Margaret series exploring the role of men at Saintion — which Poorman called Wednesday's Senate meeting.

Affairs Father Mark Poorman short- and long-term future share his vision for both the sleeves, then proceeded to a smiling Poorman took off his jacket and rolled up his Arts for Students Chambers had spent the weekend in New Orleans at an Advanced Placement Testing conference and were scheduled to fly out Sunday. With the storm approaching, their flight was canceled and the two women were forced to wait out Katrina and remain in their hotel — the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at 500 Canal Street — two blocks from the river and one block from the French Quarters. Communicating with the College in brief and sporadic e-mails since Monday, Zachman and Chambers said a hotel generator provided occasional internet access.

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Dear Diary

I've kept a journal since I was in the fourth grade. Now that I am nearly twenty years old, the notebooks fill up half a bookshelf in my bedroom.

Looking back on them provides a glimpse of what used to matter and what actually does. And I realize how quickly things can change.

When I was ten, I wrote about how much fun my friends and I had on the school bus. I wrote about my favorite books and family vacations. And I spent many, many pages writing about Matt Peppercorn — the 'hot' eighth-grader who I loved from afar — behind glasses, braces and a shy smile.

In high school I wrote about new friends, old friends, lost friends. I wrote about getting my driver's license and getting in my first car accident — and laughing with friends until I could hardly breathe. Senior year I thought a lot about the future. The thought of change was frightening. I filled pages with questions: What college should I go to? What if I miss home too much? How will I say goodbye? When Matt Peppercorn didn't deserve to win the spelling bee... And I wrote that down, too.

In hindsight, I realize how unimportant so many things I spent worrying about really are. And I wonder what actually  really does. And I realize how quickly things can change.

Mary Kate Malone
News Production Editor

Saiit Mary's students explore different activities at Activities Night in the new student center Wednesday night.

OFFBEAT

Briton finds venemous centipede in house

LONDON — Aaron Balick expected to find a tiny mouse rustling behind the TV in his apartment. Instead, he found a venomous giant centipede that somehow hitched a ride from South America to Britain.

"Thinking it was a mouse, I went to investigate the sound. The sound was coming from under some papers which I lifted, expecting to see the mouse scamper away," said Dr. Balick, a 32-year-old psychotherapist.

Instead, he took it to Britain's Natural History Museum, which identified the centipede as a Scolopendra gigantea — the world's biggest species of centipede.

Police find shooting is only a movie

ST. PAUL — A gory scene staged for a low-budget horror movie proved a little too realistic for police. When officers were called to the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood on a report of a shooting Sunday night about a possible shooting, they found a parked car with what looked like real brain matter and blood on the front seat, dashboard and windows — but no victim.

Police began knocking on doors and found Lance Hendrickson, the car's owner. He was OK.

The scene had been staged by Hendrickson, 23, and his friends for their horror movie, "Summer School," said told officers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The Office of International Studies is joining forces with the International Student Services and Activities Office to launch the first annual Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale to sell handicrafts from around the world on campus during International Education Week in November. Students interested in volunteering can attend the organizational meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Coalition Lounge on the 2nd Floor of LaFortune.

ND Cinema will host the critically acclaimed documentary "Murderabilia," about quad rugby Team USA's bid in the 2004 Paralympics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema Friday and Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m.

Tickets are $5 for family and staff and $3 for all students.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Florida Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Texas at 5 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center.

The Alumni Association will host a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124 of the Center for Social Concerns.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play Maryland Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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The third technological goal, the wireless network in the residence halls, should be completed this spring along with the cell phone reception, Poorman said.

But he was quick to point out the downside of the new developments - construction in the residence halls.

"We might all brace ourselves for a little inconvenience," Poorman said.

In addition to these three concrete projects, Poorman discussed several larger goals originating from Student Affairs, most currently in the research stage.

With plans to build four new dorms on the horizon, the quality of residence life is one theme.

"We've gone from the big strategic plan to the Future of Residence Life Plan to the Residence Master Plan," Firth said.

While no date has been assigned for the beginning of construction on the new dorms, Firth said the University is now dealing with the "nuts and bolts" of the project.

Poorman said construction was contingent on how long it takes to raise the money through a capital campaign.

Another long-term goal is Residential Scholars, which Poorman described as "a real simple, low maintenance" pilot program being tested in St. Edward's and Welsh Family Halls, designed to increase faculty-student relationships outside of the classroom.

In addition, task forces have been established to examine graduate and professional student needs, the spiritual lives and needs of students, residence hall staff training and recruitment, employer perspectives of Notre Dame students and graduates, and student gambling.

"Gambling has become a huge issue on college campuses," Poorman said.

"We're beginning to see the hints of gambling problems.

And since I teach undergraduates, I think it's safe to say there's probably a significant gender divide on this issue.

While he did not classify Notre Dame students' gambling habits as a crisis, Poorman said he hoped to follow the lead of other universities and "try to be slightly ahead of the issue."

The Stepan Center is yet another aspect of Poorman's plan. He said he wants to see the easily recognizable building replaced with "a more serviceable facility."

Soon, he expects to have "a very preliminary rendering of what the building might look like."

Poorman was also quick to praise Student Government representatives, especially student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell, for their ongoing dedication and hard work on initiatives like the Gender Relations Center, the TRANSPO deal, the NDBay acquisition and the upcoming inauguration for University President Father John Jenkins.

"These people have not been sleeping, I want you to know," Poorman said.

In seven years, no administration has hit the ground running as well as David and Lizzi.

And the University is running right alongside them. When Poorman came to the end of his outline, he seemed to be searching for something more to add.

"I guess other than that, there's not much going on," he said, laughing.

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Hurricane

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access and some light.

"All the windows [of the hotel] are gone, but we are in the inner core and will probably be OK but wet in the end," the pair wrote Monday. "The building shook a few times when it was hit by something, but EMT have inspected and feel we are safe here still, or at least safer." Later Monday, after the eye of the storm had passed, Zachman and Chambers wrote again to assure colleagues of their safety and expressed gratitude.

"There is major debris in the street, lots of windows broken, trees uprooted, a few crushed cars that we can see," they wrote.

The hotel staff had been "magical" toward its stranded guests, the women said, and had provided food.

Saint Mary's Italian department chair Nancy D'Antuono, who spoke with Zachman by phone at 5 p.m. Tuesday, said the two women had been instructed to fill their bathtub with water before the storm hit and to use it for hygienic purposes.

"They are hardly in the most elegant circumstances," D'Antuono said. "They were in good spirits, they were just tired of the heat, the worry, and the uncertainty."

They hoped to be able to leave the city soon either by plane or bus by Wednesday morning, the women said.

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* Andrew Stanfield
and John Cogill (10:50-11:10)
* Sean McCarthy (11:15-11:35)
* Robbie Hazen (11:40-12:00)
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several hallways."

But despite the apparent advantages of DirecTV and other satellite television systems, some students have decided the better picture quality and wide range of programming do not outweigh the hassle.

"O’Grady Jr. graduated from Dillon Hall last year when he split the cost of a satellite television system with approximately ten other people from his dorm. I decided not to because it was such a pain in the a.m. I’ve never been to

for the game."

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roommates. Smith recently purchased

a DirecTV package

" Personally, I believe

the dishes are unsightly and detract from

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"I consider to see the Irish play in

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"It will be great to be a guest in a
different football atmosphere
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Men
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campus and you are maybe one of
only a handful of guys walking
around with a campus full of girls.
You get stares, and I’m sure most of the girls are won­
dering why I’m there."

Sylvester, a history major at Notre Dame, is also a social studies secondary education student at Saint Mary’s. He decided to enroll in Saint Mary’s when the College when he realized Notre Dame does not have an education certification program which would allow him to become a high school teacher when he graduates.

Sylvester has taken six courses at Saint Mary’s, and said after taking so many he feels more “comfortable” in the all­

female campus environment. 

"I definitely feel unout­

bored, but I wouldn’t say over­

whelmed. Most, if not all of

the women that I’ve met at Saint Mary’s have been easy to talk to and get along with. I proba­

bly got stared at a bit walking around, but not so much in a bad way."

Senior Shane Larson, who has taken anatomy and is cur­

rently enrolled in a biochemistry

course at the College, also said that while men “just used to” the shock of all-women’s classes, a being in man­

all female science classes does not usually present any hardship.

“There aren’t any real chal­

lenges, except that you will be noticed by all the students and the professors at all times, so you have to prepare yourself and have pride in your work always,” said Larson.

Sylvester said he chose to take classes at Saint Mary’s because the College has a “good anato­

my program and labs that help teach the material well.” He also said he got mixed reac­
tions to his taking classes at the school, including misconcep­
tions about the curriculum at Saint Mary’s.

"A lot of people think it’s funny that I’m taking classes at Saint Mary’s and many ND people think that the classes at SMC are much easier than ones offered at Notre Dame,” he said. "I feel that the academics at SMC are the same as that of Notre Dame.”

Larson also said the faculty plays a key role in his class­

es and their involvement with students.

"I think classes at Saint Mary’s is a great opportunity to teach better and get more individual and group confidence. They have a lot of classes that we, at Notre Dame, don’t have or offer,” Larson said. "I have a higher opinion of SMC and feel that it is a benefit to me twice now. I never really saw the campus before and now realize how nice it is."

West said it was the people at Saint Mary’s that made his experience at the school worthwhile recommending to others.

"I met two best friends at SMC and have had countless experiences that I will remember

for the rest of my life, as well as be able to take into the rest of my life," he said.

West said he likes the class­

room dynamic at Saint Mary’s, and not just because he is sur­

rounded by women.

"I like the smaller, more per­

sonable classes,” he said. “It works well, especially for teach­ing education classes. The profes­sors usually get to know each of the students and get involved not only in classwork, but also their lives during the time in college.”

However, West also said he feels that by taking classes at Saint Mary’s, he may be more eligible to become a male college profes­sor. He will be teaching in

the College when he realizes Notre Dame does not have an education certification program which would allow him to become a high school teacher when he graduates.
Disease killing South Asian children

HANOI - A Japanese encephalitis outbreak that has killed hundreds of children in northern India and Nepal in recent weeks has no cure or effective treatment, it is easily preventable, but the necessary vaccines are simply not available to millions.

The disease has overwhelmed hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, since an outbreak began there last month. More than 400 have died and about 1,100 others remain hospitalized. Blinding headaches, seizures, nausea and high fever follow.

Last week in the state capital of Lucknow, arickshaw driver's 6-year-old son died in his father's arms, gasping for breath outside a government hospital. There were no beds and not enough doctors to help in the overcrowded facility.

North Korea pushes propaganda

SEOUL, South Korea - North Koreans are flocking to their capital to view performances of a mass gymnastics event that is the highlight of government propaganda efforts aimed at inspiring support for the Kim dynasty.

Some 300,000 people have traveled on special trains and buses to watch what the North calls a "mass game" that opened Aug. 15, the 60th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule.

With 100,000 performers, the event features synchronized acrobatics against the backdrop of an entire side of a stadium being used as a mosaic where children turn colored pages in books to form giant pictures and animation.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush warns recovery could take years

WASHINGTON - President Bush pledged Wednesday to do "all in our power" to save lives and provide sustenance to uncounted victims of Hurricane Katrina but cautioned that the effects of the Gulf Coast will take years.

"We're dealing with one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history," he said at the White House after breaking off a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., to view the devastation from Air Force One.

With a vast federal relief effort grinding into gear, he added: "The Pentagon, meanwhile, began moving one of the largest search-and-rescue operations in U.S. history, sending four Navy ships with drinking water and other emergency supplies, along with the hospital ship USNS Comfort, search helicopters and elite SEAL water-rescue teams. American Red Cross workers from across the country converged on the devastated region in the agency's biggest-ever relief operation.

Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast on Monday just east of New Orleans with howling, 145-mile wind. The disaster has reached at least 110 in Mississippi alone. But the full magnitude of the disaster had been unclear for days; Louisiana has been putting aside the counting of the dead to concentrate on rescuing the living, many of whom were trapped on roofs and in attics.

New Orleans mayor: thousands dead

If the mayor's estimate holds true, it would make Katrina the nation's deadliest hurricane since 1900, when a storm in Galveston, Texas, killed between 6,000 and 12,000 people. The death toll in the San Francisco earthquake and the resulting fire has been put at anywhere from 300 to 4,000.

State officials said the mayor's figure seemed plausible.

"I hope it is false," New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said. "We've had reports there are casualties. You all can run the math.""

A full day after the Big Easy thought it had escaped Katrina's full fury, two levees broke and spilled water into the streets Tuesday, swelling an estimated 80 percent of the bowl-shaped, below-sea-level city and inundating miles and miles of property.

"You have a limited number of resources, for an unknown number of evacuees. It's already been several days. You've had reports there are casualties. You all can run the math," he said.

IRAQ

Hundreds of Shiite pilgrims die in stampede

BAGHDAD - Panicked by rumors of a suicide bomber, thousands of Shiites pilgrims broke into a stampede on a bridge during a religious procession Wednesday, crushing one another or plunging 30 feet into the muddy Tigris river. About 800 died, mostly women and children, officials said.

Hundreds of lost sandals littered the two-lane bridge while children and adults were still floundering in the muddy river, trying to reach dry land. The tragedy was the latest in a string of life-claims in Iraq since the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

"We didn't see a suicide attacker, but someone was among the crowd," said Fadhel All, 28, barefoot and soaking wet on the riverbank. "Everybody was yelling, so I jumped from the bridge into the river, swam and reached the boat. I saw women, children and old men falling after me into the water."

The crowd was on its way because of the 110-degree heat, a mortar barrage near the Shiite shrine where they were headed and the ever-pres­ent fear of suicide bombers, echoed into memories after repeated attacks against large religious gatherings.

Seven people died in the mortar barrage three hours before the stampede, the U.S. military said.

Police later said they found no explosives at the bridge — either on any individual or in any cars parked nearby. Instead, poor crowd control and the climate of fear in Iraq after years of bullets, bombings and bloodshed appeared largely to have caused the horrific carnage.

Marchers jammed up at a checkpoint at the western edge of the Imam mosque, which has been closed to civilians for months to prevent movement by extremists between the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah and the Sunni district of Azamiyah across the river.

"This tragedy was the direct result of terrorism; hundreds of innocent people, mostly women and children, have died because of the fear and panic that terrorists are sowing in Iraq," NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said in a statement.

Defense Minister Sadoun al-Dalulmi, a Sunni, said three suicide bombers were stopped Wednesday some distance from the shrine, but "blew themselves up before reaching their destination."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said in Washington that he was not aware of any evidence that the stampede on the bridge was caused by a suicide bombing.
Health threats grow for New Orleans hurricane victims

Associated Press

As a public health catastrophe unfolded Wednesday in New Orleans, hospitals in the Crescent City sank further into disaster, airlifting babies without their parents to other states and struggling with more sick people appearing at their doors.

Dangerous, unsanitary conditions spread across the city, much of which now sits in a murky stew of germs.

The federal government declared a public health emergency for the Gulf Coast region, promising 40 medical centers with up to 10,000 beds and thousands of doctors and nurses for the hurricane-ravaged area.

In a stunning example of how desperate the situation has become, 25 babies who had been in a makeshift neonatal intensive care unit at New Orleans' Ochsner Clinic were airlifted Wednesday to hospitals in Houston, Baton Rouge, La., and Birmingham, Ala. Many were hooked up to battery-operated breathing machines keeping them alive.

Their parents had been forced to evacuate and leave the infants behind; by late in the day, most if not all had been contacted and told where their babies were being taken, said hospital spokeswoman Katherine Voss.

"We actually encouraged them to leave. It would just be more people to evacuate if there was a need," Voss said.

Officials were trying to evacuate 10,000 people — patients, staff and refugees — out of nine hospitals battling floodwaters or using generators running low on fuel. About 300 people were stranded on the roof of one two-story hospital in the New Orleans suburb of Chalmette.

Yet even as they tried to evacuate, many hospitals faced an onslaught of new patients — people with injuries and infections caused by the storm, people plucked from rooftops who are dehydrated, dialysis and cancer patients in need of their regular chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

"We have thousands of people who are getting ill ... our hospitals need to be prepared to take care of the incoming sick," said Colletta Barrett of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

Only about 150 patients were able to be evacuated Wednesday from all nine New Orleans hospitals, said Knox Andress, an emergency room nurse in Shreveport, La. He is regional coordinator for a federal emergency preparedness grant covering the state and is involved in helping place evacuees in other hospitals.

"We're ready for patients and we can't get them. We just can't get them out," he said.

The government said dozens of medical disaster teams from nearby states were moving into hard-hit areas.

"We've identified 2,600 beds in hospitals in the 12-state area. In addition to that, we've identified 40,000 beds nationwide, should they be needed," said Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt.

Storm survivors, particularly in New Orleans where floodwaters remain, face a cauldron of infectious agents, public health experts said.

"You can think of floodwaters as diluted sewage," said Mark Sobsey, a professor of environmental microbiology at the University of North Carolina. Whatever infections people carry go into sewage and can be expected to show up in floodwaters. That includes common diarrheal germs including hepatitis A and Norwalk virus.

"We are greatly concerned about the potential for cholera, typhoid and dehydrating diseases that could come as a result of the stagnant water and the conditions," said Leavitt.

However, officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health experts said cholera and typhoid are not considered to be high risks in the area. CDC officials suggested Leavitt was simply mentioning examples of diseases that could arise from contaminated food and water.

Some experts said worries about catching illnesses from being near dead animals or human bodies are somewhat overblown.

"People who are alive can give you a whole lot more diseases than people who are dead," said Richard Garfield, a Columbia University professor of international clinical nursing who helped coordinate medical care in Indonesia after the tsunami.

Mosquito-borne diseases may start to emerge within days. West Nile virus and dengue fever are both potential risks following a situation like the one in coastal Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Officials also cited carbon monoxide poisoning risks to people using generators and stoves.

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Gas prices soar in aftermath of Katrina

Government may loan oil, relax environmental restrictions; motorists in dilemma

### In Brief

**Grand jury indicts drug companies**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A federal grand jury indicted three businesses and 11 people Wednesday in an alleged conspiracy to sell $42 million worth of counterfeit, stolen and illegally imported prescription drugs, including the popular cholesterol drug Lipitor.


According to the indictment, the defendants acquired the drugs from a number of sources, repackaged them in counterfeit bottles and then sold them through wholesalers and retailers, often using fake documents to hide the illegal activity.

Food and Drug Administration agent Larry Lytton said officials had no reports of ill health effects from the drugs. More than likely, the patients expected, he said.

**Airlines cancel southern flights**

ATLANTA — Some major carriers have canceled flights to the New Orleans and Gulfport, Miss., airports — popular destinations battered by Hurricane Katrina.

The efforts to collect money and goods to help the Gulf Coast rebuild gathered momentum Wednesday as officials continued assessing the damage from one of the nation's worst natural disasters.

“Every little bit is going to help,” said analyst John Kilduff at Fimat USA Group. “But how bad the situation becomes for motorists, who are facing mounting financial pressure for the airlines can cancel southern flights

**Government may loan oil, relax environmental restrictions; motorists in dilemma**

**Associated Press**

Gas prices leaped nationwide Wednesday as key refineries and pipelines remained closed by Hurricane Katrina, cutting supplies and leading to caps on the amount of fuel delivered to retailers.

To boost supplies, the U.S. government said it would loan oil to refineries facing shortages and relax environmental restrictions on the type of gasoline sold during summer. Crude futures prices fell but remained close to $60 a barrel.

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Legislators end impeachment

Associated Press

MANILA — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's congressional allies dealt a major blow Wednesday to efforts to oust her, using their dominating majority — and the opposition's absence — to toss out all three impeachment complaints against her.

Opposition legislators cried foul and warned that the country's third "people power" revolt loomed. They watched the events unfold on TV, like the rest of the country, after walking out a day earlier from the House justice department committee hearing on the complaints.

But despite clashes between riot police and anti-Arroyo demonstrators outside Congress that injured 11 protesters, there was little sign that allegations of Arroyo rigging last year's elections — or masses — that fueled the country is now on life support because the issues would not be foreclosed.

The opposition held slim hopes that getting 29 signatures — one-third of the House of Representatives — that are needed to send the case directly to the Senate for trial. It claims it is six signatures short.

The committee vote culminated two rancorous days, starting with Tuesday's walkout. The opposition claimed the case was being killed unfairly, without getting a real hearing, on the strength of the administration dominance in the House.

Arroyo's allies first voted to exclude two of the three impeachment complaints, including one crafted by the opposition accusing her of three major offenses, including betraying the public trust.

That left the original complaint, which is widely considered to be the weakest — and which the opposition claims was crafted two months ago by Arroyo allies as a safeguard against possible impeachment. Only one impeachment charge can be filed against an official in a year.

After rejecting suggestions that the complaint was legally faulty, the committee voted 49-1 that it could not be pursued legally, in part because it would require using illegal wiretaps as evidence.

"We finally seem to be dealing with the real issues, the issues that motivated the marches," said pro-Arroyo Rep. Teodoro Casiano. "This is a brazen attempt to push a political agenda that is of no merit at all.

Pro-Arroyo lawmakers broke into applause, some shaking each other's hands.

The opposition fumed. "This is the saddest day perhaps in Congress," said leftist Rep. Teodoro Casiano. "This is a political witch hunt." The people have no other choice but to take to the streets because that is the only place we can resolve all these questions raised here."

Police video showed police pushing back rain-soaked protesters with fiberglass shields and hitting them with wooden truncheons, including women sprawled on the road. A protester, blood oozing from his head, was escorted away by companions. Some demonstrators fought back with stones.

Popular television angel Eddie Villanueva, a failed presidential candidate, urged the opposition to exhaust constitutional means of pressing the charges against Arroyo, but warned that people would have no recourse but to take to the streets if the charges were dismissed on a technicality. "If they kill this — the fight of the people — we will take to the streets because that is the only place we can resolve all these issues," Villanueva said.

The tragedy highlighted the plight of growing immigrant populations and the precarious conditions in which an estimated two million people live in France.

On Friday, another blaze in a Left Bank building killed 17 African immigrants, including 14 children. Four months earlier, a fire in a budget hotel killed 24 people, mainly immigrants.

Officials were quick to pledge action after the latest fire.

"Money is not an issue in this affair," Housing Minister Jean-Louis Borloo told France-Info radio. "We just have organization problems, problems with speed. This takes time, and it's complex."

In a commentary in the daily newspaper Ouest France, Mayor Bertrand Delanoë suggested Monday's disaster could have been avoided because the building was officially classified as "irreparably unfit" in July 2002.
Robert opposes O'Connor on key issues

Supreme court candidate will be deciding vote on abortion, campaign finance, religion

"When people say there will be seismic change in affirmative action and religion, I think that's just smoke."

Richard Barnett

Notre Dame law professor

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detainees have started a new
charge or access to lawyers.

Alleged terrorists demand trial through hunger strikes

SAN JUAN — Scores of
detainees have started a new
hunger strike at the U.S.
prison for terror suspects in
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,
demanding to be put on trial
or released, human rights
lawyers said Wednesday.

Most were captured in the
Afghanistan war, suspected of
Taliban regime that sheltered
the terrorist network.

The hunger-striking
detainees allege the Pentagon
reneged on promises to bring
the detention camp into com-
pliance with Geneva
Conventions if they ended a
hunger strike this summer
involving up to 200 of the 500-
plus detained men from some
40 countries, the New York-
based Center for Constitutional
Rights said.

The military said only 32
prisoners were involved in the
first strike. An attorney with
the center, Gitanjali Gutierrez
said the Pentagon "hid evi-
dence of the hunger strike and
prisoner abuse from visiting
senators and the public."

"Prisoners are now prepared
to die in an effort to receive a
fair hearing and humane
 treatment," Gutierrez said.

Spokesmen for the detention
mission at Guantanamo could
not immediately be reached for
comment. Several tele-
phones in the public affairs
office there rang without
response. There was no imme-
diate response to e-mail mes-
sages. A Pentagon spokesman
referred a reporter to the mili-
tary's Miami-based Southern
Command, which said com-
ment could come only directly
from Guantnamo.

Detainee Binyam "Benjamin"
Mohammed al-Habashi said
the military promised that if
they stopped the June-July
hunger strike "they would
bring the prison into compli-
ance with the Geneva
Conventions."

That strike ended July 28,
but nothing had changed by
Aug. 11, said Mohammed, an
Ethiopian refugee detained in
Pakistan in 2002.

Mohammed said some 150
detainees began refusing
meals at the beginning of
August and were joined by
another 60 on Aug. 11. He told
his lawyer he had planned to
start his fast Aug. 12.

"I do not plan to stop until I
either die or we are released.
People will definitely die," he
said.

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BESLAN — Anguished relatives of children killed in a school siege a year ago said Wednesday the pain of seeing the footage that learn from the tragedy and they warned persistent corruption has left open the door to future terrorist attacks in the future.

"This isn't connected, there will be more terrorist attack like Beslan," said Susan Dzhabrailova, who lost 33 children in the attack and is the mother of 33 more than 300 killed. "We are fighting for the truth."

Her comments came on the eve of ceremonies in a burnt-out gymnasium where the battered stuffed animals mark the first anniversary of the hostage-taking that began Sept. 1, 2004, on the first day of school.

Several mothers of victims have accused Russian President Vladimir Putin's government of obstructing investigations into the attack, saying they were blocked by corrupt officials from official censors to allow them to record security-camera footage of the site. Mamsurov, whose predecessor was dismissed nine months ago because of corruption, said he now does not want or need the footage.

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**Questioning tuition**

The new gateway on Notre Dame Avenue may remind you of the entrance to a national cemetery. But it also reminds students that their University has lots of money, including the 19th largest endowed tuition endowment that raises with the best of them.

This year, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.5 percent. Notre Dame tuition and board (TRB) rose 6.6 percent, from $37,100 to $39,552. Spending from the $3 billion Endowment covers one-sixth of the University’s total expenditures. But student tuition and fee income provides nearly 60 percent of the University’s operating revenue. Since 1999, TRB increased by 39 percent, while the CPI increased by only 16 percent, but the University increased its financial aid by 151 percent. Notre Dame through its excellent Financial Aid office, commits to meet the financial needs of every student, but that generally includes the student’s commitment to take loans, whether federal or private. A loan is “financial aid.”

A 2005 Cato Institute study concluded that increases in federal financial aid enabled universities, beginning around 1980, to expand their research and building programs, relying on federal loans to pass the costs on to students. As federal loan availability rose, the major universities raised their tuition, then lobbied for increased federal loans, then raised tuition, and so on. The loan burden deter[s] non-wealthy students from attending universities that play the tuition game. “At the most selective private universities across the country, more fathers of freshmen are doctors than are hourly workers, teachers, clergy members, farmers or members of the military combined.”

N.Y. Times, April 22, 2004, p. A11. Notre Dame is far from the worst offender. But it has used federal loan programs to expand its plant and to pursue Research Greatness while shifting the cost to students through tuition rises beyond the inflation rate. During the past 18 years, 27 new buildings were erected and 20 major renovations of other buildings took place. The end of the building binge is not in sight. The inevitable high-rise parking garage will symbolize Notre Dame’s transition to a crowded urban-type campus. We lack empirical evidence of any ability of our leaders to make any big donation for any building project.

In 1974-79, when Notre Dame first proclaimed itself “A National Catholic Research University,” the Notre Dame TRB was $5,180. Adjusted for inflation, using the CPI, the 1978-79 total, in 2005 dollars, would now be $15,470. In real money, the TRB is now more than 2-1/2 times what it was when Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Prestige. In 2004-05, the average need-based University scholarship, given to the 44 percent of undergrads who qualified, was $16,740, bringing the total amount a scholarship student had to pay by cash, loans or work, down to $20,340, or $4,920 more than the 1978-79 TRB in real money.

The primary historic mission of Notre Dame was undergraduate education in the Catholic tradition, with research as an essential, complementing, but secondary role. Research, especially in the sciences, is an important part of Notre Dame’s mission. But the research enterprise ought not to be the tail wagging the dog.

Our leaders ask what they see as the best interests of Notre Dame. Any criticism here is of policies, not persons. But the burden of loans, required to finance the research enterprise, tends to compel Notre Dame grads to forego graduate education or community service and to defer marriage. It can make it difficult for those who do marry to remain open to having children.

Notre Dame has been criticized at times for aping the Ivy League. Princeton, however, has a policy that Notre Dame ought to emulate. Princeton informed its incoming class of 2009: “Since … 2001-02 … no Princeton aid student has been required to take out a loan to pay for his or her education. The amount that a student normally would have received is replaced by increased Princeton aid.” Princeton’s "no loan" policy was a bold step in the opposite direction from a national trend whereby student loans had grown to … 60 percent of all aid and a typical student was borrowing nearly $20,000.”

Princeton’s TRB is $28,979. In 2004-05, 68% students, or 52 percent of the Princeton freshmen class, received scholarships averaging $56,100 for a total scholarship aid of $15.9 million. Students can obtain loans to cover unexpected expenses. But the basic aid package is “no loan.”

Princeton is not Notre Dame. It is smaller, with 6,836 students, including 4,678 full-time undergrads. Its endowment in 2004 was $9.9 billion. 3 times Notre Dame’s. Notre Dame, however, has a unique ability in bringing huge sums cascading into its coffers for special purposes. Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, should take the lead to enable its grads to serve the common good, and the good of their families and the Church, without a disabling student debt. To a regrettable degree, Notre Dame is investing instead in bricks, mortar and ostentation.

Notre Dame has a higher purpose. Our leaders ought to consider the Princeton approach.

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“A common mistake that people make when they don’t succeed is to attribute success to something completely foolish in order to underestimate the importance of what they didn’t do right.”

—Douglas Adams
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A 9-3 record
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Solidarity at Notre Dame is more than just a word

I am sure that for many of us the happiness of being back together for a new academic year at Notre Dame has been compromised by the death, suffering and destruction that is currently affecting the people of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. I write to register the situation affecting the people of New Orleans, which is so dramatic because of the indigenous people who are probably most directly affected by this tragedy.

First and foremost, all the names of our students, their friends and many of our alumni. We are mindful, too, of the Alliance for Catholic Education teachers who live and teach in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, and the students, colleagues and families they work with in such a selfless way.

Our Notre Dame Community always finds ways not only to protect people affected by violence and loss in our prayers, but also by sharing our financial resources with them. In past years, we have assisted people affected by the tsunami in Asia, floods in Bangladesh and hurricanes in Haiti. We know that our gift is surely small, and even inadequate, in the face of such need, but we understand that to act with solidarity and compassion for those who suffer enables us to deepen our own sense of discipleship in the life of Jesus, who was always touched by anyone affected by illness or rejection — especially the poor.

This weekend, all monies collected in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and donations that have been made to the Basilica through the "poor box" will be sent in their entirety to Catholic Relief Services, the ACE communities, and to Holy Cross missionaries in the south and southeast. I have asked the rectors to take up a special collection at the residence halls Masses on Sunday night that will be used in the same way.

I know that you will pray for this special intention and be generous with your donation, and I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Finally, and on a different topic, I want to offer a word of welcome to the first year students who have joined us for the first time within the past few days. After a full week of class, it probably feels like you have already been here for a long time. But I know that for many of you it is the fulfillment of long-held dreams, and for all of you it will be an opportunity to enter into the many-faceted and wonderful realities that make Notre Dame blessed with an outstanding Catholic educational institution.

When you get a chance, read the plaque that is in front of the statue of St. Joseph alongside the Old College by the Fordial Lake. The sign there contains there are a letter of Father Edward Sorin, Notre Dame's founder, to Father Emile Morreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, shortly after his arrival here. Three things to note are that Notre Dame was placed under the patronage of Mary from the moments of its founding; the Eucharist has always played a special role in the lives of Notre Dame students; and how Notre Dame has been blessed by God and will continue to "be one of the most powerful."

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The media seriously needs to re-evaluate its priorities. When one places the cost of gasoline above the sacredness and value of humanity, something is obviously wrong. There is no good reason to even consider doing this. Certainly, ratings are vital to the success of a network or publication, yet this is no reason to overlook and cast aside people who are suffering at the hands of a natural disaster. There is a time and a place for everything; now is the time to help those in the disaster area, not bicker over economic ramifications caused by the disaster.

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As a 1994 alumna, I write to any of our students who are part of the class of 1994 that is in attendance this Saturday. I write to you, the class of 1994, because of these two realities, Notre Dame and political issues are being placed ahead of the safety of those in the Southeast.

Now, I mean no good to say this. We shouldn't be talked about at all. I understand that political ramifications and issues of American foreign policy should be of a high priority at any given time. However, this is not just any given time. This is a time where states of emergency have been declared by state governments across the Gulf Coast. This is a time where relief efforts are most needed. This is a time where humanity should be united, not divided by issues that pale in comparison to the value of human life. Most importantly, this is a time where people are dying, and we should not hesitate to help them by any means possible.

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Staind's latest effort retreats beaten path

By BOB COSTA

When Limp Bizkit front man Fred Durst ushered Staind onto the national music stage in the late nineties with inclusion on the Bizkit-fronted "Family Values" tours and albums, he made Staind lead singer Aaron Lewis a hero to angry nu-metal fans who saw the band as the second coming of Alice in Chains.

The subsequent success of Staind's breakthrough album "Break The Cycle," in 2001 yielded not only an expanded fan-base and radio hits ("It's Been Awhile" and "Outside") but also numerous copycats in the alt-metal genre. Since then, radio has been proliferated by Staind's rip-offs like Nickelback, Puddle of Mudd and 3 Doors Down. That's enough maudlin lyrics and heavy guitar riffs posing as serious alternative rock to make Eddie Vedder puke.

Yet on Staind's recently released album "Chapter V," the band does nothing to revitalize a genre that was really just a revitalization of grunge. Staind sticks to the same formulas, based on "Break The Cycle" and their 2003 album, "14 Shades of Gray," for their latest. Lewis and his wife, two children, sounds like the same disgruntled twenty-something reading out of his diary. Lewis' lyrics are extremely personal, and the man keeps grudges with old lovers like Nixon kept enemies — he can't seem to let go and embraces the chip on his shoulder. It fuels his music, but at times truly limits the band from moving past the wallowing of their vocal and songwriting.

The album's third track, "Paper Jesus," is a brooding and heavy nu-metal nugget that you'll only enjoy if you can handle the repetitive thrusting of Staind's detuned electric guitars, which can't seem to let go and embraces the chip on his shoulder. It fuels his music, but at times truly limits the band from moving past the wallowing of their vocal and songwriting.

Staind, an established alternative metal band, released their fifth album, "Chapter V," on Aug. 9. The CD fails to capture their previous originality.

Chapter V
Staind
Electra/Wea

Recommended tracks: 'Take This,' 'Schizophrenic Conversations' and 'Everything Changes'

First full album shows Arcade Fire's potential

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Editor

"Funeral," the first full-length album from the Montreal indie rock band, Arcade Fire, reveals the unusual sound that has won the band a huge following around the world.

The innovative band uses a variety of instruments and a large number of multi-talented members to make songs that fuse many different types of music. The album is varied, interesting and unexpected, and, unlike many albums, gets more enjoyable the more that you listen to it.

The title of the album comes from the fact that several band members experienced the loss of family members while making the album. The themes of loss, love and redemption are prevalent in songs like "Line annee sans lumiere" and "The Backseat." The album's information is even set up to look like the program from a funeral.

Arcade Fire manages to make the somber theme that permeates their album sound hopeful and uplifting while still providing a vivid sense of the emotions about which they sing. Songs like "Rebellion (Lies)" and "Crown of Love" reveal the soaring chorus diversity of instruments and building crescendos that makes Arcade Fire stand out from other bands.

Some of the songs are fantastic, but others still sound a little thin. That's a sure sign as though they might be better suited for live performances. Even with a few weak songs, the album as a whole is still enjoyable and shows a huge amount of potential and enthusiasm for the future.

"Funeral" was released in September 2004, and has slowly grown in popularity thanks to word of mouth and Internet downloads. While not entirely embraced by the mainstream, Arcade Fire has managed to break out and gain a loyal following. The band has even had the video for their song, "Rebellion (Lies)" appear on MTV2 and were also a featured band on the station's Web site. Fans can get more information about the band from their Web site, www弧adefire.com, which features lyrics, photos, biographical information and tour dates.

Arcade Fire formed around married couple Win Butler (guitar, vocals, guitar, keyboard) and Regine Chassagne (key- board, accordion, vocals, drums) and eventually solidified its current lineup in 2004. The band grew to include Richard Parry (guitar, percussion, upright bass, keyboards), Tim Kitchally (guitar, bass), Will Butler (percussion, bass guitar, vocals), Sarah Neufeld (violin) and Jeremy Gara (guitar, drums).

The band uses a wide variety of instruments, and they frequently switch playing duties while performing. They are known for their innovative use of percussion during live shows and use helmets and other unusual objects to achieve a unique sound.

Arcade Fire has toured around the world, and the band was recently invited by U2 to open their November shows in Montreal.

Overall, "Funeral" is much livelier and more optimistic than the title would lead you to believe, and it reveals a great depth of feeling and passion within the band.

The album gets better after repeated listenings, and it reveals the huge potential that Arcade Fire has for future success.

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Funeral
Arcade Fire
Merge Records

Recommended tracks: 'Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels),' 'Rebellion (Lies)' and 'Crown of Love'
**Strong sophomore album cements rapper's status**

By TAE ANDREWS

Scene Critic

Most rap songs can be sorted and placed into different leopard-like categories. I'll take Glorification of Drug Consumption, Loopy, or maybe I'll take Hip Hop and the Homocidal Firearms Enterprise for 200.

Following Tuesday's release date, hip-hop aficionados can take "Late Registration," for $9.99, which, despite its chronologically-challenged title, showed up right on time after a summer of anticipation.

After last year's release of his first album, "The College Dropout," the answer to the question, "Who breaks the hip-hop mold?" became, "What is Kanye West?"

Yes, despite being AWOL from university this semester, the big man on campus is back with his sophomore album, "Late Registration." Known for his fresh approach to the rap game, West's inventive beats and quirky lyrics combine to make him one of rap's biggest stars.

West's sound is more beat driven. Evidence found by a willing listener.

Two successful radio singles. At this point, the second album. The same cross-genre collaborations, fresh sounds and idiosyncratic lyrics create something new.

In his first verse, Kanye spits social commentary on the human rights abuses of the South African diamond trade. The second verse is West's testament to his own staying power, as he boldly affirms the continued presence of Roc-a-Fella Records as a force in the industry.

Of course, having Jay-Z on the remix certainly helps. Jay-Z, the artist formerly known as The Best Rapper Alive, shows that he is clearly restless in retirement, as he shows up on the track and steals it with macho lyrics such as, "How could you falt / When you're the Rock of Gibraltar? / I had to get off the boat so I could walk on water? / This ain't no tall order / This is nothing to me / Difficult takes a day / Impossible takes a week."

West, the self-described Louis Vuitton Don, expresses his love for his wardrobe throughout the album. His conspicuous consumerism makes it difficult at times to tell if he's rapping or reading from name-brand clothing labels catalogues.

Despite all the flashy materialism, West keeps his feel-good vibe and tongue-in-cheek humor alive as he did on "College Dropout." To let you know just that when he starts to get too serious, he's just clowning.

"A lot of fantastic songs on this album are given their fair share of space on "X&Y." Although no concrete answers are offered within the album's songs, they offer insight into the thoughts in their heads. And isn't that refreshing?"

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**Late Registration**

Kanye West

Roc-a-fella

Recommended tracks: 'Gold Digger,' 'Gone,' 'Crack Music' and 'Diamonds from Sierra Leone'

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**Martin's lyrical sophistication drives 'X&Y' to success**

By KELLY DUOOS

Scene Critic

Coldplay's summer release has already familiarized pop music consumers with two successful radio singles. At this point, the latter album would be exhausted of worthwhile music having released the only good tracks on the album. Luckily, Coldplay's singles only comprise the tip of the "X&Y" iceberg, leaving so many more rewards to be found by a willing listener.

Unlike previous efforts, the newest album is far more boat driven. Evidence of this is found in the tracks "Square One," "White Shadows," and "Lost." However, long-time Coldplay fans have nothing to fret about. Traditional piano power ballads, including "What If," "Hardest Part" and "Kingdom Come," are given their fair share of space on this album. Songs like "Fix You," "Speed of Sound," and "A Message" reveal the band's middle ground between the two poles.

All the compositions seem to start with a little less power than they end with, and the transitions between tracks flawlessly balance the dichotomy of sentiment. Coldplay's ability to write an album that sees through each and every song to its emotional climax and that this formula doesn't seem repetitive or contrived — is amazing.

What hasn't changed, however, is each tune's reliance upon lead singer Chris Martin's vocal ability. He fully captures the striking beauty of each melody with the smoothest British voice and the most genuine emotion and sincerity you've heard in a long time.

Not surprisingly, the band's lyrics are as deep conceptually as the album is musically. The theme of the whole album seems to be summed up in a line from the track "Talk": "I'm too scared about the future, and I want to talk to you." That's exactly what the listener wants to do. And it's exactly what the listener feels like Martin is doing. His introspective lyrics of self-examination were written for all of us who are struggling to find our way through life, relationships and the search for a larger meaning (or meaninglessness).

Coldplay offers no solutions. Instead, the band simply offers the comfort of another human being addressing the issues that continue to consume the thoughts of contemplative people everywhere.

Coldplay explores loneliness frequently in "X&Y." Although no concrete answers are offered within the album's songs, more should be expected.

But at least fans didn't turn on this album, unlike many others, to escape the thoughts in their heads. And isn't that refreshing?

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Millar snaps homer drought to help Sox win

Royals blank Twins in pitchers’ duel; Orioles shut down Blue Jays

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kevin Millar hit two homers and David Ortiz hit his fifth in five games on Wednesday night, helping the Boston Red Sox rally from a big deficit for the second consecutive night and beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-6.

Millar hit four home runs in the previous two seasons but had hit only once since a two-homer game on June 4. Still a popular player in the clubhouse, the outspoken and sometimes goofy first baseman had been losing fans at Fenway Park ever since.

But he led off the second with a shot to tie the game at 1, then broke a 2-all tie in the seventh with a two-run drive that gave Boston its first lead.

Tim Wakefield (14-10) allowed five runs on six hits and a walk, striking out five to improve to 13-1 in his career against Tampa Bay and win for the sixth time in seven starts. He gave up solo homers to Julio Lugo and Travis Lee and a three-run shot to Carl Crawford to fall behind 5-1 before retiring the last batter he faced.

Mike Timlin allowed Alex Gonzalez’s sacrifice fly in the ninth before earning his fourth save.

Casey Fossum (8-11) allowed six runs on seven hits and two walks in 6 2-3 innings, striking out five. The Devil Rays, who took a 5-0 lead off Curt Schilling before Boston came back for its 18th win in its last 19 games at Fenway Park ever since.

Doug Mirabelli led off the fourth with a homer to make it 5-2, then Bill Mueller singled and Gabe Kapler doubled. Alex Cora followed with an RBI groundout and Johnny Damon hit a sacrifice fly to make it 5-4. Ortiz homered to lead off the fifth and the tie the score at 5-all. It stayed that way until the seventh, when Foxsman hit Manny Ramirez with two outs. Jesus Colome relieved him and gave up Millier’s towering shot over the Monster to break the tie.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0

Bruce Chen and Chris Ray combined on a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night. Miguel Tejada, Jay Gibbons and Eric Byrnes homered for the Orioles, who lost 10 of their previous 11 games and held a 10-3 victory Wednesday over Minnesota Twins, which set a Twins’ record by getting 13 hits in a shutdown.

It also tied for the most hits by a major league team in a shutout since divisional play began in 1969, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, and it was the most the Royals allowed without giving up a run. The Royals did not allow a hit through seven and a half before doing so in the eighth.

“Maybe we’ll do — 13 hits and not score.” Kansas City pitcher Brandon Lyon said.

The Twins’ previous record for hits in a shutout was 12 in a 1-0 loss to the California Angels in 1975. The Royals shut out opponents on 10 hits four times.

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Philippines blast four homers off Pedro in win

Hermida grand slam not enough; Pettitte dominant for Astros

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Philadelphia Phillies overpowered Pedro Martinez and remained on top in the NL wildcard race.

Chase Utley hit two of Philadelphia’s four homers off the New York Mets’ ace, Brett Myers pitched seven strong innings and the Phillies bounced back from an early deficit for an 8-2 victory Wednesday night.

Ryan Howard and Mike Lieberthal added two-run shots to center for No. 21 on the year and his third multihomer game this season.

Cardinals 10, Marlins 5

Florida’s Jeremy Hermida became the first player in more than a century and only second ever to hit a grand slam in his first major league at-bat, connecting in the seventh inning off the St. Louis Cardinals’ Al Reyes in the Marlins’ loss Wednesday night.

The only other player with a grand slam in first major league at-bat was William “Frosty Bill” Duggleby, who did it for Philadelphia at home against the New York Giants in the second inning on April 21, 1898, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Elias was not able to determine whether Duggleby was a pinch hitter.

Hermida, an outfielder whose contract was purchased from Double-A Carolina earlier in the day, was just the third player to hit a slam in his first game, joining Duggleby and San Francisco’s Bobby Bonds.

Hermida batted for pitcher Brian Moehler with Florida trailing 10-0 and connected on the third pitch he saw in the big leagues.

He swung at a fastball, took a ball low, then homered over the right-field wall, a drive estimated at 373 feet.

The 21-year-old Hermida moved briskly around the bases after the homer, yet after returning to the dugout and slapping hands with several delighted teammates, he did not acknowledge long, loud cheers from the sparse crowd that remained — missing the chance for his first career curtain call.

Bonds, the father of seven-time MVP Barry Bonds, made his major league debut for San Francisco on June 25, 1968, and homered against Los Angeles. Elias said. Bonds ground out in the third inning at Candlestick Park, was hit by a Claude Osteen pitch in the fifth, hit a slam in his first game, joined Duggleby and San Francisco’s Bobby Bonds.

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Andy Pettitte allowed four hits in seven innings and Brad Ausmus drove in four runs as the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

Pettitte (13-9) struck out four and walked one, improving to 10-2 in 14 starts since June 20. The left-hander lowered his ERA to 2.50, tied with Washington’s John Patterson for third best in the National League.

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Brandon Claussen (9-9) lost for the first time since July 23 against Milwaukee. He had gone 5-0 in six starts since the longest win streak by a Reds pitcher this season.

Claussen allowed only two hits in the first four innings before the Astros bunched five consecutive hits to score four runs in the fifth.

Lance Berkman led off with a double and Lane hit his 20th home run for a 2-0 lead. Chris Burke and Adam Everett each singled and Ausmus drove them home with a double to right-center.

Ausmus tried to stretch the hit into a triple and was called out on a close play at third, which manager Phil Garner argued. Claussen lasted 3 2-3 innings and allowed four runs on eight hits.
Several big names advance easily at U.S. Open

Strong wind gusts and intermittent rain mark day at the Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heat and humidity are expected at the U.S. Open. Ditto for the airplanes that scream overhead on their way to and from nearby LaGuardia Airport.

But a gusting, swirling wind is something else.

"I don't think I've ever practiced in these conditions," four-time seeded Kim Clijsters said Wednesday. "It was so tough out there.

Gusting up to 36 mph, the wind picked up anything that wasn't nailed down. Plastic bags and hats danced across the courts, and the wind played tricks with even the simplest of shots.

The only thing that held steady was the draw. Top-seeded Maria Sharapova needed only 49 minutes to get past Fabiola Zuluaga, while Venus Williams beat Maria Kirilenko 6-2, 6-0.

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"It was so windy today," Sharapova said. "I'm really glad I had a piece of chocolate cake last night. Otherwise I would have been blown away. It made me heavier.

"I thought I had to put in twice the effort if I wanted to come back. It's not just one player. It's all the girls, they're working every day hard to get back, to be strong.

Even when I was injured last year, when I started playing again, you get motivated," said Venus Williams. "It was the first round since his Open debut. When he was nine, and only 17 years ago, Roddick looked as if he was going to cruise to an easy win over Zuluaga.

Suddenly, it was Roddick on the defensive against the left-hander.

"I knew I had to put in twice the effort if I wanted to come back. It's not just one player. It's the whole group that keeps you motivated and hungry to play tennis."
Athens, Ga. — D.J. Shockley spent four years watching from the sideline, sitting through endless meetings, waiting for his chance to take over as Georgia's starting quarterback.

Now, after showing intermediate patience, the moment is finally here — and Shockley suddenly feels like he sneakied up on him a little bit.

He'll probably have trouble sleeping the night before Saturday's opener against Boise State. He knows the butterflies will be swirling in his stomach when he goes out for the opening snap. He worries about being so pumped up that he overthrows his first pass by 20 yards.

"In the past, I knew I was only going to play one or two series a game. There's not too much pressure on you when it's like that," Blue said. "But that all goes out the window this year. We're winning, what can they say?"

There's no one who looks at him the way he looks at Greene, who has also started for four years.

"The fans will be fine if I go out and play a good ballgame," Shockley said. "I just don't want to do anything to lose the game. Take care of the ball — that's the big thing — and just be consistent."

"There's another factor that could rear its ugly head. Shockley isn't the first black quarterback at Georgia, but he knows that some fans might view him differently than they would a white QB."

"There are people who look at him differently," Shockley acknowledged. "There are stereotypes: you're not as smart as a white quarterback, you're not as fast running the offense. But that all goes out the window if I'm performing well. As long as we're winning, what can they say?"

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Those boos didn't set well with Blue.

"The Georgia Tech game really hurt my feelings," Blue said. "I couldn't believe how people were talking. I discounted myself from some people after that game. They were saying this and that about him, saying he couldn't be a starting quarterback."

"Let me tell you this, D.J. can play football. He's a great passer, a great runner. But people want to judge him off that one game."

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In his brief appearances over the last three years, Shockley has come across mainly as a running quarterback who provided a change of pace to the slow-footed Greene.

Shockley plans to show there's a lot more to his game. "I don't think a lot of people have a really good sense at all," he said. "They know I can run, but that's all they see sometimes. They don't see when I throw the ball. They don't see when I throw the ball well. They'll get a chance to see this game. I'm going to run the ball, throw the ball, do everything a quarterback needs to do."
Indianapolis linebacker Kendyll Pope was suspended for the 2005 season after violating the NFL substance-abuse policy. Pope was a fourth round draft pick in 2004 and was expected to add depth to the defense.

Colts' linebacker suspended for season

**IN BRIEF**

Finley signs deal with San Antonio Spurs

PHOENIX — Free agent Michael Finley has decided to sign with the San Antonio Spurs.

Finley, a 32-year-old shooting guard, signed a multiyear contract with the Spurs on Friday. He had been in negotiations with the team since summer free agency began.

"We'll do as much as we can to help Kendyll get through this, but it's a situation where he has to satisfy the league," coach Tony Dungy said. "It's not a situation I've dealt with many times. It's not an easy situation. It's not an easy decision. It's just a very difficult one."

Confidentiality rules prevent league officials or the Colts from divulging the substance found in Pope's urine sample.

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The Colts put Pope on the reserve-suspended list Tuesday, but the punishment wasn't announced until Wednesday. The Associated Press left a message seeking comment at the office of Pope's agent, George Mavrikos.

With the suspension beginning immediately, Pope cannot practice or play with the Colts until next August. The length indicates Pope has tested positive for a banned substance, such as illegal drugs or alcohol, at least three times since leaving Indianapolis.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts expected linebacker Kendyll Pope to make a contribution this year, but they'll have to wait at least one more year to see him on the field.

The NFL on Wednesday suspended Pope for one year after another violation of the league's substance-abuse policy. Pope missed all but two games in 2004 because of a hip flexor injury.

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"He’s got ball skills, and we trust him as a person. We trust his judgment. Chase was a guy that hung around all camp, and at the end, he’s still there because he does things right."

While Anastasio will once again take care of kickoff returns, a new face—freshman David Grimes—will be returning punts this season.

"I think he’s got good speed—he’s an agile guy," Polian said. "Obviously, he’s a receiver, so he’s got ball skills. All of those attributes will help him be a punt returner."

While the selection of a freshman to return punts on national television in his first college game raised several eyebrows, Polian doesn’t believe Grimes’ inexperience will be a factor.

"It wouldn’t matter if it was David or anyone else back there, when it’s the first game, you’re always nervous — whether it be a fifth-year senior or a freshman," Polian said. "No matter how much pressure we put on these guys in practice, you can’t recreate the pressure you feel on a game day. We try to create as many high-pressure situations as we can, but ultimately, when the lights go on, it’s a little bit different. It’s part of the deal."

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David Grimes waits for questions during freshman media day Aug. 21. He will return kicks Saturday against Pittsburgh.

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Harris family safe after Katrina hits hometown

Irish kick returner's family OK in wake of devastating storm

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Sports Writer

Two days before his first game with the Irish, former walk-on defensive back Brandon Harris had other things on his mind this week. The New Orleans native has family where Hurricane Katrina hit, a storm reportedly has claimed thousands of lives. But everyone is okay.

Harris said Wednesday night, saying his family evacuated before the storm.

"I'm not sure what the status of our home is right now," Harris said. "But my parents, sister and grandmother are in Shreveport and they'll know pretty soon about our house."

Harris said although he doesn't know about his house, he is most concerned with his family being all right.

"It's on the west bank," he said of his house, "I'm not sure what that area's like now, but I heard there were some problems with the levee system breaking. I don't know if the levee broke by our house or what the water level is around there, but I'm hoping my house is OK. But most importantly my family is OK. My sister was telling me [it] may be a couple of weeks before they can go back."

Harris said he will continue to try to keep his mind on preparing for Pittsburgh the next few days.

"It's pretty tough," he said. "I just have to stay focused — keep my mind on what I'm doing."

Dress list finalized for Saturday

Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Wednesday that he had finalized the list of players going to Pittsburgh, filling out the 15 spots he said were open for players to earn. However, since Notre Dame is independent, the Irish can dress as many players as the coaching staff deems necessary. Weis said it would be about 70 for Saturday's game.

"We've filled up the bus," Weis said. "Those guys knew that the only way they were going to get on the bus is if the tempo was picked up. We had enough guys to go to the game without them, but we've filled the bus."

At least five of the 15 spots are filled by freshmen, Weis said. He also said he is taking four players from the scout team after initially wanting to take two.

"I leave some travel spots for the scout team players of the week," Weis said. "I don't think you can stick to 25 plays," Weis said. "I think that if you script to 25 it doesn't give you a chance to react to what they're doing and all of a sudden it's halftime and you haven't made any adjustments."

Under the lights one more time

Tonight the Irish will practice from 7 to 9 p.m. under the lights of Notre Dame Stadium. It will be their last practice before the season opener.

"Tonight's going to be tune it down and key it up before the game," Weis said. "I'm not out there to kill them tomorrow. I want there to be no excuses to how fresh we are."
Hurricane

Storm survivors to be moved to Astrodome

Katrina refugees will leave Superdome, travel to Houston, Texas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — With the situation in the smelly and sweltering Superdome becoming ever more desperate, authorities have found a new home for the building’s nearly 25,000 hurricane refugees: the Astrodome in Houston.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided about 500 buses to transport the refugees, and the first caravan of buses was expected to leave for Houston on Thursday. The mayor said military cargo planes were en route as a backup just in case the bus system is inadequate and the roads are too flooded.

“It’s unsanitary, it’s hot, those people haven’t had showers or baths in four to five days,” Mayor Ray Nagin said Wednesday.

But word of the move to Houston came as Nagin had grim news for refugees desperate to see what is left of their homes: “The city will not be functional for two or three months.”

It was not immediately clear how long the refugees will be in Houston, 350 miles from New Orleans. “We’re buying time until we can figure something out,” said William Lokey, chief coordinator for FEMA.

The Astrodome’s schedule has been cleared through December for housing evacuees, said Kathy Walt, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry. The building no longer is the home of a professional sports team — the Houston Astros left in 2000 and the dome is now used for events such as conventions, concerts and high school football games.

Phillip Triggs, 40, wasn’t keen on the idea of being forced to Texas.

“As far as the idea of going to another state, no, man, this is my home,” he said while catching a breath of fresh air. “My family is here. My home is gone. For us to be going through what we’re going through, we’re just not ready for this.”

Cots and blankets for up to 25,000 people were being set up on the Astrodome’s floor. Knowing that the people would arrive tired, frustrated and disheartened, shelter organizers began planning activities that might help take the evacuees’ minds off their troubles, such as free trips to museums and amusement parks.

Organizers plan to use Astrodome kitchens and locker rooms to keep refugees fed and clean, but they said they realize it won’t be easy because the arena was not built to handle so many people.

The situation at the Superdome was quickly worsening: the air conditioning was out, toilets were broken, and tempers were rising.

“I’m ready to get away from here. Anybody in their right mind would be,” said David Ellis, a construction worker who was on the ramp outside the Superdome, escaping the oppressive conditions.

The dome is still surrounded by flooded streets, and the floodwaters are threatening the generators providing electricity for the remaining lighting. There has been no air conditioning and only limited lights since power went out during the hurricane Monday.

Nagin was insistent that the refugees in the Superdome will be moved out by Thursday. “It has to be tomorrow. I don’t think they can take it,” he said.

People are walking up to me in tears.”

Authorities began evacuating people with medical needs and the elderly from the Superdome on Wednesday afternoon. They are not being taken to the Astrodome.

The Astrodome helped put Houston on the map four decades ago. It still stands but is dwarfed by Reliant Stadium, the newly constructed home of the NFL’s Houston Texans.

The Astrodome opened in 1965, 10 years before the Superdome in New Orleans.
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well as a member of the Soccer Buzz "elite team of the week." Against New Hampshire on Aug. 19, Hanks earned her first hat trick — scoring three goals in a 13-minute stretch. Two days later on Aug. 21, she added four more goals — her second hat trick of the season putting her one shy of the Notre Dame record — in the team's shutout of Vermont. She also joined three other Irish players to have scored four goals in a game, including teammate Katie Thorlakson who did it in 2004 against St. John's.

Scoring goals is no recent discovery for the Native American.

In two seasons at Allen High School, Hanks scored 47 goals. And while with the Dallas Texans club team, the freshman earned two USYSA Golden Boot awards. She was also the leading scorer on the Under-19 National team, scoring 22 goals in 30 games. Hanks couldn't be happier about how this early part of the 2005 season has gone both from an individual point of view and also how she has worked with her teammates.

"It's just awesome to get what I've got so far and gotten done," Hanks said. "But I couldn't have done it without my teammates. So I have to thank my teammates for everything they did for me too."

Hanks is also excited to be part of such a strong team that has achieved so much already, but she realizes the added pressure that it puts on her to live up to expectations and perform on the field.

"I'm really excited that I came here and got to join the national championship team," Hanks said. "It also puts pressure on you to continue to do well, and hopefully repeat.

"It's awesome but its also nerve racking as well, I still have roles to step up to."

Such roles include helping out Katie Thorlakson on defense.

"I have to kind of help Katie out," Hanks said. "I mean everyone is going to mark her so as long as we can both work together and stuff, and with the other forwards then it will be better."

Despite Hanks' accomplishments early on this season, Hanks, who joined the team last spring after training with the U.S. Under-19 National team, feels that she has adjusted well to playing with the Irish. While she still has a lot to learn, she is comfortable with the progress she has already made in the young season.

"I think I've adjusted pretty well. I mean obviously I still have a lot to improve on and a lot to learn but I think from a transition point of view I've done pretty well," she said.

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Besler. Only two games into its Irish careers, the trio has already made significant contributions to Clark's squad.

In the opening exhibition game against New Mexico, Traynor entered the game in the second half and played superb defense for the remainder of the double overtime tie. His performance impressed the Irish staff to such an extent they inserted the defender into the starting lineup for Sunday's exhibition contest with Michigan.

Dike also impressed in the season opener, providing fresh legs during the two overtimes. The forward then recorded two shots on goal against the Wolverines.

Besler did not see action against New Mexico, but entered the Michigan game at the beginning of overtime. The midfielder made the most of his opportunity, finding Ian Etherington for the game winning goal and his first collegiate assist.

The strong early play of these freshmen came as no surprise to Clark. The coach knew entering the year that he had a talented group of newcomers.

Traynor starred at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, Mo., earning all-state honors his junior and senior years. Clark has been extremely pleased with Traynor's poise in his first two games.

"Jack's just very calm and very cool," Clark said. "He makes good decisions with the ball. He's just a smart player."

Like Traynor, Dike also garnered all-state honors in his senior year of high school at Edmond North High School in Edmond, Ok. His most impressive performance may have come in the state championship game of his junior season. With his team trailing 1-0 at intermission, Dike responded with three second-half goals to secure the state title.

Dike thinks that his superior size gives him a distinct advantage at the forward position. Clark agrees with the freshman’s assessment.

"He's fast and he's strong," Clark said. "He gives us something that maybe we haven't had up front — a big, young attacking threat."

Not to be outdone, Besler also enters Notre Dame with a stellar resume behind him. He led Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Ks. to the 2005 state title and received all state honors. StudentSportSoccer.com named Besler the 16th best midfielder in the nation for last year's senior class. Clark liked his strong and heady play against Michigan.

"Matt came on and was brilliant actually in the game against Michigan," Clark said. "He played smart and sensible soccer. It was great to see him get the assist on the winning goal."

But the early success has not come easy for the freshmen. Each player has had to deal with the significant jump in level of play from high school and club soccer to the collegiate game.

"It's a whole different game," Dike said. "You've got to play faster. You've got to think quickier. It's not club soccer anymore."

Besler echoed Dike's statement, saying he didn't realize how significant the adjustment would be.

"Obviously everyone says it's bigger, stronger, faster, but you don't really realize it until you get up here," Besler said.

The three players are pleased with their early accomplishments, but remain focused on team goals. The Irish coaching staff expects to receive continued strong play from the trio along with contributions from the four other members of the freshman class — defender Kyle Dagan, midfielder Cory Relias and goalkeepers Andrew Quinn and Luke Seibolt.

"If we're going to win the national championship, we are going to need eighteen players that are going to contribute, not just eleven," Clark said.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fresh and kicking

Kerri Hanks netted seven goals in her first two games this year.

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In the first two games this season, Notre Dame dominated its opponents 11-1 and 6-0. Not surprising, considering the defending national Champions' Irish return 13 out of 15 starters.

What is surprising, however, is that much of that offense in the first two contests came from a player who was not a part of last year's squad.

Freshman Kerri Hanks scored seven goals in the first two games, and because of that, she does not need to worry about being the new girl any longer.

Then again, to those who followed Keri's program, that's the last thing Hanks has ever been.

The Notre Dame forward recently was named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week after her weekend series in Vermont.

She also was named the Soccer America player of the week, as she has been a constant presence in the goals department.

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The greatest threat most collegiate athletic teams confront does not come from the opposing sideline or bench. It comes from within. It is the loss of senior leadership and experience that comes with the end of every season.

With the departure of seven seniors from last year's team, the Belles must come to grips with this fact and rely on new leadership and an influx of young talent. The women will look to improve on a solid 10-6-1 record (9-6-1 in MIAA play).

Seniors Carrie Orr, Shannon Culbertson and Maura Schenck are set to lead the charge, joined by six key returning juniors. Underclassmen will have to play a larger role in propelling the Belles to victory.

Freshman Kerri Hanks dribbles during Notre Dame's match against the Mexican national team. April 22. Hanks was recently named national player of the week by Soccer America.