was fined $9,500.

“I think everybody who overslept, you know, once or twice in their life,” Owens said Monday, more amused than angry that a fuss is being made over something that’s happened to him before, though not since he’s joined the Cowboys.

“It’s not a big deal,” he said. “It was not something I purposely tried to do. It’s something that I will try to make more of an effort, a better effort, to get here on time. Other than that, it’s really not a big issue.”

Jerry Jones agrees, pointing out that some of the most upstanding citizens in team history were fined for similar transgressions.

He also insisted it’s a mistake to read more into Owens’ tardiness, the fine and his lingering hamstring injury simply to him before, because of who’s past.

“From my standpoint, it’s all good,” Jones said. “Apart from him not being on the field and getting repetitions, has it in any way affected relationships on this team, teammates on this team, relationships between me and Bill, me and the coaching staff, Terrell and Bill, Terrell and the coaching staff? Zero impact there.”

Owens called his tardiness “very unfortunate” and apologized to his teammates. But, he added, “I’ve got to move on. I can’t let this get me down.”

His tender hamstring is taking care of that.

Owens missed his 20th workout out of the preseason Monday and is unlikely to play Thursday night at home against Minnesota. The bigger question is whether he’ll play the season opener in Jacksonville.

“I feel like I’m doing above and beyond things to get back on the field, whether a lot of people know that or not,” he said. “I’m doing everything. Sometimes I come in here late at night just doing extra treatment, getting in the hot tub, cold tub … I think it’s sometimes unfair that I’m getting all this criticism because I’m hurt.”

Whether Owens plays in the opener will depend on when he starts practicing. If he never practices, he definitely won’t play the opener, even if Jones has mentioned that Deion Sanders used to get away with it. Parcells said he has to see what Owens can do. And he’s not talking about watching highlight clips from the last 10 years, as Owens suggested last week.

“What if he got hurt or didn’t perform, what would happen then?” Parcells said. “How would I know he is healthy if he didn’t practice? How would I know?”

Jones said he lets Parcells decide who to play.

“That’s an area I probably could influence, but, no, I have never influenced in my 17 years with the Cowboys as far as who goes in the game and who doesn’t and what time they go into the game,” Jones said.

Jones and Parcells declined to comment specifically about the fine, saying it’s an internal matter.

Jones went so far as to say he’d fire whoever leaked the news, “I don’t care who it is.”

Miami rolls behind strong outing by rookie Johnson

Associated Press

MIAMI — Josh Johnson is helping the Florida Marlins fight their way back into the NL wild-card race.

Johnson lowered his major-lead-up ERA to 2.87. And the Marlins extended their winning streak to eight with a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Johnson is trying to become the first rookie to lead the major leagues in ERA since Detroit’s Mark Fidrych in 1976.

“It’s there at the end of the year. I’ll take pride in that,” Johnson said. “For now, I just have to keep going.”

Dan Uggla hit his 20th homer and added a sacrifice fly for the Marlins (64-66), who had not been within two games of .500 since they were 1-3 before losing on April 9.

Florida began Monday three games behind Cincinnati, the NL wild-card leader, and is one game shy of its longest winning streak of the season. The Marlins start a six-game trip Tuesday at St. Louis.

“Right now we’re having fun, and we’re just going to keep rolling with it as long as it will go,” Uggla said. “This is the time you need to make a run.”

Johnson (12-6) won his third straight decision, striking out seven in a season-high 9-2-3 innings. He allowed two runs and eight hits. Jose Borowski struck out the side in the ninth for his 31st save in 35 chances.

Milwaukee was swept in a four-game series for the second time this season, following a wipeout in Pittsburgh from May 29 to June 1. Ben Sheets (4-6) gave up three runs, one earned, and six hits in seven innings with six strikeouts.

“We faced some good pitching, and we didn’t do much with it,” Brewers manager Ned Yost said.

Josh Willingham hit a two-out double BII double in the first, and Florida made it 3-0 with two unearned runs in the fifth.

Cody Ross was on second when he tried to score on Alfredo Amezaga’s single, and left fielder Gabe Gross threw a one-hopper strike to the plate. Catcher Mike Rivera failed to hold onto the ball before Ross ran into him, and Uggla followed with a sacrifice fly that scored Amezaga.

“It kind of caught me off guard, the grass here is thinner and faster than at home,” Rivera said. “I thought I’d have time to get that hop.”

Ross was charged with an error.

“Three that cost us two runs,” Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. “He just dropped it. The throw was there in plenty of time.”

Bill Hall hit his 30th homer leading off the seventh, and Tony Gwynn’s BII single in the eighth pulled Milwaukee to 3-2 and chased Johnson.

Ugija hit off Jose Capellan leading off the bottom of the inning.

“We got some bunts on the ball but we couldn’t muster up a rally,” Hall said. “Johnson threw the ball great.”

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Veltri has stayed positive since the team first found out two weeks ago that King would not remain as coach. "Veltri has never stopped supporting us and we can count on her for pretty much anything," Maunu said.

The team will meet today to discuss goals for the upcoming season. "In the past, Coach King set our goals, but this year Coach Veltri wants us to set our goals," she said. Maunu said the team expects to make a deep run in the NCAs this year. "I think team expectations for this year are very high in that we would like to make it to (an NCAA regional)," she said. "We will have to work hard and stay together all year in that we have a very small and young team. But I think freshmen are going to step up and help us to complete our goal," Maunu said.

In her debut appearance, Notre Dame found itself in a hole this past weekend, Notre Dame traveled to Tennessee to compete in the 2006 Hillbilly Classic in Knoxville.

Men's Water Polo
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Field hockey shuts out Wittenberg
Men's water polo wins two games at Hillbilly Classic in Knoxville

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fellow senior co-captain Colleen Courtney.

The scoring kicked off in the second period when freshman Michelle Hedinguer buried the first goal of the season for the Irish. Hedinguer and several others have already played, and head coach Caryn MacKenzie said the newcomers are sure to make a significant contribution in 2006.

With six seniors, Saint Mary's is still strong on lead-
ership. Leach credits MacKenzie, now in her third season, with keeping the sen-
or class together.

"Coach MacKenzie really focused the team on becoming one unit on and off the field," Leach said. "She also provides a con-
sistency in the program that the other soccer team has never had. MacKenzie's consistency also extends to her coach-
ing staff."

Nicole Leach
Belles goalkeeper

"I think we are headed in the right direction but still have work to do. We should have plenty of time to get ready and perform well in our conference." --Nicole Leach

Workouts continued from page 20:

Maurz, Jackie Carter, Jelle Opet and Amy Kohlmeier are all going to go out and take their shot.

In addition to these returning players, Connelly will look to his incoming freshman class, including Lindsay Ferguson and Molly Sullivan, to help carry the Irish.

One problem with relying so heavily on the freshmen's ability to compete early in the season is the jump from high school to college competition. In order to ease the shift to col-
lege, Connelly devised a sum-
er training schedule.

"We found out what they were doing in high school and made sure to make what we're doing a total depar-
ture from that and kind of get them back to the Irish way," Connelly said.

But the gradual increase in training intensity did not end with the summer as Connelly continued a steady training schedule throughout the first week of fall practice last week. This year's practice schedule will be consistently difficult, Connelly said, increasing each runner's ability as the season continues.

The main reason Connelly does not want to push his team too hard at any single point is to keep Notre Dame competitive for a tough conference and a tough NCAA regional. In addition to the high level of talent in the Great Lakes region — which boasted seven teams in the top 10 at last season's NCAA meet — Notre Dame has lost part of the core group of runners that has helped it win three of the last four Big East conference championships, including four top-10 finishes in last year's conference championship in The Bronx, N.Y.

Still, Connelly said if the team can focus on the season-
oning races and work toward to-
ward, the Irish should suc-
ceed.

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the Chinese or not, the Irish will be without the two starters for this weekend's games against Southern California and Santa Clara. Bock and Dew are expected to return to the Irish lineup against TCU.

"When they come back its going to be amazing because they have so much to give to the team," Weissenhofer said.

While playing without two starters has forced changes to the Irish lineup, senior captain Kim Lorenzen said the extra opportunities for other players will help later in the season.

"Right now we're just trying to figure out who we have healthy right now and where they're going to play, and we'll have to figure it out when (Bock and Dew) get back," Lorenzen said. "It's exciting knowing we have so many options."

Lorenzen said Bock and Dew will have to make an adjustment transitioning from their U.S. coaches and teammates to coach Randy Waldrum and the Irish, but it shouldn't be a major problem.

"I think coming back to any team should be an adjust-
ment especially not playing with any of the freshmen," Lorenzen said. "It will be exciting to have them coming back to our team and figuring out where people will move position-wise because we have a lot of talent."

The Trojans, Notre Dame's opponent Friday, will also be missing a player from the U.S. team. Forward Amy Rodriguez, who scored a goal against the Germans, will not return to the USC lineup until Sept. 3, when the Trojans face Drake.

While Bock and Dew have kept online diaries, their teammates have had little other contact with them.

"We don't know if anyone's talked to them," Weissenhofer said. "They're kind of hard to get a hold of because they're in Russia."

Bock and Dew both started the game against George Mason. Dew played the whole contest, and Bock subbed in the second half.

The Southern California game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Alumni Field. The Irish and Broncos will kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Irish junior forward Amanda Cinalli dribbles around a defender in Notre Dame's 9-0 win over Iowa State at Alumni Field Saturday.

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1 Saint
3 Money
5 Everything
9 Northern Scandinavians
10 Toward shelter, naturally
15 Burn the surface of
16 Devoured quickly
17 Soft light
18 Give new decor
19 Sequence of
21 Lentil
23 Music from Jamaica
25 Cover fish
26 Coward's color
29 Portugal's capital
33 It may be acute or obtuse
35 Master hand

DOWN

1 Dix Brown's "Woman"
2 The woman of Lerner's "Woman"
3 Strikingly bright
4 Haobe corpus, a gland
5 Make a boo-boo
6 2005 Christie display in New York City, with "The"
7 Social class
8 Got quiet, with "down"
9 Take back, as one's story
10 Hold back
11 Character who debuted in All Star Comics, December 1941
12 "Down"
13 "Dix Brown's "The Homble"
14 "Dix Brown's "The Homble"
15 Lipstick
16 Make up (for)
17 Salon job, informally
18 Cougar
19 Bridge
20 Shaggy attendant
21 Hair gops
22 Fail to mention
23 Be unsteady
24 Brennan Behan, book
25 Stap. (Hum)
26 Observe
27 Actor Guiness

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Happy Birthday:

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are in control. You'll have a strong influence in your life. Someone you respect for his or her business savvy will be instrumental in a proposal you either initiate or assist. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Things are beginning to fall into place. By being precise and knowing what you want, you will gain respect and support and can move forward. There's a little playfulness this year. 1 star

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Work on yourself, not on trying to change everyone around you. You will be inclined to get angry and this will hold you back in a job. Let things go rather than fighting them yourself. 3 stars

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There is nothing you can do if it comes to taking care of things at home. You can easily handle family and organize what you want everyone to contribute. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone is likely to realism about you the way they feel. It's best to focus on home and how to back up your record. It may be time to size down, but not by 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will get a second opinion or ask others how they view things before you make a decision or promise to do something. 5 stars

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are likely to overlook something very important today. Get a second opinion or ask others how they view things before you take a decision or promise to do something. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone is playing go for broke and, as long as you stay on top of everything you understand, you should be successful. Money deals are looking very positive and proposals and contracts can be signed. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be confused by emotional issues. You must take a position of strength if you want to gain respect and be treated better. 2 stars.

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There is plenty going on and, as long as you stay in control and don't let anyone put you in a position that will force you to make a snap decision. 3 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Country calls for Bock, Dew

Team USA advances to semis of U-20 World Championships with help from ND sophs

By TIM DOUGHERTY and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

While Notre Dame was winning its first two games last weekend, two of its players were 8,000 miles away, playing for their country.

And, thanks to Team USA's 4-1 win over Germany Sunday, sophomore Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew will stay in Russia to compete in the Under-20 World Championships until next week.

With the victory over the Germans, the U.S. team advanced to the semifinals, where it will face China Thursday. Brazil will play North Korea in the other semifinal, also on Thursday.

Back in South Bend, the sophomores' teammates are rooting for them.

"Germany was supposed to be a really hard match," freshman forward Michele Weissenhof said. "Everyone is happy for (Bock and Dew) because they've worked really hard. (Our) team is so close we're not going to make it weird or anything (when they return). We're going to welcome them with open arms."

The semifinal winners will square off Sunday night for the title while the losers will play Sunday afternoon for third place, which means whether the U.S. squad beats the team is anxious to hear the team's focus is already on Big East, NCAAs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Heading into the 2006 season, Notre Dame coach Tim Connolly has one thing on his mind — consistency.

The Irish finished strong overall mood of the team is very positive, yet on charge. Tim Connelly has one thing on his mind — consistency.

"The overall mood of the team is very positive, yet on edge waiting for a new coach," Maunu said. "It's been stressful not knowing when or who will be arriving to take over the team."

In the meantime, assistant coach Kyle Veltri has been in charge.

"Coach Vekri has been amazing. ... She has been the backbone of the team," Diaz-Calderon said. "You can tell she cares about us and about Notre Dame. We would love to have her as our head coach and to stay on no matter what."

Maunu echoed Diaz-Calderon's sentiments, saying "They said they don't want to rush the procedure because they want to find the right person for the job," senior Noriko Nakazaki said.

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