Authorities nab bank scam suspect

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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Authorities in Fullerton, Calif., arrest an individual Tuesday in connection with the e-mail scam that prompted more than 60 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) members to give their credit card numbers and passwords to a swindler masquerading as the credit union.

Sgt. Tom Conklin from the Fullerton Police Department said a man was arrested Tuesday at 1 a.m. after the police received a series of e-mails that redirected them to a mock-up of the credit union's Web site. Users were asked to enter their account numbers, passwords and security codes.

NDFCU President Leo Ditchcreek said Tuesday morning that 60 customers clicked on the fraudulent link to review their account information after an e-mail told them there were "one or more unsuccessful attempts to log in for a Household Banking Account ... from a foreign IP address." Ditchcreek said at least five accounts were credited charges and withdrawals that added up to over $2,000.

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The decision to select Holland was not a difficult one, Burish said. "I consulted with a number of people on campus ... and his name came up again and again," he said.

Until Monday, Holland was the chair of the Department of Film, Television and Theater and held an appointment in the Department of English as the McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies. Holland is also the academic director of Actors from the London Stage, president of the Shakespeare Association of America and editor of Shakespeare Bulletin.

"I have a lot of ideas," Holland said. "But, I think the McMeel Family chair is the official one. It's a piece of Trasviiña's schizophrenia concerning immigration was a main theme in Wednesday's lecture by guest speaker John Schuh, an influential voice in the continuing debate over Latino immigration. Focusing largely on United States history and the continuing vilification on immigration issues, Schuh's speech was a lesson in politics, history and acceptance.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hey, what's the GP?

I was frequently asked this by my beloved travelling entourage (moment of silence) that I met during my six-week immersion program in Toledo, Spain, this summer. No, the "GP" didn't stand for "good parsley," but "genuinely plan" a desirable place-of-action for the group. In travel context, a "genuinely plan" includes the smallest excursion to the pharmacy in a.k.a. bound-Sangria round to the most treacherous (and dumbest) idea of participating in the Pamplona bull runs. My dad was the original master of the GP of my younger-years of family travel. So, I stick to my luggage so that whenever I had to rally my friends (or at least was nominated to do so), I suggested we stick with a GP.

The GP took us atop a beautiful rock overlooking Toledo (where we trekked up before sunset and enjoyed our pharmacy purchases), late into the bunting stringlight of Barvelona dancing on plat­forms 'til sunrise, and miles offshore. Costa del Sol on a sailboat into the calm Atlantic surf.

The GP became our staple, a passport to siloes and memories. Many fellow travelers will depart soon to study in Spain for this semester or in the future. So, whenever comes for you to formu­late your own GP, you might recall some of the following things I learned for wish I had known before along the way.

Inter-European travel: Student hostels and low-cost transportation services makes securing the weekend getaway much simpler with less planning time and lighter budgets. However, do your research before booking a seat on a sketchy-sounding airline like "Compania Low-Cost." Many discount carriers like EasyJet (by unheard of "alternative" airports for major cities that may be 50 miles away from the actual city) should make sure that the $10 seat you bought isn't a cardboard box, either. Always carry your passport even for a domestic flight (I learned that the hard way).

Nightlife: Admission into clubs is expensive, but drink fees are exorbitant. Since most clubs don't get packed until around 2 a.m., stick to bars before and you'll still have money in the bank. If you're planning to go with a group, enter nagging; otherwise bouncers won't let you in because of overcrowding.

Food: You'll need your inexpensive hostelpens at 7 a.m. and kick yourself upon discovering that some do not provide towels or bed sheets free of charge. Some also have curfews, so if you call it an "early night," at 4 a.m. and miss the deadline, you'll be banging outside the door and be mistaken for the drunken village idiot.

My best advice can be heeded before departure: Other everything you plan to take with you, unpack half, and leave it at home. Airlines are no longer gen­erous with luggage allowances. Leaving room in your bag prevents you from worrying about paying extra baggage fees for all of the sweet schwag you bought for your friends on your inward journey. Plus you'll be too broke to pay them anyways.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT KIND OF MUSIC WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR IN THE DINING HALLS?

Kevin McKenan
freshman
Morrissey
Rohan Anand
News Wire Editor

"Modern rock because it's incredibly underplayed everywhere."

Eileen Murphy
senior
McGlinn

"Different music for every day of the week ... like classical Sundays or classic rock Thursdays."

Melissa Dondalski
sophomore
Howard

"Something that you can digest easily to ... like Dave Matthews Band on loop."

Alec Hirschauer
senior
O'Neil

"Freebird."

Crystal Truong
senior
Farley

"I really have no preference. Just as long as there's music."

OFFBEAT

Momma moose bashes through door

POCATELLO, Idaho — Anita Ovard moved to her small home in this town in the western foothills of the Rocky Mountains because she wanted to see more wildlife. But the view got a blow when two baby moose decided to make itself at home in her front room.

Ovard spotted two baby moose in her yard when she pulled into the drive­way Tuesday. She immedi­ately started looking for the mother moose, spotting the massive animal just before it plowed through her storm door and front door. There's a big gouge, and you can see where the whole front of the (moose) body went right through it. It broke the wood frame," Ovard told the Idaho State Journal. "Try telling that to an insurance company."

Shoppers browse unstaffed Colorado store

NORTHGLENN, Colo. — They could have left the tree completely bare. But some honest shoppers at an unstaffed Dollar Tree store must have decided that honesty was the best policy while searching for bargains on Labor Day.

About 15 shoppers walked through the front doors of a closed Dollar Tree store Monday after a lock on the doors malfunctioned. They also didn't see, or ignored, a sign on the doors indicating the store was closed for the holi­day. Northglenn Police spokesman Ian Lopez says one woman became suspic­ious when there was no one at the register to ring up her purchase, so she called authorities.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will hold screen­ings of the film "Dying to Live" tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. Director Ivan Grossly will be present for discussion. Admission is $3.

There will be a welcome back picnic for all students tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services. The picnic will be held at the Fieldhouse Mall. The rain location will be the LaForest Ballroom. Food is free.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play the College of Charleston in the Shamrock Invitational Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Rhode Island Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Show will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. OK go and Lupe Fiasco will headline the concert. Tickets are on sale in the LaForest Ballroom. There will be a Riathaon (one half mile swim and two mile run) on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Contact Bill Reagan for more information. Registration needed. Open to students only.

The film "Panther Panchali" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

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

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Web site to manufacture ATM cards in California using that information and withdraw cash immediately.

The Fullerton Department contacted him Wednesday after the discovery of 18 debit cards that matched accounts the NDFCU had blocked as a result of the scam.

"The individual that was arrested (Tuesday in Fullerton) had in his possession 18 different cards with some of our members’ debit card numbers," Ditchcreek said. Conklin did not say whether the man was still in custody, nor what charges were or could be brought against him. Conklin also said he did not know if the suspect had any accomplices.

And though the man was directly tied to the NDFCU scam, Ditchcreek said the police didn’t know yet if he was responsible for sending the e-mails or setting up the illegitimate Web site.

The e-mails that went out were directed to a combination of students and the general public, NDFCU members and non-members alike, Ditchcreek said. The origin of the e-mail list that was used is still unknown, he said.

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To stay in the “green zone,” the lowest zone, one’s BAC had to be between 0.02–0.09. The cards said people who have a BAC in this zone may exhibit increased reaction time and minor impairment in reasoning and memory. If a person’s BAC rises from 0.06–0.24, they enter the “blue zone,” a warning zone that includes side effects ranging from impairment of vision and speech to very poor decision-making skills.

The “danger zone” for drinking, also known as the “red zone,” was any BAC 25 and above. In this zone, the cards said, people experience symptoms such as stability problems and loss of consciousness. If a person appeared to be in the “red zone,” the card said, they should receive medical attention.

The cards were intended as a guide and not a guarantee. But some students with health concerns, like diabetes and epilepsy, and underage students who received tickets from police complained they were “in the green zone” and being responsible, said senior Elizabeth Adams, a member of PILARS.

“This year we are promoting responsible drinking — whether you choose to drink — which is two drinks in three hours for females, or three drinks in three hours for males,” Miller said.

PILLARS’ approach this year will stress the alcohol policies listed under Indiana state law as well as university alcohol polices, Lawson said.

“PILLARS would like to be more of a presence on campus, in the dorms and look at the wellness of individuals making sure they are drinking in a healthy, responsible way,” Lawson said.

Some students said they appreciated the BAC cards and found them helpful, like sophomore Matthew Johnson. Johnson still has the BAC card he was given during a PILLARS program last year.

“I think the cards are useful in giving students a guide for drinking responsibly,” he said. “But I can see how some people could misinterpret the information and get themselves in trouble.”

Although the BAC cards will no longer be issued by PILLARS, those who would like to use them as a guide can pick them up at the OADE office, where Lawson said counselors will help them interpret the cards and understand the cards better.

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MALDEF’s mission is “to foster public policy changes, laws, and programs to safeguard the civil rights of the 45 million Latinos living in the United States to empower the Latino community to fully participate in our society.”

“We’re the law firm for the entire Latino community, not just the immigrants,” Traviesa said of MALDEF.

The lecture was the first in a series of public policy lectures sponsored by Notre Dame’s Institute of Latino Studies, given by influential voices for Latino affairs in present day America.

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with a 21st century focus of educating the whole person irrespective of ethnic background, economic status, or educational opportunity,” Johnson said.

The popular mentor and advisor to many students throughout Notre Dame’s entire community will be available to any person interested from 7:30-8:30 p.m. today in the Coleman-Morse Center student lounge or student center.

Through her work in the Officer Group and at Campus Ministry, Johnson helps to steer the development of Notre Dame as a community that strives to welcome people from all backgrounds, said University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monsignor" Malloy, under whom Johnson worked in the President’s Office.

Primarily, she helped to conceive of Notre Dame as a more diverse, community-oriented type of place,” he said.

Johnson entered Notre Dame in 1992 as a first-year undergraduate student. Though she was 36 years old, her brother had encouraged her to pursue her love of religious education by studying in theology.

Johnson became the only entering freshman then or since who was that far removed in age from the average majority of students. "We’ve never admitted anyone like me since," she said. "That’s why I believe it was just meant to be.

She first met Malloy when she enrolled in his undergraduate seminar. Though the other students were half her age, Johnson quickly became a "trusted confidante" to many of them, Malloy said.

"She seemed to me as an African-American woman who was able to help other African-American students or students struggling with identity issues. In a way, make that transition," he said.

While still an undergraduate, Johnson became involved with the Campus Ministry and studied at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem. After graduating in 1996 with a degree in theology, Johnson went to work for Campus Ministry, where she created a project designed for undergraduates of African descent and began to counsel students. A position opened in Molloy’s office in 1998, and the University president asked his former pupil if she would work for him as Assistant to the President.

She became the first Johnson student to have an assistant to the President and engaged in University-wide planning consulting, campus ministry, and meet with students. She was recently appointed to the national level, addressing African-American faculty and students as well as other topics, Malloy said.

"We’re creating a program involving inspirational and challenging counselings is the right thing for Priscilla Wong, associate director for administration and finance.

"I don’t think anybody can be glorified because they met her," Wong said. "She’s the kind of individual who inspires you. You think and feel deeply as a human being. She inspires others to be excellent.”

When Malloy left office in 2005, Johnson joined Campus Ministry full-time as associate director. Though some of her work focused on cross-cultural ministry, Johnson said her role varies and guidance were in no way limited to a specific set of students.

"Students, they could come to me, they have," she said. "I was spiritual director to students from all backgrounds. I didn’t know close to many students and found it difficult to tell them she was here."

"I didn’t know who or what she was," said Johnson. "I was her grandchild and my great, great, great grandchild. I’m happy to tell you about her.

She said the 10-year anniversary of Johnson leaving the University is May 17, a day before her official announcement.

Senior Elizabeth Adams, who worked closely with Johnson when she was student member of the Luther King Day committee, said Johnson was an influential teacher who challenged her students to think of themselves as Notre Dame students, but also as citizens of the world.

"Her door was always open," Adams said. "As much as I worked with her during three years, I’ve spent as much talking about her graduate school, her family and her.

She is a really great mentor and a good friend at the same time.’’

Johnson said he will miss Johnson, but he expressed confidence in her new mission.

"I’m glad she’s been given a new mission," Johnson said. "We don’t all have to stay here. We can go out and help improve the world.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Israel accepts Darfur refugees**

Jerusalem — Israel will grant refugee status to some of the hundreds of Muslim refugees from Sudan’s violence-ridden Darfur region who have entered the country, Minister of Interior Meir Sheetrit said Wednesday.

Sheetrit said he would work with the United Nations to set up a quota of refugees who would be naturalized. While he estimated 300 Darfur refugees had entered Israel, other government officials and refugees advocates put the number at between 500 and 800.

The arrival of the Darfurians has touched off hot debate over whether the Jewish state, founded after the refusal of other governments to take in people fleeing persecution. Fighting between pro-government militias and rebels in Darfur has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced 2.5 million since 2003.

**Three Muslims arrested for bomb plot**

BRUSSELS — Police in the Belgian capital arrested six men in a small town, the quiet hometown of 900 people.

But inside, prosecutors said Wednesday, three men were reading a nefarious plot — an “insur­rent” booshing aimed at Americans in Germany.

The cottage didn’t provide the refuge that the trio expected, authorities said. They had been watched constantly for six months in a mammoth surveillance operation involving 300 security offi­cers.

The men — two German converts to Islam and a Turkish citizen who prosecutors said shared a “profound hatred of U.S. citizens.” — allegedly infiltrated military-style detonators and enough chemicals to make bombs more powerful than those that killed 191 commuters in Madrid in 2004.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

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The analysis by doctors affiliated with the Sports Legacy Institute suggested a repeated concus­sions could have contributed to the killings, although Benoit didn’t commit them while he was in his home, though there was no way to know for sure.

"Whether it is the sole factor, I believe, is speculation, and I will not go there," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a neuro­logist at Emory University in Atlanta, who founded the Benoit’s family’s anabolic steroids were found in Benoit’s home and tests con­ducted by authorities showed Benoit had roughly 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system when he died.

"Some experts believe that use of testosterone can contribute to para­nesia, depression and violent out­bursts known as "roid rage."" Dr. Wendy Wright, an intensive care neurologist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta who was not involved in the study of Benoit’s brain, said multiple concusions could cause long-term brain injuries, but the symptoms were unclear.

"This isn’t something you would expect to see turn on one day and have someone fly into a vicious rage," she said.

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Chris Benoit flew over the area to survey the damage. He said that the U.S. and Venezuelean offered aid and that Cuban doctors were already on the ground. Nicaragua’s military flew in sheets, mattresses, food and first aid materials.

Residents had to be flown outside in makeshift ramps to uncover the remains of their humble homes. There was very little electricity, running water or telephone service.

Larry Hansack, 38, gazed at a sea littered with split­ted wood and shattered tin, pondering about his nephew, a fisherman who dis­appeared at sea. “There’s no one left to help me, and everything is disorganized,” he said. Wii
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MARKET Recap

The market recap includes information on the performance of various stocks, commodities, and exchange rates. The text mentions indices such as NASDAQ, S&P 500, and Dow Jones. The Dow Jones index closed at 13,305.47.

In Brief

The FAA orders inspection of new 737 jets. Federal regulators ordered inspections of the wing slats on all new Boeing 737 jetliners based on findings about the fire that destroyed a China Airlines 737 in Japan last week. The orders apply to the owners and operators of 783 U.S. airplanes but will likely be imposed by other countries on the entire worldwide fleet of 2,287 newer 737s, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr said Monday.

Governments

The FAA’s emergency airworthiness directive, issued Saturday, applies to all 737-800 and 737-900 series planes, the first of which entered service in January 1998 with Southwest Airlines, which flies only 737s. In the United States, the planes also are used by Alaska, American, Continental, Delta and other carriers.

Business owners returning to school

As the fall semester begins at colleges and universities across the country, thousands of small business owners will be among the students. Many people who run their own companies realize they need to learn more about finance, marketing and management, and so they decide to squeeze courses into their already tight schedules.

In Japan

The Order Bank, a Tokyo institution that provides financial services to small and medium-sized businesses, said on Wednesday that it has increased its lending to businesses seeking to refinance their debts. The bank said it had approved 64 million yen (57,000 euros) in new loans since the beginning of the year.

The central government is also stepping up efforts to support small businesses. The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced that it would provide additional financial support to companies that are struggling to meet their obligations.

The agency was established a decade ago to unify three separate institutions. Besides classroom learning that led to his being granted a certificate from MIT, he came away with a network of other small business owners who he still turns to when he needs help or advice.

US mortgage crunch expanding

Declining home prices and rising interest rates creating national nightmare for homeowners

Associated Press

OCA. FL — The walls are bare, the closets are empty, and Connie and Timothy Pent and their two teenage children are living out of boxes as they wait for a dreaded knock at the door of their modest one-bedroom house in Ocala, Fla.

They’ve fallen behind in payments on their home loan, and their lender told them in July that foreclosure was imminent.

“We thought we were fine,” said Connie fully. “You never know.”

An increasing number of homeowners and prospective homeowners are getting caught up in the fast-spreading mortgage crisis that is claiming victims from all income levels and demographic groups.

For five years, the housing boom put money in the pockets of lenders, brokers, realtors and investors and granted easy mortgages to homeowners with both good and blundered credit.

But as home prices decline and interest rates climb, the cracks in the housing market’s foundation are widening.

Exotic mortgages, once hailed for helping to increase U.S. homeownership to its highest level at 68.9 percent, have become the undoing of many.

Loans with adjustable rates, which promised lower initial payments and helped new homebuyers buy without having to save for years, have trapped borrowers in too-high payments.

Some have taken second loans, added cards, borrowed against home equity and put their savings in the toilet, stashed in the bank or sent to overseas relatives.

Those who fall behind on their payments see their homes sold at auction.

“The increasing availability of mortgages has been an important and positive long-term trend,” said Doug Elmendorf, a Brookings Institution economist. “But like many positive developments, one was taken to an unjustifiable extreme.”

Many of the victims are subprime borrowers — those like the Pents who don’t qualify for market interest rates because of blunders on their credit record.

The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that 2.2 million subprime home loans made in recent years have ended or soon will end in foreclosure.

But there are many other ways to be hurt in the mortgage crunch.

Many prospective home buyers, through little fault of their own, are having trouble getting mortgages because of the changing market.

Others were sold on too much house, piled up huge loans based on the inflated value of their property and didn’t fully understand the interest rates they would have to pay.

Nearly $1.12 trillion worth of hybrid and traditional adjustable-rate mortgages were originated in 2005 and 2006, while $779.13 billion of interest-only ARMs were issued in

JAPAN

Pension system crisis hits seniors

Associated Press

TOKYO — After reading a book this year about serious financial issues in Japan’s pension system, retired deliveryman Yoshikazu Hirano thought he’d check his own records to be safe.

He’s glad he did: The 74-year-old discovered the government had shortchanged him by $3,770 in benefits he accrued while driving a truck for three years in the 1960s and 70s.

Hirano wasn’t alone. Shortly after word of government confessed to losing track of pension records linked to an astounding 64 million claims — igniting a fast spreading mortgage crisis — the government admitted the ruling party at the polls and eroded confidence in the ability of the world’s second largest economy to support its growing legions of elderly.

Hirano, who is single and lives outside Tokyo, felt defrauded. “I had no money back,” he said.

The pension mess, fully disclosed in May, has landed on one of the world’s fastest-aging societies: 21 percent of its 127 million inhabitants are 65 or older and some 25 million retirees are collecting pensions, rising to 35 million by 2020.

People have flooded pension offices and 24-hour call centers seeking to check their records, and titles such as “Recover your pension!” Bill books and newswstands.

The confusion has hit Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The outrage contributed to a plunge in his popularity and forced him to delay an upper house election for a week — to no avail, since his ruling party was defeated.


“The organization had little sense of compliance,” said the report, which blamed the mess on faulty governance, low morale, lack of professionalism and ignorance of “the duty to protect the people’s rights.”

The agency was established a decade ago to unify three separate pension organizations — one for self-employed or non-workers, another for company employees, and the third for public servants.

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Panel refuses to dismiss
complaint against Craig
Senator launches campaign to stay in office

WASHINGTON — To the dis­
may of fellow Republicans, Sen.
Larry Craig launched a deter­
mined drive to save his seat on
Wednesday, vowing to stay in
office if allowed to withdraw his
guilty plea in a men's room sex
saga.
Craig's campaign suffered an
instant setback, however, when
the ethics committee refused to
set aside a complaint lodged
against him, "Pending Sen.
Craig's resignation, the commit­
tee will continue to review this
matter," the committee's senior
spokesman said.
The decision to deploy his legal
team marked a reversal of his
pledge to resign on Sept. 30,
and raised the possi­
bility of a pro­
tected legal and political
strategy, much of it playing out
in public, with
gay sex at its core.
"I thought he
made the cor-
rect decision, the
difficult but
correct decision to resign" over
the weekend, said Senate Repub­lican Leader Mitch
McConnell of Kentucky after he
and Craig spoke by telephone.
"That would still be my view today."
Craig made no public state­
ments during the day, although
he met privately in Boise with
Idaho Gov. C.L. Otter, who has
the authority to fill any vacancy
in the state's Senate delegation.
"We are proceeding based on
the assumption that there is
Going to be a
transition at the end of
the month," said Jon
Hanian, Idaho's governor's
spokesman.
"The senator's staff is going to work
with ours to that end."
But McConnell heard some­
thing different when he talked
with his longtime Senate col­
league. He said Craig had told
him he now intended to remain
in Congress if he is permitted to
withdraw his guilty plea by Sept. 30.
"If he is unable to have that
decision prior to Sept. 30, it is
his intention to resign from the
Senate as he expressed last
Saturday," he said.
The GOP leader spoke hours after Craig's attorney, Stanley
Brand, asked the ethics com­
mittee not to investigate a com­
plaint because events were "wholly unrel­
ted" to official duties.
Committee action eventually
would lead the Senate down a
path of dealing with "a host of
minor misdemeanors and trans­
gressions," Brand added in a
letter that was hand-delivered.
In a written reply several
hours later, the panel's chairman
and senior Republican wrote
that Senate rules give the com­
mittee authority to investigate
lawmakers who engage in
"improper conduct, which may
reflect on the Senate."
"The committee has reached
no conclusions regarding the
matter," wrote Sen. Barbara
Borer, D-Calif., and John Corrion,
R-Texas. "Pending Sen. Craig's
resignation, the committee will
continue to review this matter."
A second attorney for Craig,
Tom Kelly, was in Minnesota,
evidently preparing to file papers
seeking to have the senator's

guilty plea withdrawn.
Lawyers not involved in the
case have said Craig faces a diffi­
cult challenge, pointing to
Minnesota Rules of Criminal
Procedure requiring that if a
defendant show a "manifest
injustice" to withdraw a guilty
plea.
In Craig's case, he voluntarily
signed a plea agreement that
included a provision stating
that the court would not accept such
a confession of guilt from anyone
who believed himself innocent.
The legal fine points aside,
Craig's turnabout was the sub­
pic of a lengthy closed-door dis­
tribution of the Republican
leadership.
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"To follow Jesus is always a beginning: it is The happening beginning once again." — Father Julián Carrón

Every once in a while, especially when we are starting something new, it helps to remember. The first disciples of Jesus had no idea what they were getting into. That is to say, they didn't just wind up disciples. They had to head somewhere. Beginnings, by definition, are incomplete — they are the initiation of something that is not yet. As such, beginnings are filled with a freshness, a sense that anything can happen. And so, beginnings are also filled with uncertainty, disorientation, even some fear.

This was true for Peter and the first disciples. John the Evangelist captures the "spirituality of beginning" — famously and sublimely — in the first chapter of his Gospel. John the Baptist stands waist-high in the Jordan River, screeching and screaming a brilliant new message of the coming of God's Kingdom. His message is full of full of hair-raising imagery, but also full of conviction and resonance, which would explain the crowds that evidently jour­neyed into the desert to hear him preach.

In the Bible, big things often begin in the desert (see the 10 Commandments, or Jesus' Temptation). But this is a bit counter-intuitive. When we begin something, we usually prefer to begin from a place of strength and move along with some certainty from there. The desert is not a place of strength or certainty. In the Baptist's desert, life hangs by a thread. No one actually lives there (except him), and insects are standard fare. His disciples go there, not to be comforted in what they already know and experience, but to lose, momentarily, their daily comforts and encounter something fresh and new.

Peter and others risk making this journey into the desert. Evidently, they were disillusioned with some aspects of their daily lives — personal, social, political, whatever. So they wander into the desert, let go of their daily, insat­ilating routines, to see what is there, what directions the outrageous, compelling Baptism would propose.

Who knows how long they waited? All we know is that one day, the Baptist finally proposed — a new beginning. An unidentified figure mysteriously enters the scene. John points to him as he walks by, and says to the disciples, "This is the one we have been waiting for. It must not have been what most of them expected, for only two disci­ples — Peter's brother, Andrew, and a second, unnamed — follow. And even they don't know exactly what they're doing. They just walk behind this mys­terious figure, and can't even compose themselves enough to ask him where he's going. Finally, perhaps sensing their growing disorientation, Jesus turns and asks, "What are you looking for?" Surely, he already knows the answer — they don't really know. As a loss, and now feeling how far from their familiar comforts they have strayed, they make a plea for a home-cooked meal around a fire. "Teacher," they ask, "where is your home?" Jesus, in turn, invites, with three indelible words, right to the heart: "Come and see." And so it begins.

It can often be helpful to recognize in the stories of Scripture the stories of our own lives. Perhaps in this story of the beginning of the disciples' journey we can see something of our story, here at the beginning of a new semester.

All of us — whether freshmen or life-time Donors — begin this year in some degree disoriented, restless. If you are not feeling some sense of freshness and its corresponding disorientation, you are probably not really beginning this year, but just continuing last year. Beginnings demand restless hearts. In fact, restless hearts are about the only requisite qualification for 80 of us gathering together in the northern woods of Indiana to study for a year together.

Coming to know the burning questions inside of us, the ones that have driven us to this place, can be a great spiritual exercise to begin this semester. In fact, John's Gospel suggests that in the fol­lowing of our restlessness — the ques­tions about ourselves and our world that bug us, that a professor raises and remain with us all day, that are on our minds when we go to bed and when we wake up, the person we can't get off our minds — is often invita­tions from Jesus to... Well, it is hardly possible to articulate all that we are searching for, here at the beginning.

Here, perhaps, in our uncertainty and unarticulated hopes, and even in our fears, we can gain calming, leg-shaking, dream-inspiring consolation from the beginning of the journey of the first disciples. They followed restlessness into a desert, trailing behind a mysteri­ous man, until one of their restlessness — provoked a conversation with God. "What are you looking for?" "Teacher, we hardly know ourselves, but we know to see a way. Will you show us where our hearts can find rest?"

"Come and see."

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Student activism discussion continues**

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**Fight for your Cocoa Puffs**

Recent Letters to the Editor have discussed the ability of the Notre Dame student body to rise up against injustice. I feel it is my civic duty to point out that recent events have proven we are not up to the challenge.

Last year, at the end of second semester, South Dining Hall took away our Cocoa Puffs, replacing them with the generic brand, but we did not speak out. Now, they have taken away even the generic version, and yet there is still no protest.

I must admit that I am ignorant as to the reason for this outrageous act. Perhaps a survey of the student body on cereal preferences was poorly run, and thus led to the incorrect result that Cocoa Puffs is not a favored brand. I do not know. What I do know is that in American history, whenever evil dictators have tried to take away the things we hold most precious, there has been a revolutionary force present to provide resistance. The British were repelled when Alexander Hamilton unleashed his sword and drove them back to their gloomy island. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was slain by polio, which admittedly may not have been American.

Regardless, the point is that Americans will not stand and watch while their freedom is taken away. Now, we must follow this example. We must find the person or people of good will for South Dining Hall, and we shall fight them in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Will Giappone
Sophomore
Pasquerilla East Hall
Sept. 4

**For they have taken away our Cocoa Puffs. No longer can I find glory in a bowl after I fail a test. No longer can I wake up on a weekend morning to be greeted by the scent and taste of love, crunchiness and chocolate. Instead, South Dining Hall would have me seek comfort in a bowl of Cookie Crisp. But I will not be sated by little cookies in milk. I demand my puffs of cocoa, and you should too, Rice, Notre Dame student body, and fight for what is right and good in this world.**

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards today said that his universal health care plan would require that all Americans go to the doctor...

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Film series takes immigration forum beyond United States

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

In conjunction with this year’s Notre Dame Forum on Immigration, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center is presenting a six-month long cinema series, “Migration: A Notre Dame Perspective,” featuring films that depict the lives and struggles of immigrants. While the forum’s focus is on the United States, the film series expands to an international level, increasing the context of immigration for participants in the forum. To purchase tickets for all of these films, contact the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-2800. Tickets are $3 for students.

“Dying to Live,” Sept. 6, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Directed by Notre Dame faculty memberleverder Daniel G. Groody, “Dying to Live” is a documentary that interviews Pulitzer Prize-winning photographers, theologians, Church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves. In order to present a study of immigration that incorporates Catholic conceptions. A reflection guide accompanying the film can be found through the Notre Dame website and Rev. Groody will be at the showing for discussion.

“Romantico," Sept. 6, 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
“Romantico” is a documentary portrayal of Carmel Muñiz, a 60-year-old Mexican mariachi player who is returning to his family after living in San Francisco for years. Colored by the music Muñiz plays, the film vividly depicts the unhappy choice of many immigrants between supporting their family and actually being with them as well as the changing nature of crossing the border between the United States and Mexico. “Romantico” was nominated for best picture at both the Sundance and Independent Spirit film festivals.

“The Namesake,” Sept. 20, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
The Namesake," directed by Mira Nair and based on the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, follows two generations of the Ganguli family, beginning with the immigration of Ashima and Ashoke Ganguli from India to the United States. Eventually, their children Gogol and Sonia are born. Unlike their parents, the two siblings have more contact with India and struggle with many of their parent’s traditions. Gogol in particular feels hindered by his name, which he feels separates him from the Western society he wants to belong to. As the film progresses, Gogol learns the significance of his name and begins to find a balance between his home and his heritage. “The Namesake” is in English, Bengali, Hindi, and French with English subtitles.

“El Norte,” Sept. 27, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
“El Norte,” an American and British film, is broken into three parts, describing the Guatemalan government’s oppression of the Quiche Indians, the immigrants’ journey from Guatemala to the United States and finally the lives of illegal immigrants once they reach their destination. “El Norte” was the first American independent film to be nominated for an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. Director Gregory Nava will be present at the screening for discussion with the audience. “El Norte” is in Spanish and Maya with English subtitles.

“In America,” Oct. 14, 4 p.m.
“IN AMERICA,” directed by Jim Sheridan, describes the trials of immigration through the eyes of children as it tells the story of Christy and Ariel, two young girls emigrating with their parents from Ireland to New York. While their parents are struck with the difficulties and struggles of immigrating, the girls see the magic and adventure their new country has to offer. Sheridan based the film on his own experiences, writing the screenplay with his two daughters. “In America” was nominated for many awards, including three Oscars, and received 15 wins.

“Star Hotel,” Feb. 14, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
“Star Hotel,” an Israeli documentary, depicts immigrants traveling from Palestine into Israel. Thousands of young Palestinian men cross into Israel looking for jobs in construction. “9 Star Hotel” is the nickname for the makeshift huts in the hills outside of the city that these young men live in. The film won the Best Documentary Award at the Jerusalem International Film Festival. “9 Star Hotel” is in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles.

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Antony and the Johnsons

“Bird” flies in haunting, personal album

By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

There are few acts who have the ability to capture a listener’s attention immediately and not let go until the last note of the album slowly fades to silence. Antony and the Johnsons “I am a Bird Now” is one of those albums.

From the first song, Antony’s voice flows in an expression of loneliness, an articulation of every feeling we’ve ever wished we could convey and found ourselves cursed without the ability to find the right words. Just as Antony finds the words, he also feels the music, and the result is exhilarating, despairing and haunting.

“I am a Bird Now” is a complex record and fulfills a host of meanings. It’s a soul record, which means that it does not fulfill a strict definition of the genre and so cannot be classified as such. Yet the music is strong. It’s disturbing, it’s searing, it’s painted, and it’s elegantly raw. It is soulful while still enduring a record about love, ever be.

One of the disc’s strengths is its insistence on moving beyond the realm of simple music. Much more than a series of 11 separate tracks, Antony brilliantly guides the listener into a wholly new sphere of melodious storytelling. Quite akin to the complex record that the album is. Antony and the Johnsons’ “I am a Bird Now” is the band’s second studio album.

Photos courtesy of the Baltimore Renaissance

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Snite to exhibit eclectic mix of art this fall

"Between Figurative and Abstract: Recent Paintings by Gao Xingjian"

The Snite Museum of Art will exhibit paintings by Gao Xingjian. Born in China and currently living in Paris, Gao deftly navigates Eastern and Western philosophical and artistic traditions through a broad array of media. Perhaps best known as a Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature—he is a poet, novelist, playwright, screenwriter and librettist—he is also a painter and filmmaker. Indeed, his painting exhibition is augmented by Gao’s fall 2007 visit to Notre Dame—a literary conversation between author Julia Alvarez and Gao, a lecture by translator Mabel Lee, a screening of his film, “La Silhouette sinon l’ombre,” as well as the performance of scenes from two of his plays—"Nocturnal Wanderer" and "Escape.

Mabel Lee, honorary associate professor in Chinese studies, University of Sydney, prepared an essay on Gao for the exhibition catalog. It describes the interplay between his literary and visual realms and situates his unique point of view at the intersection of Eastern and Western cultures; between traditional and contemporary Chinese painting; and, within his quest for an artistic freedom found in solitude.

"19th-Century French Drawings from the Museum’s Collection"

The Snite Museum’s collection of French 19th-century paintings and sculpture is available to be studied at any time, since it is now on long-term display in the permanent exhibition galleries. Less-frequently placed on view are the Museum’s 19th-century French drawings and watercolors. This collection contains numerous precious works on paper, dating from the 19th-century movement through post-impressionism. On many occasions drawings from the collection have been requested and have been sent out on temporary loan to be featured as part of major national or international museum exhibitions. This showing coincides with the first publication devoted specifically to the museum’s collection of 19th-century French drawings. The 19th-century was an especially bountiful time for draftsmen who chose to represent a wide range of subjects in their works—a variety of landscapes, portraits, historical subjects and figure studies will be on view. Included in the exhibit is a selection of 50 drawings by prominent draftsmen of the period such as David, Ingres, Delacroix, Millet, Daumier, Pissarro, Gauguin and Cezanne. It is the first time the majority of these drawings has been placed on display in the museum.

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A group of photographs from the museum’s permanent collection has been chosen to illustrate a few of the varieties of color in the medium. Nineteenth-century images include landscapes by Timothy O’Sullivan, George Barnard and an anonymous French photographer. A picture of a Japanese groom by Felice Beato is meticulously hand-painted, and the cyanotype process produces an image in vivid blue.

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Visitors to the O’Shaughnessy Galleries this fall will come face to face with a wide variety of women who lived in Asia in the 19th century. They survive today in photographs, taken in such places as India, Tibet, China, Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines, Bali, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Burma (now Myanmar), Siam (now Thailand) and Japan, from the 1860s through the turn of the century.

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Baker carried a perfect game into the ninth in that one, and was two outs from a no-hitter when Mike Sweeney broke it up.

On Wednesday, Grady Sizemore needed just two pitches to get the first hit off Baker, lining a single to center field to lead off the game. Baker then hit Asdrubal Cabrera in the back with a pitch and gave up an RBI double to Travis Hafner. Martinez followed with another double to score two more runs, and it was 3-0 Indians before the smothering of Twins fans even settled into its seats. Baker took 27 pitches to get his first out of the game.

The right-hander from Louisiana walked a tightrope all afternoon, wobbling a few times but never being knocked off. The Indians had a leadoff single in all five innings Baker worked. But he got some timely strikeouts, including one of Martinez in the fifth with the bases loaded in the fourth, and stranded nine baserunners to limit the damage.

Carmona breezed through the first four innings against a Twins lineup he has dominated all season. He entered the game with a 1.14 ERA in three previous starts against the Twins.

With a 2-0 lead, Martinez needed just 24 pitches to get through the first four innings, but gave up two runs and four hits to the fifth to let the Twins back in the game. Luis Rodriguez had a sacrifice fly and Torii Hunter added an RBI single, and a pitcher's scorecard.

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**U.S. Open**

Nikolay Davydenko celebrates his 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 10 Tommy Haas on Wednesday. Davydenko has now reached the semifinals of the U.S. Open for the second straight year.

Davydenko, Kuznetsova reach semis

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — For better or worse, Nikolay Davydenko is back in the semifinals at the U.S. Open. 

Smack in the middle of tennis’ gambling scandal, the fourth-seeded Davydenko once again tanked unbecuahable Wednesday, beating No. 10 Tommy Haas 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Davydenko is the only man who has not lost a set in the tournament. The Russian expects to meet soon with investigators. A British online gambling company tracked bets putting 10 times the usual amount of money on a match he played in August, most of it backing his 87th-ranked opponent; Davydenko quit in the deciding set with a foot injury.

Next up, Davydenko was to play the winner of Wednesday night’s matchup between No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 5 Andy Roddick. Davydenko has never beaten either one — he’s 0-9 against Federer and 0-4 vs. Roddick.

Also at night, two-time Open champ Venus Williams was to play No. 4-seeded Jankovic in the semifinals.

Davydenko beat Haas in the quarters at Flushing Meadows in the second straight year. This was a frustrating defeat for the German, who flung his racket into the net, hit a ball into the stands and chastised the chair umpire.

Davydenko joined a pair of Russian women in the semifinals. Svetlana Kuznetsova advanced that far for the second straight year. That’s not quite what the Red Sox expected from a driver who won a series-best six races in 2006, having any pressure or not having a chance, “I’d much rather have the pressure of having to win a race to get in, then not having any pressure or not having a chance,” Kahne said Wednesday.

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**IN BRIEF**

Manning opens children’s hospital

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Peyton Manning has a collection of MVP trophies and starred in numerous commercials. Now, the Colts quarterback has a children’s hospital named after him.

The St. Vincent Children’s Hospital was renamed Wednesday as Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St. Vincent. 

Manning has had a strong public and private relationship with the hospitals since he joined the Colts in 1998. He said he was honored to be so closely associated with the children’s hospital, which St. Vincent opened in 2003 to care for critically ill and injured children.

“Ind the NFL, the name on the back of the jersey is emblematic of a player’s commitment to contribute in any way he can to the success of that team,” Manning said.

Matsuzaka’s ERA takes hit in past few starts

**BOSTON** — The $103 million man has a 7.61 ERA in his last four starts.

Daisuke Matsuzaka is struggling at a bad time for the Boston Red Sox. They have baseball’s best record and want to build momentum as the pennant race heats up. Lately, he’s been a momentum stopper.

Before winning his first game in more than a month on Monday he allowed seven runs in that one the right-hander had lost his three previous starts. And those losses ended a pair of two-game winning streaks and one four-game surge.

That’s not what you want from a pitcher who has paid $51.11 million for the right to negotiate with his Japanese team, and then gave the celebrated rookie a $52 million, six-year contract before throwing a single pitch in the majors.

Kahne gains momentum toward end of season

**DOVER, Del.** — Kasey Kahne entered last year’s race at Richmond on the brink of qualifying for the Chase for the championship.

With all the pressure on the baby-faced star, Kahne finished third in the race and qualified in the 10th and final spot. The result seemed almost expected from a driver who won a series-best six races in 2006, and maneuvered his way up to eighth in the final points standings.

When the green flag drops there this week in the final race before the 10-race Chase begins, Kahne’s only pursuit will be for his first victory.

“I’m still trying to find the margin at the top 12, or having to win a race to get in, not having any pressure or not having a chance,” Kahne said Wednesday.

Kahne’s startlingly gloomy season which had him deep in the points standings around spring training.
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**MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**Braves oust division-rival Phillies in wild finish**

Piniella’s managerial changes help produce offense for the Cubs, as they remain in first place by a half game

**Associated Press**

The Braves will have a hard time making the playoffs, despite their most remarkable comeback of the season. So they went ahead and celebrated as though this one was for a championship.

Matt Diaz capped an improbable rally with a two-out, three-run double in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a 9-8 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday.

The Phillies squandered leads of 5-0 and 8-2, giving up four runs in the eighth and watching in disbelief as Diaz’s liner skimmed off the tip of Chris Roberts’ glove with the bases loaded.


The Braves’ chances looked slim when Brett Myers (3-6) retired the first two batters in the ninth with an 8-6 lead. But Jeff Francoeur and Martin Prado bunted to beat out infield hits, and Yunel Escobar walked to load the bases.

That brought up Diaz, who entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the seventh. He went the opposite way with a liner that eluded Roberts’s lunging attempt and stuck at the base of the wall.

Roberson hit the relay man, but the throw home was up to the first-base line. Escobar slid across with the winning run, thrusting his right index finger toward the stands. Diaz, who had just rounded second, pumped his fists and was mobbed by his teammates in a wild pile beside the pitcher’s mound.

“When I got in the air, I thought I got too much,” Diaz said. “I didn’t realize how shallow he was playing.”

**Braves outscore division-rival Phillies in wild finish**

Manuel remained on the top step of the dugout for at least a minute, watching the celebration and subtly shaking his head. Finally, he headed for the clubhouse.

“It didn’t look good,” Braves manager Bobby Cox said. “But we did it.”

The Braves still must face reality. They were 1-4 for just the second time in six games on a crucial homestand against their top two rivals in the NL East. But they have been swept by the Mets last week.

Atlanta is 7-1/2 games behind New York, which lost 7-0 to Cincinnati.

“Whatever happens, we’re going to play to the end,” Francoeur said. “That was the most exciting game of the year for me.”

Braves starter Tim Hudson allowed five runs in the first two innings, and the Phillies added three more in the seventh off Oscar Villarreal for an 8-2 lead. Rafael Soriano (3-3) got the win with a scoreless ninth.

Atlanta sent 10 batters to the plate in the eighth, scoring four runs off Tom Gordon. But it looked like another frustrating finish for the Braves when Kelly Johnson popped out on a 2-0 pitch from Myers with the bases loaded, then Chipper Jones hit a lazy fly to left for the third out, slamming his bat in disgust.

Gordon blamed himself for letting the Braves back in the game.

“It’s devastating,” he said. “We need to win those kind of games. I take responsibility for it.”

Myers struck out Mark Teixeira to start the ninth, and Brayan Pena grounded out to first. Francoeur hit a grounder past third that shortstop Jimmy Rollins fielded in the outfield grass, giving him no chance to throw out the runner. Prado followed with a high hopper off the plate, just beating Myers’ throw to first, which pulled Ryan Howard off the bag any way.

“When Prado got that base hit off home plate, I thought, ‘Uh oh, something’s going to happen here,’” Atlanta’s Willie Harris said.

He was right. Diaz came through with the biggest hit of all, giving the Braves a glimmer of hope in the playoff race. The team that won 14 straight division titles from 1991-2005 has only 22 games left to avoid missing the playoffs for the second year in a row.

“It happened so fast,” Myers said. “The game got out of control: cheap hits, balls falling in.”

Hudson gave up 11 hits in five innings. The remarkable comeback kept him from his third straight loss and kept the Braves (71-69) above .500.

“This is the kind of game we’ve been needing for a long time,” Hudson said.

Pat Burrell hit his 25th homer in the second, a two-out drive over the center field wall that put Philadelphia ahead 5-0.

Kyle Kendrick breezed through the first five innings, allowing just three hits. The Braves finally broke through in the sixth, knocking out the rookie with three straight hits that included Harris’ leadoff home run. The Phillies escaped with a 5-2 lead when James McDonald, recalled from Class-AA Reading, raced over from center to make a sliding catch on Francoeur’s two-out fly and left the bases loaded.

But there were more comebacks to come.

“We’re busier winning this game as lousy as we played the first few innings,” Chipper Jones said.

Cubs, 8 Dodgers, 2

Ted Lilly got his first win in nearly a month and Aramis Ramirez homered to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night.

The Cubs remained a half game ahead of Milwaukee in the NL Central. The Dodgers started the right hand in third place in the NL West, three games behind San Diego and Arizona.

Lilly (14-7) recalled Tuesday from the minors for the fourth time this season, got the start because David Wells is serving a seven-game suspension. In his sixth major league start, he gave up eight hits and four runs — three earned — in 4 1/3 innings.

Lilly left leading 4-1 after giving up a two-out walk to Mike Lieberthal and a two-run single by Carlos Marmol relieved. Pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz hit a liner to center and when Chicago’s Felix Pie slipped, the ball rolled all the way to the wall, allowing Liberthal to score and giving Saenz an RBI double. Pie had just missed connecting the sixth as a defensive replacement.

Liberthal’s double, a single by Stults and sacrifice fly by Rafael Furcal got the Dodgers their first run in the fifth.

But the Cubs got it right back when Mark DeRosa doubled, Derrek Lee singled and Dodgers’ right fielder Matt Kemp fielded the ball and threw it over catcher Libeiral’s head for an error. The ball bounced off a brick wall and DeRosa took off for the plate to put Chicago ahead 4-3.

Trying to shake up his offense, Cubs manager Piniella made some changes in his lineup, inserting Craig Monroe in center, Ronny Cedeno at short and Pacific Coast League Player of the Year Geovany Soto behind the plate to start the game.

Monroe doubled in the second and scored on Soto’s RBI single. And when the Dodgers had a runner at third with two outs in the third, Cedeno drew an intentional walk.

The Cubs tacked on four in the eighth on an RBI double by pinch-hitter Ryan Theriot and a two-run single from Jarrod Jones, two regulars who didn’t start the game. DeRosa then hit a two-run single through a drawn-in infield to make it 8-2.

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Giants and Jets unveil design of new stadium

New $1.3 billion facility, set to open in 2010, will be owned by 2 NFL franchises for the first time in league history

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants and New York Jets broke ground Wednesday on the first stadium to be jointly owned by two NFL teams and unveiled how architects plan to make two competing teams feel at home in a $1.3 billion stadium.

"Ensuring that the stadium would feel like home to both teams and both groups of fans was our goal and also one of the biggest challenges in the design of the stadium," said Steve Tisch, chairman and executive vice president of the New York Giants.

Tisch, Giants President and CEO John Mara and Jets Chairman and CEO Woody Johnson unveiled the design at a ceremony attended by New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The yet unnamed building, for which owners are still working on a naming-rights deal, will host 20 NFL games each season — more than any football stadium in the country.

Conceived next to the existing Giants Stadium, the new field is expected to open for the 2010 season and seat 82,500 in a bowl-design, where seats in the front row are 46 feet from the sidelines. Fans also will find a 300,000-square-foot outdoor plaza for tailgating.

While Wednesday's event marked the official ground breaking, infrastructure work is already under way on the open-air facility at the Meadowlands sports complex.

Along with the design of the building, planners have been working to make access to the facility easier. Lanes into the Meadowlands will increase to more than 40 from the existing 16, and a new rail facility will connect the stadium to New York's Penn Station through Secaucus beginning in February 2007.

The teams cleared a large hurdle last month when each completed separate $650 million financing deals. Citigroup is financing the Jets' portion, while investment banks Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers are financing the Giants'

The teams also received a financial boost earlier this year when NFL owners approved $300 million in loans for stadium work.

The teams announced plans to build a stadium together two years ago, after the Jets' plans for a stadium in Manhattan's West Side fell through. The Giants had been planning to build a new stadium themselves.

Now, the Giants also will construct a new training facility at the Meadowlands, while the Jets are building their own in Florham Park, N.J.

The stadium is one of several new major sports facilities opening in the New York metropolitan area. New homes also are being built for the New York Mets, the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils.

The Devils hockey team is leaving their current home at the Continental Airlines Arena at the Meadowlands for the Prudential Center, opening in downtown Newark in October.

Team owners and league executives unveiled design plans for the new Giants-Jets stadium at a ceremony Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J. The facility is expected to be finished by 2010 and seat 82,500 fans.

STUDENTS

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

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Federer triumphs in tight match over Roddick
Swissman advances to semifinals; 2 victories away from his fourth consecutive U.S. Open title

Associated Press

To Andy Roddick's credit, he played nearly flawless against Roger Federer, serving brilliantly, returning well, too, and giving tennis' top player a tough time.

To Roddick's dismay, it all added up to yet another loss.

In a match as tight as could be for 2 1/2 sets Wednesday night, Federer was barely better on the most important points and emerged in edge Roddick 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2 in the quarterfinals, moving two victories away from a fourth consecutive U.S. Open title.

"I'm not walking off with any questions in my head this time. I'm not walking with my head down," 2003 champion Roddick said after falling to 1-14 against Federer.

"I made him play as well as he can play.

Both came out wearing black shirts and shorts, Roddick adding a baseball cap, and Federer his trademark banana. The outfits matched and so did the level of play, right from the first set.

Federer erased the only break point he faced, in the second set.

Both played remarkably cleanly, combining for 90 winners (48 for Federer) and only 42 unforced errors (18 for Federer).

It was riveting stuff, even if the score showed it ended in straight sets, and was the second half of a double feature in Arthur Ashe Stadium that began with Venus Williams coming back from a set and a break down to beat No. 3 Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

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Well, let's, if only for a moment. Should he defeat Davydenko on Saturday, Federer would add to another of his own records by making a 10th straight major final. And a victory Sunday would not only make Federer the first man since the 1920s to win the American Grand Slam four years running, it would give him 12 Grand Slam titles overall — only Pete Sampras, with 14, won more.

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Well, does Roddick think he can beat Federer?

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He looked good early. In the match's fourth game, Roddick turned it up a notch, pounding a serve at 140 mph, a service winner at 142 mph and delivering another serve at 146 mph. Remarkably, Federer put that last one in play, an indication of just how talented a returner he is.

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All the while, his coach, five-time U.S. Open winner Jimmy Connors, sat in the front row of a guest box in a jacket and blue shirt behind a good approach shot, but Federer flicked a cross-court backhand passing winner, leaving the American cursing.

At 6-2, Federer hit a 122 mph ace and slowly punched the air to celebrate while Roddick muttered to himself.

It was almost the same in the second tiebreaker. At 4-4, Roddick unleashed a 140 mph serve, and Federer coped up a backhand return that put the ball right at the opposite baseline. Roddick couldn't handle it, and two points later, Federer's 128 mph service winner put him ahead by two sets — and sent many in the partisan crowd streaming for the exits.

How different things could have been.

As Federer noted, matter-of-factly: "I could have been down two sets to none.

Federer earned his first break point all evening at 3-2 in the third set. Roddick erased the first with the help of a for­ tunate net cord bounce, and he laughed a bit at his luck while trodding back to the baseline.

Seconds later, his expression was far more downcast as he missed a back­hand long, for the first break by either player.

Federer broke again to end the match and extend his own record by get­ ting to a 14th consecutive Grand Slam semifinal. That's where he will meet No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko — against whom Federer is 9-0.

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Roddick got plenty of support from a partisan sellout crowd of 23,735, a celebrity-specked audience that included Andre Agassi, the eight-time major champion who returned to the scene for the first time since retiring after last year's Open.
Michigan defeat not the only Big Ten problem

Williams expected to start next week after hit to head; Appalachian State merchandise sells in Columbus

Associated Press

These are bleak times for the Big Ten.

Just last November the conference had the top two teams in the nation (Ohio State, Michigan) and they played in a thrilling showdown before a huge television audience.

Since then, the Big Ten has had numerous highly visible failures.

The league went 2-5 in bowl games, with its two highest-profile teams getting creamed. The Buckeyes were humiliated 41-14 in the BCS national championship game a few days after the Wolverines took a 32-18 beatdown from Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

But Christensen was victimized by a number of drops, including several by Andy Brodell.

Brodell is expected to be the Hawkeyes’ top receiver following the suspension of Dominique Douglas.

“They’re not trying to drop the ball,” Christensen said in defense of his receivers. “You can’t get mad at them.”

MAC Attack

Bowling Green travels to Michigan State, hoping to become only the second Mid-American Conference team to beat two Big Ten squads in the same season.

Bowling Green beat Minnesota 32-31 in overtime last week.

In the 2003 season, the Falcons beat Purdue 27-26 in the regular season, then handled Northwestern 29-24 in the Motor City Bowl.

Getting Physical

When James Hardy worked out this summer, he was already preparing for defensive leaders who wanted to play press coverage.

So when Indiana’s 6-foot-7 receiver got knocked around a couple of times against Indiana State, he simply got back up and beat the Sycamores secondary for three catches, 153 yards and two touchdowns while drawing two more pass interference penalties.

“I’d rather them play me like that rather than playing off me because that’s what I’ve been working on the whole offseason,” he said.

Red Menace

With a QB competition, a top-10 ranking and lofty conference expectations, Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema had plenty to dwell on before the opener against Washington State.

His last thoughts kept drifting back to a fashion statement.

Shunning the traditional red jerseys and white pants, Wisconsin came out wearing all red and went on to beat the Cougars 42-21.

“For like three weeks, that was my last thought every night before I went to bed,” he said. “I threw it out to my staff and they unanimously pretty much said, ‘No, don’t do it.’”

Bielema said he got the idea from his players and decided to go with the fashion-forward look without the knowledge of former coach and AD Barry Alvarez, who wasn’t sold on the change and said so on national television.

Bielema said he got a mixed reaction overall, but felt it helped establish a team identity.
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"Our outside attackers really wreaked havoc with Adrian’s defense," Schroeder-Biek said.

"They did a fantastic job of finding holes in Adrian’s block and on their floor. Marissa Gross played with unbelievable intensity on defense." Schroeder-Biek said the 17 digs by Gross were even more impressive because they came from the defensive specialist position.

"That’s a number you usually see a libero with, rather than a defensive specialist," Schroeder-Biek said.

Although Schroeder-Biek hopes the defensive play continues against the Flying Dutch, the third-game meltdown is something she’d like to avoid having to see again. "I definitely saw a lot of good things out there (Tuesday), but I also saw a lot of things that we need to fix," she said. "The fact that we defeated in the third game when we had shown such competitive spirit in the first two games of the match is something that we can never allow to happen again if we want to achieve the goals that we set for ourselves."

Despite the disappointment of the loss, Schroeder-Biek said Saint Mary’s can recover and have a good season — starting tonight against Hope. "I have confidence that we will fix those things and that we will learn from this... it was our first conference match of the season against a tough team," she said. "We will get it all together and have an exciting year of volleyball ahead of us."

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Saint Mary’s senior midfielder Justine Higgins looks to pass during the Belles’ 1-0 win over Manchester Wednesday.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

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three games. Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie believes this kind of offensive balance will be beneficial.

"One of the best things about this team is that everyone is very unselfish," MacKenzie said. "They don’t care who puts it in the back of the net. They just want to celebrate with whoever does it."

Manchester sophomore Paige Koomler, who scored four goals in Sunday’s game against Tri-State, had a prime scoring opportunity in the 84th minute but was unable to convert. MacKenzie attributed the shutout to the outstanding play of Mahoney and the four defenders in front of her. "I want to give a lot of credit to Amy Mahoney," MacKenzie said. "She made a handful of amazing saves."

Neither team could find the back of the net in the first half, although the Belles managed to register seven shots on goal. The Saint Mary’s defensive unit, comprised of senior Justine Higgins and junior Whitney Fron on the outside and sophomores Bridge; Ronayne and Jessica Slean in the middle, also had a strong game. "They just keep getting better and better," MacKenzie said. "They’re able to recover well and communicate with each other."

"The outside backs get involved in the attack, and the entire unit serves as a great anchor for the rest of our offense. I couldn’t be happier about how they have been playing."

On the offensive side of the ball, goals are not yet coming in bunches, but MacKenzie thinks that will change. "We possess the ball very well and make very good decisions," MacKenzie said. "We play a much quicker game then we did a year ago, but sometimes we’re looking for the perfect opportunity, even though that may never come, as opposed to just putting balls on frame and seeing what happens."

The Belles’ record now stands at 3-0, while Manchester falls to 1-2.

With the goal scoring balance the Belles have shown so far, it is clear that they have numerous offensive weapons. They will attempt to extend their season opening win streak to four games when they visit Hope Saturday.

West and Friday are Latin Dance Nights at

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Saint Mary’s junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann spikes the ball in the Belles’ 3-0 win over Kalamazoo Sept. 20, 2006.
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advantage of their final year of eligibility. Given how the 2006 season ended, it was an easy decision.

Notre Dame reached the round of eight for the first time in school history, but took a hard-fought, 3-2 loss to Virginia.

The Irish were left wondering what could have been.

"The loss to Virginia leaves a hunger in your stomach," Miller said. "It's something you know you can do better with, and you want to get back again."

Cahill echoed Miller's sentiments.

"There wasn't any closure," Cahill said. "I lost a year was unfortunate because we had a great senior class, but with this year's guys, the sky is the limit."

Whatever potential Notre Dame has this season, Cahill and Miller are sure to be a big part of it.

Known for making jokes with his teammates, Cahill also tends to get the last laugh against his opponents.

In his two-plus years as a starter, Cahill has compiled a career record of 27-13-4, and his three blanks in the NCAA tournament are a program record.

Last season, Cahill was an all-BIG EAST third-team selection with a 0.77 goals-against average and .817 save percentage.

He kicked off his final season in similar style, earning Big East goalkeeper-of-the-week honors last week after collecting four saves in Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime win over No. 1 UCLA in Bloomington, Ind.

"It is [Cahill's] third year being the starter, and that's great experience for him," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "He's always had great hands, but he's now improved so many things. He's a great goalkeeper."

Miller offered similar high praise for his teammate, saying that Cahill is one of the best goalies in the nation.

Miller himself will be just as essential as Cahill to any Irish title hopes this season.

The fifth-year marking back has been a starter since the day he arrived in South Bend, and the only reason Miller is back this season is because of a knee injury that ended his freshman year after two games. Since returning from the injury, Miller has been a staple at right back for the Irish, starting 65 straight matches dating back to his sophomore season.

"Miller is a seasoned veteran when it comes to games, and a lot of guys respect him for that," Cahill said. "People turn to him whenever we're about to face a good team, and he's always going to be poised because he's been there a few times before."

ISSA’S ANNUAL WELCOME/ WELCOME BACK PICNIC

All international students and their host families are invited to welcome in the new academic year.

Friday, September 7th @ 5:30pm

Holy Cross Field (across from the Grotto) (Rain location: Stepan Center)

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Event sponsored by International Student Services & Activities

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Deuces Manor will run in The Observer for the next two weeks. Let us know what you think. Feedback and comic submissions can be e-mailed to viewpnt.1@nd.edu.

Black Dog

MUTCH MIKUSKA

Black Dog will return Friday.
The Observer apologizes for its absence.

Deuces Manor

MATT HUDSON, ANDY MANZA & PAUL TASSINARI

CROSSWORD

Note: While some Across clues in this puzzle appear to be missing, every answer is in fact clued.

WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 36 Summer clock...at the (7)
2 4 Common
3 10 Opposite of all
4 14 Write on and on
5 17 Heads
6 18 Try, as something new
7 21 Engine rooms
8 27 As some lower new buildings
9 29 Nautical oath starters
10 50 Peace where fans may gather to watch a game
11 36 End of a match
12 56 Shade of green
13 58 Target of chondralyngeosurgery

DOWN

1 60 English king who was the youngest son of William the Conqueror
2 64 Cannine coat
3 66 Composite words
4 67 Some dips
5 68 What some browsers browse
6 1 Spanish card suit
7 2 Kind of help
8 3 Inner profs
9 4 London shades
10 10 Part of a western sandwich
11 11 One way to buy things
12 17 Wanted, to Claudius
13 18 Abound (with)
14 19 Radical 60s org
15 19 Card, e.g.
16 19 Bone prefix
17 19 Bear
18 19 Like a dumbbell, a hammer
19 19 Spring (front)
20 29 Fix, as a roof
21 31 Wait upon
22 32 Miss dept.
23 33 Blockage for
24 37 Early American patent Silas
25 38 Guests may be greeted with them
26 40 Symbol in Will
27 41 Meet ads

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Unfinished business

Cahill, Miller return for fifth seasons to avenge loss in 2006 NCAA quarterfinals

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

With a career goals-against average under 1.00, Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill looks good in goal. But his two-tt frame may look even better in spandex. Just ask Notre Dame strength and conditioning coach Rick Perry. At last year's season-ending banquet, Cahill, in front of 300 fans and alumni, presented Perry with a full-body picture of the lanky keeper flexing in spandex. That sense of humor is one reason Cahill's coaches and teammates are glad to have him around for one more season. His play just might be another reason.

Both Cahill and fellow fifth-year senior Ryan Miller decided last spring to take Irish fifth-year senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill punts the ball during Notre Dame's 0-0 tie with Northern Illinois on Sept. 20, 2006.

Saint Mary's blanks Manchester for third victory of season

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's won its third straight game Wednesday in its home opener, shutting out Manchester in a 1-0 win. Belles sophomore forward Micki Hedinger netted the game's only score, getting a shot off from 10 yards out that bounced off the crossbar and trickled past the goal line in the 66th minute. With her game winner, Hedinger became the fifth Saint Mary's player to register a goal in the Belles' first three games of the season.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Belles to face Hope in defensive showdown

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

After a frustrating loss to open the MIAA season Tuesday, Saint Mary's will need to play with more consistency again Hope tonight in Holland, Mich. The Flying Dutch (3-1) are coming off a 3-0 win against Olivet. Hope is a strong defensive squad — they nearly doubled the Comets in digs, 55-38. The Belles began league play Tuesday with a loss to Adrian. The three-game defeat (25-30, 28-30, 11-30) dropped their record to 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in the MIAA.

The first two games were hard fought, but the Belles came apart in the final game. "We had some struggles with offensive connections," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "If I could ignore the third game of the match, I would say that we played a very competitive match."

The Belles did have incredibly strong defensive play, which was lead by senior defensive specialist Marisa Gross' her 17 digs. As a team, Saint Mary's had 62 digs.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Hoopsters unveil schedule

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame released its schedule for the 2007-08 season Wednesday. For the first time since expanding to 16 teams, the Big East will have an 18-game schedule, with each team in the conference playing each other at least once. The schedule includes three home-and-home matchups. Notre Dame faces Marquette, DePaul and Connecticut twice.

The Irish will face West Virginia and Connecticut at home during winter break, with the remaining home games against DePaul, Connecticut, Cincinnati, Providence, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and St. John's while the spring semester is in session.

In November, Notre Dame tips off its season with two exhibitions followed by a game against Long Island in the Joyce Center before heading to the U.S. Virgin Islands to play in the Paradise Jam tournament. The Irish return to South Bend and will play seven more non-conference games at the Joyce Center. They will travel to New York to play Kansas State at Madison Square Garden in the Jimmy V Classic.

Notre Dame is slated to play eight games on either ESPN or ESPN2, and its game against Syracuse on Feb. 24 will be broadcast on CBS. The Big East tournament is scheduled for March 12-15, with the NCAA Tournament beginning March 20.