Endowment jumps $1.4 billion

Dramatic growth continues; in one year, total increases from $5.08 to $6.54 billion

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

The Notre Dame endowment pool has grown by more than $1.4 billion during the last fiscal year, making it likely the University will continue to rank in the top two or three American universities in investment performance, Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Wednesday. The endowment grew at an annual rate of 25.9 percent during the 2007 fiscal year — among the top rates of return of all university endowments, Malpass said.

This rate of return is markedly higher than the 17.7 percent returns experienced by the TUCS Large Fund Median, a compilation of other endowment foundations and pension funds of more than $1 billion, Malpass said.

The University endowment pool was $6.54 billion when the 2007 fiscal year ended on June 30. A year earlier, the endowment pool was $5.08 billion.

Investment strategies at Notre Dame differ from those at some peer institutions in that University investments must follow the guidelines of Catholic social teaching, Malpass said.

186 companies attend career fair

Students meet with representatives; organizers say 600-800 interviews scheduled today

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

Students brought résumés for representatives of 186 companies at Notre Dame's fall career fair Wednesday in the Joyce Athletics and Convocation Center (JACC). Though students say the fair appears geared toward business majors, Lee Svete, director of the Career Center and an organizer of the fair, said all students could benefit from the variety of companies represented.

"There is actually quite a bit of the marketing area represented here tonight, which is a career suitable for any major," Svete said. "General Mills, Target [and] even Abercrombie and Fitch from the corporate levels are here. These are the people responsible for branding and such. These are creative opportunities."

Until 2001, Svete said, the fair was "only associated with the Mendoza College of Business. It was even held in the Mendoza building. Moving it to the JACC has opened up the scene for undergraduates as well as a variety of other majors."

Still, Svete said, many of the companies present offered opportunities geared toward finance and accounting majors.

There were also opportunities for engineering majors to contact companies including Nestle Waters and Chevron.

Though Svete is proud of the fall fair, he said, the second career fair, held in January, will be "less business driven."

Saint Mary's junior and finance major Erika Lowe was prepared for the large number of companies present at the fair. She had done research and was ready to talk to possible future employers.

"It is a little bit intimidat­ting, but you just have to get in there and talk to people. You can't hold back on opportunities like this," she said.

Off-campus senior Brian Ronan, also a finance major, targeted representatives from investment banks and consulting firms. Going into the fair, he was not partial to any company but decided to scout firms in attendance.

The fair was once geared primarily toward seniors looking for careers but has evolved into something accessible for sophomores.

ND takes health research to U.N.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame and Purdue University researchers will present their work on global health initiatives Sept. 25 at a side event for the opening of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

This one-time event, sponsored by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, is a chance to tell four stories accessible by requiring a school e-mail address in order to see CUMMINS/page 10

Facebook prompts concerns

Job hunters fear scrutiny in hiring

By ROHAN ANAND and NICK BOCH
News Writers

Facebook, undoubtedly the most popular social networking site for college students, is now posing a problem for those ready to apply for jobs after graduation.

User privacy concerns are believed to be the most common reason why a growing number of students have chosen to discontinue their Facebook accounts.

Until last year, Facebook access was limited to high school and college students by requiring a school e-mail address in order to create an account. Now that it is open to the public, more students are growing concerned about how easily their information can be accessed by non-students — particularly important individuals like potential employers in the job market.

"Students aren't protecting certain parts of their Facebook," said Lee Svete, director of career services at Notre Dame.

In the past, employers have joined Facebook, Svete said, but that has led to students to be Facebook.
INSIDE COLUMN

NL Central in a nutshell

As the Major League Baseball season winds down and the division races heat up, there is division diva that has baseball writers puzzled on who will take it. On the one hand you have the young and very talented Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers were not the big spenders this off-season like the division rival Cubs, but instead chose to stick with home grown talent. Milwaukee fans have been hearing for years from the Brewers, much like the Cubs, that their team will come soon enough. We just have to be patient.

The Cubs, who have not been to the World Series since 1945 and have not won it since 1908, are looking to get back to the playoffs for the first time since their heartbreak in 2003. The Cubs management went out and spent big money on free agents and resigning players already within the organization. They spent $136 million on Alfonso Soriano for eight years in hopes of solidifying the lead-off spot.

Soriano has been a key trigger in the offense, but his home run production is down this year, and strikeouts have plagued his offensive numbers. Despite his numbers, Soriano has provided a great help to the offense in front of Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez. They also spent $44 million on left-handed starter Ted Lilly. Many questioned general manager Jim Hendry’s motives for signing Lilly, never a big game pitcher having pitched in Toronto for most of his career. They also signed Jason Marquis, who was 14-16 with a 4.42 ERA last season with the Cardinals. Couple these two off-season signings with the already very excitables Carlos Zambrano and the Cubs rotation will be a force in a short playoff series.

Then there are the Brewers. The Brewers line-up card packs quite the punch, and their starting rotation is nothing to scoff at. Long gone are the power-hitting players of Richie Sexson, now in Seattle, and Jeramy Burnitz. The Brewers have a few new power hitters. The names of Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun and Rickie Weeks probably do not strike fear in the minds of too many baseball fans quite yet, but soon three will become household names.

Fielder has been lighting up scoreboards across the country this summer, blasting 46 home runs to lead the Brewers power surge. Braun has made a great showing with the former Brewers.

The Brewers’ rotation is not full of big name pitchers, with the exception of Ben Sheets, and Jeff Suppan, an offseason acquisition, and the division rival Saint Louis. Sheets has always intimidated opposing batters alike. With a knee-buckling curveball and at times over powering fastball, he has quieted many a bat.

Overall, it seems to be the Cubs division to lose. While they were 5 games behind the Brewers as late as June 23, they have brought themselves back into the race, and the next two weeks both sets of fans will definitely be scoreboard watching. Beware world, the Cubs and Brewers are the teams of the future.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Catalyn Grabarek at kgrabat1@ualmaine.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the article in the Sep. 18 issue of The Observer titled “Clouds look bad by example, just plain ahead of self,” said Amanda Cool was the main culprit in the program’s June 23 burglary. She is the former school captain of an aviation.

The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE

- Laura Lauck
  - Mark Lyons
  - Davina Passerl
  - Kara Trohough
  - Elizabeth Berger

- sophomore Welsh Family
- sophomore Knott
- sophomore Caravanaugh
- junior Welsh
- sophomore Badin

- “The squirrel by Mendoza, because he has a great personality.”
- “A magical Leopluhodon, so he could take me to Candy Mountain.”
- “A dog, because they’re the most fun of all the animal kingdom.”
- “A horse, so I’d never have to walk to class.”
- “A small monkey trained to ride a miniature unicycle to entertain animals.”

OFFBEAT

Man bitten after putting snake in mouth

PORTLAND, Ore. — Snake catcher Matt Wilkinson of Portland grabbed a 26-inch rattler from the highway near Maupin, and three weeks later, to impress his ex-girlfriend, he stuck the serpent in his mouth.

He was soon near death with a swollen tongue that blocked his throat. Trauma doctors at the Oregon Health and Science University saved his life.

“You can assume alcohol was involved,” he said. Actually, not just beer. It was something he called a “mixture of stupid stuff.”

Calls from cable network stations came in Tuesday, when he still had sore muscles and nerves from the venom. It happened at a barbecue with friends.

Vet extracts toy lizard from breast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Seven-year-old Finley Collins thought her pet 12-inch bearded dragon might be giving birth when she noticed an unusual protrusion near the lizard’s tail. But Finley’s father, Jeff Collins, feared it might be something more ominous and rushed Mushi to an animal hospital, where a veterinarian pulled out a 7-inch toy rubber lizard.

“When I went to pick it up, I was seeing legs and a body and a head. It was very strange to be grabbing this thing,” he said.

By the time the rubbery lizard’s legs began to appear, Ross realized what it was.

“We were all laughing,” he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Eric J. Brown, director of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis at the University of California, San Francisco, will deliver the lecture "Can Fish Really Get Tuberculosis? I Thought They Didn’t Have Lungs" today at 4 p.m. in 293 Galvin Life Science.

The Deltorudo Performing Arts Center will show a screening of the film “The Nameless” tonight at 7.

Whirlpool’s chief financial officer, Ted Beuzek will speak Friday at 10 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium as part of the Mendoza College of Business Boardroom Insight lecture series.

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir will give a concert at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will take on DePaul Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The FTT Talks lecture series will present “Screenwriters Workshop” Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Featured speakers are Larry Karaszewski, Jim Jarmusch and Stephen Susco.

The Notre Dame marching band will present Drummer’s Circle outside the Main Building Friday at 11:59 p.m.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vigil Mass 30 minutes after the Michigan State game Saturday.

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

**Leaders address pollution**

**Senators urge University to reduce emissions 10 percent by 2015**

By KAITLYNN RIELEY
Associate News Editor

A resolution urging the University to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 10 percent by 2015 passed unanimously in the Student Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, presented by Student Environmental Task Force co-chairs Felipe Witchger and Zach Einterz, also calls for a long-term commitment to carbon neutrality.

The Task Force is a volunteer group of club leaders that meets occasionally to discuss ways to make campus more environmentally friendly, Einterz said.

The resolution describes global climate change as "one of the most serious challenges facing humanity today" and says Notre Dame has a "moral obligation to safeguard Creation for future generations."

The resolution cites the grade of D- received by Notre Dame on the 2007 College Sustainability Report Card as a reason necessitating the resolution. The data used in the study, conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, was questioned by University administrators, who said that no one from the Institute ever spoke with a University representative. All that the information used in the evaluation came only from Notre Dame's Web site.

Einterz credited the University with looking at ways to decrease energy use and increase energy efficiency and said it has expanded its recycling program. However, Notre Dame still lags behind its peers in environmentally sustainable practices, he said.

"One of the reasons for that," Einterz said, "is our administrative support hasn't been as strong as we would like."

More work can be done by the University, Einterz said.

The purpose of the resolution, he said, is "for the University to publicly say they are committed to dealing with climate change in a concrete and definable way."

The resolution acknowledges that Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves created an Energy and Environmental Issues Committee in January 2007. The committee's Web site says its intent is to "Studie energy and environmental awareness, report on Notre Dame green initiatives and advise University leadership on eco-friendly opportunities." Witchger sits on the committee.

In other Senate news:
- Some senators reported that concession stands at the stadium did not take their Diner Dollars.
- Concession stands behind student seating should take Diner Dollars, student body president Liz Brown said, but she said she would look into why they could not be used behind the freshman seating section.
- The Senate unanimously passed a resolution amending the Student Body Constitution. The amendment eliminated mention of the Student Union Board presidential division, which no longer exists.

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**Brown: Wear black today, green Friday**

By KAITLYNN RIELEY
Associate News Editor

"The Shirt" solidarity day, originally scheduled for today, was postponed to Friday because of the previously scheduled national solidarity day on which people have been asked to wear black to show support for a group of black teenagers facing criminal charges in a small town in Louisiana. The African-American teenagers known as the "Jena 6" allegedly assaulted a white teenager following a string of racial flare-ups in the racially charged town of Jena, La. They were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun sent an e-mail to the student body postponing "The Shirt" day until Friday and encouraging students to wear black today.

"It was not the intention of Student Government to plan a day in support of ND Football on the same day as a national movement to support the Jena 6," the e-mail said. "This was obviously an oversight on our part, and by no means a political statement or an attempt to overshadow the significance of this national issue."

At the Student Senate meeting Wednesday, Brown recommended senators and their constituents wear black today.

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Iran warns of weapons readiness

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has drawn up plans to launch a Jewish state, in the event of a US or Israel attack, a reflection of tensions between the US and its allies for Iran to curtail its nuclear program which could escalate into military action.

Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Sunday that the international community should prepare for the possibility of war in the event Iran attacks atomic weapons, as he later stressed the focus is still on diplomatic pressures.

Fiery meteorite strikes Peru

LIMA, Peru — A fiery meteorite crashed into southern Peru over the weekend, experts confirmed on Wednesday. But they were still puzzling over claims that it gave off flames and killed 200 people.

Witnesses told reporters that a fiery ball fell from the sky and smashed into the desolate Andean plain near the Bolivian border Saturday morning.

Jose Mecharre, a scientist with Peru's Geological, Mining and Metallurgical Institute, said a geologist had confirmed that it was a "rocky meteorite," based on the rarity of such events.

He said water in the meteorite's muddy crater boiled for maybe 10 minutes from the heat and could have given off a vapor that sickened people, and scientists were taking water samples.

National News

Tennessee lethal injection halted

NASHVILLE — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Tennessee's new lethal injection protocol would violate the Eighth Amendment, U.S. District Judge Alisa Trauger said.

The new protocol, released in April, does not ensure that inmates are properly anesthetized before the lethal injection is administered, Trauger said, which would "result in a terrifying, excruciating death."

Troop bill fails to pass Senate

WASHINGTON — Democrats' efforts to challenge President Bush's Iraq policies were dealt a damaging blow Wednesday in the Senate when they failed to scrape together enough support to pass the bill and send it to the House.

The 56-44 vote — four votes short of the 60 needed to advance — left but guaranteed that Democrats would be unable to muster the votes to pass tough anti-war legislation by year end. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., was seen as the Democrats' best shot because of its pro-military premise.

"The idea of winning the war in Iraq is beginning to look like a second look," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who led opposition to the bill alongside Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Local News

State reports first West Nile death

A 53-year-old man who recently moved into a Floyd County residence has died from the West Nile virus, the first confirmed death from the mosquito-borne illness this year.

The agency did not release the person's name or any other details.

The department also reported that two new human infections of West Nile, one each in Lake and Vanderburgh counties. They bring to 10 the number of confirmed infections in Indiana this season.

Health officials say the hot, dry weather this summer is perfect fuel for the mosquitoes that carry the virus. Those over age 50 are at greatest risk from the virus.

Bush proposes expansion of spy law

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — President Bush said Wednesday he was ready to expand and make permanent a law that temporarily gives the government more power to eavesdrop without warrants on suspected foreign terrorists.

Without explanation, Bush said, "our national security professionals will lose critical tools they need to protect our country." He said the order would give the government more power to eavesdrop without warrants on suspected foreign terrorists.

Under the new law, the government can eavesdrop without a court order on communications conducted by a person reasonably believed to be outside the U.S., even if an American is on one end of the conversation — as long as such Americans are not the intended focus or target of the surveillance.

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The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act governs when the government must obtain warrants for eavesdropping from a secret intelligence court. This year's update — "The new law allows more efficient interception of foreign communications.

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Author opines on affirmative action

By SARAH MAYER
New Writer

Author Tim Wise spoke to a standing-room-only crowd Wednesday about affirmative action, saying that affluent white America is given a head start in college admissions games.

Wise, author of "White Like Me" and "Affirmative Action in White America" spoke at the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College Wednesday as part of a four-series entitled " Undoing Racism: Privilege and Power in the Digital Age." The series was hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Wise presented his views on affirmative action and the differences in opportunities available for white and African-American students. He also discussed the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and how he felt the government made no effort in helping African Americans evacuate.

The educational system failed the African Americans who were too able to evacuate their homes, he said. Because of a lack of education, some of those people did not have the money or connections to move to safety.

Wise quoted William Bennett, a former U.S. Secretary of Education, who said the biggest problem with the educational system is that "too many people are going to college." Bennett meant that in order for America to stay on track economically, people would need to be prepared for college, Wise said. Bennett was referring to racial minorities.

African Americans do not have certain advantages that increase the odds of college admission, Wise said. White students, on the other hand, have more access to scholarship funds, large libraries and programs to increase standardized test scores.

"White people who end
sentences with prepositions, make grammar mistakes and struggle with answers do not stick in the minds of admissions counselors nearly as much as people of color do," Wise said.

Wise said wealthy white students start two laps ahead of African American students and, in turn, African American students feel pressure to catch up. This pressure is created entirely by white people, he said.

"White folks created race as an issue and decided it would be an issue," he said.

"It's a socially stigmatizing disease, and it's completely preventable," said Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost of Hartford School of Social Work.

ND political scientist publishes new book

Special to The Observer

"In Search of the Good Life: A Pedagogy for Troubled Times," by Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee Professor of Religious and Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, "Dallmayr is not only a major figure in critical theory and political philosophy but also an exemplar who cares deeply about the future of the world (the highest learning). Just to miss this powerful and poignant book would be a sin," wrote the editor of The Notre Dame faculty since 1978, Dallmayr specializes in critical theory and political philosophy, with a focus on European thought as well as in comparative philosophy and non-Western philosophical thought, cross-cultural dialogue, and global human rights.


"One of the most important contributions of the book is its analysis of the relationship between the individual and society," Dallmayr said.

"The book is about the need for a new vision of the world, a vision that is based on the idea of a global community," Dallmayr said. "It is a book that is relevant to all of us who are concerned about the future of the world."
In Brief

Consumer spending slows slightly
WASHINGTON — Consumer prices posted a rare decline in August while the battered housing industry saw construction fall to the slowest pace in 12 years.

The new economic reports Wednesday were seen as justification for the Federal Reserve's holder-than-expected cut in interest rates to try to ward off a recession. Analysts said the waning inflation pressures gave the Fed the room to cut interest rates while the continued severe downturn in the housing market would move, Labor Department reported that consumer prices dipped by 0.1 percent in August. It was the first decline since a 0.4 percent drop in October 2006 and reflected a big drop in gasoline and other energy prices.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes fell by 2.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,331,000 units. That was the slowest pace since June 1995 and put construction activity 19.1 percent below the level of a year ago.

New pricing raises food maker's profits
MINNEAPOLIS — Changing more for Cheerios and Lucky Charms and Yoplait yogurt helped General Mills report an 8 percent increase in its first-quarter profit on Wednesday. The foodmaker said more price increases might be on the way if ingredient and fuel prices keep rising.

"We are actively monitoring the need to pass along additional input cost pressures as they arise," Chairman and Chief Executive Steve Sanger said on a conference call with analysts. Golden Valley-based General Mills Inc. announced in June that it would shrink its cereal bowl slightly to make them more like competitors. Shoppers might have seen lower prices on each box, but the price for each ounce of cereal actually went up. General Mills raised prices on Yoplait in July, and also raised prices on Green Giant vegetables and in its food service division that delivers food to caterers.

Geneos purchase hits roadblocks
NASHVILLE — Investment bank UBS AG has stopped working on closing documents for the Finish Line Inc.'s buyout of Geneos Inc. Because of concerns about Geneos' financial performance, the deal was announced back out of their commitment — in our view, not because of Geneos' results but because the upheaval in the credit markets makes this deal less profitable for them," Pennington said in the letter.

"We are not going to allow the litigation consulting firm they have hired to go on a fishing expedition," he said.

Geneos said late last month that it swung to a loss of $4.2 million, or 24 cents per share, in the quarter ended Aug. 4. That compared to a profit of $5.9 million, or 24 cents per share, in the year-ago-quarter. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had expected a profit of 31 cents per share.

Finish Line made the $24.30-per-share offer for the athletic footwear and apparel retailer in June. Geneos' shareholders approved the buyout on Monday. Finish Line said in a release that it is still working toward the closing, though "it continues to evaluate its options in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement.

UBS said in communications with The Finish Line that it "intends to defer any further work on the remaining closing documents pending the results of its analyses of Geneos' financial condition and performance," according to a Finish Line statement.

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Geneos sells shoes, hats and accessories in more than 2,000 retail stores in the United States and Canada under several store names, including Journeys, Johnston & Murphy, Hatchwell and Lids.

Because of the current weak retail market, many companies are feeling the need to make preparations early for the holiday season.

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Facebook

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colleagues or used a search mechanism on the site to do background checks.

Default privacy settings allow all members of a user’s school, region or work network to view their information. These settings can be adjusted to limit information to be available to confirmed friends only.

“I have the highest security settings available on my account, and definitely try and keep my information as vague as possible,” senior Lauren Benenati said. “Even still, I’ve heard stories from friends that despite these settings, recruiters can still access information.”

Benenati said the most likely way of encountering problems is through photographs that the user — or others — “tags” on Facebook, thus identifying the subjects of the photographs. Although she said she has never been told during a job interview that her profile has been searched, she has researched some company Web sites that claim to check Facebook and MySpace for incriminating material.

“One of my friends from the University of Florida told me that an interviewer for pharmaceutical sales company in Florida had seen a picture of him with her on Facebook,” she said. “During the interview, the recruiter mentioned this just to verify that he was 21 and not breaking any laws, but even such a minor thing like a beer turned into something fairly intense.”

Recruiting though profiles

Still, students feel it’s unfair for companies to view their Facebook profiles or pictures of their political views on Facebook. Svet said that such concerns should not be blown completely out of proportion.

“Some employers have stopped checking Facebook users’ backgrounds,” he said. “There are definitely two schools of thought out there, in that some people are looking to see if there are alarming things on somebody’s page, whereas others think that it’s their space; leave it alone.”

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director of career services

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A Notre Dame alum who works for a top-tier investment bank, but requested to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions from her current employer, said checking the Facebook accounts of job candidates can serve to her company’s benefit.

“Often times, the people recruiting you are people who are a couple of years out of college,” she said. “We look at profiles to see if they would be a good fit for our group based on common interests. It doesn’t really affect whether or not you will get the job. But rather what department would suit you best within the company,” she said.

When asked about how students should approach controlling certain types of content — such as pictures of underage drinking — she said that usually recruiters have a fairly relaxed opinion toward that kind of display, but that the student should just be general cautious of the kind of perception he delivers to the public.

“We understand that alcohol is a part of college, and once you get to corporate cultures, you’ll be drinking with colleagues during your training, so it’s not a huge deal,” she said. “You just have to understand the boundary between what is and isn’t appropriate, and the kind of image you convey to your boss before you even reach the job.”

A conservative approach

There are still some upperclassmen, like junior Kirk Fogg, who have chosen not to toy with privacy settings on their Facebook account and are still comfortable with leaving their information open to the public.

“Anybody can access my information,” he said. “But I really haven’t touched it in months — the only thing that keeps changing is the pictures people tag of me. I think that if I post something on there that is funny, my hope is that someday else who sees it will also find it funny as well.”

Fogg said he tries to stay conservative with what he puts online.

“I know an employer won’t be disturbed with what’s on there as long as I am not completely out of control, like posting pictures of nudity,” he said. And personally, I don’t want to work for an employer that gets bent out of shape for me drinking alcohol once in awhile.”

“Still, I understand that it’s all part of the culture we live in, and once in awhile you have to abide by the so-called ‘rules,’ so just use common sense,” he said.

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"It's ingrained in everything we do," he said. "As a Catholic university, it's very much consistent with our mission." A formal policy requires investors to comply with the Catholic bishops' guidelines on investments and forbids investment in 350 companies whose practices are considered in violation of social Catholic teaching, he said.

Despite the guidelines, Notre Dame ranks in the top two or three schools in the nation in raw endowment growth during the past 20 years, Malpass said.

The growth can be attributed, at least in part, to "revolutionized and modernized" approaches to investing since the late 1980s, he said.

The investment office has diversified its investments so that Notre Dame's endowment pool now ranks among the most global funds in the nation, with about 40 percent of assets in non-United States currencies, he said.

The University's investors have also made a large commitment to private investments — including private equity, venture capital and private energy funds, he said.

"We get access to the best investment firms in the world," Malpass said. "They love Notre Dame as a partner. They know we're going to be there with them." Malpass called this summer's economic turbulence caused by a sub-prime mortgage crisis "a challenging period" but said the University "came through the summer very well."

Throughout University investments have had high returns, endowment growth is also tied to a high rate of donations by alumni, Malpass said.

More than 54 percent of Notre Dame alumni now make some financial contribution to their alma mater — a statistic that places Notre Dame second among American universities for alumni participation, he said.

The income from the fund allows the University to slow the growth of tuition and other student charges. He also hopes Notre Dame will break into the top 10 endowments in the nation.

"There's other people out there who have pretty good investment offices and fundraisers," he said. "But think within the next 10 years, it's very possible.

A long history

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Muscings on the back porch of heaven

Keep the career fair unrestrict ed

God, Country, Notre Dame. The saying becomes relevant to today’s students as they seek the ideal priority of living. It is chiseled in stone at the entrance to the Sacred Heart Basilica.

At Notre Dame we have a history of supplying student-athletes. Across the 20 Bتعلقי programs, the Stonehenge memorial commemorating those who lost their lives in World War II. We also represent a Catholic Church, however immediately following our faith comes our duty to the United States of America.

The article in the Viewpoint yesterday raises questions about admitting the CIA and Raytheon into our career fair. Mr. Angelo, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Qiros bring forth arguments to our faculty to control CIA and concerns about the CIA’s operations. While no one can refute their evidence, to some extent, the recognition of who supports our government and the armed forces is invaluable at our university. The fair is asinine and ignorant. If anything we should be supporting these types of companies to recruit from our universities. Corporations like the CIA and Raytheon, even other government contractors like the FBI and Boeing, need the best and brightest minds to keep our country safe. Refusing them the opportunity to recruit at such a renowned institution as ours would infringe upon our duty to our community.

Furthermore, I would like to think that upon graduating from this illustrious university, the recognition of who these women would have the competence and interest in choosing their career paths without someone restricting their own. The proposed exclusion of certain companies due certain small aspects of their work ignores the other countless other industries that the CIA and Raytheon specifically are involved in. Raytheon’s sole product is not the $5,000 pound bomb being used in Afghanistan. The entirety of CIA operations lives is not solely involved in the War on Terrorism.

The Career Fair at the University of Notre Dame is one of the best opportuni ties across the United States, providing students with an extremely wide variety of companies and to use that opportunity to explore a wide variety of career options. To thwart this opportunity would be a blatant mis use of the wealth and protects this great University gives us as students.

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Band produces unoriginal, weak album

By TIM GALLO
Staff Writer

Last spring, Cartel moved into a "bubble" in New York, where the group members had 20 days to record their next album, "Cartel." During this process, the band had fans watching it through a glass window. The end result of this strenuous experiment was this self-titled album.

What is clear after listening to "Cartel" is that, bubble or no bubble, Cartel was never going to produce a solid album. It is full of generic pop-punk tunes that junior high school students would enjoy listening to in the car as their moms drive them to the movie theater. The guitars are simple and fast, and lead singer Willough po moans and screams about girls and, well, girls.

The unimpressive lyrics sound like they have been sung by 50 other bands before them. He sings about "looking into her eyes," "hiding myself away" and "needing you there." These words work for over-emotional, sensitive teenagers who just found out their crush has another date to homecoming, but to the rest of the planet, Cartel sounds like another generic, boring, annoying emo band.

"Cartel" does have a few strengths. It kicks off with "The Best," an almost seductive intro that ends too quickly. The next two songs, "Tonight" and "Lost It," are melodically jáns that, while unoriginal, make the listener tap his toes and have fun with the song. As the album progresses, however, these three-minute ditties become boring and irritating. The melodies, lyrics, and guitar riffs all blend together into one brutal scream fest.

Where this album really goes bad is when Cartel tries to get musically "creative." Songs like "I Will Hide Myself Away! Will Follow" prove that Cartel will never be the next Rolling Stones, much less the next Blink 182.

This experimentation reaches an album low at "Wasted," which half-heartedly discusses cancer and bad parents with the chorus "We're wasted." But wait, it gets worse, as the record is a disgrace. The pathetic plea is backed by march band-style drums and horns. That's right, the same drums and horns you hear at football games. Whoever thought that a song about being "wasted" should talk about terminal illness and have a beat out of Nick Cannon's "Drum Line" should never be near anything that records any sound.

And, to make things worse, "Wasted" comes back at the end of the album as a remix with Wyclef Jean. A bad song is turned into a bigger hook in the hands of a rapper. The remix is a joke, not the hip-hop that a song like "Wasted" should be.

The Best, Cartel's self-titled album is a disappointing attempt at emo-pop sounds, beyond this, the record is a disgrace. Cartel should instead try to make eight to 10 good emo-pop songs. Any attempts besides this will just bring the music world more pain.

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Animal Collective
NYC band transcends genre, creates new sound

By MARK WITTE
Staff Writer

Take a step off the beaten track of mainstream music and enter the world of Animal Collective.

With classifications spanning from indie rock to psych and freak folk, it is impossible to pinpoint the exact genre of Animal Collective's music. The band's erratic, often nonsensical lyrics and its barrage of abstract sounds places Animal Collective in a genre of its own. This might scare off the faint of heart, especially in the band's latest album "Strawberry Jam." But those lingering awhile will find that there is more to Animal Collective than first meets the ear.

Though the band's founder and frontman Avey Tare (David Portner) and drummer Panda Bear (Noah Lennox), both Baltimore natives, first released music together in 2003, they did not create an album under the name Animal Collective until 2003, when they picked up guitarist Deakin (Josh Dibb) and the Geologist (Brian Weitz). Their album was called "Here Comes the Indian."

"Strawberry Jam," which hit stores Sept. 13, marks the eighth time Avey Tare has released an album and the third time all four of the members have collaborated on an effort. With a splash of insightful songwriting and radical tunes, "Strawberry Jam" reviews Animal Collective's distinctive sound.

The opening track, "Peacebone," blends chaotic influences with simple harmony. The song pulses forward with a space-age, techno-lic style, complemented in an off-beat manner by an assortment of jarring sound effects that include screams and cracking whips. The sound effects create a frenzied harmony during the song's chorus as Tare sings of forgetting the past.

In the track "Unsolved Mysteries," set against a merry-go-round melody, the band asks questions about childhood experiences and their place in the overall experience of life. Before the lyrics descend into nonsense about Jack the Ripper, the band makes an interesting discovery, asking, "What's Pain? What's Sadness anyway?" and then answering, "Not crying like a child."

The album's most exciting song, "Winter Wonder Land," dabbles with visions of a paradise that clash with sorrow and gloom. The song's chorus is so rousing in its attempt to understand the human condition that one could spend hours pondering its questions.

Some of the tracks seem intent on giving the listener a serious headache. The album's final track "Derek" sounds like something you might hear at an Austrian puppet show as it joyfully bops along with Tare singing a sort of tribute to his dog Derek. It feels, of course, odd, however, as the upbeat instrumentation contrasts with lyrics intent on resounding guilt about the animal's treatment.

To add to the confusion, the song completely turns on itself halfway through, becoming like an Irish march. The singer asks "What do you see when you see inside of me?" But the confusion may be Animal Collective's ultimate goal as they strive to be a band unlike any other.

Animal Collective's songs may appeal to too small an audience to ever become more than just a popular cult group. Still, the insightful expression of their lyrics and unique sound makes them well worth a listen. So give "Strawberry Jam" a chance and enter the commune. It just might be your niche.

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Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds

**Duo possesses undeniable chemistry in live album**

**Recommended Tracks:** Stay or Leave, Dancing Nancies, When the World Ends

**Live at Radio City Music Hall**

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Eliza Doolittle transforms in "My Fair Lady" one of the best musicals of all time. Films are reason enough to keep youkickin' it old school. Or at least out of the arms of Hanse.

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Indians sweep Tigers behind Sabathia, secure division lead

Santana rings up 10 K's in Angels win over Devil Rays; Mariners rout Athletics as King Felix wins third straight

Associated Press

Once top cats in the AL Central, the Detroit Tigers were tamed, declared and chased away with a broom. The Cleveland Indians simply wouldn't let them hang around. Not this year.

"They're going to be Central Division champions, obviously," Tigers manager Jim Leyland conceded Wednesday after the Indians completed a three-game sweep with a 4-2 win. "They did what a championship team does.

C.C. Sabathia (18-7) upgraded his Cy Young Award resume and the Indians, a fourth-place finisher in 2006, dropped their magic number to three for clinching their first title since 2001.

When Cleveland was in the midst of its worst stretch of the season last month, Sabathia boldly predicted the Indians would win the division. It appeared the big lefty was right. "I just felt it," Sabathia said. "I didn't want to jinx it or have any regrets saying that at all. Here we are."

C.J. Nitkowski homered off Nate Robertson (8-12) as the Indians improved to 20-5 since Aug. 25 and moved into a tie for the majors' best record with the Chicago Cubs, which played in Toronto on Wednesday night.

By winning three straight against the Tigers, the Indians opened a season-high 7 1/2-game lead over the defending American League Central champions, who fell in every game of the series but couldn't put the Indians away.

This was not the sweep Detroit had in mind. The Tigers fell five games back in the wild-card race behind the New York Yankees, who played Wednesday night.

Unless something strange happens in the next 10 days, the Tigers will spend October and the months ahead wondering what went wrong. A few of them, however, are holding out hope.

"Until we're mathematically eliminated, we're not finished," third baseman Brandon Inge said. "This game is so quirky. I'm not quipping." 

Rafael Betancourt, an emerging star in Cleveland's bullpen, worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, and closer Joe Borowski pitched the ninth for his league-leading 42nd save — and biggest one to date.

After a rare 1-2-3 ninth, Buchholz, who knows all about heartache after pitching for the Chicago Cubs in 2003 (see Steve Bartman), was asked to assess how the Tigers might feel after such a sweep.

"It's crushing," he said. "You go out there and it's a do-or-die series. Psychologically it takes a toll.

Sabathia, who went 17-5 as a rookie in 2001, set a career-high for wins by allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings.

The Indians gave up both runs in the third, but settled for a wild 5-3 win and retired 12 of the last 13.

Santana's case to become Cleveland's first Cy Young Award winner since Gaylord Perry in 1972, is a strong one.

He leads the majors in innings and is ranked at the top — or near it — in virtually every category among AL pitchers.

But his 99th career win put the Indians at the brink of playing meaningful games in October, something the 6-foot-7 Sabathia has often said is much more important to him than win-loss records.

Sure, I care about the Cy Young or anything other than winning, I swear," he said. "I don't care who else is going to win a World Series"

Angels 2, Devil Rays 1

Erick Aybar has gotten his confidence back. Just in time for the playoffs, too.

Santana struck out 10, Juan Rivera homered and the Los Angeles Angels beat Tampa Bay Wednesday for their 90th victory of the season and eighth straight at home over the Devil Rays.

"It's good to win when you're not scoring a lot of runs," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, who earned his 699th victory. "The offense supports our pitchers and it's their magic number for clinching their third AL West title in four years." The Indians improved to 8 1/2 games ahead of second-place Seattle, which beat Oakland 7-4.

Los Angeles has won 90 games for the fourth time in six seasons.

Santana (17-3) allowed one run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings as the replacement starter for Bartolo Colon, who developed back stiffness after pitching 4-2 3-innings Friday afternoon against the Chicago White Sox.

"His mechanics are better," Scioscia said of Santana. "He's been preached to all year, he just had trouble putting it all together. He made some key pitches in key situations."

With Los Angeles leading 2-1 in the sixth, Santana escaped a bases-loaded jam when Jerg Velarde struck out and Bengie Molina fanned. Santana then got Jose Molina to fly out to end the inning.

"It was the best that I've seen him this year," said Rays manager Joe Maddon after his team lost for the fifth time in six games.

Santana had allowed two runs in his last 15 innings coming into Wednesday, which spanned two starts and an appearance. At various times, his control had been an issue, with him leaving too many pitches up in the zone and walking too many batters.

"I'm working hard at it and forgetting everything negative that's happened in the past," he said in Spanish through a translator. "Once I turn my hips better, my balance starts out better and I can keep the ball down. When I'm right, that's what I'm doing without thinking about it."

Santana recently studied video of himself from last season and noticed his mechanics had changed.

Mariners 9, Athletics 5

Felix Hernandez won his third straight decision, Rahul Iyer homered and Ibañez singled and drove in two runs after an RBI triple a day after hitting a grand slam and the Mariners completed a three-game sweep of the Oakland Athletics with a victory Wednesday.

Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-3 to extend his hitting streak to 12 games, and Yusnikes Betancourt drove in three runs on a blustery Bay Area day when the first-pitch temperature was 63 degrees.

Seattle won its sixth straight in Oakland to finish 8-1 this season, completing a sweep of the Athletics for the first time since 2001. They won the season series 14-5 after a 2-17 showing against the A's in 2006.

Hernandez (8-10) made his sixth decision in his last seven and improved to 8-3 away from Safeco Field this season. It was the Mariners' 21st victory of the year and the 20-12 young-right-hander's 12th win entering the season. He is 4-0 with a 1.29 ERA — up from the 0.39 ERA he had to start the day.

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The person said doctors still are making arrangements to determine which hospital would best suit Everett, who sustained the life-threatening spinal-cord injury Sept. 29 while making a tackle. The player grew up in Port Arthur, Texas, and now lives in Houston, 90 miles away.
Wright — National League

Wright help Mets snap losing streak against Nats

Rockies get second come-from-behind win in two nights over Dodgers with Hawpe home run in eighth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The New York Mets gathered in the infirmary for the bumps and high-fives Wednesday night, and while they had celebrated three previous victories this season, No. 84 somehow seemed so important.

By winning the Washington Nationals 8-4 behind Mike Pelfrey’s good-enough start, David Wright’s three RBIs and a hobbled Moises Alou’s three hits not only ended New York’s five-game losing streak, it allowed the NL East leaders to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Remember: It had been a full week since the Mets added to their “W” column, and they entered the day only 1-1/2 games ahead of the Philadelphia Phillies — New York’s smallest division margin since mid-July.

“It’s a big win for us. It’s a win when we needed one,” said Wright, who topped the majors — to 168 saves since the Aug. 29 season.

The Mets added to a full house in the ninth on Tuesday night before Games.

For 32-10, the Mets veteran Moises Alou hits an RBI single Wednesday in New York’s 8-4 win over the Nationals.

Matt Holliday has hit multiple singles, including a triple, and stole his 60th base of the season.

Both teams entered the contest 4 1/2 games behind James Loney drove in three runs, including a multi-run hit in the sixth inning.

Juan Pierre scored two runs, two hits, including a triple, and stole his 60th base of the season.

Penny also had two hits, including an RBI single in the fifth.

Brad Hawpe hit a two-run homer to Todd Helton in the ninth inning.

Penny was in line for his 17th win of the season before the eighth inning. Penny went six innings, giving up four runs — three earned — and nine hits. He also allowed a season-high three homers after giving up only six all season before Wednesday night.

James Loney drove in three runs with RBI singles in the first and third, and a groundout in the fifth.

Entirely separate from the series’ three straight singles to open the sixth, including one up the middle to Penny to tie the game.

Garrett Atkins had a leadoff single in the eighth of Broxton (4-4). It was Hawpe’s 26th homer this season and first since Aug. 29 against San Francisco.

Matt Holliday hit two solo home runs off Brad Penny, giving him a career-high 35 homers this season. It’s the ninth time in his career that Holliday has hit multiple home runs in a game, and third time this year.

But Pelfrey (3-7) allowed three runs in five-plus innings to win his third consecutive decision, with Jorge Sosa getting the seventh save of the relief.

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Rockies 6, Dodgers 5

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Dale Jr. announces Pepsi deal for next season

Associated Press

DALLAS — With a swig from his 16-ounce Amp Energy drink, the rebranding of Dale Earnhardt Jr. began.

Earnhardt officially ditched longtime sponsor Budweiser on Wednesday, announcing deals with PepsiCo. and The National Guard to fund his No. 88 Chevrolet next season at Hendrick Motorsports. Pepsi will market its Mountain Dew Amp Energy drink with Earnhardt, and NASCAR’s most popular driver was pouring the product after an early appearance before 1,500 bottlers at Pepsi’s annual convention.

“They got me up at 5 o’clock this morning, so I’ve been able to test the effectiveness of the product,” he joked. “I’m pleased to be sitting here and not yawning.”

The new alliances mark a clear shift from the party-boy image Budweiser cultivated that made Junior a phenomenon. Now that he’s 32 and growing up, Earnhardt is turning into a corporate pitchman.

A genuine affinity for the products he’s associated with has made Earnhardt a sponsor’s dream. So when he announced he was leaving Dale Earnhardt Inc. at the end of this season to drive for mighty Hendrick Motorsports, the phone started ringing.

“I got phone calls from so many companies, some of them in the sport that I never talked to and some of them I had no idea even had any interest in the sport,” team owner Rick Hendrick said. “It was just phenomenal the amount of interest that was there.”

But Hendrick didn’t look outside his existing partners. He quickly announced that Budweiser, who first teamed with Earnhardt in 1999, would not sponsor him in 2008 and began working out new deals. Hendrick has worked with Pepsi’s products for almost a decade, and the National Guard is the primary sponsor on Casey Mears’ car this season.

The new sponsors will be joined by a new car number. Earnhardt has driven the No. 8 Chevrolet full-time for DEI since 2000, and he tried to take the No. 8 with him to Hendrick. But stepmother Teresa Earnhardt refused to give up her rights to it, and Mark Martin and Aric Almirola will co-drive it next year with sponsorship from the U.S. Army.

The No. 88 was used by Robert Yates Racing, which asked NASCAR to transfer the number to Hendrick for Earnhardt.

“Ralph Earnhardt drove the No. 88 Olds in 1957 and because of this number’s history with the Earnhardt family, I felt car No. 88 should continue with Dale Earnhardt, Jr.,” Robert Yates said in a statement.

In addition to new sponsorships, Earnhardt signed personal services contracts this summer with Sony and Adidas, and unveiled a personally designed candy bar on Tuesday in Chicago.

“I think there is a little bit of a masochism in the Jr. as a brand,” said Mark Dyer, CEO of Motorsports Authentics, the largest marketer of NASCAR merchandise.

“Til hey were ready to go in a different direction with his image. With the change to Hendrick, they were ready to switch their alignments and partners and I think that’s a healthy evolution.”

NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. poses in Dallas with his new Pepsi sponsored cars Wednesday.

NFL

Leftwich joins Atlanta, practices for first time

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Byron Leftwich knew he would have to pick a number when he got to his new team.

Not that anyone in Atlanta is wearing No. 7. But, for the time being, it still belongs to Michael Vick, who awaits sentencing for federal dogfighting charges and figures to spend at least a year in prison. He also was suspended indefinitely by the NFL and is unlikely to ever play again for the Falcons, who haven’t cut him yet merely for financial reasons (the team hopes to recover some of the bonus money from his record $130 million contract).

Harrington, who signed with the Falcons to serve as Vick’s backup and try to get his career back on track, was thrust into the starting role by default. While he’s completed more than 67 percent of his passes, he’s accounted for more touchdowns by opposition (Minnesota returned two interceptions to the end zone in Week 1) than his own team has scored (the Falcons have scored only 11 points in their last five games).

Despite his criticism, Petrino said Wednesday that Harrington is still the starter and Chris Redman remains the backup. Leftwich will likely need a couple of weeks just to get a handle on the offense.

“This will have no effect,” Petrino said. “I don’t think he needs to come in as the No. 3. I talked to him about it, and I talked to the other two quarterbacks about it. They both knew we were looking for a veteran. We wanted to be patient, take our time and make sure we had the right guy.”

Leftwich, who agreed to a new, seven-year, $7 million contract, just wanted to get back on the field — even if it was only a practice field in the far northern suburbs of sprawling Atlanta. He took part in the nearly two-hour workout, then hung around afterward to throw some extra passes.

“I told you, man, that’s the last two weeks really bothered me, man, having to watch everyone else play and knowing I was healthy but couldn’t go out there and be part of a football team,” he said. “I’m just happy to be back out there.”
Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione gives instructions to players during the Aggies 47-45 win over Fresno State Sept. 8. The Aggies face Miami Saturday in a nonconference battle.

**No. 20 Aggies ready to face Hurricanes in Miami**

Associated Press

MIAMI — Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione started his players’ talk about facing Miami several months ago during spring practice. The Aggies meant no disrespect to any other opponent, but this was the nonconference game that stood out from the rest.

Now with Montana State, Fresno State and Louisiana-Monroe out of the unbeaten Aggies’ way that prime-time matchup with the Hurricanes is finally here.

“Coach said it best,” Aggies defensive back Devin Gregg said. “It can be exposure, or we can be exposed.”

The 20th-ranked Aggies haven’t started 4-0 in nonconsecutive seasons since the early 1940s. They’ll get a chance to change that Thursday night, when they visit unranked Miami 1-1.

It’s the first meeting between the teams since 1944, and the Aggies’ first trip to Florida since 1968.

“This is a big game for us, but you’ve got to play every game like it’s a big game,” Miami defensive end Calais Campbell said. “It’ll be on national TV and all the people who do the little rankings and stuff will be watching, so we’ve got to go out and make a statement.”

While Miami has won its last 10 games on Thursday nights, the Hurricanes are 1-7 in their last eight matchups against ranked opponents and 9-8 in their last 17 games overall.

Coach Randy Shannon said neither the bright lights of Thursday night nor Texas A&M’s ranking should provide his team with extra motivation.

“There’s no such thing as a statement game. Every game is,” Shannon said. “Every game’s got to be a statement game. You’ve got to be prepared and ready to play at all times. If you don’t, somebody’s going to sneak up on you and beat you.”

The way the Aggies run the ball, the ball, they don’t sneak up on anyone.

Brawling 264-pound tailback Jovorskie Lane has seven rushing touchdowns, one of Rutgers’ Ray Rice and West Virginia’s Steve Slaton for the major college lead.

His backfield mate, Mike Goodson, has rushed for 247 yards through three games, and quarterback Stephen McGee is the multifaceted type that often gives Miami fits. He’s run for a team-best 263 yards, plus thrown for 428 more.

Their schemes are what they’re going to be,” Shannon said. “It’s nothing sophisticated. They’re going to come in and try to run the football and get you on a play-action pass — same thing we do, try to get a cheap one on you in some way, form or fashion. It should be a good game.”

In many years, this would be a strength-vs.-strength matchup, since Miami has perennially been difficult to run against.

But the Hurricanes yielded 139 yards rushing against Florida International in a 23-9 win last week, so they clearly had some things to correct in a short week to prepare for the Aggies’ three-pronged attack.

“Up to this point, they’re definitely going to be the most athletic defense we’ve seen,” McGee said. “You set their record aside and their one game against Oklahoma (in) 51-13 loss two weeks ago aside, and talent-wise they’re going to be as good as probably most teams we’re going to play this year.”

He meant on the defensive side of the ball. Offensively, the Hurricanes are still a work in progress, as Shannon likes to say.

Quarterback Kyle Wright will make his second start of the season for Miami, which is averaging nearly 23 points per game so far — not entirely bad, but not even half of what Texas A&M is scoring this year.

If recent history is any guide, teams have to be able to put up some big numbers to have a good chance of beating the Aggies. Over its last 20 games, Texas A&M has allowed 28 or more points nine times. The Aggies are 2-7 in those games, 10-1 in all others.

But the stat Franchione talked about this week was A&M’s 5-0 record in regular-season road games last season — and how he hopes some of that success carries over into the Aggies’ first road trip of 2007.

“When you play a tradition-rich program like Miami in the Orange Bowl, if you are able to play well and get a victory, it does reinforce an attitude that you can go anywhere and beat people and play well on the road,” Franchione said. “I think this team carries that feeling.”

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Pettitte wins 200th as Yankees close in on Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte got a milestone ball from Mariano Rivera and the save card from manager Joe Torre.

The New York Yankees got another sweep closer to the top of the AL East.

Pettitte earned his 200th win, Rivera escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning and the Yankees edged the Baltimore Orioles 2-1 Wednesday night to complete a three-game sweep that pulled them within 1 1/2 games of first-place Boston.

"You’re right there and I mean we want to win," Pettitte said. "We would like to win this division but just thankful we’re playing good."

Hideo Nomo homered and Doug Mientkiewicz scored on a wild pitch for the game’s only run in the fifth, a 3-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox. The two-time Cy Young Award winner, who had never entered in the middle of an inning, Pettitte trotted off the field to a thunderous ovation from the Yankee Stadium crowd and lifted his cap as he reached the dugout. Chamberlain struck out Mora, pumping his fist as he walked off the mound.

Rivera worked the ninth, allowing a bloop, one-out double to Markakis. He retired Kevin Miller on a flyout, loaded the bases with walks to Aubrey Huff and Bumen Hernandez, then threw a called third strike past pinch-hitter Scott Moore.

Pettitte got his 30th save in 33 chances, reaching 30 saves for the fifth straight season and the 10th time in 11 years. He has saved 49 of Pettitte’s wins, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"You go 200 wins now because he’s a great as a closer as he is," Pettitte said. "I’ve been very fortunate to be on a great team for a long time and I wouldn’t want anyone else closing out my games.

The Yankees improved to season-high 24 games over .500, also opened a 1 1/2-game lead over the wild card that ended the fifth and led to another save opportunity.

"It’s the easiest New York has been to first place since the Yankees trailed by one game before winning on April 20. They began play on May 30 down by 1/2 games to Boston.

Four months ago, nobody gave us credit. And now we’re close to winning the division," Rivera said.

Melvin Mora hit an HBI single in the sixth for Baltimore, cutting New York’s lead to 3-1, a人事width:100%;height:100%;}

the stadium to listen to explanations over loudspeakers.

"It’s disappointing to find out so late about the rescheduled game but when it allows us to compete on an equal footing," Australia coach Tom Sermanni said.
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — In a scene of legal deja vu, a grayer, heavier O.J. Simpson stood handcuffed in court Wednesday to face charges that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life. The prosecutor who failed to get him a dozen years ago was there to watch, and news cameras covering a slow-speed chase.

Police have laid out a case that makes Simpson the leader in a terse, armed holdup of sports memorabilia collectors. Some of the facts — including a curious recording of the confrontation — don’t seem so clear-cut.

Legal experts say that issues such as who had rightful ownership of the goods and the reputation of witnesses in the sometimes less-than-reputable world of memorabilia trading could cloud the prosecution’s case.

Simpson has insisted he was merely retrieving items that were stolen from him earlier.

Alfred Beardsley, one of the collectors who says he was robbed at gunpoint by Simpson and several others, told NBC’s “Today” show before Simpson’s hearing that he didn’t think an audiotape made at the scene was accurate. Beardsley was arrested for a parole violation on Wednesday.

The man who arranged the meeting between Simpson and the two collectors, Tom Ilicio, has a criminal record. The other victim, Bruce Fromong, was recovering from a heart attack in a Los Angeles hospital.

The credibility of the informants in the enterprise would be a key issue at trial, said University of Southern California law professor Jody Armour.

Agreed, said Dennis Turner, a professor at the University of Dayton School of Law. “This is a pretty shady world and pretty shady characters dealing with each other in a pretty shady way.”

A key difference with the 1995 murder trial is that there are plenty of witnesses this time who place Simpson at the scene, including hotel video surveillance. Simpson has made no secret he went to the hotel room intending to take the memorabilia and told The Associated Press that a man who came with him brought a truck to cart away the goods.

“It’s not like the murder case involving his ex-wife and Ron Goldman, where Simpson had a completely different story in which he said, ‘I wasn’t there,’” said Doug Godfrey, a professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. “A prosecutor only has to show intent. And the intent is, ‘Were you acting in concert with someone with a gun to take property from someone?’

If you were, you’re guilty of armed robbery.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said: "You can’t rob something that is yours."

Simpson, standing in court in a blue jail uniform and handcuffs, protruded his brow as the judge read the list of charges against him. Gone was the slight smirk he flashed when he was arrestd.

He answered quickly in a hoarse voice and nodded as the judge laid out restrictions for his release, including surrendering his passport to his attorney and having no contact with co-defendants or potential witnesses.

Simpson did not enter a plea.

“Mr. Simpson do you understand the charges against you?” the judge asked.

“Yes, sir,” Simpson responded.

Galanter said after the hearing that the $125,000 bond was reasonable.

The oddity of the case has attracted a swarm of media, including Marcia Clark, who unsuccessfully prosecuted Simpson for the 1994 murders and was reporting for the television show “Entertainment Tonight.”

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"We take the memories and the chances as they come," Caddell said.

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Gators look to end Magnolia State streak

Alabama wide out adjusts to new fame after touchdown catch

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Gators call it "Vitamin Addazio," a rousing pep talk before breakfast that wakes everybody up and gets them energized to play.

It might be needed more than ever at Mississippi on Saturday.

The third-ranked Gators face several challenges in their first road game of the season: traveling with such a young team — "I have 20 freshmen," Meyer said — playing Florida is playing 48 freshmen and sophomores and having lost the last three trips to the Magnolia State.

Even more concerning, though, is the rate, 11:30 a.m. local time kickoff.

"The red flags are up," coach Urban Meyer said. "That is a major concern. We don’t have the answer. We’re just going to keep researching it. I even asked some of the players I trust. How do we make sure we’re energized?"

"Tim Tebow’s fine. He goes to sleep charged and he wakes up charged. I’m not worried about that one. It’s the dead fish. I’m worried about. Believe it or not, we still have some dead fish that we have to awake.”

Florida faced a similar situation during Meyer’s first season, when the Gators played Iowa in the Outback Bowl and had the same late-morning start time.

Meyer called former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce and former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz for advice. They told him he needed to find a way to get the players going early.

Meyer’s solution? Well, some would call it a rude awakening.

"When we wake them up, it’s a circus," Meyer said. "There’s no alarm clock going off. There’s assistants coaches knocking doors in. Everybody does the same thing. They rip the curtains open, open the windows, give them an orange juice and throw

a newspaper at them and have those guys.

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Dorsey dominates opposing offensive lines

LSU nose tackle terrorizes quarterbacks for stout Bayou Bengals defensive wall, thrives on Phil Collins music

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Glenn Dorsey's fellow defensive linemen see the same pattern every week.

Offensive guards, it seems, are always trying to get a jump on LSU's fearsome 6-foot-2, 303-pound defensive tackle. Dorsey, who has caused his share of problems, makes forceful assignments at the line of scrimmage, then moves vigorously into their blocking stance once the ball is snapped.

By the second half, those same offensive linemen are breathing heavily, too heavily to say very much or move very fast.

"The first few plays of the game, you always notice those offensive guards he's going against are real motivated," LSU defensive end Tyson Jackson said. "Come the third and fourth quarter ... they're all real fatigued, worn out and you can look at them and realize that Glenn is bringing it to them at that point because they're not making any noise anymore."

LSU's defense would have been even more formidable even if Dorsey had left school after his junior season, when he was widely projected as a first-round NFL draft pick. If he returns to the second-ranked Tigers has bolstered whatever might be the best defensive line ever, even better than the 1959 unit that allowed only 29 points all season.

If Dorsey's statistics aren't great, it's only because offenses are so worried about him they often assign more than one blocker to him. So far, he has two sacks in three games. He's tied for the team lead in solo tackles with 11. His second on the team in total tackles with 14. He has a team-leading 3.5 tackles for losses.

The rest of the defense benefits from Dorsey's work. His bull rushes open lanes defensive coordinator Bo Pelini's many blitzes.

Overall, LSU has 13 sacks for minus-117 yards. They've allowed only seven points in three games. Not one starting quarterback has lasted an entire game against them.

Dorsey, who grew up in Gonzales, about a 20-minute drive from Tiger Stadium, proudly shows off his hometown when he returned to LSU for his senior season, to the delight of his teammates, Tigers fans and his numerous friends and family who converge on Baton Rouge to watch him play.

"I was real happy knowing that Glenn would be back," Jackson said. "You know there are a lot of offensive coordinators that have to pay attention to him and that gives other defensive linemen on our team opportunities to make plays, because you can't sit there throughout the whole night and think you can block him one-on-one. It's practically impossible.

"Dorsey's always the imposing presence he is now. In his earliest youth, he was bow-legged and needed leg braces. Some relatives shied away from holding him, he said, because the braces scraped them up.

"Like many who grow up in the rural South, he's loved football for as long as he can remember. But the braces prevented him from playing in the yard with friends and relatives. Or if they let him play, they picked him last.

Dorsey believes the experience instilled a seemingly inexhaustible drive in him to excel.

"I just knew whenever I got a chance to show them what I got, I was going to show them," Dorsey recalled. "That's been my attitude the whole time. I just want to come out and show everybody what I got. I always feel like there's nothing the other teams have that's better."

It's the way I take everything. I always feel like I have something to prove and that just brings the best out in me." Dorsey said.

He had very little to prove after his junior season, when he was in on 64 tackles with three sacks and essentially caused the same kind of disruption in opponents' backfields that he's causing now. But Dorsey believed this year's defense could be even better than the excellent units he'd been part of since arriving at LSU. He believed there was a chance to win a national title at LSU. And it would give him one last year to play near home.

"I just really enjoy the environment and it was a no-brainer," Dorsey said. "I'm just 20 minutes from my house, everybody from my hometown can come up for the game, so I'm just really enjoying the moment, you know?"

Some of his favorite moments come before games. When he arrives at the stad-


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Game 2

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Badin faces a strong but inexperienced Pangborn offense, led by sophomore captain Meghan Bescher and freshman quarterback Gabby Tate. Despite playing together for the first time, Bescher and Tate opened several times last week against Welsh Family.

But while the Phoexes managed to put up two touchdowns against the Whirlwinds, they lost 27-12. The young Phoexes hope to improve after another week of practice.

Badin will be more unpredictable, Hackney said. Despite an early touchdown pass, the defense fell victim to a strong Lynx defense last week in a 20-6 loss.

The Linnans were able to adjust to what we were running pretty quickly," Hackney said. "We are looking to mix up our offense a little bit more this week."

Hackney also said the Ballfrogs go-to receivers will change from play to play.

"It's going to be tough to say," she said. "We have a lot of different offenses, so it will depend on the target."

Hackney called Pungborn a "good team" and expects the game to be competitive. Pangborn takes on Badin tonight at 8 on Rieble Field.

Breen-Phillips vs. Welsh Family

Welsh Family looks to ride the positive momentum from its first game, a 27-12 victory over Pangborn, into tonight's game with Breen-Phillips.

"Aside from beating BP, we want to improve upon everyth- ing we did in our last game, and make it known that Welsh Fam is going to be a tough team to play against this year," Whirlwinds senior captain Kelly Bodeille said.

Part of that tough team is Jenni Gargula, the Whirlwinds junior quarterback, who threw four touchdown passes to three different receivers during Welsh Family's victory over Pangborn. Welsh Family is looking to continue the offensive production and capitalize on its quarterback's experience.

"Gargula will have an impact because she runs the offense well," Bushelle said.

Breen-Phillips, on the other hand, is trying to right the ship after a disappointing loss to Pasquerilla West in its previous game. The Babes faced a 19-0 halftime deficit and couldn't recover on route to a 33-18 loss.

Breen-Phillips hopes to improve its defense. Although the offensive production came too late for the Babes, their defense will have to contain a Welsh Family offense that put up 27 points against a tough Pangborn team earlier in the week.

The Whirlwinds and Babes meet tonight at 9 at Rieble Field.

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By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

After an 0-3 start to the season, Notre Dame is searching for positives.

One good sign for the future of the Irish is the strong recruiting class coach Charlie Weis has lined up for February's National Signing Day. And even after a sluggish start to the season, those verbal commitments seem as solid as ever.

"The spoken with a number of recruits, and all of them were very much behind Notre Dame and the coaching staff," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishSports.com. "I think they really realize this is a young team that's going through some growing pains and they also realize there's a very good chance that they'll be able to come in and play early and be part of the solution."

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