**Crimes, citations spark concern**

**Students question off-campus incidents**

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Within just two weeks of returning to South Bend, one student has been assaulted in her Turtle Creek apartment, another robbed on Notre Dame Ave., a few burglarized, two arrested and at least 86 cited for underage drinking.

The series of events has some students questioning the decision to move off-campus, or even to pop outside the bubble of Notre Dame on the weekends.

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“ Really don't think it's worth the risk,” sophomore Miranda Moyer said. “For me, getting a ticket … wouldn't be a good thing.”

**CLAP maintains demand for living wage**

**Group to meet with Staff Advisory Council**

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

The Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) emerged on campus last fall as a small but vocal group of students campaigning loudly for a “living wage” for workers, and despite losing several leaders to graduation, the group has no plans to back down from its cause.

In the spring, CLAP members pushed for a $12.10 per hour salary in an 11-page report delivered to University President Father John Jenkins and other University officials. This year, they plan to continue those efforts — more organized and more targeted.

“We're making a more concerted effort (on an individual and group basis) to go out and talk to workers,” said CLAP member Nick Krafft, who is part of CLAP's organizing core. “We've stressed that before, but never made a concerted effort until now.

"It's their campaign, ultimately, and not ours." To that end, Krafft and other CLAP members will meet with the Notre Dame Staff Advisory Council to discuss the demand for a living wage.

**Honors program receives $10 million donation**

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Beginning next fall, the Arts and Letters and Science Honors Program will become the Glynn Family Honors Program — the result of a $10 million donation from 1962 graduate John Glynn and his family.

The donation, announced in July, will help pay for more research opportunities abroad, and students accepted into the program for the fall 2007 semester will be called Glynn scholars.

"The endowment is going to be used primarily to obviously keep the number of students admitted to the Honors Program each year at 100 and is also to fund summer research opportunities at places like Oxford, Cambridge, and the Sorbonne," said Arts and Letters Honors Program Director C.F. Delaney.

The Honors Program is designed “to provide a more intense academic experience for students who are inclined and capable of taking advantage of it,” Delaney said.

When it began in 1983, the program had 40 students and the number has been increasing since then, Delaney said.

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**RecSports hosts 2006 biathlon**

Participants swim a half mile, run two miles, and then run a half mile, which required competitors to swim out to a buoy, across to another buoy, and then back to the starting point on the shore, said Assistant Director of RecSports Bill Reegan.

Swimmers who were racing as part of a team exited the lake and tagged their partners, who then began the two-mile running leg of the competition.

Individual competitors made the transition from water to land as they hurriedly dried off their feet, slipped on socks and tennis shoes and took off running. The two-mile loop followed a figure eight course around St. Joe's and St. Mary's lakes.

Reegan said there was no entry fee for the biathlon and that RecSports holds the biathlon annually "purely for the thrill and the fun of the event in itself."

"It also promotes fitness and gets students thinking about how
INSIDE COLUMN

Sophomore slump

It's official.

For the class of 2009, the time to sit back and relax is gone. We're big kids now — Toys "R" Us commercials aside — and we're no longer the little freshmen we once were.

At this point, we're supposed to know it all.

How do you find the Steinman Center? Take a left at Flames and head straight for that giant golf ball. Is it safe to jump into the lakes? Not if you'd like to keep your molecular makeup intact.

Will we beat USC this year? Obviously, and by 50 points (knock on wood).

With our vast expertise of all things collegiate, the expectations are high. We have to step up and live up to what will be our best year yet.

To the rest of the world, however, sophomore year may not seem so big. In their eyes, we have, as Jane Austen might say, "little but our charms to recommend us." Lovely freshmen last year, we have yet to prove ourselves. Even the word "sophomoric" tells us that our knowledge isn't so spiffy after all.

It's true that life gets a little harder for us seniors this time around the bend. Getting lost is officially inexcurable, as is not knowing how to use your ID card in any and all of its functionalities. Writing papers with a nonexistent thesis will grant you, rather than the kind words and welcome rewrite of every teacher, an almighty F. And if you don't know where Legends is at this point, even I, a self-confessed hermit, will refuse to help you.

Will Organic Chemistry or Intro to Lit Studies defeat us? We'll be seduced by our non-inherent napping tendencies into skipping class for three days straight (as incredibly tempting as that sounds)? Or will we?

To quote "Legends of the Hidden Temple," all I have to say is that "the choice is yours, and yours alone." This year, like the one before it and those to come, is what we make it. Cheesy graduation-eque sentiments aside, we do know quite a bit more than we did this time last year. Using that wealth of information can only make us that much more prepared to deal with the year to come.

For example, we know not to get pudding at the dining hall, because it is the definition of all that is "sketchy." There will never be a time when it is not sketchy. Would a wide-eyed freshman know that? Of course not. Sophomores are also all the better when it comes to which freshman classes are easy, and which classes leave you with the desire to jump into a bottomless pit. Impressive, to be sure.

So let's. class of '09. We're here, we're ready, and we're pretty flipping sweet. It's official.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU WANT TO LIVE OFF-CAMPUS?

Amanda Gonzalez
Sophomore
Pangborn

Noah Franske
Freshman
Keenan

Jenny Hell
Senior
PW

Lauren Bugos
Off-campus

Peter Hochsteleder
Freshman
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Sal Thomas
Junior
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"Yes, because partiiets don't exist."

"No, because Keenan is the best place to live — ever."

"No, it would be too far away. I couldn't walk to class."

"Yes, because Morrissey does not — contrast to what the Web site said — have a common kitchen and I want to make soup."

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"I am already off-campus. Sirin College..."
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders face stricter standards

2.8 GPA required for student government

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) officials voted to increase the grade point average requirement for those running for student government at their meeting Monday night.

"Right now you need to have a 2.5 GPA," student body president Susan McElfott said. "We are thinking that this should be [increased] to 2.8 because that is the minimum GPA necessary to maintain the dean's scholarship."

McElfott said the higher requirement is in standard that student government should aspire to.

"This new rule is not going to be a requirement of the [freshmen] because [every high school grades differently]," said elections commissioner Christin Molnar. "It will be a requirement that they maintain the GPA into their second semester."

It was unclear whether or not an election would be necessary to choose new board members if freshmen officers have not met the GPA requirement by their second semester.

There was no opposition to the increased GPA, and the motion passed quickly.

After the discussion over the GPA increase, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Amy Dardinger announced that RHA went on a safety walk with interim Security Director Dan Woods to discuss security issues on campus.

One of the main concerns was increasing lighting on campus and Woods agreed to place lights behind Holy Cross hall. Woods also said he will work with the grounds crew to improve existing lighting.

"A lot of the lighting on campus is dim, not because there aren't lights, but because there are trees obscuring them," Dardinger said.

Another problem area is the backpack rack outside the Noble Family Dining Hall.

Students leave their backpacks and laptop bags on the floor rather than on the bag racks, especially during the lunch rush.

This not only presents a fire hazard, but some students have reported thefts from their bags, Dardinger said.

"Between 12 and 1 p.m. there aren't enough racks to put backpacks on," sophomore class president Francesca Johnson said.

"I would love to see bags allowed in the dining hall," Johnson said.

A brief discussion ensued on why students are not allowed to bring bags into the dining hall. Members debated if the rule should be changed due to theft and the limited space available to keep bags outside the dining hall.

"Members agreed bags should be allowed in the dining hall, though BOG cannot make that decision and the issue will have to be discussed with Sodexo, the company that provides food for the College," Commissioner also said the quality of food service this year has diminished. Though the posted hours for dinner are 4:30 to 7 p.m., members noted that some of the stations stop serving food before 7 and often take the food away.

Athletic commissioner Anne Casack said some sports teams go to dinner after practice and don't arrive at the dining hall until 6:45 p.m. Since the food is put away early, the girls on sports teams are eating cereal multiple times a week for dinner.

McElfott said she would look into the matter.

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a notice to abate. If the noise violation recurs, both the landlord and the tenants get fined — unless the landlord evicts the tenants within 30 days of the receipt of notice of the prohibited conduct.

The amended ordinance is a city-wide law that affects all residents. South Bend Common Council members and Assistant City attorney Ann-Carol Nash deny that it's targeting students.

Student government took action against the amendment last spring, though, and appeared in front of the Common Council.

Then-student body president Dave Baron argued that the notice to abate doesn't actually give tenants the chance to abate and wanted to change that provision.

"There were mixed reactions at the meeting," said Josh Pasquesi, who currently chairs the Senate Community Relations Committee.

"Some were good, some were a little more... stubborn.

The issue was delegated to the Common Council's own Community Relations committee, Shappell said. On Friday, she and Pasquesi will meet with Karen White, the chair of that committee, along with one of the Common Council's legal counselors.

Shappell, who remained in contact with members of the Common Council last spring and this summer, said she will have to wait until the meeting to see what the next steps are.

"There are uncharted waters for student government," she said.

But she did make their goals clear.

"We want to make the punishment fit the crime," she said. "We believe a fine should occur after the first offense and eviction after the second, in order to more fully reflect the offenses."

Shappell added that the presence of students on campus again should strengthen the voice of student government and fuel their efforts in the Common Council.

Working "retrospectively" to change the ordinance is just half of the Senate two-part initiative to improve community relations, Pasquesi said. The other is an information session with the Notre Dame Law School that, according to Shappell, "works proactively to improve landlord-tenant as well as student-neighbor relationships."

The program, put on by Senate with the help of Bob Jones of the Notre Dame Legal Aid clinic, debuted last spring. A second information session will probably take place sometime in November.

A consultation program for students who do get in trouble is in the "very beginning stages," too, Pasquesi said. In theory, the program would allow students to sit down with law students to talk about their options.

In the meantime, Pasquesi suggested students take community relations into their own hands:

"If students living off-campus are going to have a party, they should call their neighbors and landlords and say 'Hey, we're having some people over if things get too loud, give us a call and we'll shut it down,'" he said. "The problem is the disconnect between students and their neighbors in the Common Council."

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Science students and 50 Arts and Letters students, and that is the plan for the indef­
finite future — we're sort of maxed out at that number," Delaney said.

Delaney said students interested in doing advanced work in both the humani­
ties and the sci­
ences are also attracted to the Honors Program, since "Notre Dame is peculiar
in that there is no College of Arts and Sciences," Delaney said.

Students receive invitations to apply for the Honors Program during the admis­sions
process, and there is no formal essay application.

"The admissions office just sends me a folder of the top applicants and I select from
those," Delaney said.

Once invited, students indicate that they are interested and "almost all" students who enter the Honors Program remain in it, he said.

While the classes are no doubt more intel­
ligent, Delaney is confident that students admi­
tered to the Honors Program will be successful.

"Basically, the students we pick are capable of

doing the additional work," Delaney said.

Many Honors students choose a major in both the College of Science and the College of Arts and Letters, Delaney said.

The Honors Program is unique because the curriculum consists of "small, writing-intensive seminars" for all University students, Delaney said. Honors students also have the opportunity to take Honors electives, and at the end of their senior year, they must complete a major

project. Arts and Letters Honors students complete an Honors Thesis, and Science Honors students must com­
plete an Honors Research project.

Senior Honors math and physics major Tony Benindelli said students undergoing the Honors Research process choose an advisor and have bi-weekly meetings to track progress. Some students begin their research as early as sophomore
year, he said.

The time commitment might be significant, but ultimately it's up to the student how much time he or she will invest in their classes. "I don't feel I would spend any more time doing the work for the Honors Program than for any other course," Benindelli said.

The Arts and Letters Honors Program offers trips to congres­sions, museums, theater, music, and dance, according to the Program's website.

"Keeping the best part is the oppor­tunities," a sopho­more Honors student from the Omaha area, Claire McGathey said. "Very few of my friends had heads of departments that could write them (recommendations) at the end of their freshman year."

Clare McGathey sophomore Honors student

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The Glynn family has four children, two of which have already graduated from Notre Dame. John Glynn is founder and president of Glynn Capital Management in Meeolo Park, Calif. He has served on the Arts and Letters Advisory Council at Notre Dame since 1999.

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Citations

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Junior John Wlsh, who was cited in Friday's Turtle Creek bust, has taken on a job in order to
pay his fines, which he has heard will amount to $500 — that is, $300 from the city of South Bend and $200 from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Wlsh, who now plans not to drink alcohol or go off campus until he's 21, said he feels, "taken
advantage of."

"The Indiana State Excise police issued nearly 100 tickets at $200 apiece. ... It seems to me, in some ways, a money-

making scheme — they are tar­
getting Notre Dame students," Wlsh said.

Without mentioning money, Moyer agreed the authorities seemed to be singling out the students' parties and handling them "a little excessively."

"If I were a huge party and the neighbors called the cops, that would be one thing," she said. "But it seems like they were targeting in advance. They knew these students were off campus and had undercover cops check it out."

Wlsh also said the status of the party upon the authorities' arrival — "it wasn't loud or out of control" — didn't warrant police action, and Moyer echoed his sentiments.

"It sounded like at the time they gave out tickets, the party was already dying down," she said. "... Maybe they shouldn't have worried about it, or just sent people home."

According to Wlsh, that's what police in the area used to do. Officers also arrived at a Turtle Creek gathering his fresh­
man year, he said — but they weren't nearly as harsh.

"They simply told everyone to leave. No citations were given," he said. "It wasn't a big deal — I had no ill feelings toward South Bend in general."

For some, it's the danger — not just the drinking — that is on their minds.

"We can have fun in our rooms without having to wander off campus, or worry about getting caught," said an anonymous male freshman, who plans to live on campus all four years. "It's a lot safer, and so much fun to hang out with people you actually know."

Lewis freshman Michelle Maloney said that while recent events could sway her opinion, staying on has its negative aspects, too.

"[The events] are a downside to moving off campus, I would think," she said. "But staying on campus, you have to deal with roommates, too."

Moyer said she feels the prob­
lem is isolated to Turtle Creek dorms.

"As long as I wasn't living somewhere like Turtle Creek, where there are parties going on all the time, as long as I was moving into a better apartment complex, I think it would be fine to move off campus," she said.

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Biathlon

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they can be active," Reagan said.

Certified RecSports lifeguards, volunteers from the sailing club, and members of the Notre Dame Fire Department's rescue squad ensured biathlon participants were safe. Lifeguards used kayaks and sailing club mem­
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldiers may be Court-martialed

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A U.S. Army investigator has recommended that four American soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old girl and of killing her and her family face a court-martial, a lawyer in the case confirmed on Monday.

Col. Dwight Warren, the investigator in the case, said in a report issued Sunday that reasonable grounds exist to believe that each of the accused committed the offense for which he is charged.

The report was given to lawyers in the case and obtained by The Associated Press from Daning the blaza under control, one of the defendants.

The four soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division are charged with raping Asheeq Qassem al-Jabani in her family’s home in Mahmoodiyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad, then having her along with her parents and her younger sister. Military referees say the four set the teenager’s body on fire to hide their crime.

Haiti, U.N. unite to disarm gangsters

PORT-AU-PRENI, Haiti — Haiti’s government and the United Nations have launched a major campaign seeking to persuade hundreds of gangsters to disarm with promises of money, food and jobs. Livestock herders, top gun leaders will not be eligible, the U.N. envoy said Monday.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, U.N. envoy Edmund Mulet said officials will begin airing radio and television ads in April to inform the public about the disarmament plan.

The move represents the most sweeping effort to end a decade-old wave of organized crime. Haitians use weapons to lay down their weapons and rejoin society since U.N. troops arrived on the troubled Caribbean nation two years ago to restore order following a February 2004 revolt.

NATIONAL NEWS

Wildfires prompt hunt for wildlife

RENO, Nev. — A string of wildfires that scorched hundreds of square miles of prime habitat has prompted an emergency animal hunt and relocation of unprecedented scope in Nevada.

The move comes as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nevada Department of Wildlife officials authorized a special hunt of 200 antelope and the relocation of up to 250 bighorn sheep after determining the blackened rangeland is unable to support the declining herds.

The hunt, approved for the northeast and northwest of Elko, about 290 miles east of Reno. The department has never before been forced to conduct an emergency hunt and relocation of such magnitude, spokesman Chris Healy said.

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Candles caused deadly Chicago fire

CHICAGO — Candles used for light in an apartment without electricity probably caused a fire that killed six children inside, a fire department official said Monday as fire investigators continued sifting through debris.

The fire, the city’s deadliest in years, has been classified as accidental but the Chicago Police Department was also investigating, which is standard when there are deaths, Officer Marcel Bright said.

A preliminary investigation shows the Sunday morning blaze “was caused by candles” in the three-story apartment building on the city’s North Side, Fire Undr. Will Knight said.

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Vernon fire destroys store

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. — Fire destroyed a hardware store Monday but firefighters from about 50 departments saved the retailer’s lumber yard.

The fire at the Mount Vernon Homecenter Inc., 2100 Satellite Drive, started about 11 a.m. and caused an estimated loss of $100,000, a spokesman said.

Firefighters poured as much as 50,000 gallons of water, some of it from the Ohio River just below the site, onto the fire that sent up a large plume of smoke visible from miles around.

AUSTRALIA

Stingray’s barb kills Crocodile Hunter

News of Irwin’s death reverberated around the world, where he won popularity with millions as the man who regularly leaped on the back of huge crocodiles and grabbed deadly snakes by the tail.

“Crikey!” was his catch phrase, repeated whenever there was a close call — or just about any other event — during his TV programs, delivered with a broad Australian twang, surrealminute delivery and big arm gestures.

“Tm shocked and disheartened at Steve Irwin’s sudden, untimely and freakish death,” Australian Prime Minister John Howard said. “It’s a huge loss to Australia.”
**Autism expert coming to campus**

Special to The Observer

Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, associate professor of pediatrics, neurology and biochemistry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, will deliver the 14th annual Emil T. Hofman Lecture at 10 a.m. Sept. 9 (Saturday) in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium at Notre Dame.

Titled “Developmental Disorders and Autism: Hints and Paths to Treatment from the Neuroscience of Fragile X Syndrome,” the lecture is free and open to the public.

A 1979 graduate of Notre Dame, Berry-Kravis received her medical degree and doctorate from the University of Chicago and completed pediatric and child neurology fellowships there.

Her major area of research is Fragile X Syndrome, and she established a Chicago-area Fragile X clinic in 1992. Fragile X Syndrome is a family of genetic conditions that is the most common cause of inherited mental impairment. This impairment can range from learning disabilities to more severe cognitive intellectual disabilities.

Berry-Kravis currently sees 200 patients with Fragile X Syndrome for management of neurological, medical and behavioral issues. She also co-directs the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory at Rush, including Fragile X DNA analysis.

The Emil T. Hofman Lecture Series is a medical education program sponsored by St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in conjunction with the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The series honors the dean emeritus of the first Year of Studies and professor emeritus of chemistry at Notre Dame.

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Afghanistan

Opium cultivation rose 59 percent

Associated Press

KABUL. - Afghanistan's world-leading opium production rate a "staggering" 59 percent this year, the U.N. anti-drugs chief announced Saturday in urging the government to crack down on big traffickers and remove druggist's "completely wrecked havoc" on the typical 10-year cattle supply-and-demand cycle.

With good prices, ranchers should be building up herds now, which would increase supply and eventually lead to a drop in prices, and a drop in production value. Instead, many are not adding to their herds or are selling off animals because of a lack of forage caused by drought.
Protests have not produced votes

Expectations for new registrations not met

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Immigration protests that drew hundreds of thousands of flag-waving demonstrators to the nation’s streets last spring promised a potent political legacy — a surge of new Hispanic voters.

Today, March, Tomorrow We Vote,” they proclaimed.

Last month, an Associated Press review of voter registration figures from Chicago, Denver, Houston, Atlanta and other major urban areas that had large Latino populations showed there was no sign of the new voter boom that could sway elections. There was a rise in Los Angeles, but it was far from decisive.

Protest organizers — principals of Hispanic groups and the Catholic Church — acknowledged that it has been a huge jump in registration. “I didn’t see it,” said Jess Gervantas, a veteran California political operative whose campaign analyst analyzed Hispanic voting trends. “When you have an emotional response, it takes time to evolve.

So the Food and Drug Administration is launching a study to see if testing can help consumers. The results of the tests will dramatically reduce side effects for the critical first weeks of therapy.

For instance, a study that shows that a person is likely to need a smaller dose of warfarin will help doctors prescribe the right dose for each patient.

WASHINGTON — It’s the national insurers’ savior.

Every day, 2 million Americans swallow a blood thinner that prevents a normal clot from forming on a tightspoon: Too little, and they won’t be protected from deadly blood clots. Too much, and they can bleed to death.

Warfarin is one of the most widely used medicines, and doctors’ top choice in blood thinners to prevent heart attacks, strokes and other lethal blood clots. It cuts some patients’ risk of death by up to 70 percent.

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Associated Press

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I have struggled to keep up with campus news since I moved to Washington in January, and other than the outtry surrounding Father John Jenkins' approach to academic freedom, the emergence of the Christian Right Action Project (CRAP) appears to be the big story of the semester.

The heart of the living wage argument is the claim that the best way of solving the great problems of poverty is to provide all workers with a hourly rate of pay that will allow them to fulfill their needs and those of their families. For those who will all desire to live in a world in which no worker person would go without the means to survive and care for loved ones. Unfortunately, after careful study, I don't think that the living wage is the right tool for the job.

Policy should be implemented through the proper use of the right tools. A screwdriver shouldn't be used to clean a carpet, and a chisel should not be used to brush teeth. Likewise, a policy intended to help low-income wage earners with dependents should not end up harming those very people. According to the Employment Policies Institute (www.epionline.org), a foundation that funds independent economic studies in universities across the country, the living wage actually hurts many low-income wage earners.

Enacting a living wage raises compensation for a group of people without increasing job requirements. This is great for those workers who receive the benefits of a pay raise, but as workers retire, greater pay leads to greater competition for jobs. Logically, employers choose the most qualified applicant for a job, and doubling the pay for a certain position will result in workers of the original skill level being displaced by more skilled applicants. Just as urban renewal leads to low-income families being priced out of their homes by increasing property values, the 'gentrification' of the workforce will lead to fewer jobs for the very workers the living wage seeks to help.

While large institutions with three billion dollar endowments, like Notre Dame, have the resources to withstand increased labor costs, most small businesses cannot. Adopting a living wage will force many small, mom-and-pop stores to close or cut employees. Many of the University's contracted workers are employed by small businesses, and CLAP's demands would exact a heavy toll on the people who lose their jobs due to cost-cutting.

Despite the problems that some low-income workers would face as a result of a living wage, not all would suffer. The employees who survived layoffs, labor gentrification and, not to mention, a higher cost of living, would likely experience a substantial increase in pay. The greatest problem with a living wage is its negative effects on low-income wage earners, but its wholesale failure to actually target working families.

CLAP's 'Living Wage Report' calculates its target hourly rate, $12.10 an hour, based on the income needed to support a family of four. The last clause is very interesting because UCLA Professor Richard Sanders' study of a proposed living wage ordinance in Los Angeles states, "[A] majority of low wage workers are not the sole or even principal source of income to their household or family. Of those low wage workers who live alone, thirty percent are the only wage earner in the family. As a result, most low wage workers do not live in families that are below the poverty line." In fact, a U.S. Census Bureau study found that only 15 percent of workers affected by a proposed $6.15 increase in the minimum wage were single wage earners with kids. Forty-one percent of workers affected by a minimum wage increase live with a parent or a relative. Enacting a living wage raises prices, forces lower skilled citizens out of the workforce, assaults small businesses (which employ 52 percent of all private employees), and worst of all, is more likely than an adult living with him or her parents than a single mother with two children. That is incredible policy—like using a hammer to chop firewood. Our standard of living is closely related to the productivity of the American worker. The best way to give workers a fair wage is to increase their productivity through investment in human and physical capital. Education is an essential part of this equation, and Notre Dame is in a unique position to help working families earn more by targeting employees with families who are below the poverty line. The administration should allow the employees to attend selected computer and business classes for free and 'on the clock' so that they can gain the additional skills they need to obtain higher paying jobs that will support their families.

In the interim, the University should revisit its pay scale and investigate methods of ensuring that all employees of the University are able to have fair wages determined on an individual basis. All of the people who keep Notre Dame running should consider themselves part of the Notre Dame family. I can imagine no better way of demonstrating this than providing every member of that family with the opportunity to learn.

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Both Ryan Davidson ("An invalid assumption," Aug. 29, "Stereotypes versus Statistics," Sept. 4) and William McAuliffe ("The War on Errorism," Aug. 25) present a logic that justifies the suppression of Arab and Muslim self-government. They are simply debating each other about how to best administer the U.S. Empire: whether to use the carrot or the stick. This empire, in its ideology, in its rules and institutions, rules today through a Lebanon version of white supremacy.

As such, both of their philosophies are inconsistent with basic standards of democracy and anti-racism. Davidson is angry with Clare Fennee for calling him a racist ("Stereotyping," Aug. 30). But I don’t see what else you can call someone who believes people of color are barbarians who must not govern them­selves. Davidson opposes the idea that the "Muslim world" is, at root, a sane, rational ethos of their peoples and then concludes that everyday people should not be self-governing because they will simply, as he puts it, "choose reactionary and backward-looking governments." He refuses to recognize the existence of democratic move­ments in the Middle East against these authoritarian regimes, whether secular or Islamic, i.e., the second intifada was driven by the Palestinian people rising up against the Palestinian authorities.

McAuliffe would disagree with Davidson’s all-the-natives-understand­in-force countermovement style. However, he portrays people in the Middle East as having a “narrow perspec­tive on world affairs and U.S. for­eign policy” as if they have no agency and are susceptible to the suggestions of manipulative terrorists. He is upset that the U.S. is engaging in unintelli­gent violence that is hard to explain to the empire’s discarded subjects. He wants the administration to adopt a more humanitarian imperial policy so as to “demonstrate that the West can be a positive, healing, peaceful power in an unstable region.” But the region is not unstable because everyday people are narrow-minded, underfed and undereducated innocents, prone to manipulation by extremists who cause trouble. In fact, by subscribing to this racist line, McAuliffe portrays Middle East people as barnyard animals who would be happy and peaceful if only the U.S. would reattack the oat bag to their faces through better infrastruc­ture development and aid. He fails to see that the region is unstable precisely because everyday people are in revolt against the U.S. Empire.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Middle East tensions continue

A stand against double-barreled white supremacy is necessary for international improvements

This creates a specter of Middle Eastern people as uniformly and time­lessly violent, forever at war with what he calls "Christendom." He lumps all Muslim politics under the ridiculous term "Islamofascism," whitewashing the differences between heroic Islamic democratic struggles and the opportunistic projects of aspiring religious elites.

I agree that suicide attacks on civil­ians are absolutely unjustified. But let this be clear: the Palestinian, Iraqi and Lebanese people are currently fighting an anti-colonial struggle against regimes that use supposedly civilized U.S. training and tanks to ter­rorize and suppress the self-govern­ment of the majority of their citizens through bombings, assassinations and torture. They have a right to defend themselves with arms. Were American citizens justified in building guerilla militias to fight against British tyrany? Few would dispute this. Why then should the American people be justifi­ed in waging an anti-colonial strugg­le but not the Palestinians, Lebanon or Iraqis? The common response, "because they are terrorists" doesn’t cut it: the American Revolution also spawned inexcusable acts of terror­ism, but these do not invalidate the overall legitimacy of the struggle. Why should they in the Middle East, unless we are to adopt a racist double stan­dard and say, “well, brown people can’t be trusted with guns?”

Such a double standard is implicit in Davidson’s position. He admits that Americans, Canadians and Germans are not blameless and says they have “blood on their hands,” but this does not make them uncivilized. I agree we shouldn’t demonize all Western people simply because of the crimes of their states. Tellingly, however, Davidson doesn’t apply this same standard to Arab and Muslim people. Atrocities committed in their names become characteristic of the barbarism of entire peoples. Furthermore, he equates the disastrous politics of states in the Middle East with the ethos of their peoples and then con­cludes that everyday people should not be self-governing because they will simply, as he puts it, “choose reactionary and backward-looking governments.” He refuses to recognize the existence of democratic move­ments in the Middle East against these authoritarian regimes, whether secular or Islamic, i.e., the second intifada was driven by the Palestinian people rising up against the Palestinian authorities.

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Confessions of a soap opera fan

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Soap operas, by any other name, have always been with us.

But many will argue that the acting in primetime is of a higher caliber than daytime. This assumption is not without reason. Several daytime actors, mostly the newbies, are terrible. Soap operas are a small craft industry. Actors are constantly mem- orizing lines and going through pages and pages of dialogue every day in order to keep up with filming. Some actors naturally fall behind.

However, the majority of day- time actors are superb. One look at veterans Maurice Benard (“General Hospital”) or Erika Slezak (“One Life to Live”) and my belief is validated. They are Emmy-award winning actors who could easily find work in prime- time or films, but stay in daytime because they love their jobs and they love their characters.

One last message to the nonbe- lievers: soap opera fans are not stupid. We know that storylines are sometimes ridiculous. We know that realistically a human being does not go through such a high degree of trauma.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Sunshine' blends drama, humor with heart

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Little Miss Sunshine" almost perfectly meshes the dysfunctional family drama with a road trip. The focus of the movie is on the Hoover family road trip from Albuquerque, N.M. to Redondo Beach, Calif., where seven year old Olive (Abigail Breslin, "Raising Helen") is set to compete in the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant.

Along for the ride is Olive's father, Richard (Greg Kinnear, "The Matador"), a motivational speaker who is trying to sell his "nine-step program" for success. Also among Olive's entourage are her perpetually exasperated and overworked mother, Carol (Toni Collette, "In Her Shoes") and her brother, Dwayne (Paul Dano, 'Girl Next Door'), who has taken a vow of silence (he hasn't spoken in nine months) until he gets in the Air Force Academy.

Completing the dysfunctional family are Uncle Frank (Steve Carrell, '40 Year Old Virgin'), a gay Proust scholar who recently tried to take his own life, and the porn-loving Grandpa (Alan Arkin, 'Anchorman') who has taken a vow of silence (he hasn't spoken in nine months) until he gets in the Air Force Academy.

The world would like to put the Hoovers at a bunch of losers, but they want to be winners. More importantly, they want to think of themselves as winners. Despite the indie-film stereotypes in "Sunshine," the character profiles, the actors find the humanity in their roles and stick to it through every joke and tragedy.

Much of the story is predictable, but not what happens when Olive takes the stage at the beauty pageant. This is not just a surprise, but also an epiphany. Suffering may be part of the human condition, but happiness can triumph at the strangest moment.

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CD REVIEW

Spektor keeps 'Hope' alive in latest release

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

"Begin to Hope" Regina Spektor unites her anti-folk association and new place on major label (Sire Records) into a polished sound. While her fingers contain the ability to play Chopin, she doesn't hesitate to juggle boxes or work on second glance is an honest reflection of life's series of random choices interrupted by moments of meaning and importance.

The second half of the album recalls Spektor's ability to jump across genres. "Hotel Song" is a surreal depiction of a hotel love affair as the speaker cries, "I have dreams of orca whales and owls but I wake up in four." "Apres Moi," the first released song to include Spektor's native Russian, has a thunderous and stern sense of rhythm reflected in her fingers. The second beat voice and heavy piano. "Field Below," and "20 Years of Snaw" display Spektor's talent for voice and piano, the second song off of building arpeggios. "That Time" is an extremely simple song, but its cyclic melody and surprising and somewhat arbitrary lyric choices make it grow on you. The disjointed subject matter suddenly switching from energetic cries of "so sweet and JUicy" to "remember when you (0)Felt it?" at the end is an ear jarring, but on second glance is an honest reflection of life's series of random choices interrupted by moments of meaning and importance.

Spektor culminates with "Summer in the City," reversing what would be a predictable end to such a classic Spektor fashion, but it has more of an edge and challenges the listener to change their expectations.

Long time fans do not have to worry; Regina Spektor's voice and piano are not overshadowed by new instrumentation. "Begin to Hope" is as an experiment with making something more unified and approachable.

It may not be as ranged as her previous large release "Soviet Kitsch," or as jazzy as "11:1," but it is much more refined. Spektor does not back away from her eccentric feel. Sometimes this becomes overwhelming, threatening to make all her songs sound similar. Yet, relative to most of the popular music flowing out of the music industry, Spektor's album is a refreshing release.

It can be honest, quirky, and theatrical, while still being appealing and catchy.

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Utley wins it in the tenth; Rocket in loss in Carlisle

Clemens day-to-day after leaving game with a strained groin

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley fouled a 3-2 pitch off Kevin Millwood in the sixth inning, sending him to the hospital for further tests.

Utley's home run with two outs in the 10th inning gave the Phillies a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

AP

Twins 2, Devil Rays 1

Boof Bonser made his first start in his hometown something special.

Bonser allowed one run in 6-2-3 innings and screened Boatle a hit in a 2-2-2-2 home to help Minnesota beat Tampa Bay 2-1, ending a three-game losing streak to the Devil Rays.

He said.

"I never know what's going to happen, so I don't feel like I'm going to have a chance. What I think everybody knows is that this guy is a good pitcher and he's been around the block for a long time. He's been in control of himself pretty good."

Bonser (4-5) allowed five hits and six strikeouts. There were a number of fans who had just been in the game.

"It's incredible," Borchard said. "We're playing for something very important, and every single one of us wants it badly."

Utley's two-run triple put the Phillies up 2-0 in the fifth.

"We're having a great time, we're having fun, we're having a great baseball, so I think that helps," Borchard said.

"We lost a game to the Astros and the Diamondbacks, and we have a chance to pick up a game on both today at home, so hopefully we can turn the tide a little bit and get back in the race," Borchard said.
Chargers

**Around the Dial**

**PGA Tour**

Tiger Woods flashes five fingers after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament — his fifth straight PGA Tour victory. Woods defeated Vijay Singh in an 18-hole playoff Monday.

**Tiger captures fifth straight tournament**

Associated Press

**NORTON — What began as a rally quickly turned into a rout for Tiger Woods, who matched the lowest final round of his career Monday in the Deutsche Bank Championship to win for the fifth straight time on the PGA Tour.**

With a splendid array of shots and key putts, Woods crushed Vijay Singh's spirit on his way to an 8-under 63, turning a three-shot deficit into a two-shot victory for his longest winning streak in a season.

The streak began in July in the British Open, his first since his father died in May. It continued on a sunny afternoon over the Boston Course with some of his best golf of the year and allowed him to average a loss to Singh at this tournament two years ago.

Woods needed only three holes to erase the deficit, including a 7-iron over a marsh and into 10 feet for eagle at No. 2. He pulled ahead with a 25-foot birdie and certainly not when the world's No. 1 player is on this kind of a roll.

"Tiger played unbelievable," Singh said. "He made two eagles and just took it away."

Byron Nelson won 11 straight tournaments in 1945, a streak regarded as one of the most untouchable in sports. Woods won for the third time straight at the end of 1999 and the start of 2000, and Ben Hogan won six in a row in 1948.

Woods now takes a week off before heading to England for the HSBC World Match Play Championship, followed by the Ryder Cup. His next PGA Tour start will be the American Express Championship outside London at the end of September.

He still isn't even halfway home to Nelson's hallowed mark, but he surpassed Lord Byron in one category with his 53rd victory, moving into fifth place alone on the career list.

**In Brief**

Rodrick defeats Becker to advance to quarterfinals

**NEW YORK — Like a party carrying on after the guest of honor has left, the U.S. Open proceeded Monday without Andre Agassi, the most obvious evidence of which was when a fan cried out, "Do it for Andre!" during Andy Roddick's fourth-round match.**

Roddick obliged, putting together a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Benjamin Becker, the German qualifier who ended Agassi's career by beating him the day before.

With another legend of the game, new coach Jimmy Connors, in his guest box, Roddick reached the quarterfinals with the help of 19 aces and zero double-faults. His showing here, so far, is a step forward for the 2003 U.S. Open champion, who lost in the first round a year ago and struggled this season until his current 10-match winning streak.

Vinatieri declares himself ready to play in opener

**INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Vinatieri slipped a brace onto his non-kicking left foot Monday, then calmly pronounced himself ready to play.**

Five days after the most discussed foot in Indianapolis became a headline topic, Vinatieri ended the discussion about his availability for the Colts' season opener Sunday at New York. He says he'll play.

"I feel pretty good, actually," he said in his first comments since hurting the foot last month. "I'm getting some work in this week, and I'll be ready to go for the weekend."

Vinatieri was Indy's biggest offseason acquisition.

The Colts signed the NFL's best clutch kicker to a five-year contract worth $12 million in March, bringing him in to replace Mike Vanderjagt, the NFL's most accurate kicker. Vanderjagt signed as a free agent with Dallas.

**Chargers linebacker Foley expected to miss season**

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Because it wasn't a football injury, the Chargers were letting Levine provide medical updates.

But Levine said information remained limited.

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WNBA FINALS

Griffith leading with passion and attitude

Sacramento center has team on brink of second straight title

Associated Press

When Yolanda Griffith kicked a water cooler and stalked out of practice late in the season, Sacramento Monarchs coach John Whisenant fined her — yet he seemed secretly pleased.

Perhaps that’s because the coach recognizes his own passion in his veteran center. After all, Griffith was angry because of Whisenant’s biting instruction.

These two ferocious competitors might disagree at times, but they’re united by a common cause. They have wilted the unsung, star-free Monarchs to the brink of their second WNBA championship with a devotion to defense and an uncompromising attitude that sometimes comes out a little rough.

After four successful seasons together in Sacramento, Whisenant said he “couldn’t have a better” team leader.

“TThere’s not a better one for my philosophy, for the way I preach defense, team play, unselfishness — hard-nosed, tough, never-say-die,” Whisenant said. “There’s not one that I know out there in the WNBA like her. I lucked out when I got Yolanda.”

With Griffith scoring 15 points in just 17 minutes to rest her arthritic 36-year-old knees, the Monarchs trounced Detroit 89-69 Sunday in Game 3 of the WNBA finals. Sacramento can close out the series Wednesday night at home.

Though Whisenant believes he was lucky to inherit a star player with Griffith’s mental focus, she also was fortunate when the Maloof brothers promoted their friend and former business consultant from New Mexico midway through the 2003 season to replace Maura Mc Hugh.

The Monarchs had won just one playoff series in Griffith’s first four seasons with the club, missing the postseason entirely in the previous season, but — Whisenant thought he knew how to fix that. The coach figured his roster would thrive playing physical defense, so he shifted the focus to aggressive, cerebral defensive play. Griffith always loved such an approach, but rarely played defense like this before he got here. We got a new commitment.

Sacramento has reached the Western Conference finals in all four of Whisenant’s postseasons with the club, breaking through last season to win the franchise’s first title. Their roster of solid role players took the league by surprise, winning a WNBA title without a true offensive star.

The Monarchs have faced far more obstacles this season, however. Whisenant worked through distractions ranging from his mother’s death to the Maloofs’ interest in interviewing him for the Sacramento Kings’ coaching vacancy, while Griffith managed the constant pain from her swollen joints — and her frustrations when the Monarchs got off to a slow start.

“Everything started coming together when Coach came back and said, ‘You play my defense. You don’t play my defense, you don’t play,’” Griffith said. “We knew Coach was back. We knew, once everybody got back, what kind of team we were going to be.”

Sacramento hit its stride shortly before the playoffs, and has been nearly unbeatable for three weeks. The Monarchs swept their first two postseason series before outplaying the Shock in perhaps 11 of the finals’ 12 quarters so far.

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Mauresmo needs three sets to defeat unseeded Williams

Roddick defeats Becker in straight sets a day after Agassi's exit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gasping for breath after long exchanges, Serena Williams ran out of energy and shots against Amelie Mauresmo.

Mauresmo lost 20 of the set's first 26 points and finished with one winner. But she regrouped in the third, while seven-time major champion Williams appeared to tire, and the Frenchwoman began controlling the tempo the way she
did.

Mauresmo wrung-footed Williams with groundstrokes and gave her fits by mixing speeds and spins. One example: Mauresmo broke to end the first set by launching a high-bouncing shot that Williams' left shoulder couldn't handle, sending the ball wide.

With that, Mauresmo raised a fist, clenched her jaw and jogged to her sideline seat. Williams walked over slowly, her sister Venus (injulled with a wrist injury) and mother looking on from the guest box, while her father snapped photos from elsewhere in the stands.

There was a whole different scene in the second set, when Williams played some standout defense. It was the strongest rebuttal yet to those who've wondered whether Williams is in good enough shape to compete with the best.

As if to make a point, Williams walked around the far side of the net when the players switched sides after the first game of each set; she didn't take advantage, as Mauresmo did, of the minute to pause for a sip of water or an extra breath by her seat.

Now Mauresmo plays No. 12 Dinara Safina, whose path to the final eight hasn't included a match against a seeded player.

The match under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium brought back some electricity to a tournament that felt a bit Monday morning like a party carrying over after the guest of honor has left. The

Mauresmo ended with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 defeat against the unseeded Mauresmo to start the Swiss star's U.S. Open campaign.

Serena Williams reacts during her match against Amelie Mauresmo at the US Open in New York on Monday. The unseeded Williams ended up falling in three sets.

No. 25 Richard Gasquet, who were to meet in Monday night's last match on Ashe. That main court was the scene of Agassi's last hurrah, a four-set defeat against the unheralded and 112th-ranked Becker on Sunday.

"It was tough yesterday for me to enjoy it, because it was tough for me to accept that I deserved to be the last guy that Agassi played," said Becker, competing in his second major.

"It's been a pretty, pretty amazing trip for me."
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Revamped Giants 'D' ready for Peyton


Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — For more than a month, Tom Coughlin has studied videotapes of Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts offense as if he was preparing for a test.

For every snippet of tape that the New York Giants middle linebacker watched on the Colts quarterback, notes were taken and memories were stored.

When the Colts have a first down, they have a tendency to do this. On second and short, they do that. When they are in this personnel package or on third down, Manning and company do whatever.

Not only do the Giants need to know tendencies, they have to watch Manning. He can drive defenses nuts with a no-huddle offense. He is constantly moving people at the line, pointing in different directions and seemingly calling audible for 20 seconds before snapping the ball.

"It's a poker match because a lot of times it's nothing," Pierce said. "We have guys that played over there, and some is real and some is not. We have to read his cards."

The final examination for Pierce and a revamped Giants defense is scheduled for Sunday night, when New York will open the regular season against the Colts in the so-called Manning Bowl, the contest that will feature Peyton against little brother Eli, the Giants quarterback.

"They have been the best offense in the league for a number of years," Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora said. "It looks like we've improved our defense, but nobody is talking about completely shutting them down. To be able to contain them would be good."

While the Giants defense only gave up two touchdowns in a perfect preseason, there is a lot of areas that will be tested.

The middle of the defensive line is new with Fred Robbins and rookie Barry Cofield at the tackles. The secondary has three new faces. The Wills — Allen and Peterson — are gone at cornerback, replaced by veteran Sam Madison and second-year pro Corey Webster. Veteran Will Demps was signed as a free agent to take over at safety from Brent Alexander. R.W. McQuarters is the new nickel back.

"Safety Gibril Wilson, the only starter in the secondary returning from last year, said that the Giants have to do several things to limit the Colts. They can't let Indianapolis run the ball much. They have to put pressure on Peyton Manning and they need to slow down the Colts receivers at the line of scrimmage.

The defense also has to keep Manning guessing, Wilson said.

"This is one of the weeks you have to be at your best," Wilson said. "Mentally, you have to disguise, show false looks. You have to have him think that we're in one defense and be in something totally different."

One of the videotapes that the Giants have studied closely is the Pittsburgh Steelers' 21-18 win over the Colts in the AFC semifinals. The Super Bowl champions passed the pocket on Manning in both a 3-4 and in Indianapolis for the first three quarters.

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New York does not have a true 3-4 defense like the Steelers, but it employs a 3-4 look quite often.

"You have to rattle that quarterback," said Pierce, who also noted that San Diego did a good job of that in handing the Colts their first loss in week 14 last season.

If Manning is allowed to sit back in the pocket, he will pick apart the defense. Pierce also noted that the Giants can't get too cute by moving too much on defense. Manning will find the hole and make the big play.

Dempsey, who played against Peyton Manning several times while with Baltimore, thinks the Giants are ready.

"We just have to play our game," he said. "We can't play into their game. We know he is going to audible at the line. He wants to see the defense real early so he is going to hold until there are five seconds on the play clock. We can't show our hand early. It's a chess match. We have to eliminate the big plays for them and they have to make the big plays."

The one advantage the defense has is that it has worked against the Giants' high-powered offense throughout training camp.

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After being shot by police officer, Foley will miss season

Associated Press

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Foley was placed on the non-football injured reserve list on Monday, a day after he was shot by an off-duty Coronado police officer and a week before the Chargers open at Oakland.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said Foley won’t be paid this season. Foley’s base pay is $775,000, and it’s believed he was due a roster bonus of $875,000.

The outside linebacker, who was being counted on to help anchor the toughest run defense in the NFL, remained hospitalized in stable condition, according to his agent, David Levine.

Based on the medical information he was given, Smith said he couldn’t comment on Foley’s condition. "It was good to get a chance to see him again. We’re anxious to see him recover as quickly as possible," Smith said.

A.J. Smith
Chargers general manager

"We felt in the best interest of Steve Foley and the team, that he would be out of action for the year."

Chargers linebacker Steve Foley was shot in his suburban home early Sunday. Authorities said the driver nearly collided with several other vehicles.

It was Foley’s second run-in with authorities in 4 1/2 months. He was arrested April 21 on charges of resisting arrest after police said he scuffled with officers. He also was booked on charges of battery on a police officer and public drunkenness.

The district attorney’s office reviewed that case but decided there wasn’t enough evidence, spokesman Paul Levikov said Monday.

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MLB

After scare, new tests reveal Giles has a healthy heart

Second baseman may have been suffering from acid reflux

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tests determined that Marcus Giles has a healthy heart and he can keep playing baseball, a huge relief to the Atlanta Braves and his second baseman after he was told he might have a heart defect.

Giles was on route to Shea Stadium on Monday evening to rejion his teammates, who played the New York Mets in the opener of a three-game series. On Saturday, the scrappy infielder missed a doubleheader against the Phillies and visited a Philadelphia hospital, where he was said he was told he might have a heart defect.

He returned to Atlanta on Sunday for medical tests, and was cleared to play.

Braves manager Bobby Cox said doctors think the problem is related to acid reflux, a common condition that is easily treatable. No surgery is required.

"He checked out fine," Cox said. "He was pretty worried. All the indications were a partially open valve. ... Scared him to death, which it should."

Cox said he hadn't seen Giles yet and wasn't sure when his second baseman would be able to return to the lineup.

Giles, an NL All-Star in 2003, was batting .268 with nine homers and 51 RBIs. Pete Orr started at second base and batted leadoff against New York.

It's been a frightening year of health issues for Giles and his wife, Tracy. He missed 10 days following training follow­ing the premature birth of his daughter, Sawyer Rae, who struggled with lung problems after she was born.

Giles and his wife have another daughter, Arrington Maee, but lost a baby following a premature birth.

On the field, the Braves were also without longtime Mets nemesis Chipper Jones, sidelined by a sore oblique muscle on his left side. Cox doesn't expect the third baseman to be able to play in the series at Shea, where Jones has had a tremendous amount of success throughout his career.

Jones was on the disabled list last month with the same problem and has been bothered by the injury much of the season.

He is batting .318 with 23 home runs and 79 RBIs.

Willy Aybar started at third base in place of Jones again.

The Braves also optioned right-hander Anthony Lerew to back Triple-A Richmond, two days after he was called up.

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said. "But like Coach [Piane] says, every time you put on the jersey it's a big meet, so right now I'm looking forward to running at the National Catholic Championship next week.

The National Catholic Championship is one of two regular season races held at Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course, giving the Irish a big advantage for the rest of their season.

"It's nice to run on our home course," Hagerman said. "Being at home is a better atmosphere, and it's a lot easier to run in front of a home crowd there for you."

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This year's team also has the added pressure of maintaining their national prominence last season. They finished in the top three of every race last season, including the second place finish at Regionals and third place at Nationals. This strong performance led to a No. 5 final ranking for the Irish, something they hope to maintain.

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"I was delighted to get a call from the coach ... and I think it's a great idea to share that with the team and the students." Weis said his team was in favor of idea after discussing the details. The Irish have honored their fans in the past by standing in front of the student section after games — notably last season after defeating Michigan on the road and this past Saturday after beating Georgia Tech.

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Dye agreed that Notre Dame's unique position as a community-oriented institution make the idea like singing the Alma Mater especially powerful. And as such, anything the Notre Dame band can do to promote this spirit is important in Dye's mind.

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Charles Weis
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"I know (Byrne is) a very smart and very creative guy," Corrigan said of his long-time acquaintance. "He's extremely hard working and he has a great passion for the game of lacrosse and teaching.

"It's a little bit different in that he hasn't just been coaching for the last 18 years. I think all those experiences make him an even better coach and I'm really excited to have him back."

The additions were prompted by the summer departures of assistants Anderson and Cornell. Cornell, who had been with the Irish since late 2004, left the middle of the summer to take the head position at Connecticut College. Corrigan said he was excited to have him]

Kevin Corrigan
Irish head coach

"(Fisher) is very thorough — a hard worker, very conscientious and fits the bill for exactly what we wanted in that position."

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"I know (Byrne is) a very smart and very creative guy," Corrigan said of his long-time acquaintance. "He's extremely hard working and he has a great passion for the game of lacrosse and teaching.

"It's a little bit different in that he hasn't just been coaching for the last 18 years. I think all those experiences make him an even better coach and I'm really excited to have him back."

The additions were prompted by the summer departures of assistants Anderson and Cornell. Cornell, who had been with the Irish since late 2004, left the middle of the summer to take the head position at Connecticut College. Corrigan said he was excited to have him]

Kevin Corrigan
Irish head coach

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STUDENTS

Transportation Services will be offering two Driver Training Sessions in September.

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Big Win

Nore Dame senior Jill Krivacek dribbles during the 3-1 Irish win over Santa Clara Sunday. Krivacek tied the game at 1-1 with a left-footed goal in the 64th minute.
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At home, you may not always
be able to have your way, but you
will thrive on the excitement it provides. Being a little unpredictable will
keep others guessing. Love may be on your mind, but don't let it consume you. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to incorporate something in your day that relates
to work, making money and getting ahead. Someone you know outside of
work will be able to do much better than the people around you perceive you. A disciplined
approach will ensure success. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A hectic pace may not be your thing, but today you
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may want to take a new project at home.
The chance to do some of the work yourself will not only save you money, but it will
bring you great satisfaction. Lack luck is in your corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may not have the best profile and
earnout that nothing will stand in the way of following your dreams. Organize
du revoir. You will win favors from people who will help you get ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be charming and think you've
won over the people you have talked to along the way. However, someone is likely to hit a sensitive subject that makes you appear unsure of yourself. The
individual trying to drape will only be aware of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't play along why you really want to do
because someone is making you feel guilty or getting too many demands on you.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It may be the weekend, but if something needs
to be looked after, do the groundwork so it is fully prepared to resolve these
issues as soon as possible. Added responsibilities will be necessary if you want to
get things done. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your interests are changing, and you will discover
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan reloads staff with 2 new assistant coaches

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan's summer recruiting effort may have been his most important yet. Amid the search for next season's high school seniors, he had a more pressing mission — to find a coaching staff.

After losing both of his assistants — Kevin Anderson and Dave Cornwell — by the middle of the summer, Corrigan announced last week the hiring of former Rutgers assistant Brian Fisher, who will join former Saint Anselm College head man Gerry Byrne for his second coaching stint at Notre Dame. Fisher spent five years with the Scarlet Knights, working for Rutgers head coach and Corrigan's good friend Jim Stagnitta — the same man from whom Corrigan hired departing assistant Kevin Anderson in 1997 when Stagnitta and Anderson were at Washington and Lee.

"Fisher is a guy I knew coming from the background he came from — he was in a program very similar to [Notre Dame]," Corrigan said. "He is very thorough — a hard worker, very conscientious and fits the hill for exactly what we wanted in that position."

The former Rutgers midfielder and face-off man has been on the Scarlet Knight coaching staff since graduating in 2001. Fisher is also assistant director of MVP Lacrosse Camps.

With five years of experience, according to und.com, Fisher believes his youth will be an asset to a program that has found its NCAA tournament rhythm after a four-year hiatus.

"I think we relate well with the student-athletes," Fisher said in a statement released by the Notre Dame athletic department. "Only being 27 myself and not too far removed from Division I lacrosse, I can relate pretty well with what they are going through."

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FOOTBALL

New tradition

Senior captains, band director agree to have players sing Alma Mater

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Irish head coach Charlie Weis will begin another tradition this week in Notre Dame's first home game of the 2006 season against Penn State — one that has nothing to do with scoring points on offense.

Weis and Director of Bands Kenneth Dye spoke on the telephone Friday and worked out details on a post-game collaboration between the fans, marching band and football team.

While it's been customary in the past for the crowd to sing the Alma Mater after the game, Weis and Dye saw room for expansion.

"I talked to the captains this summer ... and last year when we honored Navy we went over and stood behind their team while they were singing the Navy song," Weis said.

"I think it's a cool idea and I'm looking forward to it. I think it's a great idea for the players," Dye said.

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski (9) sings the Alma Mater with teammates after Notre Dame's 34-10 win over Syracuse Nov. 19, 2005.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Veltri directs squad in transition period

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

During a fairly tumultuous period following the resignation of former coach Debby King and before the hiring of current coach Susan Holt — Notre Dame found a source of stability in three individuals.

The team relied upon the constant guidance of assistant coach Kyle Veltri and the leadership of sophomore Lisa Maunu and senior Noriko Nakazaki.

"Coach Veltri has constantly been there for us for anything that we need," Maunu said. "She's always there for us."

Veltri joined the Irish before the 2005 season after graduating from Saint Mary's in 2001. In between graduation and earning her job at Notre Dame, Veltri worked as an assistant golf professional at the Palmer Course at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, Virginia.

Her experience organizing events has come in handy recently.

"She's done so much during this time," Nakazaki said. "She was so busy. She's helped out in practices and organized our tournament schedule."

Veltri will continue to head Notre Dame until Holt takes over Sept. 23 for the Notre Dame Invitational. She was overwhelmed by her team's reception of her leadership.

"They're a great group of kids and they deserve everything they get," Veltri said. "I really can't put into words how I feel about them. I'm very fortunate to be around this team."

Nakazaki and Maunu have been particularly important in helping the three freshmen — Annie Brophy, Julie Kim and Kristen Wetzel — adjust to not only the coaching situation, but also to college life.

"It's been a lot of fun," Nakazaki said. "We have a lot of fun times together. It's been a lot of fun this year."

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish hope to perform up to expectations

Notre Dame graduates four of top seven, remain confident with freshmen

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has some big shoes to fill.

Entering the season with high expectations, the Irish will have to fill holes left by Vinny Ambrico, Tim Moore, Sean O'Donnell and Khalil Van Ort — all of whom competed in the 2005 NCAA Championship — with a combination of new freshmen and returning players waiting for their chance.

Although the Irish did lose experience after last season, they still maintain a backbone of runners.

Senior Steve Foley of the New York Giants Andy Roddick beat Corrigan's men's cross country team in the 2006 season against Penn State — one that has nothing to do with scoring points on offense.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MLB

San Diego general manager AJ Smith said linebacker Steve Foley will not play this season after being shot by an off-duty police officer.

NFL

The revamped defense of the New York Giants believes it is ready for its opening-week matchup with the Colts.

NFL

U.S. Open

Andy Roddick beat Benjmain Becker a day after Becker lost to Andre Agassi.

TELEVISION

PGA TOUR

Deutsche Bank Championship

Tiger Woods had two eagles and won his fifth straight tournament.

MLB

Phillie Phanatic (20)

Chase Utley hit a homer with two outs in the 10th for the win.

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