ND responds to calls for sustainability

New office, clubs promote the University's effort to conserve energy

By AARON STEINER and JOHN TIERNEY

Editor’s Note: This is the first installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.

Sustainability — a word that’s here to stay at Notre Dame. The University launched an entire office dedicated to the installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame. John Jenkins told faculty here to stay at Notre Dame. A variety of policies, including the Princeton Review, have recently begun to evaluate sustainability on college campuses, further evidence of the issue’s growing importance not just in the classroom, but also on the campuses themselves.

"We must strive, as a community, to make a practical response to the energy challenge in our lives and on our campus," Jenkins said. Indeed, making a response to calls for sustainability is a growing theme at many universities. A variety of policies, including The Princeton Review, have recently begun to evaluate sustainability on college campuses, further evidence of the issue’s growing importance not just in the classroom, but also on the campuses themselves.

"For better or for worse, sustainability is a mainstream thing now," said the Director of the University’s new Office of Sustainability, Jim Mazurek.

Formalizing initiatives, centralizing efforts

With various groups emphasizing sustainability — both within the University community and outside — Notre Dame’s recent actions reflect recognition of that recent shift. But the creation of the Office of Sustainability last January was also in part a response to a need that has grown over the past decade, Mazurek explained.

"Frankly, what the University lacked was a centralized administrative focus on sustainability. Many departments have been doing individual actions and initiatives but at University was missing the structure, focus and coordination," Mazurek said.

University Vice President for Operations Jim Lybouth added: "A number of the units throughout the University have been involved in conservation and sustainability efforts throughout the years." Lybounth cited recycling efforts that began almost 15 years ago.

But, he also said "the effort lacked coordination and communication." see FORUM/page 6

Colorado Gov. talks to College Democrats

Ritter speaks of ‘high-wire act’ to reconcile Democratic Party’s stance on political issues with Catholic faith

By JENN METZ

Key issues in national politics — like abortion, gay rights and war — pose challenges to Catholics in office who must find a way to reconcile the doctrine of their religion with their party’s stance. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter spoke to the Notre Dame College Democrats Tuesday night about that challenge, reflecting on his personal experience as a Catholic missionary in Africa, a district attorney in Denver and as governor.

Spencer Howard, president of the College Democrats, introduced the governor to the students gathered in the Hospitality Room in Reckers, who asked Ritter questions about the relationship between his faith and his politics.

"Selling the Democratic platform to Catholics, Ritter said, is not just about hot-button issues like abortion.

"You can’t isolate it, you can’t focus on one thing," he said.

However, as a pro-life Democrat, Ritter said he finds himself in a difficult position regarding his "Catholic faith and political dilemmas."

"It’s a high-wire act to navigate," he said, and Catholic politicians have struggled with "tortured logic" on some issues. Other issues, however, are more straightforward, he said.

"Catholic ideology, Ritter said, teaches stewardship of the environment. It’s one of the panelists in Wednesday’s Notre Dame Forum on Sustainability. As governor, he passed 20 pieces of clean energy legislation and doubled his state’s renewable energy standard.

"Our relationship to the earth and being part of a created world," he said, influenced these policies. Climate change really is a moral dilemma.

Ritter recently took a trip to the Arctic, where he "saw the science" and the physical evidence of climate change, the effects of which will be felt.

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Professors dish on economy

By LIZ O’DONNELL

Three Notre Dame professors discussed the economic crisis currently underway in America during the second session of Pizza, Pop and Politics in Reckers Hospitality room Tuesday. David Buciero and Jennifer Warlick, from the department of Economics and Policy studies joined Rich Williams, a professor of Sociology to cover a distinct element of the larger problem plaguing the economy.

The first speaker of the evening, lectured about the current economic policy.

College educates about body image

By MANDI STRONDE

This week Saint Mary’s students are being taught ways to love their bodies and the environment through events centered around the release of communications professor Terri Rus’s book ‘Bir’itten’ Redies: Young Women Talk About Body Dissatisfaction.

The book, whose title uses the actual expletive, will be released nationally on Thursday. The week, sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center, Feminists United, and the Women’s Studies Program, is geared towards the main topic of the book — women finding ways to feel good about their bodies no matter what their shape, senior and "Love Your Body Week" organizer Becki Faunce said.

An important part of the week is encouraging empowerment so that women might "make our difference in the world like we’re supposed to as Saint Mary’s women."

It encompasses three major events, "Freedom with Friends" on Monday, "Love
INSIDE COLUMN

On pictures and statuses

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That being said, the most acceptable form of status — other than something you're actually doing that isn't updated every hour with the same thing or a slight variation — is something witty. Make me laugh, people. Say something completely ridiculous, or something clever, or something thoughtful. Keep the masses entertained.

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SMC hosts lecture on voting policies

By SARAH MAYER
New Writer

This week Saint Mary's hosted Indiana University South Bend Political Science professor Elizabeth Bennion in a lecture called "What Difference Does it Make to Vote?" as a part of the College's third Super Tuesday event.

Bennion is a member of the League of Women Voters and has worked with both the Rock the Vote and Youth in the Vote campaigns intended at drawing younger voters to the polls.

Beginning the lecture she asked the audience to think about the staunch differences between John McCain and Barack Obama.

"The candidates have opposing philosophies and policy recommendations on the economy, health care, and national security," said Bennion.

Bennion explained how Obama wants to cut taxes for people that make over $200,000 per year while McCain wants to cut taxes for the same people.

"As women, the abortion issue clearly reflects us. Because there is the Equal Pay Act that gives women the opportunity to receive the same pay as men," Bennion said. "Obama supports it, McCain does not."

Bennion said she wanted to discourage people from voting because their vote wouldn't count because they are just one person.

"Voting is a right that many citizens throw away and take for granted without thinking of all the people that fought for their right to vote," she said.

She also stated that wearing an "I voted!" sticker is a hedge of honor to be proud of and that sometimes the one vote a person doesn't think counts will work to cancel out the vote of someone else.

"As ridiculous as it sounds, if your spouse, parent, brother or sister is voting for the opposite candidate you are, the incentive to vote for your candidate is just to cancel out theirs," she said. Bennion said voters need to be better-informed.

"Not knowing how an absentee ballot works or being too tired from the party last night are not excuses," she said. "Make your voice be heard."

Every Tuesday through Election Day, Saint Mary's will host events aimed at informing students about the issues of the election.

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Council of Representatives
Group approves appointment

Sophomore Kate Clitheroe will serve as Freshman Class Council Liaison

By JOHN TIERNEY
New Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) unanimously approved the appointment of sophomore Kate Clitheroe as Freshman Class Council Liaison at its meeting Tuesday.

Clitheroe served as the Freshman Class Council President last year and is currently serving as sophomore class vice president. She also serves as the spirit commissioner of Lewis Hall and is a member of the Circle K club.

Clitheroe's new position is important because freshmen serving on class council are always in need of some guidance, according to Freshman Class Council President Cynthia Weber.

"Freshman Class Council has been assembled, but people don't really know what they're doing," she said.

Weber said that in her own experiences as a member of Freshman Class Council last year, the former sophomore advisor Jeff Lakusta helped them guide their event planning, and encourage them to build class unity.

"Informing freshmen of the council discussed the new "What's the Deal with...?" question series that will be conducted by the student outreach committee. The series is designed to "dispel some myths about the bigger mysteries of the University that really don't need to be bigger mysteries, but it's just that no one has ever explained them," student body president Bob Reish said.

In other COR news

Reish said that the free student movie "rental" program will begin within the next three weeks. The program is just waiting on logistics.

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Your Body and the Planet" on
Tuesday and Thursday's book
release, according to fliers
posted around the College.
The fliers also asked for
donations of "beauty and
body products" for St.
Margaret's House.
As of Tuesday night, the
organizers
still hadn't
received any
donations, but
they were still
hopeful,
Faunce said.
"It's still
early in
the
week," she
said, "Our big
event is
Thursday."
"I'm happy
with the way
that things are
coming out now," she said.
Monday's event was a
group discussion led by
alumna Justine Hay, founder
of the College's Freedom
Revolution. Faunce said,
"It was important that we
brought in someone that stu-
dents can relate to... bring-
ing justice in really helped," she
said.
About 12 students, faculty
and staff joined in to discuss
body image at Saint Mary's,
she said.
The part of the talk Ray
emphasized was her asser-
tion that if women spent
the time they typically spend
worrying about their appear-
ance on something more pro-
ductive "we would have so
much more power," Faunce
said.
Ray discussed eating disor-
ders and disordered eating
and answered questions about
what to do in situa-
tions where they or friends
may have eating disorders,
she said.
"She said it's important to
know that most people don't
have eating disorders but
they can support each other," Faunce
said.
Love Your Body and the
Planet was held in the Saint
Mary's Student Center
Lounge last night. Nearly 15
people attended the talk led by
J o h n n a
Livieratos.
The main dis-
cussion was con-
cerning "sustainable
beauty" and
prizes were
given away, according to the
fliers posted around campus.
Before the event, Faunce
said she was hoping "we can
get as many people that
show up," but there are "a
lot of benefits to a small
group because we can have a
really good discussion," she
said.
The week culminates with
Russ' book release on
Thursday. The release will
include a book reading and
signing and an interpretive
dance called "Because of
Barbie's and Other Dumb
Brawds."
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most by the poor, he said,
especially those who live in
coastal areas.
Ritter used his experience
in Africa to discuss how to
wrestle with
a n o t h e r
Catholic teaching
in politics—
social justice.
"We, as a
country, have a
moral
imperative
to help
other people
in the
world," he said.
He said he
believes people
experience call-
ings, and some-
thing that has always been
important to him is "having
some quiet in your life to hear
the calling."
He and his wife together felt
a strong pull to go to Africa as
Catholic missionaries with
their young son over a decade
ago with the Missionary
Oblates of Mary Immaculate
for three years.
While working in a nutrition
education program, Ritter
said he first hand the devastation
of the AIDS epidemic ravaging
Sub-Saharan Africa. He and
his wife began teaching AIDS
prevention, including the use
of condoms, "even though it
was against Church doctrine," he
said.
"Finding out how to navig-
ate those issues, as a
Catholic, is hard," Ritter said.
There is a difference
between rhetor-
ic and "mak-
ing a meaning-
ful difference,"
he said, when
the discussion
turned to
immigration.
"Catholic
social justice
teaching
should teach
us to have a
soft heart for
the people," he said.
The importance of social
justice cannot be emphasized
on a purely domestic or pure-
ly international level, Ritter
said. "It's not one versus the
other. We must act globally as
a country.
Ritter took time to speak
individually with most of the
students in attendance after
the one-hour discussion.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Teenage Finnish gunman kills 10
KAUSTO, Finland—A chilling YouTube video with a young man firing a pistol and warning "you will die next" caught the eye of police, who went to his home and then let him go, hoping they didn't have enough evidence to take away his weapon.
On Tuesday, he walked into a vocational college, the School ofHospitality, and opened fire, killing 10 people and injuring 13 others who were wounded.
The rampage bore eerie similarities to another school massacre in Finland last year in which an 18-year-old man killed eight people and himself. Both gunmen posted violent clips on YouTube prior to the shootings, both were foil­lied by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado, both attacked their own schools and both died after shooting themselves in the head.

China's milk supply contaminated
A DOUG, China—The Web site of China's food safety inspection agency came from a doctor: There had been a sudden rise in infants turning up at his hospital with kidney stones after drinking the same brand of formula.
The warning, which urged an investiga­tion, went unheeded. In the two weeks since YouTube prior to the shootings, both were fasci­nated by the 1999

ELECTION 2008
Palin meets her first foreign leaders
Vice presidential candidate meet with Afghan foreign leaders
Associated Press
NEW YORK — It was a tightly controlled crash course on foreign policy for the Republican vice presi­dential candidate, the mayor-turned-governor who has been described as "far out of her depth" in America just once.
Palin sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, Tuesday, after their meeting in New York.

National News
Go, inmate gets last minute reprieve
ATLANTA — The U.S. Supreme Court gave a reprieve to a Georgia inmate less than two hours before he was to be executed Tuesday for the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer.
Supporters of 29-year-old Troy Davis have called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row recanted their testimony. Protesters had called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row recanted their testimony. Protesters had called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row recanted their testimony. Protesters had called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row recanted their testimony.
The Rev. Al Sharpton had accompanied members of Davis' family to the protest, includ­ing Davis' mother, Virginia.

Texas indicts three more polygamists
ELDORADO, Texas — A Texas grand jury is investigating allegations that members of a polygamist sect sexually abused girls indicted three more people Tuesday, raising the number of defendants in the case to nine.
Each of the sect members indicted Tuesday by the Schleicher County grand jury was charged with sexual assault of a child, and two face an additional charge of bigamy.

Local News
Man pleads not guilty to murder
WASHINGTON — Up to three more combat brigades could be available to go to Afghanistan beginning next spring, in answer to repeated calls from commanders in the field, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.
Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee that more forces can’t be committed now without extending combat tours or changing troop deployments. But, in response to prodding from the commit­tee's chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Gates said they probably could go in the spring and summer of 2009. Each brigade has about 3,500 troops.
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"I think we need to think about how heavy a military footprint the United States ought to have in Afghanistan," said Gates, or "are we better off channelling resources into building and expanding the size of the Afghan national army as quickly as possible."
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The new office will serve to provide necessary structure and accountability for the University, Mazurek said. While sustainability reports may have played some role in his Office’s formation, Mazurek downplayed its importance: “I consider those ratings more noise than anything,” he said, but added that he recognizes the importance of these ratings to others, especially when a rating is a D-, the grade given to Notre Dame by the Sustainable Endowments Institute in 2007. After the University announced the formation of the Office of Sustainability in January, Mazurek, a Notre Dame graduate, was selected as the Office’s director in May and given an initial $2 million green loan fund to help jumpstart improvements on campus.

Since his appointment in May, Mazurek assembled a team that includes two additional full-time staff members and four student interns, he said. Engineering Professor Frank Incropera, who serves as the 2008 Notre Dame Forum co-chair, said the University was delayed in taking substantive administrative action on sustainability, but its current actions have shown progress: “[The University] was slow to identify this as an important issue for which an institutional commitment has to be made,” Incropera said. “But it’s been very quick to develop significant programs to be good citizens.”

This late response to the sustainability issue is what makes the University’s actions all the more important, according to GreenND president Loures Long. “Notre Dame is behind on this,” she said. “The Office [of Sustainability] knows that we have a lot of work to do.”

But Long, a senior, said the University will do a good job in addressing sustainability. “When Notre Dame decides to do something, it does it right,” she said.

She also cited the high level of involvement of the trustees and the upper levels of administrative officers as a sign that the University is genuine about its commitment to sustainability.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) co-president Tracy Jennings, a junior, said the involvement of alumni is critical to the new enthusiasm on campus for sustainability. “I would like to think that the University would have always liked to be sustainable and that the [D-] report card drew a lot of support from the alumni,” she said. “It put this issue at the forefront more than it created the impetus to take action.”

Student involvement in sustainability

Student involvement in sustainability and environmental issues comes mostly through the groups GreenND and SEA, which are linked to each other. “All these groups work together,” Long said. “We’re in constant communication and share leadership.”

But while the groups are fighting on the same side, they approach the battle with a different perspective. “The thing for GreenND is that we really pull together all the interests,” Long said, citing issues such as energy policy, energy technology, and recycling that the group addresses.

“GreenND is the University’s response to make campus a greener place,” Jennings said, who is also a GreenND member, said. SEA, on the other hand, is a social action club organized out of the Center for Social Concerns. Its focus is more on the environment outside the Notre Dame campus’ bubble.

“We do community outreach like tree planting, river cleanups on St. Joseph’s River, and different activities outdoors,” Jennings said. “We need to remember that we’re part of a bigger community.”

“We focus on providing services to the greater South Bend community and on fulfilling the CSC’s mission for social justice,” she said.

SEA also distinguishes itself by focusing on many environmental issues, not just energy, according to Jennings. “SEA has always been more concerned with the holistic view of the environment,” she said.

While SEA has been active at Notre Dame for many years, GreenND is a more recent development. The group was formed in Nov. 2007 and achieved official status in July of this year, according to the GreenND Web site.

GreenND is closely linked with the Office of Sustainability, both by its missions and its work, according to Long, who also serves as a student intern at the Office. Each group needs the other group to cause any real change.

“If you think about all these different things popping up across campus, a lot of this comes from student initiatives,” she said. “The administration was right there with us, and that’s what made it a success.”

Thursday’s installment will examine Notre Dame’s overall environmental impact, ranging from energy consumption to waste disposal.

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He highlighted the problems that have raised the United States’ economic woes.

“The four major problems of the economy are the financial meltdown, leading to a recession, increasing inequality and poverty, less secure middle- and upper classes, and outrageous gas and home heating prices,” he said.

Warlick said these problems, which laid out have contributed to the growth of poverty in the United States. “The number of people who are visiting soup kitchens and food banks are rising dramatically,” she said. She said she had met with both John McCain and Barack Obama, and both candidates have detailed plans to help the poor, but race and poverty aren’t very bipartisan.

“Each candidate’s proposals are right along their party lines,” she said.

Warlick said the session by explaining the housing situation in the country.

“When people can’t get loans for homes, the prices fall even further,” she said. “We have to get people lending money again.”

Burrito said he was glad the event attracted a lot of students because those students show that they are trying to understand the issues.

“You are giving evidence that you care about these issues, and I am very pleased by that,” he said.

Pizza Pop and Politics is sponsored by ND Votes 08, a part of the Center for Social Concerns, and the Washington Program.

The next ND Votes ’08 event will be a Debate Watch. The first Presidential Debate will be shown on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Galen-Morse Lounge.

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**Markets Payed Billions in Suspicious Claims**

WASHINGTON — The government paid more than $1 billion in questionable Medicare claims and medical supplies that showed little relation to a patient's condition, including blood glucose strips for sexual impotence and special diabetic shoes for leg amputees, congressional investigators say.

Millions more in taxpayer dollars may have been wasted over the last decade because the government-run health program for the elderly and disabled paid out claims with blank or invalid diagnosis codes, such as a "T" or "zzzz." Medicare officials say even smiley-face icons could have been accepted.

The report by Republicans on the Senate Homeland Security and Investigations subcommittee, obtained by The Associated Press, is the latest to detail lax oversight in the $400 billion program that has been cited by government auditors as a high-risk for fraud and waste for nearly 20 years.

The panel's review of millions of claims submitted by sellers of wheelchairs, drugs and other medical supplies on behalf of Medicare patients from 2001 to 2006 found at least $1 billion in which the listed diagnostic code appeared to have little, if any, connection to the reimbursed medical item.

**Dems to let offshore drilling ban expire**

WASHINGTON — Democrats have decided to allow a quarter-century ban on drilling for oil off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to expire on the next Bush administration, putting off a fight over an issue that spiked this summer and public opinion around the nation.

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The ban was one of the biggest weaknesses of the 1980 law, and it's un-American.**---**

**Google phone to cost $179, debut Oct. 22**

NEW YORK — The first phone that harnesses Google Inc.'s ambition to make the Internet easy to use on the go was revealed Tuesday, and it looks a lot like an iPhone.

T-Mobile USA showed off the G1, a phone that, like Apple Inc.'s iPhone, has a large touch-sensitive display. But it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs.

T-Mobile said it will begin selling the G1, developed in a joint venture with Google, in 21 cities, starting Oct. 22. It is expected to go on sale for $179, the same price as the iPhone.

The data plan for the phone will cost $25 per month on top of the calling service, at the low end of the range for data plans at U.S. wireless carriers. And at $179, the G1 is $20 less than the least expensive iPhone in the U.S.

"Generally, we think if there are great operators system out there that let people have great devices and great applications, people use the Internet on their phones much more," said J.D. Branscum, a research director with NPD Group. "And whenever people use the Internet more, they end up using our services, and ultimately, that's good for our business. There's no secret plan to have ads pop up or anything."
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Steve Mattis

ephemeron

Dillus Hall

Sept. 22

Accepting consequences

In his Letter to the Editor concerning the University’s supposedly inconsistent concern for student well-being (“Mixed messages,” Sep. 23), Brian Strickland suggests the University should convert its present policy of coopera­

tion and encouragement of law enforcement to one wherein the authorities are asked to divert their attention from university students. I propose that if the University does opt for this course of action, it should also institute

nannies in University restrooms to wipe the wayward infant behind it has taken under its

protection.

Strickland’s use of scare quotes in describing “criminal” records for underage drinking causes one wonder whether he is as yet

unaware that minor consumption is illegal not only virtually but in a very real sense.

References to institutional pride, top employ­

ers, and good academic and disciplinary standing in no way excuse our assumption that Notre Dame students are some of the best and the brightest, which seems to carry with it the concomitant assumption that they are intelli­

gent enough to know precisely what risks they undertake in violating a well-known statute — especially when given express warning that said statute will be strictly enforced.

Students caught drinking are fully aware of

the illegality and consequences of their

actions, and should be allowed to reap what they have sown. Rather than side track the discussion by invoking the common occur­

rence of underage drinking (as if we employ a crude moral calculus in which ubiquity covers a multitude of sins). Strickland ought to face the facts: in the University’s own words it is fixed worry about underage drinking which, in case anyone

forgot, is a misdemeanor.

Could it not be the case that the university is indeed advancing student well-being by allow­

ing these irresponsible individuals to learn

that, without mommy and daddy there to clean up their messes, they will be held accountable for their choices?

If Strickland is not satisfied with this level of involvement, the university could consider efforts by requiring a class on why the Catholic tradition does not consider “all my friends are doing it” to be serious moral analysis.

Aaron Sanders

grad student

off-campus

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Campaigns need to refocus

Christie Pesavento’s recent viewpoint column (“Joe Biden: a gaffe a minute,” Sept. 23) discussing Senator Biden’s “gaffes” is a perfect example of why the political system in the United States is in poor shape.

People like Pesavento would rather discuss a candidate’s possible linguistic mistakes and the media’s role in how much exposure each blunder receives than focus on important issues affecting millions of Americans. It is truly a shame that our current culture rewards sensationalist reporting and that issues like “Did Obama call Palin a pig?” “Is Obama a Muslim?” and “What animals has Palin shot?” are the biggest news stories.

I would hope that the people of the University of Notre Dame would rise above such drivel. I pray that voters look at each candidate’s position on the most important issues and make informed decisions that reflect their conscience.

I urge everyone as American citizens and as intelligent human beings to research and discuss candidates’ past and present stances on war, the economy, respect for human life, foreign policy, etc. I do fear that our country will be lost if we allow petty issues and moronic drive to decide the fate of this election.

Andrew Sheehan

junior

Fisher Hall

Sept. 23

Read to the end

In Sarah Mervosh’s column, “Sex and Free Will,” (Sept. 22) she asks, “After all, wasn’t it Jesus who said that he who is without sin may cast the first stone?” Indeed, in John 8, with those words, Jesus stopped a crowd that was ready to stone a woman that had been caught in the act of adultery. After the crowd dropped their stones and left, without anyone to come forward to condemn the adulterous woman, Jesus told her to “go and sin no more.” (John 8:11; KJV).

That last part is so often overlooked.

Benjamin Ellison

law student

Keough Hall

Sept. 22

Rearranging priorities

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Spurt of Blood: An experience in theater itself

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

When most people read Antonin Artaud’s surrealist play “Spurt of Blood” they consider it an academic exercise. For all the influence Artaud has had on modern theater, this play is considered to be unstageable and unproduceable. But not all people work that way.

Two years ago now-senior Jackie Dineen discovered “Spurt of Blood” during Dr. Mark Pilkinton’s Theater History and Society class. She remarked in an e-mail interview that, “He had us read the play out loud in class as an academic exercise and briefly mentioned how it has always been considered unstageable due to many of the surrealist and absurd characteristics of the show. I immediately became interested in what it would take to faithfully translate Artaud’s vision onto the stage.” This week, under her guidance as drama­mage, her interest has come to full realization as the Film, Television, and Theater department take on one of theater’s most difficult works. The show is part of her honors thesis for the department, which will focus first on the practical aspects of translating Theater of Cruelty, an overarching theme of Artaud’s work, to a modern stage and audience and second on Peter Brooks, the first person to bring the play to the stage.

Taking “Spurt of Blood,” which is a very short play filled with surrealistic imagery, and turning it into a physical performance is not an easy task, both conceptually and physically. The audience is not given much text and no plot to react to and there are events that are difficult to express within the limits of a stage: stars collide, the hand of God reaches down, and things turn transparent. Dineen remarked, “once you read the play you immediately realize how incredibly challenging it is to translate to a modern audience. It has so many surrealist and absurd characteristics like objects falling with a ‘despairing slowness’ or characters catching on fire. The brevity of the play also tends to leave the reader a little shocked and feeling like nothing was explained.” In his introduction to the play, director Dr. Mark Pilkinton wrote, “‘Spurt of Blood’ challenges the traditional Aristotelian concept of the­ater.”

The cast and crew worked hard to make “Spurt of Blood” a reality, especially under a short three week production schedule. In an e-mail interview, Kathleen Hession, the assistant director and one of the actresses remarked, “being completed entirely by Theatre Majors, this production highlights the immense talent that exists on this campus. I just wish people could have seen the insane amount of work that was put into the three weeks that preceded this performance.” Dineen remarked, “the first few days of rehearsal took a lot of patience just in deciding what ideas we could use and what we couldn’t. Everyone helped in all areas of the show like acting, designing, and staging which really added to the mentality that this is a Company production.” Of course, while the company did their best to remain true to the spirit of the play, not every one of Artaud’s directions was able to be fol­lowed. Dineen explained, “it was important that we tried to stay as true to Artaud’s concept as possible, but some things will always have to be changed based on the resources you have.”

The question on most people’s lips is, of course, what is this play about? To everyone but the audience members walking in, they need to recognize that there isn’t a plot or a theme in the way we have come to expect them. Dineen said the play, “…is about the concept and the method of production not necessarily the story,” and expanded, “the play doesn’t have a traditional plot line or your typical characters that audience members relate to, but it does show exactly what Artaud thought theater should be.” She said, “it’s important that everyone try to see what Artaud believes is broken in our typical theater performances. The surreal­ism that runs throughout the show is there to tell the audience that there are more important things in the­ater than just the spoken word. Theatre of Cruelty isn’t about violence; it’s about focusing on what makes us human, which is more than just talking.”

With “Spurt of Blood” Artaud is challenging the audience to drop their preconceptions and approach theater anew. Hession remarked, “when you enter the theatre and the show begins focus more on the style of the production and less on the text. Allow yourself to be taken over by the production and just have fun with it. Not everything has to be explained … surrender to the madness!” She explained that the show is in a way attempting to turn a passive audience into an active one, startling their senses so that they cannot just sit back and absorb. This was not only a challenge for the audience, but the actors as well. Hession explained that the actors had to remember that, “the text is not what should be placed at the center of this production. Rather it is the style of the play that we try to high­light.” She continued, “once you convince yourself that you can let go of that stress the entire process becomes much easier and you focus more on simply being constantly present.”

Attendees of PTT’s production of “Spurt of Blood” are certain to be exposed to a new theater experience.

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No longer a passive audience

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

"Spurt of Blood" is absolutely ridiculous in the most fantastic way. It was easily the most fun I have had in the theatre in quite a while.

Upon entrance, one expects to be handed a program and seated around the stage for a passive, albeit emotional or maybe hysterical evening of entertainment. This is what an audience member expects — to be entertained. We want to have other people get up and act out our greatest tragedies and triumphs, and to feel something in the process. We expect them to question our values and give us a glimpse of society. But we always know that no matter what, they're on the stage and we're in the chairs. This is accepted. This is expected. It's The Theatre after all.

This is precisely what Artaud was attempting to abolish. And I'm here to tell you, if that's the intent of this production, it succeeds. I can't begin to describe the plot, which, though present, is altogether unimportant. This experience is not about telling a story, but instead about using the idea of theatre to bring emotions and thoughts to an audience without one. If theatre is about experience, then this should be its calling card.

Beyond the set (fluid) costumes (bizarre) and text (nice...really) stand the actors, who are the pillar of this show. They are so committed that, as the absurdity rises, you somehow trust them to keep it all in control. This is a show that could easily get lost, become a farce or leave the viewer stranded in a sea of confusion, but they never falter. As an audience member, I felt safe letting them guide me across the stage (at moments literally) as the show raged on.

It ran about 38 minutes, start to finish. I laughed, gasped, and I let myself be open to this archetype of "theatre of the cruelty." But I am pretty sure that through the entire show, I was smiling. Bottom line, you don't have to be a theatre aficionado to understand the show. It's not about being understood. And you should go.

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Jets Favre expected to play this weekend

Associated Press

Neither Brett Favre nor quarterback Chad Pennington appeared out of sync at times, and the Jets believe both would be available for the upcoming game against the Miami Dolphins.

"They're just understanding him and I think we have a good plan in place to keep them out whenever guys get injured, so I feel pretty comfortable with the process," Mangini said. "And I know that if there's an injury that's going to definitely play." Favre said he gave some treatment on the ankle when the team arrived home early Monday night, but Favre said after the game that he is healthy.

New York cut the deficit to 19-13 on Laveranues Coles' 3-yard touchdown catch early in the fourth quarter. Pennington tried to catch the Chargers off guard by trying an on-side kick. After Pennington fumbled, Wallace Wright got his hands on the ball but lost it and San Diego recovered. Five plays later, the Chargers made it a 10-point game and Mangini was roundly criticized for the call after the game.

"In that situation, you can definitely do it again if it was the same situation," Mangini said. "We'd have to run the same play as well as we should've." The Jets also gave up the presence of run-stopping nose tackle Kris Jenkins, who left in the first quarter with a back injury. San Diego finished with 100 yards on the ground and were able to convert on third down numerous times late in the game. "There were times (Monday) night when we thought Kris could come back in," Mangini said. "It just didn't get to the point where we were ready to do that. He was close, definitely, throughout the course of the game, so I'm hoping with time and treatment, that he'll move along pretty well."

Twin pitcher Francisco Liriano pitches against the Rays during the second inning in Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Twins and Sox ready to go

MINNEAPOLIS — Neither one of them is used to being the underdog, but the Minnesota Twins have been playing like contenders over the past month. They're determined to change that during the final week of the regular season.

The White Sox will bring a 2-17 record when they visit the AL Central over the Twins to a potential ALwild-card playoff Tuesday for the start of a three-game series that should, finally, define the process of a developing race.

"We're in first place, so we need to act like a first-place team and go play like one," said pitcher lefty Mark Buehrle, who will take the mound on Wednesday. "Minnesota is glad to be back, after playing 24 of the past 27 games on the road and going 9-15 in that stretch. The Twins are 49-26 at the Metrodome this year, with a 3.25 staff ERA under the bubble compared to 5.14 on the road.

"We're ready for it. We're going to go home to try to say hard," said Twins left-hander Francisco Liriano, who won't pitch in the series after allowing one run in seven innings of work against the Tampa Bay Rays.

"It's like you have a turnover for a touchdown," said Mangini. "That was the case in the first half, some positive drives punctuated by the turnovers. Whenever you have that happen, it's not going to go well for you.

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Paterno hopes to return to sideline at Penn State.

Paterno's name has been on the injury report, but coach Paterno's first-round draft pick from spending time with the St. Louis Rams starting quarterback role.

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QB Quinn could start for Browns

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Maybe it was fitting that Derek Anderson spent his day off at an adoption center for cats and dogs. Cleveland's starting quarterback is on a short leash.

With his team off to a disturbing 0-3 start, Browns coach Romeo Crennel is considering personnel changes and may bench Anderson for popular backup Brady Quinn.

Anderson, who made the Pro Bowl last season while leading Cleveland to 10 wins, has thrown just two touchdown passes and five interceptions in Cleveland's losses to Dallas, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. He enters this week's game at Cincinnati with a 43.5 quarterback rating — only Kansas City's Tyler Thigpen's 38.3 is worse.

Anderson expects to start against the Bengals. However, if he struggles, he won't finish. He has run out of time.

"I can play better. I know that," Anderson said Tuesday outside the Cleveland Animal Protective League. "It's been frustrating because I've put a lot into it and it's not gone perfect. I'm not making excuses, but it hasn't been what we've all expected it to be. You watch film and it's a few things here and there: a missed throw, a dropped pass.

"It's never going to be perfect, but we thought we would have won at least one or two games so far. I understand it, and I'm just going to continue to keep working, knowing that we're still in this and we just have to find a way to get going."

Wearing a protective sleeve wrap over a bruised right arm, Anderson didn't appear to be nervous about losing his job. He was typically laid-back and approachable as he toured the facility and mingled with volunteers and people adopting animals. At one point, he dropped down on the floor to play with a pair of adorable brown Labradors before they were taken home by delighted new owners.

On Monday, Crennel informed the Browns that he was evaluating every position and that changes could be forthcoming. Anderson didn't need to be told. Pressing to make big plays, he has made poor throws and bad decisions for an injury-riddled offense that has scored a league-low 26 points.

And if Anderson doesn't improve quickly, Crennel will have no choice but to turn things over to Quinn, who will get more repetitions in practice this week with the first-team offense.

"Regardless of the situation, I always put a lot of pressure on myself," said Anderson, who went 14-of-37 for 125 yards with three interceptions on Sunday. "I take it as he (Quinn) is trying to take my job every week. Maybe it's too much pressure I put on myself, but that's just kind of the way I've always thought about it, even in college when I knew I was going to play.

"Anytime you get comfortable, you have to remind yourself that that guy's chasing you."
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Quack

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"We did what we came out here to do," Bishop said.

Bishop, who played quarterback for the Ducks (1-1), attributed her team's offensive success to a lot of short passes that helped them spread out the Pyros (0-1) defense.

"We didn't just go for the big plays, we tried to work the entire field," Bishop said.

Though Bishop threw for three touchdown passes, she was just as effective running the ball, creating multiple opportunities for the offense by throwing on the run or by tucking in the ball and taking it up the field herself.

Howard's defense was equally impressive, sacking Pyros quarterback Caitlin Robinson four times and intercepting her once. By generating a consistent pass rush, they did not allow the sophomore signal-caller to get into a good rhythm.

On the other sideline, Pasquerilla East now has a good idea of how it can improve for next week.

Though the Pyros got on the board with an early touchdown, they just couldn't keep up with Howard. The Pyros defense stayed on the field for most of the game, as short offensive drives gave them little time to rest. Captain Tara Pillai said the team was disappointed, but that it was only their first game and the squad should be better prepared next week.

"We need more consistency on offense and with our defensive pass coverage," Pillai said.

Pillai stood out in an otherwise unimpressive Pyros offense. As Robinson's favorite target, Pillai kept multiple Pasquerilla East drives alive on third and fourth downs.

Cavanaugh 0, Pasquerilla West 0

Neither the Purple Weasels nor the Chaos could emerge victorious from a defensive showdown as the teams battled to a tie Tuesday night.

Both offenses struggled as neither team could move the ball down the field effectively or sustain a drive.

Cavanaugh (1-0-1) came the closest to breaking the deadlock. After a punt return deep into Purple Weasels (0-0-1) territory, Chaos captain Katie Dunn connected with freshman receiver Brittni Alexander in the corner of the end zone, but Alexander was ruled out of bounds.

Dunn disagreed with the call.

"I don't see how a ref could miss a call that badly," Dunn said. "She clearly dragged her feet in the end zone."
**Offense**

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first three games (and) we've had more success throwing the ball than running the ball," he said. "But you can't make a living — you can't make a living just being one-dimensional in football."

Given the option of continuing with that balance despite recent struggles of the running game or converting to a more pass-heavy offense, Weis said the rushing offense takes pressure off the quarterback and prevents defenses from keying on the passing game.

"I always believe that it makes things a heck of a lot easier on the quarterback if you can run the ball. It makes it a lot easier," the coach said. "When defensive linemen can just pin their ears back and know you were throwing on every down, you're usually putting yourself at risk."

When asked whether it would be easier to run the ball with one solid back rather than three, Weis drew his answer from the NFL game between the Jets and the Chargers Monday night. Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson, he said, was the best, but their change-of-pace back, Darren Sproles, posed a threat every time he got in the game.

"When they give him the ball, it's not like giving it to LaDainian," he said. "LaDainian is one of the best but when that little guy gets in there you better look out because every time he touches it, he may be taking it to the house."

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**Interhall**

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That drive aside, the game was dominated by both defenses. The Chaos secondary was outstanding from start to finish, intercepting three passes and swatting down balls all night.

"We played signature Cavanaugh defense tonight," defensive lineman Jessica Mahon said.

Archived by Mahon, the Chaos recorded two sacks and pressured Purple Weasel quarterback Cara Davies into countless rushed throws.

The Pasquerilla West defense was just as stingy, stifling the usually potent Chaos offense.

Defensive lineman Jordan Johnson put on a clinic, recording two sacks and pressuring Dunn on every play.

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McGlinn declares Lions; Howard extinguishes Pyros

By SHANE STEINBURG, BOBBY GRAHAM and CHRIS MASODU
Sports Writers

McGlinn, Lyons 6

The McGlinn Shamrocks put a disappointing loss in Week One behind them with a 14-6 victory over the Lyons Lions Tuesday night.

The Shamrocks (1-1) offense looked like the Lions pass rush for much of the game, giving quarterback Sarah deGroot more than enough time to find an open receiver. deGroot made the most of her opportunities, connecting with wide receiver Jen Fedyna for two touchdowns.

The Lions (1-1) defense appeared out of time and gave up too many short completions early on. On offense, miscommunication and frequent breakdowns in the pocket hindered any attempts at scoring until the closing moments of the game.

McGlinn put together three impressive drives in the first half, but only managed to score once as a turnover and the half cut their other series short.

In the second half, it was the Shamrocks defense that stepped up, sacking Lions quarterback Claire Connell four times.

"We forced some errant passes with our pass rush and that made everything else fall in place," McGlinn co-defensive coordinator Craig Wilborg said.

The Shamrocks used an effective passing game to maintain control of the ball for much of the game. Fedyna caught two touchdowns passes, despite having no reception in McGlinn's first game, and the offensive line protected deGroot all night.

For Lyons, Tuesday's loss was extremely disappointing following a completely one-sided win in the team's opener.

"It was a team loss that started with the coaches. We didn't put them in a spot to be successful," coach Matt Gelbston said. For McGlinn, however, the reaction couldn't have been more different.

"Our entire team came out today and executed," McGlinn head coach Keith Greany said. "We had great ball control and our team really improved over our first game."

Howard 20, Pasquerella East 6

Come into her team's game Tuesday night against Pasquerella East, Howard captain Kayla Bishop said the Ducks were looking to prove themselves. On Tuesday night, they did just that with a 20-6 win over the Pyros.

Notre Dame junior tight end runs through a drill during an Irish practice on Aug. 23. Coach Charlie Weis said Yeatman will not play Saturday against Purdue, without him. So you have to see that covered on both ends," Weis said.

Weis also said the passing game, while effective in the first three games, cannot carry the offense. He would much rather have a balanced offense instead, as he said.

"You look at the tape at the other series short."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad picks up home win over Kalamazoo

SMC upperclassmen lead the unit in kills

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Junior tight end Will Yeatman will not play this weekend against Purdue and will not suit up until his "matter is resolved."

Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his weekly press conference.

Yeatman and freshman center Mike Golic Jr. were arrested this weekend at an off-campus party on Calfax Ave. Police charged Yeatman with minor consumption of alcohol, false informing and resisting arrest, and charged Golic with minor consumption of alcohol.

"Any other action as it relates to team rules, including the situation with Mike Golic, will be handled by me," Weis said.

Weis said both players will participate in practice.

The situation's delicacy, Weis said, requires him to act with some degree of compassion.

"I think I try to treat these kids similar to if I were talking to Charlie (Weis, Jr.)," Weis said.

"As you go through growing pains, you know, you just try to educate and teach and let them know that you weren't perfect when you were going through the growing experience yourself."

Weis said it is not his role to judge the players' actions but rather to provide support.

"I think the most important thing is to just look out for the interest of the kids and the team and the University," Weis said.

At the tight end position, Weis said Joseph Fauria's playing time will increase due to the loss of Yeatman.

"As a matter of fact, today, instead of practicing on the scout team he'll be practicing with the big boys," Weis said.

Freshman Kyle Rudolph currently tops the depth chart at tight end.

The loss of Yeatman, who caught six passes for two yards and played primarily as a run-blocker, won't hamper the team's blocking schemes.

"We're ready to go with him or without him. So you have to see that covered on both ends," Weis said.

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