ND to continue using early action

Princeton and Harvard eliminate early admissions programs, University encourages students to apply when best prepared

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

A few days before Christmas 2005, freshman Chris Holland arrived at his Louisville home to see that his mom had posted a Notre Dame flag in his front yard. Inside was an official acceptance envelope and a letter granting him admission to the University's Class of 2010 via the Early Action program.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "Not only because Notre Dame was my first choice," Troy said. "But I also realized it was a big application pool and I was hopeful for the regular decision results, so I focused on working hard senior year and keeping my grades up."

Just as Holland and Troy's scenario points to the ambiguity involved in the college-admissions process — and, more specifically, the debate sparked by Princeton and Harvard's decision to eliminate their respective early admissions programs — the National Education Coalition and the Coalition for Admissions Integrity have the same goal: to preserve the "individualized attention" that goes into every letter written to students by the ticket office in a regular application.

The closure of Juniper Road was not directly related to the closing of Juniper Road, but because the whole college-admissions process was finally over.

"I'm not saying I'm not happy," Troy said, "but because Notre Dame was my first choice, it was a little emotional." Troy said that his mom was the one who had actually been notified that he had been accepted, while he was asleep.

In the case of his acceptance letter, he said, "It was a little unusual" — was necessary to notify him, but not in the formal way that he had expected.

The University hopes to offer the new dorms in a way that promotes a strong and cohesive community life, and some of the amenities currently available in the new dorms.

Four dorms still waiting for approval, locations pending

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

The issue of overcrowded residence halls continues to plague Notre Dame — especially with the record size of this year's freshman class — and the construction of four new dorms remains a top priority of the University's Residential Master Plan. University officials said.

"Nothing has been approved by our trustees, but we are hoping to make an announcement in the near future," Vice President of Business Operations James Lyphout said Friday.

The four proposed dorms — which could potentially be built east of Pasquerilla East and west of Hesburgh — are part of the University's 10-year Residential Master Plan, according to University officials.

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The four proposed dorms would add nearly 400 beds to the University's 12,000-bed capacity. The University plans to uncrowd and renovate the existing halls, decreasing the number of students assigned to a given room and creating more study and social space within the halls.

Stores announced price hike

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

With this weekend's fourth-quarter show in Spartan Stadium, football tickets in today's student exchange are likely to sell out — just as Penn State and Michigan tickets did — officials said.

"For exchange tickets this year is consistent with previous seasons," said Josh Berlo, Director of Ticket Operations.

Today's ticket exchange for Saturday's Purdue game is the third of seven exchanges for the 2006 football season and will allow up to 300 students to exchange a student ticket for a regular ticket.

The exchange will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gate 10 Box Office of the Office Center.

The football ticket exchange is sponsored by Student Government and the Athletic Department, and provides students the opportunity to exchange a game ticket from their student booklet for a non-student ticket for the same location printed on their booklets.

The increase — which Prentkowski said was "not unusual" — was necessary to cover increasing labor, product and cover increasing labor, product and cover increasing labor, product and increase in operations costs.
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Alternate histories

A fascinating type of entertainment is alternate history. It is written to address current policies, like New York Magazine's counterhistory of a world without 9/11. It exists for dark humor, as in Kevin Wilmot's mockumentary "C.S.A., Confederate States of America." At other times a possible future, such as in Tom Clancy's "Red Storm Rising," becomes an alternate history when global realities change. And still at other times, it exists for mere curiosity, such as in the famous "What If?" series. However, one aspect that is commonplace in all alternate histories is a point of divergence, as this is what links alternate history to real history. The point of divergence is when the author changes, adds or eliminates a single event from real history. From this point on is when the author's imagination takes over and the alternate history begins.

The classic alternate history case is in World War II. The real history: German bombers go off course and mistakenly bomb London instead of factories. In response England bombs German cities. Hitler is outraged and German bombers go after civilians instead of strategic targets. England's war effort sinks and the Allies end up winning the war.

The fake history: The bombers stay on course. Germany continues bombing industrial and military targets, crippling the English war effort. England surrenders. Germany bombs Russian cities. Hitler invades Russia instead and dies. Germany统筹推进 in World War II.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
New resolution postponed

By KATLYNN RIELY
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) decided Monday to delay voting on a resolution that would point out problems with new technology — particularly wireless and cable services — in residence halls until further discussions take place.

Student Senate Residence Life Committee chair Pat Knapp presented the Residence Hall Technology Report to the CLC.

"The reason we produced this report was ... overall it's a call to action to solve the technological problems," Knapp said. "Rather than have to go and inventory everything on their own, we feel we have done that to make their job easier."

After Knapp presented the report to council members, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss recommended the CLC first meet with Robert Guthrie, program manager for strategic initiatives planning and programs at the University and overseer of new technology installation project. Moss recommended that the group ask Guthrie about the process for fixing deficiencies in the new technology. The CLC should question him about complications he has encountered with the new wireless and cable service and the enhanced cellular service, Moss said.

Welsh Family resident Candace Carson moved to postpone a vote on the resolution until the council talked to Guthrie at the CLC's next meeting Oct. 9.

The report listed problems students had encountered with wireless Internet availability and connection speed, cellular service and cable television feed in 17 dorms. Knapp and his committee collected the information in the report through their own personal observations and by communicating with the members of each dorm's hall council and hall senator. The information they compiled was current as of Sept. 5.

"I should stress that the Residence Life Committee — and particularly myself — are not experts in these technologies," Knapp said. "We just know these problems exist."

The committee found slow wireless service in many of the dorms, particularly at the end of hallways. Some halls, like O'Neill and Pasquerilla East, reported slow service throughout the dorm. The committee recommended the installation of additional routers to enhance the wireless signal.

Knapp said North Quad and Old Quad also reported poor cellular reception, he said. The committee recommends an additional cell phone tower, he said, unless there is a better solution.

The committee found few problems with cable television. The only difficulty that reported difficulties were Badin, Fisher, and Keough, Knapp said. The report recommended dealing with these problems on an individual basis.

In other CLC news:

Student Voice and Input Task Force chair Liz Brown said her committee discussed student involvement in planning the college town, how to address global health issues stemming from the academic forum and decided to work on compiling a tentatively titled "Du-Lac for Dummies" — a summarized version of the important elements of the student handbook.

At their meeting, the Conduct Awareness task force discussed alcohol-related problems associated with dorm "Dis-Orientation" activities in the beginning of the year, chair Bill Andruchik said.

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Leaders replace week's meeting with lecture

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governors (BOG) members joined the Saint Mary's resident assistant staff in a diversity workshop with diversity lecturer Bryant Smith in lieu of their regular meeting Monday night.

"We felt in order to increase awareness of diversity at Saint Mary's, we need to educate BOG on matters of dealing with diversity on a leadership standpoint," student body vice president Maggie Siebert said.

The trip was Smith's second visit to Saint Mary's, having visited campus in March to present at the Diversity Student Leadership Conference. He will return to the college to discuss the culture of hip-hop Wednesday evening.

"You are about to participate in what I call a cultural confidence course," Smith said to the group.

Smith does not like to call his lectures diversity workshops because there are different definitions of diversity, he said. He changed the name to cultural confidence courses because he thinks people lack the assurance to put themselves in uncomfortable situations — such as learning about other cultures.

Smith ended his presentation with a quote from Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

"If you are ignorant the world will cheat you, if you are weak the world will whoop you, if you are a coward the world will keep you running," he said.

Smith said that this quote is important to college students because they will encounter the real world shortly and need to be prepared for some of its realities.

"[Smith] was an energetic speaker who was able to keep attention while making us aware of many different issues on dealing with diversity," she said.

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University and Harvard College, two schools that just cut off their early admission programs for classes entering in the fall of 2008.
With the rising competition to gain admission into highly selective universities like Notre Dame, the University’s Early Action program is just a method to increase yield, said Son Nguyen, as­­sistant director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
"The hype for American col­­leges is increasing and few peo­­ple want more and want to know sooner," Nguyen said.
"But here at Notre Dame, we want our Early Action pro­­grams to be service to our students.
Notification under Early Action gives students — whose credentials are consid­­ered in the context of a small­­er application pool — a clear admissions decision early in their college application process, even if it causes unfair treatment for those who Provost for Admissions Dan Saracino.
"Under the Early Action program, to notify denied students before Christmas, it would cost them more time to start focusing on other colleges," Saracino said. "High school counselors have called us and asked for us to keep it because it really works towards students’ advantage.
Applicants who wish to be considered under Early Action typically submit their completed application file by Nov. 1 and receive a response by mid-December about whether they were admitted, deferred to the regular deci­sion pool or denied.
Notre Dame’s unrestricted Early Action program differs from those of other institu­tions in that it is not contingent on either a binding Early Decision agreement or Single-Choice Early Action.
While the other two choices guarantee admission,豁it students from applying early to more than one institution, Notre Dame’s program permits Early Action students to apply early to as many schools as they wish.
"With regards to Notre Dame, the Undergraduate Admissions office wants a student to apply early when they feel that their profile is at its best,” said Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions Gil Martinez. "It’s the fairest and kindest method available for them.”
But it’s likely that Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees and admissions officers are taking note of the Princeton and Harvard decisions.
In a statement released on Sept. 18, Princeton President Shirley Tilghman said Princeton’s binding Early Decision program "advantages the advantaged” and a single decision process would insure greater equality in determining each class.
The colleges, which wide have found themselves scurrying to re-evaluate their systems and decide whether they should follow suit. Ivy League schools in particular — like Cornell — are under pressure to begin monitoring the pros and cons of their respective programs.
Senior Tim Chion, who was accepted by Early Action during his senior year of high school, said the early notification and the non-binding commitment was convenient for him.
"I don’t think that Early Action benefits the advan­taged anymore than anyone else, because it’s just an application, and it doesn’t require any more money to send it in earlier or later,” Chion said. "Instead, it gives you as many options as possi­ble.”
Martinez also said the process of Early Action doesn’t put any students at a dis­­advantage.
"While it’s true that upper class students may have more resources than lower class students, the choice is usually up to the students," he said. "If they understand the process, they make the choice.
Nguyen said students who can no longer apply early to other schools may look more into places like Notre Dame that retain the Early Action program.
"We like where we stand by offering our applicants a lot of flexibility compared to other schools,” he said. "Then again, for now, we’re only dealing with Harvard and Princeton and to some extent, what’s going to happen later.”
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and fuel costs associated with the procurement of coffee beans.
As a licensed store, the LaFortune branch will follow the practices recommended by the company, Frenckowski said.
According to the price change — which is set to take place sometime this week — comes at a good time for the company because “the average price of gasoline has declined 16 percent” in the last month alone, according to Reuters.
Though there are many eco­­nomic pressures facing con­­sumers, a decrease in gas prices always alleviates some of the pressure from consumer wallets.
In July, Starbucks posted its weakest monthly same-store sales increase since 2001, which it blames on the high demand for Frappuccino drinks that took a longer time to prepare, according to a Reuters article. Customers are becoming unwilling to wait on long lines for these drinks, taking a toll on overall sales.
Notre Dame freshman Courtney Hall said she isn’t happy with the price increase on her tall vanilla latte, which already costs $3.00.
"It seems like [Starbucks] makes a significant profit. . . . I don’t see why they need to raise their prices. . . . It’s already
said. "However, we have still had problems with students reselling their exchange tickets for prof­­it.”
Under du Lac policy, students are prohibited from selling ticket­­es above their face value or to a ticket broker or agency who will resell the ticket at an above face value price. Smith said the violation of this policy will “lose his/her ticket privilege for a minimum period.”
Saracino indicated the University for the first time that it would reimburse the University for the loss.
"Students who wish to exchange a student ticket for a non-student ticket must pay the difference between the student price and regular admission price for a home game, which is $30 for Notre Dame students and $20 for Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students.
The number of student exchange tickets available for the UCLA game is capped at 300, with the exception of tickets available for the UCLA game winners who see a trip to the chain as an affordable luxury.
The company’s management has also said that Starbucks stores are unlikely to be effec­t­­tive if the economy takes a turn for the worse.
"I don’t see anything that indicates that Starbucks is going to be susceptible to the economy,” chairman Howard Schultz told Reuters on Monday.
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August.
Students must know the first and last name of the person using his or her exchange ticket at the time of purchase — the policy being implemented by the ticket office this season. The person to whom the ticket exchange ticket is going must show photo I.D. to enter the stadium on-game day.
"Thus far this year, we have seen a decrease in the abuse of student exchange tickets,” Borlo said.
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"designer coffee," she said. While students may not be pleased with the price hike, those on Wall Street were pleasantly surprised, telling reporters that the move "is sure to boost sales and earnings, but unlikely to spook cus­tomers who see a trip to the chain as an affordable luxury.
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U.S. rejects visa for Muslim scholar

NEW YORK — The government has rejected a protesters' appeal to enter the country, contending that he gave support to a terrorist group, but his attorneys allege the U.S. is using charitable donations he made as a pretext for stifling his views. Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss citizen who teaches at Oxford University, was denied a temporary business and tourism visa Thursday based solely on the fact that he given financial support to a terrorist organization, said Janelle Hironimus, a State Department spokeswoman. Hironimus said she could not reveal specifics about how much money was given or how the visa application was processed, if any. Ports, transit systems to get millions

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration doled out nearly $400 million Monday to help protect seaports, commuter trains and other transit systems from terrorists, boosting money to high-risk cities that saw funding cuts earlier this year. Mayor Bloomberg announced an "excellent record...of working with the Department of Homeland Security to make New York the safest city in the nation," and is using charitable donations he made as a pretext for stifling his views. Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss citizen who teaches at Oxford University, was denied a temporary business and tourism visa Thursday based solely on the fact that he given financial support to a terrorist organization, said Janelle Hironimus, a State Department spokeswoman. Hironimus said she could not reveal specifics about how much money was given or how the visa application was processed, if any.

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Shock told The Observer that Turtle Creek Apartments and Lallyette Square are also considered problem areas for excessive partying and underage drinking, although she did not single them out at the UNC meeting.

First Sergeant Tim Cleveland of the Indiana State Excise police said they have received numerous complaints about loud parties and trash in the streets in this neighborhood, both from anonymous callers and the SBPD.

"Along with the wild parties and the noise offenses, there are complaints of minors consuming alcohol," Cleveland said. "It sounds like that neighborhood's probably a little out of control."

Senior Ryan Keckley, who lives on St. Peter's Street, said the neighborhood can get noisy and he understands why neighbors would complain.

"I would say that it is pretty loud most nights just because on our block alone, from Colfax (Street) to Washington (Street), there are four student houses right in a row," Keckley said. "And then on Washington, between Notre Dame Avenue and St. Louis (Street), there are probably 10 or 15. And they all like to have parties and have kegs."

No one house is the problem, said Keckley, who thought the combination of all the student houses led to noise complaints.

Cleveland was not aware an e-mail was sent out to students notifying them that the Excise Police had been informed the Washington Street neighborhood was a "problem area."

"If the e-mail that they've sent out alleviates the problem, then that's all the better," Cleveland said.

Shock said informing students about complaints, rather than sending police in to break up parties without warning, is a new approach the SBPD is trying this year.

Mark Kramer, the owner of Kramer Properties and the landlord for approximately 90 student houses in the South Bend area, has been working with the SBPD to settle complaints without police involvement.

Kramer gave his phone numbers to many South Bend residents who live near his student houses so they can reach him at any time with complaints.

Shock said the new tactic seemed to be working.

"What we thought was, if the landlord can handle it in a short period of time, and the residents are happy, then the police don't need to be involved unless there is a possibility of serious injury and other damage," Shock said.

She said she still wanted residents to call her the next business day to clarify that the issue was properly resolved.

But that preventative plan may not work with students, Keckley said.

"Until it actually becomes a problem, until the cops come, people aren't going to change behavior because of an e-mail," he said.

And residents, Kramer said, may also be hindering 60 houses new approach to dealing with students. He said the complaints to the police are persisting — particularly on Washington Street, where he owns most of the houses — because South Bend residents are not willing to compromise.

"I think they have a vendetta because they don't have his number and can reach him at any time, neighbors have not called him, Kramer said. He said he received one complaint by phone a month ago and got out of bed at midnight, went over to the house and found it was not a legitimate complaint.

"There are two particular residents on Washington Street that just don't like students in the neighborhood," Kramer said. "But they're not students in the neighborhood and they were fully aware students were there when they moved in."

Despite the concerns about Washington and St. Peter's Streets, complaints about off-campus students are low this year, Shock said. She recommended that students — if they are 21 — improve community relations by talking to their neighbors and tell them that they will keep their parties under control.

That advice was central to the Office of Student Affairs' e-mail, written by Pasquesi and student body president Lizzi Shappell.

"We want to reinforce our message of living together as neighbors," Pasquesi said.

The e-mail advised students living off campus to introduce themselves to neighbors and invited them to get to know members of the community Friday at the commencement Neighborhood Picnic.

"Students are starting to realize that they don't have to go out and problem solving on some of the bigger parties and I hope that they are becoming more interested in the community," she said.

Most students, like senior Stephen Hansen, have taken that idea to heart. Hansen said he and his roommates introduced themselves to almost all their neighbors when they moved in to 716 E. Washington Street. He said most of them seemed accepting of the fact that students were living in the neighborhood and were "a little surprised by the e-mail."

Hansen and his roommates were out of town for the Michigan State game last weekend, so he made sure to worry about the ramifications for hosting noisy parties. In the future, they hope to tell their neighbors before they have a party and ask them to call if it gets too loud, Hansen said.

Stu Stypula, who lives with Hansen, said he was both surprised and upset by the e-mail. He said none of their neighbors have personally approached them about any problems with noise.

"If hope that it's another house, but it could very well have been one of our neighbors who never said anything to us and just went to the police," Stypula said.

While the police have come with senior David O'Droho's house at 815 E. Washington Street on several nights, he and his roommates have not received any noise violations.

"We just talk to them nicely, they tell us what to do, and we do it," O'Droho said.

And that's what police are hoping for. Shock said as long as students keep the parties inside, under control, and do not serve alcohol to minors, they should not have a problem with the police.

"We really do not have the intention to go out and just students and arrest them," Shock said. "We want students to live happily in the area and be safe."

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she said.

The process behind the Residential Master Plan began in 2003, when Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman created a committee to advise the University's approach to the construction of the new dorms.

This Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Residential Life, which was comprised of students, faculty members, administrators and residence hall rectors, helped formulate a strategic plan for the formation of the new dorms, Firth said.

Now, funding for the renovation of existing halls is among the University's chief priorities. The sooner the University can begin to address these "critical residential needs," Firth said, the better.

"Given the University's rich tradition of residential life and its importance in the lives of Notre Dame students, we are very hopeful that the University will be able to identify benefactors who will fund the construction of the new halls," Firth said.

From the time a benefactor indicates his or her interest in underwriting the construction costs, Firth said it will take two to three years to design and build a new hall.

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2006 Opus Prize Notre Dame Student Award

The Opus Prize is a $1 million award given annually by the Opus Prize Foundation to an unsung hero working on the front lines of the most dire social problem of our day. The recipient is an individual whose faith-based, entrepreneurial leadership helps people transform their lives. In conjunction with this award, the University of Notre Dame will select a student to receive a $5,000 award to be donated to an organization that he or she has founded.

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Nomination forms can be picked up at the Office of the President (400 Main Building) or at the Center for Social Concerns. Please return completed nomination by October 2, 2006, to:

The Office of the President
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The University of Notre Dame, on behalf of the Opus Prize Foundation, will award the 2006 Opus Prize on November 8. The student prize will also be awarded at that time.

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Prices of existing homes tumble

A house for sale in Clarence, N.Y., has a "price reduced" sign affixed to the "for sale" sign Monday, Sept. 25. Sales of existing homes fell for the fifth consecutive month in August, a sign the housing market is weakening.

WASHINGTON — Annual existing home prices declined in August for the first time in more than a decade as sales fell for a fifth straight month.

The year-over-year drop in median sales prices represented a dramatic turn-around in fortunes for the once-high-flying housing market, which last year was posting double-digit price gains.

"Pop goes the housing bubble," said Richard Franklin, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. He predicted prices will tumble further as home sellers struggle with a record glut of unsold homes.

The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing single-family homes and condominiums dropped 0.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.6 million units. That was the fifth straight month of decline and left sales 12.6 percent below the pace of a year ago.

The slowdown in sales meant that the inventory of unsold homes rose to a record 3.92 million units at the end of August. After a month's sales pace, it would take 7.5 months to clear out the backlog of unsold homes, the longest stretch since April 1995.

The median price of a home sold last month fell to $225,000. That was down 2.2 percent from July and down 1.7 percent from August 2005. That marked the first year-over-year drop in home prices since a 0.1 percent fall in April 1995.

Last year, when the five-year housing bubble was reaching its peak, median prices posted four-digit gains and double-digit gains on a year-over-year basis. The median price of a house sold last month fell to a median of $220,000, the Federal Reserve Economic Advisors. He said the median price of a home sold last month fell to $225,000, the lowest since April 1995.

But some home sellers around the country, worried that cutting prices may not be enough, have been offering incentives to attract buyers, including in some cases even cars.

Dave Arman, who lives in the New York City suburb of Hollis Manor, said he started out asking $1.6 million for his six-bedroom Tudor-style home three months ago — below the $1.8 million a neighbor received — but has slashed the price by $300,000 because he has attracted few interested buyers.

"I am sitting here thinking maybe if I buy a car and park it out from with a bow on it, that will help," he said. The drop in existing home sales in August was not as steep as expected and some said the recent declines in mortgage rates may help keep the housing market from falling off a cliff.

Bolstered by the lowest mortgage rates in more than four decades, housing set sales records for both new and existing homes for five consecutive years through 2005. However, this year, analysts are forecasting sales are likely to fall by 10 percent.

The worry is if the decline could become so severe that it would mirror the bursting of the stock market bubble in 2000, which helped push the country into a full-blown recession. That is something Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are monitoring carefull.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average gained 62.71 points to close at 11,275.81 as investors were reassured by comments from Richard Fishe, president of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, that inflation was likely to be dampened by a slowing economy.

Fisher said that while housing and autos were economic weak points, the rest of the economy was "healthy and robust."
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Examining Benedict’s remarks

The original New York Times story on the Pope’s University of Regensburg address was headlined, “Pope Calls West Divorced From Faith. Adding a Blunt Footnote on Islam.” That footnote, three paragraphs and a 30-minute academic speech, prompted the violent response in the Muslim world. Let’s look at what Benedict XVI actually said. The address was essentially on the West’s divorce of reason from religion. Editor Fred first noted that when he began teaching at the University of Bonn in 1959, it was “accepted without question,” within the university as a whole, that one could “raise the question of God through the use of reason ... in the context of ... the Christian faith.” He said that he was “reminded of all this recently” when he read the fourteenth century dialogue between the Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologus and “an educator Persian on the subject of Christianity and Islam, and the truth of both.”

“The emperor,” said Benedict, “touches on the theme of the jihad (holy war). The emperor must have known that sura 2:256 reads: ‘There is no compulsion in religion.’ It is one of the suras of the early period, when Mohammed was still powerless and under threat. But naturally the emperor also knew the instructions, developed later and recorded in the Koran, concerning the holy war.” Benedict stated that the emperor put to the Persian, “in these words ... the central question on the relationship between religion and violence: ‘Show me just what Mohammed or Islam taught that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.’”

“The emperor,” continued Benedict, “goes on to explain, ‘why spreading the faith through violence is ... unreasonable. Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the freedom of the soul. God is not pleased by blood, and not acting reasonably ... is contrary to God’s nature, faith is born of the soul, not of the body. Whoever would lead others to faith needs the ability to speak well and to reason properly, without violence and threats ... To continue a reasonable soul, one does not need a strong arm, or weapons of any kind or any other means of threatening a person with death.’” The decisive statement in this argument against violent conversion is Bino: Not to act in accordance with reason is contrary to God’s nature.”

Benedict then stated that Theodore Khoury, editor of the dialogue, observed “that ‘for Muslims theology is absolutely transcendent. His will is not bound up with ... rationality.’ Benedict did not state this, or the emperor’s view, as his own opinion.”

“Benedict went on to note that God acts with ‘logos,’ which ‘means both reason and word. God is reason, which is not the same as saying that reason (our reason) is God. From ‘Christian faith’ and ... ‘Greek thought now joined to faith,’ said Benedict, ‘Manuel II was able to say: Not to act with logos’ (with reason) ‘is contrary to God’s nature.’”

The dialogue between Manuel II and the Persian was relevant to Benedict’s main theme, a critical analysis of the Western divorce, dating from the late Middle Ages, of reason from faith and religion. Benedict discussed the “sola scriptura” approach of the Reformation, the later distinction between “the God of the philosophers and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”, the presentation of Jesus as merely “the father of a humanitarian moral message”; and the “modern concept of reason” with “mathematical and empirical” certainty as the measure even of the “human sciences, such as history, psychology, sociology and philosophy.” That method “excludes the question of God last unscientific or pre-scientific.” Therefore questions of religion and ethics have nothing to do with “reason as defined by science.” There’s something new.

Benedict’s intent is one of “broadening our concept of reason and its application ... We will succeed in doing so only if reason and faith come together in a new way, if we overcome the imposed limitation of reason to the empirically verifiable ... [T]heology rightly belongs in the university and within the ... dialogue of sciences ... as inquiry into the rationality of faith.”

John Paul II described Faith and Reason as “like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” Benedict’s address gave a new dimension to that idea, “I am deeply sorry,” Benedict said, “for the reactions in some countries to a few passages ... which were considered offensive to the sensibility of Muslims. These were a quotation from a medieval text which do in no way express my own personal thought .... [My address] ... is its totality was and is an invitation to frank and sincere dialogue, with mutual respect.”

Those who react with violence to this address validate Emperor Manuel II’s opinion of Islam. Benedict, as the Vicar of Christ, has done the world an important service. It would be a good idea to read this address. And anything else Benedict says. Habemus papam. Deo gratias.

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Osama bin Laden, U.S. foreign policy & Al Qaeda 2.0

As of this writing, rumors of Osama bin Laden entering the scene are being trumpeted throughout the news media. This is at least the third time that rumors of this sort have made the rounds, and in all likelihood they will continue to be exaggerated. But, true or not, the rumors do provide an opportunity to voice a provocative question: what would happen if Osama bin Laden were to die today? How would Al Qaeda and the face of global terrorism be changed if it's apparent leader were removed? Not just an intellectual exercise, it is a critical policy question for those nations that stand in opposition to Al Qaeda.

There is no consensus among the intelligence community as to exactly how wide-spread Al Qaeda actually is, or how much direct influence bin Laden has, if any. I am sure that, for many individuals it is a terrorist cell. Most accept that the relative strength of Al Qaeda is due to its decentralized and network-based structure, rather than its core hierarchy of leaders. Understood in this light, Al Qaeda still seems more than capable of surviving the death of its leader, and in deed seems designed for this - so long as it continues to be weakly coordinated by his death, since his personality binds the network.

But this is only one model of Al Qaeda. A growing number of commentators are beginning to see a new kind of Al Qaeda, one which has evolved in reaction to the opposition being directed at them by the Western world. They have coined the term Al Qaeda 2.0 to describe this new incarnation of an old enemy.

The defining characteristic of Al Qaeda 2.0 is that it is "organic" - it adequately describes it. Unlike the original Al Qaeda, version 2.0 is foremost a methodology and an ideology. Although its core attributes are inherited from its parent - a puritanical approach to Islam, the widespread use of information technology and an amoral willingness to use any weapon to achieve its ends - Al Qaeda 2.0 has no formal, informal or in its parent organization. Because it is an idea rather than an entity and because, conceptually, it has no definable borders, Al Qaeda 2.0 could kill the death of Osama bin Laden without blinking.

The global anti-terrorism strategy of the United States and its allies, even if it is effective against the first generation of Al Qaeda, which is highly debatable, does not stand a chance against Al Qaeda 2.0.

The American strategy is grounded on the false assumption yet increasingly supported by the fact that it is fighting a concrete entity, when in fact it now finds itself facing an idea. The collective opinion of the intelligence community, recently leaked in The New York Times, is that the actions of the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan have added, rather than hindered, the resolve of the Western world. Judged on this evidence it is clear that America is utterly unprepared to wage an effective war against a non-concrete enemy.

There are exactly two ways to destroy a power. The first way is to demonstrate empirically to its believers that the idea is incorrect. The second way is to replace it with a better idea. These were two strategies that the United States used successfully against communism during the Cold War. When America fought wars against communism, it created the hallucinations of Korea and Vietnam. It was only by exporting its capitalism, its ideals and its freedoms to the rest of the world that the United States undermined its opposition from within.

Today, America has again employed the exact opposite of this winning strategy. When it should be reinforcing its morals and visions, instead it tries to degrade them through unconstitutional imprisonment and the use of torture against its enemies.

When it should be demonstrating the foolishness of Al Qaeda's fears, it justifies them by destroying and abandoning Afghanistan and by invading Iraq to create an impotent democracy that lends no confidence to the strength of the system. When it should fight a war of ideas, it can only understand a war of arms. And as the nature of Al Qaeda changes unless U.S. policy changes as well, it will continue to be able to cope with Al Qaeda 2.0. As it stands, Al Qaeda, that at its heart, is a deadly idea.

Retraction: In paragraphs three and four of my Sept. 15 column, "The incredible shrinking university press," I made claims about academic publishing that, after introspection, proved to be based not on perspectives gained from that industry but on a strong personal bias. I apologize in general and my ability to make fair judgments. Since this is precisely the attitude I am opposed to, I retract those paragraphs as hypothetical and apologize for their inclusion.

Letter to the editor.

Best serving global health?

Emmanuel Levinas once said of enjoyment, "There are times when one is ashamed of it, as of feasting during a plague? The wisdom of the world manifests itself in genuine horror for one dying. All eating condemns us if we only feel shame? Ought we not to change how we thank our donors?"

Surely we should show gratitude for donors' generosity, but how do Catholics give thanks — by feasting — what a wonderful community Notre Dame is that we would educate ourselves about such dire shame? or not, the rumors do have a "corporate" jobs favored

Amen to Sue Grant's letter ("Questioning ticket distribution," Sept. 25). I graduated in '58, I made a contribution virtually every year. Not a large one, as Army officers don't make a lot of money either. I got tickets requested tickets probably 24 times. Got tickets to times to second-tier games. When I last checked, I rarely showed an advertisement for Corporate Tent sales — why should I feel guilty about this?

I have often wondered if the Corporates participated in the Lottery.

Commuting school spirit, band

Lance Gallop

Tidewater Blues

It isn't just about winning. College football is about school spirit. What sets Notre Dame's spirit apart is its emphasis on community, not just Notre Dame's, but that of the world beyond.

The Fighting Irish football team (properly) remains one of the great meeting places for that community. It brings together students and alumni (including the subway kind) and provides an event to celebrate their shared experience. Whether it is a group of undergrads or a group of professors, Catholic bigots or just having something to cheer for, football at Notre Dame is an event that brings people together.

I am not an alum, not even the subway kind, nor "Catholic." Having grown up in the Big Ten, I sharpened my stereotypical dislike for Notre Dame over the years, only to have that stereotype shattered both watching football games in South Bend and attending my wife's class reunion. There I learned that Notre Dame is not merely about winning, it is about community — not just its own, but the world beyond. That is something to be immensely proud of, even when the breaks are beating the boys, stay to the end. Sing the alma mater. Don't be "me." Be Notre Dame.

David Beach
San Francisco, CA

Band delivered praiseworthy performance

I don't know what everyone else thought, but the performance of the Notre Dame band at the Michigan State was truly amazing. Despite the heavy rain throughout the second half, the band came through as loud as could be on television, and it was assumed to be the players' performance, guys and girls! I am certain your inspired play in the second half helped the team rally to victory.

Jim Blase

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Class of 1982

Sept. 25

Looking into ticket distribution

Complaints ill-founded

My, my, Sue Grant is sure feeling sorry for herself having to walk a long way to the stadium. Sure she hasn't heard about the shuttle from the White field on the north where anyone can park. Alumni that give a little, those in the Class of '82, who give a lot help each other with tickets all the time. Anyone who stays in touch can get tickets for games — maybe not all — but for most games.

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SCENE & HEARD

Celebrity babies hold media, public attention

I have absolutely shocking news. It turns out that nearly four months ago, the world was introduced to baby Cruise. Yes, celebrity personalities and occasional couch jumpers Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes combined their genes and produced a baby named Suri, and on that fateful May day, the Scientology heiress was born. Actually, this most likely will shock no one other than maybe Mimi Rogers. Unless you currently reside unbeknownst on a rock, you will have heard about the birth of little Suri.

Considering that nearly every major publication and newsworthy website featured a countdown to her birth (complete with unnecessary details such as font's unending focus on the placenta), avoiding hearing about the spawn of TomKat would be pretty much incredible. Apple, and Moses Martin, Coco (Le-Arquette), Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt and Sean Preston Federline are among the recent crop of celebrity babies whose omnipresence is puzzling and more than a little obnoxious. "They're annoying!" No one hates babies, you soulless fiend," defenders say. Yes, I've heard it before. And if I of all people certainly do not hate babies. They're extremely cute, even if they occasionally smell funny.

However, I can't say I'm a fan of the fact that each time a celebrity mom pops out a new kid, the world (for at least, the ever-realistic world of entertainment news) feels the need to swoon. Even so, that won't prevent me from peering through the pages of the latest issue of "Vanity Fair," in which Suri Cruise has a multi-page spread. She looks just like her dad! Seriously, look at that face. Adorable.

Celebrity babies are an addiction. We want to know the London boutique where Mamma Gwyneth bought their coats, the formula brand of choice in the Cruise or Federline household, even the maker of their designer basinettes. If we had access to the doctor's ultrasound images, we'd want those too. Framed, and with captions.

If this sounds more than a little extreme, consider the case of baby Shiloh Nouvel.

The product of the union of A-Sisters, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, Shiloh became an international sensation while still in utero. The world watched with rapt attention at the diplomatic power of the Jolie-Pitt fetus undoubtedly impressed that she could revolutionize the Namibian tourist economy without actually being born yet. Would Angelina give birth in Paris or Namibia?

The debate raged for weeks, with angry defenders on both sides of the "Us Weekly" Letters to the Editor page. Extreme? Nah.

What's also both impressive and more than a little terrifying is the clout that these babies have obtained in the media. For the public, the emergence of the formerly enigmatic Suri in the pages of a major publication trumps any story about Iraq that MSNBC may feature on its front page. Even I shamelessly admit gazing over fashion and Katrina headlines to check the status of Britney Spears' latest Covington. We just can't help ourselves.

Maybe it's the allure of their glamorous lifestyles that draws us in like moths to the flame.

Whether your passion is unlocking Oink's secrets, laughing at Donkey lips or playing with a Log, it's easier than ever to relate this passion every day. Not only do these celebrities themselves, but they have the additional bonus of letting you relive your childhood consumerism by remembering how badly you wanted those Huggi Puppies sneakers or the super duper martini julep. Plus, Kirk Fog is a pretty good looking guy. But what about the crime de la crime of the Nickelodeon opus — the live-action shows? Although slow in the follow-through, Nickelodeon has been releasing these masterpieces in their Nickelodeon Rewind DVD collection. The first two seasons of "The Adventures of Pete and Pete" have already been released, with the third on the way.

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Also in this collection is the first season of "Clarissa Explains It All." This is especially important to Domers, because Jason Zimbler — who plays Clarissa's brother, Ferguson, or "Ferg-farce" — is a 1994 graduate of Notre Dame. Future claimed releases in this series include "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and "Salute Your Shorts."

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Submitted for the approval of the Midnight Society, I call this story The Tale of the Nick Kid Who Never Grew Up. I wanted to be a Blue Barracuda. I am not trained to say that I was afraid of the dark. I am not trained to say that I was afraid of the dark when I was five.

Anawanna is where I wanted to spend every summer. And I will still swear to this day that Clarissa really can explain all.

There is a reason why at campus events — such as the Dillon Pep Rally or the Keenan Revue — old Nickelodeon theme songs never fail to be played. Or why the whole audience continues singing the songs even after theon who introduced them was good off. We were all Nick kids.

And from those poor souls who had no raileez-access geed up, our childhoods revolved around excursions up the Aggro Cra, trips out to the Bar None Dude Ranch and watching the misschievous Wright brothers.

And thanks to the respective glo- ries of Comcast and Netflix, I can be a Nick kid whenever I want. Thanks to the noisecr of Burt and a steady stream of demand from our generation, it is easier than ever to submerge yourself in nostalgia and take procrastination to new heights by watching these Nickelodeon treasures.

Nickelodeon (Ch. 31 in the dorms) now has timeslots that they classify under "Nick Rewind" during their regular schedules. In these programming blocks, they show some of the old cartoon shows they so fondly remember. Recently "Rewind" has shown episodes of "Pliz, Angry Beavers," "Ben and Stumpy," and "A-CHHH!" defenders say.

Nickelodeon has also recently had marathons where they show some of the shorter-lived series in their entireties — like this summer's complete run of "Salute Your Shorts.

If you splurge towards the next level of Comcast pleasure, you gain access to both Nicktoons Network and Nickelodeon Games and Sports (Nick GAS, for short), which is where Nickelodeon excels in rais­ing the dead. Nicktoons has "Rock'N' Roll: Modern Life," "Ben and Stumpy" and "Invader Zim" built in to their daily schedules. And more frequently than the regular channel, Nicktoons has specials where they resurrect some of the other cartoons ("Kablam!") for a day or two. Nickel GAS brings the amazing game shows that we would spend our every minute wishing that we could play.

Shows like "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Family Double Dare," "GUTS" and "Nick Arcade" are on each and every day. Not only does this show itself treasures, but they have the additional bonus of letting you relive your childhood consumerism by remembering how badly you wanted those Huggi Puppies sneakers or the super duper martini julep. Plus, Kirk Fog is a pretty good looking guy. But what about the crime de la crime of the Nickelodeon opus — the live-action shows? Although slow in the follow-through, Nickelodeon has been releasing these masterpieces in their Nickelodeon Rewind DVD collection. The first two seasons of "The Adventures of Pete and Pete" have already been released, with the third on the way.

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MESMERIZING LEADS ANCHOR ‘ILLUSIONIST’

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Benedict Cumberbatch is David Copperfield once opined, “The real secret of magic lies in the performance.” Director Neil Burger seems to have taken note of Copperfield’s wisdom when fashioning “The Illusionist,” an impressive foray into the mind and methods of a gifted conjurer at the turn of the 19th century.

Setting off to explore the Far East, Eisenheim (Edward Norton), a cabinetmaker’s son whose innocent child is adored by the masses for his charm and magnetism, takes the opportunity to see the thespian embrace his new exalted status. He commands every scene he rests his quiet, regal and slightly aloof character - themselves.

Norton’s quiet, regal and slightly aloof performance allows Eisenheim to remain as much of an enigma as each of his illusions. He commands every scene he appears in, allowing for an all-tale-toe opportunity to see the thespian embrace his talent as a leading man. The last few years have been lean for Norton, who has twice been nominated for an Academy Award. Lately, he’s been relegated to backseat roles in films like “Kingdom of Heaven” and “The Italian Job.” But here, he’s as magnetic and as watchable as he was in Spike Lee’s 2002 drama “25th Hour,” the last entry on Norton’s filmography.

Playing opposite Norton is the equally charismatic Giamatti. In the past, he’s been a quirky wino in “Sideways” and a quirky superintendent in “Lady in the Water.” There’s nothing quirky about his role in “The Illusionist,” just the quiet humanity he brings in each of his ubiquitous “everyman” roles.

Sadie, Bile is left with almost nothing to do, the victim of a script that utilizes her as a damsel masquerading as plot device. None of the memorable scenes in the film involve her character, perhaps further perpetuating the cliche of Bile, who is perpetually laying waste to America’s multiplexes. But here, her magnetic appeal is strongest as she works in a day and age where solid films are all too rare, it stands head and shoulders above the trite currently laying waste to America’s multiplexes.

The film’s biggest flaw has nothing to do with magic, artifice or even the dark arts. Rather, “The Illusionist” builds a full head of steam and then hits an emotional brick wall two-thirds of the way through the journey. Instead of further mining his largely fascinating characters, Burger chose to pull off a narrative sleight of hand — the plot peppers along for another 20 minutes before dropping a stunning final act denouement.

In the end, it doesn’t quite work. The characters in this film are paramount, the plot secondary — a shame considering the impending arrival of Christopher Nolan’s “The Prestige,” the story of rival magicians dueling in turn-of-the-century London.

Given the star power involved in that film, Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson and Michael Caine, it’s difficult to imagine “The Illusionist” standing the test of time, given its decidedly ordinary plot saved by effective execution. At the very least, Burger’s film has launched an impressive opening salvo in a duel between the two this year’s two magnetic period pieces.

“The Illusionist” is a fine film, even enchanting on occasion. In a day and age where solid films are all too rare, it stands head and shoulders above the trite currently laying waste to America’s multiplexes. Like any other magic trick, it lingers in the mind, leaving audiences gasping for more. But if Burger and his crew had pushed the envelope, they could have left audiences with an achievement worthy of reverence for years, rather than months.

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ED OF ALL TRADES

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Most movie stars of today rely on their personalities shining through in the roles they play, regardless of whether or not that fits the character. Actors like Tom Cruise or Matthew Macaoughy, in whatever film they star in, they always essentially play the same character — themselves.

Then there is another class of actors who never seem to do the same thing twice, and instead completely lose themselves in the characters they are playing. Johnny Depp is often mentioned at the forefront of this category. And although he has only been in the movie business for ten years, Edward Norton is quickly rising in his own right, treading a career path similar to Depp’s.

Even after seeing all of his films, it is enormously difficult to say what a typical "Ed Norton-type" is like. Norton immerses himself so deeply into each of his characterizations that his own personality disappears.

Most recently, Norton has built up his impressive and diverse body of work with an incredible performance in "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (1996), and then was nominated for the Best Actor Academy Award for his role as a reformed neo-Nazi in 1998’s "American History X." Continuing on his upward spiral, Norton co-starred with Matt Damon in "Rounders" (1998) and with Brad Pitt in the 1999 adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk’s novel "Fight Club." He also starred in the 1999 hit crime film "8 "The Illusionist."" Norton has since continued to be a respectable force in the movie industry.

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Griffey homers in return to lead Cleveland

Reds center fielder even with Jackson on all-time dinger list

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. moved into 10th place on baseball’s career home-run list with a three-run pinch-hit shot in the eighth inning Monday that lifted the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Griffey, in his first appearance after missing 17 games with a toe injury, hit a 1-1 pitch from left-hander Scott Eyre (3-3) into the right field seats for his 538th career home run and 536th of his career, tying Roger Maris Jackson on the home run list. It was the fifth pinch-hit homer of his career.

Griffey hadn’t played since dislocating the second toe of his right foot while trying to catch a homer by Barry Bonds on Sept. 4, at Great American Ball Park. Scott Schoeneweis (2-0) got two outs in the eighth inning to earn the win. David Weathers pitched the ninth to pick up his third save in 18 opportunities.

Griffey’s homer cost Wade Miller his first win since finishing Kansas City 8-5 for Boston on April 29, 2006. The left-hander in his fourth start since missing the first five months of the season after offseason shoulder surgery, allowed three hits and three walks with two strikeouts.

Cincinnati put at least one runner on base in every inning against the struggling Sox, but none got past second base.

Bronson Arroyo allowed seven hits and four runs in six innings for his seventh win of the season. Arroyo gave up a leadoff single to Orlando Cabrera and then walked Mark Bellhorn and Jim Thome before striking out Michael Jordan and advanc- ing a run with wild pitch.

After adding Jim Thome to their already powerful lineup during the winter, Chicago came into the year picked by most to make another run at a championship. But things didn’t go well from the start.

The White Sox first found themselves chasing the surprising Detroit Tigers and then couldn’t keep pace with the Twins, who passed them in the "final few weeks and haven’t looked back since.

Chicago was done in by its shaky bullpen, but what so far is a 5-15 record in September. A bunch of different things, errors, strikeouts and late we were a team as a group being everything together," said Ozzie Guillen said before the series opener. "We weren’t run to the end of it.

Lee (13-11) limited the White Sox to one hit and one walk in seven innings and allowed one run, but none got past second base.

The Indians, whose season was as disappointing as Chicago’s, had the satisfaction of possibly ending the White Sox’s postseason hopes. A year ago, the opposite was true as the White Sox swept a three-game series from Cleveland on the final weekend of the season to end the Indians’ playoff quest.

After Guillen pulled Garland, who took a shutout into the eighth and struck out a career-high 13 batters, Martinez hit an RBI single and Garko doubled in two.

Garland was rocked for 12 runs, eight earned, and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

With one out in the sixth, Blake connected for his slam off reliever Boone Logan as the Indians tied the major league record for slams in a season. They share it with the 2000 Oakland Athletics.

Blue Jays, Red Sox

Shawn Marcum and Jason Frasor combined on a two-hit shutout, and the Toronto Blue Jays moved into second place in the AL East with a victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

Alex Rios and Bengie Molina homered for the Blue Jays, who are a half-game ahead of Boston. Toronto has finished third in the AL East seven of the past eight years, the exception being a last-place finish in 2008.

The Red Sox have come in second behind the New York Yankees for eight straight seasons.

Toronto hadn’t had sole pos­session of second place since April 26.

Marcum (3-4) allowed only Alex Cora’s infield single in the sixth and Eric Hinske’s single in the eighth.

The righty-righthander struck out a career-high 10 and walked one in a career-high two hit innings, the 13th start of his career.

Before the game, Toronto manager John Gibbons said the team didn’t know what Marcum’s role would be next year.

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Saints victorious in Superdome return

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Superdome got a new roof after Hurricane Katrina. The New Orleans Saints did their best to blow it off again.

In an ear-splitting return to their rebuilt stadium, the Saints gave the Big Easy something to cheer about — an undefeated football team that made it look easy with a 23-3 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

This one couldn’t have come scripted any better for a team that spent all of last season on the road, and it couldn’t have come at a better time for a city that is still struggling to overcome the devastation of Katrina.

After a Super Bowl-like pregame show that included a performance by supergroups U2 and Green Day, the Saints wasted no time turning their welcome-home party into Mardi Gras. The Falcons’ first drive stalled, and special teams demon Steve Gleason sliced through the middle of the Atlanta line to smooth Michael Koenen’s punt.

The ball skidded across the goal line, where Curtis Deloatch fell on it for a touchdown — the first given up by the Falcons this season. Just 1:52 minutes into a homecoming that was over a year in the making, the Saints sent an emphatic message to the NFL and the entire country.

New Orleans is back.

Deloatch ran over to the stands and pointed at the crowd of 70,003, as if to say, “Take that, Katrina!”

Undoubtedly, many more were cheering around this still-recovering city, some of them vowing to set up television outside government-issued trailers that pass for homes more than a year after the storm blew ashore, the levees broke and the water poured through.

The Saints (3-0) purred it on against the Falcons (2-1), who fell behind 14-3 in the first quarter and never recovered.

Devery Henderson scored New Orleans’ second TD on an 11-yard double-reverse, taking a handoff from Reggie Bush and cutting inside the pylons with speed from a gap block by quarterback Drew Brees.

John Carney kicked two field goals in the second period, including a 51-yarder that cleared the crossbar as time ran out.

The Saints trotted to the locker room with a 20-3 lead and a running ovation ringing in their ears. The Falcons struggled off in the opposite direction, as if they already knew this wasn’t going to be their night.

IN BRIEF

Bengals linebacker Odell Thurman out for season

CINCINNATI — Coach Marvin Lewis expects middle linebacker Odell Thurman to be suspended for the rest of the season following his arrest early Monday on a drunken driving charge.

Thurman, who already served a four-game suspension for violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy, could get an additional one-year suspension from the league.

The arrest came less than a week after commissioner Roger Goodell visited Cincinnati and reminded players of their responsibility to stay out of trouble and represent the league honorably. It also drew Lewis’ most stinging comments since receiver Chris Henry was arrested last December, starting the streak of court appearances by Bengals players.

Yzerman named Red Wings Vice President

DETROIT — Steve Yzerman joined the Detroit front office on Monday, becoming the vice president of the Red Wings.


“He’s the best player to ever wear the winged wheel. He’s huge for the organization, and we’re beyond fortunate to have him,” general manager Ken Holland said in a statement.

Yzerman ranks eighth all-time in NHL total points. He was named the league’s player of the month in December.

Brother of Colts WR Wayne in car accident

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis’ victory celebration turned somber Monday.

The usual boisterous locker room noise was replaced by emotional, thoughtful reflection as Colts players offered support to their grieving receiver, Reggie Wayne.

Wayne’s older brother, Rashad, was killed in an automobile accident Sunday — something Colts players didn’t learn until well after Sunday’s game ended. After hearing the news, Wayne flew back to his home state of Louisiana so he could help the family make funeral arrangements.

“I was at dinner and I was in a big state of shock. I almost started crying,” said Aaron Moorehead, another Indy receiver and one of Wayne’s closest friends. “I’m really almost in tears right now. He said he wanted us to pray for him and that’s what we’re going to do.”

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Sellers running back Deuce McAllister flies over Falcons defensive back Chris Crocker as safety Lawyer Milloy makes the stop in New Orleans’ 23-3 victory, the first game in the reopened Superdome since Hurricane Katrina.

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around the dial
Simms out indefinitely after being hospitalized

Bucs have not ruled out allowing QB to return this season

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms took hit after hit, responding the way football players are taught.

He endured the pain and kept on playing.

"In the huddle, he was gasping for air," Buccaneers receiver Michael Clayton said Monday, a day after the Tampa Bay quarterback's spleen was removed following a 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

"He'd call part of the (pass) routes, then gasp for air and finish it. Everybody was saying, 'Chris, are you OK?' You could tell he was fighting it."

Simms is out indefinitely, although coach Jon Gruden has not ruled out his playing again this season.

In the meantime, rookie Bruce Gradkowski becomes the starter. Tim Rattay will be the backup, and the Bucs will explore signing a veteran to fill in as the No. 3 quarterback until Luke McCowan comes off the physically-unable-to-perform list.

The Bucs initially thought the 26-year-old son of Super Bowl-winning quarterback Phil Simms had difficulty breathing because of sore ribs and dehydration, but rushed him to St. Joseph's Hospital when it became apparent the injury was more serious.

"He got hurt early in the game and was able to complete the first half. He went into the locker room, was diagnosed carefully and had no symptoms whatsoever of a spleen injury," Gruden said. "He got an IV. He was persistent about playing and was confident he could fight through it."

It was not clear if Simms was hurt on a particular play or if the injury resulted from an accumulation of blows. Gruden felt the most damaging may have occurred late in the fourth quarter when Carolina's Al Wallace hit Simms on a pass play and landed on top of the quarterback.

Gruden thought Wallace should have been penalized for roughing the passer. Two plays later, Matt Bryant kicked a 29-yard field goal that gave Tampa Bay a 2-23 lead with five minutes remaining.

Simms attempted one more pass after that, overthrowing Joey Galloway on a deep route. Then he was driven from the stadium and received a call from the team trainer. He visited the quarterback early Monday and found him in good spirits.

"He's going to be just fine... His football career is in no jeopardy," Gruden said.

"He said it's the first time he's ever been knocked out with a sleeping pill and he didn't think it would work. ... He's a great kid. He's obviously very frustrated, very disappointed that physically he can't play."

Teammates were shaken when they learned Simms had surgery.

"Some heard about it from television reports, while Simeon Rice — who rarely reads the newspaper or watches NFL highlights on TV when the Bucs lose — didn't find out until he walked into the locker room Monday. "I just really had a sick feeling," center John Wade said.

"I didn't even know what a spleen was," rookie guard Davin Joseph said. "Talk about toughing it out for the team."

Clayton said anyone who knows Simms knows that's the type of individual he is.

"No matter how hurt he is, he's going to want to play," Clayton said. "Sometimes that can work not in your best interests."

Texas coach Mack Brown related a story about Simms facing Nebraska in 2002, when the former Longhorns quarterback had an ugly looking dislocated finger on his throwing hand. Simms went to the sidelines, had it popped into place and finished with 419 yards passing, still a Texas regular-season record.

"He wouldn't let us pull him out of the game. He said 'Please, don't call timeout so they can pop it back in.' He didn't want to miss a play," Brown recalled.

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Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms kneels on the turf during the Buccaneers' 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers Sunday.

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Women's Internhall Football
Teams prepare for season's final stretch

By MIKE BURDELL and BILL BRINK
Sports Writers

Cavanaugh and Walsh — both desperately needing a win — will continue their heated rivalry Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Riehle West Field.

The Chaos (2-0) could gain a playoff berth with a victory, while the Wild Women (1-1) must win to stay in contention.

The Wild Women lost their season opener to Welsh Family 6-4, but bounced back with a victory over Pasquerilla East. A win Tuesday would provide momentum for a playoff run.

“We had a shaky start against Welsh Family Hall, but we're really starting to gel as a team,” Walsh halfback Laurie Wasikowski said. “We have a stellar defense and our offense is looking better each game.”

While the Wild Women look to one offense for consistency, the Chaos will rely heavily on defense — one that's allowed just one touchdown all season.

“Our defense has been great so far,” captain middle linebacker Keryll Bergen said. “Everyone has done a great job of working together and helping each other out. We have a bunch of returning players as well as some new incoming players, all of who contribute.”

Bergen emphasized the excitement surrounding the rivalry.

“It's always a big match-up when we play Walsh,” Bergen said. “I think there is definitely a lot of hype. It's been a great rivalry and every time you have the big hype like this against a good opponent, there's a lot of excitement. Everyone's just really anxious and pumped and ready to play.”

Wasikowski agreed with Bergen about the rivalry but emphasized overall consistency as the team's focus.

“We've played (Cavanaugh) so many times. They're probably our biggest rival,” Wasikowski said. “We need to focus on our execution. We know our offense is capable of doing well, but we need to really just get the ball in the end zone.”

With perhaps the biggest game of either teams' season tonight, players can feel the tension mounting.

“Some (of Cavanaugh's) players were trash talking to our coach in DeBartolo today,” Bergen said. “I think they're overconfident and looking past us.”

Badin vs. Lyons

It's been a rocky start to the season for both the Bullfrogs and Lions.

Badin started off strong with a win against PE, but then lost two straight to Cavanaugh and Welsh Family. Lyons is still looking for its first win after also losing to Cavanaugh and Welsh Family.

But despite each team's recent lack of success — they can both fix their problems tonight at 7 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Lyons freshman Claire Connell stressed the development of her young, inexperienced team as a reason for the slow start. The Lions are maturing together on the field with each game.

“Our team has a lot of freshmen and young players, and they need more experience,” Lyons freshman quarterback Claire Connell said. “But even in the second game, we were showing improvement. We work well as a team and have a lot of fun.”

Badin, on the other hand, has all the pieces in place to be successful, but needs to utilize them more effectively.

“We have a lot of talent and skill, but we need everyone focused.” Bullfrogs captain Meghan Charlebois said.

Both teams have the ability to perform, but need to put it together for the entire game.

“We came out against Welsh Family at the beginning and drove down the field well, and we were connecting,” Charlebois said. “But we came out flat in the second half, when they got most of their points.”

“We were moving the ball down the field in the first half, but ran out of time,” Connell said.

Our offense will be the key to tomorrow's game.

“Our defense has been doing well, they had some big stops last game,” Connell said. “We need to keep the offense going, and I need to get passes off more quickly.”

P.E. vs. Welsh Family

Pasquerilla East has its work cut out when it takes on Welsh Family at 8 p.m. tonight at Riehle West field — in a matchup that could either cement the Whirlwind's place atop the Blue League or put the Pyros right back in the race.

Lyon's and Badin both have two losses, so a Pasquerilla East (PE) win may allow it to climb back into the playoff picture. And against the strong Whirlwind offense led by Jenni Gargula, the Pyro defense will need to be solid.

“We have a strong defense, we stopped Walsh,” Pyro captain Molly Fox said. “They only scored on an interception return.

But even a strong defense will be tested against Welsh Family. Whirlwind captain Brittany Scott knows her team competes regardless of the score.

“We come to play,” Whirlwind captain Brittany Scott said. “We play when we have a lead, or we can come from behind like we did against Badin. We always play like the score is 0-0.”

P.E. has not scored a touchdown yet this season. Against a high-powered offensive team like Welsh Family, it will need to put some points on the board.

“Our offense is young, and the first two games have been necessary practice,” Fox said. “We need to complete our offensive plays.

The versatile Whirlwind defense will not be easy to move the ball against, however.

“We can play either man-to-man or zone, sometimes a combination of the two,” Scott said.

“It depends on what we're seeing from the offense. P.E. has its own versatility to counter the different defensive looks. The Pyros lost running back and wide receiver Tara Pillay to a sprained ankle, but have two options at quarterback — Mora Adams and Caroline Nally.”

“We have depth at quarterback, and we want to utilize differ­

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game, Notre Dame will face another undefeated squad to continue the team’s tough opening schedule. Notre Dame enters the contest 4-0 with wins over Indiana State, Miami (Ohio), Ball State and Minnesota.
In this week’s Sagarin Ratings — one of the computer polls used in the Bowl Championship Series rank-
ing formulas — the Irish have the No. 1 strength of schedule in the country. Thanks to that, Notre Dame is ranked No. 7 in the version of the rankings — the highest of any team with a loss. By comparison, Sagarin lists Purdue No. 154 in strength of schedule and No. 27 in the BCS-rated ranking.
Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was named the Walter Camp Foundation National Player of the Week award Monday. Quinn completed 20-of-36 passes for 319 yards and five touch-
downs.
A week ago, the Irish were on the other end of the award. The foundation hon-
orized Michigan wide receiver Mario Manningham Sept. 18 after his three-touchdown performance against Notre Dame in Week 1.
Notre Dame was named the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week for the 16-point deficit the Irish erased in the final 8:18 of play. The award is voted on by members of the Football Writers Association of America who vote in the Grantland Rice Super-16 poll.
ESPN Classic will broadcast an "Instant Classic" replay of Notre Dame’s 40-37 comeback victory over Michigan State Wednesday at 9 p.m.
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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Belles look to bounce back
Saint Mary’s hosts Tri-State in league play
By SAMANTHA LEONARD
After a disappointing loss Friday against Calvin, the Belles will need to recover before playing another confer-
cence foe — Tri-State.
With a record of 3-5 MIAA conference record 16-10 overall, Tri-State is right behind the Belles in the conference standings at fifth place. The Belles, who have a record of 3-2 in the MIAA and are 10-3 overall, are ready for the chal-
lenge.
Senior setter Amanda David had encouraging words for the Belles.
"The team has been working really hard in practice and in games to achieve our high goals," she said. "Every game we always aim to play with no regrets left on the court. This attitude will continue to con-
tribute to our success in the matches we play."
Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek explained what the Belles need to improve upon for Tri-State.
"We need to re-
focus on our goal to finish in the top four of the conference," she said. "And move on to the conference tournament when we step on that court."
The Belles will have some help from this week’s MIAA Specialty Player of the Week — senior Anne Cusack.
Cusack received the honor after her strong effort against Kalamazoo and Calvin. Cusack averaged 7.5 digs and 1.2 service aces against the two teams.
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Colleen Courtney said. "The first six games haven’t gone exactly as planned, but that does not matter in the long run."
Alma, who has lost its last three games, comes into the contest with a 2-6 overall record. The Scots lost their first contest this sea-
son 2-1 in overtime against Concordia College.
Junior Kelly Walsh, who leads Alina with four goals on the year, had the lone goal late in the second half. The Scot offense spreads the ball around effectively, with five different forwards com-
bining for their 12 goals. In comparison, sisters Ashley and Lauren Hinton have all but one goal for the Belles this year. Senior Caroline Stanczukas has the other tally for Saint Mary’s.
The Belles will have to pro-
duce a little more offense in order to compete with Alma and the rest of the MIAA. In the Belles last game, they were only able to get two shots on net in a 4-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan Sunday.
Saint Mary’s coach Caryn Mackenzie installed a new offense for the game, but the team struggled to adjust which allowed Illinois Wesleyan to get out to an early lead. The team is still unsure whether it will stick with the new offense or return to its old style.
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There was an issue, as Cavanaugh was able to put pressure on quarterback throughout the game. Numerous penalties against Lyons, indicative of their inexperience, stilled many drives — but Cavanaugh head coach John Harrington has confidence in his ever-improving team. “Our game is definitely an evolving process,” he said. “Looking back on last week, we are definitely improving. We are trying to pick up the tempo with quicker passing and play-calling. We made improvements on both sides of the ball.”

Harrington also added the Lions need to improve the play of their secondary. Longway passed up all three Chaos touchdowns. Cavanaugh’s back-up quarterback was able to put pressure on the defense throughout the game. With Pangborn leading 14-0 in the second half, the Ducks attempted a trick play, which Bescher turned into more Phox points. After a quick screen for the right sideline, Howard’s receiver took a step back with the ball and looked to have a deep breakdown.

Bescher was sharp with her passes, hitting a variety of receivers all over the field. The Ducks, 20-0 at halftime, outscored Pangborn 28-7 in the second half, increasing their winning streak to two — one for a touchdown — and creating a 35-point lead over Pangborn. At half time we got it together, Harrington said. “We played tight coverage and it’s been working so far.”

Each team scored only six points in the first half, which was the majority of the scoring done in the first half. With the score still 7-0 and the Pangborn defense still struggling in the first half but were able to recover. He also added that the Ducks’ offense was more successful in the first half but were able to recover. He also added that the Ducks’ offense was more successful in the first half than in the second half.

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**Fisher**

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we feel we can stop the run with six men," Fisher coach Ryan Braded said. "That allows us to play a rover back in the defensive secondary who can clean up plays. We're not big, but we're quick.

A Fisher fumble gave Zahn the ball on his one-yard line at the end of the third quarter, but three plays later was nullified following Officials found interference with a pass play, calling a pass interference call, and a dead-ball personal foul in the end zone, and Fisher now found itself facing a third-and-goal on the four-yard line.

"They're playing the type of football we should be playing," Zahn captain Sean Woolley said. "After their two picks in the second half, we played inspired - we played with a fire in our hearts.

**Siegfried 16, Knott 6**

A 25-yard touchdown pass from Siegfried quarterback Max Yuskiw to running back Nick Harper, which led to a 54-0 first-quarter lead for the Rams, was nullified following a penalty for delay of game. Officials also called the Rams defense on a pass interference call.

The second quarter was characterized by mistakes. Betz intercepted another pass in the first half, but his defense held Knott to only 35 yards passing.

"Siegfried's corner back Betz's head was recovered in the end zone by Tom Martin to seal the victory," Knott's coach Matt O'Brien said. "Knott's problems started on the first snap. We had big plays, Kelly had a huge play and we made a great play in the end zone and pulled in a pass." The second quarter was characterized by mistakes. Betz intercepted another pass in the first half, but his defense held Knott to only 35 yards passing.

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26. Dawdling (9)
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40. Double agent (7)
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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Seperation Sunday

Fisher defense shuts out Zahm 14-0 and forces two turnovers

By BILL BRINK, KATHERINE DONLIN and SARAH THOMAS
Sports Writers

Fisher's defense held Zahm scoreless and forced two turnovers in the Green Wave's 14-0 victory over the Rabid Bats Sunday.

Fisher Quarterback Kevin Rahbi was 8-of-13 passing for 106 yards, including a 20-yard completion to the Rabid Bat one-yard line on the team's opening drive. That set up senior Tom Hessert's one-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal.

Fisher safety John O'Connell intercepted a pass on the three-yard line near the end of the first half and also recovered a fumble in the end zone for the Green Wave's second touchdown.

The Green Wave defense is not physically imposing, but they don't have to be.

"We swarmed to the ball, and

Cavanaugh utilizes zone coverage to beat Lyons 30-6 Sunday

By MICHAEL BURDELL, ANDREW KOVACH and COLIN REIMER
Sports Writers

Cavanaugh looked impressive on both sides of the ball Sunday as they defeated Lyons Hall 20-6 Sunday.

With great quarterback protection, Cavanaugh's offense blew up Lions goal defense, completing pass after pass over pass coverage to 13 first-half points.

The Lions were able to take advantage of shallow-zone coverage to complete long passes when they needed them most.

The Lions showed improvement from last week, driving down field three times and threatening the Chaos defense. But a lack of pass protection

FOOTBALL

Aldridge ready to hit holes

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

With the Irish rushing game stuck in a rut, Charlie Weis will get some help today in the form of freshman running back James Aldridge.

One of three freshmen who enrolled in January, Aldridge suffered a knee injury in spring camp and has not seen action in Notre Dame's first two games. But Weis said the 6-foot, 209-pound product of Crown Point, Ind., would suit up with the first two offensive units this week, starting with today's practice, and likely be ready to play Saturday against Purdue.

"He's going to start practicing for real this week," Weis said in his press conference Sunday. "He's been practicing now. We just have not nipped him with the first group up there.

Aldridge will join an Irish

Belles kick off MIAA season against Alma

Saint Mary's brings 1-5 record into match

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

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CHAMPION at the end of the season. The conference has existed since 1989, but until this point the first-place finisher was decided from regular season wins.

Saint Mary's and its senior leaders are confident going into this year's schedule that they will be able to compete with everyone in the MIAA and make a run at the conference title at season's end.

"I feel that the team is going to do very well this year," senior goalkeeper Nicole Leach said Sept. 6. "We hope to at least finish within the top three teams of our conference."

Despite the slow start, the senior corps is still confident that they will be able to improve as a unit and challenge anyone they face.

"Against Alma we start with a clean slate," senior captain

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Freshman James Aldridge runs drills April 19 during spring practice. Aldridge will be ready to play Saturday against Purdue.