Students examine different volunteer opportunities at the CSC's annual post-graduate service fair Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

By GENE NOONE

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) held its annual post-graduate service fair Wednesday in the Joyce Center to introduce undergraduate students to opportunities available through volunteer programs.

Representatives from 86 organizations, including the Peace Corps and Teach for America, were present to give information and answer questions about their programs.

CSC hosts annual post-graduate service fair

Students meet representatives from volunteer organizations, discuss options to contribute to global community

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Brown gives State of Student Union address

Speech urges all senators to raise bar of progress, focus working on projects at hand

By KAITLYNN RILEY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Liz Brown invoked her campaign slogan — “raising the bar, redefining the standards” — in her second State of the Student Union address Wednesday, urging senators to not become complacent with the progress they have already made and to keep working on initiatives.

“We must all make the effort to effectively respond to student concerns, I challenge you to work hard to raise that bar even further,” Brown said at the Student Senate meeting.

Brown’s speech came two days after the South Bend Common Council passed an ordinance that has been a focal point for student government since the end of July.

The ordinance, as it was originally written, would have required residents of boarding houses — defined as residences where more than two unrelated people reside — to register for a permit before hosting a gathering where 25 or more people would have access to alcohol.

Brown, as well as vice president Marius Braun, began meeting with the Common Council and other South Bend and University representatives in August to discuss changing the ordinance.

In the course of several weeks, the proposed ordinance was eventually amended to describe — but not activate — the permit and registration process for gatherings.

The ordinance, which was given arrest tickets for furnishing alcohol to minors.

The ordinance, as it was presented at the fair, said between 300 and 400 students usually attend the fair — a figure that she said reflects Notre Dame’s role as a lead contributor to post-graduate service.

According to the Career Center’s latest Future Professionals Survey, 11 percent of 2006 Notre Dame graduates went into service.

The 2006 survey found that 40 percent of students participating in service came from the College of Arts and Letters, 13 percent from the College of Science, five percent from the Mendoza College of Business and two percent from the College of Engineering. None were from the School of Architecture.

“Every year about 10 percent of graduates go into service,” Mackenzie said. “That’s around 200 students, which is pretty large compared to other schools.

In recent years, most top universities have not seen post-graduate service rates as high as Notre Dame’s. For most students, secondary object was to create an opportunity for post-graduate students to learn more about service opportunities around the world.”

Said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Robert Crock: "The event was organized to help students become more informed about service opportunities around the world.”

SMC students benefit from band membership

By MOLLY LAMPING

Founded in 1845, the Band of the Fighting Irish was all male until 1970, when it first accepted Saint Mary’s female students — two years before the University itself became co-educational.

Today, College students are still full members of the band, commuting to the Notre Dame campus for practice and games.

In 1970, former band director Robert O’Brien wanted more instruments played, like flute and clarinet and, in the concert band, oboe,” said Assistant Director of Bands Larry Dwyer.

The first woman to join the band, however, was a drum major — Rosemary Crock.

"For two years, Saint Mary’s students were the only women members of the band,” Dwyer said. “These women were pioneers in a co-educational band two years before the University itself became co-educational.”

The University of South Bend (SMC) also hosted the fair, with 300 students from the College of Arts and Letters, 13 percent from the College of Science, five percent from the Mendoza College of Business and two percent from the College of Engineering.

Fifty-seven people were arrested, mostly for underage drinking, after police disrupted a party early Saturday morning at a house owned by Notre Dame students.

Fifty-three people were given arrest tickets for minor consumption of alcohol.

Of the 53 minors, two were jailed, Fults said. The first was taken to jail for minor consumption and false informing, the second for minor consumption and also for resisting arrest by fleeing.

Several people fled from the area, Fults said.

Four of the five tenants were given arrest tickets for furnishing alcohol to minors.

One of the tenants was not at the house when police came, said a resident of the house who asked to not be named.

Two officers from the Indiana State Excise Police and four officers from the Indiana State Police Bremen Post arrived at the house at 12:35 a.m. Saturday.

"They were just doing saturation patrols in the campus area and they noticed a larger group of individuals on the front lawn and spilling out into the street,” Fults said.

The incident was not listed as a noise violation, Fults said. The police report says the large numbers of individuals on the front lawn and overflowing into the street alerted police to the party.

The incident comes as police are planning to increase patrols in the campus area.

Two students from the Indiana State Excise Police
A tale of two state schools

Hail to the victor! Victory for MSU.
We have heard both these phrases under losing circumstances.
I have covered the Irish—Michigan and
Michigan State in their respective backyards. I have always regarded our two neighbors to the north as bitter rivals and never knew whom to root for when they played each other.

Now, I have a team to root for in the annual Michigan-Michigan State game. Go Wolverines!

Before all Irish fans reading this jump on me like the Oklahoma State coach at a press conference, let me make one thing clear. Notre Dame will always be my favorite team. Always.

Instead of hoping for a tie or nuclear holocaust a Spartans-Wolverines game, I will be rooting for Michigan for the same reason we go to college: class (right?).

At the Big House last week, I witnessed a terrible blowout loss while surrounded by Michigan fans in an area close to the Michigan student section.

When your team loses 38-6 to one of your bitter rivals in their house, you expect a chorus of taunting and single-finger showing you who really is number one. Yet I did not hear a single negative comment from Michigan fans.

I sat next to a man who did not attend Michigan but made the trip up from St. Louis to cheer on the Wolverines. I ended up talking to him the entire game.

Our conversation transitioned from the iniquity of the Irish offense to my plans after graduation this May.

At the end of the game, my new Wolverine companion gave me his cell phone number and offered me free hospitality if I ever visited his beloved St. Louis.

I look forward to a trip up to Spartan Stadium last September.

As we sat in the third row from the top at Spartan Stadium, my friends and I could hardly finish our sentences as we were verbally pelted by taunts, mocking our quarterback’s looks, our coach’s weakness, and even the mural on our library.

Sailors don’t hear as many four-letter words as I did over those three plus hours in the rain. And it wasn’t even MSU students digging deep into their dictionary, but something with locker-room-level language.

To the peak-of-age people, senior citizens, and even kids. I think any fan in a diaper discovered their favorite four-letter word that night printed on the book.

Back to this past Saturday. As I made the trek to Notre Dame Stadium, I walked with three MSU students who began light-heartedly mocking The Shirt.

After a civil discussion about the game with the three Spartan students, I wished them luck, they recognized but stated that ND has something that Michigan State lacks: sportsmanship.

The respect I received in the Big House and the utter disrespect I found at Spartan Stadium brought my Great Lakes State football allegiances to Ann Arbor.

Nevertheless, I hope Michigan goes 1-1 every year. Just as long as they beat the Spartans.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Digan at adigand@mich.edu.

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passed Monday, also creates a Community/Campus Advisory Coalition. Brown said the creation of the coalition "a signific- ant step in improving communication between city officials, university representatives and student representatives," Brown said. Brown also credited stu-

dents with improving their off campus behavior and acting as respectful neighbors to South Bend resi-
dents. Although the ordinance has been amended and passed, "our work is far from over," Brown said.

The recent introduction of Domer Dollars in the Notre Dame student government to produce positive changes for the student body.

Liz Brown

student body president

In my address to you last April, I emphasized the importance of moving past the dialogue traditionally associated with student govern ment to produce positive changes for the student body," Brown said. "I am encouraged by our progress thus far and look forward to the challenges we have set for ourselves in the coming months.

Brown said to look for progress on the creation of a global studies minor, the usability of Domer Dollars at off-campus locations, the introduction of community-based curriculum and the availability of locally grown food in the dining halls.

Student government will also explore minority faculty recruitment techniques and forums to address the issues of eating disorders and sexual assault that affect Notre Dame students.

"There is no denying that we have our work cut out for us in the coming year," Brown said. In the next two weeks, student government will encourage students to participate in the Oct. 8 Notre Dame Forum on immigration. The forum will bring in experts on immigration matters, and Brown said she looks forward to a "heated and enlightened discussion." Following the forum, student government will hold the first of its faculty-student town meetings.

The resolution commending Notre Dame recognizes its Catholic mission by stating: "As a Catholic university, Notre Dame recognizes its obligation to help people in need no matter where they are," Kanavy said.

The Senate passed four additional resolutions during its meeting. Three of the resolutions were amendments to the Student Body Constitution that corrected grammatical errors and made some editing adjustments. The Senate passed a resolution congratulating the Keenan and Stanford residence halls, erected in 1957, for their 50th anniversary.

The Senate continued discussion of issues raised in past meetings. Carol Hendrickson, chair of the Academic Affairs committee, said she is making the final steps toward sending out a survey to students about course packets, due to the increase in course packet prices from last year. She expects to present a resolution on the price increase in the coming weeks.

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This year, there are 43 Saint Mary’s students in the band, which is more than 10 percent of band’s total size. These members undergo a rigorous audition process as Notre Dame band members.
"I only know everything everyone else does," Dwyer said. "It requires a little extra dedication on the part of Saint Mary’s women (just because they have to commingle) and whatnot. The band building and practice field are about as far away from Saint Mary's as you can get. College band members, like juniors Jessica Sheehan and Sharon Rhodes, use "the modes of transportation to get there, saying, "We bike over there every day," Sheehan said.
Relaying on College-provided transportation takes an extra commitment, Rhodes said. "If you want to ride the trinity, you either have to go incredibly early or risk being late," she said. "I leave Saint Mary's 45 minutes before the first practice starts." While commuting and extended time commitment does not detract from the experiences Rhodes and Sheehan said, it is interesting to be on the field, Rhodes said. "At halftime, we’re standing behind the players and you can hear what they’re saying when they go out and when they come back. That's how you get to know the band and the players," she said.
"When we have visiting bands and they find out you’re from Saint Mary’s, they’re kind of confused," Katherine Putz said. Band member John O’Reilly was elected as the student representative for Saint Mary’s college, and he said, "It requires a little extra dedication on the part of Saint Mary’s women." Dwyer said.
"It requires more a pipe major on the French horn and growth for me," senior Laura Bradley said. "I know that a year of service will be a humbling, life-changing year full of learning and growth for me."

Survey Report
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The majority of University students who go into post-graduate service participate in faith-based programs, according to the Career Center’s latest Senior Survey Report. Senior Laura Bradley, who is looking at both domestic and international teaching programs, says she plans on doing at least one year of faith-related service.
"My goals for next year are to live simply in a faith-based community, to teach and work with kids, to become fluent in Spanish and, ideally, to get an international perspective on poverty," she said. "I know that a year of service will build a humble, life-changing year full of learning and growth for many."

"Post-graduate service is a great way to get deeper involved in an issue that interests you," Mackenzie said. "It allows you to build skills and get your foot in the door on matters that you care about to go into later in life."

Whether students are interested in going to graduate school or getting a job, Bradley said. "I felt a year of service only increases the students' experience and knowledge."
"Notre Dame students are hard working, intelligent and, most importantly, they are interested in service programs," senior Laura Bradley said.

"I would like students to see that in their alma mater, which is a primarily Christian community, too many people see little else in black culture beyond profane rap. "That isn't about my community, and I don't want my group for merely reporting what he says," O'Reilly said.
"We didn't call him a racist but we said, 'We heard his comments were ignorant and racially charged, and we want to listen to the community. If you listen to the full show, it was a criticism about the part of the conversation with other Americans who are ignorant of the fact that there is not no difference between white and black anymore," said the AP. "We are not talking about differences in Christianity, but about differences in the cultures." O'Reilly's show was a conversation with his radio show co-hosts, discussing the situation, he said. "Anyone who would be offended by that conversation would have to be looking to be offended." This isn't about a racially insensitive remark," he said. "Anybody can listen to the unedited version of the conversation on BillOReilly.com. You want to think I'm insensible to race, you can look me up." The real story, he said, was about the "corrupt media culture" in which "all news is by the way CNN and MSNBC do sto nd out because t hey are r e m a ins b ecause they are the only ones doing it."
Iraq
Prime Minister seeks international support

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki addressed the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday that his country would defy international support for new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program.

Al-Maliki said his country has stopped carrying out military operations and its government’s policy is not sanctions on Iran. He also said that the United States is destabilizing the occupied country.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations Wednesday. He said national reconciliation is stronger than any weapon of terror.

Bush calls for new sanctions against Iran

Associated Press

Rice was assuring Iran’s wary neighbors in the Persian Gulf of U.S. backing to improve their defenses against a “hegemonsitic Iran” through proposed multibillion dollar arms sales, a senior State Department official told reporters.

In a meeting with the foreign ministers of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — along with Egypt and Jordan, Rice heard deep fears about Iranian attempts to dominate the region, the official said.

However, he said it is unlikely that the text of a new resolution will be ready to be voted on.

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ITALY

Doctor: Pope violated Church teaching

Vatican denies euthanasia allegations against John Paul II

Associated Press

ROME — A doctor alleged Wednesday that Pope John Paul II violated Catholic teaching against euthanasia when he ordered the removal of feeding tubes to end the life of a man who was in a state of irreversible coma.

John Paul was a great example of a doctor who consistently upheld the sanctity of life and refused to participate in any actions that would shorten a person's life. His dedication to this principle was unwavering, and his example continues to inspire medical professionals around the world.

The Vatican has always been clear in its stance on euthanasia, which is considered a direct violation of the natural law and the principles of respect for human life. They have consistently upheld the right to life as a fundamental human right and have condemned any actions that would actively contribute to its termination.

The Pope's actions, as reported by the doctor, would be considered a serious breach of ethical and medical standards. It is important to note that the Pope was in a state of irreversible coma and was no longer able to experience pain or suffering. In such cases, medical professionals must weigh the potential benefits of providing treatment against the potential harms and consider whether the patient's quality of life is compatible with the goals of medical care.

In conclusion, the Vatican's stance on euthanasia remains firm, and any actions that would actively contribute to the termination of life are strictly prohibited. The Pope's actions, as described by the doctor, would be considered a violation of these principles and would be deeply concerning to many.

For more information, please visit the Vatican's official website or contact their press office.

Judge rules two Patriot Act provisions unconstitutional

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Two provisions of the USA Patriot Act are unconstitutional because they allow search warrants to be issued without a showing of probable cause, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Annaiken ruled that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, as amended by the Patriot Act, "now permits the executive branch of government to conduct surveillance and searches of American citizens without satisfying the probable cause requirement." Portland attorney Brendan Mayfield sought the ruling in a lawsuit against the federal government after he was mistakenly linked by the FBI to the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people in 2004.

The federal government apolo­gized and settled part of the lawsuit for $2 million after admitting the fingerprint used was mine. But as part of the settlement, Mayfield retained the right to challenge parts of the Patriot Act, which "greatly expands the authority of law enforcers to investigate suspected acts of terrorism."

Mayfield claimed that an answer search of his house would have been an illegal act, according to John P. Allen, whose charges, which included feeding tubes, were considered"an immor­al act." The Vatican distinguishes between feeding tubes, which can be considered"proportional" or"ordinary," which includes"feeding and feeding tubes" and"feeding under the circumstances of the patient."

"It's an easy way to help people who are dying," Mayfield said. "It's a right way for the patient to die, not in the right way for the correct amount of time." Pavanelli said. "The Vatican distinguished between feeding tubes, which can be considered"propor­tional" or"ordinary," which includes"feeding and feeding tubes" and"feeding under the circumstances of the patient."

The Vatican repeatedly refused to position on euthanasia and feeding tubes. A document issued Sept. 14 from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reafirmed that it consid­ers the removal of feeding tubes from people in vegetative states to be an immoral act.

The Vatican distinguishes between feeding tubes, which is considered moral care, and "aggressive medical treatment," which includes drug treatments that can be dis­proportionate and any expected results or pose an excessive burden on the patient. "In such situations, when death is clearly imminent an inevitable, one can in conscience refuse both forms of treatment that would only secure a protracted and bur­densome prolongation of life," the Vatican said.

Mailyfield under 24-hour surveil­lance, listened to his phone calls and surreptitiously searched his home and law office. The Mayfield case has been an embarrassment for the federal government. Last year, the Justice Department's internal watchdog faulted the FBI for sloppy work in mistakenly linking Mayfield to the Madrid bombings. That report said federal prosecutors and FBI agents had made inaccurate and ambigu­ous statements in a federal judge's order to get arrest and criminal search warrants against Mayfield.

Mayfield was arrested in 2004, then released and was never convicted of any crime. He was not linked to the Madrid bombings. That report said federal prosecutors and FBI agents had made inaccurate and ambiguous statements in a federal judge's order to get arrest and criminal search warrants against Mayfield.
Toyota, Nissan announce safety recalls

BARCELONA — A very early test of an experimental drug seemed to show the spread of advanced deadly skin cancer in a small study, the drug's U.S. developer reported in preliminary findings Wednesday.

Synta Pharmaceuticals Corp. of Lexington, Mass., reported that patients with advanced melanoma who got the drug survived an average of 3.7 months with new cancer lesions, compared to 1.8 months for those who got the standard treatment. This, given as a pill, is so early in development that it doesn't have a name. It must pass muster in much more rigorous testing before the company seeks U.S. approval.

Synta's drug is one of several in development by companies pursuing a new strategy against cancer — killing tumor cells by overloading them with oxygen.

"We are taking advantage of the Achilles heel of cancer cells," said Dr. Anthony Williams, vice president of clinical research at Synta Pharmaceuticals.

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MARKET Recap

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**Stocks up as large companies stabilize**

**NEW YORK — Stocks rose soundly Wednesday following word that some of the problems dogging big companies like General Motors Corp. and Bear Stearns Co. could be on the mend.**

GM, one of the 30 stocks that makes up the Dow Jones industrial average, led the market higher after an hour later and workers were back in GM's 80 U.S. facilities Wednesday afternoon. GM announced that around 25,000 vehicles due to the strike, according to CRM Worldwide Inc. Analysts had suggested a short supply could slow down dealers in the GM could improve GM's outlook because it would cut back on investments on inventory levels. GM shares rose $3.22, or 9.4 percent, to $37.04. The Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said it may raise GM's long-term debt rating, which is currently below investment grade.

"We view the tentative agreement and its apparent terms as a historic milestone toward the long-term improvement in fundamentals and survival at the North American automakers," KeyBanc analyst Brett Hoselton wrote in a note to investors.

The agreement is expected to set a pattern for contracts that now will be negotiated at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said he will decide this week which automaker will go next. The UAW may even conduct negotiations with Ford and Chrysler simultaneously, Gettelfinger said during an interview on "The Paul W. Smith Show" on WJR-AM. The GM contract will be reviewed by local UAW presidents this week and will be subject to a vote of GM's 74,000 rank-and-file members. Voting is expected to begin this weekend, Gettelfinger said. If members vote against the agreement they could go back on strike, but Gettelfinger said he's confident it will be ratified.

"We're very comfortable with this agreement and we're happy to be able to recommend it to our membership," Gettelfinger said.

Tom Brune, who works at a GM plant in Wentzville, Mo., said he was happy to go back to work.

**In Brief**

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FBI searches for charter boat

MIAMI — A boat trip that began as a routine charter to the Bahamas turned horribly wrong somewhere on the high seas when four crew members vanished and the two men who hired the vessel were plucked out of a life raft.

Kirby Logan Archer and Guillermo Zarabozo are in custody on federal charges while agents conduct a massive search in heavy rain for the crew of the 47-foot fishing charter Joe Cool. Neither Archer, who was a fugitive, nor Zarabozo is charged in the disappearances.

"All I can say at this point is that the investigation is continuing," FBI spokeswoman Judy Orchuelo said.

The pair were found in a life raft Monday about 12 miles from where the fishing boat was drifting. Authorities found no one on board and no mechanical problems with the vessel.

A key to some hand cuffs was found on the boat, and a substance appearing to be blood was found on the vessel's stern, according to an FBI affidavit.

Archer and Zarabozo paid $4,000 cash to charter the Joe Cool on Sunday to Bimini, Bahamas, where they told the boat's operators they had female companions waiting for them. The Coast Guard says that GPS navigation devices on the boat show that it veered sharply south toward Cuba about halfway in the 50-mile trip.

Zarabozo, 19, of Hialeah, is a Cuban immigrant. Archer is a former soldier once stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, his ex-wife has told several media outlets that he met Zarabozo as a boy in that country and may have helped him and his family reach the U.S.

Archer, 35, of Strawberry, Ark., is wanted in his home state on suspicion of stealing more than $12,000 in January from a Walmart where he was an assistant manager. He also went AWOL from the Army four years ago.

Both men made initial court appearances Wednesday. Archer is charged with fleeing prosecution in Arkansas. Zarabozo is charged with lying to federal agents.

According to the FBI affidavit, Zarabozo told Coast Guard rescuers that "unknown subjects" had hijacked the boat, shot and killed the four crew members and then ordered Zarabozo to throw the bodies into the sea. Zarabozo later told the FBI he had never been on the Joe Cool, even though his state identification card was found on the boat.

The vessel was found "in disarray," according to the affidavit. It said that aside from the apparent blood and the key, investigators found six marijuana cigarettes on the boat, as well as a laptop computer, luggage, clothes and a cell phone.

Archer and Zarabozo were being held without bail at a federal detention center in Miami. Neither the FBI nor the Coast Guard would comment on what they told investigators.

Meanwhile, Coast Guard ships and aircraft searched hundreds of miles of open ocean in heavy rain for the boat's captain, Jake Branim, 27; his wife, Kelley Branim, 30; his half brother, Scott Campbell, 30; and Samuel Kairy, 27, of Miami Beach.

"The weather is very, very nasty," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Dana Warr. "It makes searching very difficult, both in the air and the sea."

The search includes a C-130 aircraft and helicopters. It was expanded as far north as Cape Canaveral on Wednesday to account for possible drift caused by the Gulf Stream current.

Coast Guard searchers also checked out on foot some of the dozens of small uninhabited islands that dot the Bahamas to the east of Miami.

Archer, a former military police investigator, had been stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the war, according to court records. He went AWOL in 2003 and received a less-than-honorable discharge as a result, according to Arkansas records from his 2005 divorce.

In court, Archer and Zarabozo were both told they would get court-appointed lawyers. When asked whether he had any assets to pay for a lawyer, Archer said all he had was $2,000 that investigators confiscated after his arrest.

A bail hearing for both men was set for Friday. Prosecutors said they would seek to keep both in detention.

Several of Zarabozo's relatives attended the hearing. They declined to talk to reporters.

Archer and his ex-wife, Michelle Rowe, have had no recent contact, according to her attorney, Chaney Taylor of Batesville, Ark. Rowe has custody of the couple's two young sons.

"We don't know where he's been since January," Taylor said.

Court records show that Archer has since remarried, to another woman named Michelle. In court Wednesday, Archer said he is now separated.
Gaza Strip strike bloodiest in years

Israeli-led operation kills 8 Palestinians, wounds 25 others

Associated Press

Gaza CITY — Israeli military forces killed at least eight Palestinians and wounded 25 in an airstrike and a tank-led ground operation Wednesday, the bloodiest day in the Gaza Strip since Israel declared it a "hostile territory."

The Israeli army said the raids were a response to "daily bombardment of [Israel's] borders withfriendly countries, including France, citizens." The army said it had received "a number of reports" about "hostile activity." 

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School responds to suicidal threats

Wisconsin students pleased about being informed of danger ahead of time

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison offered nothing but praise Wednesday for the school's sweeping response a day earlier to threatening calls from a suicidal man who claimed to have a gun.

The university canceled some classes and activities, warned students to stay home and proceed with caution. Police officers patrolled in every direction. Shortly after that, he called again to report a bomb threat at the hospital — for a fictitious name. Both of those calls were hoaxes, police said.

Serial searches by Miller and started blocking the entrances to the hospital. As they scanned the hospital campus, officials canceled night classes and a soccer game and closed the academic buildings.

The hospital started diverting some emergency room patients to other hospitals and told visitors to stay away. The university sent the first mass e-mail warning students of a potentially dangerous situation and to stay indoors. The university sent two other mass e-mails, updated its Web site throughout the night and posted alerts on Facebook, the popular social networking site.

By late Tuesday, students said they were glad they knew about the threats. "I just wanted to make sure that no one was hurt, that no one got upset because of it," said Doctoral student Martha Saywell donning doctor's uniform. "It was actually kind of comforting to know that they were checking up on everything that was going on in the school."

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**Engineers: Bridge collapse causing undue alarm**

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — State highway officials around the country want the government to stop scaring the public by using dire-sounding phrases such as "structural defect" or "immediate danger" to describe bridges.

In interviews and government documents obtained by The Associated Press, some engineers say the terms are making America's bridges sound shakier than they really are, and that it would be cheaper to use less alarmist or non-technical phrases, or perhaps a "Health Index" for the nation's spans.

The episode came up after the Minneapolis bridge collapse last January, which killed 13 people. The span, along with more than 73,000 other U.S. bridges, had been classified as structurally deficient, a term some engineers say sent shudders across the nation because it was widely misunderstood.

"People seem to think a bridge is within a hair's breadth of collapse when there are really no terms that would give the public a sense of security about the nation's bridges," said Lorcan Frazier, chief transportation engineer for the state of Montana.

"There seemed to be borderline hysteria regarding the bridges."

Frazier, who is also president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, said the collapse during the nation's 357,636 bridges is classified as structurally deficient, according to 2006 figures from the Federal Highway Administration.

In the wake of the collapse, when Congress updated guidelines for replacing and rehabilitating bridges, the categories remained largely unchanged.

"The new terms are misleading and don't change the classification of any bridge," Frazier said. "At least one highway-safety watchdog group agreed the terms are being changed, and said there is little new information about the state of the nation's bridges."

Control over the labeling system rests with Congress and the Federal Highway Administration, part of the Department of Transportation. The department would not comment directly on the issue of changing the classification of the nation's bridges.

Such terminology is expected to be defended in April when the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials holds its annual conference beginning Thursday in Denver.

The association's program manager for bridges and structures, William Brownfield, said last November that the nation's 667,363 bridges are classified as structurally deficient, according to 2006 figures from the FHWA.

When Congress updated guidelines for replacing and rehabilitating bridges, the categories remained largely unchanged.

"The collapse of the bridge is typically labeled "structurally deficient," which transmits an undue sense of fear and uncertainty," Brownfield said.

The problem, however, is that the terms more often than not are misunderstood.

"People don't understand what may not be a collapse," Brownfield said.

"For the public and the media, to the people who hear these terms, it's the same thing: They mean 'dangerous.'"

Families of the kidnapped are hoping the rebels free the hostages at President William Clinton's request of French President Jacques Chirac.

But Colombia's leader is seeking to use the latest of many efforts to free the three U.S. hostages as a sign of good faith in negotiations that could set the stage for a meeting of the FARC rebels and rebel leaders would be only the latest of many efforts to free the three U.S. hostages.

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An inconvenient truth

In true Notre Dame form, I spent one of this summer belting out the resilient melodies of Jon Bon Jovi. For one, though, I wasn’t “Livin’ on a Prayer” during the throngs of Catholic goodson that were Morrisseyian Murmur NYHs. No, I was singing along to Bon Jovi live from the very last row of Giants Stadium. Live Earth was a great show. I spent 10 epic hours of my Saturday at the U.S. version of the 24-hour concert series meant to promote environmental awareness. Global megaconcert events, though, are bound to fail. Simply put, they don’t take seriously enough the causes they supposedly promote.

I will remember the Live Earth concert for years to come. But I’ll remember it for the “Live” — not the “Earth.” I’ll remember Bon Jovi and Roger Waters. I’ll remember John Mayer, The Police and, yes, Kanye West all combining for a bring-down-the-house version of “Smells Like Teen Spirit” to which I’m still listening on repeat.

Ultimately, though, the showmanship of the concert overshadowed the cause.

Case in point: Midway through the concert, Al Gore came out to announce the “Seven Point pledge” he wanted the audience to make that day. It was easy to confirm your commitment to the pledge. All I had to do was text — yes, text — “S7P” to 82004. Standard text messaging rates apply. Like the bill sheriff I am, I promptly texted the number. After all, I got 50 free texts a month. Two minutes later, Live Earth texted me back.

“Thx, U have answered the call! U’ll get wly Live Earth news, artist schedules & green tips. More info at www.liveearth.org, Reply STOP 2 end.”

How very hip of them. I do, however, remember that I pledged to “plant a tree.”

The text message pledge phenomenon — and the concert in general — demonstrate a fundamental problem with how so many causes try to spread their message today. They try too hard to be “in touch” with our generation. And, in doing so, they couldn’t be less in touch. Think about it — pledging to a cause via text message? A cause that gets no more than an hour of publicity in ten hours of concert? By trying to integrate the political messages subtly into everyday cell-phone things like concerts, going and texting, the causes dumb down political dialogue to the point that it becomes useless and forgettable.

It’s the same reason that the Clinton campaign to think it’s essential that Hillary has a MySpace profile that asks you to tell everyone “I am not only voting for Hillary, SHE’S MY FRIEND.” Meanwhile, John McCain — yes, 71-year-old John McCain — has a Facebook account. Apparently, he really likes “24” and “Seinfeld.”

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More revealing than the forgotten pledges was a walk around Giants Stadium post-concert. The ground was littered with Pepsi cans and the plastic from six-packs, notorious for its duck­killing abilities. Fans, probably still drunk or high, pulled out of the chaotic parking lots in their Humm­ers. By over-simplifying their messages for the sake of hiphop, they promote a disconnect between excitement about an idea and action based on the ideal. Live Earth made an environmental effort, it may have even created some rebellious self-righteousness.

But the self-righteousness is, by and large, temporary. And the pro-environ­ment feels and excitement are temporary or, at least, ineffective. They don’t turn into action. When a cause hides itself behind a concert, text message, or Facebook account, it can’t encourage fans to translate their support for the cause into political or personal change.

Two years ago, the world talked about another global concert for a cause — Live 8, the baby of the anti-poverty movement headlined by Bono. While the concert had some immedi­ate effect — debt relief pledges within the first week — the popularity of the cause has, by and large, slipped among our generation. Like any other fad, the movement to relieve debt slowly faded, lost behind Tom and Katie’s wedding and Paris and Nicole’s on-again, off-again friendship. Live Earth is bound to die the same slow death. We’re still likely to see something exciting about global issues but it won’t be traced back to the impact of the concert. Change will only happen when politicians realize the current system is unsustainable because the facts of global warming are undeniable.

The pro-environment side will win because it has the most compelling argument with the most compelling information, not because Kanye West told Kourtney Kardashian to agree.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Reality is not always probable or likely"

Jorge Luis Borges
Argentine writer
Amid the local and global interest in the beatification last week of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.L., I enjoyed periodi­

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c that things that go on in South Bend. Kate Barrett

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Irish language hardly dead**

As a student of the Irish language, I was quite disturbed after reading Pádraig Ó Tuathaigh's article, "Expert: Irish Language On Verge of Extinction" on Monday. I was not disturbed, however, by the attempt in it to explain the language as archaic and has never been used in many technological fields of study in Ireland. The language is used in many technological and medical fields of study in Ireland. To suggest the language is archaic and has no place in modern Ireland is not only incorrect, but also extremely offensive to the many educated Irish speakers in the country who use the language in their field.

I would like to express my disappointment to readers of Ó Tuathaigh's article that, in my opinion, his article was flawed. The Irish language may indeed be experiencing a decline, but the outlook of its future is not hopeless, as Ó Tuathaigh suggests.

Kelsey Robertson

**Council ignores serious city issues**

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By JAMES COSTA
American Scene Editor

In 1785, Devendra Banhart would have been leading a Southern Tent Revival meeting by singing sacred music to his congregation. Obviously, the old congregations are gone and the world has changed. Yet Banhart's "Smoky Rolls Down Thunder Canyon" takes us back for a moment to an age still alive in musical traditions, but changed. In the swaps of Banhart's music emerges a modern day William Billings. He lived for 53 years, with his most creative period right around the time of the American sound of music. Banhart, like Billings, is the unwritten leader of something totally unique, labeled "freak-folk." Banhart is like Billings in musical output and style. Billings wrote approximately 120 hymns in a rather short period of time. Banhart is often criticized for being too prolific and putting out albums with far more than the typical 10 or 11 songs. Also, Billings is credited with being one of the first American composers to make an American sound of music. Banhart, like Billings, is seen most clearly in songs such as Banhart's "Savaged," when the other singers calibrate their voices around his. He utilizes the singing method of "lining out" that dates to Billings' time and was very likely used by Billings in his own instruction of rural congregations. Banhart's day the idea of lining out and calibrating to the main voice was used to get in tune for performing songs in genres such as the sacred harp song style. Now it's just nice to listen to in Banhart's music.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, people mainly sang about spiritual topics. Banhart is inclined toward spiritual topics as well, but because it's 2007 and because he is Devendra Banhart, his "Hymned," "Raymond," or other newwave comedies such as "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Banhart's sound is an awareness and reaction to the current American military upheaval — the national opinion of the war in Iraq. Billings shares the same type of awareness in his own work, especially in a song called "Christian." It was sort of like a pop song about the American Revolution. Thrusdav "Smoky" in both the Spanish tracks and the English tracks, is recognition of divided national opinion towards the government and the war. It takes a few listeners to catch hold of the sheer scope of each song, but its well worth the work.

One of the underlying themes of Banhart's record is an awareness and reaction to the current American military upheaval — the national opinion of the war in Iraq. It's a natural progression of young culture and music, especially folk and underground. The tradition that began with a composer like William Billings is being carried into today's turbulent world by Banhart, an extraordinary artist.

By CHRISTINE HINE
Scene Writer

When two sitcom supersstars — Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond") and Kelsey Grammer ("Cheers," "Fraiser") — star in a hit on network sitcoms, the fanfare rolls. Ynternation. Obviously, the box office, weathergirl "Fraiser" (Ayda Field), the crazy sports fan and third lead of "Back to You." Right now, "Back to You" is rigged with problems. It deserves to make the newsroom funny and not enough time dealing with the urgent problem that exists between Carr and Darling. Maybe it should focus on the latter issue.

Grammer, playing a character far-removed from Frasier Crane, still manages to make the most predictable farce funny with his facial reactions and lines of voice. Heaton played the unapprised Debra to perfection on "Raymond," and here she plays the independent Carr with the same veracity and energy. Even in the heavy storyline involving Carr and Darling, Heaton and Grammer bring laughter.

"Back to You" is northern near the quality of "Back to You," who worked with Grammer on "Frasier," forget one of the main lessons of "Moore," "Fraiser," and "Raymond" — it takes fully...
The Office premieres fourth season, opens new chapter

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Last season, "The Office" left us with a whopping three cliffhangers. First, Jim leaves Karen in New York City to ask Pam on a date. Second, Michael tells a brash-enhanced and recently-fired Jan that she can move into his condo. And third, Ryan gets the brass-supervising job at Dunder Mifflin Chicago, and tells Kelly that he is moving to the Midwest. What a start to a new season!

Season four of "The Office" premiered tonight on NBC at 9 p.m. with "Fun Run," the first of four hour-long episodes to start the season. "Fun Run" wraps up some of last season's loose ends and answers a few of fans' burning questions. Tonight's episode follows the Dunder Mifflin employees after a freak accident in the office prompts Michael to organize a charity "fun run." But even before tonight's episode, fans can go to NBC.com for brief clips of what "The Office" characters did this summer. Jim left Karen crying next to a fountain in New York, Pam finally let her hair down and is now 30 percent more unpredictable, Ryan forgot his entire life in Scranton but found its comedic direction that was professional struggles of Dunder Mifflin Scranton as new corporate boss Ryan tries to take your next "Futurama" and Dwight and Angela, but also on the professional struggles of Dunder Mifflin Scranton as new corporate boss Ryan tries to take the company into the 21st century and into the online age. Ryan unveils his digital dreams in the season's second episode "Dunder Mifflin Infinity." To coincide with the show's launch of Dunder Mifflin Infinity, NBC.com is creating its own interactive Dunder Mifflin Infinity in which fans can join online branches, complete tasks and earn prizes and Schrute Bucks. "The Office" is taking its interaction with fans to a level rarely reached on television.

"Crank That Soulja Boy" was the number one song in America last week. And people with a pulse, that means not a dubstep fan, will know what song that is. The Stupid Cupid is a pop-trotavessy of a dance, which requires neither timing, coordination, and will earn any prospective dancer exactly zero points in street credibilitity (and exactly zero phone numbers at the end of the night). The Stupid Cupid is a pop-trotavessy of a dance, which requires neither timing, coordination, and will earn any prospective dancer exactly zero points in street credibilitity (and exactly zero phone numbers at the end of the night).

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**MLB**

**Bonds likely plays last game in Giants uniform**

Sluger misses 10 games due to toe; the 43-year-old home run king is still unsure of playing next season

*Associated Press*

**San Francisco** — Barry Bonds stepped in for what probably were his final rounds of batting practice in a Giants uniform Wednesday, cameras clicking at every move.

Some of the San Diego Padres even came out early to catch a glimpse — with manager Bud Black, a former teammate of the San Francisco slugger, perched on the front of the dugout rail.

Bonds didn't hit, hitting with teammate Dave Roberts outside the cage between rounds, and huddled to greet Black, too.

After missing 10 games because of a sprained big right toe that is worse than initially thought, Bonds was in the starting lineup and batting in his regular cleanup spot Wednesday. But he's not scheduled to play this weekend in Los Angeles.

"This will be the only game I play in, yes," Bonds said.

So, this was it. The end of a history-making era for the 43-year-old, seven-time NL MVP and 14-time All-Star — in the very city where he used to bound around the clubhouse as his late father, Bobbie, and grandfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays, got ready for games.

Manager Bruce Bochy noticed when he wrote Bonds into the lineup for the last time, a special piece of paper set to go into safekeeping in the Giants' archives. Bochy knows Bonds might not ever play again, too, despite the slugger insisting he wants to suit up next year somewhere.

"When you write his name into the lineup for the final time, you realize what you're doing," Bochy said. "I know it's a possibility (the end)."

Talking to him, he wants to play some more. He might change his mind and we could be seeing this tremendous talent play for the last time.

About a dozen fans waited outside the player parking lot for a final chance at the slugger's autograph. Inside the ballpark, a large logo reading "BONDS 25" was painted on the field in black over Bonds' left field spot.

A series of video clips were scheduled to be shown during the game as a tribute to No. 25. Bonds was told last Thursday by owner Peter Magowan, who also watched Bonds take his cuts, that he would not be re-signed for a 16th season with the Giants.

"I think there's a lot of sadness," executive vice president Larry Baer said Wednesday.

"When you step back from the sadness, you challenge yourself to think at any other run — 15 years in one city — it's a very simple two words, but thank you. The 15 years ran deep for all of us. He's had a lot of fun, we've had a lot of fun. He's had success. We've had success."

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**executive vice president San Francisco Giants**

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Bochy's star player might only get one at-bat, and probably no more than three — all depending on his toe. Bonds had an MRI on his toe Wednesday.

"It's not broken. "It's still swollen, I'm serious. It's still swollen.星星 it's stuck, Bonds said in a brief back-and-forth with the media at his locker.

"It's not broken. I've been doing."

No more interviews. This turned into an interview, God forbid.

Bonds was visited by Baer in the clubhouse and the slugger had success.

On Tuesday night, fans called for Bonds with their familiar chant of "Barry! Barry!" He never was available to pitch into the tender toe, and Bonds had an MRI on his toe Wednesday.

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Bonds' home run record still stands in the Giants' archives.

"I'm sure the fans will send him off in a great way."

Rich Aurilia

**Giants shortstop**

Bonds outfilder Barry Bonds swings at a pitch thrown by Padres starting pitcher Jake Peavy in the first inning of Wednesday's game.

Giants played at the San Francisco Giants park where he helped bring in 3 million fans in all eight years of its existence.

"Whenever the retirement is, we'll talk and see what he wants to do," Baer said.
by a federal probation officer that was filed in U.S. District Court on Wednesday.

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The urine sample was submitted Sept. 13, according to a document

Judge issues tighter restrictions for Vick

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal judge placed stricter restrictions on Michael Vick on Wednesday after he violated conditions of his release in Surry County, Virginia.

Hudson placed special conditions on Vick's release, including restricting him to his home between 10 a.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring and ordering him to submit to random drug testing.

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Thomas testifies in harassment trial

Coach denies making degrading remarks about MSG coworker

Associated Press

NEW YORK - New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas testified Wednesday that he never cursed at a fired team executive who has accused him of sexual harassment.

In his second day on the witness stand at a trial in federal court in Manhattan, Thomas denied allegations in a $10 million lawsuit that he repeatedly addressed the plaintiff, Anucha Browne Sanders, as "bitch" and "hos" while they worked together at Madison Square Garden.

Degrading a woman that way "is never ok," he told the jury of five women and three men. "It is never appropriate," Thomas added. "I've never cursed at Anucha. I've cursed around Anucha."

He also calmly played down a videotaped deposition in which he suggested he would be more troubled hearing a white man calling a black woman a "bitch" than if a black man said the same thing.

"It's very offensive for any man - black, white, purple, he said under questioning by one of his lawyers.

"It's very offensive for any man - black, white, purple - and usually friendly and respectful. Sometimes they would greet each other with hugs and kisses on the cheek, but there nothing romantic about it," he said.

"She was a co-worker, and that's the way I treated her," he said.

Asked about an exchange with Browne Sanders following a Knicks game in 2002, Thomas smiled and added, "Is that the 'No love hug'?"

He also contradicted earlier testimony by Browne Sanders that during a season ticket holders' "love" hug, "I don't give (an expletive) about these white people."

Season ticket holders "are the backbone of how we all make a living," he said.

The jury was sent home early Wednesday after Thomas concluded his testimony. Closing arguments at the trial, now in its third week, were set for Thursday.

In Browne Sanders' suit, the 44-year-old former Northwestern basketball star says she was dismissed in 2005 because she dared to accuse Thomas of routinely using vulgar language in his first year and of later making unwanted sexual advances toward her.

She seeks reinstatement to a job as vice president of marketing, which paid as much as $260,000 annually.

Thomas testified that in the two years he worked with Browne Sanders, their contact was infrequent - he estimated a total of three hours - and usually friendly and respectful.

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**NHL Beloved Chicago hockey owner dies**

Wirtz passes away at age 77 after 41 years as Blackhawks president

**Associated Press**

CHICAGO — William W. Wirtz was a philanthropist and family man who owned the Chicago Blackhawks through years of sweeping changes in the NHL and was chairman of the league's board of governors for nearly two decades.

Aunning a fortune in real estate, liquor distribution, banking and other enterprises, he was also a tough bargainer, given the nickname "Dollar Bill" for his lightfisted approach to contracts for big-name players.

Wirtz died Wednesday at age 77. The team's Web site said he lost a battle with cancer in Evanston.

Wirtz was remembered for both his contributions to the sport and charity and for his stubborn management style that included a refusal to televise the team's home games, infuriating fans, many of whom had stopped watching altogether the last several years.

Wirtz's family purchased the team in 1954 and he became team president in 1966, a position he held for 41 years.

Asked in a 2005 TV interview about his legacy, Wirtz said:

"I have been remembered very nicely in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and the National Hockey League Hall of Fame. So I don't need any more honors than them. The only way I want to be remembered is not by the public, but just by my family and friends. That I put more back on this earth than I took out. That's my reputation and I'm gonna stick with it."

Wirtz helped negotiate the merger of the NHL and the World Hockey Association in the late 1970s.

"Bill Wirtz was a giant presence in a giant city his beloved Chicago and an even greater presence in the National Hockey League," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. "His 41 years as President of the Blackhawks and 18 years as Chairman of the Board leave an incomparable legacy of contributions to the game and to the League."

Together with Chicago Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf, Wirtz backed the construction of the United Center, which replaced the Chicago Stadium, the longtime home for Blackhawks.

When Chicago Stadium was knocked down by the wrecking ball, Wirtz came to the parking lot, stood, watched and wept because the building had been a part of his family for so long.

But the move across the street for the 1994-95 season has not been a transition of success for the once perennial playoff team — especially on the ice.

There has been constant shuffling in coaches and general managers, but still the Blackhawks have not won a Stanley Cup championship since 1961 and have missed the playoffs eight times in the last nine seasons. Attendance last season was 12,700 in the 20,500-seat United Center.

"In spite of the last decade, he was upbeat, and positive, and caring, the same way he was when we were successful," general manager Dale Tallon said Wednesday. "He never changed, and that tells you what kind of a man he was. I loved him like a father."

At the United Center, the retired numbers of Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, Tony Esposito, Glenn Hall and Denis Savard hang high above the ice.

One of the NHL's greatest scorers, Hull left in 1972 and went to Winnipeg of the WHA for a big contract when the Blackhawks would not meet his salary demands.

In recent years, Chicago lost such high-caliber players as Jeremy Roenick, Tony Amonte, Ed Belfour and Chris Chelios.

Many fans were livid by his refusal to televising home games and there were anti-Wirtz Web sites. Wirtz once said home games on TV weren't fair to fans who actually went to the games.

"He took a lot of heat here over the years. But people don't know him like I do. He's just a family guy, and he loves his players, and loves the people that work for him," said Savard, the Hall of Famer who is now the team's coach.

Wirtz often said his goal was for the team to win another Stanley Cup, but he was not known to spend lavishly on players.

That image changed somewhat when the club signed goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin to a four-year, $27 million contract in 2005.

"I think that was a great name, "Dollar Bill." But they forgot to put the 100,000 or million in front of it, because that's what he gave out," Mikita said Wednesday. "I can honestly say from my experience, because of the hockey camp that I ran, every year I got a nice check from him."

Despite his reputation for paying close attention to the bottom line, Wirtz was known for his philanthropy.

Since its establishment in 1993, Blackhawk Charities has donated millions of dollars to worthy causes in Chicago, including the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois.

"We have lost a great owner and a great steward of the sport," said Chicago owner Jeremy Jacobs, who is the chairman of the NHL Board of Governors.

"No one did more for hockey on both the professional and amateur levels than he did. He will always be remembered as a dedicated leader in the sport and for the legacy he has left in our community, especially his humanitarian efforts through his foundation."
Dye's two-run homer leads White Sox to victory

Yankees claim 15th victory in last 26 games to eliminate Tigers from the playoff race

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's been awhile since Jon Garland pitched his last shutout, so with a long rest coming, he took advantage of a chance to finish off a game.

Jim Thome hit his 55th home run and Garland pitched his first shutout of the season as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Kansas City Royals 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Garland added a two-run homer for the White Sox, who moved out of a tie with the Royals for last place in the AL Central.

The Sox' 110-130 win for just the second time in 11 starts, allowing just three hits while striking out two and walking two.

He came out in the eighth inning and I saw him (manager Ozzie Guillen) walking toward me in the dugout and I wasn't sure if he was going to give it to me or not and I'm used to not knowing where my pitch count was, but in the same breath, I don't have to pick up a bat for three months.

I received his last nine hitters and improved to 16-6 in his career against the Royals. It was Garland's second career shutout and first since Aug 24, 2006, against Detroit.

Garland, who has been the subject of trade rumors in the past, also said the White Sox have drawn more interest in him than in his last starting start for eight seasons. "There is nothing I can do about it. I would like to be back here."

After pitching eight scoreless innings on Sept. 20 against the White Sox, Royals starter Zack Greinke gave up a solo home run to the first batter he faced in the first inning and was tagged by Dye for a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

It was Thome's 33rd of the season, moving him into a tie for the all-time list, passing Eddie Murray. Dye's homer was his 44th of the season.

The only hits surrendered by Garland were base hits by David DeJesus, Mark Grudzielanek and Mark Teahen.

Greinke (7-7), who was shuffled between the rotation and the bullpen during the season, allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings. He had six strikeouts and walked six.

"I think he was good enough to win. He gave us a chance to win. He didn't give up much, more than he usually gave up."

"He hung the breaking ball to Dye and the home run that Thome hit looked like it was thigh-high and over the middle of the plate. Other than that, he had as many walkings as he was in a little bit of trouble but he handled that pretty good."

Yankees 12, Devil Rays 4

Champagne flowed, Joe Torre cried.

The New York Yankees clinched a playoff spot with a 12-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Celebrating clinching wins never gets old, even when you've made the postseason for 13 seasons in a row.

The Yankees clinched the AL East on Wednesday night after the Yankees clinched at least a Wild Card berth with a victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays that capped a comeback from a huge early season deficit.

"Who knows? This could be a last time in," center fielder Johnny Damon. "We're hoping not. We have to savor every moment. Enjoy it. The team we have now, where we came from, becoming who we are, it just can't happen. We have a World Series title, but this thing is really special.

"I'm elated," Steinbrenner said in a statement. "After a tough first half of the season when everyone seemed to lose faith except for our players and our fans, the team has really stepped up and shown themselves to be the champions that they are. I really like the mix of veterans and younger players who have contributed to this comeback. It has been exciting to watch them play, coach and pull together. The fans and I look forward to the team accomplishing our ultimate goal - bringing a world championship back to New York."

The Los Angeles Angels already have clinched the AL West, so all four AL playoff teams were decided before any spot in the NL was clinched.

Tigers 9, Twins 4

A dreary, drizzle-filled sky provided a fitting backdrop for the Detroit Tigers on the night they were eliminated from the playoff race.

Mike Henneman hit a home run and an RBI single to lead Detroit to a rain-shortened victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday night, a five-plus-inning win that came just too late.

"It was kind of a weird ending," Tigers first baseman Sean Casey said.

The defending American League champions needed help from Tampa Bay to maintain their remote chances of earning a postseason bid. But the New York Yankees beat the Devil Rays 12-4 to guarantee Detroit would be relegated to watching the playoffs.

"We watched it in the beginning, but it was a blowout early," Casey said.

The New York-Tampa Bay game ended just as crew chief Bruce Froemming came onto the field at Comerica Park to declare the game was over.

Even before it was official, Tigers manager Jim Leyland was resigned to the fact that his ballclub had slim-to-none odds of getting a chance to defend the AL pennant.

But Leyland was looking to the bigger picture.

"We had a pretty good year, 15 over with three games left is not bad," Leyland said. "We went through a lot more than we did last year. But that's all part of the game, competition and professional sports."

The Twins led 4-3 in the top of the fourth when rain delayed the game for one hour and 18 minutes.

Detroit's shot at winning its home finale improved when the game resumed and Minnesota ace Johan Santana didn't return to the mound.

"We weren't going to take any chances on it gel to 30 or 40 minutes," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We aren't going to risk him getting hurt."

That ended his streak of pitching at least five innings in 123 straight starts dating to 2004.

"It had to end sooner or later, but this isn't the way you would want," Santana said. "You just can't control the weather."

In the last 59 games, just Curt Schilling (147) and David Cone (143) had longer streaks. Santana gave up three runs — two earned — two hits and three walks. He struck out four, giving him an AL-best 235 in his final start of the season.

Nick Blackburn replaced Santana and the Tigers took full advantage.

Blackburn (0-1) gave up six runs — four earned — and seven hits in the fourth.

"They just knocked the ball all over the place for that inning, and that ended up being enough with the rain again," Gardenhire said.

On Blackburn's second pitch, Henneman started the scoring barrage with a homer to left-center. Five Tigers followed with one-out hits, ending with Magglio Ordonez's RBI single that ended Blackburn's night.

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Brewers waste chance to cut deficit to one game by falling to Cardinals; Lohse's start earns Phillies a 5-2 win

MIAMI — Alfonso Soriano drove slowly. Aramis Ramirez hunched over his postgame meal. Mark DeRosa sprawled on a couch. All focused on the TV in the corner of the clubhouse, hoping for help.

The Chicago Cubs need it. Just to grip reality, how they became shaky Wednesday night, when they were shut out over the first six innings, lost for the second night in a row to the last-place Florida Marlins, 7-4.

There was good news an hour later from Milwaukee, where St. Louis beat the second-place Brewers 7-3. That left the Cubs loaded at two games and reduced to three their magic number for clinching the division, with four games left in the regular season.

But the Cubs acknowledged they're not making it easy.

"Maybe we're pressing a little bit," said DeRosa, who committed a throwing error in the Marlins' three-run second inning. "I'd like to think we're not playing tight, but maybe there are some circumstances where we are. We have to realize we're in first place."

A two-out RBI single in the fifth inning by backup catcher Matt Treanor put the Cubs ahead to stay. Miguel Cabrera added a two-run homer, his 34th.

In the wake of Chicago's loss Thursday, it's the Cubs who are fighting for survival. They're three games back in the NL Central, the Brewers have a 1 1/2-game lead and San Francisco is 1 1/2 games behind.

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"The Cubs are looking to roll over us, and we're not letting them do it," said Lee Gardner, who pitched the ninth. "They came in looking for a couple of easy wins, and we're not giving it."

Florida beat Chicago for the ninth game in a row over the past two seasons. That tied for the longest active streak between two major league clubs.

"We haven't had success against this team," Pinella said. "They've got our number. They feel nice and comfortable against us."

The announced crowd was 19,031, with at least two-thirds cheering for the Cubs. They were mostly quiet in the late innings, when they doubled up on Cards relievers combined for 5 1-3 scoreless innings.

Matt Lindstrom (4-4) pitched a perfect seventh. With closer Kevin Gregg nursing a sore forearm, Gardner finished for his second save in two chances.

Cardinals, Brewers 3

Time is running out on the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers wasted a chance to cut their NL Central deficit to one game, giving up a first-inning home run to Albert Pujols in a loss Wednesday night to the St. Louis Cardinals that saw two more hit batters and pair of ejections.

"We're in a situation where we no longer control our own destiny, so we pretty much are in a must-win every day," said Ryan Braun, who drove in all three of Milwaukee's runs.

Chicago maintained a two-game division lead with four games to play despite a 7-4 loss at the Florida Marlins. Milwaukee starts a season-ending four-game series Thursday at home against San Diego.

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Phillies 5, Mets 2

Kyle Lohse gave the Phillies something they've sorely lacked down the stretch. Then Washington helped them move closer to first place.

Lohse became the first Phillie starter to pitch seven innings in two weeks, and Philadelphia moved within one game of NL East-leading New York with a 5-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

Several players gathered in the clubhouse and ate their post-game meals while watching the Nationals beat the Mets 9-6. The Phillies and Mets have four games remaining.

"It's a lot of fun," Lohse said. "You have a lot of pressure, but you have to block it out."

The Phillies (86-72) haven't spent a day in first place all season, and were seven games behind New York entering Thursday's scheduled starter, 21-year-old Yovani Gallardo, said that will be the most important outing of his life.

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Cubs leftfielder Cliff Floyd, right, congratulates Derek Lee after the first baseman hit a solo home run in the third inning during Florida's 7-4 win Wednesday.
California, Oregon meet again in Tedford Bowl

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Brandon Hampton has a grudging respect for the Oregon student who took Umpire Mike Winters to task during a 2003 baseball game between the schools.

“Those students are just behind you, all the time, right on your back,” the California safety said. “They’re great. It’s like they’re always on the sideline with you.”

Hampton didn’t even know that the rival Oregon student section is one of the nation’s most raucous.

“I don’t look back,” he said. “I don’t know the kids, I don’t know their songs. I don’t know anything about them.”

Hampton and the Cal Bears could wind up going back to Berkeley next season if Tedford Bowl (0-0, 0-0) — as it’s affectionately known in Eugene — wins again.

For example, Tedford immediately redesigned the Bears’ uniforms when he arrived in Berkeley. Last season, the Bears debuted their garish yellow jerseys — just like something the fashion-forward Ducks would wear — for their 45-24 win over Oregon.

Most of the key players on both teams were recruited by both schools, with Cal gradually shifting the balance toward its Pac-10 rival.

Tedford’s biggest coup was keeping running back Marshawn Lynch home four years ago despite a big push by Oregon, but many others got away.

Tedford and Bellotti are still perfectly friendly, but both would love to gain a decisive edge in a rivalry that’s featured two wins apiece for the home team since Tedford defeated in 2002 titles didn’t play that year. All the players that Tedford recruited to Oregon finally have left the school, making this meeting a bit less personal — but still just as tough in front of the crazed Autzen fans.

“The crowd there is unbelievable,” said Tedford. “It’s loud and when you try to calm down when they have a good play, it’s hard. It’s a very, very tough environment with the noise and commotion. It was kind of different my first year back there, to be honest.”

Tedford lost in his first two trips to Oregon with Cal, but both teams were freewheeling, high-scoring affairs that went down to the final minute. The Bears haven’t won at Autzen since 1987, but that’s because Oregon’s fans won’t hesitate to cite them for Saturday.

“Twenty-year streaks have nothing to do with these guys,” Tedford said. “Some of them weren’t even born 20 years ago, so it has nothing to do with them. It’s about this year. That’s what counts. That’s all that matters.”

There’s no shortage of motivation this season, however. Oregon could be jealous of the national attention and higher ranking bestowed on Cal, while the Bears are surprised to hear they’re a point-spread underdog despite their lofty poll spot.

“We’re not really worrying about it,” Oregon linebacker Hongtao Ford said. “We’re just worrying about ourselves. We like the fact that they’re coming to our stadium, and we like the fact that [USF] GameDay is coming, but who wouldn’t like that, you know?”

Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president for discipline, has not decided whether to penalize Bradley, the commissioner’s office said.

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Umpire Mike Winters officiates a game in San Diego Sept. 23. Winters was suspended for the season Wednesday.

MLB

Umpire out for remainder of season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Umpire Mike Winters was suspended by Major League Baseball for the remainder of the regular season on Wednesday because of his confrontation with San Diego’s Mike Hampton last weekend.

The Padres claimed Winters baited Bradley, who has a history of losing his temper. Bradley tore a knee ligament when his manager spun him to the ground while he was running to third to score from going after the umpire during Sunday’s 7-3 loss to Colorado in San Diego.

Winters was suspended because the commissioner’s office concluded he had used a profanity aimed at Bradley, a baseball official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the reason for the suspension was not announced.

Padres manager Bud Black declined to comment.

“In this case, I think it’s best for my player to have a day, a day off, a day to get away from it,” he said by phone from San Francisco, where the Padres were to finish series against the Giants on Wednesday night.

The 48-year-old Winters became a major league umpire in 1990 and worked the World Series three times, including 2002.

Winters became the first umpire suspended since 2003, when the commissioner’s office announced that Bruce Froemming and John Hirschbeck each were receiving 10-day penalties. Froemming made an anti-Semitic slur about an umpiring administrator and baseball said Hirschbeck threatened a senior official in the commissioner’s office.

Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president in charge of discipline, has not decided whether to penalize Bradley, the commissioner’s office said.

John Hirschbeck, president of the World Umpires Association, declined comment.

“I want to wait until I have a chance to talk our attorneys in the morning,” Hirschbeck said.

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"However, the other guys on the team are just as excited for him. [Sophomore] James Aldridge breaks down the left-hand sideline. All the guys on the sideline are excited for James Aldridge because they're buying into their roles and when guys buy into their roles, you can improve as a team." Haywood said, who previously coached at LSU and Texas, said the rotation system differs from what he saw at those two schools.

"There are different philosophies in every organization. We had a main back when we were at LSU; however we rotated backs in, and when one back got but he stayed in and the other backs understand. At Texas, Cedric Benson carried 95 percent of the load," Haywood said. "Here, at the University of Notre Dame, we have the opportunity to have multiple guys that can do a lot of different things. We have a couple power backs that as you can see from the game we rotated those guys in various situations, and each one of them had some success in their own rights.

Against Michigan State, Notre Dame's more physical running back, Aldridge and Hughes, combined for 24 of Notre Dame's 35 rushing attempts. Haywood said the number of carries Hughes and Aldridge received is indicative of the direction Notre Dame is trying to go with its running game.

"We're trying to play a little bit of a physical, downhill game and those guys are running a little bit better downhill at this time," Haywood said.

Aldridge ran for 103 yards while Hughes added 33 yards and touchdowns. "Once you're in the game for a while, you get an opportunity to have multiple defenders are going to do so many different things, and you get to know what the defenders are going to do so you kind of flow." Aldridge said.

That also just comes from watching film and preparing off the game also.

Aldridge said the rotation helps all the backs even though one individual back is getting rest between carries. "It gives you a chance to kind of get your legs back for a couple plays, get your wind back." Aldridge said. According to Aldridge, however he does not like when his personnel is called again you get back out there and get back right into the flow that you're in.

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6 defensive struggle with Badin. Junior captain and quarterback Melissa Meagher was the sparkplug for the Bobcats offense, scoring the only touchdown of the game. Junior receiver Tara McCarron has a valuable member of the defense as well, and tonight’s outcome will depend upon the chemistry of the two juniors.

“We have really improved as a whole with each game, especially the defense, which is getting a lot better,” Meagher said. “We are going to win out and go 4-2, starting with a win Thursday night.”

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Having the greatest competitive impact in the USA National Championships that year and again when the Texans were the 2005 runner-up.

“Hank” played for a great youth club, so she’s definitely not used to being on the losing side,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “This is first for her, like most of our players.”

After graduating from the youth soccer ranks, Hanks continued her winning ways at Notre Dame. As a freshman, she led Irish to the Hermann Trophy as the Division 1 national player of the year for the 22-3-0 Irish squad that made the national quarterfinals.

“For me, I knew it would be difficult after winning the trophy,” Hanks said. “I’ve worked very hard.”

But neither double teams nor a sophomore jinx slowed her down last season as she won the Big East offensive player of the year award with 22 goals and 22 assists. The Irish finished as the national runner-up with a record of 25-1-1.

But the team has struggled this season, beating three teams but rarely getting the results they hope for.

“This year has been frustrating because we’re outshot teams and outplayed them,” Hanks said. “We’ve just been giving some careless mistakes on the back end and not finishing up front.”

Hanks said that the team is not struggling because of a lack of skill.

“We can’t compare us to (the 2006 team),” said Hanks. “But we have plenty of talent and know we’re capable of playing a lot better than this.”

Hanks, for one, has scored in each of Notre Dame’s last four contests and Waldrum said that she has played even better than she did in her two award-winning seasons.

“Her energy level is incredible,” said Waldrum. “The last few seasons she hasn’t had to carry us but, this year, she’s certainly elevated her game.”

While she has scored 36 goals in more than two college seasons, Hanks and Waldrum both cited defense as the area in which she has improved most.

“She’s big strides chasing and defending,” Waldrum said. “When everyone else goes for forward tracking, it’s huge lift for them. And Kerri has shown that commitment to fighting.”

The rest of the Irish will need to imitate that dogged attitude if they hope to play deep into the NCAA Tournament. For now, the team will focus on building on its 4-0 win over DePaul Friday in its Big East opener.

“We’ve just been playing our hearts out (in practice),” Hanks said. “We’re just looking at Friday (against Louisville) and trying to start picking up wins.”

Luckily for the Irish, their star forward has proved that she knows how to do just that.

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FOOTBALL

Running to daylight

ND tailbacks rotate for improved yardage in rushing attack

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame gained 117 yards on the ground Saturday against Michigan State by employing a situational rotation of running backs — and this week, defensive coordinator Michael Haywood said to expect more of the same against Purdue.

Haywood said the rotation calls for different backs to come in during situations that would maximize their strengths in the running game.

"All of those decisions are made prior to the game. We get into a situation and their rotation is already set," Haywood said. "In the game the other day, there was a big run, and understanding the individual who made the big run, I just turned to the sideline and said, "33 (freshman Robert Hughes), you're in.' The rotation is already set.

Irish sophomore running back James Aldridge runs away from Michigan State linebacker Sir Daron Adams in Notre Dame's 33-14 loss to the Spartans Saturday.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Undefeated Welsh Fam and PW meet at Riehle

Breen-Phillips looks for 2nd straight win; Badin takes on Lewis

By ERIC PRISTER, ANTHONY CONKLIN
Sports Writers

Pasquerilla West vs. Welsh Family

Two undefeated teams meet tonight at 6 on Riehle Field as Pasquerilla West takes on Welsh Family. The last time the two teams met, in last year's semifinal, the Purple Weasels defeated the Whirlwinds.

Welsh Family, though, is trying not to think about the past.

"We remember that PW ended our season last year, but we're more concerned with this year's playoffs rather than with what happened last year," Welsh Family junior captain Kelly Bushelle said.

Both teams have experienced great offensive success so far this season, outscoring their opponents by a combined 81 points in five games.

"Our offense has been successful because of the combination of good coaching and the chemistry we have on offense this year," Bushelle said. "I think our defense deserves credit too for consistently giving us great field position to work with."

Whirlwinds junior quarterback Jenni Gargula, who has scored 12 touchdowns in three games, and Pasquerilla West's Grace Orlins, with seven touchdowns of her own, lead their respective offenses.

Bushelle called tonight's matchup "the toughest regular season game we play this year."

Pasquerilla West captain Tina Martinek could not be reached for comment.

Breen-Phillips vs. Lyons

Trying to keep its momentum going, Breen-Phillips (1-2) takes on reeling Lyons (1-1) tonight at 7 on Riehle Field.

Breen-Phillips had a rough start to the season, losing to defending champions Pasquerilla West 33-18. Lyons started off with a strong 20-0 win over Badin but was shut out by Fenbourn 16-0 last Sunday.

Last weekend, however, the Babes improved significantly, nabbing their first win in a 7-

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hanks not used to losing

Irish forward determined to get squad back to winning ways

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

In the first game of her collegiate career, Kerri Hanks racked up three goals and an assist in an 11-1 win over New Hampshire.

For most of her freshman and sophomore seasons, Hanks and the Irish continued rolling over opponents in a similar fashion.

This year has not been so easy for Hanks and her teammates. Despite notching six goals in her team's first eight games, the junior has lost as many games this season as she had in her first two seasons combined.

The Irish stand at 3-4-1 as they begin the meaty part of their Big East schedule Friday at Louisville.