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Saturday's open new year with mass

By SARAH MAYER

Last Friday, fourth-year architecture students had the opportunity to walk in a disabled person's shoes through the lens of four alternative wheelchair and wheel around Notre Dame's campus as part of the day-long event sponsored by University Disability Services and the School of Architecture. Students had to understand the importance of designing with all people in mind, according to a University press release.

The architecture students experienced three different physical restrictions: on crutches for part of the day, or in wheelchairs for the others were confined to wheelchairs, and one was surrounded by blindfolds simulating individuals who were physically handicapped or blind.

Additionally, the architecture students had the task of designing the campus, according to senior Trevor Schable.

"As a gesture of unity, Mooney gave lighted candles to eight members of different academic and administrative departments on campus and asked them to represent the four classes. The students then walked around campus with message "receive light and alter you, as Jesus promised".

"We need to be aware of others around us, especially those students who may find inequality."

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Schmidt said the architecture students are being "a whole new venue; it's an experience we are all trying to find in the students' lives."
The pair said they will focus on "what's work," they said.

"The day's events offered different perspectives on the same student on campus, she said. "There were a lot of things I hadn't realized before."

"I was really happy to get up the ramp of LaFortune (Student Center) in a wheelchair," she said. "It made us more aware of how the steepness of a ramp can really affect someone."

Senior Brian Drosse said his experiences on crutches and in a wheelchair presented challenges to getting around campus that he had not noticed before.

"One thing I was most surprised by was that none of the sidewalks of campus are completely flat," he said.

Additionally, Drosse said the event made him realize the smallest details can affect how disabled people enter buildings and get around campus on a daily basis.

"I learned how every little detail makes a huge difference an inch or two can really make someone's life a lot easier whether it's the width of a door to accommodate wheelchairing up to computer and not being able to move around as freely, " Drosse said.

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21, as long as the underage roommate is not consuming the alcohol. Any student under 21 must be present if there is an open container of alcohol in the room. Students who are 21 and do not reside in the room may not be present if anyone is drinking.

Before this year it was illegal to have alcohol in a room in which a student who is under 21 resided.

Alcohol policies listed in the Code of Student Conduct are values that we have always had in place, just never spelled out in writing," Lieuwen said. "The difference between our old alcohol policy and the new one is that it is now spelled out at more explicitly. We have tried the biggest changes to the policy are the Medical Amnesty and "Good Samaritan" policies which were put in writing because it is an area of concern for us, it is the safety and the committee who put the new policy together and worked with students that we would not want them to jeopardize their safety and health because of alcohol trouble," she said.

The new policy allows students to seek assistance during an alcohol or other type of emergency without facing disciplinary action. Students who would like to leave the alcohol or drugs as long as the student contacts the police. Under 21 staff members are a member of the residence life staff for help.

According to the Code of Student Conduct, the student roommate is responsible for the decision. It would then be required to meet with a member of the community service board for any violation.

"The three had all been Notre Dame students prior to entering the seminary in 2002. Dr. Mc Coy completed a Ph.D in mathematics in 2006 from Notre Dame. Kuna graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering in 1999, and Michka graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Old College undergraduate seminar at Notre Dame.

The Ordination comes after the seminary studies of four years for Dr. Mc Coy and Kuna, in which the candidates studied philosophy and theology as well as ministry aspects of their faith. The three each one determine where best to use their individual gifts in preparation for ordination," Fr. McCormick said.

The men will serve as "transitory," or temporary, deacons, charged with "proclaiming the gospel and preparing the faithful for the work of ministry," Fr. McCormick said.

They will be recognized as men who came not to be served, but to serve," Fr. McCormick said. "They serve as people who have consecrated themselves to God forever."

General studies completed at Notre Dame can serve as assistant rectors in dorms, work in Holy Cross parishes around the world or work in Campus Ministry at Holy Cross College, depending on the individual skills of the new deacon.

For the next year, Kuna and Dr. McCoy will serve in parishes in the Diocese of Chicago. Kuna will be assigned to Holy Cross parish in Mexico. Dr. Mc Coy will be assigned to a parish in Chicago. Madeline Michka will be assigned to a parish in Monterrey, Mexico. All three will be ordained as priests in May of 2004. Contact John Paul Witt at jwittl@nd.edu

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believed it made sense to be more explicit about what amount of alcohol is considered personal use, Dieujuste said.

"We understand that a student's room is her home and we trust our of-aged students," she said. "But it made sense to allow-of-aged students to consume alcohol in their room while reminding them of their responsibilities.

Sobczyk, who is 21, thinks this limit is too strict and makes it seem like the administration doesn't trust students. She said.

"While I understand their desire to limit the chance that a student's room becomes a full service bar, I believe they took the regulations too far. By the time she's 21 a student should be mature and responsible enough to be able to decide how much alcohol she would like to keep in her room. I'm sick of feeling like I'm doing something illegal when, if I lived in my own house, I'd be perfectly within my rights."

The Good Samaritan and 22-year-old Jessie Porter agreed with Sobczyk's argument saying she has taken a lot of issue with the new policy.

"I think that if you are over 21 you should be able to decide on your own what is a reasonable amount of alcohol to consume and have readily available in your room," she said.

Dieujuste said while there is a limit on the amount of alcohol a student can keep in their room Class and staff will not be going into student rooms to check if students have above that amount nor will they be inspecting students' bags as they enter a building.

"I am going into play when we have a commitment," he said.

Through word of mouth, the group's Facebook page and through the www.ticketmaster.com Web site, Carlson said he's contacted by several people interested in waterskiing.

Fifth-year senior Steven Feutz, who has been waterskiing for eight years, said he has 18 years of experience as a waterskier, he said. His dad, a competitive waterskier, first took him skiing at the age of two and he said, "It's a family thing," Feutz said.

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"That was one of the first things (ReSportur told me," Carlson said. "You know, if this isn't going to be on Saint Mary's or Saint Joe's lake."

Instead, Carlson and his club mates will practice at Indian Lake in Kirtland, Ohio which is close to Dowagiac, Mich., where Carlson is from.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Report: U.S. troops fired at first

KARUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan army commander said that U.S. and Afghan troops were fired on first from a village where a government investigative commission says scores of civilians were killed, according to a report released Sunday.

The chief of staff for the army's Herat corps told the head of the government's investigative commission that U.S. troops fired early Aug. 22 from Azipabad at U.S. and Afghan troops. The troops had gone to the village on a raid.

But the report, released by the office of President Hamid Karzai, did not specify who fired the shots.

"When the ANA (Afghan army) and coalition troops got close to the village, firing started after the ANA unit stopped, and the coalition forces continued the operation in the village," the report said.

Russia to aid separatist regions

MOSCOW — Russia's president said Sunday his country will give military aid to Georgia in the face of Western pressure.

President Medvedev said Russia cannot back down in the face of Western pressure.

"There was no intention of backing down in the face of Western pressure," Medvedev said Sunday.

Daniels' travel up during campaign

DETROIT — Sen. Barbara Boxer said that two people had died.

While Gustav isn't as large as Katrina, which was a massive Category 5 storm at roughly the same place in the Gulf, there was no doubt the storm posed a major threat to a partially rebuilt New Orleans and the flood-prone coasts of Louisiana and southeast Texas. The storm has already killed at least 94 people on its path through the Caribbean.

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ELECTION 2008

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area was spared most of the flooding, but others he knew were not as fortunate.

"I have a lot of friends, a lot of friends at this school even, who lost their entire houses, so I consider myself extremely lucky," he said.

"[Gustav] has a lot less of a surprise factor than Katrina," he said.

"Then again, there's always going to be surprises, because even Katrina wasn't a direct hit, so you never know what's going to happen," he said.

"I would meet people, boarded up, gotten our relatives inside the house, gotten our relatives out, we can't hope for. We've done all we can. We've evacuated, boarded up, gotten our relatives out," he said.

People on campus were very "curious and very supportive" after Katrina, Cordes said.

"Everyone, all my professors, all my friends, everyone I would meet here was just so curious," he said.

The numerous amounts of service trips to the city that took place after the hurricane impressed Cordes, and that sense of volunteerism told him something about his fellow Notre Dame students.

"It makes me know that they're not forgetting about New Orleans, that it's in their consciousness," he said.

Cordes' family evacuated this weekend to Calloway Gardens, Georgia. His younger brother is safe from the storm at the University of Florida. His grandparents are also safe.

"It just brings back all those memories from Katrina, and wondering when you're going to be able to come back, what you can bring, what will be safe at home, where you're going to go," he said.

Katlyn Patterson Junior

Residents of Lake Charles, La., gather in the Lake Charles Civic Center Sunday to prepare for evacuation.

"Honestly, my dad, he'd been through too many evacuations. He didn't want to do it anymore. And so they decided it was the time," she said.

However, her friends are still in the city she grew up in. "I'm scared for them," she said. "I know how it feels and it's just something you have to wait out. It's not something you can fully prepare for. And it's hard to know the emotions that they're feeling and not being able to do anything about it."

This time, Patterson is reliving the experience from afar. "It just brings back all those memories from Katrina, and wondering when you're going to be able to come back, what you can bring, what will be safe at home, where you're going to go," she said.

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**IN BRIEF**

Boeing union calls for strike

NEATAX, Wash. — Leaders of Boeing Co.'s Machinists union called Friday for a strike after rejecting the aerospace giant's "best and final" contract offer. They urged union members to reject the offer in a vote set for Wednesday.

The Chicago-based company hoped the proposal, which provides added pay and incentives to workers over three years, would help it avert a labor standoff. The talks come as Boeing tries to keep up with a backlog of plane orders and production delays of its next-generation passenger jet.

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**Market Recap**

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**U.S. Income Down, Spending Slow**

WASHINGTON — Personal incomes plunged in July while consumer spending slowed significantly as the impact of billions of dollars in government rebate checks began to wane.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that personal incomes fell by 0.7 percent in July, the biggest drop in nearly three years, and that consumer spending fell by 0.1 percent.

Consumer spending edged up a modest 0.2 percent, in line with expectations, but far below June's 0.6 percent rise. When the impact of rising prices was factored in, spending actually fell by 0.5 percent, in line with expectations, but far below June's 0.6 percent rise.

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**Business**

**Gustav prompts rise in gas prices**

Fuel cost up for first time in more than six weeks, oil prices still falling

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Retail gas prices swung higher Friday — the first increase in 43 days — as analysts warned that a direct hit on U.S. energy infrastructure by Hurricane Gustav could send pump prices hurtling toward $5 per gallon.

Meanwhile, oil prices ended the day slightly lower, falling for a second straight session. But prices were steadied sharply as some traders feared supply disruptions and others bet the government will release supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve if Gustav wreaks havoc in the Gulf of Mexico area.

IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday that Americans may have to give this Labor Day weekend to start worrying less about the nation's — and their families' — economic health.

"There have been some recent signs that our economy is beginning to respond," Bush said in a weekly radio address.

Bush also signaled positive signs that Bush referenced was a report Thursday that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, rose by 3.3 percent in the April-June quarter. This surprised analysts and was a significant rebound from growth of just 0.9 percent in the first quarter of the year. Most credit was given to the $93 billion in economic stimulus payments the federal government has sent to households since May.

However, other economic news this week showed that right after that second quarter, in July, consumer spending slowed to a crawl and personal incomes plunged.

With few stimulus payments still to go, some economists worry consumer spending will continue to fall. Since it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity, that could send economic growth tumbling again in the second half of the year, particularly given rising unemployment, a continuing credit crisis and the deepest housing slump in decades.

Democrats, including presidential nominee Barack Obama, are calling for the government to pass a second stimulus package to guard against that.

But Bush has resisted, expressing concern about the impact on the budget deficit and insisting the rebate payments will continue to support the economy in coming months.

He praised the impact of the current stimulus package in language that suggested he remains opposed to another.

"The economic stimulus package that I signed earlier this year is having the intended effect," the president said.

"Many Americans who received tax rebates are spending them. Businesses are taking advantage of tax incentives to purchase new equipment this year.

"There are families across our country struggling to make ends meet," he said. "There is an understandable concern about the high price of gas and food. And many Americans are worried about the health of our housing and job markets. I share these concerns about our economy."
Congratulations to all the freshmen beginning their first year at Notre Dame, and welcome back everyone else. You probably haven’t given it much thought yet, but just by being here, most of you — 95 percent of you, by the Notre Dame Department of News and Information’s reckoning — have taken the first steps toward getting something the majority of Americans (75.5 percent of them) give or take one tenth of one percent of them) don’t have: a college degree. Let that sink in for a moment. Fewer than one in every four Americans over the age of 18 have a college degree, according to the Census Bureau’s 2006 American Community Survey.

Of course, exactly what that degree does for you is a bit vague. The Census Bureau, naturally, has a statistical answer. It sets the value of a bachelor’s degree quite literally: about $2 million over the course of a lifetime, which, you might tell whoever pays your tuition, is not a bad return on investment. Plenty of articles and web sites describe what a bachelor’s degree gets you beyond a lifetime’s worth of paychecks, if not a little more subtly (”a secure future that comes with a steady profession that can ride out any economic rollercoaster,” or “more prestigious employment and greater job satisfaction”). Others can only resort to the sort of ‘sort of meaning’ language of second-rate pitchmen or motivational speakers, saying that a degree “teaches you to solve more of life’s problems” or lets you “tap into your potential and challenges you to perform at your peak.”

Explaining the worth of a degree in these terms isn’t particularly satisfying. Truthfully, I think it borders on insulting; surely all you future degree-holders didn’t decide to come here for a dollar amount or a bit of marketing jargon. How else to summarize the college experience, then? Is it the sum of classes taken, papers written, languages learned and groups joined, or does that make it seem like more skills-building and vocational training — everything that a liberal arts education claims not to do? Is it something more intangible and immeasurable, like promoting abstract and complex thought or Socratic self-reflection? Or is it just supposed to provoke a deep-seated sense of restlessness and world-weariness? There is no tidy in economic terms here: this dilemma, and even if there was, it wouldn’t fit in a Viewpoint column (personally, I think it’s the third option, particularly for degree holders in the humanities). At the very least, however, it is worth asking what we’re doing here, and exactly what it means — if it means anything at all — to join the degree-holding minority of the population.

Finally, there is the matter of everyone else. Some combination of ability, hard work, preparation, circumstance and luck got each of you here and will get the vast majority of you through to getting that diploma. And once you get it you’ll be a part of an exclusive club of degree holders — an elite, if you like. But I’d also be willing to bet that many of you go on to jobs where, for whatever reason, you probably won’t work with people outside of this elite, at least not as peers or equals. Amid all the beginning-of-the-year talk about the Notre Dame bubble, it’s easy to forget that it can go on for a lot longer than the four or so years that you’re here. You could probably go through life thinking that getting a degree, especially one from Notre Dame, also confers a monopoly on thoughtfulness, curiosity or intelligence. But if that’s all you’ve taken away from college, then you might wonder if, in fact, you have really learned anything.

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Campus construction ugly and inconvenient

I would like to express my frustration with the overwhelming amount of construction going on around campus this fall. After a long, relaxing summer, I came back to what is comparable to downtown Baghdad right in front of my own dorm, not to mention the travesties being constructed by the main entrance. Seating on the Basilica when the students and their families come back? Great timing.

I have tried to contact the University architect on numerous occasions, but he either screens my calls or I am referred to someone else. Sir, under your direction, this beautiful university has been transformed into a severely obtuse conglomerate of construction equipment and questionable contractors. Edifices like Jordan Hall of Science, Duncan Hall and the Gug look like giant scalps on the face of Our Lady. There are not nearly enough cemented walkways for student accessibility and the amount of unnecessary trees that are planted every year is staggering. I suggest that you start working towards making us proud of our campus; you are starting to make Stepan Center look brilliant.

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Price changes irresponsible

Upon returning to campus, I was disappointed to learn that printing on computer lab and dorm printers is now priced at 10 cents per page instead of 10 cents per sheet as it has been in the past. As a result, double-sided printouts cost 20 cents instead of 10 and there is no financial incentive to save paper and print on both sides of a page. With the University’s emphasis on sustainability this year, it is disappointing to see the incentive removed for this environmentally friendly practice.

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Offshore oil drilling fails to tap into basic logic

Ever seen that bumper sticker that reads “Four-thirds of Americans don’t understand fractions?” Well it may be a joke, but it’s no laughing matter that a recent survey shows three-fourths of Americans support increased offshore drilling.

They’re wrong and the entire U.S. economy and foreign relations — not just the polar bears — will pay for it if they don’t wise up.

It seems simple, right? We don’t have enough oil right now, so we just get some more. In the Atlantic, the Arctic, the Amazon, wherever, it doesn’t matter. But the fact is that we won’t be able to extract any crude oil for another 10 years. We’ll have to run the legislation through a gauntlet of vetoing Democrats, build the oil rigs, the refineries and the pipelines and even after all of that, experts indicate that the amount of oil extracted will likely be minimal.

But everyone already knows that. So why the 75 percent support rate? Because pro-drillers, including John McCain and the governor of the great state of South Carolina, have extolled the “psychological factor” of building our own plants, citing that since the oil market is based largely on speculation, the mere threat of drilling our own oil will drive prices down.

True, speculation does affect prices, but are they really insinuating that the oil market is based largely on speculation, the mere threat of drilling our own oil will drive prices down? Ludicrous.

Barack Obama stated recently that his energy policy, which promises nearly 100 percent independence from foreign oil, will take no more than ten years to complete. But even that promise is fading quickly. As the race between Obama and McCain tightens, Obama has begun pandering to that stubborn three-fourths by reversing his position, allowing limited offshore drilling along with his initial plans.

Worse yet, he has suggested releasing 70,000 barrels from the Strategic Oil Reserve. Not only has this tactic been denounced by experts as fruitless in reducing prices, it is worrisome to all those concerned with homeland security and has neocons like Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh ranting about how it’ll be impossible conquer Europe if American tanks don’t have gas in their engines. This is especially sad since Obama had denounced the gimmicky gas-tax holiday.

Unless those three-fourths wise up soon, there won’t even be an alternative energy policy to endorse. Then it’ll be too late to change opinions, and that is something that our wallets, cars, children and yes, even the polar bears, will never let us forget.

This editorial first appeared in the Aug. 28 edition of The Daily Gamecock, the daily paper at the University of South Carolina. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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By JIM McGUIRE

The Joyce Center got a little cooler Friday night — and it wasn't just the hockey rink behind the main floor — when Chicago hip-hop duo The Cool Kids and multi-platinum recording artists Good Charlotte headlined The Show 2008.

Although playing to a less-than-sold-out crowd, The Show stayed true to its mission of bringing an up-and-coming act along with a better known (and arguably past its prime) one to Notre Dame to open the school year.

The opening act, which came on a little after 7:30, was Chicago-based punk-pop alternative band "Absent Star." "We're not The Cool Kids," lead singer Derek Ingersoll had to say before the band launched into their twenty minute set. Their sound was a bit like "Dask" with an edge: driving guitar parts, melancholy lyrics and vocals that went from straight-mustering to smoothly forceful.

Although they put in a solid set — some of their songs, like "Give In To Me," would fit right in on an AFI album — "Absent Star" didn't get much of a reaction as the crowd waited for "The Cool Kids" to arrive.

The Cool Kids, first headliner, are a more up-and-coming group, but with a very different sound. Describing themselves as "the black Beastie Boys," The Cool Kids are a hip-hop duo whose sound harkens back to the beat-heavy rap style of the 1980s: a rougher, house party vibe without the manufactured sound that overpowers mainstream hip-hop.

The Cool Kids, Antoine "Mikey Rocks" Reed and Evan "Chuck Inglish" Ingersoll, made a name for themselves in the Chicago rap scene via their popular MySpace page and by opening for rappers like M.I.A. of the song "Paparazzi" from the "$Tepni Express" commercial.

While all of the songs in their set had great hooks, like the use of the turn-signal beep sound at the start of "Box of Rocks," the duo's wordplay was an example of what rap should be. Each song acted as a separate story, peppered with a little pop culture and a great deal of irony.

The duo didn't sample much off of other tracks, but when they did, they put their own spin on it, like when they used Fergie's "Glamorous" in "Boys & Girls." While their set wasn't very long, totaling at about 40 minutes, The Cool Kids did give the audience a taste of old-school rap with a fun sound.

Thirty minutes after The Cool Kids wrapped, Good Charlotte finalized their set with some of their newer work, but the songs that really got the crowd going were their earlier pop hits like "Boys & Girls" and "I Just Want to Live." All their hits were played with the same energy and pop that made the public like them 6 years ago, which gave Good Charlotte's performance a real kick it might have lacked. While their between song banter ranged from hilarious to painful — note to Joel Madden: most Notre Dame students have never even seen an illegal substance — the band hit all of their big sing-along hits out of the park.

"Boys & Girls" and "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" made it fun to listen to your playlist from high school again.

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Reeder madness? Interested in a comedy-action buddy-flick centered on Hollywood's favorite illegal substance? Well, then it might be worth your while to take a ride on the “Pineapple Express.” Viewers are treated to another R-rated comedy from popular producer Judd Apatow and starring Seth Rogen (“Knocked Up”) and “Spider-Man” alum James Franco.

Combining the appeal of previous Apatow works such as “The 40 Year Old Virgin” and “Superbad,” the new filmmaking fraternity has created an action flick with the most unlikely, non-agoniative "pot" smokers available. There is little doubt that “Pineapple Express” is intended for those watching it to be big, but nevertheless the film manages to entertain with its many gags and "giggle" reference.

If anything, the marketing for this film was extremely well put-together. Even the trailer is worthy of mention, as it built up a significant build-up of the popular, passive-aggressive "fatty." As it turns the song into a popular mainstream hit. Another slick move by M.I.A.’s memorable single "Paper Planes," effectively turning the song into a popular mainstream hit. Another slick move by Rogen and Franco was the use of a large bag of fake "hunny" and the smoking of a fake "bomber" onstage at the MTV Music Awards. The gag made for a classic moment that had to have at least a few FCC censors sweating nervously at the thought.

"Pineapple Express" revolves around Dale Denton (Rogen), an "airhead" who works as a process server. Denton witness a murder and is forced to take safety at the only place he can think of, the apartment of his cannabis-selling amigo, Saul Silver (Franco). Car chases, fistfights, drug benignes, and the selling of "naughty cigarettes" to high school students all ensue and surprisingly work together well.

Not all the jokes are successful, but the characters are played convincingly and the material seems endless. A key encounter between Dale and his underage girlfriend's parents is priceless, as are the reactions of Saul to the circumstances in which he finds himself.

Both the comedic and action aspects are given respectful onscreen time, and the array of characters only adds to the enjoyment.

One standout is Danny McBride's portrayal of Red, the middleman in the drug world and an intermediary between the dealer and the drug lord. It’s a role that has to be seen to be understood, but McBride truly makes a name for himself in this "stoner" epic. Seth Rogen plays the typical Seth Rogen character, the lovable hero with a good heart. James Franco, however, blows away with every puff of his fake "fatty." Franco plays an especially convincing "teak head," even after repeatedly playing a straight-faced millionaire's son in the "Spider-Man" franchise. He plays the character as though he has lived Hollywood's idea of the perpetual "toker," and in retrospect, perhaps he has. Craig Robinson (Darryl) on TV’s “The Office” also delivers as a hilarious henchman sent to kill the pair by the drug lord. The immaturity of the entire group of characters does wonders, truly forming a great ensemble.

"Pineapple Express" is an entertaining mix of humor and action. With its memorable characters and humorous action sequences, viewers are led to believe that perhaps a marijuana action film really can exist — if so, "Pineapple Express" is it. Although the film is a blend of multiple, seemingly incompatible genres, you can expect to see "Pineapple Express" 2 as soon as the production cycle of these recently successful comedy titans allows it.

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"Pineapple Express" Starred: Seth Rogen & James Franco

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

I recently had the chance to see a Maroon 5 concert in Michigan with friends from my Maroon 5 nation. I was a junior with a driver's license and, luckily, an older sister who had the courtesy to graduate and give me her car. I spent my hours of driving to-and-fro listening to my new copy of Maroon 5’s “Songs About Jane.” They sounded like this outrageous blend of raspy soul, angry rock and mysterious jazz. I was in deep music love, the kind of love I thought would last a lifetime.

I believe that, like a relationship, a person’s affection for a band can go through a series of recognizable stages. First, infatuation: you can’t stop listening to them, their melodies are aural perfection and their lyrics fit every situation you’ve ever experienced. Next, slight disillusionment: that experimental single they just released? Not that great. Then, the lead singer goes and marries some Hollywood starlet and names his first child Kumquat. You try to focus on the good parts of the relationship. Later, you settle into long-term commitment: you buy each subsequent album, even though their style has evolved. Then, you can’t remember who you were before the day you first heard their sound. You’re either bound for life, or you’re burning your CDs and running for the hills.

Okay, digress. But it seems to me that the bands we loved in high school tend to follow this pattern—or rather, we do. Like that relationship with Johnny McQuarterback your sophomore year, your high school band might not rank too highly on your iPod’s playlist right now. Maybe it’s maturity. You probably haven’t heard of them in years. Or maybe you’re bored, out if your neighbor’s favorite band hasn’t charted since the ninth grade. More likely, we’ve just moved on to other things.

But there’s nothing like going back to those bands you loved in high school and following this pattern— or rather, we do. Like that relationship with Johnny McQuarterback your sophomore year, your high school band might not rank too highly on your iPod’s playlist right now. Maybe it’s maturity. You probably haven’t heard of them in years. Or maybe you’re bored, out if your neighbor’s favorite band hasn’t charted since the ninth grade. More likely, we’ve just moved on to other things.

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Seth Rogen, left, and James Franco star in “Pineapple Express.” The stoner hybrid film also features Craig Robinson of NBC’s "The Office."

Remember when you listened to bands like Linkin Park? With the right circumstances, high school music might make a comeback on your life playlist.
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — To the Milwaukee Brewers’ CC Sabathia pitched a no-hitter. The official scorer disagreed.

The Brewers are going to try to change his mind.

Sabathia limited the Pirates to Andy LaRoche’s infield single leading off the fifth inning, on a play Milwaukee manager Ned Yost argued was an error on the pitcher, and the Brewers beat Pittsburgh 7-0 Sunday for their eighth victory in nine games.

He accomplished a no-hitter and wasn’t given what he deserved. That should have been a no-hitter,” Yost said.

That’s a joke. That wasn’t even close. Whoever the scorekeeper was absolutely denied major league baseball a nine-no-hit right there,” Yost said. "They threw it up on the board even before LaRoche hit the bag. That’s a play CC makes easily, throws him out by 10 feet. It’s a no-brainer.

"That’s sad. It really is sad."

The Brewers’ Ryan Braun said, "There’s no question that’s a no-hitter.

Despite the Brewers’ protests, the play in question is often called a hit and fielders often get angry when they are called for errors on easier plays. The Associated Press polled eight writers from both cities who have reported on the majors for 10 years or more, and six would have called it a hit.

Wehre wouldn’t comment on Yost’s remarks, but said the play did not meet the rule book criteria for an error.

"The way the ball came off the bat, it was spinning, and it went to the left of the mound with a left-handed pitcher going to get it. It’s a difficult play," Wehre said. "The definition requires standard effort, and that would have taken more than an ordinary effort. The runner was well down the line."

As it stands, Sabathia’s (9-0) pitched the majors’ fourth one-hitter this season and couldn’t have come much closer to a no-hitter, with no Pirates batter except for LaRoche threatening to get a hit during the team’s 10th consecutive loss.

Also, Sabathia pitched with almost no pressure with a multi-game lead in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, which wouldn’t have mattered if the no-hitter going and every late-innings pitch would have been critical. But Pittsburgh failed to score in both those innings while thinking their team was being no-hit, a mindset that might have changed their approach at the plate.

Sabathia accepted the scoring call calmly, blaming himself for LaRoche getting on. "He was still rolling and I probably should have picked it up with my glove. We probably wouldn’t have been this conversation," Sabathia said. "I think if I pick it up with my glove, I get him."

Sabathia wouldn’t speculate whether he would have gotten LaRoche if he had picked the ball up cleanly barehanded.

Cubs 5, Phillies 3

Jayson Werth hurt the Chicago Cubs again, and Jamie Moyer and the Philadelphia bullpen took over from there.

Werth hit another home run against his old team, and the Phillies rallied for five runs in the ninth inning of his team’s 5-3 win over Chicago.

Werth hit his 12th home run, leading the Phillies to a series win over the team with the best record in the NL. "We’ve been playing good all year,” Werth said. "I think especially to split the series here in Chicago, against the Cubs, at home. I think it’s a lot.

Werth hit a two-run double in the first inning to match Mickey Mantle in the fifth for his 21st homer of the season. Werth, who went deep twice and drove in four runs in Philly’s 5-2 win Saturday, is 11-21 with four homers and 10 RBIs against the Cubs this season.

In the four games at Wrigley Field, Werth was 7-for-13 with three homers and seven RBIs.

Other Phillies hitting heroes are Carlos Zambrano, who was scratched to give him some rest to tire his tired left arm, and Ryan Howard, who homered again Tuesday against the Astros.

The Cubs left 10 runners on base and 19 total and managed two games of the series. They also managed only one game-afraction of the base hits for the second straight game.

The missing offense left manager Lou Piniella a little testy. Asked if it was frustrating, Piniella said:

"Why is it frustrating? Why should it be? Are we supposed to win every day? I don’t think so.

How to prevent the tendency to leave runners on?

"Listen if we could get guys in every time we get men on base, we’d be 162-0 and that’s not going to happen," he said.

But Piniella’s voice rose in anger when asked if he was OK with his team’s effort.

"What the hell am I supposed to be? Not OK?” he asked.

White Sox 4, Red Sox 2

Jim Thome knows how much the Chicago White Sox needed a win.

He helped them get one with a memorable home run.

Thome hit a two-run shot in the first inning to match Mickey Mantle for 14th place with 33 career home runs, and Chicago beat the Boston Red Sox on Sunday to end a three-game losing streak.

"To tie Mantle, you’re speechless," he said.

"What do you say?” Thome said.

"That’s really hard to talk about because when you throw Mickey Mantle’s name around, that’s probably one of the greatest home run hitters of all time."

Chicago’s skip handled Minnesota pull within a half-game of the AL Central-leading White Sox entering play Sunday Boston, led the Twins by 37 games in the wild-card race before Sunday’s game, fell 57 games back of Tampa Bay in the AL East.

Thome knew the White Sox needed to end their slide heading into a three-game series with Cleveland, and the players discussed the importance of Sunday’s game before the victory.

"Any win was huge," he said. "The energy level is there from the start. I think we were ready to go, and it showed," Thome said. "This was probably maybe one of the biggest wins we’ve had all year."

To tie Mantle and win at the same time made the day more special.

"Every home run he hits is a milestone," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "But I think he’s worried more about us winning than his milestones."

Gavin Floyd (15-6) went 2-3 innings to win his fifth straight decision. He allowed one run and seven hits against a team that outscored the White Sox 16-4 and outpitched them 30-11 in the first two games.

Thome hit a two-out drive in the first and went 2-for-3 against Tim Wakefield (8-9) after entering just 1-for-49 with two homers against the knuckleballer in his career.

Thome hit his 388th career home run, passed consecutive two-out doubles in the sixth to give Chicago a 3-1 lead.

"One guy hurt us, Jim Thome," Boston’s Kevin Cash said, "and he’s had a pretty good career."

Philidelphia’s Jayson Werth connects on a two-run double during the first inning of his team’s 5-3 win over Chicago.

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Buckeyes waiting on “Beanie” Wells

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Beanie is back in the game. A day after Ohio State star Chris “Beanie” Wells fell back in a heap with an injured right foot, the second-ranked Buckeyes could do nothing but wait and hope that their Heisman Trophy contender would be quick to recover.

Wells went down early in the third quarter of a 43-0 victory Saturday against overmatched Youngstown State.

Ohio State spokesman Shelly Poe sent an e-mail to reporters Sunday, restating that Wells had no broken bones.

“It’s not likely that there will be any update until probably after some initial treatments and therapy,” she wrote.

Coach Jim Tressel said Saturday team doctors told him the X-rays were negative and the injury was not as bad as first feared.

Ohio State can probably get by without Wells on Saturday when the Buckeyes host Ohio. That’s not the case the following week, when they visit No. 3 Southern California in a huge nonconference game.

“You see one of the guys go down and you hope he’s all right,” linebacker James Laurinaitis said after the game. “Chris is a tough guy. I hope it’s not serious.

You hate to see a guy of his caliber laying on the ground.”

Judging from how Wells went down on the field in pain, the injury did not appear to be a minor one. A crowd of more than 105,000 thought so too. The Horsecave was practically silent for several minutes while doctors and trainers attended to Wells near the goal line.

“I may have rolled it or planted wrong a play or two before,” Wells said through Poe moments after the game. “Something just didn’t feel right. Then I thought I felt a pop. But the X-rays are OK, so we’ll see how it feels in a day or two.”

Wells, who has been hindered by nagging injuries throughout his college career, fell back in pain before he was even hit after taking a handoff at the Youngstown State 2. He fumbled the ball away before there was contact, then fell backward while medical personnel rushed to his side. Tressel even ran onto the field.

“As I handed the ball back, he didn’t even grab the ball,” quarterback Todd Boeckman said. “I didn’t know what to expect, didn’t know what he did. He went down and he was in some serious pain.”

After he was helped off the field, Wells was put on a motorized cart and taken to the locker room.

"It was a hard hit," Boeckman said. "I'm a bit concerned about his foot. I didn't hear a big pop but I'm not sure. I don't know if he will play this week or not.\""
U.S. Open

Federer rolls in U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK - As if trying to return a serve to anyone else where he's been and where he's quite certain he'll return, Roger Federer thrust his right fist overhead and pointed skyward with his index finger.

"That's the universal gesture for No. 1," as Federer made that signal, the 1970s song "Still the One" by Orleans rang out through Arthur Ashe Stadium on Sunday, marking the end of the four-time defending defending champion's 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 victory over 28th-seeded Radek Stepanek in the U.S. Open's third round.

Actually, for the first time in a while, Federer is not No. 1 — in the seedings for the hard-court Grand Slam tournament or in the ATP rankings. Those honors belong to Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in the 2008 French Open and 2009 Wimbledon finals and last week ended his record 237-week stay at the top.

Federer harbors no doubts that he can re-establish his ranking and his reputation among opponents, built on the strength of 12 career major singles titles, two of Pete Sampras' records.

"That's the advantage I have. If I were to win a big tournament again, one of those Slams, whatev­er, right away I have the invisibility factor again, which is great for me," he said. "So that's what I'm working for. I was that close in Wimbledon, so I hope to go a step further and win it this time."

It's been a poor-by-his-standards — and, be it clear, only by his lofty standards — season for Federer, whose 12 losses already are more than he absorbed in any entire year from 2004-07. His two titles at minor events, are his fewest entering the U.S. Open since 2002.

On the other hand, Federer did reach the semifinals at the Australian Open before losing in eventual champion Novak Djokovic and was the runner-up at the other two major tournaments.

"I would love his bad year. The guy has the best four-year run ever, and we're all sitting here talking, 'Wow, it's not the best five-year run ever. We have to see a little bit of perspective here as far as how good he's been," said Andy Roddick, the last man other than Federer to win the U.S. Open, back in 2003, and his potential semifinal opponent this year.

"If you have to hear about anything every day, you start thinking about it a little bit, and maybe that's where he's at," added Roddick, who reached the fourth round by beating No. 31 Andreas Seppi 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4). Roddick will play No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez or Jurko Nieminen.

Federer's next opponent is No. 23 Igor Andreev of Russia, who beat No. 13 Fernando Verdasco of Spain in straight sets. In other men's third-round matches, No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko eliminated No. 26 Dmitry Tursunov, qualifier Gilles Muller fashioned a 6-7 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (1), 7-5 upset of No. 18 Nicolas Almagro, and Australian Open runner-up J-Johann Twisk lost to No. 15 Tommy Robredo.

The women are a round ahead, and No. 2 Jelena Jankovic reached the quarterfinals by coming back to beat No. 21 Caroline Wozniacki 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Jankovic is among five women with three shots at reaching No. 1 in the rankings.

It's something Jankovic said, "but I want to win a Grand Slam."

Another woman in the chase for No. 1 — and also without a major championship title — is Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva, who beat Li Na 6-4, 6-1 and now faces No. 15 Patty Schnyder.

Jankovic will meet No. 29 Sydelle Brimer, who got past No. 12 Marion Bartoli 7-6 (3), 6- 6-4 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 5 minutes — believed to be the longest women's match, by time, in U.S. Open history.

"I didn't even really sweat," Flammer said. "I could have played longer."

Muller looked as though he could have, too, even though his match against Almagro stretched beyond four hours. Muller never had come back from a two-set deficit in his career before doing so in the second round against Tommy Haas. Now he's done it twice in a row — despite winning a dozen fewer points than Almagro, 187-175, and making 25 more unforced and double errors. And Muller broke serve only once all match, in the final game.

Muller is the only man from Luxembourg to play in a Grand Slam tournament in the 40-year Open era — and now the first man or woman from the country to reach the fourth round.

"I'm the first one actually to do everything, I mean, that's not my goal — to be the best in Luxembourg," he said.

This isn't his first moment in the spotlight at Flushing Meadows. Muller stunned Roddick in the first round in 2005. Since then, only Federer has beaten Roddick at the U.S. Open, in the 2006 final and the 2007 quarterfinals.

Those are part of Federer's 30 consecutive victories in the hard-court major championships. The three wins this year have all come in straight sets, and Federer was truly tested only briefly by Stepanek.

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. - Sunshine began to bake the greens, the wind kept players guessing and the birdies kept right on coming Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship, the final tune for Mike Weir.

His third birdie over the final five holes gave him a 4-under 67 and a one-shot lead.

And it meant next to nothing.

"I've got my hands full," Weir said after patching together a good score despite marginal shots. First came a pair of 63s from Ben Crane and Camilo Villegas, the kind of score no one thought possible in such blustery conditions. Then came the steady surge of Sergio Garcia and Vijay Singh, and a late charge from Ernie Els and Jim Furyk to set the stage for the Labor Day finish.

Expect everyone to work extra hard to win the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"One less the guy who comes in second," Garcia said when asked what it would take to capture the second stop in the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup.

It starts with Weir, who hit only half of the fairways and barely any of the greens. He has been around the lead all week, but had to grind out a score to stay there, including a superb 7-iron to 3 feet on the 14th, chipping in for birdie on the 15th and the final birdie on the 18th.

Weir noise at 1-under 196, the 10th time the Canadian has had at least a share of the 24-hole lead on the PGA Tour. He has converted only those chances into a victory.

"There's great players on the leaderboard," Weir said. "Some guys that are hungry to win for the first time, guys that haven't won many times, and I'm trying to do the same thing. I just want to keep playing my type of golf. Hopefully, I can hit it a little better and find a few more fairways.

Villegas ignored the swirling wind and took only 22 puts in his round of 63, which put him in the final group Monday with Weir, one shot behind and perhaps his best chance for his first PGA Tour victory.

Three shots behind were Garcia (68) and Singh (69), part of the playoff last week at The Barclays that Singh won to move atop the FedEx Cup.

And right behind them were Furyk, who birdied three of his last four holes for a 69; Els, who made eagle on the final hole after nearly holing a 5-iron and posting a 69; and Crane, whose 63 came much earlier in the day.

Ten players were separated by five shots going into the Labor Day finish, the kind of showdown the Deutsche Bank Championship always seems to produce.

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Teams prepare to flee from Gustav's path

Associated Press

As Tulane's football team embarked on an unexpected trip to Birmingham, Ala., for the Hurricane Gustav on their minds, corner Sept.-7 Parsons figured it couldn't be any worse than the last time the Green Wave left New Orleans, when through a major storm threatening Louisiana's coast.

"We've been through it before and we made it," Parenton said. "I think that's what we're going to do this week because this doesn't scare a team that's played a tough one. It was up to the umpire and it was a tough call for him to make.

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The Astros won their fourth straight and improved to 20-9 in the month of August, third best in the National League behind Chicago and Milwaukee.

San Diego 2, Colorado 1

Jake Peavy feels like he's pitching as well as ever, even if he isn't thinking about the wins for the San Diego Padres.

Peavy had a season-high 13 strikeouts in eight shutdown innings before Trevor Hoffman blew the save in San Diego's victory over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday.

Rodriguez singled in the winning run in the ninth as the Padres ranked the Rockies a cost- ly 9-10 in their playoff chase.

"It's just been one of those seasons," said Peavy, the 2007 NL Rookie of the Year who's never hit more than .200 in his career. "I've thrown the ball fairly well. But, of course, the bottom line is 9-7. It's not fun to be a 200 pitcher in the win-loss column.

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MLB Astros rally against Cards

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A three-run deficit doesn't scare a team that's playing its best baseball of the season.

That's why the Houston Astros didn't panic when they got behind by three in the first inning.

Tig Wigginton and Hunter Pence hit home runs during a six-run first inning and the Houston Astros held on for an 8-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night.

"It was early in the game," Pence said of the three runs Brian Moehler gave up. "And you know Moehler's going to battle. He ended up pitching a great game for us. You know he's a gutsy guy and he's aggressive and going to give us a chance. We just had to get some runs for him."

Moehler (10-5) went six innings and allowed three runs and seven hits, striking out a season-high six. He improved to 4-9 in those seven career starts against the Cardinals.

"He didn't make a lot of bad hits," managing Cecil Cooper said. "He did a great job of keeping us in the game by their after­ half."

In the third inning, the Cardinals got a double play on what appeared to be a missed call by second baseman Matt Wieters.

Pence was on second with one out when Humberto Quintero hit a liner to center field, where Skip Schumaker dove for the catch. Pence dove for the throw at home.

"I was sitting in my seat and saw it," Cooper said. "I'm an old man and I saw it with my natural eyes. He blow it and he refused to get help. That's the thing that upset me. He said he saw it as no catch."

"It took me out of the game and probably at least a dou­ ble away from a kid who's scratching for his place."

Schumaker admitted the ball hit the ground.

"I didn't really know what the deal was," he said. "I knew it short-hopped me and I popped up like I caught it. I knew it was a short-hopper. I also knew it was a tough one. It was up to the umpire and it was a tough call for him to make."

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Wildcats, Buffaloes down in-state rivals

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rich Brooks hired Kentucky's young and inexperienced offense isn't going to scare anybody.

The way the Wildcats' defense played against Louisville, it might not have to. Kentucky returned two Louisville fumbles for touchdowns and set up another score with an interception in the Wildcats' 27-2 win Sunday in the Governor's Cup.

"We thought we had a good defense and we do," Brooks said. "Our defense took it upon themselves to score points. Our defense kept making plays after plays after play." Kentucky forced five turnovers, and staffed Louisville's retooled defense, playing with the kind tenacity Brooks said the Wildcats would need early in the season while the offense found its footing.

Kentucky held Louisville, which averaged 416.5 yards per game a year ago, to just 205 yards and the Cardinals failed to score a touchdown for the first time since a shutout loss to Florida State in 2000.

"We were able to come out and execute everything we wanted to," Kentucky linebacker Micah Johnson said. "It was expecting us to have a great performance and we did. I just wasn't expecting all of these turnovers."

Neither were the Cardinals. Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe was hoping for a fresh start after a disappointing debut last season. Instead, the Cardinals appeared out of work ahead if they want to climb back toward the top of the Big East.

Sunday, the Wildcats emphatically proved the Cards weren't even the best team in the state.

"You've got to take care of the football," Kragthorpe said. "We just didn't do a good enough job on defense. Our offense gave us opportunities but we didn't take advantage." While Louisville's defense showed significant improvement under new coordinator Ron English — holding the Wildcats to 173 yards — the offense looked overwhelmed at times.

Hueter Cantwell, who spent the last three seasons as an understudy to former Louisville star Briian Brown, turned it over four times in the fourth quarter as the Cardinals tried to rally. His first interception led to Tony Duren's 7-yard touchdown run that put the Wildcats up 20-2, and Kentucky's Myron Pryor later gained 77 yards on a Cantwell's fumble and returned 72 yards for a score to secure the third-largest crowd in Cardinal Stadium history stretching to the Colorado State 17.

Josh Smith bounced back from a rough first half for a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and Colorado beat Colorado State on Sunday night in what might have been their last game at Invesco Field.

Many fans surely tuned in in expectation to see Smith's nephew, Darrell Scott, the Buffaloes' highly-touted freshman tailback who was considered by several scouting services as the best back in the nation.

Scott gained 50 yards on a down carrier and leaped over the pile for a 1-yard TD to cap the scoring in the closing minute. But this night belonged to the speedy sophomore who already had been a key playmaker early in the season.

The game featured three touchdowns in a 26-second span of the second quarter, including back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns by Smith and CSU sophomore John Monure.

Rams linebacker Jeff Hoorok picked off Cody Hawkins' deflected pass at the Colorado 24 and, two plays later, Billy Farris, a senior making his first career start, powered 31 yards for a 31-yard touchdown strike that pulled the Rams to 14-7.

With that, who stumbled away his first kickoff and watched his return points of view to the head returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards untouched for the first kickoff return for a score this season.

It was Colorado's first kickoff return for a TD since Jeremy Bloom's 94-yarder at Kansas State in 2003.

Not to be outdone, Mousre answered with a 90-yard TD return in which he broke two tackles around his 20-yard line and sidestepped desperation dives by kicker Jameson Davis as he plunged into the end zone to pull the Rams to 21-14.

That marked Colorado State's first kickoff return for a touchdown since Dexter Wynn did it against Wyoming in 2001.

Georgia DT out for season

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia defensive tackle Jeff Owens will have knee surgery and miss the rest of the season, making the senior the second starting line­man lost by the top-ranked Bulldogs in the past month.

Owens tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in Saturday's 45-21 win over Georgia Southern. Coach Mark Richt said Sunday that Owens will have season-ending sur­gery.

Georgia lost starting left tack­le Trinton Sturdivant from its offensive line during preseason practice.

"At this rate we won't last very long," Richt said. "We can't afford much more there. I think we've got pretty good depth still at both spots if you're thinking about trying to finish out the season so we're hoping for miracle there and we really might get him." Georgia senior Corvey Irvin will join junior Gino Atkins as the starting defensive tackles Saturday against Central Michigan.

Irvin had a sack and shared the team lead with six tackles, including two for losses, against Georgia Southern. Atkins had four stops.

Richt said he actually played an outstanding ballgame," Richt said. "He played the most snaps of the interior linemen and had the most production. Geno didn't play as many snaps but was probably as productive per play. Irvin has never started for Georgia, but he played in 12 games last season after transferring from the Georgia Military College.

Defensive tackle Kade Weston, expected to be the team's top backup, missed the opener with a sprained knee and is not expected to play next Saturday against Central Michigan.

Owens started every game last season. Richt said Owens has been scheduled for reconstructive knee surgery on Sept. 9 and plans to return to his fifth year of eligibility in 2009. He played in all 13 games as a freshman and can have a medical redshirt year this season.

Richt said he has no doubt Owens, who already had been projected as a possible high pick in the 2009 NFL draft, will return next season.

"Oh yeah, I don't think there would be a decision on that," Richt said. "He knows it could be a blessing in the long run if he rehaba well and gets maybe even in better condition than he was this year. So he's looking at the bright side right now."

Georgia will depend on sopho­mores Brandon Wood and Ricardo Crawford and freshman DeAngelo Tyson for depth behind Irvin and Atkins.

Georgia's offensive line will receive a boost in depth with this week's return of starter Clint Boling, who was susp­ended by Richt for the opener.

After losing Sturdivant, Georgia had four new starters on its offensive line in the opener, including freshman guard Ben Glenn.

Richt said Boling would move to the right side of the line and Josh Davis, who started at right tackle, will move back to left tackle, where he will compete with Kiantri Tripp for a starting job.

"Obviously it will be good to have Clint back in the lineup," Richt said. "That will help." Boling made 11 starts as a freshman last season, 10 at right guard and one at left tackle.

Richt said Boling, Glenn and Ben Harden will compete for the two starting jobs at right guard and right tackle.

The offensive line is still inex­perienced, but the return of Boling gives the unit more depth than Georgia has at defensive tackle.

"We're hoping to go into this ballgame with eight or nine guys who could play," Richt said of the offensive line. "That's not bad.
Saint Mary’s drops first 2 games
Lack of offense contributes to pair of losses to Hiram, Case Western

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Poor second-half performances and an inability to score goals doomed Saint Mary’s as it dropped both matches at the season-opening Case Western Reserve tournament this weekend in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Belles struggled to find their offense against host Case Western falling 4-1 on Saturday. Sunday’s match against Hiram proved to be more of the same as the Belles once again failed to find their offensive rhythm in a 3-1 defeat.

Against Case Western, Saint Mary’s fell behind early but tied it up shortly after when junior forward Lauren Hinton connected with junior forward Micki Hedinger in the 15th minute for the Belles’ first goal of the season. This success was short-lived, however, as Case Western would dominate the rest of the game putting two more goals in before halftime and adding a fourth shortly into the second half.

Senior Nicole Reiter started at goalkeeper for the Belles, recording four saves, but was replaced at halftime by Junior Patty Duffy who finished with six saves.

In their second game, the Belles got out to a better start getting an early goal by freshman midfielder Taylor Paton to take a 1-0 lead. Once again, however, the Belles could not maintain their momentum and Hiram scored an equalizer in the 30th minute.

In the second half, the Belles could not find the net and gave up two goals in the final 10 minutes that sealed their fate.

Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal for the Belles and recorded 10 saves. Saint Mary’s will look to get their first victory of the season as they take on Manchester College this Wednesday at North Manchester, Ind.

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Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on September 3, all Notre Dame undergraduates will begin using Notre Dame Gmail instead of Notre Dame’s regular e-mail service. Note that first year students are already signed up for and have been using ND Gmail as part of the admissions process.

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MLB

Mets bullpen holds on to four-run lead

Associated Press

MIAMI — A four-run cushion was sufficient Sunday for the New York Mets. Now they’ll try to hang onto a lead in September.

The Mets’ battered bullpen came through with three shutout innings to close out a 6-2 victory over the Florida Marlins, preserving New York’s one-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

Four weeks of the regular season remain, starting with a three-game series beginning Monday at Milwaukee, and the Mets are mindful of their collapse last September.

“It has been a motivating factor the entire year,” manager Jerry Manuel said.

Pedro Martinez pitched six innings for only his second victory of the season since July 7, and the Mets homered three times against the fading Marlins. New York won two of three games in the series, leaving third-place Florida seven back.

Last year New York went 5-12 to close the season, somehow finding the time and energy to squeak out a big lead in the East and miss the playoffs.

“But I see that last day when we’ve won the division, I’m not going to say it’s automatic,” Martinez said. “Hopefully things can be different. I don’t think this team is in the same position as what happened last year. It’s a different group.”

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“Oly threw pretty well,” Jacobs said. “Unfortunately we didn’t score enough runs. That’s been our story the last month or so — not scoring runs.”

New York got its third run in the seventh on RBI singles by Reyes and pinch hitter Ryan Church, and a sacrifice fly by Beltran.
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"I know it was very, very physical out there," Randy Waldrum said. "But we were never defeated by the physical play of the Crusaders, and that combined with our effort, determination, and offensive chances for the Irish. It's almost like we're carrying a decent amount of the load."

The Irish earned a first set victory over the Crusaders, 9-27 assists and career high 7 digs to pace the defense.

"I thought we had some opportunities that we should have capitalized on and could have even broke the game open even more," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

Even though the scoreboard didn't reflect it as clearly, the Irish dominated offensively scoring 11 points and 11-2 in shots on goal.

Despite struggling to put the ball into the net, the Irish dominated play in every aspect of the game, scoring 10 goals on 30 shots and finishing with 27 assists and career high 7 digs.

"The fact that we're deep, we're able to rotate a lot of players and you get kids, you know everybody expects Kerri Hanks to be great and she is, and Brittany Box and Michelle Weissenhofer and that's an embarrassment of riches for the Irish," Waldrum said.

"I think it's important that we never think we're in a position to win, but we're also thinking about the potential of winning," Waldrum said.

The Irish go on to face the University of Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish are looking forward to hosting Adrian College at 7 p.m. at the Angelo Athletic Facility.

"We only get one practice before the conference match on Tuesday," Schroeder-Biek said. "So, we are going to use it to really work on our connections with the attackers as well as to get some open blocking games."
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Soccer

Tournament trials

Pair of convincing wins highlight 12th tournament victory

By DEIRDRE KRESCULA

The Observer

She shifted the ball to her right foot and from 15 yards out Erica Fantastico buried a goal in the top right corner of the net, taking with it the frustration of multiple missed opportunities. The sophomore's unassisted goal late in the first half widened No. 4 Notre Dame's lead to 2-0 in its victory over No. 21 Santa Clara Sunday. The shutout marked the second Irish win of the weekend having already beaten Loyola Marymount 4-0 in the first game of the Inn at St. Mary's Soccer Classic last Friday.

It looked like the Broncos' might follow up with another win after last year's 7-1 crushing of the Irish as Jenny LaPonte got the first shot of the game. But from that moment on the Irish dominated play...

Men bounce back after frustrating defeat to Akron with 4-1 win

By GREG ARGOBAST

Looking only at the scoreboard, it might seem that two different Notre Dame teams showed up this past weekend in the Adidas/Val Credit Union Classic. No. 3 Notre Dame started the weekend losing 3-0 against No. 12 Akron before rebounding to defeat Duke 4-1 Sunday afternoon to leave the teams' record at 1-1-0. Irish coach Bobby Clark, however, felt that the final score of both games didn't accurately tell the story.

"We should have done better [against Akron], but we were in the game a lot more than the score suggested," Clark said. "Sunday was maybe a reversal back to the game we're capable of. We did a lot more than the score suggests on Friday.

In Friday night's game against the Zips, Notre Dame actually outshot Akron 24-6 in the first half..."

Smc Volleyball

Belles off to ringing start, take three of four matches

By MICHAEL BLASCO

The Observer

Saint Mary's (3-1, 0-0 MIAA) kicked off its season with a strong showing this weekend, going 3-1 at the Thomas More Invitational in Crestview Hills, Ky., hosted by Thomas More College. Belles senior Cathy Kureczak and junior Lorna Slupczynski were named to the All-Tournament team. Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek hopes the early success will translate to conference play.

"This was a very important tournament," Schroeder-Biek said. "Last year, we struggled at the beginning of the season, especially.

In its Saturday opener, Saint Mary's defeated Spalding University in four sets (25-23, 23-25, 26-24, 25-20), and dropped Earlham College in straight sets that evening (25-17, 25-14, 25-13). Kureczak (16 kills), senior Kaela Hellmann (24), and Slupczynski (21) led the Belles' offensive attack. Freshman Danie Brink had 38 assists for Saint Mary's while junior Liana Bohr chipped in 28 assists of her own. On the defensive end, sophomore Meghan Rose led the Belles with 29 digs, and fellow sophomore Ellen Schuelmann had a double-digit dig effort with 15.

After taking consecutive matches on the first day of the tournament, Saint Mary's split its games on Sunday. The Belles suffered their first loss with a tough, five-set contest against PSU-Beihrend (25-22, 23-25, 25-20, 16-25, 13-25), but bounced back to dispose of Kenyon in straight sets (25-11, 25-20, 25-21). Hellmann, Slupczynski, and Kureczak had another strong day offensively. Hellmann wrapped up the weekend with 44 kills, 24 digs and eight service aces.

Slupczynski added 40 kills, 26 assists and 23 digs. The Belles defeated SUNY Oneonta in a convincing victory, 25-10, 25-20, 25-13. Senior Andrea Noll had a big day, leading the Belles with 36 assists. Sophomore Taylor Knaack dished out 40 assists of her own.

Irish take 2 at the Shamrock

By JARED JEDICK

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